

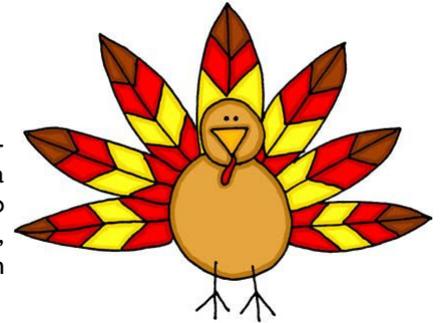


Beach Breeze

NOVEMBER 2015

Let's Talk Turkey! By Chef Ben

The Wednesday Night Ministry will hold its Thanksgiving Dinner for our guests on Wednesday, November 25. We have a need for donations of approximately 20 cooked turkeys to serve to our guests. We will also need people to help carve, serve the meal, cut pies, pour drinks, and just sit and talk with our guests.



If you are willing to cook a turkey (or two) as a donation, please sign up on the list that will be in the entry area before and after worship starting Sunday, November 1. We ask that the cooked and sliced turkeys be delivered to the church on Sunday, November 22 or Monday morning, November 23. If you are willing to donate a turkey but cannot cook it, please deliver the turkeys by Sunday, the 15th, so there will be ample thawing time if frozen. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to me. We hope to see you there!

Hi, from the Prayers and Squares Quilters



For the past few months we have been collecting names, measuring and cutting material and sewing squares together for our new Memorial Piano Cover/30 year Celebration for Ron. Our hope was that we would complete the cover by October. But due to vacations, illness, and just life in general we were not able to meet that goal. I have included two pictures. One is of the old piano cover's tears and holes (you should not be able to see my right hand through that hole) and the other is two parts of the new piano cover top. As you



can see, the new cover will be much brighter than the old one, and includes the colors that are in our stained glass window in the church. Once we have it put together we will have the piano cover on display for all to see. Happy 30th Anniversary, Ron, and we hope to celebrate many more years with you!

-Florence

Advent Kick-Off: Potluck and Tree Lighting

Everyone is invited to join us at the church to kick-off the Advent season!

Join us at 4 pm on November 29 for some creative fun! We will have a special Advent craft activity for you to take home to enjoy in your household. Or join us at 5 pm and bring your favorite potluck dish, or show off your best thanksgiving leftover creation: a side dish or a dessert. We will provide some beverages. After dinner, we will have a program and gather outside around the tree in the courtyard to light it! Please join us for the evening, and feel free to invite a friend.

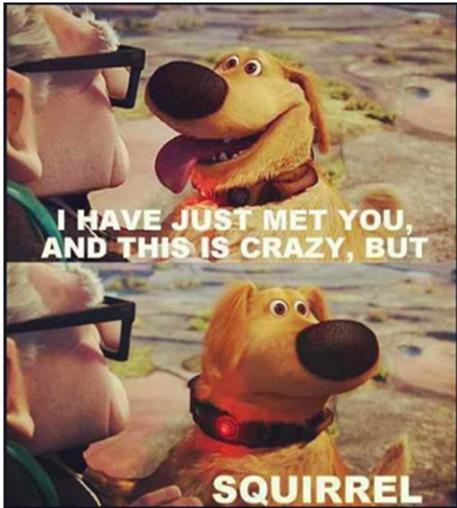
Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

Sometimes I get distracted. Do you ever get distracted?

I hope so. I really don't think I'm the only one.

A common illustration for many of us comes from the movie "Up" (Disney/Pixar) where a dog named Dug – who can talk, thanks to a device strapped around his neck – constantly interrupts himself because he gets distracted (generally by a SQUIRREL!!).



The truth about those of us who find ourselves occasionally distracted is that there are times that we are distracted by helpful or positive things; and sometimes we are distracted by things that are negative or harmful things; and of course there are all kinds of in-betweens.

Sometimes in the Church office, I can get distracted by Facebook or the latest news or even whatever song was just shuffled into my playlist. Sometimes there's a general lack of focus where *everything* is distracting!

Not long ago, I was here on a Wednesday night. It would be fair to say that my responsibilities on these nights are based around a *ministry of presence*. I walk around and meet new people, I check in with familiar people, I help people get connected with those who can best serve their needs. One night in particular, I was pretty focused on something that – quite frankly – wasn't about our Wednesday Night ministries, when I found myself distracted by one of our guests who simply wanted to talk.

And so I took that time to be distracted. I took that time to listen. I took that time away from that well-intentioned focus and instead listened to a life story. And it was beautiful.

