



Beach Breeze



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Interfaith Shelter Network and PB UMC

This is the 30th season that PB UMC has hosted guests from the Interfaith Shelter Network, the shelter program where more than 200 homeless men, woman and children receive shelter and other services throughout the San Diego region for a two-week period. Over the years, the demographical composition of shelter guest has changed; we are seeing more single mothers with children. Our guests will arrive Saturday, February 20th to officially launch the start of the two-week period here at PB UMC. Each guest in the Interfaith Shelter Network is pre-screened and receives additional case management 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 8 am the next morning each day during their two-week stay. They will sleep at the church, shower at the church, eat their breakfasts and dinners at the church. As each guest leaves during the day, for work, job hunting, going to school or Sunday worship services, we will send them off with a healthy sack lunch.

Since the 1980's homelessness has been recognized as a social problem in the United States; and for over 30 years the PB UMC ministries in collaboration with the Interfaith Shelter Network and other organizations has 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 our members and friends who generously donate their talents, gifts and services. As we move into the 30th season, the volunteer recruitment will start early January. 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, bagged lunch donors, set-up volunteers on February 20th (including luggage and cots pick-up) and clean-up on March 5th (shelter break-down, washing bed linens). Send an email at the address below, if you want to get an early start filling-in volunteer slots.

During the month of January, donation boxes will be available in the narthex to collect personal care items for our guests, such as deodorant, hand and body lotion (travel size), gloves, socks, soap, toothpaste and brushes, feminine hygiene items, razors, shampoo and conditioners. Coordinators Ken, Betty, and Steve thank you for your support and service. Together we are looking forward to hosting and displaying our genuine PB UMC hospitality in welcoming guests. There will be a volunteer orientation lunch after the 2nd worship service early February, for season veterans and new volunteers. It is very important that those who volunteer to serve or prepare food attend this orientation. The County Department of Health requires food handling and safety training. For questions and inquiries please contact Ken.



Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

In early December – just last month – I breathed a sigh of relief as I submitted more than ninety pages of written material for the Ordination process in our California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. As many of you have offered generosity of prayer and spirit, you have also asked what is entailed in such a process and where your Pastor's status currently stands. As I have been in conversation with some, the question is not only important in relation to the servant leadership of this congregation but also of great importance to several in our midst who are considering their own call or Ordained Ministry. While there are some options depending on a person's call to ministry, I will outline the current process for ordination as an Elder in Full Connection in The United Methodist Church.

Note: More information can be found at <http://www.gbhem.org/clergy/explore-your-call-ministry>

The first step is Candidacy, and it begins with a conversation with your Pastor. Conversation will be centered around the idea of *call* and experiencing a divine call to ministry. The UMC publishes a book called *The Christian as Minister*, and this will be recommended and discussed as well. Then someone seeking Candidacy will write a letter or speak with the District Superintendent, meet with the local church's Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), and be affirmed by the annual Charge Conference.

Then there are educational requirements. Candidates for Elder must have a Master of Divinity degree from an approved seminary, usually an eighty-to-ninety unit degree. Candidates must meet regularly with both their local SPRC as well as a District Committee on Ordained Ministry for evaluation and support, and eventually will be recommended to the Annual Conference's Board of Ordained Ministry.

At this stage a Candidate who passes the Board of Ordained Ministry would be *commissioned* as a Provisional Elder. With this in mind, not all Candidates pass on their first evaluation with the Board and some are returned to the care of the District Committee. At this point in my own process, I am a Provisional Elder; and the papers I recently submitted are for the next step in the process.

Once a Provisional Elder has completed mentoring and continuing education requirements and has been under Appointment for at least two years, she or he may apply

for Full Connection. This process is very similar to the process for Provisional status, and includes a detailed written evaluation that *could* lead to an in-person interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry. Both must be passed in order to be recommended for Ordination.

There are many details that are not specified here, and I encourage any who might be interested in knowing more to contact me. For many, this is a process that seems difficult -(not an unfair assessment) and I strongly suggest that alongside this difficulty comes a great deal of grace and care. It is a process that can bring tears of joy and tears of grief, moments of heartbreak and moments of elation; and surely God is present to guide those who feel called to ordained ministry.

In my experience, one of the most positive elements of this process is the emphasis on learning. Candidates and provisional members are not only required to meet various degreed or continuing education requirements, but the interaction with mentors and others in process aids us in learning about ourselves and our experiences of the divine. Very often I speak of the importance of intellectual study in our faith, and I do so because of these profound experiences.

