



APRIL 2016

# Beach Breeze

## Labor of Love

For some time, Pacific Beach UMC has been in consultation and conversation with Southern Cross Property Consultants on refurbishing and repairing parts of our sanctuary and a few other items. While PB UMC members may know this project as the Southern Cross Project, a faithful group of PB UMC members in consultation with our Board of Trustees has been working specifically toward the completion of this project. As a part of this work, a new name has been given to this project: **Labor of Love.**



Although this project has been through some fits and starts, our faithful Labor of Love committee is moving forward and has planned a presentation to share the vision of the project. Please join in an opportunity to learn about the vision and hope in the Labor of Love project as we build on the stewardship that has been so faithfully given to this faith community. All are invited to a lunch meeting after the second worship service on April 24, 2016 in Hughes Hall (the Social Hall).

Matthew Boomhower, the founder and president of Southern Cross Property Consultants, will offer a presentation of the scope of the project, and we hope to include drawings and a prospective budget.

As members together of PB UMC, we are benefactors of the generosity of those who have come before us. As we move into the future, may we build on the generosity that has been shared so that future generations might also build on the generosity that we offer.



# Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends:

In a recent conversation with a clergy colleague, we were laughing a bit at how random the daily life and work of any clergy person can be. We began as this colleague spoke of having to address a minor plumbing issue in the church that he serves, and we continued with a long list of other jobs (i.e. copy machine operator, counter wiper, publications and social media guru, musician, bulletin/newsletter/projection editor, door un-locker, photo & historical item sorter, graphic designer, and much more) that are far outside our theological education.

I've perceived for a long time that the vocation of a clergy person is one of the very few *generalist* vocations that remain. We are expected to have expertise in a great number of things, from public speaking to administration to office management to artistic design to spiritual/therapeutic counseling. At the same time, my teaching friends specialize in particular subjects or age groups; my engineering friends specialize in specific fields; my legal friends are seen as litigators or researchers, or focus on estate law or family law or criminal law; my medical friends specialize in oncology or pediatrics or dermatology.

This is not to say that specializing is better than generalizing or vice-versa. I simply find it an interesting observation.

And as I think about it, I wonder if the vocation of a clergy person really is a specialty and has always been so. I wonder if we specialize in identifying and lifting up the God-given gifts and passions of the persons in our communities.

In other words, a huge part of the role of the clergy – surely as I see it – is to teach and empower the laity in a community to *do* ministry. My vocation is about teaching people how to *be* the church.

And this isn't how some people see it.

I remember a time early in my ministry serving at a large church where a congregation member told me that I was best suited to do a job because I was the paid staff person. That's not *being* the church! That's paying someone else to do it.

Here at Pacific Beach UMC, we have a deep understanding of being the church. We understand that *Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors* is less about welcoming outsiders to be conformed than it is about a commission to go into the world to live as the body of Christ.

With this outward focus, we also recognize the importance of some inward attention. This is not to say that we should in any way prioritize ourselves over others, but to recognize that self-care enables us to offer transforming experiences that lead us into our communities to *be* the body of Christ.

As we celebrate the Easter season as well as the vision of new life in Spring, I invite each of you to consider how you might grow into deeper service to your faith community and the communities in which you live. If you feel called to serve at one of our Wednesday night meals, come to the church that day at 4pm. If you feel called to serve as a Worship leader or Usher or Greeter, speak with anyone who is doing those jobs. If you feel called to join our fabulous choir or hand bell choir, speak with Ron J. or Amy B. If you feel called to prepare a meal for a local teen shelter, talk to Joan F. If you feel called to lend quilting or sewing skills, talk to Florence S. If you feel called to share love and compassion with our LGBTQ neighbors, speak with Louis P. or Sidney Y. about our upcoming Pride ministries. If you feel called to fold bulletins or newsletters, let us know in the church office. If you feel called in a direction and want to explore, or if what you're experiencing isn't addressed here, please talk to me!

