



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

April 2017

Easter Week at PB UMC

In our prayerful journey through the season of Lent, we have been exploring what we might give up during this season. We do this not only in remembrance of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, but also to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

On **Sunday, April 9**, we will celebrate worship and the penultimate sermon in our sermon series on what lasting and harmful things we can give up from our lives. This message will focus on Jesus' traditional procession into Jerusalem before the Passover holiday. As always, our worship services will begin at 9:00 am and at 10:30 am.



Good Friday falls on April 14, and the church will be open from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm for an exploration of the meaning of Good Friday for each of us as unique persons of faith. Suitable for persons of all ages and abilities, stations of interactive prayer and learning will be available for participants at an individual pace.

On **Easter Sunday**, April 16, those who are willing to greet the beginning of the new day – experienced by some as a resurrection moment – will gather at Crown Point Park on Mission Bay for a **sunrise service** beginning at 6:00 am. See our website, www.pbumc.org, for more information and directions.

Back at 1561 Thomas Ave, the social hall will open for our annual **pancake breakfast** at 7:30 am. Serving will continue until 10:00 am. **Easter worship services** will take place in the sanctuary as usual at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. The **Easter Egg Hunt** for children will begin in the courtyard at 10:00 am.

Easter is a celebration of hope and new life. *All* are welcome to join in thoughtful reflection, prayer, community, worship, and celebration.

Padres Faith & Family Night

Join your PB UMC faith community at a San Diego Padres game at Petco Park on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 5:40 pm. PB UMC will join other faith communities from around Southern California for Padres Faith & Family Night, an evening designed specifically with churches in mind. Attendees will also receive a Padres hoodie! The evening will conclude with post-game Q&A, testimony from Padres players, and a post-game concert by Christian artist Matthew West.

We expect tickets to cost \$35 (depending on availability and number of sign-ups). If you are interested in attending with your PB UMC family, contact Amy & Rod B. or Ralph S. Don't miss an opportunity for fellowship and fun with the San Diego Padres!



Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

As we move into the month of April (and as my dad would say), Spring has sprung! The famous San Diego weather has returned, and the sun warms us, free of clouds and rain. Fresh blooms are appearing, and the lemon tree (bush) in our back yard is producing in excess.

It reminds me of something we've talked about recently: resurrection moments. This month, we will celebrate Easter – a resurrection moment surely in the ministry of the Nazarene carpenter, and surely a resurrection celebration for us all as we move from the introspective wilderness of Lent and into the Easter season.

As we have discussed, resurrection moments can absolutely be singular unrepeatable moments, and they can also be smaller and yet equally profound moments. I hope over the course of these explorations that you have considered these moments in your own lives.

Very recently, several people have shared resurrection moments with me. This was especially prevalent and profound a couple of weeks ago when we hosted The Iowa State Singers in worship as they previewed the concert they would offer that afternoon. The worship service that day continued our sermon series on ways we can think about “giving up” some elements of our lives during the Lenten season and beyond, and the particular focus was on giving up superiority. Following the service, several Iowa choir members approached me.

One: "I'm not religious, but this service really moved me."

Another: "I've never felt so loved."

Another: "I had about given up on Christianity. Today's service makes me rethink."

And several hours later, after an afternoon concert: "People are still talking about the worship service and what it has meant. Thank you."

(Note: those of you who follow me on social media have seen these quotes.)

I was moved. In fact, I was moved to tears. It is incredible to be part of a worship community that

embodies such welcome and grace and love. It is moving to be part of a worship community that has such an impact on people who have been present in this place for a single worship service. And it is an incredible privilege to be your pastor, to journey with you and alongside you, to learn with you and from you.

Much of what is affirmed in the worshipping community of PB UMC is that this is a place that is authentic. This is a place that is real. This is a community that doesn't try to be something it's not. This is a community that is unabashedly and unashamedly motivated by love.

I feel this great sense of *possibility* here at Pacific Beach UMC. I feel the energy and movement of the Spirit. And I hope you do too. It is exciting to be here and to experience worship and the spirit of connection that is alive each time we gather together.

