

Get Connected

November, 2014—January, 2015

at Founders MCC

and Change the World, One Life at a Time!

We believe that we are called to put our faith into action, to truly be the embodiment of Christ in the world around us. To that end, we have a number of programs and ministries in which you can participate and serve.

We are a much more than a "Sunday" church. We not only offer incredible worship, we also strive to provide opportunities to enhance your own life in numerous areas, as well as offer opportunities to be of service to others.

Inside this brochure you will find the schedule of events that are happening here for the months of October—November. These include:

- **Spiritual Enrichment:** Study groups, Bible Study, Worship, Creating a Life that Matters
- **Helping those in Need:** Reach out through our Helping Hands Ministries through our numerous Drives throughout the year
- **Creating Community:** These are groups that are geared towards different areas of interest (Women's & Men's Groups, HIV+ s Support Group, Filipino outreach and more)
- **Behind the Scenes:** From answering the phones to preparing our worship services to be viewed all over the world
- **Just for Fun:** A church that prays together and plays together, stays together!
- **Help Wanted:** Areas where we are in most need of volunteers at this time
- **Beyond Founders MCC:** Denominationally sponsored conferences
- And, of course, **Where to Park on Sundays!**

We know that YOU will be blessed as you take part in the life of Founders Metropolitan Community Church.

*Christ has no body but yours,
no hands, no feet on Earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes.
You are His body.
Christ has no body now on Earth but yours.*

~ Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)



Sundays

Worship Services: 9:00 AM, Liturgical Worship; 11:00 AM Celebratory Worship; 1:30 PM Servicio en Español

Kids Club: **Every Sunday, 11:00 AM, Rosa Parks Room**
Children 4—11 years old are welcome to join our Kids Club, a time for teaching and worship just for them.

Hope Group: **1st Sunday, 1:15 PM, Chapel**
This monthly Support Group is for those dealing with various Mental Health Issues. At these meetings you can expect to hear other's stories, share resource information, receive and give support. (This, however, is not a therapy group).
Rev. Caedmon Grace for more information (revcaedmon@mccla.org)

2nd Sunday Service: A Creative Evening Service: **2nd Sunday, 8:00 PM, Ryland Room**
Join us for a worship experience which includes Drama, Poetry, Music, Dance, Art & Prayer!
Contact Rev. Caedmon Grace for more information (revcaedmon@mccla.org)

Mondays

Eagle Rock Home Group: Ongoing small gathering that include fellowship, teachings and prayer, in the homes of congregants. Eagle Rock, 2nd & 4th Mondays, homegroups@mccla.org

Grupo de casa en la Iglesia: 7:00 PM en el Hunter Room, revalejandro@mccla.org

Desarrollo espiritual: Lesbianas obteniendo vidas exitosas:
7:00 PM en sur Los Angeles, en Bienestar, 130 W. Manchester Avenue, revalejandro@mccla.org

Tuesdays

New Queer Faith Forum (Discipleship) **1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, 7:00 PM**
Examine what the Bible teaches about discipleship; Respond to Jesus' call to share the Good News of God's radical, inclusive love. When we gather, we share, we listen, we read, we think, we grow.
(Meets 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, 7:00 PM in the PreSchool Building, Rev. Bruce Calkins, facilitator)

Spiritual Location Workshop **January 6, 2015, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM**
Have you ever noticed that you go through different seasons in life? Sometimes things within our control impact our relationship with God and sometimes things outside our control do. This workshop uses four established Spirituality Types and Six Spiritual Locations to help you gain insight about where you are spiritually and what types of practices will support you on the journey. Rev. Caedmon Grace for more information (revcaedmon@mccla.org)

Wednesdays

Mass without the Guilt **6:45 PM, Chapel**
A bilingual (Spanish/English) catholic mass with a progressive message.

