



BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

May 2017



Shoreline and Project Grace

In 2015, Shoreline Community Services was formed and received certification as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The goal was to take on the task of continuing the Wednesday night community meal, now known as Project Grace, as well as the volunteer program and clinic partnerships that had been in place at PB UMC for more than 20 years.

Shoreline's Board consists of Scott C., Board Chair, CFO; Rick C., Secretary; Alan S., Compliance Officer; and Beth R., Executive Director. They are currently working out the details for a Jazz concert fundraiser and additional grant opportunities. They have recently received custom aprons for Project Grace volunteers to wear, and are in the process of ordering T-shirts for the regular volunteers who work outside the kitchen.

To date, the largest portion of Shoreline's income comes from individual donors. Numerous church families attend Project Grace nearly every week and are invaluable to the work of providing nearly 7,000 meals, smiles, and connections every year. Through an anonymous contribution the supply of blankets, ponchos, hats, gloves, and ChapStick to hand out at the Project Grace meal is being restocked.

Shoreline has recently been blessed with an intern from Feeding San Diego's Capacity Building Internship Program. Matthew C. is a highly qualified student working toward his Master's in Public Administration and a Certification in Grant Writing. He will be assisting in funding efforts over the next six months.



Matthew C.

Amazing Organist to Play in May

by Ron J.

On Sunday, May 21st, Organist Vincent P. will navigate the three-manual keyboard of the Mighty Allen Organ to play a Second Sunday Concert. This 17-year-old high school senior is an accomplished pianist and organist. Vincent was the American Guild of Organists Speckles Scholarship winner in 2015. In 2016, he took first place at the California Junior Bach Festival "Complete Works Auditions." Vincent is the organist and Cantor at St. Therese Catholic Church in Carmel Valley. You do not want to miss hearing this accomplished young musician. Be in the sanctuary on May 21st at 2:00 pm.



Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

As I write this, it's actually well before this issue of the *Beach Breeze* is to be released in early May. I'm about to head with Beth on a trip to Palm Springs after a full Easter Sunday, and I'm filled with excitement.

There are a number of reasons that I feel excited. One is simply that I'm going on vacation for a few days with Beth, while the boys stay home under the capable care of Beth's mom! As exciting as that is, there's even more.

The Lenten season leading us to Easter seemed to be one filled with possibility, and our fantastic Easter celebration made this even more real for me. Did you see all the new faces? Did you see all the kids? Did you see the smiles and hear the voices raised in song? Did you feel the energy of laughter and love and hope?

I feel these things, and I hope you do too.

I also hope you'll see that this is bigger than a Lent/Easter thing. The reality is that we experienced a lull in both giving and attendance through a good portion of last year. But some time late last year or early this year we began to turn it around. I think that's when I began to feel a new, or renewed, energy around PB UMC and all of our important ministries.

I think it's important to acknowledge the work and effort put in by so many PB UMC members that have made this sense of energy and excitement possible. All of our leaders during worship services give of their time and energy and love so that our worship experience is filled with a deep sense of the Spirit moving in our midst. A number of volunteers lend themselves to a presence of hospitality, from welcoming and directing to refreshments and flowers. Hundreds of people are served each week through those who give of their time and talents to ensure that a healthy meal and safe environment are available each week.

Even with all this good work, there are many others who serve in less visible ways on committees that care for our various properties, ensure that our finances remain healthy, manage our various personnel relationships, and more. And we would know little about all that takes place without our faithful communicators, those who manage all of our printed and digital communications.

What an incredible church. What an incredible group of dedicated and faithful people. I am regularly in awe of the good work taking place in and through this faith community. In this sense of energy and laughter and love and hope, I feel immense gratitude and no small sense of privilege to join you all in ministry.

This expression of gratitude and celebration does not in any way mean that our work is done. Indeed, with this energy and movement, this is the time to put ourselves even more fully into our commitment to extend the reach of the ministries of Pacific Beach UMC. If you have not already joined one of the teams that so faithfully serve as the Body of Christ, I invite you to prayerfully commit to one of these important ministries. Join in this momentum of laughter and love and hope.

