



OCTOBER 2015

Beach Breeze

Reconciling Ministry Events

PB UMC hosts two events in October, in partnership with Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). RMN's mission is mobilizing United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

Love for All on October 10th is a celebration of **all** marriages in the United Methodist Church. Pacific Beach UMC is conducting a marriage vow renewal ceremony simultaneously with churches in Pasadena, San Luis Obispo and Palm Springs. Invite family, friends and community! At 11 am we will build an Altar of Love for All Creation, and at 12 pm we will hold a Marriage Vows Renewal Ceremony. Food will be available for purchase after the ceremony.

Ways to participate:

- Same gender and traditional couples are invited to have their marriage blessed in the vows renewal ceremony in the sanctuary. Please contact Pastor Bob if you'd like to renew your vows.
- All Reconciling United Methodist clergy are invited to participate in leading the vows renewal ceremony. Clergy in our District have been contacted by email.
- 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.
- Couples are invited to bring a symbol of their love and covenantal relationship.
- Friends & families are invited to bring items to honor their GLBTQ loved ones, past and present.
- Churches that welcome same gender weddings are invited to bring a candle in their favorite rainbow color.

Items to bring: *candles, small keepsakes, photographs, flowers, small objects of importance to you or loved ones.*

Building an Inclusive Community Workshop on October 17th

Do you want to help increase the number of Reconciling churches, communities and campus ministries? Join us for a training designed to help participants coach ministries through the Reconciling process. The training will include skills building around topics common in the Reconciling process including: complex identities, framing, steps of the Reconciling process, graceful engagement, and conflict management. You don't have to volunteer as a reconciling process coach to attend. All churches in South District are invited to participate. The workshop will be from 9 am to 4 pm (lunch/snacks will be provided) in PB UMC's Hughes Hall

The workshop will cover the following topics: LGBTQ 101 (sexual orientation and gender identity), Steps in Building an Inclusive Church/Community, Being an Ally, Graceful Engagement (engaging conflict well), the Ministry of a Reconciling Process Coach, and Next Steps Planning. We will also screen "In God's House" – a film featuring stories of LGBTQ persons, their parents, and allies. Our afternoon session will be centered on developing a basic action plan to reach out to congregations and groups who are open to exploring the Reconciling process. Our workshop facilitator is the Rev. Dr. Israel Alvaran, RMN Western Regional Organizer. He is a gay UMC clergy from the Philippines Conference and now lives in San Francisco CA. Bruce Baraw is one of three South District representatives to the RMN organizing team for the Cal-Pac Annual Conference. Speak to Bruce for more information about RMN. The workshop is free of charge; donations are appreciated. Register online at www.pbumc.org or <http://tinyurl.com/sandiegoBLC>.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

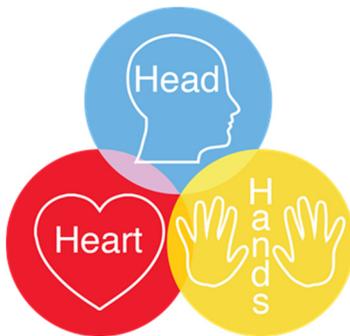
Dear Friends:

I confess that today is a difficult day. While this will be read in October, I write in late September on the 30th anniversary of my mother's death. And so it's a difficult day.

And I am reminded of all those who have lost loved ones with an understanding that the time of grief does not lessen the hurt. Yes, it gives us tools we can use to manage our aching, but – for me – to claim that the wounds somehow go away feels insulting both to those who grieve and those who are grieved.

One of the many ways I believe that my mom influenced me is in the formation of my faith. So many of us have been guided in our faith by those who have modeled and lived in profound and prophetic ways. So many of us have been guided in our faith by those who have taught and led and given and nurtured and sacrificed.

And so as we enter into October – our traditional *stewardship* month – we do well to consider the lessons of those who have taught us so much about our faith, especially how those lessons remind us about our call to participate and support the ministries of our church home.



I remember in the church where I grew up the year that the stewardship program was not simply focused on financial gifts, but that stewardship includes our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. And that one without the others is incomplete.

I remember a conversation with a Head Usher in a church that stewardship is a prayerful process, a conversation with God where we are challenged and stretched and invited even more deeply into covenant relationship.

And I remember others who taught me some ways that I didn't want to participate in the life of the church, including some who wished for favorable treatment because they gave money or had status.