Wednesday Night Study begins December 3, 2014. **7:30 PM, Upper Room**

Estudio Biblico **7:30 PM, Chapel**
Un estudio de la Biblia en una manera contemporánea. (Rev. Alejandro Escoto, revalejandro@mccla.org)

Thursdays

Bayanihan: A Filipino Ministry (Bible Study & More!) **2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 PM**
A dynamic, bi-monthly Bible Study group, with a focus on the Filipino community.
(2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 PM Snacks & 7:15 PM Study, Hunter Room, bayanihan@mccla.org)

Sundays

Azania: People of African Descent **2nd Sunday, 1:00 PM, Ryland Room**
 Monthly gatherings of people of African descent. All people are welcome. 2nd Sunday of the month after 11:00 AM Service, Ryland Room (Tracee Porter, azania@mccla.org.)

Men's Spirituality Group **3rd Sundays, 1:00 PM, off-site location**
 The Men's Group is an opportunity for men of Founders MCC to connect spiritually as well as to socialize. So join for a time of Faith Sharing, Fellowship & Food on the 3rd Sunday: Brunch at local restaurant, 1:00 PM. (Michael Southerland at mensgroup@mccla.org)

TRANS*Formation Ministry **4th Sunday, 1:00 PM, Rosa Parks Room**
 A social, educational, and advocacy group for the Transwomen, Transmen, their partners and allies. (transministry@mccla.org)

Mondays

American Sign Language 101 **Mondays (through Dec. 8), 7:00 PM**
Learn Basic ASL, Introduction to Deaf Culture, Learn Etiquette of Deaf Culture
 Michael Sprouse, Instructor. \$10 per class (*no one turned away for lack of funds*), deafministry@mccla.org

Tuesdays

Bereavement Group **Tuesdays, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM**
 If you have experienced the death of someone close to you recently? or lost something/someone of significance that has been an ache on your heart? This group meets once a week and provides you with support during the process, as well as tools for life, while holding your loss. This is an open group, however, if you are interested in attending, please contact the office at 323-669-3434 FIRST and leave a message for Rev. Tim or email him at bereavement@mccla.org

Saturdays

Women's Spirituality Group **1st Saturdays**
 An opportunity for social interaction and spiritual growth of women of our congregation and community. Functions are listed in the bulletin and on our church website calendar. 1st Saturdays (Amy LaCoe, womensgroup@mccla.org)

POZ Spirit, 4th Saturdays **Noon, Hunter Room**
 A support and educational group for those living with HIV/AIDS. 4th Saturdays in Hunter Room, Noon—2:00 PM (Sammy Hancox or Michael Southerland, pozspirit@mccla.org)

On-going

Deaf Ministry
 An outreach to our deaf community, primarily through ASL signing of our 11 AM services. (deafministry@mccla.org)

Lay Pastoral Assistants
 This trained and caring group of individuals is a part of the Pastoral Care Team. They reach out to the sick, shut-in, dying and those in need, both within our congregation and beyond. (Rev. Caedmon Grace, revcaedmon@mccla.org)

Military Ministry
 A support, social and educational group of GLBTQI military personnel, veterans and their families. (military@mccla.org)

The Table Project
 This is a church-only social media platform that allows you to pray, be prayed for, discuss issues, find out what's going on with groups and more. (John Boswell & John Suarez, revpat@mccla.org)

Young Professionals Group
 Social and service events for fellowship, outreach, and service to Founders MCC and the LA community for those that define themselves as "Young Professional." (Phoebe Scott-Wyard and Jessica Johnson, youngpro@mccla.org)

Ongoing

Brown Bag Lunch **Nov. 23, Dec. 14, Jan. 18**
 Help make hundreds of lunches that will be provided to the homeless in greater Los Angeles area. We make lunches between morning worship and distribute after the 11:00 AM service. (Ron Birchard, brownbag@mccla.org)

HopeNet Food Pantry **Every Saturday, 8:45 AM—10:15 AM**
 Every Saturday we staff a food pantry with Mt. Hollywood UCC in the Hunter Room. To volunteer on Fridays (to receive and sort the food) or on Saturdays to set up and distribute, contact Art Fisher, hopenet@mccla.org.)

