

MVCF

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Pastor's Pen

Glorious Easter Hope

Matthew 28:20

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This past month has been a wild emotional roller coaster for our family as Andrew has been receiving college acceptances and rejections. It is a rollercoaster because some schools announce when they will release their decisions, while others do not, and you are left wondering when you will hear from that school. Some schools release decisions all at once, but others release decisions in waves, and if you are not in the first wave, you are left wondering what that means. And on top of all of that uncertainty, there are endless online forums (Joanna and I try to stay away from these!) where parents and students are nervously waiting for decisions from a certain school, comparing their “stats” with students who already got accepted, which generally creates an atmosphere of anxiety and even panic. I will be very happy once this college acceptance process is over!

But even as I share about this emotional rollercoaster, I realize that many of you are facing far greater uncertainty in your own lives. Health scares, financial hardships, difficult relationships that create significant stress, grief and loss, and more. I could go on and on. There is so much uncertainty in life. Where can we find stability and hope in the midst of so much uncertainty?

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Worship Schedule:

- ◆ 8:30am Sunday Adult Sunday School
- ◆ 9:30am Sunday Worship Service
- ◆ 10:00am Sunday Children's Bible Adventure

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Thankfully we are entering Holy Week and preparing to celebrate Easter as a church family. Good Friday offers us hope as we look at the cross, and see that Christ died for our sins, reconciling us to God (2 Corinthians 5:21). And Easter Sunday offers us further hope, as we realize that Jesus has defeated death, and through faith in him we have the offer of eternal life, even though we will die in this world (1 Corinthians 15:20-28). No uncertainty that we face can erase the certainty of our future with Jesus. Author and pastor Tim Keller describes this hope in terms of a battle: even if you feel you are losing the battle, and the enemy has penetrated your defenses and infiltrated your castle, you can climb a tower in the castle and see that thousands of reinforcements are on the way. Even if you feel like you're losing the battle, the battle is already won. That is a glorious hope to hold on to even in the most uncertain times of life.

The biblical authors are clear about the hope of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. I could write pages and pages on this resurrection hope. But I just wanted to share one more thought that will help us in the face of so much uncertainty, both for now and for the future. And that is the simple truth that Jesus is with us. The Gospel of Matthew begins by describing the newborn Jesus as Immanuel, which means "God with us." But with Jesus' death on the cross, that hope of God with us seems shattered.

However Jesus did not stay in the tomb. Jesus did not stay dead. He rose from the dead, he is alive, and at the end of the Gospel of Matthew he commissions his followers to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). But notice the promise he gives at the end of this Great Commission: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." The words that begin the Gospel of Matthew (God with us) are the words that end the Gospel of Matthew: I am with you always). Jesus God the Son, is ALWAYS with us and will ALWAYS be with us, to the very end of the age.

Isn't this a glorious Easter hope? Because Jesus rose from the dead, he is alive, and because he is alive, he is with us. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, those words would seem like a cruel hoax. But because Jesus did rise from the dead, because he is alive, then Jesus' words become some of the greatest words of comfort and hope in the face of so much uncertainty. God is with us. No matter what.

As followers of Jesus, we know that God is always with us. I hope that is an encouraging truth to you as you navigate the uncertainties of life. I hope that it is an encouragement that you can share with your friends and family members who do not know Jesus. And as the Lord lays people on your heart this week, invite them to church on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the risen Immanuel: God with us. I'm looking forward to the celebration!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 5:00pm Picnic 7:00pm Youth Group	2	3 Good Friday	4
5 Ester Sunday 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship	6 Women's Bible Study	7 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Group	8 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 5:00pm Picnic 7:00pm Youth Group	9	10	11
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Small Groups:

Monday

1:00 p.m. Afternoon
Bible Study at MVCF

7:00 p.m. Women’s
Bible Study at MVCF

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study at
MVCF

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Online

Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Picnic

7:00 p.m. Youth Group at
MVCF

Church Work Party
Every Fourth Saturday
of the month

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
refreshment will be
provided.

