



MAY 2015

Beach Breeze

All-Church Gathering on Sunday, May 17th

All members and friends of Pacific Beach UMC are invited to gather together to share in a lunch and a presentation of several items important to the life of this congregation. We will plan to be in Hughes Hall (sometimes known as the Social Hall) beginning at approximately 11:45 am (or whenever worship ends) to begin with a meal. A main dish and beverages will be provided, and anyone willing is invited to bring a side dish. (Please RSVP to the church office so we can make sure to have enough food.) After we've had some time to start our meal, we will begin discussing three important possibilities for PB UMC.

Southern Cross Project

The Southern Cross Project has been in early planning stages for some time now, and PB UMC's Board of Trustees has recently received detailed information on the scope and breadth of the project as well as an expected budget. This is a comprehensive project to address many needed facility repairs and upgrades as a cohesive whole, and it is now time for the people of PB UMC to explore whether or not we wish to move forward with the project and discuss ways to raise the necessary funds.

Readiness 360+

For the past seven months, faithful members of PB UMC have participated actively in the Cal-Pac Conference revitalization effort Readiness 360+ (R360). Group members have participated in meetings specific to PB UMC and also with several churches across the South District, and have explored areas of Discipleship and Missional Alignment. As part of this effort, R360 will present several "hands-on" opportunities to join even more fully in our life-changing ministries.

Pastoral Intern

Pacific Beach UMC has been approached by a student from Claremont School of Theology (CST) asking if we might consider taking on a Pastoral Intern as part of CST's Field Education requirement. While our Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will determine whether any potential intern might be a good fit for our particular ministry environment, we as a congregation may explore whether or not we wish to benefit from additional leadership as well as take on the responsibilities inherent to an internship.

Please plan to participate in these important conversations as we continue to discern God's call on the people of PB UMC. Together, we are the body of Christ!

Communion Offering: Imagine No Malaria

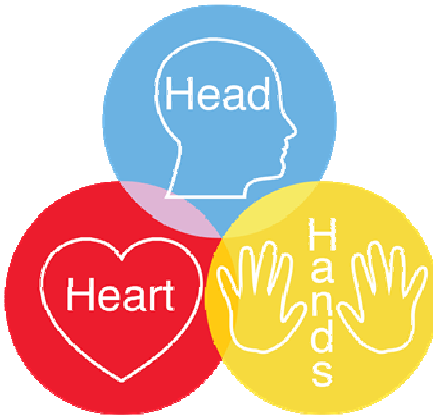
In sub-Saharan Africa, malaria continues to kill one person every 60 seconds. But there is hope! Imagine No Malaria is part of a global partnership, and together with our partners, our generation can beat malaria once and for all using a two-pronged approach: prevention and treatment.

Prevention includes distributing insecticide-treated bed nets to keep infected mosquitos from landing on sleeping people. Prevention also includes educating families on how to prevent getting malaria. Treatment of those already infected is two-pronged. First is building and supporting health facilities which help with diagnosis, individual case management, and access to medication. Treatment also encompasses training a network of community health workers who will take their knowledge back to their communities. Please join in the fight and dare to Imagine No Malaria ... anywhere!

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog: Discipleship — Part II

Dear Friends:

In our continuing discussion of Discipleship, we have been exploring the meaning of discipleship specifically in the context of the community here at Pacific Beach UMC. After last month's post about discipleship, we have continued to have great conversations, and several members and friends of PB UMC have asked intriguing questions. It is my hope that we will continue in this dialogue, and that we can journey together toward a deeper sense of discipleship.



and essays, others explore through conversation or debate. Where some are passionate about inclusivity ministries, others are drawn to creating quilts for babies or videos for websites. Paul writes in his first letter to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 12) that we are given a variety of gifts even as we are empowered by the same Spirit. As we work toward giving of our whole selves in response to God's transforming work in our lives, we use our head, heart, and hands in a diversity of ways.

First and foremost, discipleship begins with Jesus. From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus gathered people together to give a new and broader understanding of God's profound message for humanity. Those who gathered to hear Jesus were called disciples, and it's worth remembering that it was not just "the twelve" who were named in this way. *All* who followed Jesus were his disciples.

Today, we who gather in worship and fellowship and service continue to grow in faith and ministry. I believe that we are called to continually seek out a deeper sense of relationship with God, and that we can experience the fullest relationship when we commit ourselves completely. We are transformed, and we are invited to respond to God's grace-filled work in us. One way to think of this in a practical way is to commit with our *head*, *heart*, and *hands*, both in the ways we seek God and the ways we respond to God. In this way, we engage our intellect (our *head*), our emotion and our passion (our *heart*), and our action and service (our *hands*) to fully live out the transforming love of God through Jesus Christ.

