



Pacific Beach  
United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

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## *Project Grace and Shoreline Community Services*

**A**t the moment, our service capacity at PB UMC has out-done church attendance and giving. With the continuation of the Wednesday Night Ministries, now called "San Diego Project Grace," PB UMC and Shoreline Community Services have solidly caught the attention of the community and those in need.

As Pastor Bob guides our study and exploration of stewardship through the sermon series Plus One, many people, feeling inspired in worship, have approached me during fellowship time with ideas and questions. I feel inspired by the interest in how to keep this ministry going strong and move the financial burden of it away from the church.

Here are some ways you may be able to support this ministry and at the same time strengthen our church for future needs:

**Corporate Support:** Many companies provide support for non-profit organizations. While churches are not allowed on lists of potential recipient agencies, Shoreline Community Services, as a 501(c)3 organization is eligible for their support. Three ways companies provide such support are Corporate Gift Matching, Corporate Community Grants, and Corporate Community Involvement.

**Gift Matching**—Your employer may offer to match your gifts to non-profits. If so, you can write a check to Shoreline Community Services and send it to me or the Church. Be sure to write our tax ID number (listed below) on the check, and inform your employer. The donations will directly offset meal costs for Project Grace.

**Community Grants**—If your employer provides grant opportunities for non-profit organizations, send that information to me, and my team and I will write a grant request. You are welcome to be a part of the process. Again, funds received from the grant will be used for Project Grace.

**Community Involvement**—Some companies support their employees in getting involved in non-profit work. In the past, we have had two local companies each providing a week of such support monthly, but both have had to discontinue their support. If your company provides such support, could they provide a week of support each month, financially or with volunteers? If so, please let me know.

**Gifts of Stock:** Direct gifts of stock provide special benefits both to the giver and the non-profit recipient. The market value of the stock is a directly deductible tax benefit to the giver, and the full value can be used to support Project Grace for regular costs and for providing a special holiday season for our guests.

**Bonuses:** You may receive a bonus as the holiday season and end of year approach. Please consider support for Project Grace from this "extra" income.

**Fund Raisers:** If you are looking for another way to be involved with Project Grace, you may have ideas for a fundraiser. If so, come and join our small group that is looking for different ways to raise funds for Project Grace.

Thank you to all those who have followed their inspiration to come and talk with me at fellowship time. Thank you as well for taking the time to explore some of these options with me. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you to strengthen our church and our community showing God's grace and living out God's word.



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# Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

I have had the joy and privilege to attend two events recently that have been designated as "continuing education" events, though I think I find them valuable for reasons even beyond this appropriate classification.

The Leadership Institute hosted by The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, took place in late September. Keynote speakers offered teachings focused on leadership within the faith setting, and workshops were available for more specialized topics. Keynote speakers this year included host Pastor Adam Hamilton; Bishop Will Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School; and Rev. F. Willis Johnson, senior minister at Wellspring Church in Ferguson, Missouri.

The L.A. Conference on Bible-Based LGBT Inclusion was hosted in Long Beach by the Reformation Project in late October. Keynote speakers included Dr. Cheryl B. Anderson, Professor of Old Testament at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois; Dr. James V. Brownson, the James and Jean Cook Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan; and Rev. Winnie Varghese, Priest and Director for Justice & Reconciliation at Trinity Church in New York City. *(Author's note: As I write this in time for publishing, I have not yet left for this second conference but will do so in a matter of days.)*

While I find these learning opportunities invaluable in ways that will surely impact my leadership and preaching, I have also learned that these continuing education opportunities have even more to offer: the opportunity for building relationships and growing community.

Here's one example of what that looked like recently. I had arrived within the hour at the Kansas City airport and was picked up by my good friend and colleague, Matt, who had driven in from Nebraska. We had been chatting on the drive, and arrived to check in to the hotel. Before even getting in the door, I noticed another friend named Jason who specializes in worship design and digital storytelling. In the space of a few minutes of conversation and introduction, I learned that Jason would be presenting a workshop, and Matt and I immediately agreed to attend. Later at the workshop, a colleague from California joined our table and suddenly this multi-state and multi-faceted conversation was made possible.

These kind of connections and relationships are important to nurture and maintain. As an extension of the connections and workshop we shared together, Matt and I began talking about how we could collaborate on a sermon series even though we were serving churches in different states. Informed by yet another connection from the conference (an editor from Abingdon Press), we were introduced to a book that parallels our traditional Advent story with the timeless story of Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' 1843 classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Look forward to a fun series leading to Christmas!

