

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

July 2016

Annual Conference 2016

The 2016 Annual Conference in Redlands, CA, is now complete, and delegates from PB UMC have returned home filled with stories and experiences. Lay members representing PB UMC were Rick C. and Ndinda S., and lay members representing the South District included Scott C. and David D..



Rick C. and Scott C.



David D. and Ndinda S.

The Annual Conference included some of the “norm,” related to the business of the Conference. Items included the annual budget, nominations, compensation standards, and care for our retired clergy members. A number of other items were considered, including a response to the violence in Orlando, a resolution in support of the Council of Bishop’s report (“A Way Forward” from General Conference), and a call for non-conformity with the Book of Discipline on matters related to human sexuality. A full list of items addressed as well as most voting results can be found at www.calpacumc.org/secretary.

The Annual Conference concluded on the evening of June 18th with the Commissioning and Ordination Service. Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño preached, and a number of persons were Commissioned and Ordained, including the ordination of Pastor Bob from PB UMC as well as Pastor Darin Arntson from San Dieguito UMC. We celebrate the good work completed by all the delegates and clergy members of the California-Pacific Annual Conference! Reports from our delegates will be available in the Church Office soon. For “minutes” of the Conference, look under the UM Daily heading at www.calpacumc.org/ac2016 and for video of parts of the Conference, visit vimeo.com/calpacumc/videos.



Ordination of Pastor Bob



Bishop Minerva Carcaño (L)
and Pastor Bob Rhodes (R)

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends...

I remember going to church as a child, and I'm sure that the primary reason for my attendance was simply because my parents took me and I was too young to stay home alone. This changed a bit as I got older, and eventually it became my own choice to attend church.

The journey to get to this place is its own story, and the choice I eventually made to prioritize my faith was surely not the end of the journey. It is a story that – I hope – may be instructive for us all as we face the ongoing realities of the national decline in worship attendance and church membership.

Among my earliest church memories are those that are familiar to many of our children at PB UMC. I attended Sunday School each week and learned some of the more dramatic stories of our history and faith. We played and we learned, and from time to time we were invited to join together with the older and younger kids for a game show-like Bible Battle, showcasing our passion and knowledge of our sacred texts.

One quick note: to my knowledge, I never won....



Children's Time at PB UMC
(Pastor Bob on far left)

I also sang in the children's choir, not only learning songs written about our rich faith but also learning a deep love of music as well as how to present music in a worship setting. I think it's possible that this early musical experience coupled with a home environment filled with piano and other instruments helped me to develop a profound love of music.

And there are a few things I think I missed out on. In none of the churches I attended as a child do I remember ever going forward during the worship service for time with the Pastor. There was no children's time. There was no opportunity to ask the burning question about what I'd heard in Sunday School. There was no chance to move beyond the necessarily limited Sunday School curriculum.

Another thing missing is that I don't remember ever being taught what it meant to "go to church." As a child, I didn't learn about the candles and communion, I wasn't taught about hymnals and homilies, and I had limited understanding of the organ and the offering.

To be sure, I learned a great deal about these things in my early teen years when I chose to take an acolyte class. But I wonder how much our children miss out on when we don't take this time. This is not a critique of the many, many people who helped me to become the Christian that I am. This is an intentional reflection of how we at PB UMC can build on what has helped to make us who we are so we can guide our own children into a deep and committed faith in a Creator God, a risen Christ, and a present Spirit.

It is for this reason that I take time during each worship service to speak with our children, to ask questions, and to hear their own thoughts and ideas. It is for this reason that I do choose to allow our creative children to ask their own questions and perhaps even to derail my own plans for that time. (Doesn't God derail our plans from time to time?) It is for this reason that I spent months teaching our children about the narthex and the chancel and the hymnal and the organ and the ushers and the chapel and the pews and so much more! And it is for this reason that I have not and will not seek silence from children during our worship services.