This does not mean that all disciples live out these things in exactly the same way. Just as we are a diverse people, we are given a diversity of gifts and passions and abilities. Where some experience a drive to read theological books

We recently hosted a Membership Orientation where persons considering membership at PB UMC – as well as current members who were interested in a refresher – examined the United Methodist membership covenant of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. As a part of this, we distributed a new pamphlet briefly outlining this membership covenant alongside this practical commitment of *head*, *heart*, and *hands*. All are welcome to continue to explore discipleship using this new resource. It is available through the church office or for download at www.pbumc.org/media/membership_discipleship.pdf.

May we continue to experience God's transformation as we share ourselves – persons transformed by God's love through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit – with God's creation.

Grace and Peace ...

Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another



Ladies Day Out

All ladies are invited to join us for a casual get together for our next PB UMC Ladies Event on Saturday, May 2, at 3 pm. We will meet at the "85 Degrees Café," located at 5575 Balboa Avenue. We'll chat, have coffee or tea and enjoy the treats of the bakery. We look forward to seeing you there and getting to know you better.

Please RSVP to Su-Yen to let us know to save you a seat. Also, this summer, we hope to once again enjoy the summer movie festival at Viejas. Stay tuned for details!

Lunch Bunch Meets May 31

Come join us for fellowship and conversation. We might share some stories about our inclusion ministries for reconciliation and for the homeless and hungry. Join us for lunch Sunday May 31 at noon at San Tong Palace, 4690 Convoy St. Suite 105, San Diego 858-571-6837. San Tong Palace is at the back of the Plaza del Sol (behind China Max) on the southwest corner of Convoy and Engineer Rd.

All are welcome, including families with children. We have space at the table for those who like to eat family style and also for those who prefer to eat their own order. We'll have menus ready so we can phone in orders before leaving church. This time we'll also have accurate bills for what each person orders. Please tell Kathy or Hope if you plan to come so we can reserve enough seats.

News from our Members

Sebastian Haines Merrill, son of Jeff and Rachel Merrill, was baptized on March 15 of this year. We welcome you to the fellowship of Christ, Sebastian!

Nick and Sarah (nee Schmidt) Martinson were married on March 28, with Pastor Bob Rhodes presiding. Congratulations!

Anne Dean, a former member of PB UMC until the family moved, contacted the church office to let us know that she is expecting her second baby in late July. She has reached out to the Prayers & Squares Quilters to request a prayer quilt that her new baby can be baptized in. We wish the Dean family all the best!

Read with Me!

BMW Club is a books, movies, and writing club that would like to invite you to join us for the discussion of "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett on Tuesday, May 19, at 6 pm at Cafe Athena in Pacific Beach (located at 1846 Garnet Ave). Please read the novel in advance and bring your discussion questions, comments, and inspirations or simply enjoy dinner with us! If you have any questions, contact Jesse.

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 May

Friday, May 1

- District Youth Overnight and Broomball

Sunday, May 3

- 11:30 – 3 pm, UMYF card making, crafting day for our Mothers' Day bake sale. Be sure to RSVP so Dee will have enough food for lunch and crafting supplies.

Saturday, May 9

- Dee will be decorating cookies; contact her if you would like to help out at her house.

Sunday, May 10

- Youth Bake Sale. Please bring baked goods ready to sell and plan to help out that morning.

Sunday, May 17

- Youth take reservations for pancake breakfast after each service.
- 5 – 7 pm, UMYF dinner and games at the church. Please RSVP

Sunday, May 24

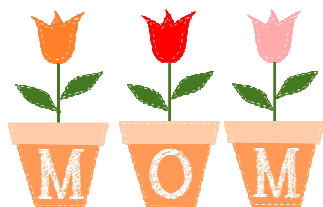
- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Sign up for a shift to help between 7:30 and 11:30 am. We will need youth to help set up, serve guests and clean up.

Sunday, May 31

- UMYF and Best Group invited to participate in worship. We need readers, greeters, ushers, acolytes, etc. Please contact Dee to be assigned your special part.

Youth Bake Sale on May 10

Please plan on supporting the youth on Sunday, May 10 and buy some yummy baked goods. They will also have some craft items to sell. Dee will be making some cookie bouquets. Please tell Dee if you would like to special order a bouquet for your mother or if you have another occasion to celebrate.



Children's Choir

Your PB UMC songsters did a great job on Bright Sunday/Music Sunday, singing "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir!" Thanks, not only to the children and their parents, but also to Ron for accompanying, and Jesse, our rehearsal accompanist.

That song is part of our spring theme of ALL having an important part in God's world. We will sing this song again on June 14th, at 3 pm, when we present our musical play: "Just Like You and Me." Be sure to put the date on your calendar and come support and enjoy our talented children, AND dessert afterward prepared/organized by Florence.

