



## “*Emmanuel: Fierce Joy*”



**Dear Saints,**

**12-15-2024**

It's beginning to look a lot (more) like Christmas! Last week, I thanked a team of people for getting a major start on our holiday decorating, and I want to add a Thank You! to more folks that continued with the decorations this week. Our **Latinx Ministry** folks tackled the tree, and our **Bayanihan Ministry** tackled the vestibule. Thank you to ALL of you who spent so much time making our worship space so beautiful.

In addition, Thank You! to the team that also got our worship space ready for the celebration of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** this week! So much work has gone on behind the scenes to make this experience special for not only our congregation, but also the whole community that come to these special events. Whether it's the story of Our Lady, the amazing mariachis, or even the tamales that bring people to our church, it's the Spirit and our hospitality that truly minister to those who come seeking.

Thanks to all of you who have already contributed to our ongoing ministry of pet supplies for the companions of unhoused youth in our community. Our Student Clergy, **Bam Noriega** (and their wife, **Maria!**), and I went to the City X1 holiday gathering. We found that they currently need the items we've already listed, and they generally need more cat food and cat litter. Thanks in advance for the items that continue to come in!

As I've confessed to you, it is a stressful time for many of us as we contemplate an unsure future. There are moments, almost daily, that I fall prey to my own fears and uneasiness. Yet, I continue to prepare the messages that the Spirit planted in my heart back in August when God laid the, *Emmanuel: God With Us*, theme on my heart for this year's Advent Season. God knew I (we!) would need the reminder of Jesus's promise to be with us all the way to the end of the world!

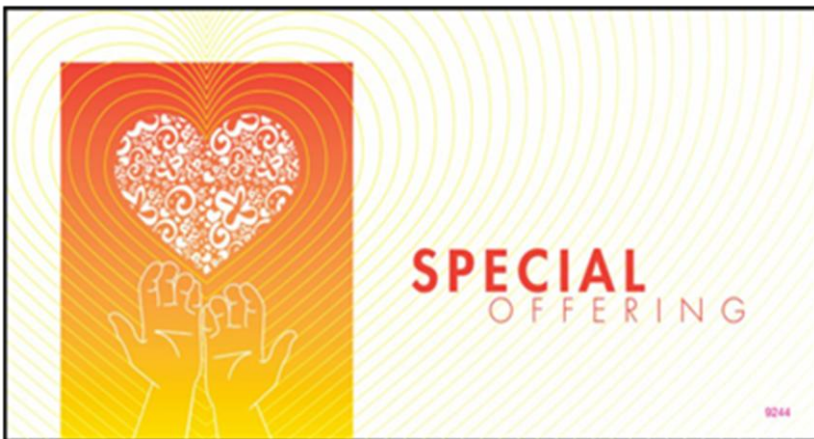
So far, we have shared *A Shocking Hope* and *Just Peace*. This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, we will share a message entitled, *Emmanuel: Fierce Joy*. If you'd like to read ahead, check out Matthew 1:18-24 (Voice Version). I look forward to worship with you again this Sunday!

Pastor Keith

**Founders MCC Core Values:** Love, Inclusion, Social Justice, Diversity, Spirituality and Acceptance

**Founders MCC Vision Statement:** We see our church as a community of faith, goodness, respect and union for all members regardless of race, color, language, immigration status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We see it as the house of Christ where our fundamental values of spirituality, love, social justice, diversity, inclusiveness and the feeling of community prevail.

**Mission of Founders MCC:** Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ here at Home, in our Community, and in our World as we are called.



Especially at Christmas, we appreciate our Pastor and Church Staff for all that they do for us throughout the year. The Board of Directors set Sunday, December 15, in both the 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. services, to receive a Special Christmas Offering to bless our Pastor and Church Staff with holiday love and appreciation.

Please come prepared on Sunday, December 15 to participate in this offering as we give with generosity to those who have given so much to us. For those giving virtually or joining online, you may give through the PushPay app by texting Founders MCC to 77977 and use the *Special Offering Fund* to designate your gift. Together, let's make this a special Christmas for our Pastor and Church Staff.



