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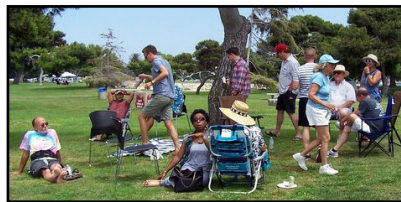
Fun in the Sun

PB UMC Picnic, Sunday, August 20, 2017, 12 Noon

Sunday, August 13th, will be the last day to sign up and pay for the 2017 Fun in the Sun PB UMC Picnic! RSVPs will be accepted in the foyer between the first and second services.

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.



2016 PB UMC Picnic



We'll be in our usual location, the southwestern area of Paradise Point. The jumper house has been reserved.

The food theme is "All American BBQ." Our caterers, 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.

We still have the following volunteer needs:

- Loading the church items and unload/set up at picnic site. (Meet at church the morning of the picnic at 7:00 a.m.)
- Breaking down church items, loading them onto transport and unloading and storing at church, around 3:00 p.m.



Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

Many of you know about my love of technical things. This began in my childhood when my father brought home the first (we think) home computer in our neighborhood. This amazing Apple computer sported not one, but two 5¼" floppy disk drives, though I lamented that the attached screen was only two colors: black and green.

This led indirectly to a career in technology where I worked as a Software Integration Engineer for a major Southern California corporation before striking out on my own as a freelance software support contractor. Even if you don't know this history, you may know that I love my iPhone and Apple Watch, that I enjoy working on websites, and that I seek out ways to use digital communication tools to communicate faith, hope, and love.

I am – in a word – a geek.

With all this in mind, likely it is no surprise that my favorite car these days is made by Tesla. If you're unfamiliar with Tesla's vehicles, they are fully electric and are paving the way in autonomous driving in the hopes of developing fully self-driving vehicles in the coming years. Indeed, the most recent Teslas have all the hardware necessary, and it is only the software component that is still in need of further refining (and of course legal and regulatory requirements).

Recently, I had the opportunity to test drive a Tesla Model S. I chose this model not because I'm considering purchasing one (they're way above our price range), but because the new-to-market Model 3 is of similar size – and dramatically more affordable.

The test period began with a walk around the vehicle and the opportunity to learn more about the technology, the cameras, the controls, and the look/feel of the car. Then they let me get in and drive! Almost immediately after getting onto public streets, I was encouraged to test the "performance capabilities" of the car. In other words, *go fast!*

It was an amazing experience! I felt this sense of elation combined with a little bit of fear as this powerful car rocketed forward along the street. Then there was more....

Once we were on the nearby freeway, I was encouraged to enable Autopilot, the driver assist module

built into the vehicle. I did so, anticipating the car to maintain speed and relative distance to other vehicles but also to *steer through some upcoming turns in the roadway*. Keeping my hands loosely on the steering wheel, I could see the upcoming curve, and was again filled with both elation and fear as the car easily followed, even slowing a bit as traffic ahead congested, and then speeding up again once lanes were clear. What an intense experience!

I understand that we're not all "geeks," and that we're not all "car people." But I hope you can see from this story that we likely all have those experiences that fill us with that sense of elation and intense joy. For some it may be rock climbing; for others something music-related, or parenting, or caretaking, or so many more interests.

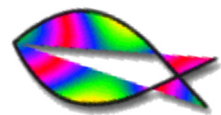
What is it that makes us experience that sense of elation in our faith? For me, this can happen when I'm reading the Bible or a theological book where I am made aware of a new way to think about God. It can happen in the middle of a sermon, just as we arrive together at the main point. It can happen in one-on-one conversations about God, and about unique calls to ministry.

In your faith, what is it that gives you that feeling of elation, even if it's sometimes accompanied by fear? What is it that puts you on the edge of control over your faith? How can you give up more of that control to God? Prayerfully consider how we are given the opportunity to *get uncomfortable* in our faith, and to move forward in trust and in love toward the elation made available to us through Jesus Christ.

May we continue to know joy and hope and light and peace, and know them in the elation of love.



Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another

Ladies' Brunch Out

Judi P. discovered Pappalecco when she was looking for local gelatto after a trip to Italy. She raves about this place! Please join us Saturday, August 12, at 10:00 am for midmorning conversation with coffee, breakfast, or-- gasp-- gelatto before noon. Pappalecco Kensington, 4202 Adams Avenue San Diego, is on the corner of 42nd and Adams, and street parking is generally available nearby. Look for us in the back, where we can push tables and chairs together for up to 12, with overflow seating for young people and latecomers at nearby tables. Responses are greatly appreciated so that we can set up the right size table. RSVP to Hope A. or contact the church office.



Mid-Week Sermon Study Group

Are you looking to connect with other church members? Want to dig into the sermon topic in more detail? Join our mid-week daytime study when we check in with each other and discuss the previous Sunday's sermon topic. Our schedule varies. Contact Dee B. at the church, deeb@pbumc.org, for the current day and time.



