



Beach Breeze

JULY 2015

PB UMC Supports Pride

This year, PB UMC will be participating in the San Diego Pride Parade on July 18. Our own Louis Perez will be coordinating the decorations for our float. As many of you know, in past years, we have had several floats in the parade and have actually won some awards! Our float designs are always interesting, informative, and a lot of fun! The parade begins at 11 am at the Hillcrest Pride Flag at University Ave & Normal St., proceeds west on University, then turns south on 6th Ave., turns left onto Balboa Dr., and ends at Laurel St.



As a first for PB UMC, we will also host a booth at the Pride Music Festival, which will run Saturday and Sunday, July 18 & 19, from 11 am to 8 pm at Marston Point in Balboa Park (6th Ave & Laurel St.). The Music Festival includes multiple stages of entertainment, more than 200 musicians, bands, comedians, and dancers, as well as marvelous shopping at dozens of vendor booths, an art exhibit, cultural presentations, and great food. It's truly a weekend of full-scale family-friendly entertainment! Sidney Yin is coordinating our booth volunteers. We will be passing out free PB UMC logo pens, refrigerator magnets, sticky notes, PB UMC logo bottles, and so forth, as well as inviting members of the public to come worship with us.

As you can guess, we would LOVE for you to be involved! We need people to help decorate the float, be in the parade as float riders and accompanying walkers, and volunteers to welcome people at our booth. To volunteer, you may either sign up on the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets in the entry area each Sunday, or you can go to <http://www.pbumc.org/announcements/2015/05/ministry-sign-ups/>. For more information about the Music Festival, go to <https://sdpride.org/festival/>. To pre-purchase tickets, click on the blue "Get Tickets" box at the top of the screen.

Annual Conference Notes

The intentional focus at annual conference was Judgement, Justice, Joy featuring our Native American brothers and sisters as we continue toward reconciling as a conference. The key speaker, Rev. Dr. Tinker, each day provided us an image and narrative of the hardships and separations created for Native Americans over the hundreds of years since settlers came and how that narrative needs to change to further healing. His presentation was thought-provoking, at times sad and funny, and valuable to hear. The song Draw the Circle Wide was sung multiple times during the many worship periods. "Draw the Circle Wide, Draw it Wider Still" - Another intentional focus to open our hearts and minds to those we may not naturally include in our lives, our prayers, our support - a prompting toward individually being "reconciling."

There was a really great presentation by James Kang (Cal-Pac Communication Director) on how local churches can use social media to be more inclusive and welcoming; "Don't DO social, BE social!" Kang also talked of the C-School where local churches can acquire tutorials and tools on the use of the internet for effective outreach and communications.

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Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

This past month, United Methodists of the California-Pacific Annual Conference gathered once again at the University of Redlands for worship, fellowship, and the business of the Annual Conference. While you will surely read more about some of these events from the *many representatives* from PB UMC, I want to highlight one small portion of the Annual Conference that I think can have great implication for discerning where God may be calling the people of PB UMC.

A good percentage of the matters addressed at this year's Annual Conference had to do with petitions to be addressed at General Conference, which will be held May 10-20, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. (Note: By way of explanation, Annual Conference is the annual gathering of representatives from every local church in Southern California, Hawaii, Guam, and Saipan. General Conference is the quadrennial – every four years – gathering of representatives from every Annual Conference in the world, and is the only body that speaks for the entirety of The United Methodist Church.) These petitions had largely to do with making changes to our Book of Discipline. Some addressed where the UMC makes investments related to pensions and other funds, while others addressed DisAbility concerns, while still others addressed the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons. Petitions passed at Annual Conference are then forwarded to the General Conference for debate and vote by that legislative body.

Another aspect that the General Conference addressed is the need for volunteers to guide and assist representatives from around the globe in navigating both the city of Portland and the Oregon Convention Center. The desire is for extravagant hospitality. For those wishing to volunteer, visit <http://www.gc2016pdx.org/>.

