

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONALIST



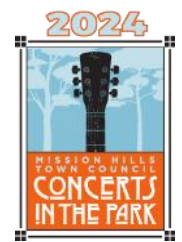
Sharing the Good News of Mission Hills United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 2024

Meet Our Neighbors, Comic Con, Pride, and More

Very few churches have as wonderful an opportunity to meet their neighbors as we do with the Summer Concert Series in Pioneer Park. Holding events at the church and inviting the community to come rarely work as well as going to where people already gather.

This is our second summer as a major sponsor of the series with a prominent place on the stage banners, website, and shouts outs. We learned a few things from last time. Keep what works – kids love crafts so we will have engaging activities at our tent every week but to improve, this year we will have activities for two different age groups, younger and older elementary. We have purchased a larger tent with our name and logo on all four sides so we will not be missed among the other booths. And we have a plan to engage with the parents of those kids in order to get feedback on our ideas for an after-school club in the fall. As well as engage with our neighbors of all ages.



It is a significant undertaking and so we ask the whole congregation to get involved. Follow the [link](#) and choose a night to participate.



Comic Con Sunday? You may be wondering what in the world are they doing now! It's not a costume party, though like any Sunday, come as you like. No, our purpose on **July 21** is movie-themed music. Superhero movies often have great soundtracks, so Kris and Angelica are preparing some music like a prelude on the theme song from Superman, etc. It got your attention, right?

Speaking of music, get out your hymnals and be prepared to call out your favorites during worship on **August 11**. All our singing will be impromptu based on what you want to sing that day. Can you stump the organist?

San Diego celebrates LGBTQ Pride in July and so will we. Join us as we march in the parade on **Saturday, July 20**, as our six UCC partnership churches. The details will be in our weekly email the day before.



Remember to mark your calendar that we will not meet in the church sanctuary on **Sunday, July 28** but rather have Church in the Park. Enjoy a picnic potluck after worship.

Choir to Carnegie Hall

You may already know that our choir members will be singing at Carnegie Hall on December 2. Now is our chance to support their efforts with a fun fundraiser. Join us **Saturday, August 3 at 6 pm** for food, musical performances, and a silent auction. If you have any auction items you would like to donate, a weekend at your cabin, guest passes to a museum, a basket of goodies, and many more creative ideas... please contact Angelica Eclar at angelica.eclar@missionhillsucc.org Thank you!

Moderator's Message

As I begin my term as Moderator I look forward to an exciting year ahead, working with our wonderful staff including the addition of Courtney Mys. Our new council consists of long timers and brand new members which should make for an invigorating time.

The new governance organization is working well with Council focusing on finances and build-ings, and the teams implementing the programs of the church. I encourage you to ask me questions and share suggestions.

A giant thank you to Jere McInerney for her terrific year as Moderator just past and I look forward to her advice and counsel as we work together next year.

A special thank you also to Carol Holt who graduates as Past Moderator, Larry Holt who served faithfully as Treasurer for the past two years, Susan Shurin who served as chair of Personnel, and Marilyn Miles who served as Clerk.

- Pat Wahlen

Church Council for 2024-2025 is:

Past Moderator: Jere McInerney

Moderator: Patricia Wahlen

Vice Moderator: Susan Lehman

Clerk: Kristin Brown

Treasurer: Thad Winkle

Personnel Representative: Larry Spears

Property Representative: David Snodgrass

Members at Large: Bruce Matthias: In Reach Liaison & Patricia McQuater: Out Reach Liaison

Pastor: David Bahr (non-voting)

Conveners:

In Reach Liaison: Bruce Matthias

Caring: Joan Berry, Suzanne Albrecht

Children and Youth: Kim Antos

Fellowship: Georgia Rickert, Bruce Ramet

Life Stages: Marilyn Miles

Worship: David Jay

Out Reach Liaison: Patricia McQuater

Faith in Action: Lisa Striebing

Community Connections: Jessica Ripper

MHUCC Youth Group Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 16: School is out for summer: volunteer at the Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution in our church parking lot from 9am – 11am.

Saturday, July 20: We will participate in the San Diego Pride Parade.

Friday, August 9: We have promised to provide volunteers for an afternoon shift, 1pm – 4pm, at the San Diego Food Bank Warehouse in Miramar.

Friday, August 16: 6pm – 9pm: Youth Group Meeting, board games and pizza!

Sunday, August 18: An official welcome for our new 7th grade youth group members during the church service (youth are also serving as ushers and readers)

Friday, September 20: 6pm – 9pm: Youth Group Meeting: Learning about the Muslim faith and Islamic traditions.

October 18-20: Work party at Pilgrim Pines. A weekend in the mountains, with lots of opportunities to rebuild paths, renovate landscaping, etc.



Save the date:

Saturday February 15 – Sunday February 16, 2025:
Home building trip to Mexico with Casas de Luz.

Summer Concerts in Pioneer Park



MHUCC is once again a major sponsor for the summer concert series, **starting on July 4** at noon and continuing on Friday evenings July 12 through August 9 from 6-8 pm. We will have a big tent with lots of activities for children. In addition, we plan to engage with parents and neighbors about their hopes and dreams for our neighborhood. What role can the church play in shaping a world that is open, inclusive, just, and compassionate?

We need volunteers to set up the tent and tables, staff the booth both to talk to adults as well as engage with the children, and take the booth down. This is the best opportunity we will ever have to let people know who we are and enter into a conversation.

