

THE METLINK for November 24, 2021

The weekly digital newsletter of The Met® celebrating 51 years of ministry!

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Sunday Livestream & ASL Service via YouTube or Facebook (click)
9 AM PDT (we go live at 8:55) and archived to view anytime

This Sunday, November 28, at The Met®

- It's the First Sunday of Advent!
- For Advent, Pastor Dan is going to exploring some of "The Characters of Christmas." This Sunday, it's Zechariah. The scripture is Luke 1:13-17.



For those worshipping via Livestream:

- Download your printable **Sunday bulletin** to follow along.
- Ready your favorite bread and juice for communion.
- Please share your prayer requests and praises by **email**.

For those worshipping in-person:

- Face masks are required indoors for the safety of everyone.
- Rainbow Sunday School meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 AM.



Thanksgiving Eve Service of Gratitude Tonight

Join us tonight at 7 PM as we gather in an informal circle, to share those things for which we are truly thankful and grateful. Come prepared to tell us about the blessings in your life and for which you give praise to God. For the safety of all, face masks are required.

*With gratitude to you and the many ways you
enable and empower the ministry of The Met,
the Staff, Board and Ministry Leaders
wish you and your loved ones a
Happy, Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving!*

Congregational Meeting Review

Sunday's annual Congregational Meeting moved quickly and smoothly to accomplish its business in not much more than a half-hour. reports accepted, the 2022 Budget was approved unanimously, and Steve Fitzgerald and Marty Sherman were elected to 3-year terms on the Board of Directors. Congratulations and thanks were offered to Ron Oster for his 4 terms on the Board. You may still view the **Packet** of reports, which includes the budget. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped in this step of charting our course for the coming year.



The Met at the Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil



Pastor Caedmon (honest) bringing the blessing

Pastor Dan and several other Met congregants attended the powerful Saturday night vigil at the County Administration Bldg. for the Transgender Day of Remembrance. Pastor Caedmon had a major role in the ceremony, including offering the blessing, which brought a round of applause.



The County Admin Bldg lit in trans pink and blue

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World AIDS Day

Back as an in-person event this year is Mama's Kitchen's Tree of Life Ceremony for World AIDS Day Wednesday, December 1 at 6 PM at Village Hillcrest. Pastor Dan is once again offering the invocation. The candlelight ceremony remembers and honors those lost to AIDS over the years. Attendees are required to be vaccinated. Since World AIDS Day had its beginnings in a Prayer Vigil right here at MCC San Diego in 1985, we share this compelling **history** of it by the one who was right at the center of it all, our late Pastor Emeritus, Rev. David Farrell. What a tribute to have this legacy in Rev. David.



It's back - the fun way to give a Christmas gift to the church and have it match your passions in ministry. It's the annual Met Christmas Wish List Catalog. Watch for it starting next week.

Next Up for Dinner @ 6:30...

For our next Dinner at 6:30 dining out adventure, we return to an old faithful favorite as we dine out Tuesday, December 5: The Chicken Pie Shop, famous for its comfort food, it is located at 2633 El Cajon Blvd in North Park. Please RSVP on the sign-up list in the Social Hall or contact **Mark Jaynes**.



Christmas Dedications

A holiday tradition continues. Once again this year dedications in the Christmas Eve bulletin are a wonderful way to honor and remember the special people or occasions that are in our hearts and have them a part of that glorious evening. They also provide for our platform poinsettia display. The dedications are still just \$15 each. Click **here** to download the **Dedication Form**, or you may contact the **church office**.

Christmas Eve

Get your calendars marked now for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Friday, December 24 at 5 PM, both live (in-person with face masks required) and Livestream via Facebook and YouTube.



Pride Vaccine Clinic

San Diego Pride is hosting its final Vaccination Clinic for 2021 on Saturday, December 4. COVID 1st, 2nd, booster and flu shots are available. Here are details|

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Where: San Diego Pride Office
3620 30th St, San Diego, CA 92104

Click here to schedule an appointment.



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

Thanks to the wonderworkings of David Root, with an assist from Jon Martinez, our church interior is all ready for the holiday season! Bless you, David and Jon! It's easy to see why it's our most wonderful time of the year.

Photo by David Root



So far, for 2022: 58 pledges totaling \$165,894!
Your **Pledges** are welcome any time.

Ongoing Ministry by Zoom

- **Praying the Rosary**, Sundays, 8 AM, Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/174434185>
- **Centering Prayer**, Mondays, 1-2:00 PM, Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/251632413>, Meeting ID: 251 632 413

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** via your bank or credit union account. It's smooth, quick and easy.
- Use **Zelle**: set up the church as a payee with your bank or credit union that uses Zelle.
(With these first three, 100% of your gift goes toward our ministry with no fees.)
- Call the church office at 619-521-2222 with **credit card** info to make gifts.
- Donate via **PayPal**. (Click on link.)
- 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!

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Happening with The Met:

Wednesday, November 24: Thanksgiving Eve Service of Gratitude, 7 PM

Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving Day, Church Offices closed

Wednesday, December 1: World AIDS Day, 6 PM, Village Hillcrest

Tuesday, December 7: Dinner at 6:30, Chicken Pie Shop, 2633 El Cajon Blvd.

Friday, December 24, 5 PM, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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