



Beach Breeze



AUGUST 2015

Annual "Fun in the Sun" Picnic, August 30th!

The location has been reserved, the bounce house has been ordered and the food has been ordered.

Yes, it's just about that time again for our annual "Fun in the Sun" PB UMC picnic!

As usual the picnic will be held at Paradise Point, just about one mile south of the church on Ingraham, right in the middle of beautiful Mission Bay Park. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 30th, between noon and 3 pm.



This year, our main picnic food will be provided by Abbey's Real Texas BBQ on Miramar Road, home of some of the best BBQ in San Diego. They import mesquite wood from West Texas and smoke all of their meats on the premises for an authentic Texas taste. Of course, we'll have plenty of tasty vegetarian side dishes, too! And several church members have already volunteered to bring some wonderful homemade desserts.

In addition to the bounce house, we'll have lots of fun and games for young and old alike (Ndinda and Amy have already volunteered to provide face painting for our youngest members).

While much planning has already occurred, volunteers are still needed for a variety of tasks such as table/chair transportation to/from the church and after-picnic clean up (because we want to leave our beautiful park as pristine as we found it). If you can help with anything picnic-related (including bringing a dessert), please email picnic@pbumc.org. Remember, this IS an all-volunteer effort!

We'll start signing folks up Sunday, August 2nd. The price will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for children, and \$30 for families. Extra donations would be happily accepted to help defray the cost of the park reservation and bounce house rental. We look forward to seeing you, your family and your friends at the picnic!



Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

I'm beginning to realize something as we're nearing the halfway point of the summer. First of all, why is it the halfway point of summer already?!? But I digress...

At the beginning of June just before my children finished the academic year, I was looking forward to some relaxation. I set myself up with the expectation that the summer months would be a time to relax a bit, a time where there are fewer meetings and fewer activities.

And then summer actually hit.

In early June, my sister came out for a visit from Nebraska. Shortly after, we had other friends visit from Nebraska. Then the kids got out of school and then there was Annual Conference. After Annual Conference, one of the kids' cousins stayed over for a week, and then Beth and I celebrated our Anniversary with special meals, jet skis, and kayaks (though not all on the same day).

Somewhere in there, I had the privilege of officiating at the wedding of a dear friend. And *all* of this was before leaving for a week of Jr. High Camp!

And that's when Pride happened. If you don't know all of the things that happened at Pride, get the slightest glimpse in the sermon from July 19th. You can find it on our website here: <http://www.pbumc.org/sermons/seeking-rest/>. Spoiler alert: it was all worth it!

And so here we are at nearly halfway through the summer, and already expectations have been completely blown out of the water. Even if this isn't every San Diegan's experience this particular summer, perhaps it's something we can all relate to. Many people have an expectation of what a particular book or movie might hold. Those privileged to be married or have children likely had an expectation of what those relationships would be like, and many of us had to readjust rather quickly! Expectations can be confirmed or denied when we test drive cars, when we listen to our favorite artist's new album, when we try a new recipe, and when we see a celebrity or political candidate interviewed on T.V. (or YouTube, etc.).



I'm not trying to say that it's a bad thing to have expectations. We simply have to be flexible. When something doesn't go the way we expect, we have to readjust. We have to reschedule and reassess and recover and respond. Getting stuck in an expectation can sometimes mean that we're stuck in denial.

On the other hand, expectations can be great.

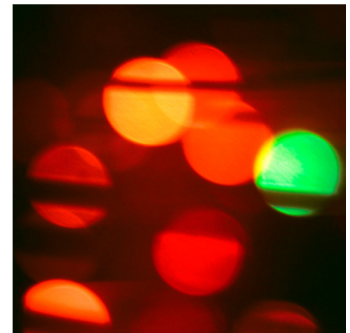
Positive expectations can give us hope. We can have special things or people to look forward to, particular circumstances that we may anticipate with joy and excitement. Expectations can give us ways to set lofty goals, to have visions and to dream dreams. Expectations can help us to keep focus, to remain within carefully crafted boundaries, and to reach as far and as high and as wide as possible.

I submit that we all may be called to maintain healthy and lofty expectations for the work that God is doing in PB UMC and within our own lives and communities. I believe that we are called to dream beyond limitations and to have faith in a God who continues to surprise us, who continues to renew our perspective and break down our barriers.

