



## THE METLINK for September 13, 2018

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### Celebration of Life Service Saturday for Rev. David Farrell

Join us this Saturday, September 15 at 11 AM as we celebrate the life of our Pastor Emeritus Rev. David Farrell. Rev. Dan Koeshall and Rev. Clinton Crawshaw, senior pastor of MCC of the Coachella Valley will co-officiate. Rev. Elder Troy Perry, founder of Metropolitan Community Churches will offer the eulogy and President Pro Tempore of the California Senate Toni Atkins and State Senator Christine Kehoe, retired, will be speaking. You may also view the service in real time (or later) on our **Facebook** page or via a Livestream link on our website **home page**. A pastor, mentor, an LGBT rights activist, and the guiding force of MCC San Diego for 20 years (1975-1995), Rev. David passed away on July 20.

### Visit Our Website with Just a Click!

#### What's Happened to The MetLink?

Nothing really except that it was long overdue for a facelift, and the template we were using was so old that Constant Contact is now referring to it as a "legacy." Though still a work in progress, we offer a fresh, new look, some streamlining and updating. We hope you like it.

#### This Sunday at The Met<sup>®</sup> ...

Thank you for the wonderful and positive feedback on our "S/Heroes of the Faith" sermon series. It continues this Sunday as Pastor Dan looks at "Ruth and Naomi" in his message. The scripture is Ruth 1:16-17. And this Sunday, the Celebration Choir is back!

#### 7th Annual Met Bowl-a-thon



It's the annual event that puts the fun in FUNdraising! That's the Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, October 6 at 10 AM at Kearny Mesa Bowl, 7585 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. For only \$25 get 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, and loads of camaraderie, while supporting the ministries of the church at the same time. If you can't make it to bowl, sign up to support bowlers like Pastor Dan. There will be raffles, prizes and food to round out a great time. Tickets are on sale Sunday in the West Foyer or contact Fundraising Chair **Ron Sperry**.



### Celebrating and Remembering Our Pets

Again this Fall, your pet has the special opportunity to be prayed over by Pastor Dan at our annual Blessing of the Animals. Join us on Sunday, October 14, at 4 PM in Balboa Park (Park Blvd & Presidents Way). And this year, there's something new and celebratory: remembering in a video montage during worship our pets who have crossed the rainbow bridge. To include your beloved pet, please provide a clear photo, preferably a high-resolution JPEG, along with your pet's name and the years of their birth and passing to **Rev. Houston Burnside Jr.** by Sunday, October 7. If you have questions, please contact **Rev. Houston** or the **Church Office**.

### AIDS Walk San Diego: The Met® Is There

Reaching out into the community, The Met® is proud to be a part of AIDS Walk San Diego. Many years, like last year, we have been the top faith-based team. The walk is Saturday, September 29, with David Bendixen as our Team Captain. Come join him, Pastor Dan, Lee and others in walking to raise funds to benefit The Center's HIV/AIDS programs and services. This week we soared past the \$1,000 mark! Sign up on our **Team Page** or at church on Sunday.



### Coming Sunday, October 28...

It's the 2nd Annual Met Chili Cook-off! Dig out your favorite chili recipe and get ready for some fierce - and fun - competition. Watch for details!

**Can't Make it to Worship? Click and Watch us via Livestream!**

### Trans\* Spiritual Connection

Our Trans\* Spiritual Connection resumes its monthly meetings next Tuesday, September 18 at 7 PM in the 1st-floor Community Room. All are welcome. This will be an open forum discussion to catch up with what all of us have been doing over the summer, and do some brainstorming on what we would like this group to accomplish in the next year. Please bring a snack and your creative ideas to share. If you have questions, just contact **Beth Kind**.



### Make Sure You Are Registered to Vote

The General Election November 6 is a critically important Mid-term that will impact the direction of our country. Your vote is your voice, and let it be heard! At the California **Secretary of State website**, you can register online to vote or verify your existing registration. If you have not voted in the past two years, moved, had a name change or wish to change your political party affiliation, you must re-register. Registration deadline is October 22.



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