



Pacific Beach  
United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

June 2017

## *PB UMC Benefits From A New Sound Booth*

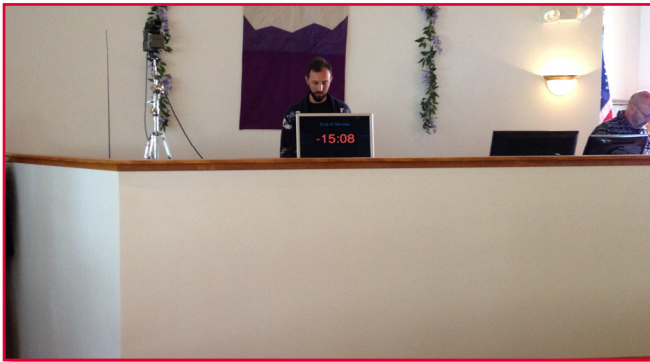


Photo by Bob H.

Technology Center  
Sunday, May 7, 2017

In January, PB UMC received an unsolicited anonymous donation to defray all the costs of building a sound booth in the back of the sanctuary to house our growing technology services. This unrequested donation was given by a person who has a passion to keep the sanctuary beautiful, while enhancing the technology possibilities for the ministries of PB UMC.

The purpose of the booth is:

- ♪ To slightly elevate our equipment (by two standard steps) so that technicians can clearly see the platform, even when the congregation is standing.
- ♪ To further enhance worship by creating space for future technology needs.

No walls were breached in the construction process. The entire technology center occupies the former sound booth location, and is attached to the back wall of the sanctuary. For consistency in design, it mirrors the wall to the right of the organ, but is painted white. It has an attractive wooden cap, identical to the structure adjacent to the organ.

Thanks to this donation, we are able to further advance the technology ministries at PB UMC and, as an added benefit, improve the aesthetics of our lovely sanctuary.



The Saturday morning Bible study session,  
Men's Prayer & Share, has a new title and time:  
**Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai, 10:00 am.**  
All are welcome!

## Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

**A**s we enter the month of June, once again we experience some of the natural rhythms of change. Tourists have begun to come into our communities, children have completed schoolwork and will transition into their next grade levels, and the "season after Pentecost" has begun.

June is also the month that our regional United Methodist Churches will send representatives to the University of Redlands for our Annual Conference. New clergypersons will be Commissioned, some will be Ordained, and some will retire from active service. Members of the Annual Conference will also vote on a number of issues including clergy pension recommendations, background check standards, fiscal rules, and of course the annual budget for the Conference.

As is also the case during these summer months, some churches and pastors will be experiencing appointment changes. These changes can be challenging because we often fear change. Even so, changes can bring new possibilities and perspectives.

It is my hope that we have been experiencing some small and positive changes in our spiritual lives as well. Over the last several months, we have asked some difficult questions of ourselves in our worship setting. Beginning in January we explored "How to be a Christian in 7 Easy Steps," looking at what harmful expressions of faith might be discarded, as well as what essential expressions could help us to grow into more deeply committed Christians. In our Lenten season we explored "Giving It Up," challenging us to give up things like control, superiority, and enemies. Most recently, we have journeyed through Adam Hamilton's book *Half Truths* and critiqued some Biblical-sounding phrases that could actually do more harm than good.

Have you experienced a deepening of faith through these journeys? Have you encountered a shift in your understanding of God? Have you engaged in practices that help you to participate thoughtfully and intentionally with the Bible and faith and Jesus?

An emerging tool that has been developed as a part of the ministries of Pacific Beach UMC is the weekly Sermon Preview. This resource is published to our website (as well as through several social media platforms and our weekly email) each Thursday and

is intended as a kind of "primer" to help the people of PB UMC to engage with our Biblical texts before we arrive at church on Sunday morning. In addition to this preview, a follow-up is added a few days after each sermon to help continue the learning encounter. In other words, the Sermon Preview is both a reminder and a guide for bringing our worship experiences beyond the temporal confines of Sunday morning.

These previews are surely suitable for personal exploration and study. Each week usually includes a short introduction, the primary Scriptures for the upcoming sermon, and a few thought-provoking questions. Follow-ups generally include a short wrap-up and additional questions to further the conversation. Sometimes even more is added! The intent really is to provide a possibility for conversation.

Even better than using these for personal exploration and study is the possibility of talking through the Sermon Previews with a spouse, family member, or friend. Even over the short time our Sermon Previews have been available, several small groups have used them as a guide for group study and conversation. How might your faith life be affected by these kinds of conversations?

