



Beach Breeze

JUNE 2016

Cal-Pac Annual Conference 2016

Each year, representatives from every United Methodist Church in the California-Pacific Annual (regional) Conference gather in at the University of Redlands. The California-Pacific (Cal-Pac) Annual Conference is made of roughly 80,000 members in nearly 360 congregations in Southern California, parts of Central California, Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Guam, and Saipan. The annual gathering is for the celebration of ministries, the commissioning and ordination of candidates and provisional clergy, a celebration of retiring clergy, and for the ordering and administration of our Annual Conference.

Our theme this year will mirror the theme of the recent General Conference in Portland, OR: "Therefore Go... Proclaim, Lead, Nurture, Send." The Conference will address issues of pension and health benefits for active and retired clergy, minimum salary standards for clergy and Conference lay staff, nominations for the election of a new Bishop in the Western Jurisdiction, and much more. Lay members from PB UMC will be Ndinda Spada and Rick Cook; in addition, representatives from our District will be Scott Caprio and David DeBus. Following the Annual Conference, look for reports from our representatives in our Beach Breeze.



California-Pacific Conference
The United Methodist Church

The Cal-Pac Annual Conference takes place from Wednesday, June 16, 2016, through Saturday, June 18, 2016, and will be led by Los Angeles Area Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño. In addition, the Annual Conference will welcome special guest Bishop Gabriel Yemba Unda, Resident Bishop of the Eastern Congo Episcopal Area.

Worthy of particular celebration during this Annual Conference will be the Ordination service taking place the evening of June 18 where our own Pastor Bob Rhodes will be ordained as an Elder in Full Connection of the Annual Conference. In addition, Pastor Darin Arntson – who has been a guest at PB UMC a number of times – will also be ordained into the same Order. Let us hold both Bob and Darin in prayer as each celebrate this special achievement.

Celebrating Ordination

Many have been asking about the Ordination service taking place at this year's Annual Conference where Pastor Bob will be ordained. For those who wish to attend, the service will take place at the University of Redlands Memorial Chapel (1200 E Colton Ave., Redlands) on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at 7:30pm. Parking will be limited, so attendees are encouraged to carpool and to arrive early.

Beth Rhodes, in partnership with our Staff-Parish Relations committee, is hosting a light picnic and celebration immediately before the service beginning at 5:30pm on the grass lawn immediately outside the Memorial Chapel. For those wishing to attend this picnic celebration, please RSVP through Beth or the Church office.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

On May 22nd we took time to “decompress” or “wrap-up” the events of The United Methodist Church’s quadrennial (every four years) General Conference that took place in Portland, OR. The General Conference is the highest legislative gathering in The United Methodist Church with voting membership consisting of an equal number of clergy and lay delegates elected by the Annual Conferences. General Conference is the only body that can speak officially for The United Methodist Church.

As one who has a very strong background in technology, I followed General Conference in a number of ways including a live-stream of the major worship services and legislative sessions as well as various social media platforms. The General Conference evoked a number of responses from participants, observers, and both secular and religious news organizations, and the differences in what I read from those directly involved versus what I saw published from others helped me see that those who were present and participating have the clearest understanding.

And so relying on the experiences of my colleagues and friends, I will hope to convey a little of what took place in Portland, OR, for two weeks in the middle of May, 2016.

The Conference began – as always following *Robert’s Rules of Order* – with a debate on how the debates will be handled. And the contention began immediately with the ill-fated “Rule 44.” The intent of Rule 44 was to make space for “holy conferencing,” small group conversations to help enable honest and Spirit-led conversation. The vigorous debate on the rule took quite a bit of time and inspired its own social media hashtag (#Rule44) as well as a parody Twitter account (@Rule44, which seems to now be defunct and tweets hidden/deleted/expunged).

What seemed to be the underlying tension had to do with matters related to inclusivity of our LGBTQI siblings, as much of the legislation addressed to the General Conference centered on changing or removing the discriminatory language from our Book of Discipline (BoD). Before long, rumors began to circulate through social media and even some mainstream media agencies about schism in The United (!) Methodist Church.