All this is to say that relationships are critically important to all we do – and especially in our faith community. I would suggest that if we look at the entirety of our Biblical texts, we will see a strong theme of relationship. When Jesus is asked about the most important commandment, he teaches about the importance of our relationship with God and our relationship with our neighbors. When Jesus tells the story about the Samaritan, he encourages relationship beyond the cultural norm of the period. When early Christians gather together in early Acts, they are building relationships. When Paul writes to the various churches in his letters, he often invites them to think about the way they treat others – a reminder about relationships.

This time near the end of the calendar year, this time that includes Thanksgiving and Christmas, is important to us personally, culturally, and faithfully. I submit that in all of this, a common priority is the nurturing and maintenance – and perhaps even creation – of relationships. Make connections. Learn from one another. Love one another. Support and care for one another. Experience joy together. Laugh and cry and learn and frolic and cause trouble together!

I believe that Christ invites us into a relationship, both with the divine and with creation. Let us do so with all the passion and hope that we have to give.

May you be filled with grace and peace...



# We Care for One Another

## Talkin' Turkey

This year our San Diego Project Grace Thanksgiving meal will be held November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We still need donations of cooked turkeys to serve that Wednesday. We will also need youth and adults 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 in the church entry area before or after worship. Please deliver the cooked and sliced turkeys 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, talk to Chef Ben or the church office.

Thank you for your generosity to our guests!



## Prayers for Squares at PB UMC

By Florence S.

Do you know someone who needs a church full of prayers? It can be someone in your family, a friend in need, or it could be you! Prayers for Squares quilters create a lap size quilt especially for that person. We put ties in it and bring it to church so our church members can tie the quilt together with prayers. Then it is given to the person in need of our love and prayers. There is no cost for the quilts, and they are not limited to our church family. We have made them for extended family and friends, and also a member of our homeless community. If you know someone in need of one of our quilts, please contact one of the quilters, Pastor Bob, or the church office.



## PB UMC Ladies Day Out

Our regular ladies get-together will be held Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 10 am. We will meet at "The Hot Spot Pottery Painting, Candle Making and More!" in Liberty Station – 2770 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, CA 92106.

Paint some ceramics, make a candle, or just visit with the church ladies. Think of someone who would appreciate a handmade gift for Christmas, and you'll be able to cross them off your shopping list while enjoying the company of friends. This place allows us to bring our own food and drink. If anyone wants to go out to lunch afterwards we can coordinate it that day.

For more information, contact Dart, [dartr@pbumc.org](mailto:dartr@pbumc.org). Please copy Su-Yen in your message, [suyenk@pbumc.org](mailto:suyenk@pbumc.org).

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# We Grow in Grace & Faith

## November Youth Happenings



For more information about the following or any Youth activities, please contact Dee B. at: [DeeB@pbumc.org](mailto:DeeB@pbumc.org)

### Saturday, Nov. 5

- Time TBA - rehearsal for Youth Sunday Worship.
- TIME Change - Remember to change your clock before going to bed!

### Sunday, Nov. 6

- Youth are responsible for worship
- We will go out to lunch after worship. Bring \$10.00 for lunch.

### Friday or Saturday, Nov. 11-12

- The youth may have an activity on one of those days. Dee will contact families directly. If you do not receive e-mail updates from Dee, please let her know.

### Sunday, Nov. 13

- No UMYF, but youth are invited and encouraged to stay for the church conference and Dee will take you out for a treat after.

### Sunday, Nov. 20

- Noon to 2:00 pm - Best Group and UMYF lunch at church followed by a project to help prepare for Project Grace Thanksgiving dinner.

### Wednesday, Nov. 23

- Come to the church between 4:30 and 5:00 pm to help serve our guests dessert and drinks. This is a good chance for youth to get community service hours. We open the doors to serve at 5:30 pm. We should be done before 7:00 pm. The parking lot starts to fill up at 4:00 pm. Parents, if you are not joining your child, please be sure to let Dee B. know your child is coming.

### Sunday, Nov. 27

- Please join us for the Advent Kick-off from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

## Children's Choir Notes

The children spent the first period of Fall rehearsals looking at and learning songs from their Christmas play. They also prepared the song for worship Sunday, October 30, as their musical offering to Stewardship.

Now we are *really* getting busy on "Sheep, Shepherds, and a Messiah."

It is not too late for children to join us!

