



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

September 2016

Interfaith Shelter Update

By Ken B.

On May 31st, the Beaches Branch of the Interfaith Shelter Network held the final wrap-up meeting for the 2015-2016 shelter season. This past season, twenty-seven people were sheltered for more than 1,300 nights, and over 3,950 meals were served in our branch area. The Interfaith Shelter Network extends their gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers who have made this shelter season in the Beaches Branch a success. Over the Interfaith Shelter Network's thirty years, a total of more than 8,900 people have been sheltered, over 220,000 of them without having to build shelters or hire staff, thanks to the many congregations, their members, and friends.

The wrap-up meeting provided an opportunity to meet with our other Beach Branch congregations to share successes, discuss "what went well" moments, and to get updates on some of our previous shelter guests. There are many unseen dangers involved with living on the streets. Although during the past 30 years more than 50% of our sheltered guests have left the program to live in their own homes, others still deal with the challenges of homelessness. This past season one of our families was able to get into the twelve month shelter program, and others were in the 90-day program at Cortez Hill.

Please keep in prayer some of our former guests as they still continue to deal with the challenges of homelessness. One husband and wife couple got into a low income housing unit. One of our guests, with help and services of the dental clinic, was able to have complete dental work done, resulting in raised self-esteem, leading the individual to seek employment. We are making a difference to all who come through our doors seeking services here.

The 2016-2017 Interfaith Shelter season is getting ready to start again, with upcoming training Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 9 AM to Noon at First United Methodist Church. If you are looking for an opportunity to increase your involvement, you should attend this meeting.

PB UMC will serve as host during the 2016-2017 season, late January to early February. Exact dates will be confirmed within the next two months. Thanks again to all who volunteered and for your continued support

Also in September, the Interfaith Shelter Network will hold its 30th gala event, Celestial Nights. For our long standing involvement and work in our homeless ministries, PB UMC will be honored at this event. Celestial Nights is September 24, 2016. Proceeds from the Gala benefit the Interfaith Shelter Network. There are discounted tickets at \$75; a table of eight costs \$600. The regular price for the general public is \$100. Please contact Ken B. if you would like to attend.

A New and Homegrown Christmas Musical

Hang on everybody! Hope A., long-time member of PB UMC, has written a beautiful and timely musical that we are producing for Christmas 2016. This lively show features The Baby Jesus, Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, Mrs. Claus, several reindeer, and a host of church folks in crisis over Global Climate Change! You may be asking, how does this unlikely cast of characters interact in a crisis of current events? Hope has woven a sweet story melding the legend of Saint Nicolas with the Christmas story. It's remarkably clever writing that will be beautifully staged in our Sanctuary on December 11. Start telling your friends now. This will be a great show filled with the joy of the Christmas; a great way to usher in the season.

Auditions:

Come join the fun. PB UMC proudly announces auditions for the Christmas Musical 2016. The play is titled *Santa's Backup Plan*. The read-through and auditions will be on Saturday, September 10th, at 10:00 am. The cast calls for the following: Baby Jesus, Joseph, Mary, Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, St. Nicholas, Sammy (A young Child, girl or boy), John (Sammy's father), Lydia (Sammy's mother), Vixen (Reindeer), Dasher (Reindeer), Blitzen (Reindeer), Jessie Elf, Supervisor Elf, Vocal Elf, K.C. Elf, Jordon Elf, Taylor Elf, Choir Director.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

As I take a moment for this newsletter article/blog post, we are in the middle of our sermon series on our Methodist history and tradition. If you are a part of this congregation and have not been able to join worship during this season, I invite you to visit our website at pbumc.org to find these sermons and give them a listen. You will hear about the Wesleys early home life and challenges, early education, the formation of the first Methodist group, failure and inspiration, and even John Wesley's determination to "be more vile." It is my hope that you might find them both instructive and inspiring.

My point in this is that the series is taking place over a twelve-week period. It is nearly three months long. It started just after Independence Day and it continues through Labor Day to the last weekend in September.

This takes planning, and I'm not a planner. I'm a firm advocate that the best way to make God laugh is to tell God your plans.

