



Beach Breeze

FEBRUARY 2015

Season of Service for the Interfaith Shelter at PB UMC

This year was one of many challenges as well as learning opportunities for all of us who volunteered in the Interfaith Shelter program at PB UMC. First of all on behalf of the coordinators and Pastor Bob, we would like to thank all who volunteered their gifts, talents and service making this one of our most successful seasons yet. Special thanks also go to the congregation of PB Christian Church, for their continued support and service to the guests here at PB UMC. After a two-week stay here at PB UMC, our guests moved on to the next church in the rotation.

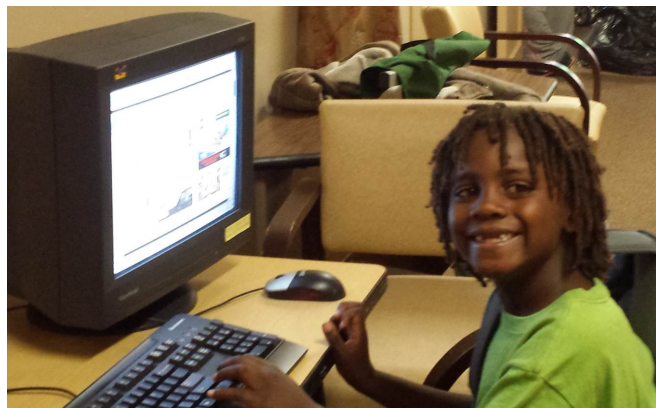
We all knew this season of service was going to be different than that of past years. Tracy Starr was very instrumental in taking on many of the day-to-day chores to help out the volunteers and guests. This year the coordinators had to resume some of the responsibilities (like making sure clean towels were available, trash duties, etc.) with Art's help as well. Usually our overnight supervisors had the wonderful and almost comfortable PB UMC cot to sleep on, but it was not until after the first few nights had begun that we located where Tracy had stored it! Thank you overnight hosts. Thank you set-up volunteers.

This year, our guests tended to be more mothers with children than childless adults. This caused us to ask for special need items for our guests: clothing, diapers, allergy-free lunches and dinners, and so forth. A very large thank-you to all of the volunteers and donors, who helped us to fulfill these specialty needs. We're not sure if this portends a trend in the future, of having more families as our guests, but it seems to point out a gap in community social services that we pray is addressed. On the plus side, we did not have to ask any guest to leave this year for behavior or rule violations, although one guest voluntarily left on the first day.

Our community is filled with a diversity of many ethnic communities, with many different languages. We hope those in the congregation will share their linguistic gifts in other (non-English) languages for future needs. Having the ability to communicate in ways our guests can understand is a positive expression of welcome! Thank you Pastor Bob, for extending pastoral opportunities to our guests if they needed to talk. Please keep all of our guests in your prayers as they deal with their own life challenges. Thank you to all those who volunteered to clean the bedding and pillows, so that they are ready for next season.

As you can see, being part of this ministry offers a variety of opportunities. We hope that those of you, who have yet to share in this experience, might see a volunteer opportunity that speaks to you. Or perhaps you can see an area that hasn't been mentioned, that you feel inspired to share with us. The coordinators would love to hear from you, as we look forward to next season. Thank you all!

Ken, Betty and Steve



Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

More. It seems like we're always looking for more.

And in a consumer-driven culture like ours – and whether we like it or not, our culture is just that – the idea of always looking for more can be harmful if we're not careful.

And I suggest that most of us work hard at being careful. We work hard at not being solely driven by the idea of *more*.

The Rhodes family was blessed to receive generous and unexpected (and anonymous) gifts during the Christmas season. We are humbled and grateful for the many ways the people of PB UMC have welcomed us into the life of this amazing congregation. We look forward to continuing in ministry with you!

More money in our bank accounts and pockets. More stuff in our homes. More power and influence in our jobs and/or our political processes. More glitz and glamor and tech and toys...

And not all of these are bad things to want! And wanting more isn't necessarily a bad thing. Because sometimes we want *more* in a great way!

More time with family. More services for the underprivileged. More healthy days than sick ones. More blessings for our children and/or loved ones than we may have experienced. More love and more peace and more patience and more grace.

And hopefully we all desire *more* when it comes to our faith lives. More time in prayer, more understanding of God's word, and more ways to serve our church and our community and our God.