Much of this was inspired not only by theologically conservative passion advocating for “traditional marriage” and “orthodoxy,” but also a number of statements and organized protests by theologically progressive voices advocat-

ing for full inclusion. On May 9th – one day before General Conference began – 111 United Methodist clergy and candidates came out in an open letter, risking their own credentials or candidacy (<http://tinyurl.com/glgzjnc>). This letter was followed by an open letter from more than 500 openly LGBTQ clergy from other faith traditions in support of those who came out (<http://tinyurl.com/hfugdrrd>), an affirming pastoral response from 28 United Methodist Bishops (<http://tinyurl.com/jfsftpw>) and finally a letter from over 2300 UMC clergy allies – including your own Pastor – pledging support and specific ways we will live out including our LGBTQI siblings (<http://tinyurl.com/gubov6d>).

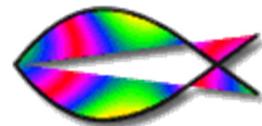
In the midst of all these things were talks of schism on both sides of the ideological spectrum. Blogs and social media sites abounded with advocacy for a two- or three-way division. In response to the painful dialogue and rumors of division, the incoming President of the College of Bishops, Bishop Bruce Ough (Dakotas Conference) denied the rumors that informal talks of division were already taking place while acknowledging that even the Bishops were divided on issues of inclusivity. Even so, Bishop Ough advocated for unity.

Responses to the Episcopal statement were varied, though the result came in an unprecedented request from the body of the General Conference seeking leadership from the College of Bishops to move the General Conference forward. A formal proposal (<http://tinyurl.com/jt75mmr>) from the College of Bishops was ultimately – with vigorous debate – affirmed, and further debate on human sexuality was put on hold pending a special commission selected by the Bishops and ranging in ideological and cultural/regional perspective.

To be completely honest with you dear friend, I am torn. As your Pastor, I am conflicted. I feel strongly about including *all* of God’s children in the life of the church. I also feel strongly about unity and the idea that we can do more together than we can separately. I am hopeful that the Spirit will move, that we United Methodists will find a way to move forward as a *United* Methodist Church. Let us hold our Church in prayer...



Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another

We Welcome Our New Members

We had seven people join the church last month; six of whom you are *well* acquainted with! The youth who went through confirmation classes joined on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. They are Ana B, AmberLyn R, Kalani A, Jayna B, Cat T, and Sonja C. Also joining was long-time visitor David M. You may not know this, but David very generously offered to sponsor all of the flowers in May, asking that each Sunday reflect the service and sacrifice of members of the different branches of our military services. We would also like to thank David K (Navy) and Patrick T (Marine) for their loans of personal military equipment to help with their respective service's display. And, we would like to announce the arrival of Phillip S, born May 23, 2016, 8lb, 10oz, 21" long! Both mom Liesl and baby Phillip are doing well.

Youth Church Camp 2016

All of our Cal-Pac Conference Camps have the same theme, Fearless Faith: Courage in Community. Campers will explore what it means to have a "Fearless Faith". They will focus on being courageous in order to be fearless. The courage to be part of a community, the courage to trust in themselves and the community, the courage to forgive and be forgiven, the courage to take a stand, the courage to do justice, the courage to change and the courage to connect with other communities.

There are also a few specialty camps available, like adventure camp, surf camp and film camp. Information about all of the church camps offered can be found at www.calpaccamps.org. There are also a few paper brochures available at church.

Most campers from PB UMC attend camp at Camp Cedar Glen in Julian. PB UMC also helps support campers from our congregation financially. You just need to get your campers registered with the required deposit and let Dee B know and we will pay \$200 of the camp registration fee. If you need additional assistance, speak with Dee privately.

Camp Cedar Glen's age level camps are the following, with dates and prices: (Do not let the cost of camp prevent you from attending. There are camp scholarships available.)

- Younger Elementary Camp (in the fall grades 1-3) July 10- 13, 2016, \$215
- Older Elementary Camp (in the fall grades 4-6) July 10- 16, 2016, \$425
- Junior High Camp (in the fall grades 7-9) July 17 - 23, 2016, \$425
- Senior High Camp (2016 High school graduates and in the fall grades 10 - 12) July 24 - 30, 2016, \$425

Please check out the website. If after that, you need help getting your children registered or if you have any questions regarding camp, from accommodations and food to counselors, leadership and nursing staff, please speak to Dee B via email (DeeB@pbumc.org). Please share information about summer camp with your friends and family.

