



MARCH 2016

Beach Breeze

Celebrating Holy Week

In our prayerful journey through the season of Lent, we remember that the forty days of this time of preparation represent the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness before entering fully into his ministry. Now in the 21st century, we find this time important as we prepare ourselves for Easter and the celebration of resurrection! Don't miss the many opportunities to move through this time of preparation and into celebrating Christ anew in our lives.

On Sunday, March 20, we will celebrate worship and the penultimate sermon in our series on Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. This message will focus on the crucifixion story in Mark, how it differs from the other Gospels, and its significance today. As always, our worship services will begin at 9 am and at 10:30 am.

Good Friday falls on March 25, and the church will be open from 5 pm to 7:30 pm for an exploration of the meaning of Good Friday for each of us as unique persons of faith. Suitable for persons of all ages and abilities, stations of interactive prayer and learning will be available for participants at an individual pace.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, those who are willing to meet the beginning of the new day – experienced by some as a resurrection moment – will gather at Crown Point Park on Mission Bay for a sunrise service beginning at 6 am. We can be found close to the Lamont Street entrance by parking near the playground and walking toward the bonfire in the fire ring at the place where the grass meets the sand. Dress warmly; feel free to bring a chair or blanket and a thermos of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate to share.

Back at 1561 Thomas Ave, the social hall will open for our annual pancake breakfast at 7:30 am, and serving will continue until 10 am. Worship services will take place as usual in the sanctuary at 9 am and 10:30 am. The Easter Egg Hunt for children will begin in the courtyard at 10 am.

Easter is a celebration of hope and new life. All are welcome to join in thoughtful reflection, prayer, community, worship, and celebration.



Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

It is my hope that each of you are experiencing the season of Lent in profound ways. We continue this month in the exploration of the Gospel of Mark's telling of the last week Jesus spent in Jerusalem.

We've considered the contrast between Jesus' procession into Jerusalem on a donkey and Pilate's show of force as each came into the city for the Passover festival. We've explored the reasoning behind Jesus' anger in the Temple the following day and how its framing with the story of the fig tree offered perspective and understanding. We've experienced the rising tension as Jesus continues to challenge the authority of the scribes and Pharisees even in the face of testing and trickery.

And we have much to look forward to this month, including: messianic prediction and betrayal; a Passover meal that is profoundly changed, followed by arrest and interrogation; and crucifixion and death and the scattering of the disciples.

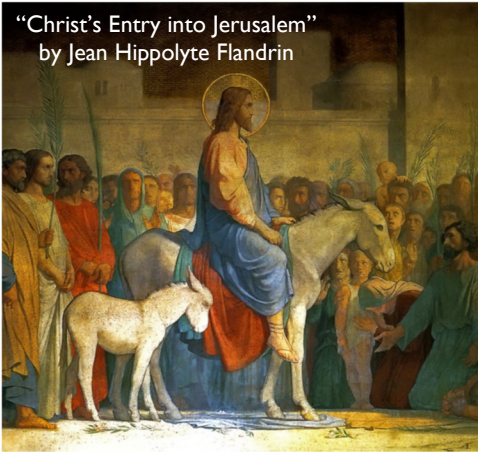
This Lenten exploration is a good thing. We must take time for study, for introspection, to seek out deep and divine meaning in our lives and in the world we experience. And this season – like all things – must come to an end. Indeed, it is a time of preparation.

We are preparing for Easter. We are preparing for resurrection.

I have shared in worship about the journey toward ordination in The United Methodist Church, not only as I have experienced the journey but as we have a candidate in our congregation exploring this same journey. In my recent set of interviews, I was asked about how I understand resurrection and how it affects our lives directly. In short, I believe that resurrection is any awakening to new life. And I believe that we all have resurrection moments in our lives, sometimes without even knowing it.

As a beach community, we may imagine being in the ocean and – as has happened to me a number of times – being forced under the water by the waves. Especially if we're under water for longer than is comfortable, that first breath of air after breaking the surface feels like a miracle. It's a resurrection moment.

"Christ's Entry into Jerusalem"
by Jean Hippolyte Flandrin



This congregation has been blessed with the ministry of the non-profit organization "Welcome Door" under prophetic leadership and compassionate mission. As these good leaders transition to other work and as the new non-profit "Shoreline Community Services" steps into this role, our guests experience new ideas and fresh perspective. It's a resurrection moment.

I've spoken with persons who have struggled with addiction. So many times, I've heard stories about hitting "rock bottom" and coming to the understanding of powerlessness and a profound need for the divine. It's a resurrection moment.

I can think of several times that I've been in deep theological conversation with someone who has intense questions about God and how God may be present in the world. Often, one or both of us comes away from that conversation with an expanded view of the divine. It's a resurrection moment.

