



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

October 2016

PB UMC Fun in the Sun

By Roving Reporter Marcia M.

On August 28th, PB UMC held its annual "Fun-in-the-Sun" beach party in Mission Bay, and it was definitely fun in the sun: lots of fun and lots of sun! The sun was bright and shining, and there was a really nice breeze that kept approximately 100 attendees from getting too hot.

The food was amazingly good. Chef DK Catering supplied tasty sliders made from different kinds of meat and a variety of cheeses and sauces. Church members supplied some outstanding side dishes and desserts. Among the countless sides, there was some delicious water melon, along with some excellent potato salads.

There were amazing desserts, including homemade cookies, cupcakes, and cakes--including a marvelous multi-layered multi-colored cake. There were some wonderful S'more Brownies. I personally had seconds (and even thirds) of each course. I know I wasn't the only one who did.



There were fun things to do besides eat. The kids, and some of us who feel like kids, really enjoyed the bounce house. Kids and adults

played volley ball. Bongos was another fun game enjoyed, especially by a father and son pair who laughed at themselves and each other while playing. A couple of guys played a game that was similar to ping pong, only there was no table.

A bunch of us left with unusually beautiful faces after getting ours painted by some creative artists.



Craig R. and his team did an outstanding job organizing this event. Some of the volunteers were on-site as early as 5:50 am and stayed as late as 5:30 pm. Each year gets better. I'm already looking forward to more fun in the sun next year. Thanks to the entire team!

Picnic Photos by Wayne S.

Look at Our Sign!

Thanks to the expert paintbrush efforts of Suzie V. and Dick V., PB UMC now once again has a refreshed, bright sign at the corner of Ingraham Street and Thomas Avenue. Take a look at their handiwork!



Photo by Dick V.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

October has become the traditional month at Pacific Beach UMC when we embark on our annual Stewardship campaign. It is a time where we re-commit – or perhaps commit for the first time – ourselves to supporting the ministries of PB UMC and of the broader connected Church. We hear sermons intended to inspire thoughtful commitment and generosity, sometimes we hear from members of the congregation, we receive letters from the pastor, and we fill out a card indicating our commitment of support.

As a pastor, I find the time somewhat uncomfortable, and I confess this to all of you with some hesitation. Many of the stewardship books and blogs I've read share wise words about the confidence with which stewardship must be preached. Many of my colleagues share wisdom about how stewardship can only be authentically inspired when the one teaching and preaching has fully reached the goals being set for others.

But here's the thing, I don't feel confident, and I haven't yet reached those goals. I'm still working on both of those things. I'm still working not to think about time and money from a perspective of scarcity. I'm still trying to find the tools that are right for me to more effectively and appropriately meet the goals to which I feel called. It's not easy, and I think it's important to be authentic about this, because I doubt that I'm the only one.

An important reminder for me is that stewardship is not only about our financial commitment to the church. This does not mean that our financial support is less important, or not necessary for the ministries of the church. Indeed, our financial support is critical for our ongoing ministries. And to be fair, the reminder that stewardship isn't only about money is a reminder that stewardship is *bigger* than money.

So how can that be comforting? If stewardship is not only about money (gifts) but is also about giving our prayers, and our presence, and our service, and our witness, it means that stewardship asks more of us than to fill out a commitment card each year. How is that even remotely comforting?

I think it is comforting because God wants *all* of us. God doesn't simply ask for our money. To be honest with you (and to quote Bono from U2), "the God I believe in isn't short of cash." I believe God asks each of us to give our entire selves to God. As United Methodists in covenant together, we make a commitment to support the ministries of the Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. I think God *calls* us into this commitment, and I don't think that's all God wants from us. God

wants our brokenness and our temptation. God wants our mistakes and our struggles. God wants our regrets and our failures.

God wants *all that we have to give*, and the idea that God will accept us completely is so much more comforting than the idea of God only wanting our money.