July 3rd Worship Service

Mark your calendars now on July 3rd to join us for a single 10 am holiday worship service with communion and a potluck lunch. We're asking that people with last names beginning with A-G bring a main course, with H-P bring a side dish or salad, and with Q-Z bring a dessert, if that's convenient for you. A sign-up table for bringing food (so we know how many to set up for) and for volunteers to help set up and clean up after the lunch will be available on June 19th and 26th. If you won't be around either of those days, you can contact Lea Ann W at LeeAnnW@pbumc.org to sign up. Hope you can be there!

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

We Grow in Grace & Faith

Youth Activities

I can't believe it is June and school is almost out!

Sunday, June 5

- UMYF (Jr. and Sr. High) outing to Belmont Park. Cost \$15. We will leave from church and be finished by 5 pm.

Sunday, June 12 - Sunday, June 19

- Deadline to RSVP for Aquatica. E-mail or text Dee to sign up. Dee will be in Redlands for Annual Conference, so youth should stay in church with parents.

Wednesday, June 22

- District Youth to Aquatica (Details to be announced, but basically we will get there when the park opens and stay till about 4. We will get group rate tickets with other youth groups.)

Friday, June 24

- Senior High Youth and Dee will leave for SSP trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and are working at SSP.

Sunday, June 26 - July 2

- Senior High SSP

There will be a District Youth Beach Day at La Jolla Shores on July 7 from 9:30 am to 8 pm. See the article about Camp for dates and information.

We have a second group going to SSP the week of July 31 to August 6. It is a week with both Junior and Senior High youth. Right now there is still space to join that team, but if you are interested, please contact Dee right away.

For more information about these or any of our summer activities, please contact Dee Baraw at: DeeB@pbumc.org



Sunday School Musings

As I write this I am watching my grandsons sleep. Thank you to all who made it possible for me to be away for a couple weeks and have this precious time with them. Zanette P, Heide T, Jesse H, & Cliff F stepped in as substitutes to teach Sunday School classes. Julia B, Jeanine W & Wayne S did their regular shifts of which I am very grateful! Dee B and Jesus J helped make sure all went smoothly. It is so wonderful that PB UMC has such dedicated adults to be role models for our children!

--Malea S

Children's Choir

Our small but talented and enthusiastic PB UMC songsters will take a break through the summer, meeting again in September. However, Ron J, and Leisl S, and I are hoping for some of these kids to play an instrument or to sing solos during worship this summer.

Please let any preschool or elementary age children know that they are WELCOME to attend choir when we resume in September!

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

--Vicki T



Bible Study Group "Toward a New Creation"

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

- June 5, The Day of the Lord, Zephaniah 1:4-6, 14-16; 2:3
- June 12, The Consequences of Disobedience, Zephaniah 3:6-8
- June 19, Assurances and Joy for the Faithful, Zephaniah 3:9-14, 20
- June 26, Ignoring God's Plain Truth, Romans 1:18-23, 28-32

We Reach Out to Others

Ladies Night Out

Dinner at Di Mille's Italian Restaurant, Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 5 pm.
Address is 3492 Adams Ave San Diego, CA 92116



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Ladies, I love this place! I am looking forward to enjoying a casual and delicious dinner with my PB UMC friends. Please join us! Contact Dart R with questions, comments, suggestions. I can be reached at DartR@pbumc.org or most Sundays downstairs in the nursery. RSVP (to Dart) for this get together so we'll know how many to expect (Note: an Evite will be sent out the first week of June. If you don't get it let me know so I can add your email address to our list!)

Planning ahead... In July we'll meet up for baked goods and coffee/tea at 85 Degrees Bakery, corner of Balboa and Genesee in Clairemont on Saturday July 9th, 10 am. Hope to see you there!

Concert and Choir News

The Second Sunday Concert series will be on a summer break during June and July. The concerts will return in August, along with our choir director Ron J. Ron is taking advantage of several opportunities for professional development and vacation this year. Ron will be at the American Guild of Organists Convention in Houston during the end of June. Then he will be traveling throughout multiple states visiting other churches for inspiration, professional development, and collaborative artistic growth with other choral directors.

