



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

July 2017

UMC Annual Conference Reflections

by Adam M., Pastoral Student

Atending my first Annual Conference, I was coming in with few expectations. I was excited by a “new” format that included several Messaging Moments, and looking forward to some ideas about new ways to lead church services. Coincidentally, the first Conference session was conducted by Rev. Sarah Heath and her ministry team at Costa Mesa First United Methodist Church, the place I have been planning since December to do my Field Education. When she was introduced as the first speaker, I started wondering if I were inferior or inadequate to be serving with a team of people highlighted at Annual Conference. I thought, “What could I possibly contribute to a congregation this noteworthy?”

I wanted to hear what was going to be presented, so I pushed those thoughts aside and began to take notes. Rev. Sarah began to talk about story telling, a topic on which she has written a book.

She observed that the reason so many new starts fail is that they try to directly replicate the success of others. As she launched into some questions to help Christians determine where their inclinations lie, she said, “Who you *are* is interesting! So stop telling people what you aren’t. Stop focusing on who you are not.”

What makes you come alive? What makes you a good character in your story? Who is in your community, and what do you value about it? What do you know about your surrounding community? What is unique that you offer to the community? What frustrates you about the community? She concluded by asserting that “there is nothing more infectious than someone who knows who they are ... who knows their story.”

And just as suddenly as I started thinking about my own inadequacy, I found myself contemplating the ways God might use my own quirks in new ministries.



Delegates Adam M.
and Rick C.

Note: The official summary of the Conference can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/yaottpax>.

Project Grace Receives Hunger Grant

Through the efforts of Shoreline Community Services Executive Director Beth R., a grant of \$350 has been received from the California Pacific Hunger Task Force. This 2017 award supports Project Grace, the Wednesday night community meal held at PB UMC.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

July brings a particular beginning that is significant to many United Methodists, and the recent conclusion of the California-Pacific Annual Conference makes this even more definitive, particularly for those who participated in the Conference. You may know that, as your Pastor, my "church membership" does not reside at Pacific Beach United Methodist Church, or at any other local church. My membership resides at the Annual Conference. It is through our Bishop's leadership at the Annual Conference that I am appointed to PB UMC. My appointment continues here, renewing on July 1, 2017.

Part of this Conference experience and this renewal of appointment is a reminder to me that I am but a sojourner in this place. Indeed, all United Methodist clergy are understood, by nature of our appointment system, to be sojourners. We are only in our communities temporarily.

Those who have been in United Methodist Churches for many years may recall times in decades past when it would not be uncommon for a Pastor to remain in a community for only a year or two. This kind of rapid-change system has fallen out of custom, and now many of our churches and clergy enjoy longer appointments. Even so, it is important to know that our system is one where our pastoral leaders *itinerate*.

I think this is a good and healthy thing for churches.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, found great value in the itinerant system, largely because this requires action and leadership from the membership of the congregation and community. We might imagine that *any* system that experiences regular transitions in leadership requires active commitment and participation from the members of that system; otherwise, the system will break down.

This is part of the Methodist tradition because we, like Wesley, see the primary leaders of any United Methodist congregation as its lay members. The primary role of our clergy is to offer spiritual guidance and care, and to cast an overall vision for the church. Again, the primary leadership belongs to the membership of the congregation.

In other words, this is *your* church! This is *your* community! The work done in this place and on behalf of the membership of the congregation is *your* work!

An even-more-fleeting example of the temporary nature of the sojourner is upon us as we begin this new appointment year. Many in our congregation have had the opportunity to get to know Christopher C. as he has preached and offered some additional leadership with PB. Christopher was just Commissioned as a Provisional Elder at this past Annual Conference. In addition to his continuing professorship at the University of San Diego, he will be joining us more regularly in worship as well as other settings within the life of PB UMC.

The reason I note this as "an even-more-fleeting example of the temporary nature of the sojourner" is that Pastor Christopher is *not* appointed to PB UMC. His appointment is to continue teaching at USD. However, in our United Methodist system he must choose a congregation as his Charge Conference, and Pastor Christopher has chosen this one.