Let us expect hope and peace, let us be filled with excitement and joy, and let us have visions and dream dreams. Let us continually focus on God's call and the many ways God equips us to carry out this call. And then let us break free of even these expectations in the grace and infinite goodness of the One who makes all things possible.

May we all know God's grace and love...

Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another

Lunch Bunch at Café Athena

By popular request, we've selected a restaurant close to the church for our lunch gathering this month. Please join us for lunch on Sunday, August 9 at noon, at Café Athena. Everyone is encouraged to come, including children. In order to have enough room at the table, please let Kathy or Hope know you plan to join us.

Café Athena is a half mile from the church, 1846 Garnet Avenue, at the back of the shopping center to the east of Vons & CVS, between Kendall and Lamont. This charming Greek restaurant is a bit hidden, next to Fed Ex Office and behind the Chinese buffet restaurant.

Ladies, Join Us for Tasty Treats!

The PB UMC Ladies Group will meet on Saturday, August 15 at 3 pm at 85 Degrees Cafe & Bakery. All ladies are invited to join us for a casual get together. The 85 Degrees Café is 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.

Visitors, from Days Gone By

Early in June, a former church member stopped by to introduce herself. Virginia (and Len) Kamp were married by Rev. Smith, here at PB UMC, on June 26, 1965. Aimee took Virginia on a tour around the church facility, to show her some of the changes that had been made over the years. Virginia was especially impressed with the Trumpet and Lily stained glass in the sanctuary, as well as our fully-outfitted dental lab. To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year, Len & Virginia Kamp made a donation to the Wednesday Night Ministry.

Farewell and Safe Journey

It's with great sorrow that we have to say good-bye to two of our long-term members. Alex, who has grown up with us and has also been a blessing in our nursery, is moving to Washington state. Her last day in the nursery was July 29th. Dart Rhodes has agreed to step in for Alex full-time.

Alan is headed to the Caribbean to join his fiancée Andrea, as she finishes school. Alan has been a faithful choir member here at PB UMC and Andrea also sang with our choir. Rumors of a fall wedding abound!

We wish Alex and Alan well and pray for their safe re-settlement in their respective new homes.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

Youth Activities for August

Please contact Dee regarding any of these events or the youth ministry program overall.

Sat, August 1 - Sun, August 9

- Sierra Service Project (SSP) team in the field.

Tuesday, August 11

- RSVP with Dee for Day at the Beach leading into a Night at the Beach

Thursday, August 13

- 9:30 am to 9 pm, last official Day/Night at the Beach for the summer at La Jolla Shores

Sunday, August 16

- Meet after church for lunch and worship planning

Thursday, August 20

- Check with Dee to see if there is enough interest for a Day/Night at the Beach

Sunday, August 23

- Meet after church for lunch and worship planning

Tuesday, August 25

- San Diego Zoo Outing, see Dee for details

Thursday, August 27

- Music practice for worship service, time to be announced

Saturday, August 29

- Worship rehearsal, if needed

Sunday, August 30

- Youth Led Worship



Children's Choir

The PB UMC singing and acting children are still off for another six weeks or so. We will resume rehearsals on the Sunday after Labor Day weekend, September 13. Please let any parent or child know that we welcome any child three years old (IF they can focus for 20 minutes) through elementary school to join us, and older kids are VERY welcome to come help out! When we start in September, we will be working on songs for worship, and our Advent/Christmas play.

I'm so delighted that Liesl will be assisting me directing and teaching this year! I'm so grateful for the sharing of her considerable talents! Any adult/youth willing to help with rehearsals, props, costumes, ideas, or anything else? Please contact me let me (Vicki) know.

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

Sunday School News

Last month in this newsletter there was a wonderful article about the "Rule of 5" and it used the example of Sunday School, and how our teacher roster was full. Well, since that article was written we have lost 5 teachers for various reasons (moving to Germany? geez!). Help!!! Teachers commit to one Sunday a month for one of the services. Teachers work in pairs so you are really only responsible for the lesson every other month! We provide a great curriculum that gives you all you need to prepare. And we provide even greater kids for you to get to know!

If you would like to join our team or have questions please contact me (Malea).