This means that the choir will also be taking a small vacation. From June 19 through July 31st, you will be treated to the talents of several of our choir leaders as well as a host of musicians who will bring the Sunday message through you via piano, organ, and other instrumentation. So sit back and prepare to listen to the incredible musical talent that PB UMC can rightfully boast!

Stay Tuned for "Pride!"

The San Diego Pride festival and parade will take place from July 15-17. PB UMC will once again both march in the parade (July 16) and have a booth at the music festival (July 16-17). It's especially fun if you both march in the parade to Balboa Park, and then stay to enjoy the festival afterwards. Stay tuned to find out how to become involved!

SSP - Sierra Service Project

This summer some of our youth will be once again participating in SSP. We have three teams of youth going to different places different weeks this summer. A few of our Sr. High boys and Dee will be going to Smith River, CA the last week of June. We are very excited! We have wanted that site for a while. At the same time, we will have two youth participating here in San Diego. They really wanted to find out more about helping in different ways in our own community, so they will attend as individual participants. Our third team will be going to Take, AZ. We were signed up for Chiloquin, OR, but have requested a change to AZ. Dee will be taking that group the end of July / first week of August. We could still add one or two participants to that trip if anyone is interested.

SSP is a service mission project that was started in 1975. The volunteers (like us) pay to participate which pays for materials and the SSP staff. The projects are mostly basic home repairs and community beautification. Along with learning basic construction skills and doing the work, there is also time for worship and reflection built in to the schedule. If you would really like to learn more about SSP in general, check out their website. If you want to know more about our particular involvement or would like to know how you might get involved, talk to Dee B.

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of April 30, 2016

April giving – budget \$22,094	\$18,691
April other sources of income – budget \$11,421	\$9,122
April total available for ministry – budget \$33,515	\$27,813
April expended in ministry – budget \$33,460	\$30,341
April income minus expenses	(\$2,528)
YTD giving – budget \$88,374	\$77,524
YTD other sources of income – budget \$45,689	\$42,006
YTD total available for ministry – budget \$134,063	\$119,530
YTD expended in ministry – budget \$133,874	\$130,678
YTD income minus expenses	(\$11,148)
Year 2016 budget	\$401,619

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

Condensed excerpts from a letter to the congregation: We've noted a reduction in giving over the last several months. The trend has continued even in the post-Easter season. Notably, worship attendance does not reflect this reduction in giving.

Our finances are still sound, yet the trend is particularly troublesome as we begin to work toward a capital campaign for the Labor of Love project. We've asked groups and committees responsible for portions of the budget to seek ways to save. We invite all members and worshipers of Pacific Beach United Methodist Church to prayerfully reflect on your ability to support the ministries of your church.

Communion: Peace With Justice

Our communion offering for June will be in support of the Peace With Justice Ministry of the United Methodist church. Peace With Justice enables the church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global and local programs. This special offering supports peace ministries in border communities, equips United Methodists to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social justice issues, and empowers students to educate their communities about sex-trafficking locally and globally.

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

May 1 – 167 persons
 May 8 – 180 persons
 May 15 – 184 persons
 May 23 – 141 persons
 May 29 – 150 persons
 Ave. Weekly (2016) – 175 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

April 27 – 130 persons
 May 4 – 150 persons
 May 11 – 145 persons
 May 18 – 138 persons
 May 23 – 114 persons

Help the Homeless Through the Summer

Beginning in June 2016 SD Project Grace and CCSA are encouraging everyone to help the homeless battle the hot San Diego summer days by providing them with the following items: Hats, Sunglasses, Sunscreen (SPF 45+), Lip Balm (with SPF), Sunburn relief lotion, Skin so Soft, Bug Repellent, Bottled water, Juices, and Flip Flops

Donations may be dropped off in the entry area of the church (look for the blue box) during the month of June.

5th Wednesday Night Meal

The month of June has five Wednesdays, so as is our tradition, members of PB UMC are asked to help staff the volunteer positions necessary to make this meal a success for our guests. We ask you to consider coming down on June 29th to help welcome, serve, and chat with our guests coming to the San Diego Project Grace, formerly known as the Wednesday Night Ministries. If you cannot come down or would prefer to make a donation towards this PB UMC funded meal, please feel free to contribute a charitable donation instead. According to Chef Ben, we normally spend approximately \$200 per 5th Wednesday meal, so sponsors would be gratefully received. Be sure to write "Wednesday Meal Donation" on the memo line of your check! And thank you!