Spring is a season of growth. I continue to live out my call to lift up and empower God's people for transforming ministry in our communities and the world. I invite you to join me in this joyful and transforming work.

We continue to be a resurrection people. Thanks be to God!



Friends, we have need of specific help in two areas. Anyone gifted with caring for gardens and especially roses, we would be grateful for your help with our rose garden in the church courtyard. Anyone gifted with both writing and simple layout, we would be grateful for your help in taking over management of our monthly newsletter. For either of these, please see Pastor Bob!

# We Care for One Another

The Beach Breeze is a monthly publication of the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Please visit our website at [www.myPBchurch.org](http://www.myPBchurch.org).

## Ladies Dinner Invitation

The PB UMC Ladies Group would like to invite you to dinner. The date is April 16, 5 pm, and the restaurant is Soda & Swine in Liberty Station, 2750 Dewey Road, San Diego 92106. Don't let the name fool you, they have great food (including vegetarian and vegan options) in a fun atmosphere. They are especially well known for their Hen Sliders and Dirty Fries specialties!

Watch for our Evites and RSVP for the get-togethers of your choice. Contact Dart R with questions or comments.

## Next Second Sunday Concert

The Mira Mesa High School Madrigals are coming to Pacific Beach United Methodist Church for our April 10th *Second Sunday Concert* at 2 pm. You won't want to miss this amazing group, under the direction of our own pianist, Laura W. The 25 member vocal ensemble is the top auditioned choir at Mira Mesa High School. Every year they sing throughout the county -- from invitational festivals, to community outreach, to an annual live performance on KUSI's "Good Morning, San Diego." The choir also participates in vocal competitions and the Regional Honor Choir. Their wide range of repertoire is varied and interesting, and will leave you wanting more. You won't want to miss the MMHS Madrigals.

## Hail and Farewell

We would like to welcome Rick B and Ryan B, who joined PB UMC's membership on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Welcome, Rick and Ryan!

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to the Mattingly family: Leonard, Michelle, and Elektra. Leonard's transfer papers have come from the Navy, and it's time for the family to move to their next duty station. We wish the entire Mattingly family well, as they make their next move.



## Orientation Lunch

Are you curious about the ministries here at PB UMC? Would you like to meet some new and old members? Do you have questions about the church? Are you considering becoming a member of PB UMC? Are you already a member and want to refresh? Does the idea of a free lunch sound appealing?

You are invited to attend a Membership Orientation Lunch on Sunday, April 17, starting at 11:45 here at the church. Please come meet with Pastor Bob and other members of the church for a light lunch, conversation, and a bit of information. Bring your questions and appetite! Yes, it really is a free lunch; we just ask that you RSVP to the church office ([ChurchInfo@pbumc.org](mailto:ChurchInfo@pbumc.org)) so that we can make sure to bring enough food. We look forward to breaking bread with you!



# We Grow in Grace & Faith

## Sunday School News

by Malea S

### April Youth Activities

#### Sunday, April 3

- 4 - 5:30 pm, Confirmation Class

#### Sunday, April 10

- 4 - 5:30 pm, Confirmation (mentors invited to attend)
- 5 - 7 pm, UMYF - Yeti game at La Mesa First UMC with several youth groups.

#### Sunday, April 17

- 11:45 am - 1:45 pm, - Best Group Lunch outing and game
- 4 - 5:30 pm, Confirmation class

#### Sunday, April 24

- 4 - 5:30 pm, Confirmation Class (mentors invited to attend)
- 5:30 - 7 pm, UMYF

#### Saturday, April 30 - May 1

- Youth Confirmation Retreat

At PB UMC we have the children and youth stay in church instead of going to Sunday School whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a month. Some even help with the service. Why do we do this? What are the kids getting from it? The following is a small excerpt from a blog written by Christina Embree, a Family Minister at Nicholasville UMC that I thought answered those questions well:

*I too have struggled with the fact that they don't seem to "get" anything out of those corporate times. But I have also seen and read many studies that show definitively that these times of worship and learning in the midst of the larger congregation are one of the leading reasons for increased "stickiness" of faith in young adults. Thus, there must be something to it, even if what they get out of church is not the same as what we adults "get" out of attending church service.*

By giving our children a place to be seen, to see, and to experience their faith with others, we give them so much more – we give them a foundation for their faith that will leave lasting impressions on their heart.