But let me quantify. It's not like I *never* make plans. I just don't very often make *detailed* plans. Details are hard for me. Figuring out the details is something that takes me quite a bit of time. It's not my strength. So to plan a twelve-week sermon series with titles and themes and scriptures and imagery ideas and visual aids and hymn suggestions..., that's hard for me.

And it was also wonderfully freeing.

I've taken to this new level of sermon planning – although let's be honest, I don't want to get ahead of myself by planning *everything* else – by creating a sermon calendar. So far I have sermons roughed in for the rest of this year and the first half of next year.

And it is wonderfully freeing.

One of the things I think I was afraid of when it came to this kind of planning was the possibility of being constrained and inflexible. Perhaps this is a real fear for many of us. And we live in a time when sometimes our culture demands that we be ultra-flexible; often we use the word "spontaneous." But spontaneous doesn't necessarily mean *unprepared*.

And so I have felt this kind of planning to be helpful rather than constricting. I have found that planning gives me guidance and support and still leaves room for creativity. And when I need to throw out an idea entirely and consider a new direction, that's great. I change the plan because that's ok too.

I know many of you are detailed planners in ways that I could never be, and many of you are not. Great! It is my hope that we can all see the value of some level of planning, even while leaving room for flexibility. I think it is a helpful and freeing thing. I hope you will too.



Now I am left with the next logical question: what should I plan next? I have some ideas, and I hope you do too. And I hope you include your faith community in your plans!

We have some exciting things coming in these next weeks and months. While it's been off the radar for a bit, we are still moving on the Labor of Love project. We have an upgrade coming to Hughes Hall to provide

both for multimedia capability and also for a bit of environmental relief. We have our annual Stewardship campaign in October. We have upcoming Christmas musicals from our talented members and choir as well as from our amazing children. Our GriefShare group has begun meeting again. We have our annual Charge Conference in November. We are working to schedule our next Youth Sunday before the end of the year. We have service opportunities like Project Grace (our weekly meal on Wednesday evenings) and the Storefront Teen Shelter. We will worship together, celebrate together, work together, pledge together, pray together, learn together, make music together, be challenged and strengthened together, and – I hope – we will grow in love together.

Dear friends, I invite you to join me in making plans.

Pastor Bob

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This Month's Birthdays

The *Beach Breeze* is a monthly publication of the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Please visit our website at www.myPBchurch.org.

GriefShare Program in September

We will be starting our third GriefShare Program on September 18, 2016. The meeting will be from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in the Education Building, downstairs Room 101. Please contact Kym C. or Jeanette V. with any questions.

Member News

Congratulations

Adapted from an article in Point Loma Nazarene University's institutional publication, The Viewpoint.

Choir member Sandy S.- R., Director of Global Studies at Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), was recently appointed to co-chair the New Century Circle of the Association of International Educators (NAFSA), a role she began at the NAFSA annual conference in Denver in May. S.- R. was invited by the Academic Program International (API) to visit the University of Havana in July. Congratulations, Sandy!

Joined the Saints in Glory

Robert Samuel joined his wife Anita in heaven on August 18, 2016. Robert was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather. He served in the Marines with pride for 20 years and loved his country. After retiring from the Marines, he worked at the United States Post Office for 22 years. His 3rd and favorite career was volunteering at the YMCA Armed Services at the Naval Hospital in San Diego. He volunteered for over 33 years. He received recognition for his volunteer services by receiving a commendation personally from President G.W. Bush. He was also awarded the 1992 National Volunteer of the Year at the national YMCA awards. He served on many church committees, and stood at the door as an usher for 40 years.

The family would appreciate donations, in lieu of flowers, be made in memory of Robert Samuel to the Armed Services YMCA, San Diego, 34800 Bob Wilson Dr., San Diego, CA 92134. A memorial service will be held Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 1:00 pm.



Face to Face Program for Seniors

Face to Face is a program of the Upper Room, Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It is a ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation and renewal of Seniors seeking to know and experience God more fully. It is a time when you encounter Jesus, Face to Face. The primary theme of the program is "Living in Grace." It presents basic Christian theology and Biblical content geared to the spiritual needs of Seniors seeking fuller, richer, renewed experience of Christ. We share in worship, opportunities for Christian learning, as well as fun, food, and fellowship with other Christ-followers, while experiencing an abundance of God's love and grace. Participants sit at tables and listen to talks given by lay and clergy with reflection and discussion following each talk.