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

Pancake Breakfast

We had so much fun on Easter morning sharing breakfast together, the youth will be hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, May 24. We will serve breakfast starting at 7:45 and ending at 10:30. We will charge \$5 a plate for folks 12 and up, \$3.50 for children ages 3-11, ages 2 and under are free. We would appreciate knowing if you are planning to attend, and so there will be youth taking reservations on May 17. Tickets will also be available at the door that morning.



Bible Study Group "One in the Bond of Love"

The Sunday morning Bible Study group will join the Acts Bible Study, which will be held in the Lanai, from 9 - 10 am on Sunday mornings. The regular bible study, "One in the Bond of Love," will resume on Pentecost, May 24th. The readings are below:

- May 24, Gift of Languages, Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 14:1-25
- May 31, The Greatest Gift is Love, 1 Corinthians 13

We Reach Out to Others

PB UMC Voted Volunteer of the Year!

On April 8 of this year, one of our little-known ministries resulted in PB UMC being recognized by the County Board of Supervisors as the Registrar of Voters Volunteer of the Year. Unless you vote in our precinct, you may not be aware that every year, for the past 27 years and 38 elections, PB UMC has been THE place to go, to vote on election day. PB UMC started to open its doors to voters starting in 1988, sometimes to multiple precincts. Each year, members of our church undergo training in order to correctly setup and run a polling place for our neighbors, so that their votes can be heard on issues ranging from what local bonds we should support, to who our next President of the United States should be.



Many people have staffed our polling places throughout the years, both members of PB UMC and members of the public who volunteer in this public service. Harrell has served for over 20 years and just recently stepped down as our Precinct Inspector. Dick (15-year volunteer) has stepped up for the last two years to take over from Harrell. Al has served for at least 10 years in the past. Tracy served for several years as well. At present, Tom, and Peter & Diana join with Dick to continue PB UMC's participation in staffing our polling place.

If you would like to see a copy of the live-streamed award ceremony in which Pastor Bob Rhodes accepted our award, you may go to our website, www.pbumc.org/announcements/2015/04/county-volunteer-award/. The video is over 28 minutes long; however, if you scroll to the 36.20 minute mark, you'll see our presentation. We didn't manage to get Harrell or Dick to accept the physical award, but we DID get a photo of our polling crew shown during the ceremony!

If you would like to see the award and certification, look in the lobby of the Social Hall, at the bulletin board. The award and certificate are posted there (on the bulletin board given in Dion's memory by Harrell).

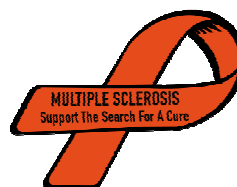
Laughing All the Way to a Cure!

"If laughter is the best medicine, then "Late Nite Catechism" delivers the entire pharmacy!" – KDHX Radio, St. Louis MO.

Now in its 20th year, "Late Nite Catechism" is an uproariously funny play that takes the audience back to their youth. The irrepressible Sister teaches class to a roomful of "students." Throughout the course of the class the benevolent instructor rewards the "students" for correct answers with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and other nifty prizes. Naughty students may well find themselves on stage sitting in a corner reflecting upon their actions. However, even the most reluctant "students" will be clamoring to get into this Sister's class.



If you love an evening of religion turned inside out, this is a Sister Act you *have* to see. We love it so much we're bringing it to PB UMC, Saturday, June 27th at 7 pm. All proceeds will benefit the National MS Society, on behalf of Team Diane. Tickets go on sale to the public May 1—so don't miss out! Buy them in person or on-line at www.teamdiane.org/tickets. Regular class seat \$35; "Teacher's Pet" \$50.00 (front row seating/meet & greet Sister before the show). For more info, contact Lynn.



Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of March 31, 2014

Mar giving – budget \$21,161	\$28,014
Mar other sources of income – budget \$11,372	\$10,051
Mar total available for ministry – budget \$32,533	\$38,065
Mar expended in ministry – budget \$32,533	\$38,307
Mar income minus expenses	-\$242
YtD giving – budget \$63,483	\$63,515
YtD other sources of income – budget \$34,115	\$30,027
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$97,598	\$93,542
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$97,598	\$97,643
YtD income minus expenses	-\$4,101
Year 2015 budget	\$390,391

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

March giving was up, helping us to keep pace with our expenses. Expenses for the month look high because we recorded two months of apportionments (about \$3300 per month) in March, as the February check was dated March 1. This month we are switching to an online version of our QuickBooks accounting system. The change should appear seamless and we are hoping it will make it easier to process payroll and track our financial state. *Correction for last month: The February budget numbers for total available for ministry and expended in ministry should both have been \$32,533. The other budget numbers and all actual numbers were correct.*

Visitors' Comments

From a visiting mother: I always feel at peace at this church and its wonderful music ministry. It was a joy to worship with our son C (who I am visiting) and our other son G who just moved here. Prayers that G finds employment, new relationships, and continues coming to church at PB UMC with C.