Game Night with GLBT Seniors **Last Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM**
 Make a difference and have some fun with GLBT Seniors as we join them for Game Night at Triangle Square in downtown Hollywood (1604 Ivar Ave) (revpat@mccla.org)

Laundry Love **Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM—9:00 PM**
 Quarters, soap, and a hot meal are provided for the homeless and working poor at Los Lavenderos Laundry, 4371 Melrose, Melrose & Edgemont. Garret Klindt, coordinator (revpat@mccla.org)

November

Harvest Time Food Drive **Nov 2—Nov 23**
 Food brought in during this time will go to restock our Hope Net Food Pantry and the Thanksgiving Feast of Love (our annual Thanksgiving meal at the Gay, Lesbian Elder Housing project. (revpat@mccla.org)

City X1: Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner & Party **Nov. 23, 2014, 6:00 PM—9:00 PM**
Sponsored by City X1, this is specifically for LGBTQ youth and allies, 14—24 years old. It is a FREE event to be held at Hollywood Hotel Grand Ballroom, 1160 N. Vermont Avenue. For more information, see cityx1.com/bigfeast/news.html Contact them to volunteer or donate.

Thanksgiving Feast of Love **Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 AM—3:00 PM**
 Our annual opportunity to reach out to our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Seniors at a Triangle Square, a low income apartment complex for GLBTQI Elders. Contact Darryl Leavitt or Joseph Harris to volunteer and/or donate. (Thanksgiving@mccla.org)

December

Toy Drive **November 30—December 21**
 Opportunity to help children at the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic and Tijuana. (Rev. Alex, toys@mccla.org)

helping those in need

How do I join?

Newcomers Reception **Sunday, January 4, 1:00 PM, Ryland Room**
 We want you to get to know us better and find out how you can connect with one another quickly and easily. Our Newcomers' Receptions are designed for newcomers to meet the leadership and pastoral staff of the church and get your questions answered. revpat@mccla.org

Membership / Inquirers' Class **Saturday, January 17, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM, Rosa Parks Room**
 ANYONE can help in all of these opportunities that are listed here, but if you would like to attend a Membership/Inquirers' class and consider making a further commitment to this great community of faith. To register, contact revpat@mccla.org

and more...

Transgender Day of Remembrance—Nov. 20

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Nov. 20, 6:30 PM

The 16th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance is a worldwide event to recall transgender people who have passed due to hatred and violence. The City of West Hollywood will observe the day with an outdoor reception, speakers, and reading of names. Admission is free. West Hollywood Library Auto Court, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd.

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day Service

December 1, 2014, 7:00 PM

Our annual time to come together to pray and praise for all who not only have passed on from HIV/AIDS, but also to celebrate those who are living and thriving today as well as all the advancements and support worldwide. Rev. Steve Pieters will be preaching. Sponsored by POZ Spirit & Los Angeles Queer Interfaith Clergy Council. See Tory Topjian for more information. (toryt@mccla.org)

Unidos en Esperanza

December 1, 2014, 6:30 PM

Bienestar: 21° Evento Anual ecuménico en conmemoración del Día Mundial de Lucha Contra el SIDA. Iglesia de Nuestra Señora, Reina de Los Angeles de la Placita Olivera.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rosary

December 12, 2014, 6:30 PM

Prepare yourself for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at a Rosary in Her honor. Worship Service to follow at 7:30 PM, revalejandro@mccla.org for more information

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2014, 7:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe and the gifts and blessings She bestows on us. Reception to follow.

For the Holidays

Poinsettias

November 16—December 21, 2014

We will be taking orders for Poinsettias to be purchased in honor of or dedication to an individual, event, celebration, remembrance. Pick up your form at the Information Desk. \$15 for one; \$25 for 2.

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Friday, December 19, 2014, 7:00 PM

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. This is a service at which we acknowledge that this may be a painful time for some, and we want to honor and support those who are in this place. Rev. Caedmon Grace and Rev. Tim Hamilton will be officiating this service.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 All Services

Join us for this powerful service of scripture and traditional songs, with special guest musicians.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wed, December 24, 2014, 8:00 PM

Our Christmas Eve Worship service will be held at 8:00pm. This candlelight service will welcome the Birth of Jesus into our midst.

