



Beach Breeze

SEPTEMBER 2015

Prideful Wrap-up - Sidney Yin, Pride Festival Booth Coordinator

This year is the first year that PB UMC participated at the Pride Festival and hosted a welcoming-booth. Despite the downpour of rain (which also resulted in beautiful rainbows for the weekend), our enthusiastic team of volunteers included Pastor Bob, his wife and children Zach, and Cameron, Bruce, Adam, Al, Mark, Marcia, Malea, Rick, Scott, Hope, and Steve.

Through the efforts of our amazing volunteers, many people witnessed the welcoming and loving nature of PB UMC. Pastor Bob spoke about both the Festival Booth and the Parade Float during his sermon on Pride weekend. As people saw the float going by, they yelled, "Thank you so much for being here!" as they recognized that a church was participating in the Pride Parade.

Similarly, I have both personally witnessed and heard from booth attendants that many festival goers came up to our booth and asked questions about faith, our history, even theology. One particular person came up to our booth and commented, "Wow! There are churches that are open to us, and do not judge who we are?" To which I replied, "Of course!"

Let's continue to show that God's love is for everybody, and strive to be living testaments of this truth anywhere we go in this world. We look forward to Pride 2016!

Sierra Service Project Update - Dee Baraw

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our PB UMC Youth Ministries Program. We ended up having a team of 10 head to Stockton, CA for SSP (Sierra Service Project). There were only 7 others there for our work week, which was a different experience than we have had previous years. We liked the smaller group and we all got to know everyone, not just those on our work teams.

Our projects included building an awning, painting, building a gate, removing old rubber from stairs, prepping and painting the stairs and hallway, and putting a playground in at a homeless shelter. The playground was the most complicated as SSP had never done a project like that before this summer. All of the work teams gathered together on Wednesday for a walking tour of downtown Stockton followed by doing some clean-up of an area where people throw trash into a creek. We filled the back of a pickup with the bags of trash we hauled out.

As well as work projects, our days also included times to discuss spiritual matters. Each morning starts with an introduction to the day's theme and a scripture. There are questions to continue the discussion, as well as special programs at lunch and during the evenings. This year, a couple of our youth especially enjoyed the event on Thursday evening when we went to this path between a neighborhood and a farm. It had a great view of the sunset. A few of the SSP staff (young adults) share part of their faith journeys and share some advice they want the youth to take home with them.

I am grateful that I get to share this experience with our youth and watch how they change and grow by helping others. The road trip also helps our group grow closer to one another.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

I lamented in last month's newsletter/blog post that summer had been progressing much too quickly. And now August has passed us by; the annual Fun-in-the-Sun-Picnic has (hopefully) become a fond memory, and September is upon us.

Children are returning to school. Our local colleges have begun or are beginning. The tourist activities are largely calming down, and in some limited cases traffic is even returning to normal.

On one hand, I myself am experiencing a bit of grief as my oldest son begins Middle School. I confess that part of my grief is because his parents are *clearly not old enough* for him to be in Middle School!!! ...though it is wonderful to watch him continue to grow and learn.

But to be honest, it's not a time of true grieving. As I look back on these past few months and toward the next few, I look with joy and pride at his progression into a new phase in his own life. As summer comes to a close, I choose to focus on new possibilities and adventures.

And surely this has been an eventful summer in the life of PB UMC! Anniversaries and birthdays have been celebrated; vacations have been taken; children have been born; parade floats have been built and displayed; a new group has been formed to fellowship with our Wednesday night guests; and in a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, marriage equality has become the law of the land. Signs of newness are all around!

Much of what is new will be shared and celebrated, and this is right and appropriate. One way in which we as a congregation may celebrate the Supreme Court ruling comes as Pacific Beach UMC joins the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) and Methodists for Social Action (MESA) and other congregations with a celebration on October 10th.