This means that we will have the benefit of some of Pastor Christopher's time, energy, leadership, and care. It means that we have the joy and responsibility of giving our care and support to Christopher and his wife Gabi. Because of Pastor Christopher's substantial gifts for ministry, I suspect that we will only have this connectional opportunity for a short time. Indeed, friends, he is a sojourner in our midst.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Pastor Christopher and Gabi more fully into the ministries of PB UMC. We will share a brief moment during our outdoor worship on July 2nd in celebration of Pastor Christopher's presence, as well as – if I may humbly assume – my reappointment to continue as your servant leader.

May we continue to see God's renewing and sustaining love as God continues to make all things new.



Pastor Bob

We Care for One Another

Outdoor Church and Potluck

Join us July 2 for a single 10:00 am outdoor worship service with communion, to be followed by a potluck lunch. We're asking that people bring potluck items according to their last names: A-G bring a main course, H-Q bring a side dish or salad, R-Z help with set up and/or clean up, (or bring a meal item of your choice). If you have not already signed up after church in June, contact Lea Ann W at leeannw@pbumc.org. We hope to see you there!

May PB UMC Ladies' Event

Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Group in their Pampered Chef Fundraiser. Over \$390 was raised for youth camps and mission projects for this summer. Blessings to all for your generosity!

There will be no special event in July.

New GriefShare Group Starting

The new GriefShare group will start meeting on July 9th, from 12:30-2:00 pm. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to participate in our 13 week video/discussion series, please contact Kym C. or Jeanette V. Let us help on your journey from mourning to joy.



Membership Memories

by Betty J.

Ray McC. and Gary A. became members of PB UMC on June 4, 2017.

Kathy O., a past member of our congregation, died on June 9, 2017. Her Celebration of Life will be held July 1st, 2017, at Clairemont Christian Fellowship, 4570 Mount Herbert Avenue at 2 pm. Visitation will be from 1-5 pm that day.



Faith & Family Night at Petco Park (Again!)

- * Saturday, September 23rd at 5:40 pm, Padres vs the Colorado Rockies.
- * Post-game Fireworks show.
- * Ticket cost, sign-up info, and more coming soon!

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

July Youth Ministry Activities

For more information on any of these activities or our Youth Ministries Program, please contact Dee B. at: deeb@pbumc.org.

Sunday, July 2

- One church service at 10:00 am, followed by potluck.

Thursday, July 6

- 9:00 am-9:00 pm, District Youth Day at the Beach. Bring a lunch, or money for a lunch. Sign up with Dee by Tuesday, July 4.

Sunday, July 9-Saturday, July 15

- Junior High Camp.
- Senior High Youth and anyone not at camp: There may be opportunity to help with parade float preparation.

Thursday, July 13

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

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 or ice cream after church.

Tuesday, July 18

- Balboa Park outing to Japanese Friendship Garden and the Mengei Museum.

Thursday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 23-Saturday, July 29

- Senior High Camp.

Tuesday, July 25

Balboa Park outing to Aerospace and Auto Museums.

Thursday, July 27

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

Saturday, July 29

- Rehearsal for 5th Sunday worship and dinner. (possibly with Camarillo youth, who we will be hosting that night)

Sunday, July 30

- 5th Sunday Worship.

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4-Sunday, August 13

- SSP travel and work week.



Photo by Dee B.

I am so proud of Anastasia B. and Cameron R. who were part of the event staff at Annual Conference. Anastasia worked in childcare and Cam helped out on the media team.

PB UMC had great representation on the event staff overall. Pastor Bob served as (interim) Agenda Chair (although he stepped up and helped with some Conference Secretary duties when needed) Beth and Anastasia worked in childcare. Dee and Cam volunteered with the media production team.

Bible Study Group “God’s Urgent Call”

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

Calling of Prophets

The readings for July are:

- July 2, Moses and the Burning Bush, Exodus 3:1-12
- July 9, Isaiah in the Temple, Isaiah 6:1-8
- July 16, Jeremiah’s Call and Commission, Jeremiah 1:4-10
- July 23, Ezekiel’s Call, Ezekiel 3:1-11
- July 30, Amos’s Call, Amos 7:10-17

We Reach Out to Others

Fun in the Sun — PB UMC Picnic

Mark Sunday afternoon, August 20th, on your calendars as the date for the 2017 Fun in the Sun PB UMC Picnic! Our usual location (the southwestern area of Paradise Point) and the jumper house have been reserved.

