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COMMUNITY CHURCH
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YOUR WEEKLY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATE FROM THE MET CHURCH

Greetings!



As a driving force behind the first of the "Jesus" music groups in the early 1970's, Children of the Day, Marsha Stevens penned their best-known song, "For Those Tears I Died" at age 17. The group's first album containing the song is credited with launching the contemporary Christian music genre. Along the way came more albums and tours, and for Marsha, the unofficial title of "Mother of Contemporary Christian music." Her life took many turns, perhaps the biggest coming out as a lesbian. It altered her life, career and spiritual journey, and sadly brought condemnation in some conservative circles. She has long been a favorite of MCC audiences, including here in San Diego. Come and hear the music and the story of Marsha Stevens-Pino in a sermon concert on Sunday, August 27 at 9 & 11 AM.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Fruit of the Spirit sermon series continues this Sunday as Pastor Dan looks at "Generosity." The scripture is Colossians 3:12-17.
- Due to limited staffing, the Church Office hours next week will be Monday-Wednesday, 10 AM - 3 PM. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **AIDS Walk San Diego** is Saturday, September 30, and The Met® will once again be there. Walk with us and contribute at our [team page](#).

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CONDEMNING HATE & RACISM



We were shocked over the weekend to see emblems of hate - from Nazi flags to flaming torches to taunts of intimidation - parading in America in 2017. We were even more saddened at the violence, injury and loss of life in Charlottesville. We lift up in prayer all who were casualties. On Sunday Pastor Dan made it clear that we as a faith community stand with people of color and the marginalized, and that at The Met® all are welcome. He reminded us from our full mission statement that "we affirm each individual as a unique and gifted creation of God," and that we are committed to "uplifting all people." MCC's Interim Moderator, Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown, issued a strong [statement](#) against racism. It is a time to remember that love is stronger than hate.

RALLY AGAINST HATE

The community is invited to a United Intersections of Justice Rally this Sunday, August 20, at 4 PM at the Hillcrest Pride Flag, hosted by The Center, San Diego Pride and other groups. People "will gather in community in response to the wave of white supremacist, neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic and anti-LGBT statements occurring nationally, post Charlottesville." [Read more](#) about this non-violent rally against hate.

LYN MALONE UPDATE



We have great news! Minister of Congregational Care, Lyn Malone, came home from the hospital on Wednesday! Though weeks of PT and recuperation from her heart surgery remain, in recent days she was sitting up, walking the hospital corridors, off oxygen, eating, and making real progress. She still gets tired easily, but she is on her way to recovery. She and Patti thank everyone for their cards and prayers - and they firmly believe the prayers helped. Cards for Lyn may still be sent or brought to the church office.

THE MET'S GOT TALENT



This year's edition of The Met's Got Talent promises to be bigger than ever, showcasing the abundant talent in our congregation. Performers are fine-tuning their acts right now for the big show on Saturday, August 26 at 6:30 PM. Admission is free; a Love Offering will be received. And what's a big show without ...

food! Come early at 5:30 and enjoy a dinner of Sloppy Joes, salad, beverage and dessert, provided by the Fundraising Team. Dinner tickets at \$10 are available at church on Sunday. All proceeds benefit the ministries at The Met®.

AUDIO MINISTRY



Among the ministries that are expanding is the Audio Team, that ensures the speakers, singers, those consecrating communion, recorded music - everything - is sharp and clear. If you like to push buttons (OK, they're actually mostly knobs), this could be a ministry for you. Expert audio training is being offered this Saturday by Ri Parrish, starting at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

FEED MY SHEEP FOOD PANTRY

After being well-stocked for months, our [Feed My Sheep](#) Food Pantry is now running low for the sack lunches we provide to the hungry who come to our door. Needed are individual servings of healthy snack items: fruit cups, apples (they keep well), small bottled waters and juices. Particularly desired are items high in protein: single servings of Spam, canned tuna or chicken, protein bars, nuts. Kindly bring items during church office hours or on Sunday to the kitchen.

SILENT AUCTION

Competitive bidding is continuing at the Silent Auction in the Social Hall, sponsored by our Fundraising Team. The Auction runs to The Met's Got Talent on August 26 - or until items are purchased at the buy-it-now option. All proceeds go to benefit the ministry of The Met®.

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