Next Encounter: September 23, 24, 30, and Oct 1, 9am-3:30pm

First United Methodist Church, 1200 E H St Chula Vista

Participants are expected to attend all four days.

Cost is \$50, which includes lunch and refreshments.

For an application, or for more information, contact Artcel Ruiz at artcel.ruiz@yahoo.com or text 619.861.5309.

You can also watch an informative video at <http://facetoface.upperroom.org/>.

We Grow in Grace & Faith

September Youth Happenings

Sunday, September 4

- Sunday School at 10:30 service. Afterward, youth are invited to Bruce and Dee's for lunch, swimming, and games. RSVP to Dee.

Sunday, September 11

- We will have Sunday School, but no other youth activities that day as Dee will be heading up to Cedar Glen for Strength for the Journey.

Sunday, September 18

- Sunday School. Noon - 2:30 pm, UMYF lunch and photo scavenger hunt.

Saturday, September 24

- Dee and Anastasia are signed up to walk in the AIDS walk with the Strength for the Journey Team. If you would like to join the team, contact Dee for more information. We would love to have more folks join us for such a good cause.

Sunday, September 25

- Sunday School. 4:30—6:00 pm, UMYF at the church.

For more information about any of these activities or the youth ministry program in general, please contact Dee at deeb@pbumc.org

Disaster Response Academy

Persons interested in joining in Disaster Response training are invited to the bi-annual Western Jurisdiction Disaster Response Academy held in Ontario, California in March, 2017. Participants will have an abundance of fun and informative learning opportunities led by staff from the United Methodist Committee on Relief and others. Stories will be shared from across the Jurisdiction and the ERT Recovery and Shower trailer for disaster response will be on view.

For more information, including costs and schedule, go to: <http://westernjurisdictionumc.org/dra2017/>.

Children's Choir Notes

Calling all children and parents for our first Fall rehearsal on September 11: We meet upstairs between services in the room across from Pastor Bob's office. We will learn songs for worship, and start right in on our Advent/Christmas musical.

All children as young as three through elementary school, who can focus for 25 minutes, are welcome!

I would also appreciate any older kids who might want to help, or play a role. Parents are welcome to observe rehearsals, and are helpful to walk kids to the bathroom, etc.

Children and music are a wonderful part of our church.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN LEARNING
AND SINGING ABOUT GOD!



Second Sunday Concert

Organist L J Clark will present a short concert on the PB UMC 3 Manual Allen Digital Organ on September 11, 2016, as part of our Second Sunday Concert Series. His selections will include a variety of interesting works for organ that will feature the unique voices of the instrument. Mark your calendars now for September 11 at 2:00 pm.

In October, PB UMC singing sensation, Yvonne, will present a solo concert featuring show tunes and pop hits from a variety of eras and genres. Yvonne's concert will be on October 9th.

There will not be a Second Sunday Concert in November due to the PB UMC Charge Conference. The December Concert will take place during the worship services and will feature the Voices of Praise and Act of Faith Players in a new Christmas musical written by Hope A.

Bible Study Group "Sovereignty of God"

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

The readings for September are:

- September 4, The Peaceful Kingdom, Isaiah 11:1-9
- September 11, The Mountain of God, Isaiah 25
- September 18, Foundations of the Earth, Isaiah 40
- September 25, Everlasting Covenant, Isaiah 61

We Reach Out to Others

Summer Youth Experiences

By Devin R., age 12, Seventh Grade

This summer is the fourth year I got to go to Camp Cedar Glen. I love camp because I learn about God in so many ways. I got to meet new friends and even see the friends I saw in past years. I love going to camp because of all the games they have and the new things that are added for the camp to use. I get sad when I leave camp, but I always know I'll have a great time next year.