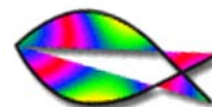
In a practical sense, this stewardship season brings about some important – and perhaps difficult – realizations. Because of a number of factors, giving and other income have been down at the church. Partly a cause, worship attendance has been down, with several members moving and some experiencing medical or family circumstances preventing attendance. Even with all of this, we see some necessary increases in expenditures on the horizon and are still considering a building and refurbishment project.

We could see these circumstances as reason to be filled with fear, but I would suggest that perhaps we may be comforted by the reminder that God wants *all* of us. We have the opportunity this stewardship month to consider an increasing expression of stewardship as we begin our stewardship series: Plus One. What might happen if each one of us connected with PB UMC were to pray for our church a little more than we already do? What might happen if each one of us showed up to one more worship service, event, or learning opportunity? What might happen if we were able to increase our financial giving by 1% or consider estate giving? What might happen if we committed to one more service opportunity? What might happen if we invited one more person or family to get involved in all that PB UMC has to offer?

In all of the conversations I have with the people of PB UMC, the good people of this congregation and community have had a profoundly positive effect on us all. Stewardship is our response to how we have been transformed by our God, our community, and our faith. It is my hope that we may prayerfully and faithfully explore stewardship over the course of this month, and that we may do so with a sense of faith, hope, and love.



Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another

Trick-or-Treat for UMCOR

Trick-or-Treat for UMCOR will take place on Sunday, October 30 after each service. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and help to trick-or-treat for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR efforts are targeted in places where natural disasters, war, or conflict have done so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own. While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, they stand ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of recovery, until they are well on their way to establishing a "new normal" after a crisis. To learn more about UMCOR, check out their website at: www.umcor.org



Lunch Bunch and Youth Fundraiser

Join us for a good cause with a side of fish tacos. On October 9 we'll lunch at Rubio's, 910 Grand Avenue. No reservations needed. Be sure to pick up a flyer at church so that 20% of proceeds will be donated to our youth ministry. The fundraiser is open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Bring your flyer for dinner or snacks, too. After lunch, an enthusiastic group will head back to the sanctuary for Yvonne's 2:00 pm Second Sunday concert.

PB UMC Ladies Day Out Lunch

Our regular ladies get-together this month will be held Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 12:30 pm. The fun venue is:

Pieology Pizzeria, Balboa Mesa.
5575 Balboa Avenue
Ste. 310
San Diego, CA 92111
(858) 565-0600

If anyone would like to be added to or removed from the Ladies Day Out "Evites" please contact Su-Yen [and](mailto:suyenk@pbumc.org) Dart at suyenk@pbumc.org [and](mailto:dartr@pbumc.org) dartr@pbumc.org.

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Who Is That Person?

You may think you know everyone's name but a lot of newer members and guests do not. They very much appreciate name tags so they can put a face with a name.

Please pick up your name tag on your way into the sanctuary. If you have left yours at home or cannot find it in the bowl or on the wall, make a new one. This small gesture is really appreciated.

We Grow in Grace & Faith

October Youth Happenings

Saturday, October 1

- Cedar Glen Open House. At least one youth group is planning to attend. Spread the word to camp friends and get them to meet you there. See details in a separate article on this page.

Sunday, October 2

- UMYF 3:00 - 5:00 - Youth Sunday Worship planning, including selecting music. We will have light snacks, but not dinner that afternoon.

Sunday, October 9

- Rubio's Fund Raiser anytime after church until 7:00 PM. Please pass out fliers to local friends, neighbors, and family to invite them to join you in support of our youth ministry mission projects. Really, this would be a great time to invite friends. (Dee will be at a Christian Education conference to serve you better, so youth should stay in worship and work up an appetite for Rubio's.)

Sunday, October 16

- UMYF will meet from 4:00 to 5:30 pm to work on Youth Sunday. However, Dee is also willing to take youth to a workshop being offered that afternoon at Normal Heights UMC. The workshop, "Be a Transformative Peacemaker thru Forgiveness," is presented by Benita P. from TKF (www.tkf.org). Dee needs your RSVP by October 11.