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, Jun 1 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Jun 2 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Jun 3 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jun 4 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 2

Sun, Jun 5 Worship, Communion Sunday
Noon, UMYF to Belmont Park (pg. 4)
Mon, Jun 6 6 pm, AI-Anon
Wed, Jun 8 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Jun 9 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7: pm, Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Jun 10 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
Sat, Jun 11 5 pm, Ladies Night out (pg. 5)

Week 3

Sun, Jun 12 Worship
Mon, Jun 13 6 pm, AI-Anon
Tues, Jun 14 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Jun 15 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Jun 16 Annual Conference Begins (pg. 1)
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir on Summer break
Fri, Jun 17 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jun 18 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
7:30 pm, Pastor Bob Ordination (pg. 1)



Week 4

Sun, Jun 19 Worship, Adam Marshall preaching
Mon, Jun 20 Beach Breeze Deadline
6 pm, AI-Anon
Wed, Jun 22 Storefront Ministry
Youth to Aquatica (pg. 4)
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Jun 23 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
Fri, Jun 24 Sr. High to SSP (pg. 4)
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jun 25 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:
Al H Bob H
TennieBee H Aimee K
Judi P Margaret S
Jeanette V

Week 5

Sun, Jun 26 Worship
Mon, Jun 27 6 pm, AI-Anon
Tues, Jun 28 9:30 am, Breeze Folding Party
7 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, Jun 29 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace (pg. 4)
Thurs, Jun 30 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

June 5

1 Kings 17:8-24, Psalm 146,
Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17

June 12

1 Kings 21:1-21, Psalm 5:1-8,
Galatians 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19, Father's Day, Adam Marshall preaching

1 Kings 19:1-15, Psalm 42,
Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20,
Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

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Meet Our Talented Voices of Praise: Su-Yen By Roving Reporter, Marcia M

After introducing you to many of our talented musicians who play a variety of instruments, I am going forward with a different branch of very talented musicians: our choir, the wonderful Voices of Praise. Our first Voice of Praise member is Su-Yen K.

I asked Su-Yen when she started singing, and she told me, "I sang in children's choir in the UMC where I grew up and have always tried to sing in a church choir ever since. They don't judge me and I love to sing." When I asked her when she joined Voices of Praise, she told me, 16 years ago when she first came to PB UMC, but she was away for about 10 of those years. I read on the PB UMC website that the Sunday morning pre-church rehearsals are fun times for Voices of Praise. In addition to rehearsing, they pray, chat, and laugh together. Su-Yen confirmed this telling me, "It's true for both Thursday and Sunday rehearsals. Thursdays have more time for fellowship and support. This is another reason I sing in the choir."

Su-Yen told me she took violin lessons as a child. "For fun, as a student, I joined school choirs and as an adult, I joined church choirs. Singing in choirs means more to me than playing any musical instrument. That said, I am a member of the bell choir. It is a lot of fun and I encourage others to join us."

Su-Yen and her husband Dave have two children: Emma, age 7, and Andrew, age 12. Being the mother of two is nearly a full-time job, but Su-Yen is also an investment and tax advisor. That is a part time job, except during tax season. The family has been attending church at PB UMC off and on for over 16 years. Dave is in the Navy and whenever he has been stationed in San Diego, they attend PB UMC. They check out and then attend other UMCs when stationed in other parts of the country. The family hopes that this is their last transfer and hope to remain in Pacific Beach. I asked Su-Yen about other PB UMC activities she is involved in. "I started the ladies' social gatherings as a way to get to know other members. This has been a lot of fun. I used to serve on the finance committee and I enjoyed that, too. All committees have been fun and great ways to get to know folks. I encourage everyone to join one or more. As they say, 'The more you put into it, the more you get out of it.' I've found that to be very true."

Su-Yen has put a lot into PB UMC and we all have benefited. I hope her enthusiasm encourages us all to contribute more by joining different committees and/or one of our choirs. Thank you Su-Yen.