This was my first year to go to SSP. Dee took a group of us to Tsaille, Arizona. I loved SSP because I got to do work to help other people. I always think it is a way to interact with God and do something nice for others. Sometimes we got to play games after our work was done. I met new people every day when I was there. I miss SSP because I don't get to have as much fun when I leave. I plan to go on another SSP adventure next summer. Dee makes all of our experiences fun!

Thank You so much for providing these opportunities to have fun and do work for a great cause. Thank You so much.



Devin at the Navajo Museum

New Ministry Opportunities

The Building Community Team has been working behind the scenes to create some new outreach and member services for our church family. It's time to go public with our plans!

Welcome Booth -- We have purchased a lovely popup shade covering which will enable us to set up a Welcome Booth on Sunday mornings where newcomers can receive information and a welcome gift. We would like some friendly greeters to staff the booth! Be the first to welcome visitors and welcome people back who have not been in worship with us for a while. The booth would be staffed before services, so you won't miss the pastor's message and the wonderful music.

Missing Member Outreach -- We also plan to reach out to members and friends who have not been with us for a few weeks to let them know they've been missed and ask if there is anything they need from their PB UMC community. This would be an ideal ministry opportunity for anyone who has time during the week to make phone calls from their own home. You'll get to talk with friends and share your concern for them while letting them know we miss their presence. If talking on the phone is outside of your comfort zone, we could also reach out by sending a notecard through the mail, or both.

Please see Dart R. (usually found downstairs in the nursery on Sundays!) or Heide T. if you would like to volunteer for these new opportunities. You can also reach Dart at dart_r@pbumc.org.

We Get Notes of Appreciation

From The Storefront Team

"Thank you so much for your continued support of Storefront. It is largely due to generous donors like you that we are able to maintain this safe place for homeless, runaway, and exploited youth."

From The Reconciling Ministries Network

"Your support has brought us to strength now, as opportunity, changing minds, and the Bible itself call for action to bring justice and equality to our Church. . . . The generosity of Reconciling Communities like yours makes possible the lifesaving ministries of creating safe sanctuaries and just policies for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities."

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of July 31, 2016

	Budget	Actual
July giving	\$22,094	\$23,758
July other sources of income	\$11,421	\$12,821
July total available for ministry	\$33,515	\$36,579
July expended in ministry	\$33,460	\$34,477
July income minus expenses		\$2,102
YTD giving	\$154,655	\$145,028
YTD other sources of income	\$79,957	\$71,638
YTD total available for ministry	\$234,612	\$216,666
YTD expended in ministry	\$234,271	\$236,632
YTD income minus expenses		(\$19,966)
Year 2016 budget	\$401,619	

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

This month's income includes a catch-up for rental income. We'll see changes again when insurance covers lost income for the vacant unit.

Project Grace is still in need of funding. If you have contacts for grant sources, please talk to Scott C. or Beth R.



Refurbishing
Room 204, the
UCSD Medical
Clinic exam room.

Ladies Eat Out

All ladies are invited for a casual lunch at Luna Grill, Balboa Mesa Shopping Center, 4175 Genesee Ave, San Diego, CA 92117 on Saturday, Sept 3, 2016, at 11:30 am. Weather permitting, we will be on the patio! Come one, come all, just to chat, say hello and get to know your friends at PB UMC.

RSVP to Su-Yen at suyenk@pbumc.org.

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes

Office Administrator: Aimee K.

Music Director: Ron J.

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

July 31 – 141 persons
August 7 – 158 persons
August 14 – 148 persons
August 21 – 136 persons
August 28 – 147 persons

Avg. Weekly (2016) – 178 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

July 27 – 155 persons
August 3 – 176 persons
August 10 – 145 persons
August 17 – 101 persons
August 24 – 138 persons

September Communion Offering: Christian Education

Our offering in September will be in support of Christian education Sunday, which is a Special Sunday for ministries within our annual conference.

Christian Education Sunday calls the church as the people of God to be open to growth and learning as disciples of Jesus Christ. Christian education is not just for children! The hope is that you will continue God-inspired learning for the rest of your life.

This offering helps to strengthen programs in the United Methodist church that nurture religion.

