



# Beach Breeze



NOVEMBER 2014

## Interfaith Shelter and PB UMC

With the arrive of our guests on December 28, PB UMC will once again participate in the Interfaith Shelter Network. Before participating in the Interfaith Shelter Network program, all guests were screened and all are receiving support in their endeavor to get their lives on more solid footing. The guests will be at the church from 5 pm in the evening to 7 am the next morning during their two-week stay. They will sleep at the church, shower at the church, and eat their breakfasts and dinners at the church. During the day they will be working, job hunting, or going to school. We will send them out each day with a sack lunch.



INTERFAITH  
SHELTER  
NETWORK

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> season of the shelter program where more than 200 homeless men, woman and children receive shelter and other services through the Interfaith Shelter Network. Since the 1980's homelessness has been recognized as a social problem in the United States, and for over 25 years the PB UMC ministries, in collaboration with the Interfaith Shelter Network and other organizations, have helped provide some immediate survival demands for adequate food and health service needs. The continuance of this service tradition at PB UMC is achieved with the contributions of its members and friends who generously donate their talents, gifts and services. As we move into the 29<sup>th</sup> season the volunteer recruitment will start early November. Sign-up sheets will be located in the church lobby after each worship service. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities, but the most critical needs are overnight supervisors, dinner hosts, lunch hosts, set-up on December 28<sup>th</sup> (including luggage and cots pick-up) and clean-up January 10<sup>th</sup> (shelter break-down, washing bed linens).

During the month of December donation boxes will be available in the narthex and in the church office to collect personal care items for our guest, such as deodorant, hand and body lotion (travel size), gloves, socks, soap, toothpaste and brushes, feminine hygiene items, razors, shampoo and conditioners. Full size sheets and bed linens are helpful; however, blankets, bath towels, socks and gloves are of greater need. Ken, Betty, and Steve, coordinators of this year's hosting, thank in advance those who volunteer. Together everyone can look forward to hosting and displaying genuine PB UMC hospitality in welcoming these guests and showing them the love and devotion of the members and friends of PB UMC. For questions and inquiries please contact Ken .

## Communion in Support of Guatemala Project

Our communion offering for the month of November will be in support of the Guatemala Project mission. For more information about the project, please see page 8, "Early Merry Christmas..."



# Pastor Bob's Prodigious Blathering

Dear Friends:

Back when the film *Gone in 60 Seconds* came out (the one from 2000, not the one from 1974), Beth and I had the opportunity to go to the film's "red-carpet" premiere. It was a good time, it was completely packed...

And I met both Michael Clark Duncan and Ben Affleck. In the bathroom.

When I worked at Six Flags Magic Mountain, part of my job as an "Operations Supervisor" was to walk VIPs around the park, especially for those who could gather a crowd. A notable experience was when I was chosen to spend the day with professional wrestler Hulk Hogan. Hogan (who insisted I call him "Terry") was there to celebrate his son's birthday, and along for the experience was Hogan's mother.

She had baby pictures of "The Hulkster" (she didn't call him that, but many do). I've seen baby pictures of Hulk Hogan!

In the early 1980s, my dad worked on a segment of a film I knew very little about. One day he took me out to the set and introduced me to the director and an associate producer named Kathleen. And she had worked as an assistant to the same director in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*! And that was with Harrison Ford!! And Harrison Ford is-was-and-always-will-be Han Solo of STAR WARS!!!

I practically shook Han Solo's hand myself. For real.

(Note: I met Kathleen Kennedy on a set in Piru, CA while filming a segment of *Twilight Zone: The Movie*. The segment was directed by Stephen Spielberg. I didn't actually meet Harrison Ford. Bummer.)

We humans seem to love the idea of connection. If we can connect ourselves to someone famous, we talk about it. If we can connect ourselves to someone of power, we talk about it. Sometimes we even boast about our connections with those who are more infamous than famous.

We all celebrate our "six degrees of whatever-famous-person-is-in-today." I myself met Andrew Cassese (who played "Wormser") during the filming of *Revenge of the Nerds*. In the film, Andrew shared screen time with John Goodman, who was in *Death Sentence* with Kevin Bacon.

<insert comic rimshot here>

In our United Methodist tradition, *connexion* (as John Wesley spelled it) is critical. We are all in this world together. We are all created in the image of God. We are all so-journers, briefly part of this world and this consciousness until we move into life eternal. While we do not have identical experiences in life, we all experience joy and pain and tragedy and elation and grief and hope.

And I believe that these experiences are best when shared with others. I believe that when we are in the celebratory places in life, we celebrate more fully when we share with others. And I believe that when we are in the dark places in our lives, these moments are more bearable in the healing presence of others.