I continually assert that our children should not be seen as the church of the future but the church of today. Too many youth and young adults leave our churches because they don't have the opportunities to be themselves, to ask questions, to struggle, to doubt, and to be supported by a caring community. Too many youth and young adults experience rigidity and hypocrisy and are robbed of the critical thinking necessary for a lasting and fruitful faith.

Many of us remember those who have taught us about our faith, including the support and grace necessary for us to choose it for ourselves. I believe we must choose to create a space for our own children to do the same.


Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another



This Month's Birthdays

1 – Dee B.
2 – Mira Grace B.
2 – Mary H.
2 – Susana T.
3 – Kalani A.
5 – David mc.
7 – Patrick T.
8 – Sharon S.
9 – Brenda B.
10 – Jo C.
10 – Ben K.
11 – Tracy Z.
13 – Nancy E.
15 – Aiden B.
15 – Joey L.
15 – Sean S.
16 – Beverly B.
20 – Susan G.
20 – Spencer G.
21 – Maggie A.
24 – Cooper A.
24 – David V.
27 – Malachi M.
27 – Rick P.
28 – Max G.
28 – Joseph P.
28 – Pat W.
29 – Jonas G.
30 – Fran R.

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Missing Some of Our Young People?

July is the month for church camp at Camp Cedar Glen. This year's Youth Church Camps all have the same theme — Fearless Faith: Courage in Community. The schedule: Younger Elementary (grades 1-3) July 10-13, 2016; Older Elementary (grades 4-6) July 10-16, 2016; Junior High (grades 7-9) July 17-23, 2016; Senior High (grades 10-12) July 24-30.

In addition, Some of our Senior High Youth and Dee B. will be participating in the Sierra Service Project in Tsaile, AZ.

We look forward to hearing reports of the youth when they return from their summer adventures.

PB UMC Supports Pride

On July 16, PB UMC will again be participating in the San Diego Pride Parade. Louis P. will be coordinating the decorations for our float. Some of PB UMC's previous entries have won awards! Our float designs are always interesting, informative, and a lot of fun! The parade begins at 11:00 am at the Hillcrest Pride Flag at University Ave and Normal St, proceeds west on University, then turns south on 6th Ave, turns left onto Balboa Dr, and ends at Laurel St.

Also, PB UMC will again host a booth at the Pride Music Festival, which will run Saturday and Sunday, July 16 & 17 (11:00 am to 10:00 pm on Saturday; 11:00 am to 8:00 pm on Sunday), in Balboa Park. The Music Festival includes multiple stages of entertainment, more than 200 musicians, bands, comedians, and dancers, as well as marvelous shopping at dozens of vendor booths, an art exhibit, cultural presentations, and great food. It's truly a weekend of full-scale family-friendly entertainment!

Sidney Y. is coordinating our booth volunteers. We will distribute PB UMC merchandise at the booth. Last year, merchandise included pens, refrigerator magnets, sticky notes, and PB UMC logo bottles. The main purpose is to introduce members of the public to PB UMC and our reconciling ministries.

We need people to help decorate the float and to be in the parade as float riders and accompanying walkers. We also need volunteers to welcome people at our booth. To volunteer for the float, please contact Louis P. through the church office. To volunteer for the Pride Booth, please contact Sidney Y. through the church office.

For more information about the Music Festival, go to <https://sdpride.org/festival/>.

We Get Notes of Appreciation

Our congregation received thank you letters for contributions totaling \$1217 toward the Imagine No Malaria campaign. By May, 2016, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was able to distribute 1.2 million insecticide-treated bed nets throughout Africa. More than 5,400 community health workers were trained to properly deliver the nets. It is estimated that today, malaria's impact has been cut in half.

New Entra Casa expressed gratitude for our May gift of \$487 to enable them to provide services to women and children in need in San Diego.

And, we received a nice note from a woman who visited our church with her daughter in February. She said, "God is so faithful in his love and grace. Thank you for all the great works you and your members do in Jesus name."

We Grow in Grace & Faith

July Youth Activities

Sunday, July 3

- One worship service at 10:00 followed by a potluck.