As we come once again to the Easter celebration, let us open our eyes to the resurrection moments that happen in our lives. Let us experience an awakening to new life. Let us see the dawn of God's light once again and understand that we are no longer slaves to darkness and fear.

Friends, we are a resurrection people. Thanks be to God!

March 6

Mark 14:1-11
The Need for a Traitor

March 13

Mark 14:12-71
A Last Supper and Gethsemane

March 20

Mark 15:1-41
The Crucifixion of Jesus

March 27

Mark 16:1-8
Resurrection

We Care for One Another

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

March Ladies Brunch Double-Header!

The PB UMC Ladies Group is doing a double header in March! All ladies are invited!

Please join us for coffee & conversation on Saturday, March 19th at 3 pm at the Lazy Hummingbird in Ocean Beach at 4876 Santa Monica Ave. Awesome coffee (latte artists do some amazing foam art!!) and desserts here!

Then, the following day, please join us as we go support and see our own Yvonne & Erin in their AMAZINGLY FABULOUS show that they produce and star in... "We Are Young," a riveting production that chronicles the ever-changing tides of life, as we meet the cast in grade school and experience life through their eyes. Performance on March 20th, 2 pm, at the Diversionary Theater in North Park. Tickets are \$15 pre-sale, or \$20 at the door. You may buy tickets directly through Yvonne or Erin between services, which will save you online fees, or tickets can be purchased online at:

<http://destinedtodreampro.wix.com/weareyoung2016> or
<https://www.facebook.com/events/542474292595067/>

Save the date, April 16, 5 pm - Dinner at Soda & Swine in Liberty Station, 2750 Dewey Road, San Diego 92106. Don't let the name fool you - great food (including vegetarian and vegan options) in a fun atmosphere. Well known for their Hen Sliders and Dirty Fries specialties!

Watch for our Evites and RSVP for the get-togethers of your choice. Contact Dart with questions or comments.

Membership News

March was a time of movement, marriage, and loss for PB UMC.

The Gillespie family is in the process of moving to Nevada City, CA. Steve will stay here to finish out the school year, however the rest of the family has already made the move.

Joe and Jesse were joined in marriage in private ceremony on Valentine's Day!

Long-time member John (Jack) joined the Saints in Glory on January 28th, and a memorial service was held for him at PB UMC on February 13th. Jack is survived by his beloved wife Betty, his four children, Bill, Leysa, Joel, and Kristin, as well as many grandchildren.

Meet Our Talented Musicians: Pianist Adam Marshall by Roving Reporter Marcia Mengel

This month we are meeting Adam Marshall, one of our extremely talented pianists. Adam told me he grew up in central Pennsylvania and that there are a number of musicians in his family. "Around age 3 my grandparents took me on a vacation. There was a player piano at our hotel. The story goes that I would start the piano and then pretend to be playing the keys. I guess that was the beginning of my love of the piano. Later when I was 7, my great uncle introduced me to the piano. I think my parents told him to do so to determine if my love of piano was for real. It was, so I started taking piano lessons for real when I was 9."

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

March Youth Activities

For more information about any of our youth programs, contact Dee.

Friday, March 4 to Sunday, March 6

- All Church Family Camp. Dee will be at camp, so please plan to stay in worship.

Sunday, March 13

- 11:45 – 2 pm, UMYF Lunch Outing

Sunday, March 20

- 4 - 6:30 pm, Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 27

- Easter Sunday. Youth will be needed to help with the pancake breakfast and to hide eggs for the egg hunt.

Monday, March 28

- Thursday, March 31 - Let Dee know if you are in town and on spring break. We will have at least one Deetour.

The UMYF would like to thank the men's group for their years of dedication to the Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast and your continued support! We will do our best to continue the tradition!

Adult Volunteers Needed: Youth Confirmation Class

We will be starting a youth Confirmation Class on March 20. Please keep our youth in prayer as they embark on this journey of faith. We are looking for adults who could help prepare a light dinner on Sunday evenings when we meet. We would like these adults to eat and interact with the class. Each youth will also be asking an adult to be their mentor. Please let Dee Baraw know if you might be able to help us out with a meal in March, April or May. This class will be geared to youth in 8th grade or above this year. If you have not received information about the class, but have a youth who should be invited to join us, or you just have questions, please contact Dee.

Thanks for your prayerful consideration,
Pastor Bob and Dee

Children's Choir

We have only a few, but very special songsters in Children's Choir. We have had several families move, but the five or so kids we have are doing well learning songs about Bible characters. These will be presented in worship, leading to a play in late spring.

Please encourage any children from pre-school thru elementary school to join us Sunday mornings between services. Any questions or suggestions, see Vicki or Leisl.

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

Easter Egg Hunt

The children of PB UMC look forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. If you have little ones, be sure to have them here before 10 am on Easter. Remember to allow yourself some extra time for parking. We will gather all the children and start the hunt together. Please do not have your children start before the official start of the hunt.

Egg Donations Requested

If you are able, please bring filled plastic eggs for the hunt or dyed Easter eggs. Plastic eggs just need one or two small items or pieces of candy each, and, due to several children's allergies, please do not use any candy containing nuts. Easter egg donations are needed prior to 9:20 am on Easter Sunday. If you bring them before Easter morning, please give them to Dee Baraw or Malea Sandstrom.

Thanks for your donations!



Bible Study Group "The Gift of Faith"

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

- March 6, Powerful Faith, Mark 9:14-29
- March 13, Simple Faith, Mark 10:17-31
- March 20, Struggling Faith, Mark 14:26-31
- March 27, Resurrection Faith, Mark 16:1-8

We Reach Out to Others

Communion Offering: Interfaith Shelter Network

Our communion offering for March will be in support of the interfaith Shelter Network, to help replenish the funds that PB UMC joyfully renders in service of our Interfaith guests each year. We are blessed each year to have an amazing number of volunteers to keep our shelter running smoothly, guest fed, and personal needs provided for. We are also blessed by the support of our congregation, which enables us to fund the Interfaith Shelter's fiscal needs.

On the right is a photo of our guests from this year's Interfaith Shelter. Kenneth, one of our coordinators, commented that the art of sharing a meal together is an expression of our love for Christ. Members and friends of PB Christian Church, were generous enough to contribute this meal and to come share fellowship with all at the table.



Second Sunday Fun

Our first "Second Sunday Concert" featured the amazing piano artistry of Rodney Girvin and was a huge success. We will not hold a "Second Sunday" meeting in March. Instead, Voices of Praise choir members, Yvonne and Erin, invite you to come see their production of "We Are Young." This production features a fast paced romp through musical theatre and pop culture. It's great entertainment for all ages. For more information and directions about how to procure tickets, see the "March Ladies Brunch Double-Header" article on page 3.

Future Concert Artists

April 2016
May 2016

Russ Sperling and *The Grossmont Wind Ensemble*
Laura Williams and the *Mira Mesa High School Advanced Ensemble*

Tzu Chi Foundation

In Chinese, "tzu" means compassion, and "chi" means relief. The Tzu Chi Foundation is an international humanitarian organization whose mission is to relieve the suffering of those in need, and create a better world for us all. The Tzu Chi Foundation have been our long-time sponsors of the Wednesday Night Meal on the first Wednesday of each month. The volunteers arrive early on Wednesday morning, bringing fresh organic vegetables, and prep all of their contributions so that in the evening they can cook a fresh, completely vegetarian meal for our Wednesday night guests. Founded on Buddhist philosophy, Tzu Chi advocates the view that as individuals, we should aspire to be moral, self-aware, and willing to act for the benefit of others. Tzu Chi is dedicated to fostering humanistic culture through civil responsibility and personal character.

To further their philosophy of acting for the benefit of others and to further personal growth, the Tzu Chi volunteers offered our Wednesday night guests an opportunity for our guests to help each other. Tzu Chi promised that, if any of our Wednesday night guests felt inspired to make a contribution, no matter how small, towards the Wednesday Night Meal, the Foundation would offer matching funds. Much like the widow with only two coins (Mark 12:41-44), our guests to date have raised \$122.30, for a matching fund total of \$244.60, by passing the hat for any "spare" change that they were inspired to contribute.



We are grateful for the ministry of the Tzu Chi Foundation, who have been tireless partners in our ongoing mission to serve our unhoused and underprivileged community members.

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of January 31, 2016

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| January giving – budget \$22,093 | \$19,701 |
| January other sources of income – budget \$11,423 | \$10,706 |
| January total available for ministry – budget \$33,516 | \$30,407 |
| January expended in ministry – budget \$33,470 | \$33,800 |
| January income minus expenses | (\$3,393) |
| YTD giving – budget \$22,093 | \$19,701 |
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| Year 2016 budget | \$401,619 |

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

Shalom Council approved our 2016 budget. It's snug. Except for salaries, apportionments, and specially funded items, we held budgeted expenses to the lesser of 2015 actual expenses or 2015 budget. This enables us to match budgeted expenses to expected income.

We have a new position in the 2016 budget, Director of Technical Media, which is partially funded by the Prewitt endowment for advertising. Apportionments are calculated by the Cal-Pac Annual Conference based on our membership and recent expenses.

Help Wanted:

A rose lover who would be inspired to look after the Rose Garden located at the corner of Thomas and Ingraham. No pay, but much appreciation by church members. If you are interested, please contact Al. All volunteers will be gratefully accepted.



Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

January 31 – 203 persons
February 7 – 202 persons
February 14 – 171 persons
February 121 – 187 persons
February 28 – 164 persons
Ave. Weekly (2016) – 176 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

January 27 – 206 persons
February 3 – 143 persons
February 10 – 150 persons
February 17 – 108 persons
February 24 – 138 persons

Project Moving Forward

Joan, Al and I had a very productive meeting with Southern Cross in February. Matt and Ian, our consultants, narrowed down some concepts for the church re-model and moved ahead on others. It was exciting to finally see our plans coming to fruition. We will meet in the near future to solidify a budget for our project.

This is just a note to let everyone know that we are moving forward, YEAH!!!

- Frank

Church Photo Directory Update

Your Photo Directory team has been hard at work finishing custom pages for the directory, contacting families unavailable for photo sessions, and more. This work is nearly complete and we expect to submit for printing in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience!

Staff Changes

We wish a fond farewell to our Special Events Coordinator and Facilities Manager Art. We wish him well in his future endeavors! For an interim period, Rick and Beth will fill these crucial roles. If you or someone you know may be interested in part time employment as our Wednesday Night Ministries Coordinator or Facilities Specialist, please contact the church office.

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, Mar 2 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Mar 3 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Mar 4 Family Camp begins
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Mar 5 Interfaith Shelter guests depart
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Week 2

Sun, Mar 6 Worship
Family Campers return
Tues, Mar 8 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Mar 9 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Mar 10 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Mar 11 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Mar 12 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

Week 3

Sun, Mar 13 Worship, Daylight Savings Time!
11:45 am, UMYF lunch outing (pg. 4)
Wed, Mar 16 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Mar 17 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Mar 18 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Mar 19 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 4

Sun, Mar 20 Worship
2 pm, "We Are Young" (pg. 3)
4 pm, Confirmation Class begins (pg. 4)
Mon, Mar 21 Beach Breeze Deadline
Wed, Mar 23 Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Mar 24 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Mar 25 5 pm, Good Friday exploration (pg. 1)
Fri, Mar 25 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Mar 26 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:
Al Bob
TennieBee Aimee
Judi Margaret
Jeanette

Week 5

Sun, Mar 27 Worship, Easter
7:30 am, Pancake Breakfast (pg. 1)
10 am, Egg Hunt (pg. 1 & 4)
Mon, Mar 28 Youth Deetour TBA (pg. 4)
Tues, Mar 29 9:30 am, Breeze Folding Party
Wed, Mar 30 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Mar 31 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

March 6

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32,
2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

March 13

Isiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126,
Philippians 3:4-14, John 12:1-8

March 20, Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 31:9-16,
Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 23:1-49

March 27, Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,
1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

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Adam Marshall, continued from pg. 3

Adam grew up in Pennsylvania and gradually moved farther and farther west after finishing his Bachelor's degree at Pensacola Christian College. While living in Phoenix, he met several people who used to attend PB UMC. Adam met long-time San Diegoan Itai Lopez, his significant other, while visiting San Diego for Pride Weekend in 2012. After that, he moved to San Diego and started attending our church. After about 6 months, he volunteered to play the piano for us. He only plays at PB UMC and for fun (and the occasional wedding) because he never gained the confidence to pursue it as a full-time career. "In college, my teachers helped me to be more expressive at the keyboard as opposed to other instruments. That's when I was introduced to the pedal harp -- the pedal harp is a large, technologically modern harp designed for classical music. I found simple pieces sounding better on the harp than at an advanced skill level on piano. That inspired me to improve my piano playing."

When I asked Adam what music means to him, he told me, "Music is an important method of communication, as are all performing and visual arts. It is a language that doesn't require words and is not duplicated in other species. It has very special meanings. For instance, Israelites incorporated music in their religious services as an expression of their admiration for God. There is something unique about communicating using music; something that we can't explain."

Adam was recently nominated by PB UMC as a Candidate for Ministry. Adam explained to me that there are separate tracks towards becoming a fully ordained pastor: deacons, local pastors, and elders. He is pursuing ordination as an elder. "I may not get assigned to a specific church as a pastor since there other ministry settings that elders can be appointed to. While my goal is to be a church pastor, the Lord is calling me for one of the areas and I am open to all of them. I am currently working through our District committees and am currently writing papers for them. It is a challenge because it's not an easy process. It requires a lot of leg work, especially in addition to my day job. My immediate goal is to begin classes at Claremont School of Theology this fall."

I enjoyed getting to know Adam and hope you do, too. We all wish him well in meeting all of his current goals.