I suggest that we all have stories like this of persons who have shaped our faith and our vision of how we participate in our churches and our communities. During this October season of stewardship, I would like for us to explore some of these stories, including some from less familiar sources stretching from the twentieth to the first centuries. These faithful saints did not limit themselves to the obligatory "gifts and service," dedicating some portion of their income to the offering plate. They joyfully and faithfully dedicated their entire lives to Christ Jesus and the ministries of the church in devotion and gratitude.

We will embark on a stewardship series entitled "Stewardship with the Saints" where we will explore:

- October 4, 2015: Sarah Crosby – The Way of Necessity
- October 11, 2015: St. Luke the Evangelist – The Way of Generosity
- October 18, 2015: Francis of Assisi --The Way of Poverty
- October 25, 2015: Mary McLeod Bethune -- The Way of Authority, *with our guest, the Rev. Dr. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett*

It is my hope that we may together grow in our understanding of stewardship as more than an annual financial campaign, but as an important reminder of our spiritual disciplines. And it is my hope that we may together become even more fully committed Christians, dedicating our entire lives to Christ Jesus.

Grace and peace to you all...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob" with a stylized flourish underneath.

Pastor Bob

For more information on Pacific Beach UMC's membership covenant of *prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness*, please see our Membership & Discipleship brochure available on our website at http://www.pbumc.org/media/membership_discipleship.pdf or by picking up a copy in the entry area, or by contacting the Church office.

We Care for One Another

PB UMC Ladies Lunch

We will meet at Caroline's Seaside Café, 8610 Kennel Way, La Jolla, CA 92037, phone: (858) 202-0569, which is close to the Birch Aquarium. The date is Saturday, October 17 at 11 am. Get there early for parking. Weekend parking should be available in the UCSD parking lots, otherwise street parking may be more of a challenge. Enjoy the beautiful views, yummy food and even better company. All PB UMC ladies are invited! Bring a sun hat - as we will likely be outside on the patio.

Please RSVP to Su-Yen Kuhn.

Do You Know the Person Sitting Next to You in Church?

Many people do not, so it's time for a new photo directory! This directory will have family photos of our membership along with contact information. A family is defined as one person, partners, a married couple, or a whole family with parents and children.

We'll be using the LifeTouch company (formerly Olan Mills) to do the photography and make the directories, once again at no charge to the church or our members. The photos will be taken on October 29-31 and November 5-7, 2015. Sign-ups for photo sessions will begin on Sunday, September 27th. You can sign up with volunteers after each church service, or you can sign up on our web site anytime. You will receive two recorded phone reminders about signing up and one reminder of your photo session appointment date and time. Any photos you might want to purchase will be available before Christmas. Families can bring items like guitars, children's toys, or pets (if they're very obedient) to be included in their photos. Each photography session will take approximately 30 minutes, including time to select a photo for the directory. Each family will receive a free photo directory and an 8X10 portrait or 9 wallet size photos.

We need volunteers to help people sign up for photo sessions starting on the 27th of September. We will also need people to be greeters/hosts during the actual photo sessions in October and November. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marcia or Lea Ann, or the church office. We really want this photo directory to be a big success and want participation from as many PB UMCers as possible. Let us know immediately if the photo session dates above won't work for you, so we can make appropriate arrangements. More details will be available as we proceed.

October Lunch Bunch

Our August lunch at Café Athena was the most popular lunch bunch we've had. So let's go there again! Everyone is invited; children are encouraged. Please RSVP to Kathy or Hope so we'll have enough chairs. The restaurant is gracious enough to offer separate checks for a large group. We'll gather Sunday, October 25 at noon.

Café Athena is a half mile from the church, 1846 Garnet Avenue, at the back of the shopping center to the east of Vons & CVS, between Kendall and Lamont. This charming Greek restaurant is a bit hidden, next to Fed Ex Office and behind the Chinese buffet restaurant.

The Beach Breeze is a monthly publication of the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Please visit our website at www.myPBchurch.org.

