

# THE MET LINK

THE  
METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF SAN DIEGO



YOUR WEEKLY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATE FROM THE MET CHURCH

## Greetings!



The leadership team for our participation in San Diego LGBT Pride is all set. Thank you to Susanne Esparza for stepping up to organize and head our Festival Booth, and to Rev. Houston Burnside Jr. for leading our Parade contingent. Now comes your turn to support them, further our mission of bringing people closer to God and one another, and share God's inclusive love

through our presence at Pride. Mark your calendars and plan to march with us in the Pride Parade Saturday, July 15, and think about time slots to reach out to the thousands attending the Festival from our booth July 15 & 16. We will also have booths at **SheFest** on July 8 and **Trans Pride** on July 14!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Sunday, Minister of Congregational Care Lyn Malone shares that "We Have It All, Except...YES" in her sermon message. The scriptures are Jeremiah 29:11 and Isaiah 55:8-9.
- The church offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Let us pause to remember in thought and prayer those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedom and keeping us safe.
- We lift up in prayer the victims and all affected by the senseless, terrible attack in Manchester, England. May peace, hope and love prevail.
- The Memorial Celebration of the life of Fred Hammond will be Saturday, June 17, 10 AM, in our Sanctuary with Pastor Dan officiating.

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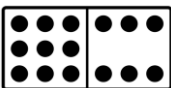
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## GAME NIGHT FRIDAY



This Friday, May 26, starting at 7 PM, our Social Hall will brim once again with fellowship, food and laughter for another Met Game Night. We will do another round of the Mexican Train domino game, happy to orient newcomers. And we may play Spoons, which is always fun! Just bring a smile!

## 47th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY



Come celebrate 47 years of bringing people closer to God and one another at our Anniversary Services Sunday, June 4 at 9 & 11 AM. Pastor Dan will welcome to the pulpit former Senior Pastor, Rev. Elder Tony Freeman, to bring the message. In attendance for the first time since his March motorcycle accident will be our Minister of Congregational Life, Rev. Caedmon Grace, visiting from Bakersfield where he's recuperating with family. That evening at 6 PM, the

glorious voices of the **Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir** return to our Sanctuary in concert. Admission is free; a Love Offering will be received.

## DINNER @ 6:30



Some dining venues just figuratively call us back, even more than twice. That's the case with the fun ambiance of the Studio Diner, the site of our next **Dinner at 6:30** on Wednesday, June 7. Located at 4701 Ruffin Road, it's a comfort food trip back to the 40's on an actual old movie lot. Please RSVP at the Information Table in the Social Hall.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS



Come discover more of what The Met® is all about. Learn about our mission, vision, core values, history and ministries at the next no-obligation Membership Class Saturday, June 10, 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the 1st-floor Community Room. The class is open to all but required for those seeking to become an active, voting member of the church. For more information, please contact **Lyn Malone**.

## EQUALITY MARCH



Two people have stepped up to represent The Met® at the Equality March: San Diego on Sunday, June 11, kicking off at 6th & Juniper at 11 AM. It coincides with the Equality March for Unity and Pride in Washington DC, and marches around the country and even worldwide. We are marching to say we won't go back when it come to LGBT rights and the fight for equality is alive, well, and strong. We have the beginning of a contingent that we will pray over at the 9 AM service that day and send them on their way to Balboa Park to help the church be literally in two places at once. To participate and help grow our contingent, please contact **Lee Bowman**.

## CATCHING UP

Little miracles that are big blessings happen around The Met® all the time. Often it's something in worship that really touches someone's heart or a moment of congregational care that meets a need. And occasionally, it's something financial to support our ministry. So far this month, we have received \$2,850 to help reduce the deficit divide between expenses and income. Thank you and bless you! Hopefully, this month, like April, will continue to shrink that deficit.

## TROY PERRY HONORED

Rev. Troy Perry, Founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches is the first American to received Cuba's CENESEX Award for his "long history of working for human rights and the rights of the LGBTQ community worldwide." [Learn more](#).

## MEMORIAL DAY



Our good friends at **La Vista Memorial Park & Mortuary** at 3191 Orange Street in National City invite everyone to their 11th annual Memorial Day Celebration Monday, May 29, 1-3 PM. The scenic hilltop park is a beautiful resting place and their events are always top quality. This year's ceremony is dedicated to our military aviators.

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