### Children's Choir

Your PB UMC songsters have been rehearsing songs that have to do with Bible stories. The next time they sing in worship will be April 17th. Come hear them sing about Ezekiel and Them DRY BONES!

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



### Nursery in Need

Occasionally our hard-working nursery attendants, Dart and Waverly, need to take a Sunday off for personal reasons. Due to our Safe Sanctuaries policy, we are required to have a minimum of two people in the Nursery at all times. Plus, it's just a darn good idea with active babies and toddlers! When one of our hard-working staff needs the day off, we have to arrange for a substitute in the nursery.

Would you be willing to substitute in our nursery when needed? The commitment would be less than once every 2-3 months, it is a paid position, and the hours are from 8:15 to 11:45 am. You would need to pass a Live Scan (which the church will pay for) and complete one training day with the staff.

If you're interested in being a substitute, please contact either Malea S or the church office and include a short paragraph or two about your experience working with babies and toddlers. Thank you for your consideration.

### Bible Study Group "Restorative Faith"

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

- April 3, Renewed Health, Luke 7:1-10
- April 10, A Reversal of Shame, Luke 7:36-50
- April 17, A Sound Mind, Luke 8:26-36
- April 24, A Family Reunion, Luke 15:11-32

# We Reach Out to Others

## General Conference Open Letter

A recent email from the Reconciling Ministries Network urges members of Western Jurisdiction churches to sign an open letter to delegates to the coming United Methodist General Conference this Spring. The letter urges delegates to General Conference 2016 to support any efforts toward the inclusion of our LGBTQ sisters and brothers.



The United Methodist General Conference is the UMC's top policy-making body, and meets every four years. The next gathering will be at the Oregon Convention Center on May 10-20, 2016. The Conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

To read the letter and/or to sign it, please visit [tinyurl.com/wjopenletter](http://tinyurl.com/wjopenletter).

## CCSA Hunger Walk

The Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) had a banner year in 2015. Between their two locations, the family center in Clairemont, and our local Joyce Snyder Center here in Pacific Beach, CCSA served over 26,600 individuals which was a 6% growth in numbers from the previous year. Over 4,350 households were served in the Clairemont area and over 7,700 meals were distributed in Pacific Beach. In addition, nearly 32,000 items of clothing, 466 backpacks for schoolchildren, and over 375 holiday meal baskets were distributed in Clairemont, and more than 14,000 items of clothing in Pacific Beach. 2016 is anticipated to be an even more active year.

Obviously, the good work that CCSA does is only possible through the generous support of many committed individuals and organizations of which PB UMC is a proud member! We fundraise, with a yearly offering. We put together school backpacks, and we organize holiday meal baskets. And now, we have an opportunity to support CCSA's mission in a fun and healthy manner.

The annual Hunger Walk, to benefit CCSA will be held on Saturday, April 23, 8 am, at De Anza Cove in Mission Bay Park. You may preregister at [ccsasandiego.org](http://ccsasandiego.org) or show up on the day of the event. **Before the day of the event** please remember to ask your friends, family, or neighbors to sponsor you, by making a cash or check donation towards CCSA, and bring those donations to the event to turn in. The Hunger Walk is one of the biggest fundraisers for CCSA, so please, help them surpass last year's total. And enjoy scenic Mission Bay at the same time.

