

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22, 2026

LOOKING AHEAD – March 29 - “Living into God’s Radical Love” inspired by Matthew 26:14–27:66

Join us for Palm/Passion Sunday as we journey through Matthew 26:14–27:66, from the cheers of the crowd to the shadow of the cross. Experience a story of hope, courage, and God’s radical love—and discover how it calls us to act for justice and compassion in our world today.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER – Please continue to remember Paul and Sue Sterba, Hilda Lee, Laura Lind, Sally Stubbs and Cheryl Hartzell.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – March 29

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Who were the Knights Templar? Why did they exist and what did they do? You’ve seen and heard about them in movies, but what is really known about them? Join us to find out at **8:30 AM in the Assembly Hall** or by zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>.

MBCC THEATRE PRESENTS

“Fiddler On the Roof”

Please join us in celebrating our 70th Year of presenting “Live Theatre” in the South Bay.

Sunday, March 22 - 2 PM

Friday, March 27 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 28 - 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 29 - 2 PM

Grab your seats now, tickets are available online at mbcctheater.com

MAUNDY THURSDAY

A Meal, Communion, and Community

As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we invite you to a special Maundy Thursday gathering on **April 2 from 6 to 7 PM in the Community Hall**.

Maundy Thursday is a time to remember the Last Supper, when Jesus shared a meal with His disciples and gave them a new commandment to love one another. In that same spirit, we will share a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by Communion at each table. Our very own Michael Thorpe will share with us his thoughts about this special day.

Your support will make this evening special; we need your help!

Sign up to bring a pot of soup or volunteer by contacting Joanne Ordinario at ministrycoordinator@mbccucc.org.

LAST WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 2 PM in the Fireside Room. The book selected for discussion is “The Country of the Blind” by Andrew Leland.

CRAFTERS GATHERING

The next meeting of the Crafters will take place on **Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30 AM in the Assembly Hall**. This session will be led by Arita Wong, who will guide participants through the project of creating Easter lanterns.

If you plan to attend, please contact Donna Thorpe at usthorpes@gmail.com to confirm your participation. Everyone is welcome to join in this creative and festive activity.

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE

Christ is risen! Just as Jesus rose from the grave at sunrise, MBCC members are invited to “gather to witness the first light of Easter morning and celebrate

together”. The service will be held on **April 5, at 6:30 AM at the beach just north of the Manhattan Beach pier**. Family members and friends are welcome. **Communion will be celebrated and an offering taken.**

IMPORTANT

Dress for the weather.

Please bring your own chair and/or blankets and towels, and perhaps coffee/tea.

MARINER “LA DOLCE VITA” DINNER SILENT AUCTION & DINNER

Saturday, April 11 at 5:30 PM

All MBCC adults are invited to an evening of Italian-inspired dining and entertainment. Enjoy a delicious dinner, beverages, and a live magic show by a Magic Castle magician. Browse and bid on a variety of silent auction items while sharing in fellowship and community.

Cost: \$20 per person

Contact sm.humphrey@verizon.net or sign up and pay at Coffee Hour on Sunday.

MBCC’s ANNUAL ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Registration for the All Church Retreat is now open! Scan the QR Code below to register. Join us **April 17-19** for a weekend of fun, reflection and fellowship.

The cost is \$265 per person, with a \$785 maximum per family. Scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Billy Minshall at lifegroups@mbccucc.org



SOCIAL ACTION - With the Lenten season approaching, please help us support Matt Zarro and his organization SOUTH BAY MUTUAL AID AND CARE CLUB. We are collecting the following items to support the community they care for: baby wipes, socks and underwear for men and women (various sizes), batteries AA and AAA, bug spray, sunscreen, flashlights, unisex hats, caps. We would like about 50 of each item and will be collecting items through Palm Sunday. You can use the signup link below or just use the list above and drop items in the church narthex or office. <https://tinyurl.com/mv8jas4h>

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through our support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women’s empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities. Please consider supporting this special Lenten offering using the envelopes located in the pews or on the website under Give Now, selecting “Other” and adding OGHS in the space available. Thank you for your support!