Our *connexion* is a deep part of our faith. Worship in community touches us more fully than when we try by ourselves. Study and learning can be even more profound when we do so with others. And service to our community and our God affects us even more deeply when we can share the experience with those dear to us.

We are continuing on our Stewardship journey this month, and I submit to you that our deep *connexion* with one another and with the national and global Church makes us more than we can possibly be on our own. When we join together with our United Methodist sisters and brothers, with our Christian sisters and brothers, with all who are a part of creation, we come together with a strength and presence and power that may remind us of the transforming power of God.

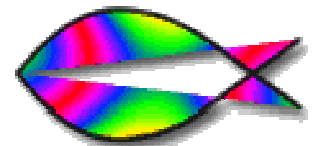
This is not to say that our *connexion* gives us permission to back away from the stewardship of our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Indeed, I believe that just the opposite is the case. Our *connexion* calls us into deeper community with one another, so that together our prayers and presence and gifts and service and witness have all-the-more power.

Let us join together in our stewardship of Pacific Beach UMC and the community of Pacific Beach here in San Diego as we seek to support and participate in God's transforming work.

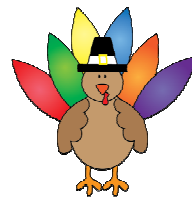
Grace and Peace,



Pastor Bob



# We Care for One Another



## Let's Talk Turkey! By Ben

The Wednesday Night Ministry will hold its Thanksgiving Dinner for our guests on Wednesday, November 26. 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 2. We ask that the cooked and sliced turkeys be delivered to the church on Sunday, November 23. If you are willing to donate a turkey but cannot cook it, please deliver the turkeys on that date as well 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!

## Update from our Missionaries in Japan By Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

I have been in Kobe for three years after serving for 20 years as a missionary in Tokyo. Presently, I am the associate pastor at the Kobe Jesus Band Church (UCCJ) located on the 4th floor of the Kagawa Center. I also work with the Tengokuya Café (Heaven's Café). The Tengokuya (Heaven's Café) has been a place for people with various needs to come and find comfort. The lunches served on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays are inexpensive and use organic vegetables from the garden. All are welcome to the table and are shown the love of Christ after stepping inside the café which is next and also inside where the church meets on Sundays.

The Night Café is once a month and 70-100 people from all over the community come together to relax and enjoy themselves. Tables are placed all around the room where church meets on Sundays and the cross is prominently visible on the wall behind the altar area. Many who come are not Christians. In the evenings sometimes people sing or perform while others just enjoy the community atmosphere.

Visiting relief projects in Tohoku, proofreading proposals for Touhoku HELP, helping foreign migrant workers in the Kobe area, counseling, speaking to the day care for their chapel services, making cakes for the café, monthly preaching at church, connecting with other people and organizations in the community, helping with a children's program where we bring children and their moms for a week in the summer to Kobe for a "radiation-free and stress-free" vacation, picking up food at the Kansai Food Bank for those in need, feeding the homeless, and reaching out to others to come to the Café are all part of the outreach and connective ministry that I am involved with in Kobe. We are partners in mission and none of the ministry I am involved with is done in isolation but along with others. It is by working in partnership together where we build connections and establish relationships in the community and in the world.

Mission is making connections. Mission is building relationships. Mission is working for peace and justice by building relationships so we can move forward together. Mission is sharing God's love by being partners in ministry. We join hands together in mission to make a better world. In the words of Kagawa (writer of "Songs from the Slums"), I think this is a wonderful thought of how God can use us to bring healing, hope, justice, peace, and change through "our hands" with a God, who dwells in our hands, not just our hearts, minds or souls. We join hands in mission knowing together of "... the things God will do for the world, using our hands."

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# We Grow in Grace & Faith

## November Youth Activities

### Sunday, November 2

- 5:30 - 7 pm, UMYF activity

### Sunday, November 9

- 5:30 - 7 pm, UMYF activity

### Tuesday, November 11

- Deetour - lunch and movie for those who do not have school. Best Group and UMYF are welcome to join. Talk to Dee for details.

### Sunday, November 16

- 5:30 - 7 pm, UMYF activity

### Sunday, November 23

11:45 - 2:00 - UMYF - Deetour - we will go out to lunch.

### Wednesday, November 26

- Youth invited to help serve dessert and drinks to our Wednesday night guests. Parents, if you are unable to attend, but would like your youth to help, please talk to Dee.