I believe that God is at work in this faith community. Let us leap into the Spirit's energy, continuing to live out God's call to embody Christ's love.

Grace and peace to you...



Pastor Bob



2017 Easter Sunrise Service

Photo by Dick V.S.

We Care for One Another

May PB UMC Ladies' Event

We invite the ladies of PB UMC to the Pampered Chef Cooking Demonstration Fundraiser for the Youth Group on May 13th (p. 6) and Su-Yen's Thriving Past Cancer Celebration on May 20th (p. 5). Please join us for these events to chat and celebrate for good causes! Please contact Su-Yen K. at suyenk@pbumc.org if you have questions, or to RSVP for either event.

All-Church Work Day

On Saturday, April 8th, PB UMC members gathered at the church for a Pre-Easter Work Day. Over the course of a half-day of work, we cleaned out a number of unused items from the attic above the social hall and from several downstairs storage spaces. We also cleaned out a pantry used to store food for San Diego Project Grace, and did some light tree trimming. Remaining storage items experienced some simple reorganizing, our gardens were cleared of debris, and we finished the day with a light lunch.

Many thanks to all who volunteered, and a special thanks to Amy S. for organizing this event! Look forward to another opportunity to beautify our church next spring!



Nametags

You may think that everyone knows you, but this isn't always true. Visitors and new members have an easier time learning names if everyone wears a nametag. Please make and wear a nametag. There are blanks on the table in the narthex in case you never had one, or left yours at home.

Flowers and Friends

by Betty J.

The flower committee is always in need of vases. Your donations can be left in the kitchen.

If you would like to deliver a cheery bouquet to a friend or neighbor that needs a pick me up, please email or call Betty J. or see the flower ladies in the kitchen on Sunday after second service.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

May Youth Ministry Activities

For more information regarding our Youth Ministries Program, please email deeb@pbumc.org.

Saturday, May 6

- Craft Day at Dee's to create some cards, jewelry, etc. Help make some items for Mothers Day sale. Make something for your Mom, too. Let Dee know if you are interested, and she will tell you the time.

Sunday, May 7

- 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm - Please attend the dinner and program at church to learn more about "Women of the Bible."

Saturday, May 13

- Andrew and Su-Yen are hosting a Pampered Chef fundraiser on behalf of our group. Please see article (p. 6) for more information.

Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day

- Bake sale, then spend the day with your family.

Saturday, May 20

- Youth Fundraiser. We have been asked to help serve, set up, and clean up for the Kuhn's party.

Sunday, May 21

- 11:45 am to 2:00 pm - Detour.

Memorial Day Weekend

- Activity TBA

Sierra Service Project

Please speak to Dee right away if you, your youth, or a grand child may be interested in joining our Sierra Service Project team. We still have a space that we would love to fill.

Sunday School News

by Malea S.

In the video we watched at Sunday School one Sunday morning, one of the characters was asked by a classmate what a church was. I asked the children in attendance how they would answer that question. Here are their answers:

"A place to worship"

"I would explain it's about doing stuff, eating stuff, and drawing stuff."

"You get to meet people and worship."

"I would probably just say I don't get there too often."

"You listen to Christian rock." (Pastor Bob will like that answer!)

It's always fun to hear the children's answers to these type of questions, but it also gives us insight on what they are experiencing at church. I think these answers put us in a pretty good light! I am proud of PB UMC and how we make the children such a part of our congregation!



Photo by Mark B.

2017 Easter Service — Children in Ministry

Bible Study Group "God's Pervasive and Sustaining Love"

The Sunday morning Bible Study group continues during the month of May.
Join them any Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Lanai.

The readings for May are:

- May 7, God's Sustaining Love, Jonah 1
- May 14, God's Love Preserved Jonah, Jonah 2
- May 21, God's Love for Nineveh, Jonah 3; Nahum 1-3
- May 28, God's Pervasive Love, Jonah 4

We Reach Out to Others

April Second Sunday Concert Review:

Pacificaires & Cedar Center Chorus

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Our April Second Sunday Concert was another totally amazing event! The Pacificaires & Cedar Center Chorus, a group of singers with 40 years of choral community experience, is associated with the San Diego Community College District Continuing Education Emeritus Program. There were about 50 singers with a 7 piece orchestra, and they filled the front of the PB UMC sanctuary. Two singers were familiar to us all: PB UMC members David F. & Roger S., who entertained us months ago at a Second Sunday Concert, sharing their piano and organ talents.