Christmas Day Family Service

Thurs, December 25, 2014, 11:00 AM

Celebrate the Blessed Day of our Faith with the celebration of the birth of Jesus at this Family Style service with songs, readings, and message.

Just for Fun

Brunch with the Pastor

Fourth Sunday of the Month, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, 4444 Sunset Blvd; Brunch Buffet; \$16.99 adults; \$8.99 children. 15% goes back to Founders MCC as a fundraiser. Please pick up flyer at Information Table. Rev. Neil will join at 1:00 PM

Share your gifts

Archives

Second Friday of the month, 7:00 PM—9:00 PM, Gandhi Room

Help to record the history of our church in photo and printed media. (Pastor Lucia Chappelle, archives@mccla.org)

Board of Directors

Third Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM, Hunter Room

All are welcome to attend as the board develops and ensures implementation of the church's strategic plan, fundraising, and be stewards of the gift of the property of the church. (Rev. Neil, revneil@mccla.org)

Facilities Team

If you would like to clean, fix, or create, see our Facility's manager...there's always a job to do! (jeffery@mccla.org)

Flowers

Celebrate the beauty of God through flowers at our weekly worship. Contact the office to volunteer or to order flowers. (admin@mccla.org)

Health & Safety Team

This is our emergency response team for health and safety issues. Contact Jeffery Jones or Don Mueller. (jeffery@mccla.org)

Hospitality Team

Every Sunday, Hunter Room

We try to feed the spirit and the body on Sundays! You can donate food or help staff for this time of fun and fellowship. Let Greg Millsap or Perry Vinton know when you get your cup of coffee!

Internet Ministry

This ministry provides information, events, worship, and more to the world. This area includes our website, web-tv, social media ministry, cyber chaplaincy and more. If you have any technological talents, Rev. Dr. Pat Langlois at revpat@mccla.org

Lay Delegates

This group of folks are here to let you know about what is happening at the larger denominational level of our church as well as updates from conferences and the like. (laydelegates@mccla.org)

Music Ministry

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Make a joyful noise! Opportunities for singing, playing instruments, solos, special music, weekly praise team, choir. (Jane Syftestad, Music Director, music@mccla.org)

Music Ministry: ICM Coro Practice

Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

For more information, contact Peter Kirkpatrick at PeterKirkpatrick@mccla.org

Office Staff

Monday thru Friday, 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Welcome our visitors, answering phones, receptionist work, bulletin making, and other administrative functions. (revneil@mccla.org)

Welcome Team

Every Sunday

Provides our congregation and guests a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere, help you find a seat, answers questions, and more. (Every Sun, Ed Shaughnessy, Mike Cativo, welcome@mccla.org)

Worship Team

This team is comprised of those who would like to take part in reading, communion, or special presentations. This group meets with representatives of other Worship Teams quarterly. (If you would like to participate in worship, contact Rev. Sandy Williams, revsandy@mccla.org)

behind the scenes

Help Wanted!

Here are some specific ways you can be of service... and remember, commitments can be once, one time a month or weekly, depending upon your availability.

Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing: Game Night!

If you are interested in socializing and getting to know our elders, come to Game Night at the Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing every last Thursday of the month (1604 Ivar Ave). The Gay Men's Chorus is the coordinator of this event, and we would really like to have a group of folks from Founders MCC join in the fun.

Information Table

One of the first stops our guests make is at the Information Table in the Courtyard. Here we answer questions about Founders MCC, let people know where things are (restrooms, hospitality, meeting rooms, etc), as well as provide important community information. (And if you don't know the answer, we'll help you out). Training is provided. What do you need to bring to the position? A joy for the church and a smile in your heart.

Hospitality Hosts

Our Hospitality Team is looking for a few more individuals who can help out setting up, cooking or just simply welcoming people to the table (of yummy goodies). The Team is responsible for creating a welcoming atmosphere and making sure the coffee is always ready!