Seeking *more* in ways that are harmful to ourselves and others cannot be prioritized over seeking *more* in ways that lift up God's creation and God's people and God's love.

As a congregation, we must constantly be looking at both ourselves and our ministries. How can we as individual people of faith grow more deeply committed to God? And how can we as a faith community do more together to transform the world? And how do these two questions overlap?

Our Readiness 360+ leadership group is hard at work looking at these questions and how our congregation can become more vital. Based on a survey taken of PB UMC

members, one thing we can do is to more fully develop our discipleship – our understanding of God and our relationship with God.

To this end, Readiness 360+ embarked on a journey of self-discovery in a study of the book of Acts and found both profound learning and profound community. This discipleship opportunity will be offered to the people of PB UMC beginning in Lent as an exploration of the earliest days of the church in the hopes that our own deepening discipleship may enable us to be more vital servants of our God.

Other opportunities will be made available soon as well. Consider in a prayerful way how God may be calling you more deeply into discipleship and relationship.

Let us all continue to seek *more* in ways that positively impact our faith, our relationship with God, and our community. As we grow more in our discipleship, we enable ourselves to relate more fully to the God who calls us into vital ministry and to transform the world.

Grace and peace...

Pastor Bob

Draughts of Faith

Draughts of Faith is finally here! Beginning on February 19th and continuing the third Thursday of each month,

Draughts of Faith is an opportunity to share in informal conversation at the intersection of faith and life. Come to Fred's Mexican Café on Garnet Ave. any time between 8pm and 10pm on the third Thursday of any month and join in meaningful conversations of faith!

Note: Because we do not yet have a formal agreement with Fred's, this first Draughts of Faith may be somewhat less formal and future gatherings may have to be held at a different location. Please stay tuned!



We Care for One Another

All Church Family Camp

All are invited to join others from Pacific Beach UMC at Camp Cedar Glen the weekend of March 6-8, 2015. Church Family Camp is a great time for church folks to get to spend time together. (This is an event for all - you do not have to have children to attend!)

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. There will also be some quiet spots for those who just want to relax and enjoy the time away.

The cost is \$120 for adults and \$70 for children, which includes lodging, 5 meals, and the fun stuff we do. Checks should be made out to: PB UMC and given to Dee. To register for camp, please contact Dee or the church office. We need to know the names of the folks you are registering, ages of any children, any dietary concerns (camp is very good about trying to accommodate special diets, but that can only happen with advance notice), and any mobility concerns. It is also helpful if you let us know if anyone uses medical equipment at night like a c-pap.



Let Us Pray

When times get rough, when people need to be reached out to, when trouble strikes and someone needs to know that they are being uplifted in prayer, there are a group of people here at PB UMC that spring into action by sinking to their knees for a quiet moment with God. This would be our prayer chain, an active and vital ministry at the church.

If you have just a few moments each week to mindfully lift those in need, into prayer, please contact the church office with the email address that you would like to have added to the prayer chain. One to three short emails come out every week, asking you to lift people or circumstances up in a short prayer, or to rejoice when someone spreads good news. This is a quiet, private ministry that you can support from your own home. All are invited to join.

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 for February

Sunday, February 1

- 11:45 – 2 pm, UMYF meeting

Sunday, February 8

- UMYF Bake Sale after each service

Saturday, February 14

- Parents' Night Out Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, February 22

- 5:30 – 7pm, UMYF meeting

Parents' Night Out

On February 14, take your sweetie out for a Valentine's date while helping the youth raise funds for their summer activities. Bring your children to the church for the youth (and a few adult supervisors) to babysit. We will be open from 5 – 9 pm. We will provide a light meal and some snacks. The cost is \$20 per child. To make a reservation, contact Dee with your name, the names and ages of your children and any dietary concerns or special needs of your children. Please make reservations by Wednesday, February 11 in order to arrange enough sitters and food. You may also e-mail questions or talk to Dee Baraw. Hope to see you then, Thank you for your continued support, members of the Youth Fellowship group!



Sunday School News

The qualities listed in the quote above, plus so much more, are what we try to impart to the children in Sunday School. We are blessed with wonderful teachers that are dedicated to the children of PBUMC! Many thanks to Jesse & Lauren for their time with the children and wish them well on their new endeavors. We have a couple new teachers ready to come on board soon. A special thank you to the teachers that work with the "older" Sunday School class, Dee, Peggy, & Arnold. Dee taught the class on her own for a long time; it's nice she has help now! Thank you all for your support of the children and youth of PBUMC!