I don't mean to say that the story was beautiful. It wasn't. It was tragic and depressing and heart-wrenching. The beautiful part was that two people sat together from dramatically different lives and cultures and experience and simply shared the same space and the same air.

And I realized, the conversation should not have been the distraction. It should have been the focus. In all things we do, our focus should be love. It should be the center of every decision we make, of every step we take, of every intake of breath.

Dug from the movie Up has this understanding already. In an early scene, Dug approaches someone he's just met and says, "My name is Dug. I have just met you and I love you." It is his singular focus (except for the occasional SQUIRREL!).

I want to be like that. I want for us all to be like that. Because that's the expression of Jesus that was – and is – so wholly different. Let the world know who we are because of how we *love*.

Grace and peace to you all...

Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another



Family Baptism!

On October 4th, we were blessed with two baptisms, of two cousins! Alisa Elizabeth (born June 19) and Annelise Noelle (born July 12) were baptized together, in the midst of their very large families. Sisters Abigail (Abby) with husband Chris and big brother Cooper, as well as Nohelani (Lani) with husband Paul and big brother Luke, made this a true family event.

Ladies Lunch ...

Will be held on Saturday, 11/14 at 11:14 am (notice a theme?) at Oscar's Mexican Seafood cafe, located at 746 Emerald Street in Pacific Beach (between Ocean Blvd and Mission Blvd). There is an outdoor patio, as well as indoor seating available. The reviews on Yelp are very favorable -- for a nice, relaxed place to enjoy some fresh, reasonably priced food with friends before the rush of the holidays hit full force! RSVP to Dart so we can save a seat for you! Hope to see you there!

Fight Like A GIRL

3-Day Breast Cancer Walk

The Susan G. Komen 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk should pass by PB UMC early on the morning of November 22, a Sunday. PB UMC will be decorating with balloons and ribbons, and will post a sign welcoming walkers to use our bathrooms and re-fill their water bottles. If you have some time before or after the first service, please feel free to cheer for the walkers. This will be their third day of walking 20 miles per day.

Meet Our Very Talented Musicians: Pianist Laura Williams By Roving Reporter Marcia

This is the second in a series of articles designed to help us get to know our very talented musicians. This month I got to know pianist Laura Williams. I had breakfast with Laura, her husband Loren (yes, Laura and Loren), and their 17 month old son Max. Laura told me she comes from a very musical family, who totally supported her interest in learning to play the piano 27 years ago. Her parents are both musical (they sing). Turns out, her grandparents paid for her piano lessons because of their love of music. There are other professional pianists in her family including aunts who love and play music.

Like her parents, Laura is a singer, but she also dabbles with the viola. I knew Laura is a teacher but I found out at our breakfast that she teaches music and the choir at Mira Mesa High School. "I've been teaching for 10 years, the last 5 of which have been at Mira Mesa." I asked her about her education and Laura told me, "I have a BA in Musical Education from Fresno State. I also have a Masters degree in Music from Colorado State." She and her husband met while in college at Fresno State. They moved to San Diego from the Fresno area in 2005.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

November Youth Activities

It is time for Dee to register our group for Sierra Service Project (SSP) for the summer of 2016. If you have a Middle School or High School youth that you know who you would like to see participate and need more information about joining the PB UMC team, please contact Dee.

Sunday November 1

- After each worship service, all children are invited to wear costumes and trick-or-treat for "Imagine No Malaria" on the patio. (Check out: imagineenomalaria.org). After church, UMYF and Best Group will meet from 11:45 to 2 pm. Bring \$5 for lunch if you can, if not, show up anyway!

Sunday, November 8

- 5 – 7 pm, UMYF dinner and activity

Sunday, November 15

- 8 - 10:30 am, Pancake Breakfast, see article below.

Sunday, November 22

- 11:45 am, UMYF (Middle School and High School) gather at church for a Deetour adventure!

Wednesday, November 25

- Youth are invited to come down and help serve dinner for our Wednesday night guests. Plan to arrive between 4 and 4:30 for some training and set-up.

Sunday, November 29

- 4 – 7 pm, UMYF, Best Group and Families are invited to join in the fun festivities at PB UMC that evening to kick off Advent.

Pancake Breakfast

Please help support the youth and plan to have breakfast at church on Sunday, November 15. We will be selling and serving pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea and fruit from 8 - 10:30 am. Breakfast costs are \$5 for 12 year old and up, and \$3 for age 11 and under. We will collect money at the door and take walk-ins, but if you know you will be there and would RSVP, that would help us get an idea of how much food we should plan on. Also, if you have a dietary restriction need such as gluten free pancakes, we need to know ahead of time to meet that need. RSVP with Dee. 10% of what we raise will help us buy some scarves and gloves to add to the Christmas gifts we pass out to our Wed night guests.