And so I would like to invite you into a learning experience. If you have felt as though you wish to move deeper into your faith and your relationship with God, I invite you to consider a way to engage in some form of learning, some form of study. I often try to include elements of learning in our weekly sermons, and I think we can go beyond even this. A number of PB UMC members are planning to start new small group studies, and this is surely an option. We have a faithful group of members who meet on Saturday mornings for Bible study, and another group that meets during our 9:30am worship service on the Lanai.

A special District Leadership Training Event is being offered on January 23rd. Please see page 8 for a listing of classes offered by the South District that might be appealing to you as well!

May we all continue to grow in the knowledge of our God...



We Care for One Another



Membership News by Marcia

2015 ended on a high note. Gail and Ryon got married! Plus, the following people are now members :

- Amy & Rodger; sponsored by Jim & Margaret
- Jayn sponsored by Jim & Margaret
- Nancy; sponsored by Pastor Bob
- Beth; sponsored by Rick & Scott
- Sidney; sponsored by Ron and Louis

Support was provided for Sidney by Patty and Su-Yen provided support for the others who all joined during second service.

Ladies Lunch!

The PB UMC Ladies will meet for brunch/coffee at the Champagne Bakery, Del Mar Highlands Shopping Center, 12955 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130 (between Ralph's and the Movie Theater). The date will be on Saturday, January 23 at 11 am. All are welcome!

Shoreline, Casting a Net of Care by Beth

Even though we've just begun, there are many exciting things happening for Shoreline Community Services..

Through a wonderful new member of PB UMC, Shoreline has been able to develop a partnership with St. James Episcopal Church's Health Services Committee. This committee manages a fund dedicated to helping those who cannot afford the medical care they need. This committee has approved funding to assist with surgeries, outpatient procedures, and special eye-wear and wheelchair replacement for children with disabilities. We are excited to partner with the clinic to help more of our guests get needed healthcare.

Our clinic leaders voiced a need for a Spanish speaking volunteer to help with our guests. Reaching out to a former colleague, we now have an excellent Spanish speaking volunteer to assist starting after the first of the year. She currently works as a rapid rehousing case manager for Father Joe's Villages and brings a vast knowledge of helpful services. If you know of someone who fluently speaks Spanish who could assist one week out of the month we would love to hear from them so this doesn't become a burden to any one volunteer.

Wednesday, December 16, 2015, Feeding America worked in partnership with Health and Human Services providing the opportunity for our guests to sign up for Cal-Fresh (more commonly known as food stamps). This was the pilot of a new program of this partnership to go out into the community in an effort to reach more of those in need. With a goal of helping 8 guests complete their process for receiving Cal-Fresh, they were able to meet that goal and assist 4 more complete expedited applications. The professionals from Feeding America and HHSA, who used the lanai for the evening, admired the facility, stating it is beautiful and comfortable. They also shared that this was a very successful beginning and they look forward to returning in March.

I feel so blessed to be a part of this exciting venture. God has blessed this new beginning with opportunities we had never imagined. We pray for the discernment necessary to stay focused on our mission and uplift those in need with opportunities for greater self-sufficiency with dignity. Thank you all for your prayers, words of love and encouragement and generous support. This endeavor would not be possible without you.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

January Youth Activities

I can hardly believe it is time to say Happy New Year! 2015 was amazing and I cannot wait to see what God will help us do in 2016 with the youth of PB UMC.

Sunday, January 3

- 11:45 to 2:00 - Lunch out for Best Group and UMYF. Please bring \$10 for lunch. Parents, I may need an additional driver or two for this event.

Sunday, January 10

- 5 - 6:30 pm, UMYF program, game, and light dinner at church.

Sunday, January 17

- 11:30 - noon, Youth Worship Team Rehearsal

Sunday, January 24

- 11:30 - noon, Youth Worship Team Rehearsal;
- UMYF from 5:00 - 6:30

Saturday, January 30

- Time TBA Rehearsal for music and dance for worship

Sunday, January 31

- 8:30 - 11:45 am, Children and Youth help lead 5th Sunday worship.

All Church Family Camp Retreat

All are welcome to join us for All Church Family Camp, YOU are part of our church family. Our retreat will be at Camp Cedar Glen in Julian, CA from **March 4-6, 2016**. The price is \$120 per adult and \$70 per child. That price includes 5 delicious, healthy meals, housing, our program and supplies. Housing is community cabins with indoor plumbing and hot showers. If you have questions about food or housing, please ask Dee Baraw. Dee will have registration forms available at church on Sundays.