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

Thurs, Sept 1 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Sept 2 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sept 3 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
11:30 am, Ladies Lunch (pg 6)



Youth at Senior
High Camp

Week 2

Sun, Sept 4 Worship, Communion Sunday
10:30 am, Youth Sunday School,
followed by activities at
Bruce and Dee's (pg 4)
Mon, Sept 5 Labor Day — Church Office Closed
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Sept 6 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
7:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, Sept 7 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Sept 8 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Sept 9 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sept 10 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
10:00 am, Christmas Musical
Auditions (pg 1)



New Front Doors at Parsonage

Week 3

Sun, Sept 11 Worship
10:00 am, Children's Choir Rehearsals
Resume (pg 4)
10:30 am, Youth Sunday School (pg 4)
2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert
at PB UMC (pg 4)
Mon, Sept 12 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, Sept 14 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Sept 15 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Sept 16 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sept 17 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
9:00 am-noon, Interfaith Shelter Training,
First UMC (pg 1)

Week 4

Sun, Sept 18 Worship
10:30 am, Youth Sunday School
noon-2:30 pm, UMYF Lunch
& Scavenger Hunt (pg 4)
12:30 pm-2:00 pm, GriefShare (pg 3)
Mon, Sept 19 **Beach Breeze Deadline**
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, Sept 21 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Sept 22 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Sept 23 Senior Face-to-Face at First UMC,
Chula Vista (pg 3)
7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat Sept 24 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
AIDS Walk
Interfaith Shelter Celestial Nights Gala



Prayers ad Squares
Viewing Special
Quilt Exhibit at San
Diego Museum of
Art

Week 5

Sun, Sept 25 Worship
10:30 am, Youth Sunday School
Mon, Sept 26 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Sept 27 9:30 am, **Beach Breeze** Folding Party
Wed, Sept 28 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Sept 29 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Sept 30 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

The series of Methodism continues as follows:

September 4
Luke 24:13-35, "Experience This"

September 11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9, "It's a Tradition"

September 18
1 Samuel 3:1-11, "There's a Reason"

September 25
Luke 4:14-22, "Scripture"

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Meet Hope Anderson From Our Voices of Praise

By Roving Reporter, Marcia M.

This month I got the opportunity to chat with Hope A. When I asked her how she found PB UMC, she told me she stopped going to a Methodist church in the 4th grade. Later, her husband Larry, who is Jewish, decided to become Christian. "So, even though I was an atheist, I decided if he was going to do that, I ought to check it out, too. We found a church, but it didn't work for both of us. So, we started on separate paths. Larry returned to the original church, and I started looking for a church near my Sunday morning yoga class. That's when I found PB UMC in 1997. I was made to feel very welcome, especially by Jim S. That was all it took, and I became a member in 1998. I feel like this is family and most of my social life. Larry is happy at his church, too."

Hope then told me how much the choir means to her. "When I joined the choir in 2000 I couldn't even read music. In fact, I could barely even sing. But, extremely accomplished musicians trained me. The choir is full of talented musicians. Now, theology comes to me through music. Rehearsals really mean a lot for that reason; each is a deep spiritual experience for me. We pray together every rehearsal and my faith has grown through the choir."

Recently at church Hope sang a song she wrote for a Christmas musical. I asked her about that and she told me, "Last year Ron J. couldn't find a suitable new Christmas musical, so we did a cantata instead." (A cantata is a medium-length narrative piece of music for voices with instrumental accompaniment.) "So, I thought about writing a musical. I used to write fiction and poetry and I found lots of ideas floating around in my brain. It was like a creative urge from God. The ideas were based on: *What if Santa Claus had a conversation with the historical St. Nicholas?* So, I enrolled in a play-writing class and wrote the original version of my play by December of last year. My professional musician brother told me I should write the music, too. I was comfortable writing the song lyrics as that was similar to fiction and poetry writing, but was surprised the music just flowed from me." She repeated her play writing class and reworked the story and then worked with others to refine it. She found software that created a score based on her singing the songs she wrote into it. Then she handed the score over to arranger Scott Stevens for orchestration. Her instructor has encouraged her to look into publishing her musical. Soon, we may all know a very famous musical writer and composer.

I am looking forward to enjoying her first musical.