I ask of you, I implore you, to continue to be authentic and real in the ways that you participate in your faith life and in the ways that you share your faith life. It's hard for people to find a community that is truly about love and not about an agenda. It's hard for people to find a community where they can exist and where they can participate knowing all of their failures and flaws because the rest of the community has flaws too.

As we continue to name our failures and flaws so that we might grow in our expression of God's love, we will be beginning a new sermon series on April 30th based on the Adam Hamilton book *Half Truths*. During this series, we will explore some of the things Christians often say that – upon examination – may do more harm than good. Examples of some of these phrases are: Everything happens for a reason. God won't give you more than you can handle. Love the sinner, hate the sin.

Let us continue to be a community of authenticity and resurrection. May we continue to receive and share the love of God in Jesus Christ.



Pastor Bob

We Care for One Another



Ladies Evening Out

The April Ladies' get-together will be **Saturday, April 22, 2017** at 5:00 pm. We'll gather at **Studio Diner**, 4701 Ruffin Rd, San Diego, CA 92123 (Kearny Mesa).



On a TV studio lot, this spot serves up American classics amid 1940s-era movie décor. It is a fun little diner. If you've never been there, you have to go! It is a bit further east than some of our other get togethers, but still central enough for most. We'll have an early dinner and, if there is a movie some of us want to see, we can go to that, too!

For more information, contact Dart, dartr@pbumc.org.

Membership Memories

By Betty J.



Kevin M.G. has moved out of town. We wish him well.

Emily and Taylor A. joined PB UMC in November, 2016.

Chuck Ahnger passed away on October 19, 2016.

Reva Spaugh, a member who had moved to the Bay Area, died on December 26, 2016.

A lifelong member, Hazel Holmes, passed on June 25, 2016. A celebration of her life was held at PB UMC on January 22, 2017.

Phyllis Adcox, a visitor at PB UMC, died on January 23, 2017

Craig Orange, an active participant in the Saturday morning Men's Bible Study Group, passed on January 29, 2017.

Russ Gooden, a faithful member for many years, passed away on March 19, 2017. A memorial service will be held at PB UMC April 2, 2017, 2:00 pm.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

April Youth Ministry Activities

Hang on to your Easter bonnets, April is going to be a busy month for the youthies!
Sunday, Apr. 2

- Dee will be up north for her father's birthday. Youth please stay in worship. We will need two of you each service to be acolytes and serve communion.

Saturday, April 8

- 9:00 am - Please come and help at the church. It would be a great way to say thanks for all the support we get. You can earn community service hours for school, if you need them.

Sunday, Apr. 9 - Palm Sunday

- 11:45 am - 2:00 pm UMYF

Sunday, Apr. 16 - Easter Sunday

- 6:00 am - Sunrise Service at Crown Point
- 7:45 - 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
- 9:15 am - Easter Bunny helpers needed
- 10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am - Youth go to worship.

Sunday, Apr. 23

- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Middle School and Senior High Youth meet.

Sunday, Apr. 30

- 5th Sunday. Children and Youth are invited to help lead worship. Please let Dee know your interest and availability.
- After worship - Youth FUNdraiser (See below.)



Lunch Bunch and Youth Fundraiser

On April 30 we'll combine our lunch bunch meal with a youth fundraiser at a new venue. Pieology is located at 1656 Garnet, between Ingraham and Jewell in the new Trader Joe's shopping center. Lunch bunch is open to everyone. The lunch bunch group meets after second service, around noon. No reservations needed. You are also welcome to stop by as early as 11:00 am when Pieology opens, or later in the day. Enjoy a pizza or salad, dine in or take out, and support our youth programs. Be sure to bring a fundraising flyer from church.