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



The Interfaith Shelter Network (ISN) involves 120 congregations of all denominations county-wide in a Rotational Shelter program. About 60 of the congregations host the program in their facilities, and the remainder serve in a valuable support role, providing volunteers for meals and overnight hosting, transportation, and donations.

PB UMC will host Interfaith Shelter guests in our Education building January 28, 2017, to February 11, 2017. Contact Ken B. for more information.

## Bible Study Group "The Sovereignty of Jesus"

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

The readings for November are:

- November 6, Everything is Brand New, Revelation 21:1-8
- November 13, I See a New Jerusalem, Revelation 21:9-27
- November 20, Life and Healing, Revelation 22:1-7
- November 27, Alpha and Omega, Revelation 22:8-21

# We Reach Out to Others

## Christmas Baskets for Families



PB UMC plans to provide six Christmas gift baskets for low-income families that sign up at Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA). This is your opportunity to share your blessings with others. The gift baskets include nonperishable food and a \$35 Target or Walmart gift card for perishable items so families, singles, seniors, and those with special needs can enjoy a more festive Christmas meal. Don't miss this opportunity to make Christmas special for not only your family as you gather food for your own holiday gathering, but for a CCSA family in need. Sixty-five percent of children in the San Diego School system are food insecure. Let's make their Christmas a bit

brighter! You can donate cash in the collection plate (note "Christmas baskets" on the envelope or online) or see Hope A. about donating groceries or gift cards. We'll assemble the baskets after second service on Sunday, December 11. For more information and a list of recommended groceries, see the [ccsasandiego.org](http://ccsasandiego.org) website.

## Three-Day Breast Cancer Walk

The Susan G. Komen 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk should pass by PB UMC early on the morning of November 20, 2016, a Sunday. PB UMC will be decorating with balloons and ribbons, and will post a sign welcoming walkers to use our bathrooms and refill their water bottles. If you have some time before or after the first service, please feel free to cheer for the walkers! This will be their third day of walking 20 miles per day, having started in Del Mar on Friday, November 18.



## My Holiday Mind's a Blank!

By Lynn N.

*(Fill in the blanks holiday announcement)*

On Sunday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we are going (a) \_\_\_\_\_ again! We will meet (b) \_\_\_\_\_ no later than (c) \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock. This is a wonder-filled evening of (d) \_\_\_\_\_ to members of our (e) \_\_\_\_\_ who aren't able to get out easily to enjoy this merry holiday season. We will also be bringing gifts! This year we have (f) \_\_\_\_\_ to give out to all those we visit. We will also stop at (g) \_\_\_\_\_, one of our favorite spots, where several of our PB UMC family live.

After all that merriment, what could be better than to return to the church and enjoy some (h) \_\_\_\_\_ and (i) \_\_\_\_\_ together?! Transportation is provided, so let (j) \_\_\_\_\_ know if you plan to join us so we can provide enough room for everyone to share gifts of holiday (k) \_\_\_\_\_, (l) \_\_\_\_\_, and (m) \_\_\_\_\_. Volunteers are needed to provide goodies. Contact Lynn for more info: [dragonandhawk@cox.net](mailto:dragonandhawk@cox.net).



Photo of actual teddy bears to give.

**Answers:** (a) Christmas Caroling; (b) in the church parking lot; (c) five; (d) bringing joy; (e) church family; (f) fuzzy, cuddly teddy bears; (g) Wesley Palms; (h) holiday goodies; (i) time visiting; (j) Lynn; (k) music; (l) merriment; (m) teddy bears.

# Circle of Support

## Record of Generosity as of September 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual
September giving	\$22,094	\$16,660
September other sources of income	\$11,421	\$6,452
September total available for ministry	\$33,515	\$23,112
September expended in ministry	\$33,460	\$42,025
September income minus expenses		(\$18,913)
YTD giving	\$198,843	\$175,412
YTD other sources of income	\$102,802	\$110,959
YTD total available for ministry	\$301,645	\$286,371
YTD expended in ministry	\$301,205	\$331,747
YTD income minus expenses		(\$45,376)
Year 2016 budget	\$401,619	

### Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

October 2 – 141 persons  
October 9 – 120 persons  
October 16 – 138 persons  
October 23 – 137 persons

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

September 28 – 147 persons  
October 5 – 191 persons  
October 12 – 158 persons

## Reflections from the Finance Team

**P**rayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. October's stewardship series touched on all these aspects of how we take care of our church. The Finance Team focuses, naturally, on financial gifts. We'll use the sum of your confidential estimates of giving to help us set the 2017 budget. Please turn in your estimate cards this month. And a prayer for the Finance Team wouldn't hurt.

