

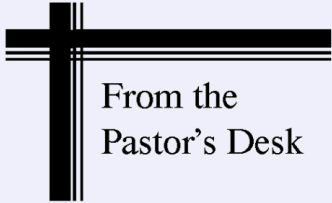
# The Spirit

## Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church (USA)

Serving the communities of Mira Mesa, Penasquitos and Scripps Ranch

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From the  
Pastor's Desk

GOOD NEWS IS  
COMING!



1 Corinthians 6:14 ESV:

*And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.*

There is Good News coming, and more good news!

First *The Good News*. Easter is the greatest and most important Holy Day (the root of the word holiday) in the Christian year. Without Easter, we don't have the resurrection and certainly don't have salvation. This year Easter falls on April 4<sup>th</sup>, with Holy week starting with Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>). April begins with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then Resurrection Sunday (Easter). It correlates with the Jewish Passover—a time when the Lord rescued His people Israel from slavery in Egypt. This is indeed Good News! We will prepare all through this month as we consider, “What is the question you would ask God?”

There is more this year because there is other good news for us. The vaccines are taking hold and for whatever reason, we seem to be on the ‘Easter’ side of the pandemic. It's almost like it has finally ‘Passed-over’ us. Many have suffered and others have worked hard to help us all come through, and now it's so close, we cross our fingers in expectation and hope. As car traffic builds up, I sense in driving around or talking with others that people are coming out of their bunkers. More people are getting back to business safely. We are feeling a new freedom to once again gather with family. It is another resurrection victory!

In worship and fellowship, we are realizing the importance of community, particularly with our dear friends in the faith community. The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed our right to gather and let us decide what risks we will need to take to live faithfully in community. As you get to your own comfort levels, I encourage you to meet again in homes and small groups. Respect one another with masks, distance and sitting outside, but also smile, laugh and pray together again!

Don't forget to join us by zoom for the Lenten Bible Study series on Questions to ask God, meaning questions our non-Christian neighbors might ask if they were standing face to face with God. This is a time when we really need to be able to talk with others about who we are as followers of Christ, and why we live as people of GOOD NEWS! Easter is coming!

Blessings to you,

Pastor Duncan





**Wednesday Nights**  
**March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2021**  
**6:30 pm**  
**(via Zoom)**

This month, we gather each Wednesday evening around our computers for a Zoom Lenten Bible Study to hear from God's Word, led by Pastor Duncan McColl.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85075176367?pwd=VIRZVzVKQWdXUnc4TFdZeUVYemlJZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 7517 6367

Passcode: 613877

Please join us as together we journey towards Easter and the Resurrection and discover new insights into God's Word.

### MMPC EASTER LILIES

Celebrate a loved one, honor the memory of a dear friend, or express your appreciation for that special family member by giving \$8.00 to purchase a lily for our Easter services. Please mail this completed form with your cash or check to the church office, or deposit your form in the collection plate with cash/check attached **by Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**.

This lily is given by: \_\_\_\_\_

...in remembrance of: \_\_\_\_\_

...in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

...for donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number where we can reach you if we have questions about your order: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 per plant

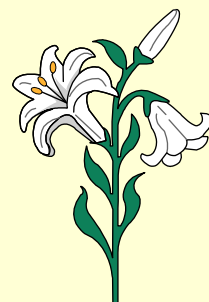
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***Flowers will be available for pick-up following the service on Easter Sunday.***

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
FEBRUARY 2021**

It is my pleasure to tell you that San Diego MOM has been very active during the pandemic. Our Director, Barbara Chavez and her staff have worked very hard to find ways to continue our programs of supporting the junior enlisted in San Diego County. Our services were needed even more because these families' have experienced a new challenge on top of having limited funds; losing supplemental income. Spouses have lost their income not by their own means, but due to businesses closing, whether temporarily or permanently, or having to stay at home with their children due to schools closing. As a result, we have seen an increase in families needing our help that would not have normally utilized us.

San Diego MOM has been able to continue supporting these military families throughout the pandemic despite the decrease in cash donations of about 30% over last year, the cancellation of two fundraisers, and the cancellation of the annual Postal Union food drive which provides a large portion of the donated food we received. This resulted in us having to purchase more food than usual. In addition, we also purchased items such as, diapers, wipes, cribs, car seats, other infant items and material to compile with the government's COVID safety guidelines (mask, gloves, thermometers, sanitizing wipes/sprays, signage, etc.).

Our four programs, (Food, Distribution Center, Special Events and Emergency Help), had to be modified. We were still able to hold our Christmas Toy stores as you can see by the picture on the next page. Instead of holding baby showers, we delivered baby bags full of new baby items to the bases for distribution to expectant mothers. Instead of delivering our food to the military housing, we held "Pop Your Trunk and Go" food drives and delivered weekly to bases for distribution. Our Distribution Center on Activity Road continued to be open, but followed strict government guidelines to protect our staff and clients. We are pleased with the success over last year as shown by the statistics below.