Bible Study Group "God's Caring, Saving, and Upholding Love"

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

The readings for April are:

- April 2, God as Our Shepherd, Psalm 23
- April 9, God's Saving Love in Christ, John 3:1-21
- April 16, God's Love as Victory Over Death, John 20:1-10; Peter 1:3-9
- April 23, God's Reconciling Love, Romans 5:1-11; 8:31-39
- April 30, God's Preserving Love, John 10:1-15

We Reach Out to Others

Second Sunday Concert to Feature the Pacificaires and the Cedar Center Chorus

The Pacificaires and Cedar Center Chorus are a thriving company of singing adults. They have performed since 1976 under the auspices of the San Diego Community College District's Continuing Education Emeritus program.

These dynamic groups showcase terrific soloists and ensembles, combining to provide the rich harmonies of a large world-class chorus.

The repertoire is wide and entertaining, including the genres of classical, contemporary, gospel, Broadway, holiday, jazz, inspirational music.

The performance will take place on April 9th in the PB UMC Sanctuary at 2:00 pm. Don't miss this short but enticing program of wonderful music.

Membership Orientation

If you are new or new-ish, to our church, or if you've been attending PB UMC for a while and have questions, or you are looking for a way to be of service to the church, please join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall **Sunday, May 7, 2017**, following the 10:30 am service.

There is no cost for lunch (See, there is such thing as a free lunch!) however, we would appreciate RSVPs for planning purposes. Contact Dart R. (Newcomer Luncheon Coordinator) at dartr@pbumc.org.



Women of the Bible

On **Sunday, May 7, 2017**, you are invited to gather for dinner at 4:30 pm, and then see a presentation by Rev. Julie Elkins' one woman show of "Women of the Bible." We are very excited to welcome Rev. Elkin's educational and entertaining performance here at PB UMC! You won't want to miss it. Dessert will be served during the intermission, and we should wrap up about 6:30 pm.

The cost for dinner will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 13 and under. Childcare will be available if there is a request for it. Watch for more information soon!

Dee B. and Hope A.

Projectionist Team Needs New Members

Due to some team turnover, we need a couple of church members to join our Sunday worship service projectionist team. We usually manage to schedule projectionists an average of only once a month. If you know how to push a button, you can handle this! Please contact Craig R. (craigr@pbumc.org)..



Committee Forming to Plan 2017 PB UMC Picnic

This year's PB UMC All Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 20th at its usual location, the southwest corner of Vacation Isle.

If you are interested in choosing the picnic caterer, recruiting volunteers to set up and take down the site, or leading any other picnic-related planning activity, please contact Craig R. (picnic@pbumc.org).

Circle of Support

February 2017 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
February giving	\$23,550	\$20,703
February other sources of income	\$10,102	\$8,519
February total available for ministry	\$33,652	\$29,222
February expended in ministry	\$33,652	\$30,603
February income minus expenses	\$37	(\$1,381)
YTD giving	\$47,100	\$42,766
YTD other sources of income	\$20,204	\$21,316
YTD total available for ministry	\$67,304	\$64,082
YTD expended in ministry	\$67,304	\$66,768
YTD income minus expenses	\$0	(\$2,686)
Year 2017 budget	\$403,818	

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

March 5 – 164 persons
March 12 – 133 persons
March 19 – 220 persons
March 26 – 158 persons

Avg. Weekly (2017) – 162 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

March 1 – 155 persons
March 8 – 117 persons
March 15 – 141 persons
March 22 – 161 persons

Reflections from the Finance Team

Income is below budget. Though we budget evenly each month, income and expenses occur less evenly. For example, we receive an annual draw from the Stone and Altenburg legacies in January, while the larger draws from the Sabatka and Prewitt legacies are taken quarterly in March, June, September, and December. For this reason, the Finance Team is waiting another month or two before drawing conclusions about how realistic the 2017 budget is.

As we go to press, we are finalizing the books for 2016. Thanks to \$1450 from the Christmas offering plus various other transactions, our preliminary 2016 loss of (\$39,292) is reduced to (\$37,477).



April Communion Offering:

This month's special Communion Offering will support scholarships for two of the most profound ministries available to our children and youth. Youth summer camps and Sierra Service Project (SSP) are specific environments tailored to the spiritual formation of persons at critical points in their faith journeys.