The music was varied and very inspirational. They opened with a Carly Simon song and ended with a Simon & Garfunkel song. They performed an American folk song and a chant that sounded like a part of a tribal ritual. They sang two Celtic songs as well as two gospel music songs, one religious and one secular.

We joined them in singing "It Ain't Necessarily So," from Porgy & Bess. We repeated lines sung by the soloist. All of us (audience and chorus) laughed at the humorous words. Another inspirational piece was "Bring Him Home." Words were changed by a chorus member to "Bring *THEM* Home" in honor of those who have gone before.

As they left, the chorus walked down the aisle chatting with those of us in attendance. What a fun afternoon!

Next month, plan on having lunch with friends and then bring them to join us for our May Second Sunday Concert. (See page 1 for details.)

Thriving Past Cancer Celebration

We cordially invite everyone at Pacific Beach United Methodist Church to celebrate our gleeful and joyful announcement that Su-Yen is officially *cancer free* after a 2-year long breast cancer journey, including surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. We have sincerely appreciated the prayers, the food, the rides, the words of encouragement, the financial support, the hugs, and priceless gifts of friendship and love. Praise God!

In celebration of Su-Yen's breast cancer-free results, we are throwing a party in YOUR honor! Please come and celebrate with food, fun, and a bounce house, from 1-4 pm, on Saturday, May 20, in Hughes Hall, Pacific Beach United Methodist Church.

We cannot wait to celebrate with you! RSVP by May 10th at <http://evite.me/kUs6j6m8QV> so we can have food enough for all!

With extreme gratitude, The K. Family

Construction Work on Thomas Avenue

The City of San Diego is upgrading the sewer system servicing the area around PB UMC. Aging and deteriorated asbestos cement water mains are being replaced, bringing the mains up to current City standards. Though dates are subject to change, the project in our area (Thomas Avenue, from Ingraham Street to Cass Street) is expected to begin in June, with construction Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. There may be temporary "no parking" restrictions during construction; however, the City says access to residences and businesses will be maintained.



Circle of Support

March 2017 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
March giving	\$22,900	\$20,579
March other sources of income	\$10,755	\$12,214
March total available for ministry	\$33,654	\$32,793
March expended in ministry	\$33,654	\$31,702
March income minus expenses	\$37	\$1,091
YTD giving	\$70,650	\$63,345
YTD other sources of income	\$30,308	\$33,530
YTD total available for ministry	\$100,958	\$96,875
YTD expended in ministry	\$100,958	\$98,470
YTD income minus expenses	\$0	(\$1,595)
Year 2017 budget	\$403,818	

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

Our net income this month is better than the numbers show. We were scheduled to receive our quarterly draws from the Prewitt and Sabatka legacies in March, but they arrived in April so are not shown in the table above. Counting the legacy income, our income exceeds expenses both for the month and year to date.

We are especially pleased that donations to Project Grace for Wednesday night meals are up this year. Thank you to our generous givers. Please continue. The need is great.

Pampered Chef Cooking Demonstration/Youth Group Fundraiser Saturday, May 13, 4:30 to 7:30 pm Hughes Hall

This summer, the PB UMC youth will be headed off to Camp at Cedar Glen, and to serve in various service projects, including Sierra Service Project (SSP). The carpentry, roofing, and painting projects of SSP serve a rural Native American community in Oregon where 33% of the residents live below the poverty line. In order to make the 1600+ mile round-trip, our youth are holding a Pampered Chef cooking demonstration and fundraiser to help offset travel expenses. A portion of proceeds from all products ordered will be donated to the youth. Think Father's Day, Graduation, or "Just Because" gifts for your friends or yourself!

Please contact Su-Yen K. at suyenk@pbumc.org if you have questions.