Faith & Family Night at Petco Park

- * 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!

Interfaith Shelter

PB UMC will host the Interfaith Shelter January 13th through 27th, 2018.

Watch for more information!



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We Grow in Grace & Faith

August Youth Ministry Activities

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

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4-Sunday, August 13

- Dee and SSP team traveling and working. We will be working and staying in Chiloquin, OR.

Sunday, August 6 and 13

- Youth stay in church. 4th to 6th graders may go to Sunday School with the younger class.

Thursday, August 10

- Please let Dee know if a parent will chaperone the Day and Evening at the Beach. (Dee will be at SSP.)

Tuesday, August 15

- Zoo Day. Contact Dee for more details.

Sunday, August 20

- Church Picnic. No separate Youth Activity.

Dee is working on an activity for the end of August. Please watch for more details.



CCSA Backpacks

We have received a second request from Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) to help with the drive to assist low-income children with backpacks and school supplies. At this writing, they report over 400 children are registered, and they have received only 100 backpacks.

Backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies (K-2nd and 3rd-9th grades) may be delivered to the Clairemont Service Center, located at 4167 Rappahannock Avenue, SD 92117, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, through Friday, August 11, 2017. If you plan to deliver 8:00-9:30 am, please call 858-274-2273 to let the staff know you are coming, as the gate is locked until 9:30 am. CCSA will distribute backpacks through its daily emergency services program at the Clairemont Service Center from Monday, August 7, through Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Suggested contents of the filled 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 or e-mail Connie at cvillarrealccsa@sbcglobal.net.

Bible Study Group "Calls in the New Testament"

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

Calling of Prophets

The readings for August are:

- August 6, Called to Witness, Acts 6:1-8
- August 13, Called to Break Down Barriers, Acts 8:26-39
- August 20, Called to Preach, Acts 9:10-20
- August 27, Called to Be Inclusive, Acts 10:19-33

We Reach Out to Others

Grace Notes



The Grace Notes will be back in action on September 10th, rehearsing at our normal time in between services (10:00-10:25 am). If you are a kid that likes music, we would love to have you! We will begin working on our Christmas show right away, so be sure to check it out. Questions? Contact Liesl H. at lieslhansen1503@gmail.com.

A Moment of Diversity

by Mark B.

At a recent Meetup event for LGBTQ Christians, I shared with a new acquaintance that I attend PB UMC. He came for a visit the following Sunday. As we sat in the social hall enjoying the delicious July 2nd potluck, I reiterated how I like this church for its diversity--that it's not a gay church; it's a church that includes gay people. Then I looked around the room. *Almost every table* had one or two gay people at it, sitting amongst the broad diversity of our other members: old, young, singles, couples, families Clearly there is no gay clique. I doubt any of them gave a second thought to their sexual orientation when choosing their seat; they just sat where there were open seats, where there were people they wanted to chat with, and were included in that table's fellowship. As I pointed out the gay people all over the room to my new friend, he said that this is the most diverse church he's ever visited! Thanks, church, for inadvertently providing a great example of what diversity and inclusion in the life of the church means.

Experiencing Pride

by Tim A.

While walking to set up the float early in the morning of the Pride parade, I was stopped by a man wearing a yellow volunteer's vest. He was setting up the street barricades along the sidewalk. He pointed to the PBUMC pride shirt I was wearing and said "That is a GREAT church! I am very thankful to them for helping me get off the streets. You guys do a wonderful job.....THANK YOU!" I said that is why we are here, to help in any way we can. I thought to myself, what a wonderful affirmation of what our church is and does for the community, and how the Lord uses all his children to minister to this world in need. This is why we are at Pride!



Chef Ben, Preparing
For Project Grace



2017
Pride Festival

The other story is just funny.....A lady ran out to the float and yelled, "Your float is so much prettier than Macy's!" which was right in front of ours....lol. The crowd really responded to the presence of a church float in the Pride Parade. Lots of cheers and "Thank you for being here" rang out all along the route. Jesus had a presence and celebrated Pride that day, praise the Lord.

Circle of Support

June 2017 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
June giving	\$23,550	\$17,869
June other sources of income	\$10,106	\$14,123
June total available for ministry	\$33,655	\$31,992
June expended in ministry	\$33,655	\$31,244
June income minus expenses	\$37	\$748
YTD giving	\$141,300	\$123,037
YTD other sources of income	\$60,616	\$68,226
YTD total available for ministry	\$201,916	\$191,263
YTD expended in ministry	\$201,916	\$198,547
YTD income minus expenses	\$0	(\$7,284)
Year 2017 budget	\$403,818	

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

July 2 – 108 persons
 July 9 – 141 persons
 July 16 – 119 persons
 July 23 – 142 persons
 July 30 – 147 persons
 Avg. Weekly (2017) – 161 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

June 28 – 126 persons
 July 5 – 135 persons
 July 12 – 110 persons
 July 19 – 147 persons
 July 26 – 132 persons

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

While expenses are slightly below budget, we continue to see income significantly below budget for the year. In June we received our quarterly draws from the Prewitt advertising and Sabatka legacies. The Prewitt legacy funds our promotion of the church through activities such as our presence at Pride. In accordance with the Sabatkas' interests, we assign income from this legacy to maintain and improve church property, including the parsonage and rental units.