Summer camps are developed and implemented by the California-Pacific Annual Conference and staffed by local church volunteers. At age-level camps, a scripture-based curriculum is the framework through which faithful leaders work to guide children and youth into a lifelong exploration of faith and experiences of God in Jesus Christ.

Sierra Service Project is a Christian non-profit organization that works with Middle School and High School youth to experience the power of serving people with a culture and background different from their own.

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, Grace Notes

Week 1

Sat, Apr 1 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

Week 2

Sun, Apr 2 Worship, Communion Sunday
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, Apr 3 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Apr 5 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Apr 6 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Apr 7 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Apr 8 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Church Work Party



Photos by Dee Baraw

2017 Fat Tuesday Fun

Week 3

Sun, Apr 9 Worship, Palm Sunday
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (p. 5)
 Mon, Apr 10 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Apr 11 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee
 Wed, Apr 12 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Apr 13 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Apr 14 5:00 - 7:30 pm, Good Friday (p. 1)
 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Apr 15 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



2017 Labyrinth at Family Camp

Week 4

Sun, Apr 16 6:00 am, Sunrise Service (p.1)
 7:30 am, Pancake Breakfast (p.1)
 Worship, Easter Sunday (p. 1)
 10:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt (p. 1)
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, Apr 17 *Beach Breeze* Deadline
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Apr 19 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Apr 20 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Fri, Apr 21 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 Sat, Apr 22 5:00 pm, Ladies Evening Out (p. 3)
 5:40 pm, Padres Night (p. 1)

Week 5

Sun, Apr 23 Worship
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, Apr 24 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Apr 25 9:30 am, *Beach Breeze* Folding Party
 Wed, Apr 26 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Apr 27 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Fri, Apr 28 9:00 am, Men's Prayer & Share
 Sat, Apr 29



2017 All Church Family Camp

Week 6

Sun, Apr 30 Worship
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal
 Noon, Lunch Bunch & Fundraiser (p. 4)
 12:30 pm, GriefShare

We Love and Worship God

April Scriptures

Giving It Up

April 2, Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45
"Giving Up Our Lives"

April 9, Matthew 21:1-11
(Palm Sunday) "Giving Up Popularity"

April 16, Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18
(Easter Sunday) "Giving Up Death"

April 23, 1 Peter 1:3-9
(Bright Sunday)

1/2 Truths

April 30, Deuteronomy 30:19-20a
"Everything Happens for a Reason"

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Meet One Of Our Voices Of Praise: Sandy S.-R.

By Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I recently met with Sandy and really enjoyed getting to know her. I hope you do, too.

Sandy moved to San Diego from McMinnville, Oregon, about two years ago and she started looking for a church to join. She lives in Pacific Beach and tried local churches. She joined the choir at one of these churches. She told me, "I grew up loving church music, but I found the music at that church not to be energizing . . . One Sunday I was taking a walk and heard some wonderful music. I realized it was coming from a church. I decided to try this church, which was PB UMC. I came back the next Sunday and started attending regularly. The church grew on me. At first I sat in the back. Then I ushered for a while. I wanted to join the choir, and I finally did, and have been very happy ever since."

I asked Sandy about the choir. She responded, "I love the choir, the music, and the people. Most people want to perform; I just enjoy being surrounded by people who can sing so well while praising God."

She told me what PB UMC means to her, "I like all the opportunities. I love helping on Wednesday nights. The church has a good heart. I enjoy women's get togethers. Without the church, I probably wouldn't still be in San Diego. I have good days and bad days at work, but never have a bad church day."

She told me, "I work at Point Loma Nazarene University. I am the director of the office of global studies. Primarily we try to encourage students to study abroad. I like my work as an international educator."

The photo with this article was from a business trip in South Africa. "I was visiting Stellenbosth University." In addition to South Africa, Sandy has gone to China, Cuba, and Japan this past year. On some of these trips she is honored for her work.

Sandy closed our conversation with "I appreciate all the people I have met at PB UMC, and the resulting new friendships." We certainly appreciate Sandy.