Tuesday, July 5

- Aquatica with a few other church youth groups.
Cost \$35.00.

Thursday, July 7

- District Youth Beach Day at La Jolla Shores.
9:00 - 9:00. RSVP for more details.

Saturday, July 9

- "Wizard of Oz" at Adams Park in Normal Heights at Sunset.

Sunday, July 10

- Elementary campers head to church camp.
- UMYF lunch and activity: wear or bring clothes that may get dirty.

Tuesday, July 12

- UMYF work project at church.

Thursday, July 14

- District Youth Beach Day 9:00 - 4:00. Remember you need to RSVP.

Saturday, July 16

- Dee and fellow camp staff go to camp to prepare.

Sunday, July 17

- Middle School Campers head to camp. Pastor Bob will also be on camp staff.

Sunday, July 24

- Senior High Campers head to camp.

Thursday, July 28

- District Youth Beach Day 9:00 - 4:00. Remember you need to RSVP.

Saturday, July 30

- Dee, Devin, Cameron, Andrew, and Anastasia leave for SSP in Arizona. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Sunday, July 31

- 5th Sunday worship, led by youth and children

For more information about any of our summer activities, please contact Dee B. at: the church

Young Adult Retreat October 7-9, 2016

Annually, Young Adults (ages 18-28) spend time in community with one another to discuss and deliberate on issues of faith while spending a weekend away from stress and distractions.

This year's Retreat will be held October 7-9, at rustic Lazy W Ranch near San Juan Capistrano. Attendees will explore what spirituality is and why it is important, as well as ideas for connecting with God day-to-day. The full price for the weekend event is \$85.



For more information:

Lazy W Ranch www.lazywranch.org
23852 Hot Springs Canyon Road, San
Juan Capistrano (949) 728-0141
<http://tinyurl.com/hyg3kcu>

Special Summer Music

While our Voices of Praise, Music Director, and Children's Choir are taking a respite during the summer, we will be treated to music from members and friends of PB UMC. Don't miss any of the offerings from our talented guest musicians at Sunday services.

Ladies Eat Out

July 9, 10:00 am, 85° C Bakery, 5575 Balboa Ave #330, San Diego, CA 92111.

We'll meet early in the day and enjoy the delicious baked goods and hot or cold beverages at 85° C Bakery. This coffee/shop bakery is a group favorite! You can RSVP to Dart R. or just show up! Hope to see you there.

Bible Study Group "Toward a New Creation"

The Sunday morning Bible Study group continues during the month of July. Join them any Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Lanai.

The readings for July are:

- July 3, Ignoring God's Truth Within Us, Romans 2:7-29
- July 10, We Are All Under Sin's Power, Romans 3:9-20
- July 17, God Set Things Right, Romans 3:21-31
- July 24, Not Without Hope, Romans 5:1-11
- July 31, Death Becomes Life, Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23

We Reach Out to Others

CCSA Summer Programs

Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) donors can participate in two different 2016 Summer programs:

► *CCSA's 2016 Back to School Program*

Each year, **CCSA** provides low-income children with backpacks and essential school supplies. This year, they hope to distribute 200+ backpacks to children in grades K - 9.

Donations of filled backpacks will be accepted Monday, July 11th, to Friday, Aug 5th, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, at the CCSA Clairemont Service Center, 4167 Rappahannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117.



They ask that each backpack comes filled with grade-appropriate school supplies: K-2nd, and 3rd-9th. For a list, visit their website at www.ccsasandiego.org.



► *Help the Homeless Through the Summer*

Beginning with June 2016, CCSA encourages everyone to help the homeless battle the hot San Diego summer days by providing them with the following items: Hats, Sunglasses, Sunscreen (SPF 45+), Lip Balm (with SPF), Sunburn Relief lotion, Bottled Water, Juices, and Flip Flops.