Bible Study Group "Advocates of Justice for All"

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

- August 2, Our Redeemer Comes, Isaiah 59:15-21
- August 9, A Choice to Be Just, Jeremiah 7:1-15
- August 16, A Call for Repentance, Ezekiel 18:1-13, 31-32
- August 23, God Demands Justice, Zechariah 7:8-14
- August 30, Return to a Just God, Malachi 3:10-10

We Reach Out to Others



PB UMC's Starfish Stories

A young girl was walking along a beach in which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the water. She had been doing this for some time, when a man approached her and said, "Little girl, why are you doing this? You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!" The little girl seemed crushed, deflated. But then she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. She looked at the man and said, "I made a difference to that one!"

PB UMC was blessed to help some special starfish in the last couple of months. RH was a gentleman who was trying to get back home to his brother. He had no employment here, and had the possibility of employment if he could only get back home. Travelers Aid Society had guaranteed him a low-fare bus ticket if he could find one or more sponsors to pick up the bulk of his ticket. He came to PB UMC asking for help, and with funds from our Persons in Crisis fund, we were able to commit to helping him get back home.

CK was a lady living on the street. She had moved to San Diego from upstate New York for health reasons, and with the cost of living difference, she didn't have enough money for both a deposit and 1st months' rent in a hotel. Her prospective landlord was kind enough to hold her room with a security deposit, but she would have to stay on the streets for a month, to be able to save enough money to pay her rent in full. She walked into PB UMC on a Tuesday seeking dental care and shared her story with the staff. By Wednesday, after talking with her prospective landlord, we were able to help CK with a discounted rent for the rest of the month, so that she would have a safe place to stay, while saving money and seeking a job.

The S family, consisting of father, mother, a 4-year old girl, and an 8-month old baby, through a series of bad luck, became stranded in San Diego and were being thrown out of their temporary housing. The family came to the church seeking help. Family members were driving out to pick up the family and take them back home to the mid-west, but would not physically arrive for 24 hours, leaving the family to sleep on the street. PB UMC was able to book a hotel room for the family that would also provide them breakfast the next morning, and a cash credit-card was donated to the family to enable them to have a meal that night. While the family waited in the lanai to be transported to the hotel once they could check-in, a bag full of non-perishable food and drink was assembled so that the family would have snacks and drinks to feed their children in-between meals.

All of these people were helped using funds that were provided by members of PB UMC, for our Persons in Crisis fund, which is administered solely at the Pastor's discretion, for people in urgent and immediate need. If you would like to make a charitable donation towards our now severely-depleted fund, please contact the church office. Your gift **will** make a difference to someone in need.

Letter of Thanks

Dear PB UMC,

Last Wednesday, I travelled 2.5 hours by mass transit to the dental clinic at your church. I got my teeth examined plus I had a great meal all for free! I want to thank all who have made this possible. It was a real friendly place and I'm greatly appreciative of everything and everyone.

Sincerely G.M.

Radical Grace

Mix dedication to social justice with a large dose of spunk, and you get three nuns who stood up to the Catholic hierarchy and won, along with their fearless sisters throughout the nation. Their story is told in the film, "Radical Grace," directed by Rebecca Parrish with Susan Sarandon as executive producer. Radical Grace is about more than religion and women's equality. It speaks to the choice we all have to make about whether to be true to ourselves or cave into authority and convention.

The film is coming to San Diego for one night at 7 pm on Wednesday, August 12, at The Unity Center of San Diego, 8988 Activity Road in San Diego. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, please go to <http://theinnerrevolution.org/radical-grace-screening-san-diego/>.

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of June 30 2015

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| June giving – budget \$21,161 | \$18,734 |
| June other sources of income – budget \$11,372 | 7,677 |
| June total available for ministry – budget \$32,533 | 26,411 |
| June expended in ministry – budget \$32,533 | 35,274 |
| June income minus expenses | -8,863 |
| YtD giving – budget \$126,967 | 125,830 |
| YtD other sources of income – budget \$68,229 | 54,371 |
| YtD total available for ministry – budget \$195,196 | 180,201 |
| YtD expended in ministry – budget \$195,195 | 189,546 |
| YtD income minus expenses | -9,345 |
| Year 2015 budget | \$390,391 |

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

June was a catch-up month for some expenses that are budgeted evenly throughout the year (i.e., 1/12 each month). These expenses include workers comp insurance, church property items, and music. Year to date, though, we are in good shape.