Children's Choir

Your PB UMC songsters have been working, and having fun doing so, on our Advent/Christmas play to be presented both services on December 6. The play is "The Best Place to Celebrate Christmas!" Angels in training will try to find the answer! If any of our church family have travel brochures, we would love to have them to use as props. Please bring them in and give them to Vicki, or drop them off in the church office. We are so VERY grateful for co-directing help by Leisl, and accompanist help by Steve and Jesse.

Tell our children how much you appreciate their gift of song by planning to attend! And let's keep them learning and singing of God's love!

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, November 22, 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!



Bible Study Group "Spreading the Gospel"

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

- November 1, god Rescues Peter, Acts 12:1-11
- November 8, God Makes No Distinction, Acts 15:1-12
- November 15, From Dcrbe to Philippi, Acts 16: 1-5, 8-15
- November 22, Thessalonica, Beroea, and Athens, Acts 17:1-4, 10-12, 22-25, 28
- November 29, Teaching God's Word, Acts 18:1-11, 18-21

We Reach Out to Others

October Inclusiveness Wrap-up

October saw two major activities at Pacific Beach UMC in support of our ministry to the LGBT community. In the first activity Saturday, October 10, couples participated in the Love for All recommitment ceremony in celebration of the Supreme Court's decision to extend marriage equality to same gender couples. The following Saturday, the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) conducted a workshop for members of area churches who want to see their churches become reconciling.



Nine same gender and traditional couples renewed their vows in the sanctuary, with Pastor Bob and Rev. Mandy, Laguna Beach UMC, officiating. Blessing of the marriages culminated with Holy Communion. Pacific Beach was one of four churches in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference to hold ceremonies that day.

Rev. Israel (Izzy) Alvaran, Western Regional Organizer for RMN, told participants at the “Building an Inclusive Community” workshop a reconciling community need not begin at the church level. Rather it all starts with a small group of people, a Sunday school class, a youth group or a smaller service. Most important the process toward reconciliation cannot be rushed. Everyone must be given a chance to be heard. He guided the group through a 12-step process RMN has developed.

Izzy passed along advice that would be good for all of us to remember as we work in ministry. He said to “know your trigger and when someone hits it.” We all have an issue that pushes us to anger. When that happens, we need to give ourselves permission to withdraw, cool off and take care of ourselves.

Izzy also talked to the group about process coaching. Coaches are needed to work with communities as they move forward along the reconciling process.

Those from Pacific Beach, already a long-time RMN church, took time to list suggestions for additional steps to take.

- Maintain a consistent presence in San Diego's annual Pride activities. Pacific Beach marched in the parade and staffed a booth at the festival in July after not participating for several years.
- Explore opportunities in other LGBT events where our participation could be fruitful.
- Increase outreach to the trans community. A part of this step is to brainstorm how to do it. One suggestion is to change bathroom signs in ways that are friendlier to gender identity.
- Consider how to attract younger same gender couples and their families. Long-term members of the church noted we seem to have fewer same gender couples with children than in past years. Are we doing something to make that so?
- Offer our support for congregations that are considering becoming reconciling.

Besides Pacific Beach, churches represented at the workshop included La Mesa UMC, University UMC in Irvine, Water's Edge congregation at First UMC, St. Paul's UMC, and Mission Hills UMC, which recently voted to become reconciling.

Coping with the Holidays Seminar

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas because you have lost a loved one? You are not alone. Please join us for a special gathering on Sunday, November 22nd, at 5 pm, in the Social Hall.

The evening will begin at 5 pm with fellowship and food (please bring an appetizer or dessert to share) followed by a 40-minute video "Surviving the Holidays For Those Who Have Lost a Loved One" filled with practical tips on how to survive the holidays, after which there will be a time for sharing.

Pre-registration is not required, and there is no cost. Please feel free to bring a friend with you.

Please contact Kym with questions.

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of September 30, 2015

September giving – budget \$21,161	\$20,722
September other sources of income – budget \$11,372	\$8,190
September total available for ministry – budget \$32,533	\$28,912
September expended in ministry – budget \$32,533	\$34,252
September income minus expenses	(\$5,340)
YtD giving – budget \$190,449	\$193,060
YtD other sources of income – budget \$102,344	\$89,784
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$292,793	\$282,843
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$292,792	\$290,660
YtD income minus expenses	(\$7,816)
Year 2015 budget	\$390,391

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

Our giving and our expenses are both better than budgeted for the year to date. The reason our total income minus expenses is in the red is because we are behind budget on receiving designated income for Wednesday night meals. Fundraising has been delayed this year by the switch from Welcome Door to a new non-profit organization. The good news is that the 501C3 paperwork is complete and Shoreline Community Services is finally able to apply for grants.