As a part of a multi-site celebration, we will join Pasadena First UMC and San Luis Obispo UMC in a joint event that will include worship and commitment or re-commitment ceremonies. Video will be taken from all three sites and compiled to illustrate our annual conference support for LGBTQ inclusion in our church. For more information, find a link on PB UMC's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pbumc and don't forget to invite friends and family to join.

Persons who wish to participate in the Ceremony are welcome, including:

- Same gender couples are invited to have their marriage blessed in the Vows Renewal Ceremony in the sanctuary;
- All Reconciling United Methodist clergy are invited to participate in leading the Vows Renewal Ceremony;
- All beloved children of God are invited to stand with couples and clergy together as we raise our voice saying "Love stands for all" in the United Methodist Church.

The day's celebration will also include an "Altar for All" in the sanctuary. Ways to participate include:

- Same Gender Couples are invited to bring a symbol of their love and covenantal relationship;
- Friends & Families are invited to bring items to honor their LGBTQ loved ones, past and present;
- Churches that welcome same gender weddings are invited to bring a candle in their favorite rainbow color!

I believe that God continues to make things new. Let us celebrate the newness all around us, and continue to open our eyes and hearts to discover God's ongoing work. Look for new ministries, new people, and new ways to serve here at PB UMC. Look for new small groups, new leaders, and new opportunities to engage with our community.

As passionate members of the body of Christ, we continue to live into God's perfect and powerful vision of love, justice, peace, joy, and hope. As we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit, we continue to transform lives and the world.

Grace and peace to you all...



Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another



This Month's Birthdays

- 1 – Susie Virgilio
- 3 – David Gonzalez
- 3 – Sebastian King
- 5 – Amy Samuel
- 6 – Ken Brown
- 8 – Cassandra Prescott
- 9 - Julie Gasper
- 9 – Craig Orange
- 10 - Mark Bernstein
- 11 – Joe Moore
- 11 – Deborah Scott
- 13 – Sylvia Wright Wiedmann
- 15 – Jack Johnstone
- 15 – Maya McLeod
- 16 – Cathleen Flowers
- 16 – Su-Yen Kuhn
- 16 – Dick Ver Steeg
- 18 – Craig Roberts
- 20 - Frank Glaser
- 20 – Clay Underwood
- 22 – Rachel Merrill
- 24 – Aiden Keltner

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New Beginnings

We welcome Annelise Noelle Hsieh, who was born on July 12th. With dad Paul, mom Lani, and big brother Luke, baby Annelise makes a happy family of four!



GriefShare

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

Griefshare Fall 2015 will meet weekly beginning on Sunday, September 13. Meetings will be from 12:30pm to 2pm in Room 105 in the Social Hall. Please contact Kym Cree at kym_cree@yahoo.com or 858-790-9849 if you have questions or would like to sign up to participate.

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group will take a break during September and will re-convene in October. If you have a suggest for a great location to enjoy tea, coffee, and baked goods (with easy parking), please contact Su-Yen at SuYenK@pbumc.org.

Helper Bags are Making a Difference

Thank you to all who donated time, prayers, love and resources to the successful completion of our first Helper Bag Project. Over 20 volunteers (from the very young to the very wise) packed over 200 bags full of socks, toiletries, chap stick, water and non-perishable foods such as macaroni, single-serve entrees, peanut butter, and more! This project was 100% funded by donations & volunteers. None of the church funds were used -- thank you! A special big THANKS to Pastor Bob who designed and printed the lovely Food Program Postcard which highlights the dates & times of the meal options for the homeless around Pacific Beach. One was placed in each Helper Bag, and more can found at the back of the church. Also, a special big thanks goes to Beth Rhodes, Rick Cook and Scott Caprio for coordination, label making and a last minute blitz of shopping to prepare us for the Work Party on July 25.

How can you still help?

- Pick up a couple of bags (and/or postcards) in the narthex and distribute!
- Continue to collect items (especially on sale!): gallon & quart size ziploc bags (those with a zipper worked best), white athletic socks for men & women, chap stick, travel size tissue packs
- Volunteer to be on the leadership team by contacting Su-Yen at SuyenK@pbumc.org.