Kids' Club: Assistants & Teachers

We cherish the next generation of Founders Metropolitan Community Church. We offer a weekly time for our children ages 4 – 11 years old that offers a great curriculum that teaches a love for God and God's Creation (which includes our children). We are looking for both teachers and assistants (we actually need more assistants right now). Training is definitely provided, and a background check is required. You can be guaranteed that you will be blessed abundantly working with our kids.

Laundry Love

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

We are in need of more Founders MCC members and friends to join in with this incredible ministry to those who are homeless and working poor. We provide quarters, soap, a hot meal and dignity to those in need. Come on by and lend a hand. Los Lavaderos Laundry, 4371 Melrose, Melrose & Edgemont. (revpat@mccla.org)

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Now, Who's Who again?

STAFF

Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas

Minister of Congregational Life
Rev. Dr. Pat Langlois

Minister of Spanish Speaking Congregation (ICM)
Rev. Alejandro Escoto

Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. Caedmon Grace

Music Director
Jane Syftestad

Choir Director, ICM Service
Peter Kirkpatrick

Volunteer Clergy on Staff

Rev. Kittredge Cherry
Rev. Dr. Lori Dick
Rev. Tim Hamilton
Rev. Barbara Haynes
Rev. Steve Pieters
Rev. Steve Swafford
Rev. Sandy Williams

Minister of Social Justice
Pastor Lucia Chappelle

Staff Pastor
Pastor Tory Topjian

Facilities Manager
Jeffery Jones

Church Administrator
PJ Escobar

Board of Directors

Tracy Adams
Ernesto Amaya
Sheldon Cabrera-Miller
Don Mueller
Jenni Nichols
Shauna Ramirez-Roseborough
Dr. Stephan Scoggins
Michael Southerland, Clerk

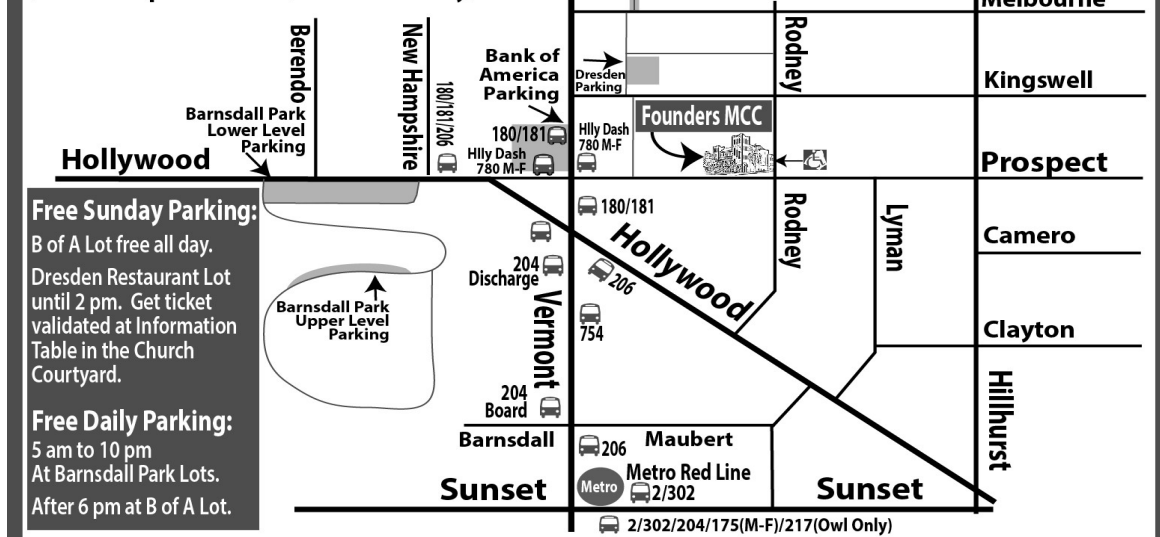
Rev. Dr. Neil G. Cazares-Thomas,
Moderator

Lay Delegates

Lisa Arnold
Joseph Castillo
Amy LaCoe

Where Do I Park on Sunday?

Arriving at Founders MCC
(4607 Prospect Avenue, corner Rodney)



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