Children's Choir

Your PB UMC songsters did an amazing job on "The Best Place to Celebrate Christmas." We could not have done it though without the co-directing of Liesl, or the accompaniment of Adam, or the other multiple helpers and parents.

AND how about Angelina (Angie) doing the Hawaiian dance!

I have gotten many comments about the performance, but be certain to give those appreciative comments to the children too! Also remember that Pat and LeeAnn of WALKERVISION have videos available in the narthex on Sundays.

We will be taking a break until January 17th, when we will start our Winter/Spring season, with the theme of songs about Bible stories and characters, and a play with that theme in late Spring. All children welcome!

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

Confirmation Class

Dee and Pastor Bob will be starting Confirmation Class in February. Be sure to let Dee know if you would like to be included.

For more information about any of our youth programs, feel free to contact Dee.



Bible Study Group "Four Weddings and a Funeral"

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

- January 3, A Bide Worth Waiting For, Genesis 29:15-30
- January 10, The Most Beautiful Bride, Song of Songs 6:4-12
- January 17, An Unfaithful Bride, Hosea 1
- January 24, A Wedding in Cana, John 2:1-12
- January 31, The Death of a Friend, John 11:38-44

We Reach Out to Others



Storefront Recap and Request

Congratulations to all! We are constant in our support of the Storefront teen shelter, delivering dinner once a month and needed gifts throughout the year. Thanks to your continuing generosity, for Christmas 2015, we contributed several much appreciated \$5 gift cards for McDonald's, Jamba Juice and Starbucks, along with personal size fleece blankets. From our Campland Ladies contingent, Claudia and her gang, along with support from Pastor Larsen in Tahoe City, we delivered Christmas pouches, stuffed with teen-related goodies – toiletries, sox, stuffed animals, markers, chocolates. In August and September, again thanks to your donations, we provided many sleep tee shirts for overnight shelter guests. And all year long, your financial and food donations keep this ministry spinning.

Our great team coordinates and delivers the meal one evening each month. Thanks to Craig, Rick and Scott, & Becky and Steve for being awesome. Also awesome coordinators for many years but now “retired” team members are Joey, and Jack & Betty. This brings me (Susie) to my request:

Will YOU please consider joining our merry team of Storefront coordinators? The obligation is minimal – it's not you every month; the schedule rotates so that about twice a year is your turn. The commitment is a night-time delivery in Hillcrest on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Getting the food ready (whether making it, picking it up, going to the store) is done according to your schedule. Please contact me through the church office for all the details.

THANK YOU for taking care of the Storefront teens!

We All Count!

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) has a vision to help put an end to homelessness in the San Diego region by providing comprehensive data and analysis that will empower the community to identify, implement, and support efforts to prevent and alleviate homelessness. The reports and analysis collected by the RTFH results in critical funding for services, ongoing support, and coordination between agencies and programs.

The WeALLCount campaign allows our region to qualify for millions in critical funds that go directly to services which address homelessness on many levels, including targeted services that lead to homeless persons becoming permanently housed. TRFH began in 1984 as the San Diego Mayor's task Force on Homelessness and became an independent 501©c nonprofit in 2004.

TRFH is seeking volunteers for its yearly WeALLCount outreach. They need both Count Volunteers to count unsheltered homeless persons on January 29 (4-7am) and Interview Volunteers to conduct interviews with homeless individuals from January 29 to February 5. All volunteers will be placed in teams of 2-3 persons. PB UMC will be the host for the beach communities region.

For more information, or to volunteer, or to donate, please go to <http://www.rtfhsd.org/home-weallcount/>. Congregation members can also donate refreshments for the volunteers during the early morning count. Our very own Beth Rhodes will be the coordinator for the PB UMC beach site!

Communion Offering: Human Relations Day

Our communion offering in January will be in support of Human Relations Day, which extends a helping hand to those in crisis so that they can overcome formidable obstacles. Jesus called us to minister to “the least of these,” those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. Human Relations Day is a call to all churches to participate in helping all of God's children to realize their potential.

Sharing Christmas

We collected over \$700 to provide Christmas baskets with gift cards for eight families at the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA). In addition we gave gift cards to several households in our own church family. Thank you, generous people!

