



JUNE 2015

Beach Breeze

Summer Camp is Around the Corner - Dee

It is already June! Pastor Bob and I have been talking about the importance of camp and as a congregation, you have been very generous towards helping send our children to camp. So, we thought you might like to know more about the program. This summer it's time to learn about "Living in the Spirit!" together. Through fun active time outside in God's creation and sharing in small groups and worship, campers and staff will feel inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit - learn from it, grow from it and find passion for changing the world as Jesus' followers.

The Cal-Pac Conference camps have the same summer camp theme. This creates unity and makes campers more comfortable if they need to attend a different site due to schedule conflicts. There are three southern CA sites with Elementary, Jr. High and Sr. High age levels camps this summer. Campers can start attending as young as first grade and go throughout high school. In addition to the age level camps, there are also specialty camps offered including Surf Camp, Backpacking Camp, Adventure Camp, Film Camp, and Creation Camp. A week of camp is about \$400.

PB UMC campers generally attend Camp Cedar Glen which is in Julian, CA. This summer we have campers signed up for all three weeks of age level camps. We also have folks from PB UMC serving as volunteer leaders and counselors at Elementary and Jr. High Camps, including Pastor Bob and myself! The camps run for 3 weeks back to back starting on Sunday, July 5 running through Saturday, July 25. Please pray for camp and our campers each of those days in July. If you would like to send a note to PB campers to let them know you are thinking of them, please speak to me.



Camp Cedar Glen has a variety of cabins, but they all have indoor plumbing, electricity and bunk beds. The Camp Leadership team assigns cabins and groups. Campers are under adult supervision at all times and have a schedule, but the schedule has lots of time for fun. A day in the life of a camper usually includes, but is not limited to: morning devotion, breakfast, cabin clean-up, worship, small "family" group discussion and activities, outdoor fun (hiking, climbing, archery, swimming, sports), crafts or science fun, social activities, quiet time, rest time, campfire, evening devotion, etc.

I started to list some of the reasons I think church camp is so important. But, the list got out of hand. Most of all, it is CHURCH camp. Campers live together in Christian community learning and sharing about their faith for 137 hours. (Yes, there may be some sleeping hours in there.) Each week of camp is unique which adds to the excitement, but the reason I love being a camp leader is camp does change lives. I have asked my Sunday School class at various times over the years, where or when is a time when they have felt God's presence. There is always at least one that will say at church camp.

If you have a child, grandchild, other relative, or friend who would benefit from camp and you would like more information to get them signed up or you would like information on one of the specialty camps, or would even like to apply to be an adult volunteer, we have a few brochures or you can find information online at: www.calpaccamps.org

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

As we look toward the summer months, we are closer to our children and youth being out of school. This is – of course – a time that many children and youth see for freedom, a break from schedules, and an opportunity for a bit more independence and self-discovery. What better place for this than camp?

To be honest, I mostly missed camp as a youth. I went one year when I was in Junior High, and there was no shortage of awkwardness as I tried to navigate this new experience in a new place. And the relationships begun in that awkward and amazing experience were a source of strength and compassion and love through one of the most difficult parts of my life.

Camping changes lives.

That's what it says at the top of the website for the California-Pacific Conference Camping program: camping changes lives. And I believe it does.

It was through participation in camping ministries that I understood that I was called to ordained ministry. A number of my colleagues have shared their own camping stories that have either shaped their ministries or have been their own understanding of call. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson (who was our own Bishop until she retired in 2012) came to understand her call to ministry at a Junior High camp in Mississippi.

But this is not the only way camp changes lives, and I am doubtful that we could quantify the profound impact camp has on children and youth. Camp offers a community in which our children and youth may experience their unique journeys of faith alongside others who have some of the same questions and same struggles and same joys. Camp offers a place free from distraction where God may be more fully experienced. Camp offers a sense of comfort and safety that is not immediate but is long-lasting. Camp offers a place to be vulnerable and to learn leadership and to struggle with scripture and to laugh and to be in intense community.

Camping changes lives.

I remember vividly the very first year I was a camp counselor. I was new and a bit intimidated. I didn't know many people and I was in a place where I had never been. One of the things that intrigued me was the counselor who brought his guitar. And it was there that I decided that I wanted to play guitar, too.

I remember vividly a young man in a small group who shared that camp was the only place where he didn't feel crushed and stepped on. Instead, he felt healed and loved.

I remember vividly a young woman in tears because a loved one was experiencing medical difficulties and she feared losing this loved one to death. She wanted someone to pray with her, and she experienced comfort and love.

