



## THE METLINK for November 29, 2018

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### Remembering DE Murray

Once again we share sad news in the passing of another church member. DE Murray passed away Wednesday afternoon in Lubbock, Texas, from complications of diabetes. She and her wife Nadine Phelps had moved to Lubbock earlier this year. They were married on Saturday, and 5 hours later DE collapsed and went into a coma. DE and Nadine were active

with our church since 2013, and DE served as Lay Delegate from 2014 to 2017. DE was a sweet, caring spirit who maintained her gentle love for others even through numerous health challenges. Though a thousand miles away, DE and Nadine still considered The Met<sup>®</sup> their church home. Our hearts and prayers go to Nadine, their families and many friends.

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

It's the first Sunday of Advent with the focus on hope. Pastor Dan advises us in his sermon message that "Redemption Is Coming." The scripture is Luke 21:25-28.



### Thanking Our Denomination

In kicking off the season of giving, we know that atop our denomination's Christmas Wish List is financial support. This Sunday, December 2, we will receive a special 2nd offering as an extra gift to Metropolitan Community Churches. We are grateful for MCC, that for 50 years has been bringing the message of God's unconditional love to the LGBT community and beyond in the US and globally. During financial challenges, this is our way of offering support and saying a great big "thank-you."



### It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like ... The Annual Christmas Craft Fair & Sale

Start (or continue) your Christmas shopping at The Met<sup>®</sup>: it's the 4th Annual Christmas Craft Fair and Sale this Sunday in the Social Hall. Come see some of the crafty talent of our congregants on display, along with all sorts of treasures gathered by Ron Sperry of the Fundraising Team. At least 25% of the proceeds from the Craft Fair and 100% from the sale go to support our many ministries. For more info, please contact **Ron Sperry**.



## Christmas Socks for a Local Nursing Home

The Care Team is overjoyed with the generosity of you the congregation. We have received over 10 shopping bags **full** of toiletry items to put in Christmas Socks (which all are invited to come and decorate on Friday, December 21, 7 PM in the Social Hall). Current plans are to deliver socks to a local SE San Diego Nursing home (same one we did last year) and there will be socks left over that will be taken to an facility where men are living HIV / AIDS. Yes we will be still receiving items on Sunday in the Social Hall.

## Christmas Cards for Our Military

Sunday is the last day to sign Christmas cards for soldiers overseas. Our Care Team will have the cards at their table in the Social Hall; all you have to do is sign or add a brief note of support. The Care Team will forward them to the American Red Cross for distribution. It's a wonderful outreach to our men and women in uniform away from home this Christmas!



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

### Christmastime at The Met®

Kudos and a great big thank-you to David Root and his stellar crew of Dorene Wood, Jon Martinez, and Denni Coslett for decorating the church so beautifully for the Christmas season. Wait till you see it on Sunday, right from the inviting garland and ribbon at the front steps! Welcome to Christmastime at The Met®.



**December  
Dinner  
@ 6:30**

Get your holiday season in full swing by joining other congregants for the next Dinner at 6:30



### Christmas Bulletin Dedications

Remember a loved one or special occasion with a dedication in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Forms are in the Sunday bulletin or **downloadable**, with instructions. Dedications are \$15 each, and you may take a poinsettia home to enjoy following the Christmas Eve worship.

**Coming This Sunday  
The Annual Met  
Christmas Wish List  
Catalog**

**The most fun way to give a  
Christmas gift to the church!**

dining out adventure where the only agenda is food and fellowship. It's next Wednesday, December 5 at the landmark Chicken Pie Shop, 2633 El Cajon Blvd. Please RSVP at the Social Hall Information Table.



### Celebration of Life for Jeff Cooley

Friends of the late Jeff Cooley are invited to an Open House Celebration of Life to remember and honor both Jeff and his late husband Jon Borgeson. It will be at their home, 4614 Janet Place in Talmadge on Saturday, December 15, Noon - 4 PM. We have been advised that this is a casual drop-in event, that in lieu of flowers or gifts just bring an open heart, and memorial donations may be directed to MCC San Diego or the Human Rights Campaign. For more info, contact **Rev. Caedmon**.

**Christmas  
Eve  
Candlelight  
Worship  
Celebration  
Monday,  
December  
24, 5 PM**



### Recycling at The Met®

Join us in our ongoing recycling efforts at the church and support our ministries at the same time. Funds received by recycling cans and bottles that are collected at the recycle bin in the Social Hall behind the piano go to provide postage stamps for the Care Team for mailing cards and also to help support our Feed My Sheep Food Pantry. Last month a record amount was raised (thank you, Rhonda Gibson for this ministry!) **Note: For aluminum, the recycling center only takes uncrushed cans.**

for eating...shopping...or filling your tank

### Order Scrip Gift Cards!



church Bookstore. Purchase at least \$25 in Scrip Gift Cards between now and December 16 and be entered in the **drawing** for \$250 in Scrip of your choice! Limit one entry per week.

### You Can Still Win \$250 in Scrip!

The big Scrip promotion continues! Scrip gift cards make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers, so start your holiday shopping at our

**Just click to support the ministry of The Met via PayPal!**



information.

## Rev. Houston Celebration of Life

Join us Saturday, December 8 at 2 PM, as we remember and celebrate the life of Rev. Houston Burnside Jr. He was our friend, retired staff member, and longtime active member. The service will be followed by one of Houston's favorite things ... dessert! Please sign up at the Social Hall Information Table to bring a tasty treat to share for a Dessert Potluck, all in Houston's honor. Please contact **Lyn Malone** for more



## Sign-up Now to Dedicate Flowers in 2019

Reserve your Sunday flower dedication spot now for 2019! A dedication of Sunday flowers for the Sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor, celebrate or remember a loved one or special occasion. The sign-up list is regularly on the bulletin board at the Social Hall Info Table. This Sunday, Rhonda Gibson will have the list at a table in the Social Hall to assist you.

## We Have Not Because We Ask Not... Communion Servers

- Thank you and bless you to the individuals who responded to our needs for the monitors and also the free piano that was offered. Again we realize that often we have not, just because we ask not.
- We are still seeking to grow our pool of communion servers who share the elements and offer a brief blessing. They serve on a regular schedule with training provided. Explore this most rewarding and impactful ministry by contacting **Lyn Malone**.

## Visit Our Website with Just a Click!

### Coming Up on Our Calendar...

December 1: World AIDS Day Tree of Life Ceremony, 6 PM, Village Hillcrest  
December 5: Dinner at 6:30, Chicken Pie Shop, 2633 El Cajon Blvd, North Park  
December 8: Celebration of Life for Rev. Houston Burnside Jr., 2 PM, Sanctuary  
December 21: Christmas Socks Decorating & Stuffing Party, 7 PM, Social Hall  
December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 PM, Sanctuary  
December 25: Christmas Day Potluck, Noon - 3 PM, Social Hall  
January 12: Membership Class, 10 - 11:30 AM, 1st-floor Community Room

## Christmas Concerts in the Community

**San Diego Women's Chorus** "Home for the Holidays"; get **tickets** now  
Saturday, December 1, 7 PM & Sunday, December 2, 4 PM - University Christian Church

**San Diego Gay Men's Chorus** "Jingle" Christmas - only a few **tickets** left  
Saturday, December 15, 8 PM & Sunday, December 16, 3 PM - Balboa Theater  
Sunday, December 9, 6 PM, Sycuan Casino

**Hillcrest Wind Ensemble** "'Twas the Night Before ... "; get **tickets** now  
Saturday, December 15, 7 PM, Courtyard by Marriott / Liberty Station

