

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONALIST

Sharing the Good News of Mission Hills United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming (ONA) Congregation

God
is still
speaking,

January 19, 2010

MHUCC Strategic Plan for the Next 3-5 Years (Part 2)

In November 2009 the Church Council reviewed the background data that is being used to develop MHUCC's Strategic Plan for the next 3-5 years. Here are some of the key pieces of information that the Council received:

Background

- We are a growing Church and we are growing across all ages and groups. In 2009, we grew to over 270 members. Our members represent broad citizenship across San Diego County.
- We have evolved from a being a smaller Pastoral Church to a Program Church which offers a wider range of programs and services for our members.
- Our current Church staff & facility is being stretched by all that has occurred with our growth.
- Our Church facility is not readily accessible to everyone because of current building limitations, such as the lack of an elevator to the second floor.

Projections for Our Future

- We are projected to continue to grow at our current rate of 25-30 members a year. Three years from now we are expected to have a membership of 344 and to have 389 members by 2015.
- The composition of our membership will remain similar, as we grow to close to 400 members.
- Our Church staff will be providing a wide range of programs for children, youth, young adults, adults & seniors. This is likely to include growth in the children's choir and growth in visitation needs.
- MHUCC will be actively involved in social justice & outreach programs and we will have a strong engagement with our community.

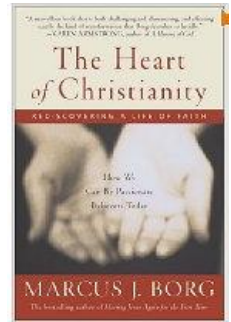
Note: Peter Livingston will lead a Strategic Planning Forum on Sunday, January 24th following the Worship Service. You are invited to come and share your thoughts on our congregation's future.

An Act of Hospitality

As our pews become more crowded each week we ask that you please move to the center of each pew so those arriving after you can easily get a seat. This act of hospitality goes a long way in making others feel welcome. Thanks for your help in welcoming folks to our worship service.

New Study at MHUCC: The Heart of Christianity

We are very pleased to offer a study of Marcus Borg's book, The Heart of Christianity. This book is an examination of what it means to be a Christian today.



Dr. Borg studies two versions of Christianity – an earlier version and an emerging version – and challenges us to look at “how we can be passionate believers today.” The study is a “12 session experiential program that will enable us to engage the issues that lie at the heart of Christianity today.”

The study will be held on Wednesday evenings at **7:00 p.m. beginning February 3** in the Commons. A copy of The Heart of Christianity is required. If you would like to purchase a copy, the books are NOW AVAILABLE. Please contact Santina Poor in the church office (the books cost \$11.00 each – financial assistance is available).

Any questions? Contact Santina Poor in the church office.

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ATTENDANCE:
January 17, 2010 - 162

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

Youth Group

Sunday, Jan. 24th - Atlantis Laser Tag in Chula Vista. We plan on playing 3 games. Pizza and soda will be provided. Cost is \$12. We will depart the church parking lot following worship by 11:30 am and return by 2:00 pm.



GALA NEWS

Tickets are selling quickly for our February 6th Mardi Gras Fundraising Gala benefiting the McKinley School Foundation. Tickets are \$30 and will be available on Sunday following church or call Jane Ahern at (619) 225-2334 pcahern@hotmail.com. Free child care will be available.



Please try to return your Item Donation Forms by January 24th and have items delivered to the church by January 31st. Contact Joan Berry charles3020@sbcglobal.net or Joan Everds jeverds@aol.com.

FEEDING AMERICA - 2010



This month Feeding America moves to its new, permanent, time slot -- the **4th Tuesday** of each month.

January 26th is this month's distribution.

As always we need help for:

- **setting up (10:30 to noon),**
- **distribution (noon to 2:00) and**
- **clean-up (2:00 to about 3:00).**

See you there!

MHUC C CALENDAR



Every Sunday: *Facets of Faith - 9 am*
Worship - 10 am
Youth Forum - 10am
Children's Choir Rehearsal - 11:30am
Every Thursday: *Choir Rehearsal - 7:30pm*

This week

Wednesday, January 20

New Member Class - 7pm
Property & Administration Comm. - 7pm

Thursday, January 21

Personnel Comm. - 6:30pm
Shepherding Comm. - 7pm

Saturday, January 23

New Member Class - 8:30am

Sunday, January 24

Strategic Plan Forum - 11:30am
Diaconate Comm. - 11:30am
Ecclesiastical Council for Kelli Parrish
Lucas - 3pm at PBUCC

Monday, January 25

Journeying Together - 7pm



Save the Dates

January 31 - Annual Corporate Meeting

February 6 - Mardi Gras Gala

February 14 - Commissioning
of Santina Poor

MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Jackets For The Homeless




At the end of January, our city government has a "Day For The Homeless." Typically, adult jackets for both men and women are in short supply. The M&O Commission would like to collect any gently used adult jackets that the congregation would like to donate. If you have any jackets, please bring them to a table set up in Fellowship Hall after the service on Sundays, January 24. Please help a homeless person stay warm this winter.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ALL ARE WELCOME AT MISSION HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our Church is a church without dogma where people are free to explore and deepen their faith in an environment open to questioning in the richness of our strong Christian heritage.

The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a progressive, inclusive Protestant denomination that celebrates diversity and community action.

UCC churches seek to unite people from all ethnic, racial and social backgrounds. Our churches and ministries are active worldwide, working in communities to promote social justice and better living standards.

***No Matter Who You Are
Or Where You Are On Life's Journey
You Are Welcome Here!***

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