The cards we passed out during the fall stewardship campaign labeled our pledges as "estimates of giving." We now wonder if that language is confusing. The estimates of giving are used to budget part of what we track as "June giving" in the table above. Designated giving is tracked under "other sources of income." In the next stewardship campaign, we'll clarify this distinction. If you've designated part of your pledged giving for a specific purpose, we thank you for your donations.

August Communion Offering: Strength for the Journey

Strength for the Journey was founded by the Reverend Burt All, Methodist minister self living with a vision of a place the city and the day to day life where others living with HIV/AIDS could rest, relax, share, connect, play, and heal. His vision was realized in 1988 with the first Strength for the Journey retreats in Los Angeles and San Diego.



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Strength for the Journey is open to anyone with HIV/AIDS regardless of religion, race, creed, sexual Orientation, or gender identity. Staff members are all volunteers. Most campers have limited incomes, and any donations are greatly appreciated.

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

Tues, Aug 1 9:00 am, *Beach Breeze* Folding Party
 Wed, Aug 2 12:30 pm, Wednesday Study Group
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Aug 3 9:00 am, Youth Day at Beach (p. 4)
 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Aug 4 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Aug 5 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai

Week 2

Sun, Aug 6 Worship
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, Aug 7 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Aug 8 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee
 Wed, Aug 9 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Aug 10 9:00 am, Youth Day at Beach (p. 4)
 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Aug 11 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Aug 12 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai
 10:00 am, Ladies' Brunch —(p. 3)



Camp Cedar Glen
 2017 Elementary School Attendees
 and Counselors

Week 3

Sun, Aug 13 Worship
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, Aug 14 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Aug 15 Zoo Day for Youth (p. 4)
 Wed, Aug 16 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Aug 17 September *Beach Breeze* Deadline
 (Note Early Date)
 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Aug 18 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Aug 19 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai



Camp Counselors Janya and Dee
 Celebrating Birthdays

Week 4

Sun, Aug 20 Worship
 12:00 noon, All Church Picnic
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, Aug 21 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Aug 23 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
 Thurs, Aug 24 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Aug 25 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Aug 26 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai

Week 5

Sun, Aug 27 Worship
 12:30 pm, GriefShare
 Mon, Aug 28 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Aug 29 9:00 am, September *Beach Breeze*
 Folding Party (Note Date Change)
 Wed, Aug 30 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Aug 31 5:15 pm, Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal



2017 Junior High Camp

We Love and Worship God

August Scriptures

Aug 6, Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 13, Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:
1-6, 16-22, 45; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:
22-33

Aug 20, Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133;
Romans 11:1-2, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Aug 27, Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Sep 3, Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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Meet Bill Harpur From Our Voices Of Praise:

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I recently had lunch with Bill and Judy H., who have been coming to PB UMC for 21 years. Bill told me, "Along with Pastor April, we carpooled our kids to school. April invited us to PB UMC. So, we started attending and have ever since. One reason we continued is the music is so beautiful and emotionally appealing."

Bill has been a member of the choir for 18 years. "The church was having a fundraiser for an organ. I offered to play the harmonica, an instrument I learned to play by ear as a young boy. I played a song and then sang it. Right away Ron asked me to join the choir. Ron is amazing. He takes inexperienced folks like me and trains us to be members of the choir. It is a great honor to be in choir. The choir is an amazingly cohesive group."

"My family lived in Africa for a while when I was a child. I was sent to a boarding school in Canada for high school. In 1970, Judy and I met in Canada where I was working as a mining exploration geologist, and she was attending college. A year later we moved to San Diego. I went to UC Berkeley and got a degree in optometry in 1982. I am currently an optometrist specializing in Vision Therapy for children." Bill has successfully assisted many children in realizing their innate potential.

"While I was a teenager in boarding school, there was a memorial chapel I could view from my bedroom window. This chapel displayed honors for boys who died in the WW I and WW II, which got me thinking about world peace. I learned that you can reduce societal violence through meditation, and scientists predict that we could create world peace based on this approach. Judy and I started Transcendental Meditation in 1973. This is a proven method for relieving stress with the added benefit of a path to reduce violence."

Just before Bill joined me and Judy for lunch, he'd gone surfing. Surfing was part of the reason they moved to San Diego, and we are very lucky they did. Surf's up dude!