I remember vividly the brilliant smile on a young face during a first-ever volleyball serve as he was cheered on by peers and leaders, regardless of where the ball landed.

I remember vividly two young men receiving the news of the death of a loved one – the second in a terribly short period of time – and the way they were surrounded in love.

I remember vividly the sounds of singing around a campfire as hands were clasped, as Holy Communion was received, as hearts were filled with emotion, and the love of God was present.

Camping changes lives.

Pacific Beach UMC has a wonderful tradition of participating in camping and supporting our young people as they join with such a profoundly powerful community. What a joy it is to know that the participation and support from this community of faith has such an impact. It is indeed a privilege to serve alongside you.



Pastor Bob

All who missed our All-Church Gathering on May 17th are still invited to sign-up to participate in our upcoming inclusion ministries! For more detail and to sign up, please visit our website (or contact the Church office).

We Care for One Another



Movie Night Out

The PBUMC Ladies Night Out group invites EVERYONE (men, women & kids) to join them for their June event where we will be enjoying the Disney movie, Maleficent (rated PG), popcorn & soda under the stars at Viejas Resort in Alpine. Movie starts at dusk (around 8 pm), but we will meet at 7 pm at the resort to get good seats, chat and maybe grab a bite to eat. Please RSVP to Su-Yen to join the evite list.

\$7 includes movie, popcorn & soda. Children 12 & under are free :). For more info: <http://viejas.com/movies-in-the-park>. Meet on June 13, 7 pm at Viejas Resort (outdoor movie area), located at 5000 Willows Rd, Alpine, CA.

In Celebration

The quilters are working on a project to celebrate our loved ones that have passed on, and to celebrate Ron's 30th consecutive year here at PB UMC. We are making a "memory" piano cover for the sanctuary. For a small donation, (to cover the cost of fabric) we will embroider your loved one's name onto one of the squares that make up the piano cover. Talk to Florence or Clay for more details.

Outdoor Worship by Dee

Please mark your calendars! On Sunday, July 5th, we will have worship outside on the church patio. We will worship at 10 am, and after worship, we will have a BBQ and potluck. Please plan on bringing a side dish or drinks to share.

By the way, we could use another grill or two that Sunday morning, and a few grill masters. Please let us know if you can help out that day, with grilling or would like to help coordinate the festivities in general. Thanks!

WANTED: Hand Bell Ringers

NEED TO HAVE:

- Love of laughter and music
- Ability to count to 4

NICE TO HAVE (but not required):

- Ability to read music (or at least recognize 2 notes)



We have been blessed with the gift of receiving a NEW third octave, which means we can play richer songs. But now we need YOU to fill in the choir and make beautiful music with us. We are a FUN, FUN, FUN group, praising God through music, laughter, love and support. We generally practice on Thursdays from 5:15-6:45 pm, but please see Amy, for more information.

Late Nite Catechism! Lynn & Diane

If you love an evening of religion turned inside out, "Late Nite Catechism" is a Sister Act you have to see. We're bringing it to PB UMC, Saturday, June 27th at 7 pm. All proceeds will benefit the National MS Society, on behalf of Team Diane. Buy your tickets in person or on-line at www.teamdiane.org/tickets. Regular class seat \$35; "Teacher's Pet" \$50.00 (front row seating/meet & greet Sister before the show). For more info, contact Lynn.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith



Youth Activities for June

Sunday, June 7

- UMYF Lunch Outing

Saturday, June 13

- Best Group and UMYF - See article regarding family movie outing to see Maleficent (pg. 3). The plan is for the kids to sit with each other with Dee. If your parents are not attending, but you would like to join, speak with Dee.

Sunday, June 14

- Best Group and UMYF - please plan to join Dee at church before 3pm to see the Children's Music Program. We will meet after the reception.

June 17-21

- Think about and pray for our church representatives at Annual Conference in Redlands.

June 19-28

- Pray for Dee, Amberlyn, Jayna, Kalani and Amanda who will be traveling to Orlando for Youth2015.

Thursday, June 25

- UMYF - District Day at the Beach. Youth need to sign up through Dee. Dee will let you know who to check in with at the beach.

Saturday, June 27

- Fundraiser. Be sure to be in contact with Su-Yen or Jennifer if you can help out.

Children's Choir

Your PB UMC songsters (and actors/actresses!) will present "Just Like You and Me" on June 14th at 3 pm, followed by dessert by Florence. Please come out and support Emma, Alex, Heydi, Elektra, Cameron, Zachary, Jack, Ivy, Spencer, Tabby, and Wendy (who is a choir graduate, is assistant director and playing a role). Hope to see you ALL there!

