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

Greetings!



This year it's a "double your pleasure, double your fun" celebration! It's Pastor Dan's 10th Anniversary AND Birthday Bash tomorrow night - Friday, April 27 - at 6 PM at The Center, 3909 Centre Street in Hillcrest. Missed getting your

ticket? Not to worry; they will be available at the door! Adults, \$20, youth, 12-18, \$10; children under 12, free. All proceeds benefit the ministries of The Met®. The evening features a delicious Italian dinner, program, music by our own rocking DJ Ray Sibley, and delightful fellowship. Come celebrate Pastor Dan's 10 years as our Senior Pastor as well as his birthday. In lieu of gifts, Dan has requested contributions to that which is near and dear to his heart: the church. There will be a receptacle for cards.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Sunday, Pastor Dan looks at "Our Spiritual Lives in the Midst of Addiction & Isolation" in his sermon message. The scripture is Deuteronomy 31: 6 & 8.

PASTOR DAN DOES INVOCATION



On Friday, April 13, Pastor Dan had the distinct honor of providing the invocation for the local San Diego swearing-in of State Senator Toni G. Atkins as President Pro Tem of the Senate. Toni is the first woman and first LGBT person to hold this pivotal position. And she's our own representative!

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EARTH DAY SUNDAY



We celebrated Earth Day on Sunday with a service focused on God's creation and the earth's resources. We heard two powerful sermon messages from Minister of Congregational Care Lyn Malone and The Center's CEO Dr. Delores Jacobs. ([Read Lyn's marvelous message.](#)) Delores was presented with a beautiful paperweight reflecting rainbow colors and inscribed: *Thank you, Delores, for your support and friendship. MCC San Diego.* Also, our rooftop solar panels were dedicated. The beautiful rosewood plaque recognizing the purchased and donated panels is on temporary display in the Social Hall before going to its permanent home in the main floor hallway.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE



Join Pastor Dan and fellow congregants as we participate in the second annual National Day of Prayer [Interfaith Service](#) Thursday, May 3 at nearby Pioneer Ocean View United Church of Christ, 2550 Fairfield Street. All are invited to the service 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. This opportunity to fellowship and worship with other progressive faith communities represents our mission of *bringing people closer to God and one another* in action.

DINNER @ 6:30



Our monthly dining and fellowship adventure, Dinner at 6:30, continues to explore delicious, exciting new venues. Next up it's BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 1370 Frazee Road at Friars Road in Mission Valley next Wednesday, May 2. Please add your name to the RSVP list at the Social Hall Information Table.

HEARTS 4 JUSTICE



Learn about your rights and why it is important to protect them in these uncertain times in our nation. On Saturday, May 19, at 10 AM - Noon in the Sanctuary Hearts 4 Justice welcomes famed attorney Alex Landon to speak on "Your Civil Liberties - The US Constitution." Please note the earlier starting time. [Read more](#) or contact [Jude Litzenberger](#) for more details.

48th ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating 48 years of ministry! That's what we'll be doing the first weekend in June with:

- * The Met Parking Lot Sale, Saturday, June 2, 8 AM - 1 PM offering treasures seeking a new home; watch for details on the date to drop off yours for the sale
- * 48th Anniversary Service and Mortgage Burning, Sunday, June 3, 11 AM (**One all-church service this Sunday only**)
- * Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir in Concert, Sunday, June 3, 6 PM
Free admission; Love Offering to benefit the choir's student scholarships
Concert followed by an Ice Cream Social in the Social Hall



IN THE COMMUNITY

- Today and tonight, it's [Dining Out for Life](#) at area [restaurants](#) to fight AIDS and raise funds to support the HIV/AIDS programs and services of The Center.
- The Center hosts a free conference, [#MeTooLGBTQ](#), to create change for survivors of sexual violence who identify as LGBTQ this Saturday, April 28, 9 AM - 5:30 PM.
- Save the dates now for SheFest Saturday, July 7; Trans Pride Friday, July 13; and LGBT Pride Saturday & Sunday, July 14 & 15. And yes, The Met® will be in the midst of it all!

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