Sunday, October 23

- UMYF will meet from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. The meeting will include worship planning, music rehearsal, and dinner.

Sunday, October 30

- District Youth Halloween Party and Dance at Foothills UMC from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Dee will meet youth at PB UMC at 3:15 to drive to Foothills by 4:00. Parents are asked to pick up or arrange carpools to pick up at Foothills. Dee is on the clean up crew. Parents may pick up youth earlier, if needed, since it is a school night.

Future events to note in your calendar: Sunday, Nov. 6

Time to change our clocks, and it will be Youth Sunday. The youth will be leading all aspects of worship services. We may have a run through on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Children's Choir Notes

We have started rehearsing for the Fall and Winter choir season and have some very good singers and learners. Two of them told me, "We get to sing for our church!"



Our first song will be "Teach Me Your Way," performed on a Sunday in October. Cat is practicing the clarinet part.

We are grateful for Jesse H for accompanying Rehearsals, and for Liesl and Steve's help when able!

Our Advent/Christmas play will be Shepherds, Sheep, and a Messiah. It is lots of fun, and a good message for all.

We rehearse between services every Sunday morning upstairs in the Education building. Please let any children in our congregation know that they are VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US! Contact Vicki T for further info or offers of help.

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

Open House at Camp Cedar Glen

This will be a great afternoon to learn more about Cedar Glen's ministry, and ways you can get involved! It is a good way to see the place our campers have so much fun.

When: Saturday, October 1

Time: 12:30 - 4:00 PM

Where: Camp Cedar Glen, 743 Farmer Road, Julian, CA 92036

Schedule: 12:30 - 1:30 A BBQ (pulled pork or chicken) lunch will be served in the dining hall; 1:30 - 2:30 Cedar Glen staff will lead some field games; 2:30 - 4:00 the climbing tower, archery and pool will be available to try. Folks are also welcome to relax and visit.

Bible Study Group "The Sovereignty of Jesus"

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

The readings for October are:

- October 2, The Imprint of God, Hebrews 1
- October 9, Builder of the House, Matthew 7:19-29; Hebrews 3:1-6
- October 16, The Great High Priest, Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- October 23, The High Priest Forever, Hebrews 7
- October 30, Pioneer and Perfecter of Our Faith, Hebrews 12:1-13

We Reach Out to Others

Sign-Up for Thanksgiving Turkey Donations

by Allan A. and Chef Ben



Our San Diego Project Grace Thanksgiving meal, with all the trimmings, will be held on November 23rd this year. We have a need for donations of approximately twenty (20) cooked turkeys to serve to our guests. We will also need people to help carve, serve the meal, cut pies, pour drinks, and just sit and talk with our guests.

If you are willing to cook a turkey (or two) as a donation, please sign up on the list that will be in the church entry area before and after worship, starting Sunday, October 30.

We ask that the cooked and sliced turkeys be delivered to the church on Sunday, November 20, or Monday morning, November 21. If you are willing to donate a turkey but cannot cook it, please deliver the turkeys by Sunday, November 13, so there will be ample thawing time for any that are frozen.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to Chef Ben or the church office. Thank you for your generosity to our guests!

Sunday School News: *children in Church*

By Malea S.

It's hard sometimes to be that parent or grandparent with wiggly, chattering children sitting with you in the church pew. Sometimes it is distracting for those sitting around them. But this is what blogger Jamie Bruesehoff has to say to those parents (or grandparents), and I couldn't say it better myself:

"When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about Bible Study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in ten years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important."

See you, and your children, in church!