-Malea

Children's Choir

We have begun our Winter/Spring season. The choir theme will center around being valued and important in God's world. There will be songs in Sunday morning worship and then a play/musical late this Spring. More on that later!

We are ALWAYS appreciative of help, but a crucial need is going to arise soon. Our precious Maggie, who so generously accompanies the Children's Choir, is moving to Arizona. Are there any pianists who would be able/willing to help us out Sunday mornings between 10-10:25? If so, contact Vicki.

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

Bible Study Group "Stewardship for Life"

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

- February 1, Feasting and Fasting, Daniel 1:5, 8-17, Matthew 6:16-18; 9:9-17
- February 8, Serving Neighbors, Serving God, Luke 10:25-34
- February 15, Serving the Least, Matthew 25:31-46
- February 22, Clothed and Ready, Ephesians 6:10-20

We Reach Out to Others



Dine & Make a Difference!

The Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) invites you to join them for lunch or dinner to help raise funds to support their ministry on Thursday, February 12. All you need do is to grab a flyer from the entry area, and purchase a meal at Boudin SF, located at 5407 Balboa Avenue, from 3 pm to 8pm. 20% of the sales generated (excluding tax and alcohol) from dine-in and to-go meal purchases will be donated to CCSA.

Boudin SF is a family-friendly casual restaurant with an on-site bakery with breads baked fresh throughout the day. For more information go to: https://www.boudinbakery.com/Boudin_SF.

GriefShare Support Group

"GriefShare" is offered for those who have recently lost a loved one. It is a 13-week video seminar series discussing various aspects of the grief journey, followed by discussion. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk with you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, February 15, and we will meet every Sunday from 1 to 2:30 pm through May 17.

Contact Kym if you are interested in joining.

Spiritual Intensity: Acts Bible Study (and more) from Lent to Pentecost

In the Readiness 360 survey, our congregation showed a desire for deeper spiritual intensity. The ten people who volunteered for the Readiness 360 group met with four other churches in September to review the survey results and to consider next steps. We undertook a study of the Book of Acts in order to deepen our own spiritual intensity and to better understand how the earliest Christians undertook "church". We used Acts: 24 Studies for Individuals and Groups (N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides, ©2010) as a study guide. We met weekly to pray and study one or more chapters of Acts. As part of our weekly meetings we asked each other, "How is it with your soul?" The simple question yielded surprising results, touching us all and bringing us closer together.

We followed an apprentice model in leading the study. Pastor Bob led the study of the first chapter, then worked with a group member (apprentice) to co-lead the second chapter. The member led the third chapter solo. The following week the apprentice became the teacher, and met with a new apprentice to lead a chapter, lead a chapter together, go solo, and pass on the teaching to the next person. By the end of the study, all members had an opportunity to lead the group at least once.

Each of us felt a profound sense of spirit and connection, and so we decided to offer this study to the congregation. Each study group will be facilitated by members of the Readiness 360 team and will meet between Lent (February 18) and Pentecost Sunday (May 24), starting on February 22. We would love to have you join us. Please contact the church office or fill out an interest sheet in the weekly bulletin to sign up for one of these times:

Sundays, beginning February 22, 9 to 10 am in the Lanai

Wednesdays, beginning on February 25, 6:30 to 8 pm at Wesley Palms in Pacific Beach

Thursdays, beginning February 26, 11 am to 12:30 pm in Room 205



Mardi Gras Celebration at PB UMC

Please bring your family to join us at the church on the evening of Tuesday, February 17 for a pancake dinner to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Shrove or Fat Tuesday is the traditional name for the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is more commonly known as Mardi Gras, which is simply Fat Tuesday in French. It gets its name from the custom of marking the day with feasting before the fasting season of Lent begins. Want to know more? Come on down to find out! Come for dinner and activities any time between 5 and 7 pm. Cost \$5 for ages 13 and up; \$3 for children 12 and under. We look forward to celebrating together!