All of this conversation has me thinking about the extravagant hospitality here at PB UMC. I often hear stories from guests here at PB about the friendliness of the people here, and many who have been members for some time have shared that the initial hospitality of PB UMC members is what brought them in and what keeps them here. I believe that our strong sense of welcome and hospitality is a major strength of this congregation.

And I don't think this means we should be satisfied. I don't think that our success here means we can shift our focus entirely away from ideas of welcoming. To be honest, I



think we should put more focus on our strengths just as we have done recently with our inclusivity ministries.

Our Readiness 360+ team has been in conversation about our strong welcoming ministries, and has made a number of suggestions that will be going to our various committees for evaluation. These include the possibility of a Welcome Center – a place where guests can get information on the many programs available here and ask questions of a knowledgeable PB UMC member. Other suggestions are related to signage around the church and how we can be more welcoming by showing more clearly where to find our nursery, our sanctuary, and our restrooms. Still other suggestions are related to additional persons to guide guests in our parking lot or to welcome guests from the Ingraham entrance.

All of this is in the hopes of welcoming new persons into the life of PB UMC, not because we want increased statistical numbers or to make people in our community more like us, but because we too can be transformed for the better. As we grow as a community of faith, as we connect more fully with one another, we become more fully the Body of Christ and the Image of God.

In order to realize this vision, we must continually be asking how we can more fully join in the ministries of this prophetic congregation. We must be asking what more we can do to support the ministries of PB UMC rather than wondering what is being done for us. We must choose to move forward in vision and in faith into all that God calls us to do.

I believe that one way for us to do this is to continue to grow our welcoming and inclusivity ministries. Everything that we can do to show the extravagant hospitality of PB UMC is a small step toward transforming our community and ourselves. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to join more fully in these ministries in the weeks and months to come, and may we all continue to follow God's inspiring call.

Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another

Our PB UMC Family

New Members: We welcome the Gillespie family, as well as Seple, who joined us on June 7. We also welcome Sandi, who joined us on June 21st.

Baptized: Seple (June 7), and Lilly (June 21).

Born: Alisa (Allie, pictured) on June 19 at 8:56 am. 7lbs, 11 oz, 20".



And from Pastor April: Dear PB UMC Family of Faith: Warmest greetings to all of you. My year of renewal and family time has been wonderful. I am slated to begin my new ministry assignment on July 1. I will be joining the pastoral team at the Rolling Hills UMC on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Los Angeles County. I am looking forward to sharing in the good work of the gospel with the congregation there, as well as with my respected colleague, The Rev. Jonathan Chute. Jonathan and his wife Dr. Thyra Endicott have been supportive friends to me over the years and are already helping me to feel at home in my new environment. I think of you often with love and gratitude. May we each dwell ever more fully in the peace of Christ.

Save the Date for the Picnic!

PB UMCs annual church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 30, from noon to 3pm. We have our usual location of Paradise Point reserved. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Transportation of tables and chairs from the church
- On-site greeters/check-in
- Kids' activities
- Providing desserts
- Transportation of tables and chairs back to church

If you are interested in helping with any of these necessary tasks, please contact Craig. And start stocking up on sun screen!

Quilted Memories

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.

During the month of July, look for our table outside between services. We will have a form for you to provide the name of your loved one. We are only taking names, not sentiments. We have space for up to 2 lines, 16 spaces each. We are asking for a donation of \$5 per 2 lines.

If you have any questions, please see one of the quilters, Florence, Sally, Clay, and Barbara.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith Children's Choir

Youth Activities for July

Please RSVP for these activities at least 2 days in advance in order for Dee to organize transportation and food details.

July 2

- District Youth Day at the Beach 9:30 am – 9 pm. Please RSVP by June 30. We will have a BBQ for one meal, but please plan to bring a lunch or money for lunch.

July 5

- Outdoor Church (Dee is speaking) followed by a potluck and BBQ.
- Elementary Camp starts.

July 9

- District Day at the Beach 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

July 12

- Jr. High Camp starts

July 16

- Day at the Beach - Dee will be at Jr. High Camp, so youth need to check in with other leaders at the beach.