This completes our theme for Winter/Spring of knowing we are ALL of value in God's world.

Sunday School News

A lot of us know about the physical, social, emotional, etc. stages children go through as they grow up, but how does this pertain to their faith development? David Elkind, Ph.D., professor of child study at Tufts University, has identified three stages of faith development:

- **The "global" stage.** Until age six or seven, Elkind says, most children lack an understanding of abstract belief, and therefore can't conceptualize the differences between religious faiths. They can appreciate religious symbols and rituals, but won't necessarily connect them to the notion of an "invisible" God.
- **The "concrete" stage.** Children ages 7 to 12 are still very grounded in the concrete, and are beginning to develop a greater sense of spiritual identity based on personal experience and religious practice (I go to church or I go to synagogue and this is connected to who I am and who my family is). Elkind says that rituals, whether lighting candles in church or opening the ark holding a Torah in a synagogue, are very effective in helping children this age understand religious themes.
- **The "personal connection" stage.** In pre-adolescence, a feeling of personal closeness to God often emerges, the budding of what feels like an actual relationship. For some young teens, Elkind says, "God becomes a confidante, because you don't want to share your thoughts with anyone else who will tell your secrets."

Children's thoughts and feelings about God or other spiritual themes appear to be a natural part of human development, a search for some force in the universe that represents eternity and the absence of change. Even children who are not raised in a religious home are likely to ask spiritual questions. You can read more by going to: <http://life.familyeducation.com/spirituality/religion/36537.html#ixzz3aXevstm6>.

Bible Study Group "Amos Rails Against Injustice"

The Sunday morning Bible Study group continues during the month of June. Join them any Sunday morning at 9 am in the Lanai. The readings for June are:

- June 7, Judgement on Israel and Judah, Amos 2:4-8
- June 14, God Is Not Fooled, Amos 5:14-15, 18-27
- June 21, Rebuked for Selfishness, Amos 6:2-8, 11-14
- June 28, God Will Never Forget, Amos 8:1-6, 9-10

We Reach Out to Others

"Helper Bags"

In an effort to grow our community outreach, we will be making and handing out "helper bags" filled with essentials to our homeless neighbors, along with an invitation to join us in our Wednesday night meals, as well as a list of other local homeless dining options.

We need donations of time and materials. Costco is a great option for those who are members. You can drop off your donations in the box in the narthex during the month of June.

Materials Needed:

- Gallon-sized clear zip-lock bags
- 12-oz bottles of water
- chap stick
- new athletic socks (men & women)
- granola bars
- single serving non-perishable snacks (raisins, nuts)
- Travel-sized hand sanitizer, wipes, soap, shampoo



Volunteers needed:

- Collect materials donations
- Assemble bags
- Walk the streets of Pacific Beach, delivering helper bags and inviting people in need to our Wednesday night meals, medical and dental clinic, etc.
- Carry helper bags in your car and hand them out to those asking for assistance on the side of the road and at intersections.

If you are interested in helping in this project, please contact Su-Yen. Thank you!

Monthly Needs for Community Meals

Our Wednesday Night Ministry feeds all members of the community who show up at our door and would like a hot, home-cooked meal. We are very fortunate to have partners for this ministry, who help us with the preparation and purchase of our meals; however we do have on-going needs for food items that we need to purchase each month.

If you have always wanted to be a part of our Wednesday Night Community Meal, but don't have the time, are working too late to get here, are too shy to show up, don't like to drive at night, etc., then you can still be involved! You could be one of sponsoring angels by putting a little extra into your grocery cart, or by making a quick run to Costco or Smart & Final. Items that we always need are bags of egg noodles, , rice, and macaroni, as well as large cans of green beans. We can easily go through sixteen #10 cans (the big ones) of green beans and 32 lbs of noodles a month! Your donation of these items would help us feed a lot of hungry people! You may drop off your items on Sunday, in the marked box, or bring them to the church office!

If you have any questions, please talk to Chef Ben or contact the church office.

New Entra Casa Music Festival

Come watch volunteer bands, singers, and dancers from United Methodist Church in San Diego share their talent on Sunday, June 7th at 2:30 pm. The location is St. Paul's Coronado United Methodist Church, 700 D Ave., Coronado. All tickets sold for this event will benefit New Entra Casa, a non-profit home for women trying to change their lives. Tickets are \$10. Please see Jo for more information or to purchase tickets.