Upcoming Church Conference

Methodism co-founder John Wesley was very organized and methodical. He put some practices of accountability and planning in place that all United Methodist Churches still practice to this day. Each year we are required to hold a meeting in which church leaders are elected, the membership rolls are reviewed, the pastor's compensation package is approved, and other business matters pertaining to property and assets can be carried out. This year, PB UMC's church conference will be on Sunday, November 13, immediately following the second worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Yvonne B. Headlines October 2nd Sunday Concert

Our own Yvonne B. will be the featured artist for the Second Sunday Concert on October 9. Yvonne is known throughout Southern California as a featured performer and Leading Lady of both theatre and theme park shows. She was featured during the Christmas Season in 2015 at the Sea World Shamu Show and subsequently has been performing at the Welk Theatre, North Coast Rep, and Escondido Center for the Arts. Her performance in "Ain't Misbehavin'" received critical acclaim. She is currently appearing in August Wilson's "Seven Guitars" at the Cygnet Theatre in Old Town and can be seen every Sunday in the choir loft at PB UMC. Her concert will feature a wide variety of musical selections. Join us in October for this marvelous concert.

Second Sunday Concert: October 9, 2016, 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Circle of Support

Record of Generosity as of August 31, 2016

	Budget	Actual
August giving	\$22,094	\$15,313
August other sources of income	\$11,421	\$32,869
August total available for ministry	\$33,515	\$48,182
August expended in ministry	\$33,460	\$53,091
August income minus expenses		(\$4,909)
YTD giving	\$176,749	\$158,752
YTD other sources of income	\$91,378	\$104,507
YTD total available for ministry	\$268,127	\$263,259
YTD expended in ministry	\$267,735	\$289,723
YTD income minus expenses		(\$26,464)
Year 2016 budget	\$401,619	

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

September 4 – 154 persons
September 11 – 141 persons
September 18 – 136 persons
September 25 – 129 persons

Avg. Weekly (2016) – 174 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

August 31 – 135 persons
September 7 – 155 persons
September 14 – 157 persons
September 21 – 160 persons

Reflections from the Finance and Stewardship Team

Our income and expense totals are both inflated by \$25k for rental property renovation that has been funded temporarily by a draw from the Sabatka Legacy of Love, pending reimbursement by insurance. Excluding that expense, we've held expenses to budget, but still we've eaten up our reserves. Reserves are defined as current assets minus current liabilities. We're not out of cash, but we are spending more than we are taking in.

Budgeting season is upon us. Last year, in order to produce a balanced budget, we optimistically projected an increase in income that did not materialize. Instead, we should have tightened our belts. That's what we'll need to do for 2017. If the church were a household, we might give up a second car and carpool or take the bus, perhaps get a second job, send the kids to community college instead of a four-year university, do our own cleaning and gardening, sell stuff we don't need. We might make coffee at home instead of picking up a \$5 latte, brown bag lunch, and cook dinner at home. How does that translate to a church budget? Our committees will be pondering this question as we prepare our 2017 budget to live within our means.



October Communion Offering: World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday takes place on the first Sunday of every October to bring churches together to promote Christian unity. It is a Special Sunday for ministries within our annual conference, in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information.

On this World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has given the gifts to learn and to serve.

CHURCH STAFF:

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

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

Sat, Oct 1 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 11:30 am, Ladies Lunch (p. 3)
 12:30 pm, Camp Cedar Glen Open
 House (p. 4)



**PB UMC Received an Award From the
 Interfaith Shelter Network at a Gala On
 September 24, 2016.**

Week 2

Sun, Oct 2 Worship, Communion Sunday
 10:00 am, Children's Choir Rehearsal
 3:00 pm, UMYF (p. 4)
 Mon, Oct 3 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Oct 5 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Oct 6 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Oct 7 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Oct 8 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Week 3

Sun, Oct 9 Worship
 10:00 am, Children's Choir Rehearsal
 12:00 noon, Fundraiser at Rubio's (p. 3)
 2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (p. 5)
 5:00 pm, Christmas Musical Rehearsal
 Mon, Oct 10 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Oct 11 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee
 Wed, Oct 12 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Oct 13 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
 Fri, Oct 14 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Oct 15 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 12:30 pm, Ladies Day Out Lunch (p. 3)