Here's one story from a volunteer:

"There was a young man pushing his cart looking through a dumpster. I grabbed a bag from my car, and gave it to him from PB UMC, and when he thanked me, I said it was our pleasure and God Bless, and he said, "Already have been blessed – by you and this gift"

We Grow in Grace & Faith

Youth Activities for September

Reminder: Best Group is 1st - 6th grade and UMYF is Middle School and High School.

Sunday, September 6

- Best Group and UMYF end of summer pool party celebration. Bring your swimming supplies to church. Please RSVP with Dee for location and more details.

Saturday, September 12

- Christian music day at Magic Mountain.

Sunday, September 13

- Please plan on joining us for Sunday School that day. We will not have UMYF as Dee heads up to Cedar Glen for Strength for the Journey Camp.

Sunday, September 20

- 5:30 – 7pm, UMYF meeting at the church

Sunday, September 27

- 5:30 – 7 pm, UMYF meeting at the church

--Dee Baraw

Sunday School News

The children at our church are so privileged to have the dedicated Sunday School teachers that they have! I want to especially highlight those that have put in quality time with the children and are now moving on. Amy Samuel started as a student in our Sunday School classes with her father Wayne as one of the teachers (and he is still teaching!). For quite a few years now she has been a teacher, and been very dedicated and wonderful with the kids. Tom Maddox and Randy Clark have also been teaching Sunday School for quite a while and were definite favorites among the children. They always would try to find a way to make the lesson come to life! Dart Rhodes may not have been teaching as long, but came in with much enthusiasm and a love for the children (which she will continue as part of our nursery staff!). We thank these four people for their service and wish them the best in their new adventures!

Now, who is going to take their places??? Let me know if YOU are interested.

--Malea Sandstrom

Children's Choir

A wonderful hymn with lyrics written by William Cowper, sadly was omitted from our most recent edition of the Hymnal. I paraphrase a bit to be inclusive:

"Sometimes a light surprises [Christians as they sing].
It is the Lord who rises, with healing in His wings"

And in a later verse:

"Yet God the same abiding [as praises] tune my voice,
For while in God confiding, I cannot but rejoice!"

Pastor Bob on Sunday, August 16th spoke of the mystery and magic of communion. Agreeing with that, I offer a quote by Victor Hugo:

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words
and that which cannot remain silent."

Our children need and deserve to experience the light that rises while singing, the mystery and magic of music, and learn they do not need to remain silent. In Children's Choir, we hope our PB UMC kids let music bring all these qualities into their lives.

We begin rehearsals again on Sunday, September 13th. All children elementary age (younger is fine if able to focus for 20 minutes) are very welcome. Parents too, as we prepare for our fall season.

Let's keep our children learning and singing about God!

--Vicki Trimble



Bible Study Group "Seeds of New Growth"

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

- September 6, Praying for One Another, Acts 4:23-31
- September 13, Sharing All Things, Acts 4:34-5:10
- September 20, Witnessing to the Truth, Acts 5:27-29, 33-42
- September 27, Remembering God's Faithfulness, Acts 7:2-4, 8-10, 17, 33-34, 45-47, 53

We Reach Out to Others

Communion in Support of Christian Education

What images come to mind when you hear the words Christian education? Are your first thoughts of children in classrooms studying the Bible? For many of us the Sunday school is the primary place that we think of when we consider what it means to provide Christian education. But exactly what is it that happens in a Sunday school class that enables Christian education and formation to take place?

Christian education happens when people learn the Bible, accept God's grace, grow in Christian faith, become part of a Christian community, and answer God's call to Christian living. As you read through this issue of the Beach Breeze, you will see several examples of Christian education in action, by our members.