We Reach Out to Others

Church Picnic Wrap-Up by Craig

The bounce house has been deflated, the BBQ has all been consumed and the volleyball net has been stored. The 2015 PB UMC "Fun in the Sun" picnic is now a (hopefully) happy memory for all attendees. I have many folks I'd like to thank:

- Steve for joining me at the picnic site at 5:30 am to ensure our reserved site would truly be ours.
- Shelly and Steve for the use of their trucks for transporting canopies, tables and chairs from the church to the picnic site and back again
- Rick and Scott for logistics advice and assistance in setting up
- Allan for his assistance in setting up
- Rachel and Jeff , picnic organizers *emerita*, for signing folks in and collecting last-minute monies
- Dart for making not one, but two, homemade pineapple upside down cakes
- All the other volunteers who brought desserts, whether homemade or store-bought
- Ndinda for organizing face painting for the kids (and young at heart - I'm looking at you, David)
- Dee and other adults for keeping an eye on the bounce house mayhem
- The NUMEROUS church members and friends who helped break down the picnic site and ensure that the trash was properly bagged, the recycling collected, and all church property got back to PB UMC safely
- Abbey's Real Texas BBQ (www.abbeytexasbbq.com) for the tasty food!

If I've left anyone out who should be thanked, you have my sincere apologies for that. As the organizer, it was a long, long day for me... but experiencing all the help I received and seeing the joy on everyone's face was more than compensation for all the hard planning and work! On to 2016!

Member Updates

With great sadness, we say good-bye to Cassandra, who moved to Tucson, AZ on the first of October, to be nearer to relatives. Safe travels, Cassie, and come back when you can!

We joyously announce a new addition to the Dean family (Anne, Stephen, & Katie) who now live in Silver Spring, Maryland. Elizabeth Rose joined the family on July 29 at 3:21 pm, 8lb, 20 oz, 20 1/2" tall.

On September 27, we were blessed to have Beverly, Ryon, and Nancy join as full members. Welcome!

A Celebration of Life was held on September 26 for Ed who was a long-time member of PB UMC. Ed was a quiet, behind the scenes member, who helped us collage and mail the Beach Breeze for many years. Ed is survived by his wife Fran, and daughter Kris.

Meet Our Very Talented Musician: Pianist Sidney Yin

By Roving Reporter Marcia

On Sunday (September 20), our altar flowers were donated in honor of our very talented musicians! Since I first attended PB UMC, I've become more and more impressed with the talent of our musicians. I decided I really wanted to get to know them and then share what I get to know about them with you in Beach Breeze articles. I chose to start with Sidney Yin. I hope you enjoy getting to know Sidney as much as I did.

Sidney told me he started playing the piano 28 years ago. When he was 5, he and his mom were in a toy store and he saw a toy grand piano and begged his mom to buy it for him. "Because I was so taken with the toy piano, she got me started taking piano lessons at a local piano store. I excelled quickly and she finally rented me a piano. It was clear soon, that I am to be a piano player."

Sidney is currently the Artistic Administrator for the San Diego Youth Symphony and has been for the 3 years he's lived in San Diego (he moved here from Baltimore, and has lived in many places). He told me, "I do miss my family who live in Canada. They were just visiting, in fact, last week, from Vancouver and I was able to spend time with my brother, sister-in-law, my two-year-old niece, and both my parents." In addition to playing the piano for us at PBUMC, he plays the piano for Music Director Ron Jessee's choir class at Cal State San Marcos.

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Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of August 31, 2015

August giving – budget \$21,161	\$24,788
August other sources of income – budget \$11,372	\$22,633
August total available for ministry – budget \$32,533	\$47,421
August expended in ministry – budget \$32,533	\$34,722
August income minus expenses	\$12,699
YtD giving – budget \$169,289	\$172,338
YtD other sources of income – budget \$90,972	\$84,070
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$260,261	\$253,931
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$260,261	\$256,408
YtD income minus expenses	(\$2,477)
Year 2015 budget	\$390,391

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

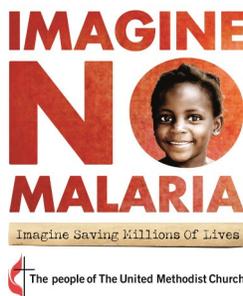
The above table reflects our actual financial statement for August. In recent months we've been adjusting for anticipated income from the Sabatka and Prewitt legacies of love. Now we've received expected income and we're close enough to simply report the numbers.

Income for the year is a little below expenses, mainly because we are still working to set up new sources of income for Wednesday night meals.

Imagine No Malaria Trick-or-Treating

All are invited to join in giving to Imagine No Malaria in a fun way on Sunday, November 1. Children are welcome and invited to wear costumes that day. We will provide them with a container to collect change (bills and checks also accepted) from the congregation after each service. So please bring your change to give.

