"Oh, For The Love Of God!"



Dear Saints,

02-09-2025

What a wonderful move of the Spirit in our service last Sunday! I know the times we live in are very stressful, and it is such a relief to be able to share some time together and focus on our faith. Lately, so much is happening during the week that creates chaos, but something changes when we gather and turn our focus on our worship. I made a commitment to you last Sunday, and I am following through with it: to spend more time in worship outside of Sunday services. Each day, I have spent some time in prayer, in listening to uplifting music, and watching spiritually uplifting videos, programs, or "reels." I hope you are doing the same!

We started our **Black History Month** celebration with a video message from MCC's **Elder Hattie Alexander-Key**. Thanks to **Bam Noriega and Lucia Chappelle** for taking us on a discussion to dig deeper into Elder Hattie's message.

We also celebrated February birthdays, including the birthday of our wonderful **Student Clergy, Bam Noriega**. Happy Birthday, Bam, and ALL of you who were born this month.

This Sunday, we'll have our annual **Blessing of Relationships** during both services. There will be a blessing for you in romantic relationships, and another blessing for those of us not in romantic relationships. Before the blessing, there will be a couple of minutes for you lovebirds to renew your vows to one another.

My message this Sunday is entitled, *Oh, For The Love Of God!* If you'd like to read ahead, check out Luke 5:1-11 (Voice Version). Come expecting another move of the Spirit!

Pastor Keith

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

<u>Founders MCC Vision Statement</u>: 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.

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



Nonviolent Resistance and Civil Disobedience Training

Whether or not you have ever participated in resistance, the training offers a better understanding of what one seeks to accomplish and the manner in which one respectfully protests and resists.

EVERYONE is invited to this teaching moment as MCC seeks to amplify the voices of love and peace in our world even as we stand up boldly against injustice. The first part of each session will talk about the philosophy of nonviolent resistance and the second part will be some practical guidelines on conducting protests - from rallies to sit-ins.

This session is hosted by Rev. Elder Rich Hendricks, together with special guest presenters.

Schedule: February 17 at 7PM ET & 26 at 9AM ET.
Register Now



Speaking Justice: Utilizing the Power of the Press As MCCers, how can we explore the vital role of the press in our pursuit of justice and equality?

Learn the power of effective storytelling for social change, and learn how to strategize in engaging with media effectively. Harness the power of the press to make a difference in the communities we serve.

Schedule: February 22, 10:30AM ET.

Email [jameshartman@mccchurch.net] or [revdexterbrecht@mccchurch.net] for more information.

Founders Metropolitan Community Church

Moderator: Rev. Keith Mozingo

Order of Service 02-09-25

Welcome Video

Call to Worship

Opening Song: - Love Lifted Me
FMCC Praise Team and Congregation

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Reading: Luke 5:1-11 (Voice Version)

Arts in Worship: **Great Is Your Mercy** – **FMCC Praise Team**

Blessing of Relationships: **Rev. Keith Mozingo**

Sermon: "Oh, For The Love Of God!"
Rev. Keith Mozingo

Sermon Response Song:

Oh How God Loves You And Me – FMCC Praise Team

Offering/Making Ministry Happen: (Dean Coffey)

Communion

Song of Thanksgiving: **Yes Jesus Loves Me medley**

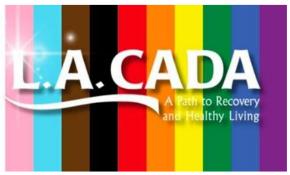
Closing Remarks (Rev. Keith)

Closing Song:

Hallelujah, Your Love Makes Me Sing -FMCC Praise Team and Congregation

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

TOTAL ROOFING COST \$146,196 GIVEN AS OF Jan. 29th \$100,535 REMAINING NEED \$45,661



L.A. CADA

Mike Cativo shares about L.A. CADA (recovery and sober living homes for primarily the LGBTQ community): one of their homes was completely destroyed; another had major damage from a tree falling through it, making it uninhabitable. These items can be dropped off at 305 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90013: Personal hygiene items, towels, beddings for twin and full mattresses, snacks, drinks, creamer, and COFFEE!

They also have a "Wish List" on Amazon at this link: Amazon.com





We need additional volunteers to help in the sound booth (see Don Mueller) and broadcast booth (see Sandra Contreras)



This Valentine's Day LGBTQIA+ Couples are Going to the Chapel! Friday, February 14, 2025, Noon: Mass Renewal of Vows 1PM – 3 PM

Weddings @ Hollywood Methodist Church 6817 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90028

Contact Rev. Dr. Pat Langlois (revpat@mccuccv.com) or Rev. Hannah Adair Bonner (revpannah@hollywoodumc.org) for details (you will need to pre-register for your wedding.)

Sponsored by LAQUICC (Los Angeles Queer Interfaith Clergy Council) (Beth Chayim Chadashim - Christ Chapel - La Conexion -Episcopal Diocese - Disciples of Christ - Metropolitan Community Church - United Church of Christ - United Methodist Church - and more)

This Week at Founders MCC

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

Sunday, February 09, 2025

8:30am AA/Sunday Morning Tropical - Theatre

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room

10:00am Founders MCC Worship Service

1:30pm Servicio de ICMF

4:45pm SAA 12 Step Group – Hunter Room

4:30pm La Conexion/The Connection Church – Fellowship Hall

5:25pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) – Chapel

8:00pm Fight Club/Basic Tools Men's Group – Ryland Room

Monday, February 10, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Gandhi Room

7:00 pm Easier Way AA Group – Gandhi Room

7:15pm SPAA Group – Hunter Room

7:45pm Monday Might Alvarado - Ryland Room

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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

7:30pm Ragtag AA – Rosa Parks Room

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation- Gandhi Room

5:30pm Founders Praise Team rehearsal - Chapel

Tithing amount for Week Ending 02-02-2025: \$4,605.00

Facility Rental: \$3,808.00 Building Fund: \$762.00

Grand Total of all income received: \$9,225.00

(Additional Link Below to give to roofing challenge)

Give to Founders MCC | ICM Fundadora (pushpay.com)

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 (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 – Ryland Room

Thursday, February 13, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Fellowship Hall

4:00pm La Conexion Los Angeles/The Connection Los Angeles

6:00pm ICM Voces de Alabanza Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:30pm Men's Big Book AA Meeting – Gandhi Room

Friday, February 14, 2025

7:30am Founders m Food Pantry Truck Delivery

8:30am 12 Step Meeting Men's Meditation – Fellowship Hall

1:00pm Mass Renewal of Wedding Vows (Love is Our Resistance)

6:30pm SLAA – Ryland Room

6:30pm Secular AA Group – Gandhi Room

8:00pm Stories AA Group - Chapel

8:00pm Super Studs Group – Gandhi Room

Saturday, February 15, 2025

7:30am Food Pantry Distribution

8:30am AA Men's Meditation - Gandhi Room

10:00am Big Book AA – Ryland Room

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:30am 12 Step Men's Meditation Meeting- Gandhi Room

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.

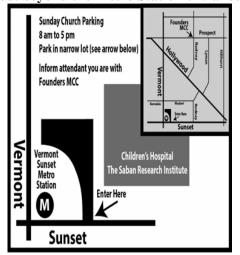
Upcoming Activities

<u>February 14th Mass Renewal of Wedding Vows at Hollywood Methodist Church @ 1 p.m.</u>

<u>February 17th</u> Nonviolent Resistance and Civil Disobedience Training on Zoom @ 7 p.m.

February 22nd Speaking Justice @ 10:30 a.m.

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



Finding Your Way Around