Christian education does not happen quickly. Christian education is a lifelong process of learning, believing, growing, and serving. Christian education is a never-ending process that is enabled in Christian community, as Christians continue to study, worship, fellowship, and serve together. The lessons of Christian education make it possible for us to practice love and to live as children of God. How well we—children, youth, or adults—learn those lessons day by day will determine what kind of church we are Sunday by Sunday. Christian education is a sacred responsibility. To give Christian education less than our best would be unfaithful to the life God has called us to live and to the world God has called us to serve. If there is ever a generation somewhere, sometime, that does not know the power of God's love, it will be because some generation did not continue to teach and learn.

Two Perspectives, One Experience

Amberlyn: Hi, I'm Amberlyn Rhoades. I am 14 years old. This summer I had the chance to go to Youth 2015 in Orlando, Florida. The central message of Youth 2015 dealt with growing up in Christ.

At Youth 2015 we embarked on a spiritual journey through workshops and attending worship. On this adventure of self-discovery we met many other Methodists from different states and saw where they stand on many topics which led me to explore the many different things that make up the United Methodist church. The main theme was to Go On and Take Action. It was inspiring to hear from teenagers that they are doing great things in service to others. I am still soul searching and seeking God's guidance to find my calling. The conference was very youth oriented, the messages, music and workshops were all geared to teenagers, so I not only enjoyed it, but I understood more and got a lot out of it. There were so many great workshops and we could choose what interested us and where we wanted to focus our attention to gain new insights and growth.

In addition to the conference, I enjoyed the Harry Potter experience at Universal Studios, Disney's Epcot Center and the beach along the Atlantic Ocean – the water was much warmer, and saltier, there than it is here. It was fun to experience my first plane ride with my friends and get to know them better. Staying with friends for 24 hours a day for 10 days we had the chance to see how we are outside of church. And we are still friends! I really appreciate that Dee took us and had the patience to put up with us for 10 days!

Dart: My name is Dart Rhoades. I am the proud Mom to three Cherubs (that is more of an affirmation, than a reality) and we've attended PB UMC for the past 12 years or so. This summer my middle Cherub, Amberlyn, had the opportunity to go to Florida to attend Youth 2015, a conference for United Methodist youth, held every four years. This was a series of firsts for us. First time Amberlyn was away from home for 10 days, first time she flew on a plane (that she remembers), first time for her to attend a conference, first time traveling across country with this group of awesome friends. Also the first time for her Mom to let her fly so far from home and trust that she'd fly back safely. My Cherub is stretching her wings. Only because she would be in the kind care of our awesome Youth Minister, Dee Baraw, was this even a possibility – in a word, Dee "ROCKS".

The church family was generous to help with the fundraising efforts, generous with prayers and well wishes, too. PB UMC has a long history of supporting the youth activities, but this year the church community really rose to the occasion to send four of our Youth to the conference – clear across the United States! I'm sure the girls will remember this trip as one of great growth and insight. I appreciate that PB UMC ministers to children, all of our children from toddlers in the nursery to school age kids in Sunday school, the Best Group, and the teens' group...everyone has a place to belong. It's one of the things that make our church special. One of the things that make it home.

In four years Amberlyn will be getting ready to go off to college, she may have a job, she's not likely to go to Youth 2019 – however, her younger brother, Devin, will be ready! I look forward to the support of our church family to make the conference a reality for the next group. I thank you in advance for your generous donations!

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of July 31 2015

July giving – budget \$21,161	\$21,720
July other sources of income – budget \$11,372	\$6,664
July total available for ministry – budget \$32,533	\$28,384
July expended in ministry – budget \$32,533	\$32,140
July income minus expenses	(\$3,756)
YtD giving – budget \$148,128	\$147,550
YtD other sources of income – budget \$79,600	\$61,873
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$227,728	\$209,423
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$227,728	\$221,686
YtD income minus expenses	(\$12,263)
Year 2015 budget	\$390,391

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

July 26 – 175 persons
 August 2 – 175 persons
 August 9 – 174 persons
 August 16 – 163 persons
 August 23 – 170 persons
 Ave. Weekly (2015) – 181 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

July 29 – 112 persons
 August 5 – 150 persons
 August 12 – 120 persons
 August 19 – 124 persons
 August 26 – 130 persons



Helper
bag
assembly



Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

The negative year-to-date income you see in the table above is offset by a check for \$15,408.89 from the Sabatka legacy of love. The check was deposited on August 10, and will be recognized on the August profit and loss statement. Of this money, though, \$6,587 is reserved for capital expenses we haven't yet spent. So, the most useful picture is that we are looking at a YTD net loss of **-\$3,441**.