As the old saying goes, "the only thing that is constant is change." When it comes to our faith life, I think it is critical for all of us constantly to seek to change in such a way that we are becoming more deeply committed Christians. I think it is critical for us constantly to seek ways to love our God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. I think it is critical for us constantly to seek ways to love our neighbors in meaningful ways.

In this continuing rhythm of change, I hope for you a sense that we continue to move toward God. Just as God spoke the world into being ("Let there be light!"), I believe that God continues to speak and to call us into love and light. May this rhythm be our heartbeat as God makes *all things* new.



Pastor Bob

# We Care for One Another



## Membership Memories

by Betty J.

**L**ynn and Diane N. had a commitment ceremony 15 years ago on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This May they were legally married. They plan to honeymoon in an RV with their dog, Keoki, through the National Parks of Utah. "If you want to see where they went, check out Keoki's blog at [www.TeamDiane.org/PuppyTales](http://www.TeamDiane.org/PuppyTales).

Jayn B. joined the Saints in glory on May 8, 2017. Jayn was mother to Rodger (and Amy) B., and Grandmother to Jayna and Lauryn.

Helen B., a member of PB UMC since 1986 has joined the Saints in glory. No further details were available.

Ruth C., 103 years old, passed on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. While she lived in San Diego she was an active member of PB UMC.

## June PB UMC Ladies' and Friends Event

**P**acific Beach United Methodist Ladies -- and Friends -- are going to see and support our own Louis P. in the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary performance of San Diego Follies. We will attend the 2 pm matinee on Saturday, June 24, at the Lincoln Performing Arts Center, 4777 Imperial Ave, San Diego, CA 92113.

If you would like to join our PB UMC Group for a rate of \$25 for this one showing, email Su-Yen at [suyenk@pbumc.org](mailto:suyenk@pbumc.org). If you would like to buy your own tickets for a different show (Regular Tickets are \$30-\$40 with a senior discount available.), visit <http://www.cytssandiego.org/shows/San-Diego-Follies-10th-Anniversary-130>. Enter Louis' cast code, `folliescast17`, for a discount.

We already have a great group going, and hope you can join us! Everyone is invited, regardless of sex, gender, or gender identity.



## Sunday Morning Greeters Needed

**W**e need some additional Sunday worship service greeters: some to replace greeters who have conflicting responsibilities, and some to help start up a new program to greet potential members.

We need:

- ♦ Greeters to meet people at the door to the sanctuary and welcome them.
- ♦ Greeters for most Sundays for second service.
- ♦ Greeters for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for first service.
- ♦ Greeters to welcome new attendees.

The PB UMC tent will be near the church courtyard entrance. There, new attendees can get information about our church. We need someone to work the site before and after each service to answer questions and encourage new folks to join us. You can take on responsibility for one shift on one Sunday a month.

If you are interested, please contact Marcia M.

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# We Grow in Grace & Faith

## June Youth Ministry Activities

**S**ummer is here! Well, almost. That means lots of youth activities.

Please contact [DeeB@pbumc.org](mailto:DeeB@pbumc.org) for more information regarding any of the listed activities, or the youth ministry program over all. Remember, if you want to go to church camp and have not registered, you need to get that done.

As I write this, there is still space on our SSP team to go to Chiloquin, OR, in August. Talk to me ASAP if you are interested or need more information.

Sunday, June 4 - We will stay in church for Communion. 11:45 am-2:00 pm - Best Group outing.

Sunday, June 11 - Sunday school 10:15 am.

5:00-7:00 pm all youth are welcome to celebrate our four graduating seniors (Anastasia, Jacob, Joey and Sean). We will have dinner, dessert, and some time to hear from our grads.

Sunday, June 18 - Remember Father's Day! Dee will be in Redlands for Annual Conference so plan to stay in church.

Sunday, June 25 - Dee will be at Camp Cedar Glen to prepare for the arrival of campers to Elementary Camp. Stay in church for service.

Sunday, June 25-Saturday, July 1 - Elementary Camps (Younger camp ends Wednesday).

Coming Up in July and Early August:

Sunday, July 2 - one church service at 10:00 am, followed by potluck.

Thursday, July 6 - District Youth Day at the beach 9:00 am-9:00 pm.

Sunday, July 9-Saturday, July 15 - Junior High Camp.

Thursday, July 13 - Day at the Beach 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Saturday, July 15 - San Diego Pride Parade.

Our church will have folks in the parade; youth are welcome to participate.

Sunday, July 16 - We will go out for lunch and shave ice after church.

Tuesday, July 18 - Balboa Park outing to Japanese Friendship Garden and the Mengei Museum.