The food theme this year is "All American BBQ." Our caterers, the small business Brothers Signature Catering & Events, will provide us with the following menu:

- BBQ chicken
- Hot dogs
- Garden burgers
- BBQ sauce
- Hamburger and hot dog condiments



- Ranch-style BBQ beans
- Red-skinned potato salad
- Garden salad with ranch dressing
- Fudge brownies
- All plates, utensils, and napkins

As always, we will be grateful if any of our home cooks want to bring their own desserts or other picnic items.

Our other volunteer needs are as follows:

- Trucks to transport church canopies, tables, and chairs from church to picnic site and back at the conclusion of the event.
- Loading the church items and unload/set up at picnic site. (Meet at church the morning of the picnic at 7:00 a.m.)
- Check in attendees and provide name tags. (Be at picnic site by 11:45 a.m.)
- Breaking down church items, loading them onto transport and unloading and storing at church (around 3:00 p.m.).

Because of increased catering costs, we will need to charge attendees as follows:

Adults: \$20

Seniors/children: \$15

Family price: \$40

Even with these prices, the church will likely incur a small loss on the event, so any extra contributions towards picnic expenses will be greatly appreciated.

The picnic will begin around noon, and we will begin cleaning up and breaking down around 3:00 p.m. Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, July 16th, and will continue up until the Sunday before the picnic (August 13th).

To volunteer to bring food, provide trucks, sign in, or help set up/break down, contact craigr@pbumc.org.

CCSA Back-to-School Program

The Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA), with your help, assists low-income children with backpacks and school supplies. Their goal is to distribute over 200 backpacks to children in grades K-9 this year. Backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies (K-2nd and 3rd-9th grades) need to be in the CCSA offices (4167 Rappahannock Avenue in Clairemont) between July 10th and August 11th for distribution starting in August.

Suggested contents of backpacks:

K-2nd Backpack: 2 spiral notebooks, pencil sharpener, pencils (10/pack), erasers (bag of 6), scissors, box of crayons, box of magic markers, 2 glue sticks, glue bottle, pencil box.

3rd-9th Grades Backpack: binder, 2 spiral notebooks, 2 packages of notebook paper, pencil holder, pens (10/pack), pencils (10/pack), box of colored pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, highlighter marker, ruler, glue bottle, 2 glue sticks, scissors.



For more information, contact CCSA at 858-274-2271.

Circle of Support

May 2017 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
May giving	\$23,550	\$17,722
May other sources of income	\$10,102	\$6,965
May total available for ministry	\$33,651	\$24,687
May expended in ministry	\$33,651	\$37,661
May income minus expenses	\$37	(\$12,974)
YTD giving	\$117,750	\$105,168
YTD other sources of income	\$50,511	\$54,103
YTD total available for ministry	\$168,261	\$159,271
YTD expended in ministry	\$168,261	\$171,304
YTD income minus expenses	\$0	(\$12,033)
Year 2017 budget	\$403,818	

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

Expenses in the table are overstated by \$4,000 that was booked to the wrong account. Adjusting for this accounting error, both May and year-to-date (YTD) expenses are within budget overall. However, giving income is below budget and our adjusted YTD expenses exceed income by \$8,033. The finance team is dismayed that it has been difficult to accurately predict giving income and to set a conservative budget to stay within our means. We continue to search for ways to preserve church financial assets.

The church received insurance reimbursement of \$10,164.11 to cover part of the \$37k rental renovation done in 2016. The rest of the work was deemed to be improvements above and beyond vandalism repair. Fortunately we are also able to charge a higher rent after the improvements. This check will be returned to the Sabatka Legacy of Love account that financed the work. If you would like to know more about how to leave a legacy to the church in your trust or will, please contact the church office or any member of the finance team.

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

June 4 – 147 persons
June 11 – 108 persons
June 18 – 95 persons
June 25 – 139 persons
Avg. Weekly (2017) – 167 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

May 31 – 123 persons
June 7 – 150 persons
June 14 – 123 persons
June 21 – 158 persons

July Communion Offering: Reconciling Ministries

Reconciling Ministries encourages United Methodist Churches and communities to be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. PB UMC is a Reconciling Congregation, and has been since the mid 1990s. The number of such churches and communities is growing.