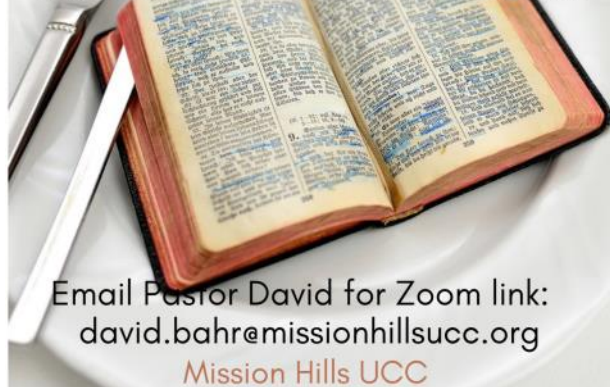
Please review the available slots [here](#) and click on the button to sign up. Contact Artcel, artcel.ruiz@missionhillsucc.org for any questions regarding signing up.

Getting Involved

As we begin our new governing structure in the church, we are excited to offer many ways to share your talents. Click on this [link](#) to see the variety of ways you can help, and we are always open to new ideas on how you might share your gifts!

Lunch & Lectionary

THURSDAYS @ NOON VIA ZOOM



Email Pastor David for Zoom link:
david.bahre@missionhillsucc.org
Mission Hills UCC

Sunday 10 am Worship Service

Please join us for worship in person
or watch our livestream on [Facebook](#)
and our [YouTube](#) Channel.

A bulletin link is emailed at 6:00 p.m.
on Saturdays and posted on [Face-
book](#) Sunday morning if you wish to
follow along.

On Mondays you can find closed cap-
tion video on our [website](#) and
[YouTube](#).

July Birthdays

Jul 1	Robert Cox
Jul 3	Walter Borschel
Jul 4	Art Pate
Jul 7	Trevor Norkowski
Jul 8	Jessica Ripper
Jul 9	Debbie Fiegura Cea Parrish
Jul 11	John Hinojos Ben Janzen
Jul 12	Shannon Johnson
Jul 13	Laura More
Jul 18	Rebecca Hamilton
Jul 20	Carolyn Muhlstein
Jul 21	Julie James Amelia Norkowski Kaitlin Carrasquillo
Jul 22	Gordon Adler Teresa Merrick Emy Yeazell
Jul 23	Randy Spicocchi
Jul 24	Garland Parrish
Jul 26	Frank Ruiz
Jul 31	Andrea Vickers Artcel Ruiz



Please contact the church office with
corrections or additions to the birthday list.

Meeting Minutes

In order to enhance communication with the Congregation,
here is a link to the minutes of the May Church Council Meeting:

<https://missionhillsucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/MayCouncil.pdf>

History Corner—"SOCIAL ACTION" IN HISTORY

The 1960's was a period of much social action and change in our nation. Here are some items from Mission Hills Council minutes of the early 1960's. I would say that our church has evolved!

April 1960

State and local officials are being contacted continually in regard to pornographic literature. It was suggested that individuals appraise the magazine displays at the markets and express their disapproval or approval to the manager.

May 1960

The San Diego Council of Churches resolved, "I welcome as neighbors kindly and responsible persons and would be willing to have a variety of race, color and creed." There was much debate at Mission Hills Church on this issue and it was decided that individuals could choose to support or not support this statement, but that it would not be a "corporate" statement. Those opposed said "they feared an influx of minority groups into the MH area."

October 1962

"Social Action" committee reports that they have received literature and letters accusing the church of talking "too much about politics and not enough about religion."

Mission Hills UCC - July Events

July

Thursday, 7/4	4th of July Concert in the Park, 12-2 pm, Pioneer Park
Friday, 7/5	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Friday, 7/12	Mission Hills Concert Series, 6-8pm, Pioneer Park
Sunday, 7/14	Pride Sunday
Tuesday, 7/16	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Wednesday, 7/17	Interfaith Pride Service, 7 pm, St. Paul's Cathedral
Thursday, 7/18	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Friday, 7/19	Mission Hills Concert Series, 6-8pm, Pioneer Park
Saturday, 7/20	Pride Parade
Sunday, 7/21	Comic-Con Sunday
	Forum on Immigrants and Children, after worship, Commons
Friday, 7/26	Mission Hills Concert Series, 6-8pm, Pioneer Park
Saturday, 7/27	Spiritual Retreat with Elisabeth Koenig, 9 am - noon, Commons
Sunday, 7/28	Church in the Park, 10 am, Pioneer Park

For all events, visit our online calendar: <https://missionhillsucc.org/calendar-of-events/>

Mission Hills United Church of Christ
 4070 Jackdaw Street, San Diego, CA 92103
 (619) 296-2169; Fax (619) 296-2115
Website: www.missionhillsucc.org

STAFF DIRECTORY

Position	Staff Member	Phone Ext.	Email
Pastor	Rev. Dr. David Bahr	ext. 302	David.Bahr@missionhillsucc.org
Minister for Congregational Care	Rev. Courtney Mys		
Director of Ministry with Children and Families	Artcel Ruiz		Artcel.Ruiz@missionhillsucc.org
Administrative Assistant	Elizabeth Quinones	ext. 301	Elizabeth.Quinones@missionhillsucc.org
Director of Instrumental Music	Kristopher Abels		Kris.Abels@missionhillsucc.org
Director of Vocal Music	Angelica Eclar		Angelica.Eclar@missionhillsucc.org
Director of Ministry with Youth	Fiona Case		Fiona.Case@missionhillsucc.org
Worship Technologies Coordinator	Saige Afalava		Saige.Afalava@missionhillsucc.org
Worship Technologies Assistant	Devin Buss & Trevor Norkowski		
Sexton	Gloria Schacht		
Sunday Nursery	Gianna Ruiz & Amelia Norkowski		

General information info@missionhillsucc.org
News subscriptions & submissions (due on the 20th) news@missionhillsucc.org

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm