PACIFIC BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





# Beach Breeze



### The Many Faces of Grace

Shoreline Community Services, the partnering agency for the Wednesday night ministries, is working diligently to take over the responsibilities financial and otherwise of this ministry. In this process we have worked side by side with



our regular volunteers to learn all the details and tasks that are handled behind the scenes. We have brought in outreach from agencies such as Feeding America, the VA, and Veteran's Village. These outreach efforts complement the existing outreach of Family Health Centers of San Diego who not only work to get our guests more regular health care but also connect them with government support services. Additionally, connections with our sponsoring agencies and companies have been maintained or reestablished.



As we move forward in these efforts, we are excited to announce that we will be initiating a crowd funding campaign through Go-FundMe entitled Faces of Grace. This campaign will serve as an opportunity to share the stories of the guests on Wednesday night, many of whom have been attending this meal for years. Through sharing these stories, we are able to put a face and a connection to the homeless and underprivileged in San Diego who regularly seek support, a meal and an opportunity to talk, share and feel human.

Understanding the moments of grace that we offer each week to this population of people who are so often ignored, we have undertaken the process of renaming Wednesday night ministries as San Diego Project Grace. Working to honor the love and support of this congregation, we have received the blessing for this change from Shalom Council and work in all things to represent the priorities of Pacific Beach United Methodist and the reality that without your support and passion for this ministry, Shoreline Community Services and San Diego Project Grace would not be able to serve in this way.



Look for the upcoming video announcements, website updates, fliers, Breeze articles and the like that will share with you the stories we are sharing through our Faces of Grace campaign and instructions on how to share the news of this campaign with your friends, family and neighbors. Thank you for your continued support and love. Without your support, this ministry would not exist.

Blessings,

Beth



## Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

#### Dear Friends:

Some of you may have heard the news that my younger sister Lyz and her husband Braden recently had a baby! Little Ava was born on April 9<sup>th</sup> into a family filled with love and hope and joy. Beth and I are looking forward to meeting Ava when they come to Southern California this June!

This has brought back so many memories for me! I remember when both of our boys were born, both under circumstances that were both similar and different. Cameron was a day ahead of schedule, and so much of what happened was fast and surprising and beautiful and – speaking only for myself – ever-so-slightly nauseating.

(Note: I mean this in a humorous way that in no way diminishes the beauty of new life. Ask me about the story and I'd be happy to share. I'm almost positive that at some point you'll point at me and laugh.)

Zachary arrived on exactly the scheduled date, though much of the day was spent waiting. The closing moments weren't quite as planned, though this was more from an abundance of caution than any kind of scare. I'm happy to tell this story, too!

It also brings up a number of memories from my own childhood. Growing up in various suburbs of Los Angeles, I remember riding in my dad's car — if I remember right, it was an olive green Ford Maverick — with some kind of news on the radio. And I remember that he had a disturbing number of songs that he could relate to any number of subjects or events or pieces of conversation.

He tells me that this joyful singing came to an abrupt end at some point when – in my ever-youthful innocence – I said to him: "Daddy, please don't sing."

And it would be important to note that I now do many of the same things, turning situations or phrases with my children into songs and games and silliness. So far, neither of them have asked me to stop — which tells me they are infinitely better humans than I am.

And isn't that the hope of us all? If we have the privilege of caring for persons younger than we are, we hope to teach them to be better people than we are. We hope that we might impress upon them the values and priorities that will help them to succeed and to make the world a better place. We hope to aid them in filling out all of our gaps, all of our failures.

We work to give them a foundation on which to build, and we hope that our own experiences and teachings give them footholds from which to reach to the sky.

In a word, we offer them a legacy – not a legacy to be admired and celebrated exclusively (though we may hope for that), but a legacy that is used as that foundation so that they might live into all the hopes we have for them.

Of course, we have benefitted from the legacies of many. We may think of parents or step-parents or grandparents. We may think of teachers or mentors or pastors or directors. We may think of neighbors or friends or celebrities or politicians. We may have been affected in our education, our jobs, our church, or our homes.

I invite you to consider the legacies that have influenced and aided you. I invite you to think about your own legacy. Celebrate that which has made you a better human.

And make a choice. Make a choice to teach and to lead and to influence and to give. Make a choice to love completely and fully. Leave a legacy of love.

May you love your legacy into being...





#### **Directory Update**

The Directory Committee has been hard at work! After the photography and design projects were completed, Lifetouch sent us a proof to go over with a "fine toothed comb." Your faithful group of volunteers took a close look and we are satisfied that we've minimized errors. We sent the proof back to Lifetouch at the end of April and will look forward to our new Directory soon!

## We Care for One Another

#### Welcome to the World!

Proud Grandmother Malea S and Great-Grandfather Harrell H would like to announce the birth of Erik and Noah Sandstrom, born April 14.



### May Lunch Bunch

We've had requests to find other cuisines for our Sunday lunch gatherings. We'd love suggestions! The requirements are: close to the church, available parking and a short or no wait for a table at noon on Sunday, room for group seating, and preferably familiar comfort foods such as American breakfast fare on the menu. Meanwhile, in May we hope to team up with the youth group for a fundraiser at Rubio's on May 22. Please watch for more information in church announcements. Contact Hope A or Kathy W for reservations or details.

### **Second Sunday Concert**

Chamber ensembles from the Grossmont College Concert Band will perform at PB UMC's Second Sunday Concerts on the **third** Sunday in May, May 15. Church member and director of the band, Russ Sperling is providing an opportunity for members of the band to prepare perform in small ensembles, an opportunity not normally afforded to these students, and they are very excited about coming to PB UMC to share their talents. There will be a flute solo, a couple of pieces for saxophone quartet and a longer piece entitled "Letter to Martin," by David Maslanka for brass ensemble and speaker. Mr. Maslanka writes about his piece, "Through narration I hope to connect the listener to the core of Dr. King, which was the heart of love. This work is a remembrance of episodes in Dr. King's life in which he passed through fear to deepest calling, through grief to committed love, and through life to the contemplation of his own death and legacy."

**Future Second Sunday Concerts** 

June 12, 2016
Organ Concert
Organist To Be Announced

## **PB UMC Ladies Get-Togethers**

Plan Ahead – Jot these dates on your calendar, schedule them in your smart phone – Join Us!!

- May 14, 12 Noon Native Foods Café for Lunch, 5604 Balboa Ave, San Diego 92111
- June II, 5 pm Dinner at De Mille's Italian Restaurant, 3492 Adams Ave, San Diego, CA 92116
- July 9, 10 am 85° C Bakery, 5575 Balboa Ave #330, San Diego, CA 92111. (Since it
  may be warmer than 85 degrees this summer we'll meet early-ish and enjoy their delicious baked goods and beverages!)

Contact Dart R with questions, comments, suggestions. Dart can be reached on most Sunday mornings downstairs in the nursery.

The Beach Breeze is a monthly publication of the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.myPBchurch.org">www.myPBchurch.org</a>.

## We Grow in Grace & Faith

### May Youth Activities

We are starting a Youth Band. This will be a band, so we can use instrumentalists as well as singers. Please e-mail Dee B OR talk to Anastasia B. if you would like to be part of the band. For the month of May the band will rehearse at church on Sundays most likely at noon. However, once the band is formed, they will figure out a time good for all. The few members so far have already selected a song to work on for worship on May 29. For May 29, if there are dancers who would like to create something, talk to Dee ASAP.

#### Sunday, May I

Best Group Outing (grades I - 6). We will go to subway and pick up lunch then take it for a picnic and game at Fanuel park. We will be back at PBUMC by 2 pm. Please bring \$5 to help pay for lunch.

#### Sunday, May 8

Mothers' Day Youth Cookie and Card Fundraiser after each service.

#### Friday, May 13

Dee and some of the confirmation class will visit a local Jewish Temple. Other youth are welcome to join. Please contact Dee right away for more information or to arrange to go with the group.

#### Sunday, May 15

Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. Please attend to support the youth who will be confirmed. UMYF (Ir and Sr. High Youth) will meet from 5 - 7 pm. Our activity will include dinner. (There is also a concert at 3:00 that day.)

#### Sunday, May 22

Noon to I pm, Both Best Group and Youth Group out to Rubio's. The Lunch Bunch will also be meeting so Dee will have children and youth sit together somewhere at the restaurant. After lunch, we will have band rehearsal.

#### Saturday, May 28

Time TBA - rehearsal for Sunday worship. There will be a chance for readers, dancers, and band to rehearse.

5th Sunday worship, so we will need ushers, greeters, readers, musicians, etc. Please check with Dee on other youth activity that day.



## Children's Choir



Our PB UMC singing children are still learning and singing songs about Bible characters and stories, having recently sung about Ezekiel and "The Dry Bones" on the Sunday Pastor Bob spoke on resurrection. Our next time singing in worship will be on May 15th. Come, hear and support these children as they sing about God and God's people.

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



## Bible Study Group "Fullness of Faith"

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

- May I, Increased Faith, Luke 17:1-10
- May 8, Grateful Faith, Luke 17:11-19
- May 15, Humble Faith, Luke 18:9-14
- May 22, Childlike Faith, Mark 10:16; Luke 18:15-17
- May 29, Joyous Faith, Luke 19:1-10

## We Reach Out to Others



### **Communion Offering**

Our Communion Offering for May will be in support of New Entra Casa. New Entra Casa is a residential facility for ex-offender and offender women. New Entra Casa provides a place for women to live while they learn basic life skills, problem solving skills, and financial management and job searching skills to enable them to successfully re-enter society. You may not know this, but New Entra Casa was founded in 1972 by the Wesleyan Service Guild, a group of business professional women in the United Methodist Church. The original house was managed by volunteers and accommodated six women ex-offenders. Since then, New Entra Casa (originally called Nuestra Casa) has expanded to add 5 more cottages where women can reside with their children upon completion of the program.

### Self-Help Groups at PB UMC

Part of the core mission of PB UMC is our outreach to the community. Most of us are all aware of the Wednesday Night Ministry, which is one of our most visible outreaches. However what you may not know is that we also support several other self-help groups.

Big Book Step Study, Monday evenings, 7-8:30 pm. Big Book study meetings are based on following a guide which examines virtually every sentence in the basic text for Alcoholics Anonymous. The program of Alcoholics Anonymous is not an intellectual challenge. It is a spiritual journey and the Big Book is the travel guide. The purpose of the study is to enable the student to better understand the information the authors of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, intended to impart to each person based on their experience and knowledge of alcoholism and the Program of Recovery. The authors want to show, exactly, how you can go from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body, to a state where you have been recovered and become happy, joyous and free!

Al-Anon is an anonymous fellowship of relatives and friends who believe their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. The fellowship has a single purpose, to help family and friends of alcoholics whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. It is a mutual support recovery program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Al-Anon is a spiritual program and it is free of charge and self-supporting through voluntary contributions. Beginning in May, weekly meetings will be held on Mondays from 6-7 pm in Room 205. For more information, contact Jeanette at 858-837-2249.

Narcotics Anonymous, Friday evenings, 6-7:30 pm. This group works a 12-step program to help recovery from the effects of addiction. The group atmosphere provides help from peers and offers an ongoing support network for addicts who wish to pursue and maintain a drug-free lifestyle. NA's approach makes no distinction between drugs, including alcohol. Membership is free.

### Race and Reconciliation Workshop

Throughout the history of our country, people of religion or race different than ours have been the object of discrimination; discrimination driven by anger, fear, and a lack of understanding. Many times the anger, fear, or lack of understanding was because another group of people were "different." In more recent times, acts of violence by drug cartels, gangs, and terrorist groups, local and international, have increased our anger and fear. This anger and fear causes us to react, either by outwards acts or inward thoughts, against groups or individual of the same religion or race as those who cause the acts of violence. These acts and thought are unacceptable by people of faith throughout our great nation.

The pacific Beach Presbyterian church will host a workshop conducted by Dr. Henry Payne on Race and Reconciliation, Saturday, June 4, from 9 am to 5 pm. The goal of this workshop is to provide an opportunity to affirm our diversity and seek a common ground through dialogue. Workshop participants will become actively engaged in sharing their experiences and problem solving with the goal of suggested actions to improve interracial relationships within the community.

Dr. Payne will facilitate the workshop. He is a human resources and organizational development consultant with many years of experience. He has conducted training workshops on race and reconciliation in South Africa, New York City, and San Diego.

Preregistration is required by May 23<sup>rd</sup> and participation is limited to 25 attendees. Registration brochures are on the literature rack in the entry area, or can be obtained at the PB Presbyterian Church, 1675 Garnet Ave. We invite you to attend.

## Circle of Support

## Record of Generosity as of March 31, 2016

March giving – budget \$22,094	\$22,041
March other sources of income – budget \$11,421	\$14,251
March total available for ministry – budget \$33,515	\$36,292
March expended in ministry – budget \$33,460	\$37,196
March income minus expenses	(\$904)
YTD giving – budget \$66,281	\$58,833
YTD other sources of income – budget \$34,121	\$32,884
YTD total available for ministry – budget \$100,547	\$91,717
YTD expended in ministry – budget \$100,402	\$100,834
YTD income minus expenses	(\$9,117)
Year 2016 budget	\$401,619

#### Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

The Finance Committee is excited about two special projects, the Labor of Love and Financial Peace University. Please read the articles on these exciting initiatives in this issue of the Beach Breeze, and watch for further information on the pbumc.org web site.

#### Amgen Tour Comes to Mission Bay

The Amgen Tour of California, a professional bike race taking place over many days all over the state of California, will kick off on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am, at Mission Bay. The 106 mile route will begin and end at Mission Bay, and travel through Old town, Balboa Park, Downtown San Diego, National City, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, El Cajon, and Mission Valley. This 8-day race features elite professional teams and athletes from around the world and much like the Tour de France, is one of the few professional bicycle races where spectators can watch the racers up close.











CHURCH STAFF:
Pastor: The Rev Bob R
Office Administrator: Aimee

Music Director: Ron

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

April 3 – 160 persons

April 10 – 173 persons

April 17 – 181 persons

April 24 – 161 persons

Ave. Weekly (2016) – 178 persons

#### Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

March 30 – 143 persons April 6 – 126 persons April 13 – 97 persons April 20 – 127 persons



#### Financial Peace University Class.

Let's make a plan! Join us for a FUN way to take control of your money and learn how to better use the financial gifts God has given you. Financial Peace University Classes meet for 9 weeks starting on Sunday, May 22 at 3:15 - 4:45 pm; no class for Memorial Day or July 4th Weekends. See Su-Yen K to pay for class materials by May 15 for discounted bulk shipping rates. The \$100 class materials fee will pay itself back in multitudes (the average FPU participant sees a \$8000 turnaround in 90 days), but see Pastor Bob or Su-Yen if cost is a concern. This is a life-empowering class. We would love to have you join us! For more information about the class series, go to: <a href="http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/">http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/</a>.

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 I

Sun, May I Worship, Communion

11:45 am, Best Group lunch (pg. 4)

Wed, May 4 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry Thurs, May 5 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal

7 pm, Choir rehearsal

Fri, May 6 7:30 pm, Narc Anon Sat, May 7 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



#### Week 3

Sun, May 15 Worship, Pentecost, Confirmation

5 pm, UMYF activity (pg. 4)

Tues, May 17 7 pm, Shalom Council
Wed, May 18 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, May 19 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal

7 pm, Choir rehearsal

Fri, May 20 7:30 pm, Narc Anon Sat, May 21 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



#### Week 5

Sun, May 29 Worship

Mon, May 30 Memorial Day, office is closed Wed, Jun I 9:30 am, Beach Breeze Folding Party All photos taken at the Stop Hunger Now event

#### Week 2

Sun, May 8 Worship, Mother's Day Tues, May 10 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting

6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting

7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, May 11 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry

Thurs, May 12 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal

7: pm, Choir rehearsal Fri, May 13 Youth Temple visit (pg. 4)

7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Sat, May 14 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



#### Week 4

Sun, May 22 Worship

Noon, May Lunch Bunch (pg. 3)

Noon, UMYF lunch & band practice (pg. 4)

3:15 pm, Financial Peace (pg. 6)

Mon, May 23 Beach Breeze Deadline

Wed, May 25 Storefront Ministry 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry

Thurs, May 26 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal

7 pm, Choir rehearsal

Fri, May 27 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Sat, May 28 Youth worship rehearsal (pg. 4)

9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:

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## We Love and Worship God

### Weekly Lectionary

I Corinthians 12:12-31

May 8

Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97. Revelation 22:12-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

May 15

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-35 Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17

May 22

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

May 29

I Kings 18:20-39, Psalm 96, Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10 Pacific Beach United Methodist Church



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### **Labor of Love Presentation**

On Sunday, April 24th we were joined by Matthew Boomhower of Southern Cross Property Consultants to discuss a project that has been in the works for the past two years, beginning under Pastor April's leadership and continuing today with Pastor Bob and the Labor of Love Committee. The project was presented with representative drawings of work to be done on the Sanctuary windows along Ingraham Street, the North and West sides of the same building, and the North side of the Administrative/Education building.

The total budget of \$400,000 includes all construction, consulting, and permitting costs as well as a contingency fund for overages. Funding for the project will take place with an upcoming capital campaign. Pastor Bob presented the possibility of a "bridge loan" through the United Methodist Conference with the goal of paying the balance of the loan through pledges over three years.

Many PB UMC members were present and a number of questions were addressed. If you were unable to be present at the presentation and would like more information, please contact any member of the Labor of Love Committee: Frank G (chair), Al H, Joan F, Laurie O, Hope A, and Pastor Bob.



The East side of the Sanctuary along Ingraham St.

The North side of the Administrative building along Thomas Ave.