Circle of Support

Preliminary Record of Generosity as of April 30, 2015

Apr giving – budget \$21,161	\$19,993
Apr other sources of income – budget \$11,372	5,919
Apr total available for ministry – budget \$32,533	25,912
Apr expended in ministry – budget \$32,533	27,486
Apr income minus expenses	-1,574
YtD giving – budget \$84,644	83,508
YtD other sources of income – budget \$45,486	35,946
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$130,130	119,454
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$130,130	125,059
YtD income minus expenses	-5,775
Year 2015 budget	\$390,391

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

Your accounting team has been working behind the scenes to implement an online version of our QuickBooks accounting system. This upgrade came up unexpectedly and was necessary to continue meeting payroll. Many sincerethanks to Aimee Kay, Mark Berry, and Scott Caprio for their hard work on this transition.

Because of this change, we are getting used to a new set of reports. That's why the Financial Status table is labeled "preliminary."

Please note that the negative year-to-date income will be offset by revenue we are eligible to draw from our endowments to cover expenses we've already paid. Taking that revenue into account, we are just about breaking even.

Work around the Church

A couple of our tables used for our Wednesday Night Guests and church potlucks needed a bit of tightening up by Art.

What's in a plug? Some of them can be shocking! After a complaint about a shock received while using one of our electrical plugs, PB UMC had a registered electrician in to replace loose, damaged, or un-grounded plugs in the Social Hall and Education/Office wing. Further work will be performed soon, to allow the office spaces to have AC during the hot months, and to help keep the dental clinic's circuits from being overloaded.

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

May 3 – 160 persons
May 10 – 178 persons
May 17 – 198 persons
May 24 – 154 persons
Ave. Weekly (2015) – 1923 persons

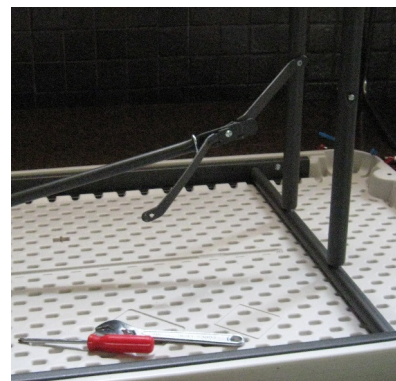
Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

April 29 – 140 persons
May 6 – 152 persons
May 13 – 163 persons
May 20 – 181 persons

Giving App for Donations

Accelerate your giving with the mobile giving app developed by the General Council of Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church. The **Joyfully2UMC** app (formerly *Easy2Give*) makes giving easy and now it's available for download on Apple® devices! The app is free and can be used to make contributions to any participating United Methodist congregation.

The GPS-enabled app, which works with credit and debit cards, lets members quickly locate and donate to their own church. It can even be used to find a nearby United Methodist church when traveling. To make contributions, members need to download the **Joyfully2UMC** app. Since PB UMC already has credit/debit card giving from Vanco Payment Solutions, we are all set to accept donations via the app!



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Rev Bob
Office Administrator: Aimee
Music Director: Ron

Sunday School Coordinator: Malea
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Dee

Calendar of Events

Worship Times:
9:00 am, Worship Celebration
10:30 am, Worship Celebration

Sunday Music Rehearsals:
8 am, Voices of Praise
(Adults & Youth)
10 am, Children

Week 1

Wed, Jun 3 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jun 4 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Jun 5 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jun 6 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 2

Sun, Jun 7 Worship, Communion Sunday
Noon, UMYF lunch outing
2:30 pm, Music Festival, pg 5
Tues, Jun 9 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Jun 10 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jun 11 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Jun 12 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jun 13 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
7 pm, Movie Night Out, pg 3



Week 3

Sun, Jun 14 Worship
3 pm, Children's Musical, pg 4
Wed, Jun 17 Annual Conference in Redlands
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jun 18 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Jun 19 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jun 20 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 4

Sun, Jun 21 Worship
Mon, Jun 22 Beach Breeze Deadline
Tues, Jun 23 7:30 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, Jun 24 Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jun 25 UMYF Day at the Beach
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
8 pm, Draughts of Faith
Fri, Jun 26 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jun 27 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
7 pm, Late Night Catechism, pg 3

Week 5

Sun, Jun 28 Worship

Save the Dates!

Outdoors church, 10 am, July 5th
Annual Church Picnic will be on August 30th.

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:
Aimee
Judi
Ed & Fran
Dick

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

June 7

1 Samuel 8:4-20, Psalm 138,
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20,
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

June 21, Father's Day

1 Samuel 17:32-49, Psalm 8:9-20,
2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

June 28

2 Samuel 1:1. 17-27, Psalm 130,
2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

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Communion: Peace with Justice

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will. Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Although we may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

When we give on Peace with Justice Sunday, our gifts make possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because we give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19) Through our giving good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor. Thanks be to God!