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of December 31 2014

Dec giving – budget \$24,414	\$21,019
Dec other sources of income – budget \$5,399	\$5,528
Dec total available for ministry – budget \$34,871	\$26,547
Dec expended in ministry – budget \$31,499	\$38,511
Dec income minus expenses	-\$11,964
YtD giving – budget \$313,196	\$306,150
YtD other sources of income – budget \$64,788	\$62,604
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$377,984	\$368,754
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$377,984	\$396,185
YtD income minus expenses	-\$27,431
Year 2014 budget	\$377,984

Reflections from Finance and Stewardship Team:

Want the bad news first or the great news? Bad news: because we didn't spend all of the 2014 designated income we received on advertising and marketing as intended, we had to reclassify or put back about \$3,000 of income to save for next year. That reduced our net income further. You may recall that we had unusual transition and repair expenses that ate into our reserves. Good news: we keep a watchful eye on how we use all designated giving. Great news: we've received another distribution from Steve Prewitt's estate that increases our funds for the pastor's discretionary spending and the endowment for advertising and marketing. Pastor Bob is thinking up some great marketing ideas for 2015. We start 2015 with a new budget, a clean slate, and sound financial footing.



CHURCH STAFF:
Pastor: The Rev Bob
Office Administrator: Aimee
Music Director: Ron

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

January 4 – 186 persons
January 11 – 196 persons
January 18 – 173 persons
January 25 – 174 persons
Ave. Weekly (2015) – 182 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

December 31 – 85 persons
January 7 – 138 persons
January 14 – 120 persons
January 21 – 148 persons

Information on Giving

Seventy giving units have made estimates for 2015. Another seventy units give frequently and their giving is projected based on their previous year's giving. Many guests and visitors give when they attend. Rental of properties and use of facilities also contribute to our income. We withdraw 4% of our endowments annually and allocate the funds according to the intent of the respective endower. We also receive some grants from organizations.

Twenty to twenty-five of the giving units make their donations from their bank accounts or credit cards through VANCO Services (initiated through the pbmc.org website). Ten to fifteen giving units pay through their bank's pay bill option. One unit uses an IRA distribution; another uses a stock transfer to the church's TD Ameritrade brokerage account. The remainder pay by personal checks and/or cash. Most regular contributions are monthly.

Receipts are usually counted on Monday mornings and results provided to the Bookkeeper (Scott), Treasurer (Hope), and Financial Secretary (Dick). The Bookkeeper provides a report monthly to the Finance Committee. Records of giving are maintained and statements are distributed quarterly by the Financial Secretary.

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

Sun, Feb 1 Worship
11:45 am, UMYF meeting
Wed, Feb 4 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Feb 5 5:15 pm, Hand Chime rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Feb 6 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Feb 7 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 2

Sun, Feb 8 Worship
UMYF Bake Sale
Tues, Feb 10 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7 pm, Shalom Council meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Feb 11 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Feb 12 CCSA Fundraiser (see pg. 5)
5:15 pm, Hand Chime rehearsal
7: pm, Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Happy Valentines Day!
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
5 pm, Parents' Night Out (see pg. 4)



Week 3

Sun, Feb 15 Worship
1 pm, GriefShare (see pg. 5)
Mon, Feb 16 Presidents' Day, office closed
Beach Breeze Deadline
Tues, Feb 17 5 pm, Fat Tuesday pancake dinner
Wed, Feb 18 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Feb 19 5:15 pm, Hand Chime rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
8 pm, Draughts of Faith (see pg. 2)
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Feb 20 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
Sat, Feb 21 9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 4

Sun, Feb 22 Worship
9am, Acts Bible Study
1 pm, GriefShare
Tues, Feb 24 7:30 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, Feb 25 Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Feb 26 11 am, Acts Bible Study
5:15 pm, Hand Chime rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Feb 27 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
Sat, Feb 28

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:

Aimee
Judi
Ed & Fran
Dick

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

February 1, "Blessings"
Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45

February 8, "Storms & Giants"
1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
Mark 4:35-41

February 15
2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

February 22, guest preacher, Rev. Nicole Reilley,
Director of New Ministries,
Cal-Pac Conference.
Lectionary: Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 5:1-10,
1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

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Communion Offering: Human Relations Day

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called "the least of these." Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas' poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that's what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God's children to realize their potential.

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, allows the work of folks like Bruce and Becky Ballou to build relationships with those teens in Texas. Your gift allows Montey Payne to lead recovering addicts towards healing. And your gift helps Rev. Steve Burr find work for ex-offenders.

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give. Rev. I Maliik Safir, whose church works with those gripped by addiction in Little Rock, sums up the work of Human Relations Day by recalling Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan: "to meet the poor, the disadvantaged and the underserved at the places where others have robbed them and help them to recover from the wounds of social inequality."