Regular visitors: We will miss the New Member Orientation because of travel for work. For a temporary time, we will be in transit between the two coasts for work purposes, however we love the church and we love the choir!

Snowbird: It was a pleasure to worship with your congregation this past Sunday. I occasionally attended PB UMC when April was pastor and must admit that I was curious how worship might have changed with her leaving. I clearly enjoyed the service with her and with you! I noticed so many people with disabilities at your service. I was impressed! I'm retired from teaching special education and it really made an impression. I look forward to being with you all again this spring.

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

April 5, Easter – 391 persons
April 12 – 217 persons
April 19 – 179 persons
April 26 – 169 persons
Ave. Weekly (2015) – 197 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

April 1 – 150 persons
April 8 – 120 persons
April 15 – 135 persons
April 22 – 117 persons

Maryland Sandy Recovery Mission Team 2015

Hurricane Sandy was the second-costliest hurricane in United States history and became the largest Atlantic hurricane on record. Crisfield, Maryland, a small community on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, was hit hard by the storm surge and had over 700 homes damaged. Please join with other United Methodists to offer support by helping to rebuild Crisfield on a mission trip from September 26 – October 3, 2015.

If you are interested or you have questions, you may contact the Team Leader, Jennifer Demaree (619-303-0224, jkdemaree@gmail.com). As Christians, we are called to rebuild communities in need of healing: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. If you feel the call to help with the healing of families who cannot afford to repair or rebuild their homes on their own, we urge you to prayerfully consider this mission opportunity.

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

Fri, May 1 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
District Youth Overnight activity
Sat, May 2 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
3 pm, Ladies Day Out (pg 3)



Week 2

Sun, May 3 Worship, Communion Sunday
11:30 am, Youth crafts day with Dee
1 pm, Griefshare
Wed, May 6 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, May 7 5:15 pm, Hand Chime rehearsal
7: pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, May 8 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 9 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Week 3

Sun, May 10 Worship, Mother's Day!
Youth Bake Sale (pg 4)
1 pm, Griefshare
Tues, May 12 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, May 13 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, May 14 5:15 pm, Hand Chime rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, May 15 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 16 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 4

Sun, May 17 Worship
Noon, All-Church meeting (pg 1)
1 pm, Griefshare
5 pm, UMYF dinner and games
Mon, May 18 Beach Breeze Deadline
Tues, May 19 6 pm, Book club discussion (pg 3)
Wed, May 20 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, May 21 5:15 pm, Hand Chime rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, May 22 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 23 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Week 5

Sun, May 24 Worship
Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser (pg 4)
Mon, May 25 Memorial Day, office is closed
Tues, May 26 7:30 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, May 27 Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, May 28 5:15 pm, Hand Chime rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
8 pm, Draughts of Faith
Fri, May 29 7:30 pm, Narc Anon



Week 5

Sun, May 31 Worship
Noon, Lunch Bunch (pg 3)

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:
Aimee Kay
Judi Patterson
Ed & Fran Rodenburg
Dick Ver Steeg

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

May 3

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31
I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

May 10

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98,
I John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

May 17, Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1,
I John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

May 24, Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35,
Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

May 31

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29,
Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

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Bodhi Tree Concert: Random Acts of Art's Kindness

The Irving Flores Latin Jazz Quintet, featuring Gilbert Castellanos, will perform at PB UMC on May 31, starting at 3:30 pm. Pianist, composer, and arranger Irving Flores, a Latin music giant, will join with trumpet virtuoso, Gilbert Castellanos, to present an afternoon of Latin Jazz. Opening the concert will be the aspiring musicians of Mariachi Chula Vista.

Bodhi Tree Concerts (BTC) performs random acts of kindness by presenting music events, donating all profits to charitable causes. BTC also is dedicated to hiring exclusively local artists. 100% of the profits from this concert will be donated to ArtsBusXpress and ArtReach San Diego. ArtsBusXpress works to ensure San Diego city and county school teachers have transportation to take students on cultural field trips to arts, science, and technology. ArtReach San Diego believes that all youngsters, regardless of socioeconomic status, benefit from the opportunity to practice creative thinking and creative doing by increasing access to visual arts education.

Tickets are \$20 each, \$10 for students. Go to www.BodhiTreeConcerts.org to purchase and for more information.



Gilbert Castellanos



Mariachi Chula Vista