### Ask the Treasurer

**Q.** Can we direct our estimated giving to a specific area of the church budget?

**A.** Yes. Though it's simplest to give to the general fund, we have accounts set up to track designated giving as well. We'll gladly set up new ones if requested.



## November Communion Offering: World Service General Church Mission

**F**or United Methodists, apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches, is a strong, generous tradition.

The World Service Fund is our outreach ministry, underwriting Christian mission around the world.

Your Communion giving this month is helping the UMC to build leaders. We're sharing the love of Jesus with those who hunger for it, and shepherding those who've already tasted it. We are ministering among the poor. And we reflect his healing touch as we battle disease and fight to improve global health through the World Service Fund.

### 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

Wed, Nov 2 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, Nov 3 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal  
 7:45—9:30 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Nov 4 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Nov 5 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share  
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
 TBA, Youth Sunday Worship Rehearsal



Our Bell Choir welcomes new members.

## Week 2

Sun, Nov 6 Fall Back — Pacific Standard Time  
 Worship, Communion Sunday  
 Youth Sunday (p. 4)  
 10:00 am, Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 1:00—3:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Mon, Nov 7 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Nov 8 Election Day  
 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting  
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting  
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee  
 Wed, Nov 9 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, Nov 10 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal  
 7:00—9:30 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 (note time change)  
 Fri, Nov 11 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Nov 12 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share  
 10:00 am, Ladies Day Out (p. 3)

## Week 3

Sun, Nov 13 Worship  
 10:00 am, Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 Noon, Church Conference  
 Mon, Nov 14 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, Nov 16 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, Nov 17 5:15 pm, Hand Bell rehearsal  
 7:00—9:30 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Nov 18 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Nov 19 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share  
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Chef Ben, ready for our Wednesday night Project Grace guests.

## Week 4

Sun, Nov 20 Worship  
 Noon, Best Group and UMYF (p. 4)  
 12:30, GriefShare  
 1:00—3:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Mon, Nov 21 *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, Nov 23 4:30 pm, Youth meet (p.4)  
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)  
 Fri, Nov 25 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Nov 26 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share



We prepare the courtyard tree for Advent.

## Week 5

Sun, Nov 27 Worship  
 4:00 pm, Advent Kickoff (p.8)  
 Mon, Nov 28 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Nov 29 9:30 am, *Beach Breeze* Folding Party  
 Wed, Nov 30 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace

# We Love and Worship God

## Weekly Scripture

November 6 Youth Sunday  
Matthew 5:1-11

November 13 Guest: Dr. Christopher Carter  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, "Busybodies at Work"

November 20 Guest: Adam Marshall  
Hosea 11:8-9, 14:4; Amos 5:21-24;  
Malachi 1:11

November 27  
Matthew 20:1-16, "The Redemption of Scrooge"

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## Membership News

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

In the past few months we have had several membership changes.

### 4 New Members

Rick B.

Ryan B.

Sam D.

David Mc.

### 6 New Confirmations

Kalani A.

Anastasia B.

Jayna B.

Sonja C.

Amberlyn R.

Catherine T.

Phillip was born into the S. family

The Mattingly family moved to Arizona

Three of our members joined the Saints in Glory:  
Hazel H., Robert S., and David S.

We welcome our new members and congratulate those who have been confirmed. We hope the Mattinglys are enjoying Arizona and the S.'s are enjoying their new family member. We pray for our members who have moved on, and for their families.

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## Looking Ahead: Advent

Pacific Beach UMC will host our second annual Advent Kickoff on Sunday, November 27, 2016, beginning at 4:00 pm. We will have special Advent craft activities for participants to take home and enjoy.

If you would prefer to simply connect with our faith community over a meal, join in at 5:00 pm. Bring your favorite potluck dish, or show off your best Thanksgiving leftover creation: a side dish or a dessert. We will provide some beverages. After dinner, we will have a program and gather outside in the courtyard to light the tree!

In addition to all of this, we have invited the good people of Mission Hills UMC to join in our Advent festivities. Located near the boundary between Mission Hills and Hillcrest, members of Mission Hills UMC are both diverse and friendly. While this congregation has a long history of welcoming all persons, Mission Hills UMC recently voted to become a Reconciling Congregation. Mission Hills also has a heart for the community and offers a twice-weekly after-school activity for children and families of nearby schools.

Please plan to join in this welcoming community as we two faith-filled congregations come together to focus once again on the Advent season and on the presence of Christ in our lives.