Fall Back!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 31st! Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 1.



CHURCH STAFF:

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

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

October 4 – 180 persons
October 11 – 156 persons
October 18 – 147 persons
October 25 – 134 persons
Ave. Weekly (2015) – 177 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

September 28 – 135 persons
October 7 – 139 persons
October 14 – 106 persons
October 21 – 122 persons

Church Charge Conference

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. The charge conference for the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church will be held on November 15, at noon, after the second service. All church members are urged to attend to help vote for PB UMC's 2016 budget and ministry.

Communion: World Service Fund

The November communion offering will be in support of the World Service Fund, which serves as the financial lifeline to a long list of Christ's mission and ministries through the United Methodist denomination. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson explains this vital ministry, "It is a way in which neighbor helps neighbor, and it helps Christians reach out all around the world. World Service Fund is everything that defines our church. It is the way we connect together, the way that we become powerful in our response to injustice and to poverty, and to tragedy, and to need."

The needs around us often feel overwhelming. None of us can meet every one. But together, with the help of the World Service Fund, we're sharing God's love with the world.

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

Sun, Nov 1 Worship, Communion
Children Trick or Treat (pg. 4)
Wed, Nov 4 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Nov 5 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Nov 6 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 7 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 2

Sun, Nov 8 Worship
5 pm, UMYF dinner and activity (pg. 4)
Tues, Nov 10 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Nov 11 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Nov 12 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7: pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Nov 13 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 14 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
11:14 am, Ladies Lunch (pg. 3)



Week 3

Sun, Nov 15 Worship
8 - 10:30 am, Pancake Breakfast (pg. 4)
Noon, Church Charge Conference (pg. 6)
Mon, Nov 16 Beach Breeze Deadline
Wed, Nov 18 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Nov 19 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
8 pm, Draughts of Faith
Fri, Nov 20 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 21 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 4

Sun, Nov 22 Worship, Breast Cancer Walk
11:45 am, Orientation Lunch (pg. 4)
11:45 am, UMYF DeeTour (pg. 4)
5 pm, Coping with the Holidays (pg. 5)
10 am Breeze Folding Party
Mon, Nov 23 7 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Tues, Nov 24 Storefront Ministry
Wed, Nov 25 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Thanksgiving Meal
Thurs, Nov 26 Thanksgiving!
Fri, Nov 27 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 28 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:
Nancy Aimee
Marcia Diane
Judi Margaret
Jeanette

Week 5

Sun, Nov 29 Worship
4 pm, Advent Kick-Off (pg. 1)

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

- November 1, All Saint's Day
Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24,
Revelation 21:1-6, John 11:32-44
- November 8
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:3-17, Psalm 127,
Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44
- November 15
1 Samuel 1:4-20, Psalm 113,
Hebrews 10:11-14, 15-25, Mark 13:1-8
- November 22
2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12,
Revelation 1:4-8, John 18:33-37
- November 29
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10,
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

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Pianist Laura Williams Continued:

How did she find out about PB UMC and how long has she been one of our pianists? "How I got connected to PB UMC is a long story. Back in 2008, my husband was playing flute in concert band at Grossmont College (and he still does!), and I came in when a pianist was needed to play a few pieces. The concert band is directed by Russ Sperling, who directs the orchestra/band accompaniment for PB UMC Christmas musicals. When PB UMC needed a pianist, Russ gave Ron Jessee my name, and later that year, I joined the "brand new" rotating roster of pianists -- I'm the only one left of the original four."

When I asked her where, besides PB UMC, she plays the piano, she told me "I occasionally play for the Presbyterian Church in El Cajon, and still fill-in for the Grossmont College Concert Band."

I asked Laura if she had anything else she'd like to share with us, and she answered, "An interesting fact is that I've been playing piano for churches since I was 12 years old, when I started playing at my family's Southern Baptist church in the Central Valley. I was the full-time pianist there for nine years, and then played at a Covenant church for three years (all before I even moved to San Diego). I love PB UMC and I also enjoy the flexibility of playing just once a month! Thank you to Ron Jessee for dreaming up this great system!"

As I said, I really enjoyed getting to know Laura, and I hope you did, too. I know we all look forward to enjoying her piano playing at future church services. She is certainly one of our very talented musicians