July 18

- Pride Parade (PB UMC will have a float, see article on pg. 1 to participate)

July 19

- Sr. High Camp starts
- PB UMC will have booth at Pride Festival

July 21

- Join Dee for a picnic, walk at the Japanese Friendship Garden, and walk through the Mengei museum.

July 23

- District Day at the Beach 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

July 26

- Noon, lunch and games after church

July 28

- District Youth will go to Aquatica (more details soon)

July 30

- District Day at the Beach 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

July 31

- SSP work team begins their mission.

Your PB UMC songsters had a great time presenting "Just Like you and Me." The next time you see Jack, Elektra, Alex, Ivy, Spencer, Wendy, Cameron, Emma, Tabby, or Zachary, be sure to tell them how wonderful a gift they give to us. For those who missed it, or want to enjoy it again, WALKERVISION has excellent DVDs available for \$10. A big thanks to Ron for accompanying, Brenda for Power Point, Joe for sound, Dart for props, Heide and Catherine for stage managing and all around help, Jesse for rehearsal accompanying, and all who are supportive of our children!

We will break for the summer, but in the meantime... Let's keep our children learning and singing about God!

Annual Conference continued from Pg. 1

Annual Conference was an educational and spiritual adventure that allowed us to gain knowledge of how the UMC operates in both Plenary and Legislative sessions. It was an honor to be part of these key processes, to be able to vote and to have our voice included as part of change.

Cal-PAC Conference voted on and passed becoming a Reconciling Conference. While there is review required the fact remains that Cal-PAC has made the statement that we are reconciling. The spirit of that vote cannot be taken away regardless of the judicial council rulings. Ndinda volunteered at the Reconciling Ministries Network booth along with Bruce Baraw, and both of them met and connected with a lot of members from other churches that share the same passion for inclusion as PB UMC does.

Connecting with Lay Leaders and Clergy throughout the conference, learning the ropes of the business at hand, gaining a wider view of the needs of our world and being spiritually fed all stand out as high points of the four days. We are truly humbled by the leadership of Bishop Carcaño. Her grace as a Christian, her skill as a leader and her compassion as a person shines through. We are encouraged by where she is leading our conference.

To read the full reports, contact the church office.

Submitted by Scott, Rick, and Ndinda

Bible Study Group "Micah Calls for Justice Among Unjust People"

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

- July 5, No Rest for the Wicked, Micah 2:4-11
- July 12, No Tolerance for Corrupt Leaders and Prophets, Micah 3:5-12
- July 19, Justice, Love, and Humility, Micah 6:3-8
- July 26, god Shows Clemency, Micah 7:14-20

We Reach Out to Others



CCSA Back-to-School Program

The Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA), with your help, assists low-income children with backpacks and school supplies. Our goal is to distribute 200 backpacks to children in grades K-9. Backpacks need to be in our offices (4167 Rappahannock Avenue in Clairemont) by August 1st for distribution starting in August. Each backpack should contain the following (quantity 1 unless otherwise listed).

- **K-2 Backpack:** 2 spiral notebooks, pencil sharpener, pencils (10/pack), erasers (bag of 6), scissors, box of crayons, box of magic markers, 2 glue sticks, glue bottle, pencil box.
- **3-9th Grade Backpack:** binder, 2 spiral notebooks, 2 packages of notebook paper, pencil holder, pens (10/pack), pencils (10/pack), box of colored pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, highlighter marker, ruler, glue bottle, 2 glue sticks, scissors.

For more information, contact CCSA at 858-274-2271.

Face to Face

Face to Face is a program of the Upper Room. It is a ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation and renewal of Seniors seeking to know and experience God more fully. The primary theme of the program is "Living in Grace." It presents basic Christian theology and Biblical content geared to the spiritual needs of Seniors. Participants sit at tables and listen to talks given by lay and clergy, with reflection and discussion following each talk.