Donations may be dropped off at either CCSA location: 1675 Garnet Ave, San Diego CA, 92109, or 4167 Rappahannock Ave, San Diego CA, 92117, Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Guatemala Marketplace Visits PB UMC July 31

The Guatemala Mission Project is a program of Interfaith Action International, a religious, non-profit organization that is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. This organization has been working in the highlands of Guatemala serving primarily poor indigenous persons since 1992, taking volunteer construction teams and medical teams to the site. They build educational, medical, and recreational facilities, and provide scholarships and multiple home and environmental improvements.

The work is funded primarily through the sale of indigenous Mayan products. "Our shared work and prayers help support healthy, educated, and culturally stable Mayan communities." The Mission Project Sale of products from independent artists, family run businesses, and community cooperatives will be Sunday, July 31, before, between and after worship services. All proceeds from sales of these Mayan products, as well as donations, go directly to funding the mission program in Guatemala. More information can be found on the website, <http://www.guatemalaproject.org>

Personally Speaking

You will notice a new look to *Beach Breeze* this month. There is also a new editor, with a new email address for submitting articles. Committee chairs and members and friends who worship with us may send news, photos, and other information to be shared with your fellow worshippers to news@pbumc.org.

A special Thank You to Aimee K. for easing the transition, to proofreader Mary Margaret R., and to the *Beach Breeze* assembly/mailing crew.

—T. H., Editor

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of May 31, 2016

May giving – budget \$22,094	\$19,519
May other sources of income – budget \$11,421	\$14,551
May total available for ministry – budget \$33,515	\$34,070
May expended in ministry – budget \$33,460	\$39,438
May income minus expenses	(\$5,368)
YTD giving – budget \$110,468	\$97,043
YTD other sources of income – budget \$57,110	\$56,556
YTD total available for ministry – budget \$167,578	\$153,599
YTD expended in ministry – budget \$167,341	\$170,612
YTD income minus expenses	(\$17,013)
Year 2016 budget	\$401,619

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

June 5 – 168 persons
 June 12 – 144 persons
 June 19 – 125 persons
 June 26 – 151 persons
 Ave. Weekly (2016) – 170 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

June 1 – 117 persons
 June 8 – 128 persons
 June 15 – 122 persons
 June 22 – 130 persons

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

Several members of the finance team are attending Financial Peace University on Sunday afternoons. We are using tools for household budgeting that are a reminder of how challenging it can be to adjust expectations to reality.

The big hits to May's expense budget were for replacing the parsonage door and for using and maintaining church property. Water, sewer, gas, and electricity bills are coming in significantly higher than budgeted. Some repair costs will be covered by income that we withdraw quarterly from our endowments, while expenses are budgeted 1/12 per month but occur with irregular timing. Overall, we have a less accurate budget this year, and are trying to adjust to the realities. Your creative suggestions and prayers are encouraged.

Youth Sunday, July 31

The youth will lead our worship on Youth Sunday, July 31st. We will need youth and children to help with worship elements that day: a liturgist (reader), an acolyte, ushers, and greeters. Also, one or two youth to speak about SSP and/or other mission projects will be needed.

Please be sure to join us as we worship under the ministry of our youth.

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes
 Office Administrator: Aimee Kay
 Music Director: Ron Jessee

5th Wednesday Night Meal

The month of June has five Wednesdays, so as is our tradition, members of PB UMC are asked to help. Donations would be gratefully received. Be sure to write "Wednesday Meal Donation" on the memo line of your check! And thank you!

July Communion Offering: Reconciling Ministries

Our communion offering for July will be in support of the Reconciling Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

The Reconciling Ministries Network is a constellation of over 700 Reconciling communities and 34,000 individuals, working to mobilize United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our church and world by living out the Gospel's teachings of grace, love, justice, and inclusion for all of God's children. To learn more about Reconciling Ministries, visit www.rmnetwork.org

Pacific Beach United Methodist Church has been a reconciling congregation for over twenty years.

