HIGHLIGHTS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



MISSION VIEJO CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEETS SUNDAYS AT 9AM & 11AM!

Mission Viejo Christian Church is a life-giving church in Mission Viejo, CA with powerful worship, practical messages, and programs your kids will love!

Come worship with us on Sundays. We also offer LIVE online services simply by visiting our website at **mvcchome.org** to watch online.

Sundays at 9:00AM and 11:00AM



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

We love celebrating birthdays at Young at Heart! Please take a moment to **CALL**, **SEND A CARD** or **TEXT** birthday wishes to our wonderful friends. We celebrate their special days on the first Thursday of each month with a birthday dessert during our service time! **A very happy birthday to:** Beulah Borroel-15, Sharon Hefley-15, and Jack Kirtley-22



CHRISTMAS MERRY-OKI, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

Whether you're a natural performer or more of a "Silent Night" kind of singer, Christmas Merry-Oki brings the fun. Sign up by December 4th to compete in a fun morning of Merry oki (karaoke) Christmas music!





LIGHT OF THE WORLD CHRISTMAS PARTY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

That is a wonderful promise. There is nothing we need more in this world today than God's light on our path. Let's celebrate the ONE TRUE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Come dressed in your Christmas attire, and prepare for a **BRIGHT** morning! Breakfast favorites will be served: pancake puffs, sausages, and eggs. \$8 pp Sign up & pay by December 11th to participate.



"The joy of Christmas causes hundreds of radio stations around the country to play Christmas music all day, and people will exchange millions of gifts to remember the first gift of Christmas, the infant Jesus." — James Dobson

We <u>will not be meeting</u> on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 25th and Thursday</u>, <u>January 1st</u>, <u>2026</u>. <u>See you January 8th</u>!



YOUNG AT HEART...WHERE FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY

Young at Heart meets Thursdays from 9:00AM-11:00AM

BRING A FRIEND... They are Always Welcome! For more info, contact Mary at Maryokida@gmail.com or 949-933-6521

27192 Jeronimo Road, Mission Viejo, CA 92692 www.mvcchome.org Sunday Services @ 9 & 11AM Sunday Service live ONLINE



UPCOMING EVENTS DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Beulah Borroel 15 Sharon Hefley 15 Jack Kirtley 22

<u>CALENDAR</u>

DECEMBER 4TH
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS

DECEMBER 11TH CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS MERRY-OKI DAY

DECEMBER 18TH

LIGHT OF THE WORLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 25TH & JANUARY 1ST

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR! YOUNG AT HEART IS NOT MEETING THESE DAYS

See you again on January 8th!



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ALL IS BRIGHT

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. —John 1:5

I love when it's early and the first rays of sunrise light flood the window. It's on my face as I lay in our bed. The room is glowing with a soft golden hue. It's so beautiful.

Darkness cannot overpower light. Light will always win. Sometimes our light can get a little dim. It gets hidden under a cover; the glass gets dirty and foggy, our arms get tired from holding the faint light, our eyes straining to see in the dimness. It's easy to feel discouraged. Can you relate?

We need to remember though, that we do not produce the light; we aren't its source. We don't have to work ourselves to exhaustion creating light in a world overwhelmed by darkness. It's not up to us.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." —John 8:12

We are not the source of the light. Jesus is. He is the light. We just get to reflect Him, hold Him high and watch Him shine. Never forget, we have the light, and light always wins. When the world around us feels dark, find your light, polish it up and hold it high. Sometimes, we may not feel very shiny, and the darkness creeps into our souls. Here are some ideas to help keep your light shining bright:

Focus on Jesus

We can let our circumstances cloud our vision. We need to stay focused on Jesus and allow His glory to put our struggles into perspective. God is faithful. He is a miracle worker. He loves us and wants to be involved in our lives. We need to look to Him! Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. —Hebrews 12:2

Clean out your Heart

Guilt and unforgiveness can dim our light. When we have unconfessed sin in our lives, or when we refuse to forgive those who have hurt us, darkness creeps in. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. —1 John 1:9

Renew your Strength

We can get tired from trying to light up the world in our own strength. I know the truth of this personally. It's hard to be shiny when we are exhausted. —Matthew 11:28–29

Read your Bible

Spend time in God's word regularly. Be reminded of who God is, His power, His faithfulness, and His love for you. —Psalm 119:105

Guard your Heart

Guard against the dark influences you allow in your life. Be careful of what you read, watch and listen to. Be discerning about who you invite into your life. You may need to turn it off, unfollow, unsubscribe, change the channel or say no to an invite. Your light is worth protecting. —Prov. 4:23

This Christmas, fill your home and heart with light! Let all the tinsel, lights and glittery stars remind you of the light that overcomes the darkness. Fill your home with music and decorations that remind you of the hope of our Savior's birth. Follow a Christmas devotional that brings the Christmas story to life in a meaningful way. This Christmas, let your light shine!

PRAYING US INTO THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Dear God.

As November has come to an end, and December is now here, I come before You with a grateful heart. Thank you for the blessings, the lessons, and the strength You've given me this past month. Even in the hard moments, You never left my side.

Where there is faith, there is love; where there is love, there is peace; where there is peace, there is God-and where You are, nothing is lacking.

Lord, please forgive my mistakes and calm anything heavy in my mind. I need you, everyday, every breath. You are the only reason 've made it this far.

I now place December in Your hands. Guide my steps, Lord, and protect my home, and surround everyone I love with Your peace and purpose in December. I will celebrate Your unending love for me this month and always. God, I love You!

Amen.

Thank you for your service to our country, our freedom and our lives.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

















WHAT OUR Y@H FAMILIES HAVE BEEN UP TO



A beautiful day to be baptized! Jerry & Julie Kuno, we are so happy for you!



<u>Jeannine</u>, <u>Nancy S</u>, <u>Rachel</u> and MVCC friends kicking up some dust as they line dance the night away!



Dave Bradshaw is doing great after back surgery.



Sheryl G, Joan P & Candy O attend a wonderful fundraiser for Teen Challenge.









Bonnie & Vince Concialdi loving their grandkids during their Thanksgiving! Vacay!

If you have a fun photo with family, email or text it to Maryokida@gmail.com







FRIENDSGIVING DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

It was a beautiful morning breaking bread together!

























Mr & Mrs Graham!

Pat Burghardt & daughter, Keli McCall

Young at Heart friends out at the theatre for Movie Tuesday!



MATTHEW 28:19-20

Our MISSION at MVCC focuses on the big picture... "Reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ to make disciples who make disciples."

REAL. LOVE. ON MISSION.

A vibrant Church where **REAL** discipleship happens, where **LOVE** is on display and lives are released **ON MISSION** for Christ!

BEST WAY TO STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Many communications are sent via email, text or calls, so please keep us informed if your info changes! Be sure to read your Heartbeat Newsletter and Monthly Calendar to see how you can worship & connect with friends at Young at Heart & MVCC.

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