Face to Face will meet on August 7, 8, 14, and 15 from 8:30 am through 3:30 pm each day. The meetings will be at the First United Methodist Church (2111 Camino del Rio South) in Mission Valley, in the Linder Lounge. Participants, called Pilgrims, are expected to attend all four days. Cost is \$50, which includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, contact Cindy Chappell (cchappell@yahoo.com), or Mary Beth Klauer (msklauer@aol.com, 858-271-4939). You may also watch a video at <http://facetoface.upperroom.org/>.

Helper Bag Work & Work Party

We will be assembling Helper Bags with essentials that so many of you have generously donated on Saturday, July 25, at 3 pm in the Social Hall. If you would still like to contribute items or cash to purchase necessary items, please contact Su-Yen to fill in the gaps. We still need new white athletic socks, granola bars, 12 oz bottles of water, chapstick, new toothbrushes, and pint-sized zip lock bags. We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online sign up and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for PB UMC Helper Bag Work & Walk Party! Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/K1Jd7x>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot).
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Su-Yen and she can sign you up manually.

Membership Orientation Lunch

Are you curious about the ministries here at PB UMC? Would you like to meet some new and old members? Do you have questions about the church? Are you considering becoming a member of PB UMC? Are you already a member and want to refresh? Does the idea of a free lunch sound appealing?

You are invited to attend a Membership Orientation Lunch on Sunday, July 26, starting at 11:45 here at the church. Please come meet with Pastor Bob and other members of the church for a light lunch, conversation, and a bit of information. Bring your questions and appetite! Yes, it really is a free lunch; we just ask that you RSVP to the church office (ChurchInfo@pbumc.org) so that we can make sure to bring enough food. We look forward to breaking bread with you!

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of May 31, 2015

May giving – budget \$21,161	\$23,587
May other sources of income – budget \$11,372	7,342
May total available for ministry – budget \$32,533	30,929
May expended in ministry – budget \$32,533	29,212
May income minus expenses	1,717
YtD giving – budget \$105,805	107,095
YtD other sources of income – budget \$56,858	45,287
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$162,663	150,383
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$162,663	154,271
YtD income minus expenses	-3,889
Year 2015 budget	\$390,391

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

Please note that the negative year-to-date income you see in the Financial Status table will be offset by about \$11,000 in revenue. We are eligible to draw this money from our endowments to cover expenses we've already paid. This revenue has not yet been recognized on the profit and loss statement. Taking that revenue into account, we have a positive YTD net income of over \$7,000.

Neat New Stuff at PB UMC

PB UMC received a designated gift for our Hand Bell choir and with those funds, you may expect to see a new range of Hand Bells as well as risers for the players!

New electrical circuits were run into the office areas and the medical/dental offices. These new circuits will allow the office to have air conditioning during hot days (and help out our computers), and will reduce the electrical load in our medical/dental offices. Thank you East County Electric for your hard work!



Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

May 31 – 147 persons
 June 7 – 182 persons
 June 14 – 180 persons
 June 21 – 179 persons
 June 28 – 177 persons
 Ave. Weekly (2015) – 189 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

May 27 – 123 persons
 June 3 – 116 persons
 June 10 – 103 persons
 June 17 – 116 persons
 June 24 – 120 persons

Rule of Five: Photo Directory

Your Readiness 360+ team heard about a useful rule of thumb to make sure new ministries and activities are successful. This rule is also intended to reduce the likelihood of burnout. It's called the Rule of Five. If you want to get an idea off to a good start, make sure you have five people on board to participate. If you have a great idea and you don't have five people, it's better to concentrate on recruiting other participants/volunteers instead of trying to get it off the ground with fewer people. It's a bit like making sure you have enough capital to start a successful business.

We've thought about the ministries we have going at PB UMC. Fortunately, most of them have at least five participants. Though we haven't formally followed the Rule of Five, it's been working well for us for years. For example, our Sunday school coordinator Malea reports that we are fully staffed now for Sunday school. She's had to put on hold some offers to volunteer. On the other hand, we are waiting to see if a new photo directory will get off the ground. Please contact the church office if you want to be involved.