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|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families Served:           | <b>FY2019</b> 12,043; | <b>FY2020</b> 13,554 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food distribution:         | <b>FY2019</b> 2,566;  | <b>FY2020</b> 2,597  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Center Items: | <b>FY2019</b> 49,424; | <b>FY2020</b> 63,774 |

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Although we saw a decrease in cash donations, our donors have continued to provided the goods we put in our Distribution Center. We are grateful for the continued support. Thank you so much for your contribution to this work and with helping us give thanks to the military families for their service to our country. Visit our website at [sandiegomom.org](http://sandiegomom.org) to see how to be involved in this great work.

## SDMOM IN ACTION





# PRAYERS & SQUARES MINISTRY



## Prayer Quilt Tied in February

Isaiah **Paniamogan** (friend of member Fely Narvaez). Isaiah recently had heart valve surgery. He asks for prayers for a speedy recovery and to return to normal.

## Missions

Thank you MMPC for your support of the MMPC February Baby Wipe Drive for the San Diego Military Outreach Ministries. Thank you for helping to make things a bit easier for families often struggling to make ends meet living in an expensive duty station.

The SD MOM is an organization solely existing to provide support and gratitude to our junior enlisted military families in the San Diego area. They exist on donations and grants.

**Reminder:** Donations of wipes, diapers, and Pull-Ups of all sizes, along with formula, baby's and children's clothing, toys and small accessories, linens, dishes and housewares, small appliances and electronics, and food may be made year round. You may place your donations into the big cupboard next to the door on Berwyn St. Please label them "SD MOM".

**IF YOU WISH TO TAKE A DONATION TO THE WAREHOUSE DIRECTLY, PLEASE SPEAK TO JOYCE AND JOHN WOOD BEFORE DRIVING OVER THERE.**


Thank you for supporting some of San Diego's junior enlisted military families!

- Joyce & John Wood

## PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Workshops are cancelled  
until further notice.

Prayers & Squares is open to anyone with an interest in meeting new people and working on prayer quilts for those in need of our prayers. No sewing experience necessary – there are plenty of non-sewing or novice jobs for everyone! Please join us – we'll be happy to see you! If you have questions or would like to request a prayer quilt, prayer square or prayer bear, please call Mary Jane Hubbard at (858) 271-0194 or Peggy Davis (760) 291-1215 or speak to anyone involved in this prayer ministry. Check the Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry website for all the latest information on the local and national level at [www.prayerquilt.org](http://www.prayerquilt.org). **If you leave a Prayer Quilt Request Form in the box in the office – please call one of us so we can schedule time to work on your request. Thank you!**

Don't Forget 



Daylight Savings Time

March 14<sup>th</sup>

Turn Your Clocks  
Ahead 1 Hour





# Valentine's Basket Winners 2021



Mira Mesa Presbyterian Preschool raffled off beautiful HUGE Valentine's Baskets in February.

The happy basket winners were:

- ♥ In the Garden: Wendy Bowers, former teacher at MMPP
- ♥ Disney: Walter Tschernkowitsch, former student and son of our wonderful parent rep, Caitlyn
- ♥ Gift Cards: Case Olsen, student in Room 3
- ♥ In the Kitchen: Coleen Andrews, a possible sub for MMPP
- ♥ Family Fun: The Poulos Family, Callie Room 3 and Alex Room 4

Proceeds go towards curriculum items for the classrooms.

Thank you so much for participating in the  
Preschool Valentine Basket Drawing!

## PRESCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

Mira Mesa Presbyterian Preschool will be registering children for the 2021 Summer & Fall sessions as follows:

<b>March 1-5:</b>	Returning Students & Siblings
<b>March 8:</b>	MMPC Church Family / Alumni
<b>March 9-12:</b>	Waiting List
<b>March 15:</b>	New Students

Fall sessions available for Tues/Thurs or M/W/F for children ages 2 thru 5 years of age. Call the Preschool for enrollment information or to schedule a school visit (858) 578-2160; Website: [www.mmppusa.com](http://www.mmppusa.com).

Summer Session is June 15 - July 15, 2021.



# MARCH 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Women's Study	<b>2</b> Bulletin Deadline – Noon– 6:30 pm Management	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>
<b>7 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 am On-line Worship Svc 10:15 am Break-Out Groups 10:30 am	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Women's Study	<b>9</b> Bulletin Deadline – Noon– 6:30 pm Session	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>14 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 am On-line Worship Svc 10:15 am Break-Out Groups 10:30 am <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Deacon Mtg.	<b>16</b> Bulletin Deadline – Noon–	<b>17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  The First Day Of Spring
<b>21 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 am On-line Worship Svc 10:15 am Break-Out Groups 10:30 am	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Women's Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am On-line Worship Svc 10:15 am Break-Out Groups 10:30 am Mission Meeting	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm Women's Study	<b>30</b> Bulletin Deadline – Noon–	<b>31</b>			

**Church Volunteer Schedule for March 2021**  
 (All volunteers are asked to keep this schedule for future reference)

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Servers	Scripture Readers	Ushers
No assignments for the Month of March				

**Communion – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

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Bookkeeper	Jan Roberts
Treasurer	Susan Nielsen

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**DEADLINES**

Bulletin	Tuesdays at Noon
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>March 17</b>