Imagine No Malaria is one of the fundraising campaigns of the UMC. More can be found online at: <http://www.umcor.org/umcor/programs/global-health/imagine-no-malaria>.



Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

August 30 – 177 persons
 September 6 – 152 persons
 September 13 – 167 persons
 September 20 – 153 persons
 September 27 – 170 persons
 Ave. Weekly (2015) – 179 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

September 2 – 134 persons
 September 9 – 102 persons
 September 16 – 98 persons
 September 23 – 135 persons

Youth Sunday by Roving Reporter Marcia Mengel

Our church youth (along with Dee Baraw, Youth Ministry Coordinator) provided the service on Sunday, August 30. They had an outstanding choir that sang for us several times. Each time, they really got into the music and had great movements to go with the music. They were so enthusiastic, they made most of us in the congregation want to get up and dance with them.

Dee told us about trips the PB UMC youth had participated in this summer. She explained what kinds of things went on at each trip and what kinds of things the youth did while there. She also explained how PB UMC helped pay for our young folks to participate. Several of the young people shared things they learned during their visit to Orlando for the Youth 2015 Convention and to Camp Cedar Glen. Each let us know how much fun they'd had on these trips and told us about the inspirational lessons they learned. To find out more about these trips, go to the recording of this service on the PBUMC website: <http://www.pbumc.org/sermons/youth-Sunday-2015>.

I learned, during this service, we should all be proud of our young people and we should encourage them to continue participating in such events, so we can continue to learn from them.

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

Thurs, Oct 1 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Oct 2 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 3 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 2

Sun, Oct 4 Worship, Communion
11:45 am, UMYF lunch & activity (pg 4)
Wed, Oct 7 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Oct 8 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Oct 9 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 10 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
11 am, Love for All event (pg 1)

Week 3

Sun, Oct 11 Worship
5 pm, UMYF dinner & program (pg 4)
Tues, Oct 13 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Oct 14 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Oct 15 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Oct 16 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 17 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
9 am, Inclusive Workshop (pg 1)
11 am, Ladies Lunch (pg 3)



Week 4

Sun, Oct 18 Worship
5 pm, UMYF diner & program (pg 4)
Mon, Oct 19 Beach Breeze Deadline
Wed, Oct 21 Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Oct 22 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
8 pm, Draughts of Faith
Fri, Oct 23 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 24 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
District Youth Event (pg 4)

Week 5

Sun, Oct 25 Worship
Noon, Lunch Bunch (pg 3)
Tues, Oct 27 10 am, Breeze Folding Party
7 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, Oct 28 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Oct 29 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Oct 30 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 31 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:

Nancy	Al
Aimee	Marcia
Judi	Margaret
Jeanette	

We Love and Worship God

Lectionary

During October (Stewardship with the Saints), the series will be called. Each Sunday will look at stewardship through the lens of some historical persons in the church. Scriptures and names are:

October 4 - Acts 11:1-18, Sarah Crosby
October 11 - Luke 19:1-10, St. Luke the Evangelist
October 18 - Mark 10:17-31, Francis of Assisi
October 25 - James 2:1-9, Mary McLeod Bethune
Presented by our guest speaker,
The Rev. Dr. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett

And of course all this will culminate in All Saints Sunday on November 1st.

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World Communion Sunday

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy. What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Sidney Yin, continued:

When I ask Sidney, how long he'd been part of PB UMC and how he found out about us, he told me, "In 2013, one of the church rotating pianists was rotating off the roster and a replacement was needed. That's how I got started, but I didn't attend services at first. I was, in fact, looking for a church to call my own. And, it was quickly evident that PB UMC was my church." When I asked Sidney about his education, he told me "My undergraduate and graduate work was at Juilliard School in New York. My doctorate was completed at Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. My degrees were in piano performance."

Sidney told me, "I was born and raised in Hong Kong, with an agnostic/Buddhist upbringing, but went to a Methodist Primary School, then emigrated to Canada where I attended a Catholic middle school and junior high, before going to a public high school. I was also baptized in a Presbyterian Church in Baltimore! As you can see, it doesn't matter to me what denomination people belong to, as long as we love God and people!"



Like I said, I had a lot of fun getting to know Sidney, and I hope all of you did, too.