Each year we receive one special communion thank offering in support of the national and global advocacy and education work carried out by the Reconciling Ministries Network. To learn more about Reconciling Ministries, visit www.rmnetwork.org.



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, July 1 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai

Week 2

Sun, July 2 10:00 am, Worship
(Note: Only One Service)
After Church Potluck
Mon, July 3 6:00 pm, AI-Anon
Tues, July 4 Church Office Closed
Wed, July 5 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
(Formerly Thursday Lenten Group)
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, July 6 9:00 am, Dist. Youth Day at Beach (p. 4)
5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, July 7 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, July 8 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai



Cal-Pac Annual Conference

Event Staff:

Beth R., Zachary,
Cameron, and Pastor Bob
Rhodes, Anastasia
B., and Dee B.



Commissioning of Christopher C.
as a Provisional Elder

Week 3

Sun, July 9 Worship
Noon, Membership Orientation
12:30 pm, GriefShare (p. 3)
Junior High Camp at Cedar Glen Begins
Mon, July 10 6:00 pm, AI-Anon
Tues, July 11 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
7:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, July 12 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, July 13 9:00 am, Youth Day at the Beach (p. 4)
5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, July 14 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, July 15 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai
PRIDE Festival

Week 4

Sun, July 16 Worship
11:45 am, Youth lunch out
12:30 pm, GriefShare (p. 3)
PRIDE Festival
Mon, July 17 6:00 pm, AI-Anon
Tues, July 18 Youth to Balboa Park (p. 4)
Wed, July 19 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, July 20 9:00 am, Youth Day at the Beach (p. 4)
5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, July 21 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 5

Sun, July 23 Worship
Youth Lunch Out after church (p.4)
12:30 pm, GriefShare (p. 3)
Senior High Camp at Cedar Glen Begins (p. 4)
Beach Breeze Deadline
6:00 pm, AI-Anon
Mon, July 24
Tues, July 25 Youth to Balboa Park (p. 4)
Wed, July 26 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
Thurs, July 27 9:00 am, Youth Day at the Beach (p. 4)
5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, July 28 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, July 29 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai
Youth Rehearsal for 5th Sunday Worship (p. 4)

Week 6

Sun, July 30 Worship
12:30 pm, GriefShare (p. 3)

We Love and Worship God

July Scriptures

From Chaos to Community

July 2, Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
"Rites of Passage"

July 9, Genesis 24:34-38; Psalm 45:10-17
(or Psalm 72); Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew
11:16-19, 25-30
"Legacy"

July 16, Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-
112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23, Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12,
23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43

July 30, Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,
45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33,
44-52

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Meet One Of Our Voices Of Praise: Rose V.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Rose told me she found out about PB UMC at the 2016 Pride Festival. A magnet she received there kept her thinking about us, and she finally decided to visit us this past February. A member met her in the back of the church that first Sunday and took her to meet Ron J. Rose immediately became a member of our choir.

Rose said she grew up Catholic and was very involved in her old church, including the choir. She had been in church and school choirs since she was 9 years old. Everything changed when she came out. Members of both her family and church couldn't accept who she was and treated her differently. Still, she went ahead and moved in with the one she thought was the love of her life. They married in 2014. She then moved with her wife from Boston to San Diego. Unfortunately, they separated in February of this year.

When I asked her about the choir, she told me, "Choirs have always filled my soul. But this choir is special, and made me feel overwhelmed the first time I heard them sing. I love the members and, of course, Ron and Louis. They are all excellent singers and have made me feel so welcome. All of PB UMC makes me feel very welcome.

I asked what she does for a living. "I am in accounting as a payroll specialist for New Alternatives, a non-profit company. I've worked there for almost 3 years now. I love my job because their impact on so many lives is amazing. For instance, I met a gentleman who was a foster kid in the 90s and he told me they saved his life. He, like so many kids they care for now, was in very bad shape, and they changed all that. That got me in my heart. It is amazing to be part of something that is making such a difference."

Rose was born and raised in the Dominican Republic. Her family moved to the US in 2000 because her dad had cancer and needed treatment unavailable to him in his home land. He is now doing quite well.

I really enjoyed exchanging stories with Rose. She is a valuable member of our church and our choir. I hope you all get to know her, too.