### Membership Inquirer's Class - 12/15

Interested in becoming a Member of Founders MCC? Or want to know more about our church? Join Rev. Steve Swafford for our next Membership Inquirer's Class on Sunday, Dec. 15th after the 10:00 a.m. service. This class is both in-person and on Zoom (link below). (Note: You are not required to join the church if you attend the class, but you must attend the class before becoming a member.)

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pepperdine.zoom.us/j/85885823310>

Meeting ID: 858 8582 3310

### Founders Metropolitan Community Church

**Moderator: Rev. Keith Mozingo**

### Order of Service 12-15-24

Welcome Video

Call to Worship

Opening Song: **Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**  
**FMCC Praise Team & Congregation**

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Reading: **Matthew 1:18-24**  
**(Voice Version)**

**Arts In Worship: Go Tell It On The Mountain**  
**Kevin Carter & FMCC Praise Team**

**Sermon Title: "Emmanuel: Fierce Joy"**

**Rev. Keith Mozingo**

Sermon Response Song: **O Come All Ye Faithful -**  
**FMCC Praise Team**

Offering/Making Ministry Happen:  
**(Dean Coffey)**

Communion

Song of Thanksgiving: **I Feel Jesus**

Closing Remarks (Rev. Keith)

Closing Song: **Joy To The World -**  
**FMCC Praise Team and Congregation**

Benediction

**With God All Things Are Possible**  
**(Matthew 19:26)**

<b>TOTAL ROOFING COST</b>	<b>\$146,196</b>
<b>GIVEN AS OF Dec. 8th</b>	<b>\$ 92,452</b>
<b>REMAINING NEED</b>	<b>\$ 53,744</b>

Founders MCC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** BOD Meeting

**Time:** Dec 19, 2024, 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89239510351?pwd=Sjq9PgHSIEhYvDQ31vYd6uMtAlnNt7.1>

**Meeting ID:** 892 3951 0351

**Passcode:** 340537



# Board Meeting



**Sunday, Dec 22, 10 am service:**

**"What If? (A Christ-less Christmas)"** A Special Dramatic and Musical Presentation by Rev. Eric Buter and Founders MCC Drama & Music Departments

Hoodies now available for the LOW price of \$40. Proceeds will go towards the LatinX Ministry. Sign-up sheets are available. Hoodies can be purchased by cash or PushPay, using "Special Offering / Other Designated Funds"



MCC General Conference, 2025. Our denomination's General Conference is fast approaching. The Creating Oasis Transformational Weekend will transpire July 3-6, 2025, in Scottsdale AZ in a beautiful resort that the denomination has reserved for us. Pastor Keith would love to see a large contingent represent Founders MCC, the Mother church of our denomination. If enough of us go, maybe we can go via a large passenger van, or even a coach that we can also offer to our sister church in North Hollywood. Until the end of this month, you can take advantage of the Early Bird Discount and take \$75 off the normal registration fee of \$400! The denomination has also contracted an incredible deal for room rates with the resort-go in with another to take advantage! **MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION AND ROOM LINKS CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR E-NEWS.**

FMCC/ICMF is joining City X1 (services for LA's unhoused and at-risk youth) in providing supplies for pets of unhoused youth this holiday season. **Items needed: dog food (wet/dry), cat food (wet/dry), dog collars/harnesses/leashes, flea meds, gift cards for Petco or PetSmart, pet toys.** Items may be brought to the church to put under the Christmas Tree and will be donated during the New Year/Epiphany Season.