Intern Update

At Annual Conference, Pastor Bob was able to speak with a prospective intern who had expressed interest in fulfilling the internship requirement from Claremont School of Theology here at PB UMC. Circumstances have shifted, and this arrangement is no longer an option. We will look forward to future opportunities to teach persons exploring ministry!

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, Jul 1 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jul 2 9 am, District Youth at the Beach
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Jul 3 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jul 4 Independence Day!
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Week 2

Sun, Jul 5 10 am only, Outdoors Worship
Elementary School Camps begins
11:30, Church BBQ and potluck
Wed, Jul 8 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jul 9 9 am, District Youth at the Beach
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7: pm, Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Jul 10 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
Sat, Jul 11

Week 3

Sun, Jul 12 Worship, Jr. High Camp begins
Tues, Jul 14 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Jul 15 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jul 16 9 am, District Youth at the Beach
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Jul 17 Pride Parade and Booth (pg 1)
Sat, Jul 18 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 4

Sun, Jul 19 Worship, Sr. High Camp begins
Mon, Jul 20 Beach Breeze Deadline
Tues, Jul 21 Youth picnic and park walk (pg. 4)
Wed, Jul 22 Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jul 23 9 am, District Youth at the Beach
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
8 pm, Draughts of Faith
Fri, Jul 24 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jul 25 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
3 pm, Helper Bag assembly (pg 5)

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

Week 5

Sun, Jul 26 Worship
Noon, Membership Orientation lunch (pg 5)
Noon, youth lunch and game day
Tues, Jul 28 District Youth at Aquatica (pg.4)
7:30 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, Jul 29 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jul 30 9 am, District Youth at the Beach
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Jul 31 SSP work team leaves
7:30 pm, Narc Anon

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48,
2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

July 12

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24,
Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14, Psalm 89:20-37,
Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14,
Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

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July Communion in Honor of Reconciling Ministries

The Reconciling Ministries Network is a constellation of churches, campus ministries, and individuals working to mobilize United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love. Pacific Beach United Methodist Church has been a reconciling congregation for over twenty years, and we are pleased to find out that the Foothills United Methodist Church is in the process of becoming a reconciling congregation this year!

Being the Spouse of a Trans Clergyman by Deborah Weekley

Debrah Weekley is the spouse of The Reverend David Weekley, one of only two openly transgender clergy serving the United Methodists Church. She shared her story as a part of Transgender Awareness week, about her life and relationship with her husband. This article was edited for space considerations.

In many ways, marriage to a transsexual man is just like being married to any partner. Some days it's awesome and some days it's a little not so awesome. Life has its ups and downs. Any relationship that is a long term, a through thick and thin kind of relationship, needs to be worked on continually to stay healthy and grow. I am fortunate. The foundation of my relationship with David is based on love and respect. I celebrate him as a person. We have much in common, including a love of God, a sense of calling and deeply held values. We share a love of music, art, nature, gardening, walking, good food, stargazing, and ocean watching. The fact that he transitioned female to male 38+ years ago is almost irrelevant. Most days we do not think about it. Among transgendered partnered couples we are fortunate because David passes so well. We can blend. We are not among those transgender couples that stand out and are often harassed simply for being who they are and loving who they love. Some people risk even their very lives being out in public together and showing any affection for one another. I grieve for this population of people. We do not forget, this is one of the reasons we choose to be out, to advocate for and stand with our marginalized population.

So, what is it like being married to a transgender clergyman? It is like being married to a **cause!** At one General Conference of the United Methodist Church, I heard many delegates describe and vote that our love is akin to bestiality, calling for us to be stoned to death, and lumped us together with our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters as those "Incompatible with Christian teaching and therefore unfit to serve," i.e., even exist! As long as oppression and prejudice remain, we remain dedicated to the work of advocacy and will continue being public. Yes, it is a cause, letting people know we exist, that we love each other, and we are just like any other couple with hopes, dreams, and aspirations. Living into a new day we will continue to love one another, to speak out, and to live in hope!