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THE METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF SAN DIEGO



YOUR WEEKLY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATE FROM THE MET CHURCH

## Greetings!



Did you know that the superhero blockbuster "Black Panther" has now moved into 3rd place among the all-time box office ticket sales? Experience this historic movie with other congregants this Saturday, April 14. Then discuss it and its messages about African culture and race in the U.S. over lunch. Everyone pays their own way.

Meet at Reading Cinemas Town Square, 4685 Clairemont Drive, San Diego 92117 at 10:15 AM for a 10:25 showing. Tickets are \$7. Lunch discussion will follow at gay-owned Boomerang's Gourmet Burgers a few blocks from the theater. If you have questions please contact [Steve Fitzgerald](#) or [Rev. Caedmon](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Sunday Pastor Dan continues the spring sermon series on "Our Spiritual Lives in the Midst of ..." with a look at "Death & Dying" in his message. The scripture is Luke 24:36-48.
- Make sure your calendars are marked for our 48th Anniversary Service & Mortgage Burning Sunday, June 3 at 11 AM. (One service that day only) The anniversary celebration culminates that evening with the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir in concert at 6 PM, followed by a reception in the Social Hall.
- Coming soon ... an updated Met website with a bright, fresh, user-friendly new look.
- Also coming soon ... our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Parking Lot Sale of treasures seeking a new home.

## TRANS\* SPIRITUAL CONNECTION



Time to hit the (mini) links! Join our Trans\* Spiritual Connection next Tuesday evening, April 17, when we "live out loud" the April 13 Transgender Day of Empowerment by getting out in the community for a fun evening of miniature golf at Boomers, 6999 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, SD 92111. Plan on arriving at 7 PM to check in and start golfing, or arrive a little early for a bite to eat at the snack bar. The lowest score wins two free movie passes!

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## GAME NIGHT APRIL 20



Monthly Community Game Night at The Met® has now been established as fun evening of table games, food and camaraderie. It's a ministry that truly does bring people closer to one another in Christian fellowship. Be a part of the next one Friday, April 20 at 7 PM in the Social Hall. Please bring a snack to share if you can. For more information, please contact [Linda Leftwich](#).

## PASTOR DAN'S BASH



Tickets are going fast ... don't miss out ... for one of our biggest celebrations of the year. It's Pastor Dan's 10th Anniversary & Birthday Bash Friday, April 27, starting at 6 PM at The Center in Hillcrest. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth 12-18, and children under 12 are free. You or your group may even purchase a table to decorate. Proceeds benefit the ministries of the church. For more info, please contact [Ron Sperry](#). In lieu of gifts, Dan requests donations to something near and dear to his heart: MCC San Diego.

## DINNER @ 6:30

We are on a roll of new dining adventures for the monthly Dinner at 6:30. Next up is [BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse](#), 1370 Frazee Road at Friars Road in the Hazard Center in Mission Valley Wednesday, May 2. It's casual dining with a wide menu from deep dish pizza to burgers. Please RSVP at the Social Hall Information Table. For more details, please contact [Lyn Malone](#).

## INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE



Everyone, from every faith tradition (or none at all) is invited to the second annual National Day of Prayer Interfaith Service Thursday, May 3 at nearby Pioneer Ocean View United Church of Christ, 2550 Fairfield Street. The service is at 6:30 PM. in the Sanctuary with a free, modest dinner of lentil soup provided by the Islamic Center of San Diego, salad, bread and fruit at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Dan is on a team from our sister churches in the area in planning the service.

## PEW-SITTER'S SEARCH FOR GOD

Besides a minister, teacher and university professor, the late Houston Burnside Sr. was also a gifted author. "A Pew-Sitter's Search for God" chronicles his quest for greater religious insight. Our Church Bookstore has a limited number of copies available at \$14.

## HARVEY MILK BREAKFAST



We love being out in the community. Join Pastor Dan in representing The Met® at the 10th annual Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast Friday, May 18, 7:30 AM at the Hilton Bayfront. It brings together business, political and community leaders. To sponsor a Met table of 10 at \$1,000 and enhance our outreach or be part of our contingent, please contact [Lee Bowman](#). Proceeds benefit the programs of The Center.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

We are glad to share information about two upcoming community events of interest.

- Sexual violence is not limited to the heterosexual community. The Center is hosting a free one-day conference to create change and increase services in the county for victims / survivors of sexual violence who identify as LGBTQ. #MeTooLGBTQ is Saturday, April 28, 9 AM - 5:30 PM. View the event [poster](#) or learn more at [sdpride.org/metoolgbtq](http://sdpride.org/metoolgbtq).
- The San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council presents its 7th Annual Faith Breakfast on Thursday, May 17. See [flyer](#) for details. The event is free. Among panelists as part of the program is our own Rev. Kat Katsanis-Semel of Mental Health America San Diego.
- We encourage everyone to participate in [Dining Out for Life](#) Thursday, April 26, to fight AIDS and support The Center's HIV/AIDS programs and services.