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of November 30, 2015

November giving – budget \$21,161	\$23,428
November other sources of income – budget \$11,372	\$7,486
November total available for ministry – budget \$32,533	\$30,914
November expended in ministry – budget \$32,533	\$34,960
November income minus expenses	(\$4,046)
YtD giving – budget \$232,772	\$235,912
YtD other sources of income – budget \$125,086	\$111,361
YtD total available for ministry – budget \$357,858	\$347,273
YtD expended in ministry – budget \$357,858	\$353,201
YtD income minus expenses	(\$5,928)
Year 2015 budget	\$390,391

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

As we anticipated, the drop in outside grants for Wednesday Night Ministry has hurt our net income this year. We hope and expect that the newly incorporated Shoreline Community Services will enable us to restore our funding sources in 2016.

A big thank you to all of you who turned in estimates of giving for 2016. The Finance Committee is revising the draft budget for 2016, to be approved at the January Shalom Council meeting. By the time of the meeting, we'll have the final 2015 year-end results to take into consideration. Happy New Year!



Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

November 29 – 157 persons
December 6 – 192 persons
December 13 – 344 persons
December 20 – 197 persons
December 24 – 274 persons
December 27 – 169 persons
Ave. Weekly (2015) – 178 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

November 25 – 180 persons
December 2 – 141 persons
December 9 – 114 persons
December 16 – 149 persons
December 23 – 161 persons
Total meals served in 2015: 7096



Church Repairs and Maintenance

These last few months in fall, heading into winter, have been busy ones for our Facilities Manager, Art! He (and Dick, plus other volunteers) have repaired 3 pews in our Sanctuary, repaired our communion rails, repaired (and re-repaired) some of the tables that we use in our Social Hall, cleaned the stage area, continually spot-cleaned our carpet in the Education Wing (after repairing the rug shampooer), and replaced and fixed the sink in the women's choir room. Art also dealt with a major flood in the Dental area (along with Tom Ma our Dental Security Monitor, Dick, and Tom H) which started with a full night of mopping up the downstairs Education/Free Clinic areas, and then continued with drying out floor electrical plugs (and testing them!), and removing the sodden carpet in our wash room. Art and Dick also trimmed our Christmas tree and decorated it in time for our Advent Kick-Off celebration. You may not see all of the work that goes into maintaining our church facility, but rest assured, Art, Dick, Tom, and other volunteers are staying on top of it!

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes
Sunday School Coordinator: Malea Sandstrom

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, Jan 1 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 2 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Week 2

Sun, Jan 3 Worship
11:45 am, all youth lunch (pg 4)
Wed, Jan 6 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jan 7 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
Fri, Jan 8 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 9 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

Week 3

Sun, Jan 10 Worship
5 pm, UMYF program (pg 4)
Tues, Jan 12 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting
7:30, Finance Committee
Wed, Jan 13 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jan 14 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
Fri, Jan 15 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 16 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 4

Sun, Jan 17 Worship
10 am, Children's Choir resumes (pg 4)
11:30 am, Youth worship rehearsal (pg 4)
Mon, Jan 18 Beach Breeze Deadline
Wed, Jan 20 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jan 21 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Jan 22 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 23 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Week 5

Sun, Jan 24 Worship
11:30 am, Youth worship rehearsal (pg 4)
Tues, Jan 26 9 am, Beach Breeze Folding Party
7 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting
Wed, Jan 27 Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry
Thurs, Jan 28 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Jan 29 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 31 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:
Al Aimee
Judi Margaret
Jeanette

Week 5

Sun, Jan 31 Worship

Weekly Lectionary

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

South District Workshops

Our District is holding an event on January 23rd from 1 to 3:30 pm at Escondido First UMC that includes options that many in our congregation may find appealing. Please see the outline below and contact the Church Office by Wednesday, January 12th if you would like to attend.

Workshops

SPRC Committee Training

Leader

District Superintendent Rev. John Farley

What is the role, responsibility and duties of the SPRC in caring for the pastor and staff; especially in times of an appointment change. Also included will be a review of current hiring and employment practices.

Tables I-II-III

Conference Treasurer Archana Carey & Assistant Joyce Zirkle

How to properly fill out these forms to eliminate errors that could increase your appointment allotment.

Making Disciples

Rev. Dr. Brian Parcel, Chula Vista First UMC

Models and systems for training lay leadership to develop disciples and grow the membership and ministry of the church.

Peacemaking

Rev. Gary Williams of the Justice & Compassion Essential Ministries Team

Models and tools for creating individuals and communities that foster safety and peace rather than fear and violence.