For more contact:
Frank Romeo

APRIL CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday

Hannah French	4/2
Asher Dietz	4/8
Naomi Yebio	4/11
Michele Quion	4/11
Marta Yebio	4/13
Jenn Perez Harris	04/27
Tyler Addy	04/29

Carl & Marge Demas	04/16
Matt & Ellen Davis	04/16



The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

Matthew 28:5-7

These pictures were taken when our AC unit was replaced.
Pictures courtesy of Frank Romeo.



Youth Ministry

He is risen – He is risen indeed! We will be hearing that throughout April and beyond!

Our current Youth Group students have not been baptized and they are excited to learn more about Jesus to prepare for. Pastor has been teaching and preaching to them about giving their life to God completely. They asked, “What do I need to do to be baptized?” He is answering their questions as new Christians and preparing them for their big day to get baptized. Once they make their decision – we will gladly go to the SD Bay for Baptizing’s!

Easter is coming fast and we can only try to predict how many children will come to our church. We have been seeing quite a few younger children at our Wednesday’s Community dinners. We have 10-15 children who are now inviting their friends. Last month there was a huge birthday party combined with our Wed. community dinner with a Spiderman theme. Fellowship Hall was overflowing with food and people! There were so many Dads that dressed up like Spiderman plus our Youth Group student: Eli, who wore the Spiderman suit in style. Little Lorenzo was so thrilled. His Mom, Stephanie and Dad and whole family have been attending our church regularly and bringing their oldest child Leo to our Youth Group and yet to bring their 2 youngest to our Nursery during services, hopefully building up trust.

The San Diego Padres have started their season again. We are trying to take the Youth Group to a weekend game coming up. We would like to see our very own Children’s Ministry Leader: Briana De LaCruz, while she’s working selling the Padre 50-50 raffle tickets at the game. We want to support her in her working environment and her Ministry Advancements.

Upcoming Events include:

- APRIL 18TH All Church CRAFT fair in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends and family for free. Sponsored by Terri Carver & Youth Group & her insurance ladies!
- April 29 Field trip to UTC to Ice Skate or Skate World to Roller Skate 6-8p
- May 1st Padre Game 6:40p-9ish (TBD)
- May 17 Geneva Kossegi’s Kearny High School Graduation
- May 27 Andrew DeVos’s Clairemont High School Graduation
- May 31 All church High School Graduation Celebration with our church family
- June 24-26 Future Quest at Foothills Church (Please get registered early!)
- July 28-31 VBS (date subject to change)
- August 16 End of Summer Bash (volley ball & bocce ball on the grass & bouncy)

May God Bless everyone and have a very wonderful Easter with family and friends!! Safe travels if you go somewhere! As the wise family Dr. who made house calls in those days always use to say to me, “God’s speed.” I realize now that statement is loaded with value!

2026 CA COUNCIL OF IAIP MEETING FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON OF CRAFTING KEYCHAINS AND DECORATIVE PURSE CHAINS WHILE SUPPORTING THE COUNCIL MEETING!

MISSION VILLAGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL
2650 MELBOURNE DR, SAN DIEGO, CA
SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2026
11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM


Perfect for Mother's Day gifts or any special occasion!

If you're interested in having Gina create keychains for you, feel free to reach out to her at ginalem1823@gmail.com. She can ship them to you for an additional fee.

\$20.00

- CRAFT SIX KEYCHAINS
- ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE FURNISHED
- SNACKS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED
- BRING A FRIEND OR TWO

Can't attend but still want to donate? Please use the QR code.



Location: Mission Village Christian Fellowship Hall
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA 92123


Time: April 18, 2026 at 11:00am-3:00pm

Proceeds to benefit the 2026 CA Council of IAIP Meeting hosted by San Diego Association of Insurance Professionals. Various payments options available.

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John 11:17-27

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Col. 3:12

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Adult Ministry	Open
Stewardship	Frank Romeo
Fellowship	Jenny Fiori
Service	Open
Missions / Evangelism	Matt & Ellen Davis
Finance Ministry	Open
Worship	Hannah French

Sunday Schedule

Worship & Children's Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Nursery & Toddler Care is Available During Worship Service

Service will be live on YouTube or Facebook

Elders

Pastor /Elder.....Steve de Vos
Administrative ElderTony DaVee
Elder..... Carl Jensen

Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Judy Yacob
Nursery Attendant.....Hannah French