

The Christian Visitor

MARCH 2026 ~ VISTA LA MESA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Waffle Brunch!

The Fellowship Committee welcomes you to join us on Saturday, February 28 in Bailey Hall from 10 am to 1 pm. Our waffle brunch is a potluck! Bring your favorite topping like fruit or something savory. We'll be providing a delicious egg casserole. We are looking for an additional waffle iron to use; please reach out if you can help fulfill this request. Let us know if you have any questions. Contact Fellowship Committee Chair, Vicky Wilhite for more information and to donate. We look forward to this yummy event with our community friends and church members!

Lent & Holy Week

Lent has begun, with some adjustments to our worship service to help us mark the season. The spiritual purpose of Lent is to help us clear out our hearts and souls so that we are ready to welcome the Risen Christ on Easter morning. This involves reflection, confession, and for some, additional prayer practices. Perhaps you would like to re-acquaint yourself with our Futures Process Prayer Practices?

We will hold our Holy Week Service on Thursday, April 2 at 5:30. The service will include a meal. We are hoping to have friends from Mission Gathering join us again for this special service.

Pollinator Garden

Maybe you've had the chance to watch the progress on the Vista La Mesa Pollinator Garden on the northwest corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Boulevard Drive. If you haven't, you can check out pictures on our Facebook page or the Facebook page of Wild Ones San Diego, one of the groups doing the work!

VLM volunteers are encouraged to get involved! Folks are out there working most Saturdays, but contact Gary Wilhite if you'd like more details before showing up.

We are planning a big ribbon-cutting party on Saturday, April 18 from 3-6 pm, so mark your calendars and plan to be here that day!

Hope Mongering!

You've probably heard of fear mongering, but did you know you can become a hope monger? On the two Friday afternoons before Holy Week begins, VLMers will be back at the La Mesa Farmers Market, spreading HOPE!

There is a role for you in this project, even if you're shy! We work in teams, so you don't have to be the one who accosts strangers and asks what brings them hope. We also need help keeping track of the markers and the sticker-backs, so we don't accidentally litter.

Sign up online for a shift on March 20 or 27 by [clicking here](#). You could even plan to make an evening of it and have dinner at the market after.

Easter Special Offering for General Ministries

We will be receiving the Easter Special Offering in worship on Palm Sunday, 3/29, and Easter Sunday, 4/5. You can also [donate online](#).

The Easter Special Offering supports our general church ministries like Disciples Home Missions and Global Ministries and many more. You can learn more at www.disciples.org. Our goal is to collect at least \$500 for this over-and-above offering.

We are so grateful to all our donors who contributed to our Week of Compassion Special Offering. We received \$845, surpassing our \$500 goal, for disaster relief and humanitarian aid. Thank you!

Novels Tea

Novels Tea will meet on Sunday, March 15, at 2:30 pm, on Zoom to discuss "The Prophets" by Robert Jones, Jr. This is our second read-through of this book because it is so dense, yet so important. If you'd like to join us, you are welcome!

Disciples Class

You are invited to join our Sunday morning Bible Study, Disciples Class any time you can come! We are working through the gospel of Matthew right now, reading short passages at a time from various translations and checking notes in a variety of commentaries. We meet in Bailey Hall and on Zoom at 9 am.

Grants for Seniors

Our Regional Older Adults Ministries Committee has funds available for seniors age 62+, both for ongoing and one-time needs. Both programs are available to seniors who have been part of a Disciples congregation for at least a year, with a combined checking & savings accounts balance under \$10K. The ongoing grants provide up to \$700 per month to help with basic living expenses. The one-time grants provide up to \$2000 for immediate, one-time expenses like medical bills or car repairs. [Click here](#) to learn more about these grant programs or talk to Mary Jane Fay, a member of the Committee.

It's time to Save Your Daylight!
Don't forget to set your clock ahead Saturday night, March 7th!

Lunch Bunch
Wed., 3/18, 12 pm
at TBD
Hosted by
Tim Cliffe

In Our Prayers...

JOYS & THANKSGIVINGS ~ Please contact Karen Cliffe for prayers.

Happy Birthday!