Thursday, July 20 - Day at the Beach 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Sunday, July 23-Saturday, July 29 - Senior High Camp.

Tuesday, July 25 - Balboa Park outing to Aerospace and Auto Museums.

Thursday, July 27 - Day at the Beach 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Sunday, July 30 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship.

Thursday, August 3-Sunday, August 13 - SSP travel and work week.



## Bible Study Group "God's Urgent Call"

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

### Called to be Strong

The readings for June are:

- June 4, Deborah and Barak, Judges 4:1-10
- June 11, Gideon's Call, Judges 6:11-18
- June 18, Jephthah Answers the Call, Judges 11:4-11, 29-31
- June 25, Samson's Call, Judges 13:1-7, 24-25



# We Reach Out to Others

## Supporting Pride

Once again, PB UMC will participate in the San Diego Pride Festival to be held July 15-16, 2017. This year's theme is "Allied in Action: United for Justice." Creation of our fantastic parade float is nearing completion under the direction of Louis P. Sidney Y. is coordinating the activities for our PB UMC booth.



Would you like a chance to participate in the Pride Festival this year while you demonstrate your PB UMC pride to others? If you haven't done it before, it's easy! All you have to do is sit in the assigned booth with another PB UMC member and chat with any festival-goers who stop by. There are giveaway merchandise items such as PB UMC-branded notepads, pens, and magnets, along with informational pamphlets about PB UMC and the Reconciling Ministries Network. Several time slots are available; just sign up for a time that fits your schedule. As a bonus, volunteers who don't yet have a PB UMC T-shirt will get one free!

The festival booth for PB UMC will be open on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, and Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please email [pride@pbumc.org](mailto:pride@pbumc.org) if you are interested in participating as a volunteer!

## May Sunday Concert Review: Organist Vincent P.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Music Director Ron J. introduced us to Vincent P., a high school student who is the recipient of several young organist awards. He is the organist at a local church, and will be attending the Oberlin Conservatory of Music this fall. He also sings, plays the piano, and plays basketball.

Vincent entertained us with a widely varied program. He opened with a favorite of his, Festive Trumpet Tune, by David German, and performed 2 fugues by J.S. Bach. The first one was in G minor, and he told us, "G-minor is usually sad, but this is fun." We clearly enjoyed it. He obviously enjoyed playing it.

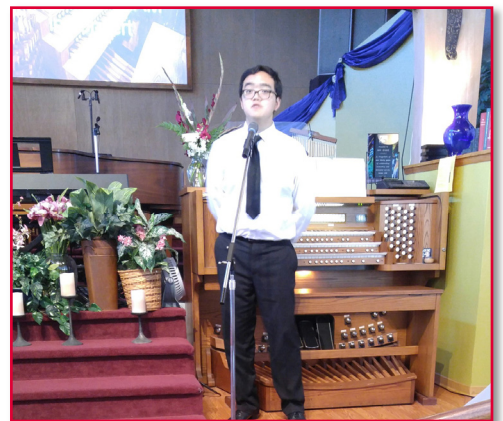
On the lighter side, he performed Arlen's "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." It was a version of the song written for piano, but he had arranged it for the organ.

He played an Adagio written by Louis Vierne, a blind but extremely talented composer and organist. He performed Felix Mendelssohn's Fugue & Finale, telling us he was preparing us for *his* finale. When he played a Toccata by Charles-Marie Widor, he told us it was classic organ music. Vincent then told us he was going to play an extra piece: one we would all recognize. He started playing it, and we all reacted with cheers. It was "Here Comes the Bride."

Ron invited us to come up close to see Vincent perform. I could see his feet executing elaborate moves. I was fascinated. It was like he was dancing, while creating beautiful music.

Almost everyone stayed for a while after the concert. You could feel the joy we got from listening and watching Vincent. I overheard him talking to a member of the audience. She asked about his basketball playing. He told her it was just for fun, but it did actually improve his hand-foot coordination.

Like so many of you, I love our Sunday Concerts. This was the last one this year before a summer break. I certainly recommend you attend the concerts starting up again in September. They are so much fun, and are truly inspirational.