# This Week at Founders MCC

Request Rooms at  
[foundersmcc.org/connect/calendar/](http://foundersmcc.org/connect/calendar/)  
Call (323) 669-3434 for changes and updates

## Sunday, December 15, 2024 – Staff Appreciation Offering!

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room  
**10:00am Founders MCC Worship Service**  
**11:30am Membership Class with Rev. Steve (in person/Zoom)**  
**1:30pm Servicio de ICM Fundadora**  
5:00pm SAA 12 Step Group – Hunter Room  
5:00pm La Conexion/The Connection Church – Fellowship Hall  
5:25pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) – Ryland Room  
8:00pm Fight Club/Basic Tools Men's Group – Ryland Room

## Monday, December 16, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room  
8:00 pm Easier Way AA Group – Gandhi Room

## Tuesday, December 17, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room  
6:00pm Key Change Ensemble – Chapel  
6:15pm Overeaters Anonymous – Hunter Room  
7:30pm Secular AA/WE Agnostics – Gandhi Room

## Wednesday, December 18, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation- Gandhi Room  
**6:00pm Founders Praise Team rehearsal – Chapel**  
6:15pm Silverlake CoDA Group – Hunter Room

Tithing amount for Week Ending 12-08-2024: \$3,969.00

Facility Rentals: \$755.00

Roofing Update: \$400.00

Grand Total of all income received: \$5,124.00

(Additional Link Below to give to roofing challenge)

[Give to Founders MCC | ICM Fundadora \(pushpay.com\)](http://Give to Founders MCC | ICM Fundadora (pushpay.com))

## Wednesday, December 18, 2024 (Continued)

7:15pm No Losers AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
7:30pm Dark Secrets AA Newcomers Meeting – Gandhi Room  
8:45pm Fight Club: Men's AA Stag Meeting – Gandhi Room

## Thursday, December 19, 2024

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Fellowship Hall  
**6:30pm Founders MCC Board Meeting on Zoom**  
7:30pm Men's Big Book AA Meeting – Gandhi Room

## Friday, December 20, 2024

**7:30am Founders m Food Pantry Truck Delivery**  
8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room  
6:30pm Secular AA Group – Gandhi Room  
8:00pm Stories AA Group – Chapel  
8:00pm Super Studs Group – Gandhi Room

## Saturday, December 21, 2024

**7:30am Food Pantry Distribution**  
8:30am AA Men's Meditation - Gandhi Room  
10:00am Big Book AA – Ryland Room  
12:00pm Backyard Solutions AA – Ryland Room

## Sunday, December 22, 2024- Special Drama Presentation!

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room  
**10:00am Founders MCC Special Service w/Rev. Eric Buter**  
**1:30pm Servicio de ICM Fundadora**  
5:00pm SAA 12 Step Group – Hunter Room  
5:00 pm La Conexion/The Connection Church – Fellowship Hall  
5:25pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) – Ryland Room  
8:00pm AA Basic Tools Men's Meeting (Ryland Room)

**Note: In the calendar section of the bulletin, the events in bold and italics are Founders MCC Events. The ones not listed in bold, and italics are 12-step groups and other events.**

## Upcoming Activities

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** Special Pastoral and Staff Offering during 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Services

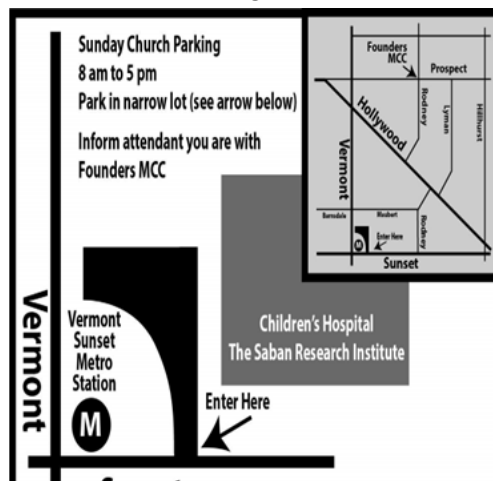
**December 15<sup>th</sup>** Membership Class with Rev. Steve after 10 a.m. service

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** Founders MCC Open Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** Special Dramatic Presentation during 10 a.m. service: "What If? (A Christ-less Christmas)"

Children's Hospital has so graciously volunteered up to 10 spaces for us to park. It is a small lot off Sunset Blvd., just beyond the Metro Station entrance.

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## Finding Your Way Around