## Meal Packaging Event with Local UMCs

For more than 20 years, Pacific Beach UMC has been a beacon of Christ-like service as we have served thousands of meals to local neighbors in need. The heart of service over these years has been solidly scriptural, remembering that when Jesus' disciples came to him and said, "Dismiss the crowds, they'll be getting hungry," Jesus said, "They don't need to go away, YOU give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:13-21)

This month, we partner with other United Methodist congregations to live out this mission globally. On April 17, 2pm, we join the good people of San Dieguito UMC in Encinitas, the Abundant Life Community of Korean UMC in San Diego, and La Jolla UMC in an effort to pack 10,000 meals for **Stop Hunger Now**, an organization that distributes food to more than 65 countries around the world.

For as little as 29 cents, a bag filled with rice, soy, and dried vegetables can feed a family. Join faithful United Methodists on April 17, at La Jolla UMC, to package the meals. This is a fun and casual event, and entire families are encouraged to sign up together. To sign up or to donate toward the costs of food to be packaged, please visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/LaJollaUMC2016> or for more information on Stop Hunger Now, visit <http://www.stophungernow.org>.



# Circle of Support

## Record of Generosity as of February 29, 2016

February giving – budget \$22,094	\$17,091
February other sources of income – budget \$11,421	\$7,927
February total available for ministry – budget \$33,515	\$25,018
February expended in ministry – budget \$33,460	\$29,838
February income minus expenses	(\$4,820)
YTD giving – budget \$44,187	\$36,792
YTD other sources of income – budget \$22,844	\$18,632
YTD total available for ministry – budget \$67,031	\$55,424
YTD expended in ministry – budget \$66,930	\$63,638
YTD income minus expenses	(\$8,214)
Year 2016 budget	\$401,619

### Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

We are off to a good financial start for 2016. The pattern of giving and expenses you see in the table is typical for the first two months of the year. Thank you, faithful givers!

The finance committee is pleased to welcome Rick Bridger as our associate bookkeeper. Rick is a great addition to the committee and has jumped into the role with ease.

### Financial Peace University Class at PB UMC

Financial Peace University is a faith-based method of planning for the use of our individual financial resources. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

As we consider the best time to offer FPU, we would love to know if this would be a helpful class for you and/or for your family. If so, please contact Su-Yen K or the church office. For more information on Financial Peace University, please visit [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home).

#### Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

March 6 – 141 persons  
March 13 – 175 persons  
March 20 – 175 persons  
March 27 – 317 persons  
Ave. Weekly (2016) – 180 persons

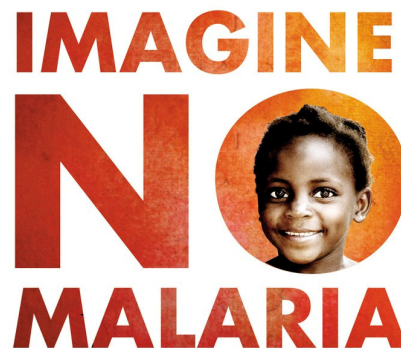
#### Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

March 2 – 100 persons  
March 9 – 103 persons  
March 16 – 136 persons  
March 23 – 120 persons

### 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!



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#### CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Rev Bob R  
Office Administrator: Aimee K  
Music Director: Ron J

Sunday School Coordinator: Malea S  
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Dee B

# 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, Apr 1 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Apr 2 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share  
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



## Week 2

Sun, Apr 3 Worship  
4 pm, Confirmation class  
Wed, Apr 6 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry  
Thurs, Apr 7 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal  
7: pm, Choir rehearsal  
Fri, Apr 8 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Apr 9 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

## Week 3

Sun, Apr 10 Worship, Communion Sunday (pg. 6)  
2 pm, Second Sunday concert (pg. 3)  
4 pm, Confirmation class  
5 pm, UMYF Yeti game (pg. 4)  
Tues, Apr 12 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting  
6:30 pm, Staff Parish meeting  
7:30, Finance Committee  
Wed, Apr 13 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry  
Thurs, Apr 14 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal  
7 pm, Choir rehearsal  
Fri, Apr 15 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Apr 16 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share  
9 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
5 pm, Ladies Dinner (pg. 3)