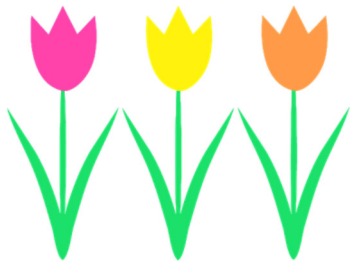
# Circle of Support

## April 2017 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
April giving	\$22,900	\$24,100
April other sources of income	\$10,755	\$13,609
April total available for ministry	\$33,654	\$37,709
April expended in ministry	\$33,654	\$35,173
April income minus expenses	\$37	\$2,536
YTD giving	\$94,200	\$87,445
YTD other sources of income	\$40,410	\$47,138
YTD total available for ministry	\$134,610	\$134,583
YTD expended in ministry	\$134,610	\$133,642
YTD income minus expenses	\$0	\$941
Year 2017 budget	\$403,818	

## Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

**A**pril was a good month for our finances. Easter and five Sundays have helped us to catch up income to match expenses year to date. We've now received our quarterly draw from the Sabatka and Prewitt legacies, as we anticipated last month. Designated giving is generous; thank you so much! Food expenses for the Wednesday Night Ministry are higher than budgeted, but donations exceeding budget have covered the shortfall. That said, if you know of an organization that would like to host a meal once a month, please let us know! You can contact Shoreline Services through the church office.



### Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

April 30 – 145 persons  
May 7 – 143 persons  
May 14 – 167 persons  
May 21 – 114 persons  
May 28 – 134 persons  
Avg. Weekly (2017) – 166 persons

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

April 26 – 138 persons  
May 3 – 148 persons  
May 10 – 126 persons  
May 17 – 127 persons  
May 24 – 161 persons

## June Communion Offering: Peace With Justice

**I**n Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will.

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.



Your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

### 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

Thurs, June 1 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, June 2 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, June 3 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai

## Week 2

Sun, June 4 Worship, Communion Sunday  
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal  
 12:30 pm, GriefShare Special Session:  
 Surviving Holidays  
 11:45 am, Best Group (p. 4)  
 Mon, June 5 Church Office Closed  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, June 7 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, June 8 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, June 9 7:30 pm, Narc Anon



Photo by Malea S.

Sunday School Playdough Project



Photo by Malea S.

UMC Cross in Playdough  
 Made by Sunday School Children

## Week 4

Sun, June 18 Worship, Father's Day  
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal  
 Mon, June 19 *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, June 21 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, June 22 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, June 23 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, June 24 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai  
 2:00 pm, PB UMC Ladies and Friends at  
 San Diego Follies (p. 3)

## Week 3

Sun, June 11 Worship  
 10:00 am, Grace Notes rehearsal  
 5:00 pm, Youth Celebrate Grads (p. 4)  
 Mon, June 12 Church Office Closed  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, June 13 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting  
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee  
 Wed, June 14 to Sat, June 17, Conference in Redlands  
 Wed, June 14 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, June 15 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, June 16 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, June 17 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai

## Week 5

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

# *We Love and Worship God*

## *June Scriptures*

June 4, Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b;  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39  
"Flowing Into All the World"

### **From Chaos to Community**

June 11, Genesis 1:1-2,4a; Psalm 8;  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20  
"Creation"

June 18, Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2,  
12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8  
(9-23)  
"Birth"

June 25, Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10,  
16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39  
"Weaning"

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## *Meet One Of Our Voices Of Praise: Frank G.*

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

**T**his month I got the opportunity to chat with Frank G. We had a lot of fun. Again, I feel like I have a new best friend.

When I asked Frank when he started coming to PB UMC, he told me, "In August 1959 my family moved from Chicago to San Diego, and we looked for a Methodist church. PB UMC was the closest one to where we lived. It was a really nice church; the sanctuary was new and very attractive. It didn't take much for us to choose it, and we were happy with our decision."

I then asked Frank about the Voices of Praise choir, and he told me, "I joined the choir soon after we started coming to PB UMC. I was a sophomore in high school and had been in the choir in Chicago before we moved here. So, it was just natural that I joined the one here. I've really enjoyed being in the Voices of Praise over the years. There is great camaraderie and a lot of talent. That much talent just makes it easier to sing!" He said that with a big happy smile.

Frank is retired, and I asked him what he had done for a living. "Upon graduation from high school, I attended college for one year, and then I became a barber. After that I joined the army. When I left the army, I returned to being a barber. I went back to college and in 1983, I got a business degree and joined the retail business. I became the store manager of a Pep Boys Auto Parts store. That was a fun job. I retired in 2007 when I had to have major knee surgery." (Frank had knee replacement surgery on both knees.)

Frank has dedicated much of his time to PB UMC. Besides the choir, he has been a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, our treasurer, a trustee, a door greeter, and a lay leader. His contributions have meant a lot to the growth of our church.

I really enjoyed getting to know Frank, and I hope you did, too. I know we all look forward to enjoying his participation in our Voices of Praise and his other contributions to our church.