## Children's Choir

By this time you will have experienced the kids singing "The Big Orange Ball" as a way of telling how we can be free and joyful in God's world. After a break for UNICEF Sunday, November will bring lots of rehearsing for our Advent/Christmas presentation: "Hark, the Angel Sang Off Key." And what a group we have! Come by some Sunday morning and enjoy Wendy, Cameron, Aiden, Jack, Cristian, Xavier, Heydi, Ivy, Zach, Devin, Emma, Vera, Spencer, Elektra, Tabby, Cooper, Mira Grace, and any other songsters who may have joined us on Sunday mornings!

And by the way, it is not too late for any child to come join children's choir! ... Nor is it too late to offer help!

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

## All Church Family Camp by Dee

I have booked Camp Cedar Glen for Pacific Beach UMC All Church Family Camp for March 6-8, 2015. I am very excited to bring this tradition back. This is a weekend retreat open to anyone connected to PB UMC. All ages welcome.

Family Camp is a great time for church folks to get to spend time together. We have some times of worship and reflection (multi-generational), time to do crafts and play games. Weather permitting, the camp has archery, a rock climbing wall, goats to pet, hiking trails, etc. We will have plenty of time for those of you who want to enjoy the outdoors to adventure. There will also be some quiet spots for those who just want to relax and enjoy the time away. And last time we had camp in March, we had snow. Of course I cannot guarantee snow, but I can hope for it.

If you want to guarantee your space, you are welcome to start making payments for camp now. Checks should be made out to: PB UMC and you can give them to me and I will make sure they get deposited to the correct account. That will help me know who has paid.

The cost is \$120 for adults and \$ 70 for children, which includes lodging, 5 meals, and the fun stuff we do. Please ask me if you have questions. Also, privately discuss with me if you would like to attend but would need financial assistance. I sometimes receive donations to help others attend.



## Bible Study Group "Visions of Grandeur"

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 2, God's Divine Glory Returns, Ezekiel 40:1-43:12
- November 9, The Altar, a Sign of Hope, Ezekiel 43:10-46:24
- November 16, A Transforming Stream, Ezekiel 47:1, 3-12
- November 23, Transformation Continued, Ezekiel 47:13-23; Acts 2:37-47
- November 30, Let Zion Rejoice, Psalm 33, Isaiah 52:1-2, 7-12

# We Reach Out to Others



## Christmas Baskets for Families

The Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) is currently seeking sponsors to provide Christmas food baskets for between 200-250 specific low-income families that sign up at CCSA to receive a basket. These baskets will contain non-perishable food for the family's Christmas dinner, but also should include a \$50 gift card to a merchant such as Target or Walmart for any perishable items for their Christmas dinner. Families with 1-4 members will receive one basket and one gift card in it. Families that have 5-8 members will receive two Gift baskets and two Gift cards.

PB UMC has signed up to provide three baskets this year, plus we'll also help a few families in our own congregation. Hope Anderson is coordinating the Christmas baskets. They'll be delivered to CCSA December 17.

Your basket may be as festive as you decide but will incorporate non-perishable foods and \$50 gift card so that the family can prepare a Christmas dinner. The suggested non-perishable foods for the Christmas dinner include the following items:

- 1 box of stuffing mix
- 2 cans of yams
- 2 fruit cans
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 can of chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 box of mashed potato mix
- 1 can of green beans
- Gravy
- 1 box of cake or cookie mix
- 1 aluminum Roasting Pan

CCSA asks that all baskets are **sealed** to prevent any of the contents being lost. The total weight of the basket should be **20-25 pounds maximum!** If you'd like to go a step further, visit CCSA's website [www.ccsasandiego.org](http://www.ccsasandiego.org) to learn more about Christmas giving activities.

## Border Ministry Seminar

The South District border Ministry team will present an update on the current status of "Unaccompanied Minors" as well as the immigration situation at our border and across the nation on Sunday, November 16, at 6:00 pm in Linder Hall of the First UMC of San Diego. The team will be presenting ways that your local church can get involved. The address is 2231 Camino del Rio South in Mission Valley.

## 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 23, 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.

## Blessings Given

This note was left on one of our sign-in sheets a few Sundays ago.

"Dear PB Methodist church, I just want to thank you for the opportunity to worship God in your service this morning. I was truly blessed by this and felt welcome in your church by everyone. Thank you!"