Mar. 1 - Micah Cliffe

Mar. 5 - Susan Peterson

Mar. 14 - Andy Cliffe

Mar. 26 - Daniel Cliffe

Happy Anniversary!

Mar. 6 - Sara & Troy Gurling

Mar. 16 - Vicky & Gary Wilhite

March 2026 Worship Participants

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Worship Leader	Karen Cliffe	Cheryl Davis-Plotts	Tim Cliffe	Steve Bridwell	Mary Jane Fay
Lay Reader	Mary Jane Fay	Tracy Stockdall	Gary Wilhite	Michelle Tolvo-Chan	Michael Lewis
Offering Invitation	Renee Bridwell	Steve Bridwell	Rebecca Littlejohn	Rebecca Littlejohn	Rebecca Littlejohn
Elders	Karen Cliffe Renee Bridwell	Cheryl Davis-Plotts Tesa Hauser	Tim Cliffe Marianna Kirwan	Steve Bridwell Gary Wilhite	Mary Jane Fay Jennefer Lehton
Deacons	Mary Alynn Fallon Tracy Stockdall	Daphne Flores John Lehton Lyn Van Winkle	Susan Peterson Michaela Stockdall Claudette Toland	Jenny Angione Vicky Wilhite	John Lehton Claudette Toland Susan Peterson Vicky Wilhite
Comm Set-up	Vicky Wilhite	Michaela Stockdall	Jenny Angione	Daphne Flores	Daphne Flores
AV Tech Zoom Tech	Mary Alynn Fallon Michaela Stockdall	Jenny Angione Vicky Wilhite	Mary Alynn Fallon Michaela Stockdall	Tracy Stockdall Karen Cliffe	Tracy Stockdall Michaela Stockdall
Greeters	John Lehton Mary Jane Fay	Vicky & Gary Wilhite	John Lehton Daphne Flores	Michael Lewis Marianna K	John Lehton Mary Jane Fay
Counters	John Lehton Jenny Angione	Tracy Stockdall Renee Bridwell	John Lehton Mary Alynn Fallon	Andy Cliffe Steve Bridwell	Andy Cliffe Tracy Stockdall
Elder on Call	Mary Jane Fay	Marianna Kirwan Michael Lewis	N/A	N/A	N/A

WHO AND WHERE WE ARE

We are a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are part of the Christian Church in the Pacific Southwest Region.

We are located at 4210 Massachusetts Ave. (at Boulevard Dr.), one block South of University Ave. in La Mesa, between Interstate 8 and the 94 Freeway, and very near the #852 bus line.

**Sundays: Disciples Class @ 9:00
Worship @ 10:30**

Secretary's Hours: Tues/Thur/Fri 8:30-11:30

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: **Rev. Rebecca Littlejohn**
Secretary: **Krista Trimlett**
Music Director: **Deborah Wilson**
Nursery: **Stephanie Cadiero**
Custodian: **Scott Tiemann**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Disciples Class 9 am	2	3	4	5 Choir Returns 7 pm	6	7
GA 2 pm	GA 6 & 7 pm, SDFC	AA 7 AM, 7:30 pm	AA 7:15 pm	AA 6 & 7:30 pm	TM 7 am, AA 6:30 pm	
8 Disciples Class 9 am	9	10	11 RL returns	12	13	14
GA 2 pm	GA 6 & 7 pm	AA 7 AM, 7:30 pm	AA 7:15 pm	AA 6 & 7:30 pm	TM 7 am, AA 6:30 pm	Welcome Saturday 7:30-12:30 pm
15 Disciples Class 9 am Food Drive Novels Tea 2:30 pm	16	17 Admin Meeting 6 pm	18 Lunch Bunch 12 pm	19 Choir 7 pm	20	21
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22 Disciples Class 9 am	23	24	25 Board Meeting 6 pm	26 Choir 7 pm	27	28
GA 2 pm	GA 6 & 7 pm, SDFC	AA 7 AM, 7:30 pm	AA 7:15 pm	AA 6 & 7:30 pm	SDFC Recital 5-9 pm TM 7 am, AA 6:30 pm	
29 Easter Special Offering Disciples Class 9 am	30	31				
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GA, AA, TM, & SDFC are non-congregational activities