Excluding designated income and related expenses, our income and expenses are close to the budget.



Sierra Service Project 2015



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes
 Office Administrator: Aimee Kay
 Music Director: Ron Jessee

Sunday School Coordinator: Malea Sandstrom
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Dee Baraw

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, Sep 2 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Sep 3 7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Sep 4 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sep 5 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 2

Sun, Sep 6 Worship, Communion Sunday
Swim party for all youth (pg 4)
Tues, Sep 8 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Sep 9 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Sep 10 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7: pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Sep 11 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sep 12 Christian Music at Magic Mountain (pg 4)
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Week 3

Sun, Sep 13 Worship, Children's Choir resumes
12:30 pm, GriefShare study
Mon, Sep 14 Church office is closed all week long
Wed, Sep 16 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Sep 17 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Sep 18 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sep 19 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Week 4

Sun, Sep 20 Worship
12:30 pm, GriefShare study
5:30, UMYF meeting
Mon, Sep 21 Beach Breeze Deadline
Tues, Sep 22 7 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, Sep 23 Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Sep 24 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
8 pm, Draughts of Faith
Fri, Sep 25 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sep 26 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:
Aimee Kay
Judi Patterson
Ed & Fran Rodenburg
Dick Ver Steeg

Week 5

Sun, Sep 27 Worship
12:30 pm, GriefShare study
5:30, UMYF meeting
Wed, Sep 30 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

September 6

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125,
James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

September 13

Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19,
James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

September 20

Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1,
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8, Mark 9:30-37

September 27

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124,
James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

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Spiritual Adventures – Jesus Jimenez

This summer and this year I've been a part of some spiritual adventures and joyful opportunities. I've taken on several roles at the PB UMC family congregation and have loved each one, because of those around it. With that in mind, I do wish to thank all the individuals who take it upon themselves to also be at many places in the time that we have with each other. Because of your time and efforts, we have been capable of showing our worlds, how it's possible to love and live with each other in the eyes of who guides us.

With my first role at PB UMC as a Sunday School teacher, I've been able to experience the growth of our children on a monthly basis as they have always surprised and delighted me on their knowledge and tales of their own spiritual life. Making it worth every Sunday they spend time with my Co-Sunday School teacher (Dart) and me. My current and main role has been the Sunday School Teacher Special Education Aide. Because of that title, it gave me the opportunity to be part of CalPac Jr. High summer



camp as a Co-counselor with a PB UMC member who has grown up in the congregation. He was able to guide me through the whole week, since he has been a camper in the past, even though I was his Specific Needs Support. Thank you so much Ben for allowing me to blind fold you, take control of your mobile extension down that hill on our Morning Watch at Camp Cedar Glenn. The energy from your surprised emotion gave all the campers and myself that needed jolt of our last day on the mountain.

For a while now, those who attend the nine o'clock service, have noticed I usually feel child-like while I enjoy the stories of our Pastors; present Pastor Bob, past Pastor April, and the Pastors who have visited us and have given their message of the lord to us. And now, due to a child who has been at PB UMC way before I was a part of it, aka Mr. T, who is my pilot when I'm around him, I have been granted the opportunity of working with all of the children. I am a part of watching them grow by supporting each other through their own spiritual growth, despite their differences culturally, emotionally, physically or economically. They all show true love and honor for each other with heartwarming respect, affection and exuberance of their peers with great serenity as they all look beyond their differences between them with God's light shining through them.