## Week 5

Sun, Apr 24 Worship  
11:45 am, Labor of Love lunch (pg. 1)  
4 pm, Confirmation class  
5:30 pm, UMYF meeting  
Tues, Apr 26 9:30 am, Breeze Folding Party  
7 pm, Growing in Faith Team Meeting  
Wed, Apr 27 Storefront Ministry  
5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry  
Thurs, Apr 28 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal  
7 pm, Choir rehearsal  
Fri, Apr 29 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Apr 30 Confirmation retreat begins (pg. 4)  
9 am, Men's Prayer & Share

## Week 4

Sun, Apr 17 Worship, Children's Choir sings!  
11:45 am, Orientation lunch (pg. 3)  
11:45 am, Best Group lunch (pg. 4)  
2 pm, Stop Hunger Now packing (pg. 5)  
4 pm, Confirmation class  
Mon, Apr 18 Beach Breeze Deadline  
Wed, Apr 20 5:30 pm, Wed Nite Ministry  
Thurs, Apr 21 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal  
7 pm, Choir rehearsal  
Fri, Apr 22 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Apr 23 9 am, Men's Prayer & Share  
8 am, CCSA Hunger Walk (pg. 5)

Thank you to our Beach Breeze production crew:  
Al Bob  
TennieBee Aimee  
Mary Margaret Margaret  
Jeanette



# We Love and Worship God

## Weekly Lectionary

April 3

Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150,  
Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

April 10

Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 30,  
Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

April 17

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23,  
Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

April 24

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148,  
Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

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## Meet Our Talented Musicians: Pianist Brenda Martin by Roving Reporter Marcia

This month we meet Brenda Martin, another of our extremely talented pianists. Brenda told me she started playing the piano when she was 8 years old. She used to play the French horn and guitar, but decided piano was her instrument. She plays the piano once a month at PB UMC and has for about 5 years. She told me, "Ron called me when he needed a substitute. I was recommended by a friend and began substituting and later became part of the rotation." She plays piano at First Church of Nazarene, also. "I am part of the rotation there, too and also a member of their choir."

Brenda has an amazing educational background in music. "I did undergraduate studies at Trevecca Nazarene University with a major in music education, with piano as my main instrument. Later, I got a master in Music Education from Austin Peay State University. I got a master in music piano performance from Arizona State University. I've completed all course classwork for a doctorate in music performance, but still have a few things to complete to get the degree." She has been teaching at the university level for 35 years. She currently teaches at Point Loma Nazarene University and has for 17 years. Before that she was on the faculty of Northwest Nazarene University, where she met her husband Karl. He is also a professor, the head of literature journalism and modern language at Point Loma Nazarene University.

Brenda told me about her history of being a piano accompanist. "In Junior High when I was 13 and 14, I accompanied the Junior High School choir and played piano during church service. I also played piano for children's Sunday school. Then as I got older I was asked to play for the warm up choir and then played for the actual church service. I just watched the accompanist and learned that way. As a teenager I accompanied the teen choir. I was the only asked because I was the only one who played. But, I also wanted to sing. When I went to college, I played and sang in a travel group. We sang and played for church events. I love singing, but piano is still my main focus."

Brenda told me about a typical Sunday at PB UMC. "I show up at 7:30, when everything is all set up. I love working with Ron...he is the greatest. I've never played for such a considerate music director. He is so respectful and is always thinking how to make it easy for me. At 7:30 we practice our duet for the first time (sight reading). I am a classical piano player and love to improvise. One time I got Mark (PB UMC drummer) to play along with me for before the start of service. Sometimes I arrange the music for the prelude. Most often I'm improvising and I really enjoy that. And, Mark and I love doing this together."