Please note that the negative year-to-date income you see in the table above will be offset by \$10,287 in revenue from the Sabatka legacy of love. (This is the amount of related expenses so far. Total revenue is about \$15,000.) This revenue will be recognized on the August profit and loss statement. Taking that revenue into account, we have a positive YTD net income of \$942.

We are grateful, too, for the Prewitt legacy of love, which allowed us to jump into the Pride Parade and festival booth with both feet. These Prewitt funds are dedicated to advertising and marketing the church and its many blessings.



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

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

July 5 – 104 persons
 July 12 – 142 persons
 July 19 – 175 persons
 Ave. Weekly (2015) – 183 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

July 1 – 115 persons
 July 8 – 120 persons
 July 15 – 135 persons
 July 22 – 113 persons

Work Around the Church

It's been a busy month work-wise, around the church. New AC units were installed in the Pastor's office and the copier room, to keep the office spaces a little less toasty. Also, a benefactor who wishes to remain nameless made a donation of a few more round and rectangular banquet tables to replace some of our worn ones. The Bell Choir's storage space was upgraded majorly by the installation of a new locking closet in the social hall stage area. Last, a multi-day cleanup of the dead branches and pine needles on, in, and underneath our living Christmas tree resulted in a few scratched volunteers, and a tree that is considerably less burdened. Thank you Art, Richard, Paul the Handyman, Dick and all of the other volunteers who helped with these necessary improvements.



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, Aug 1
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 3

Sun, Aug 9
Worship
Noon, Lunch Bunch (pg. 3)
Tues, Aug 11
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Aug 12
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
7 pm, "Radical Grace" movie (pg. 5)
Thurs, Aug 13
9:30 am, Day/Night at the Beach
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Aug 14
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
Sat, Aug 15
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
3 pm, Ladies Group (pg. 3)



Week 2

Sun, Aug 2
Worship, Communion
Wed, Aug 5
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Aug 6
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7: pm, Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Aug 7
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
Sat, Aug 8



Week 4

Sun, Aug 16
Worship
11:45, youth lunch & worship planning
Mon, Aug 17
Beach Breeze Deadline
Wed, Aug 19
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Aug 20
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
8 pm, Draughts of Faith
Fri, Aug 21
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Aug 22
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Week 5

Sun, Aug 23
Worship
Tues, Aug 25
Youth outing to the Zoo
7 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, Aug 26
Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Aug 27
5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Aug 28
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
Sat, Aug 29

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:
Aimee
Judi
Ed & Fran
Dick

Week 5

Sun, Aug 30
Worship, led by the Youth (pg. 8)
Noon, Church Picnic (pg. 1)

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

August 2 - Communion

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13, Psalm 51:1-12,
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

August 9

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Psalm 130,
Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

August 16

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14, Psalm 111,
Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

August 23

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84,
Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

August 30 - Youth Sunday!

Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9,
James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Communion Offering: Strength for the Journey

In the 80's, AIDS was a death sentence for anyone infected. Not only did people not understand the disease, but those infected were shunned by friends and family whose religious view of AIDS was God's judgement on them.

So the people of the United Methodist Camping ministry organized a Christian camp that would provide encouragement and fellowship for those affected by HIV/AIDS, to be a source of strength ... for the Journey.

The first camp began small. But the camp eventually grew as some of the campers attended and participated every year. Some came alone and others came as a couple. All came and saw that, even amidst physical difficulty was a greater spiritual challenge. They needed to know that God loved them. Some of these campers eventually passed away because of the disease. The blessing was that the camp staff were at times asked to provide comfort in these difficult times.

Why would Methodists do this? Pastor Ed Hansen, one of the original staff persons for Strength for the Journey says, "For me it has been 26 continuous years of leadership with this ministry. Love Heals! Though the body may be ravaged by HIV/AIDS, love can heal. I have seen it. I believe it. And, Strength for the Journey is a ministry of compassion and justice that symbolizes how God welcomes and affirms the diversity of creation. It is our way of bringing heaven to earth."

Youth Sunday, August 30

The youth will lead our worship on Youth Sunday, August 30th. Please be sure to join us, as we worship under the ministry of our youth. If you have a child that would like to be involved with this worship experience, please get in contact with Dee.