Week 4

Sun, Oct 16 Worship
 4:00 pm, UMYF (p. 4)
 12:30, GriefShare
 5:00 pm, Christmas Musical Rehearsal
 Mon, Oct 17 **Beach Breeze Deadline**
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Oct 19 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Oct 20 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Oct 21 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Oct 22 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share



**Youth Group
 September 2016**

Week 5

Sun, Oct 23 Worship
 4:00 pm, UMYF (p.4)
 5:00 pm, Christmas Musical Rehearsal
 Mon, Oct 24 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Oct 25 9:30 am, *Beach Breeze* Folding Party
 Wed, Oct 26 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Oct 27 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Oct 28 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Oct 29 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share

Week 6

Sun, Oct 30 Worship
 Trick or Treat for UMCOR (p. 3)
 Sign up to donate Turkeys (p. 5)
 3:15 pm, UMYF District Halloween Party
 (p. 4)
 5:00 pm, Christmas Musical Rehearsal
 Mon, Oct 31 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

We Love and Worship God

Weekly Lectionary

October 2
Luke 11:1-13, "Plus One: Prayers"

October 9
Acts 2:42-47, "Plus One: Presence"

October 16
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; 9:6-15, "Plus One: Gifts"

October 23
Matthew 14:32-21, "Plus One: Service"

October 30
Acts 22:12-16, "Plus One: Witness"

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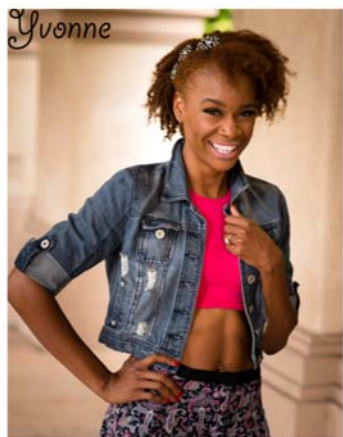
Meet Yvonne B. From Our Voices of Praise

By Roving Reporter, Marcia M.

This month we are getting to know Yvonne B., one of our talented Voices of Praise. Her family, including her sister Erin V., who is also a member of our choir, moved to San Diego County in 1995. She came to PB UMC in 2009 and joined the choir shortly after that. "I really love being in the choir. Ron is a very passionate director and brings us a great diversity of music to perform. I especially take pleasure in the classical pieces we do because I don't get to do them elsewhere."

Yvonne is a professional actress. She has performed in five musicals already this year. She is currently performing in "Seven Guitars," a play written by August Wilson about life in the '40s in Pittsburgh. This play is at the Cygnet Theater in Old Town. Go see it soon; it closes in November.

She talked about her education. "I graduated from San Diego State with a degree in Applied Arts & Sciences, with an emphasis in performance. I had two minors: one in Africana Studies and one in Women's Studies. These minors give me a better understanding of life as a black woman. One project that was very helpful to me involved analyzing scripts to determine what the author meant. This is especially helpful in learning to understand human behavior. Acting is living on stage in a fictional situation, but you have to be "real" in a group of people to be true to the character. Studying scripts gave me understanding into the true character, and has sharpened my skills as an actor and as a human." Yvonne also attended San Diego Performing Arts (SDPA), where she learned a lot to enhance her acting career.



Yvonne is performing for us at our October Second Sunday concert. "I have a solo show at Diversionary Theater November 18th called "Searchin' for the Write." I am doing some of the numbers from that for the Second Sunday Concert. The show includes all kinds of music: timeless, classical, theater, gospel, and jazz band. Some pieces are very familiar, and I wrote some of the others."

We are so lucky to get a preview of this amazing show. Diversionary Theater's mission is to provide an inspiring theatrical platform for LGBT stories.

Yvonne shared another exiting fact: "I have a song, called 'I Will' on iTunes. I wrote it to encourage my friends to achieve their dreams."

What a fun interview I had with a talented member of our Voices of Praise!