

THE METLINK for October 15, 2020

The weekly digital newsletter of The Met® celebrating 50 years of ministry!

Church Contact Information

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9 AM (Live starting at 8:55) and available anytime thereafter

This Sunday, October 18, at The Met®

- As our Stewardship Series continues, Rev. Alisan Rowland will share her message, "Together We Can: Gratitude and Sharing Lead to Abundance." The scripture reading is Mark 6:34-44, the story of the loaves and fishes.
- Here is your printable [Sunday bulletin](#), including congregational music lyrics.
- Get your favorite bread and juice ready for communion.
- **Please share your prayer requests and praises by [email](#).** We want to hear from you! What may we lift up in prayer for you? What are your care needs or concerns?
- Stay around for some warm Met fellowship at our Sunday Social Hour at 10:15 AM; Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/191859310> Meeting ID: 191 859 310.
- View last Sunday's service via [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).



2021 Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off

Last Sunday, Pastor Dan kicked off our 2021 "Together We Can" Stewardship Campaign. It's the time we celebrate the harvest of God's abundance this year and get ready to plant seeds for the coming year. Despite the pandemic, we have been blessed with so much in 2020, including never missing a Sunday Service, the phenomenal growth of our virtual ministry and continuing to be here for people 24/7/365!

It's the time that we ask congregants to prayerfully consider a financial commitment for the next year. As the Board of Directors and ministry leaders look ahead to 2021, your pledges will help us to effectively plan, to work from realistic expectations, and to serve as faithful stewards of our resources.

Many of you will receive in the next few days, an invitation to make a commitment, along with a Giving Card and a special gift in honor of our 50th Anniversary and gratitude of your faithful support. Please pray about the ways you can support the ministries of The Met in 2021. Our prayers are with you as well, because we know these are difficult and challenging times.

We realize we may not have a current physical address for all of you, so [here](#) is pdf copy of the [Giving Card](#) that you may download, complete and either 1.) mail so it is received by Thursday, October 29, or 2.) scan and email to the [church office](#). Then, on Pledge Sunday, November 1, we will place yours and all of the cards in our cornucopia and pray over them.



All Saints Day

Again this year for All Saints Day, we will celebrate the saints in our lives who have gone on before us

with a photo montage during worship services on Sunday, November 1. To include a loved one not already included, submit a clear JPEG image along with name and dates of birth and passing to [Lee Bowman](#) by Sunday, October 25. We can also work with a good quality photo.

Wednesday Night Study

The "Jesus and the Disinherited" Wednesday Night Bible Study has been extended. When completed, the exploration of the Book of John will resume. Watch for more programming as we move into fall.

[Click to support our ministry via Pay Pal](#)

Giving Is Healthy

.According to the renowned Cleveland Clinic, giving is healthy! Its benefits can include:

- Lower blood pressure
- Increased self-esteem
- Less depression
- Lower stress levels
- Longer life
- Greater happiness

Join us in saying, "Hallelujah!"

[Click to visit our website](#)



19 Days to Election Day

Californians, If you have not received your mail ballot, verify your registration at [sdvote.com](#) or [www.sos.ca.gov/elections](#) or call, locally, the Registrar of Voters at 858-565-5800.

Registration deadline is this Monday, October 19!

Mail your ballot ...

- Don't forget to **sign and date** your envelope. It's required for your ballot to count.
- For mailing, your envelope is **postage paid** for first-class delivery.

Or drop off your ballot ...

Drop off your ballot at the Registrar's Office or any of the 126 Mail Ballot Drop Off locations around the county now till November 3. Here's [the list](#). Beware: there have been reports of unofficial ballot drop boxes. For peace of mind, use one on the list.

Or vote in person ...

- Now at the [Registrar's office](#) at 5600 Overland Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM or on November 3, 7 AM to 8 PM. Bring your ballot and wear your mask.
- At your [polling place](#) Saturday, October 31 - Monday, November 2, 8 AM - 5 PM or on Election Day, November 3, 7 AM to 8 PM.

Track your ballot ...

This is exciting! By providing just a little information, sign up to receive updates on your mail ballot via email, text, or call with the state's official tracking tool at:

[WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](#).

This really works. Your MetLink editor dropped off his ballot at the Registrar's Office Friday. On Tuesday he had an email confirming receipt and assuring his vote would be counted!





Annual Congregational Meeting

At our annual Congregational Meeting online November 15, two seats on the Board of Directors and two Lay Delegate positions will be up for election. Your management skills, financial expertise and passion for service can be used!

The Board is the fiduciary and policy-making body for the church. Desirable are:

- experience in strategic planning
- background in financial development and management
- critical thinking

Lay Delegates represent the church at MCC's General Conference every 3 years and regional Network Gatherings. Desired traits include:

- a desire to support our denomination
- a passion for connecting with others
- the ability to attend Conference and Network meetings (may or may not be virtual)

All positions are 3-year terms. Active membership at The Met at least 6 months prior to the November meeting is required, along with a background check. Applications are available from [Lee Bowman](#) in the Church office. The deadline is Sunday, October 25. If you have questions, please contact [Pastor Dan](#).

Ongoing Ministry by Zoom

- **Praying the Rosary**, Sundays, 8 – 8:30 AM, Zoom
Mting: <https://zoom.us/j/174434185>, Meeting ID: 174 434 185
- **Social Hour**, Sunday, 10:15-11:00 AM; Zoom Meeting
at: <https://zoom.us/j/191859310>; Meeting ID: 191 859 310
- **Centering Prayer**, Mondays, 1-2:00 PM, Zoom
Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/251632413>, Meeting ID: 251 632 413
- **Virtual Dinner at 6:30**, first Tuesdays of the month; Zoom Meeting: [Zoom Link Dinner @ 6.30](#); Meeting ID: 881 3313 106
- **Wednesday Bible Study** exploring the Book of John, 7 PM; Zoom
Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/611869117>; Meeting ID: 611 869 117

If you do not have a computer with a video camera or audio capability, and you do not have a smart phone, call in on a landline at 1-301-715-8592 to participate via audio. Enter the appropriate Meeting ID for the gathering you want to attend when prompted.

It's Just This Easy to Support the Ministries of The Met:

- Send **checks by mail** to MCC San Diego, PO Box 33291, San Diego CA 92163.
- Set up **Bill Pay** for your gifts via your bank or credit union account. It's smooth, quick and user-friendly. We receive a check with your name on it for easy crediting.
(With these first two, 100% of your gift goes toward our ministry.)
- Call the church office at 619-521-2222 with **credit card** info to make gifts.
- Donate via **PayPal**.
- Use **Text-to-Give** right from your smartphone by calling 619-383-0380.
- Get **Scrip Gift Cards** for all your favorite retailers; benefit The Met. Contact Fred Ihler by **email** or at 619-889-3791. Read the **details**. Purchase Scrip from your phone via benefit-mobile.com. Contribute as you shop at [Ralphs & Food-for-Less](#).
- Benefit the church by using smile.Amazon.com when ordering from Amazon.
- Remember Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego in your estate planning!

Happening with The Met:

Sunday, October 25: Deadline for applications for Board of Directors or Lay Delegate;

** Deadline for photos for All Saints remembrance

Saturday, October 31: Halloween

- Fall Back: Turn back your clocks one hour before bed as Daylight Savings Time ends.

Sunday, November 1: Pledge Sunday and All Saints Day!

Tuesday, November 3: National Election Day

Sunday, November 8: Congregational Budget & Candidate Forum, online

Sunday, November 15: Annual Congregational Meeting, online

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