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YOUR WEEKLY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATE FROM THE MET CHURCH

Greetings!



Let the Pride begin! San Diego LGBT Pride, that is! 10 days of Pride activities kick off this Friday, July 6 at 6 PM in our Social Hall with our annual Met Pride Rally. Pick up your ordered Met Pride t-shirt, hear instructions for the parade and festivals, get revved up with our parade music, and fellowship over free pizza! Then stick around for the fun camaraderie of a bonus Met Game Night, starting about 7 PM. Everyone is welcome including Game Night regulars.

Stop by and visit our booth, led by Julia Conrad, at **SheFest** this Saturday, July 7, 11 AM - 6 PM at the North Park Community Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Sunday, the "Reclaiming Our Rites" series concludes as Rev. Caedmon looks at "Baptism" in his sermon message. The scripture: Acts 8:36-39.
- Further celebrate Pride Week with the San Diego Women's Chorus and "A Million Dreams" concert next Wednesday, July 11, 7 PM at Parq West.

PFLAG SUNDAY



This Sunday we kick off Pride Week with our annual PFLAG Sunday, saluting one of our favorite organizations in the world, the one that elicits the most cheers every year in the Pride Parade! PFLAG representatives will share a little about their LGBT support and advocacy work along with a personal testimony of the group's impact.

BOOTH SLOTS STILL TO FILL



Your help is appreciated! The Pride Parade & Festival together is our biggest outreach of the year, the opportunity to share our mission of bringing people closer to God and one another with literally hundreds of thousands of people! At our Festival booth we get to encounter people one-on-one (and share fun with our gumball machine). There is a critical need for people to fill especially the later time slots on both Saturday and Sunday, July 14 & 15. Please stop at our Pride table in the Foyer on Sunday, or contact the **church office**.

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THE MET® AT SD LGBT PRIDE

The Met is going to be right in the midst of all things Pride:

- * Friday, July 6, 6 PM: Met Pride Rally & pizza at church, followed by a special Game Night!
- * Saturday, July 7, 11 AM - 6 PM: **SheFest**, North Park Community Park
- * Sunday, July 8, 9 & 11 AM: Annual **PFLAG** Sunday at church.
- * Monday, July 9, 7 PM: UCSD Health Pride Lighting Ceremony, UCSD Hospital, Mission Hills
- * Wednesday, July 11, 7 PM: **Interfaith Pride Celebration** at St. Paul's Cathedral, with Pastor Dan participating, and lighting the cathedral in rainbow colors
- * Friday, July 13, 1 -5 PM: **Trans Pride**, Balboa Park, 6th & El Prado
Spirit of Stonewall Rally, Hillcrest Pride Flag, University & Normal St
- * Saturday, July 14, 10 AM, Blessing of the Pride Parade, DMV Parking Lot
11 AM, **LGBT Pride Parade**, University & Normal Street
Noon - 10 PM, **LGBT Pride Festival**, Balboa Park, Marston Point
- * Sunday, July 15, 11 AM - 9 PM, **LGBT Pride Festival**, Balboa Park, Marston Point

SHOWING FAITH AT PRIDE



For the second year in a row, faith is an intentional part of San Diego Pride! We and other affirming congregations are invited to the **Interfaith Pride Celebration** at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 6th Avenue on Wednesday, July 11 at 7 PM. It will be followed by the lighting of the cathedral in rainbow colors for Pride. Pastor Dan will be there. Next, he and other faith leaders will join in a Blessing of the Pride Parade on Saturday, July 14 at 9 AM in the DMV parking lot on Normal Street. Come show your pride ... and your faith!

DINNER @ 6:30

July 4 may have postponed but not stopped this month's **Dinner at 6:30**. Our next dining out together adventure is next Wednesday, July 11, at Mimi's Café, 5180 Mission Center Road in Mission Valley. They have a huge delicious menu to fit most any taste. Please RSVP at the Social Hall Information Table or contact **Lyn Malone**.

THE MET'S GOT TALENT

The Met's Got Talent Saturday, August 11 at 6 PM is all about showcasing the extraordinary talent within our congregation. Whether your talent is vocal, musical instrument, dance, poetry, drama, whatever ... there is a place for you. Please contact **Teresa Biery & Cyndi Montez**. The preview rehearsal is Sunday, July 22, starting at 1 PM in the Sanctuary.

BEST OF THE BEST CONCERT



It's an annual musical tradition, an evening of uplifting music as the Celebration Choir reprises their favorite hits (yes, they actually vote) of the past year. It's the Best of the Best Concert Sunday, July 22, at 6 PM. Admission is free; a Love Offering will be received to benefit our church's ministries. It's a great time to invite friends and loved ones to experience The Met®.

DON BENDIXEN CELEBRATION OF LIFE



The Celebration of Life for active member Don Bendixen is this Saturday, July 7, at 11 AM at the Meadowbrook Mobile Home Park clubhouse, 8301 Mission Gorge Road in Santee. Pastor Dan will be officiating, and carpooling is recommended. "Dad" Bendixen passed away on June 2.

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