# Circle of Support

## Record of Generosity as of September 30, 2014

Sept giving – budget \$24,414	\$212,248
Sept other sources of income – budget \$5,399	\$4,430
Sept total available for ministry – budget \$29,813	\$25,678
Sept expended in ministry – budget \$31,499	\$44,332
Sept income minus expenses	-\$18,654
YtD giving – budget \$234,897	\$224,376
YtD other sources of income – budget \$48,591	\$44,892
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$283,488	\$269,269
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$283,488	\$292,011
YtD income minus expenses	-\$22,742
Year 2014 budget	\$377,984

### Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

October 5 – 187 persons  
October 12 – 156 persons  
October 19 – 185 persons  
October 26 – 188 persons  
Year to Date – 180 persons

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

October 1 – 190 persons  
October 8 – 130 persons  
October 15 – 175 persons  
October 22 – 157 persons

## Trustee Updates

The Trustees are proud to announce that repairs to the downstairs bathroom at the parsonage have been completed, adding to the livability and value of the residence for our Pastor and his family. Also, city mandated weed cleaning has been completed to reduce any fire hazard.

At “press time,” the replacement of the double doors to the social hall was anticipated to begin within days. This will improve the appearance and enhance security for the church.

## Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

Our giving income is holding steady though our unplanned transitional and capital expenses (this month, parsonage bathroom repair) continue to put stress on our budget. We are grateful for the cash reserve that has helped to carry us through this financial stress. As we enter the season of our annual stewardship campaign, please take a moment to reflect on what a wonderful place we've created through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness



### 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

Sat, Nov 1  
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share  
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
Midnight, Daylight Savings ends,



## Week 3

Sun, Nov 9  
Worship  
5:30 pm, UMYF Activity  
Tues, Nov 11  
All youth DeeTour lunch & movie  
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting  
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting  
7:30, Finance Committee  
Wed, Nov 12  
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry  
Thurs, Nov 13  
7 pm, Choir rehearsal  
Fri, Nov 14  
7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Nov 15  
All day rental in Social Hall



## Week 2

Sun, Nov 2  
Worship, Communion Sunday  
Guatemala Marketplace between services  
5:30 pm, UMYF Activity  
Election Day!  
Tues, Nov 4  
Wed, Nov 5  
Thurs, Nov 6  
Fri, Nov 7  
Sat, Nov 8  
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry  
7: pm, Choir rehearsal  
7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share  
10 am, Building Community Team Meeting



## Week 4

Sun, Nov 16  
Worship  
5:30 pm, UMYF Activity  
6:30 pm, Border Ministry Seminar, pg ???  
Mon, Nov 17  
Wed, Nov 19  
Thurs, Nov 20  
Fri, Nov 21  
Sat, Nov 22  
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry  
7 pm, Choir rehearsal  
7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



## Week 5

Sun, Nov 23  
Worship, 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk  
11:45 am, UMYF lunch DeeTour  
Tues, Nov 25  
Church office closed from 25-27 Nov.  
7:30 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting  
Wed, Nov 26  
Storefront Ministry  
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Thanksgiving Dinner  
Thurs, Nov 27  
7 pm, Choir rehearsal  
Fri, Nov 28  
7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:

Aimee  
Judi  
Ed & Fran  
Dick

## Week 6

Sun, Nov 30  
Worship

# We Love and Worship God

## Weekly Lectionary

November 2: Daylight Savings Ends!  
Stewardship: Presence  
Acts 16:25-35

November 9:  
Stewardship: Gifts  
Luke 12:13-21

November 16:  
Stewardship: Witness & Service  
Acts 9:36-42

November 23:  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100,  
Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:3-46

November 30:  
Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19,  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

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## Early Merry Christmas from the Guatemala Project!

Get a headstart on your Christmas shopping as the Guatemala Mission project will be presenting their crafts Sunday morning, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November between and after the worship services. We will be offering unique handcrafts made out of hand-woven materials; purses, Bible covers, table runners, wall hangings, scarves, wood box puzzles, jackets, jewelry, etc. This merchandise has been purchased from cooperatives and small family-owned businesses in Guatemala. Aside from donations, the profit on these crafts is the only way we finance the mission projects.

Last July we took two volunteer work teams to Guatemala, for one to two weeks, and installed one hundred stoves into homes. We also finished most of the second floor of two elementary school classrooms. A total of thirty-one people went, including two youth groups from Escondido UMC and five from Palmdale UMC. They worked hard on installing the new stoves which only use 30% of the wood normally needed. The reduced wood usage results not only in protecting the environment from deforestation, but also improves the health of women and children by reducing the smoke in their homes. Some kitchens do not have chimneys and only allow the smoke to escape through a door or small window.

This year we continue our commitment to provide school scholarships for seventy-five children and youth. Education of the Mayan children is a priority, as in most mountain homes only Quitche (the local dialect) is spoken. As an example for a scholarship, an elementary school child requires just \$75 a year which will provide any school fees, books, school supplies, and sometimes a school sweater.

Are YOU interested in becoming a volunteer team member? The upcoming summer dates for 2015 are set for July 3 to July 20. The commitment would be for one or two weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Al.