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, Jul 1 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Jul 2 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

Week 2

Sun, Jul 3 10:00 am only: Worship in Sanctuary
 Potluck following service
 Mon, Jul 4 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Jul 5 Youth to Aquatica with other
 church groups
 Wed, Jul 6 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Jul 7 9:00 am, District Youth at the Beach
 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
 Choirs on Summer break until August
 Fri, Jul 8 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Jul 9 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 10:00 am, Ladies' Brunch 85°C Bakery
 Sunset, Youth to "Wizard of Oz"

Week 3

Sun, Jul 10 Worship, Elementary Camp begins
 UMYF Lunch and Activity
 Mon, Jul 11 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Jul 12 UMYF Work Project at church
 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee
 Wed, Jul 13 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Jul 14 9:00 am, District Youth Beach Day
 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
 Fri, Jul 15 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Jul 16 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Chichicastenango, Guatemala 2014

Week 4

Sun, Jul 17 Worship, Middle School Camp begins
 Mon, Jul 18 *Beach Breeze* Deadline
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Jul 20 Storefront Ministry
 Youth to Aquatica
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Jul 21 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
 Fri, Jul 22 Sr. High to SSP
 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Jul 23 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share



Beach Breeze Folding Party

Week 5

Sun, Jul 24 Worship, Senior High Camp begins
 Mon, Jul 25 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Jul 26 9:30 am, *Breeze* Folding Party
 7:00 pm, Growing in Faith Team
 Meeting
 Wed, Jul 27 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Jul 28 9:00 am, District Youth Beach Day
 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
 Fri, Jul 29 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat Jul 30 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 SSP Youth leave for Arizona



2015 PB UMC Pride Float

Week 6

Sun, Jul 31 Worship, 5th Sunday. Service led by
 children and youth.
 Guatemala Project Bazaar

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

July 3
2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30,
Galatians 6:7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10
Luke 2:41-52, "Beginning in the Home"

July 17
Matthew 5:43-48, "Going On to Perfection"

July 24
Matthew 23:1-12, "Free Thinkers"

July 31
Matthew 28:16-20, "Involved in the World"

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Meet Our Talented Musicians Liesl & Steve Spence

By Roving Reporter, Marcia M.

This month we are meeting Liesl and Steve S., two of our extremely talented musicians. They have been married for 7 years. They met while attending Michigan State, where they were both studying music and played in the marching band. They have three boys aged 5, 3, and 1 month old. They both teach music in local middle schools. Liesl teaches at La Jolla Day and Steve at Greenfield in El Cajon.

Liesl moved to San Diego about 9 years ago and looked for a church. "I was looking for a welcoming church and found PB UMC to be just that. I found there were lots of music teachers at PB UMC. How much more welcoming could it be?" Steve moved here later and shared Liesl's enthusiasm for PB UMC. They both became very involved. Liesl plays French horn solos and is our youth choir co-director. Steve occasionally accompanies our choir on the drums or piano and often operates the sound system.

Steve told me they have lots of instruments at home. They both started listing them: a drum set, a piano, trumpets, a saxophone, a flute, a French horn, a violin, a guitar, a trombone, a bass, a recorder, and a whistle. They listed the instruments so fast, I know I didn't get them all.



How did they get started in music? Steve's sister took piano lessons and she inspired him to do so also when he was in the first grade. "When I was in the 4th grade, I started playing the drums. While in school, I participated in the jazz band and youth orchestras. Music has been a major part of my life." Liesl starting playing the French horn in the 5th grade. "I was visiting my grandparents, and the daughter of a friend played the French horn, and I was able to get decent sounding notes on it, so I continued to learn to play it. I now play several brass instruments."

Liesl participates in a show a year at San Diego Musical Theater. "I also belong to the Hornswoggle, a fun group of 30 French horn players. Many are members of San Diego symphony, but we also have doctors, lawyers, etc."

Steve is about to begin work towards a master's degree. "As a public school teacher, I need to keep updating my knowledge, and the information provided is useful for teaching. Our goal in teaching middle school musicians is not to create professional musicians, but to provide the kids a love of music they can include as part of their lives."

We are very fortunate to have these two among our talented musicians. I certainly enjoyed talking with them. They actually inspired me to start playing the piano again.