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes
Office Administrator: Aimee Kay
Music Director: Ron Jessee

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

April 2 – 174 persons
April 9 – 168 persons
Holy Week – 338 total
Good Friday, 17persons;
Sunrise, 48; Worship, 273
April 23 – 172persons

Avg. Weekly Total – 175 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

March 29 – 176 persons
April 5 – 149 persons
April 12 – 134 persons
April 19 – 123 persons

May Communion Offering: Imagine No Malaria

Imagine No Malaria (INM) is part of a global partnership. Since 2010, United Methodists across the connection and through the INM have helped reduce malaria deaths by more than half. By providing bed nets and improving sanitation, by giving access to diagnostic tests and medicine, and by draining standing water, INM makes people better able to fight the disease. With our partners we can beat malaria once and for all. INM combines integrated health infrastructure, education, and advocacy to address the debilitating effects of malaria and death in sub-Saharan Africa.

Thank you for your communion offering in support of Imagine No Malaria.

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, Grace Notes

Week 1

Mon, May 1 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, May 3 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
 (Formerly Thursday Lenten Group)
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, May 4 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, May 5 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, May 6 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 Youth Craft Day (p. 4)



2017 Easter Egg Hunt

Week 2

Sun, May 7 Worship, Communion Sunday
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal
 Noon, Membership Orientation
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 4:30 pm, Women of the Bible Dinner
 and Presentation
 Mon, May 8 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, May 9 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee
 Wed, May 10 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, May 11 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, May 12 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, May 13 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 4:30 pm, Pampered Chef (p. 6)

Week 3

Sun, May 14 Worship, Mother's Day
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, May 15 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, May 17 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, May 18 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, May 19 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, May 20 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 1:00 pm, Thriving Past Cancer (p. 5)

Week 4

Sun, May 21 Worship
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (p. 1)
 Mon, May 22 *Beach Breeze* Deadline
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, May 24 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
 Thurs, May 25 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, May 26 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, May 27 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share



2017 All Church Work Day



Week 5

Sun, May 28 Worship
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, May 29 Memorial Day. Church Office Closed
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, May 31 9:30 am, *Beach Breeze* Folding Party
 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace

We Love and Worship God

May Scriptures

Half Truths

May 7, Psalm 10:14, 27-28; Psalm 18:6,16; Psalm 121:1-2

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?”

May 14, 1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 46:1-2

“God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle?”

May 21, Deuteronomy 23:12-14

“God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It?”

May 28, Matthew 7:1-5

“Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin?”

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Meet One Of Our Voices Of Praise: Erin V.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Erin and I got a chance to chat between services on Easter Sunday. She told me her family moved to San Diego when she was 4 years old and has lived here ever since. This move included her sister Yvonne (who is also a member of our choir and was the subject of ‘Meet One of Our Voices of Praise’ last September). In 2009, R.C., the PB UMC assistant choir director and Erin’s teacher at School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA), told her about PB UMC. Back then, we had an evening service as well as morning services. She started attending the evening service. Then R.C. invited her to join the morning services choir. She attended one morning service, immediately joined the choir, and has been very happy ever since.

When I asked her about her musical background, Erin told me, “I’ve been in choirs for as long as I can remember, starting with school choirs, especially high school. Then I was a music major at Grossmont College, where I got an Associate’s degree in music. I am now working for a Bachelor’s degree at SDSU, which I should earn in May.”

I asked her what she finds special about being in the PB UMC choir. “We can be ourselves, unlike other places with restrictions in place. We can provide input. Several times I’ve recommended a song for us to sing. We are all friends and genuinely care about each other. We spend a lot of time together. I truly love the choir.”

I asked her what she does for a living, and she told me she mostly sings around San Diego. She is also a DJ at The Corvette Diner. “I have a few upcoming performances. I have a small role as a homeless person in ‘The Geeze and Me.’ That musical continues through the end of April. After that, I have a role in ‘Violet: In Concert’ at the Coronado Playhouse. In July, I am going to Italy for Musical Theater Academy, and will perform in a musical with them after a month of the study.”

Obviously, Erin loves performing music, AND we love hearing her do so.

