



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

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Can You See Me Now?

by Lynn N., PhD

The good news is, you can see us anytime! Okay, go ahead, ask. You know you want to. "How is that *possible*?" I'm so glad you asked. For a few months PB UMC has been live-streaming the second service each Sunday on the internet. That means, you can see it from nearly anywhere via www.pbumc.org/live. You can also watch archived services anytime you want to, or watch it more than once! Now isn't THAT fun?

Trust me, it is! Recently, I had the opportunity to try it out for myself and join our services while in Texas helping my Dad rehab. I experienced two things. First, it felt good to connect with my PB UMC family, even though I was three states away. Second, I was able to share the services with my Dad. By the way, he really enjoyed the children's story time, *but who doesn't*? The point is, even when I couldn't be here, I could still "be" here with my church family *and* share with my birth family...all at the same time.

I have to say, this is an amazing ministry for outreach and member support, and pretty fun too. I have been part of it from the beginning and love every minute of it. If you want to be part of this growing and powerful ministry, see Joe P., or send a message to josephp@pbumc.org. We still have room for a few more digital super heroes on Sundays.



We Hear From "Streamers" Who Have Connected in Worship

M.B. writes, "I've been participating via live stream for the past few weeks and am very grateful that is an option. I certainly pray that Pastor Bob and his family remain in our community!"

And from K.P., "Pastor Bob, I have made it safely to Massachusetts. It was a long but exciting road trip. Lorenz and I just wanted to say hi as we are worshiping online today with you guys. We wanted to thank God for a safe move and car trip, and also pray for a raccoon that ran in front of our car in the last 30 miles of the trip. Sorry Mr Raccoon. I tried to stop but you were in the middle of the highway. We lift up your little fluffy spirit to God. Anyway, we are glad to be here online for the new sermon series!"

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

In a recent conversation with a member of our congregation, I was asked why I think church is important. One possibility, in a word: community.

Gathering together in a faith community, we begin to get to know one another. We support and are supported, we celebrate and are celebrated, and we connect in profound and meaningful ways. We are also held accountable, hopefully, in ways that help us to learn and grow.

Together we have an opportunity to become more than we are on our own. We are made more perfect in these relationships, and are connected in divine love. I believe that when we spend our time and energy nurturing these relationships, a part of what we are doing is nurturing and building our relationship with God.

In academic circles, we call this ecclesiology. Books are written, theses are proposed, and classes are taught. It is good and important that we explore ecclesiology, the study of what it looks like to be the church. It is even more important that we experience the church! A beautiful way I've seen this idea of community as an experience of God is phrased in the popular musical based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, *Les Misérables*: "To love another person is to see the face of God."

One of the traps I think some churches have fallen into is the idea of church being an inward-facing community. I don't think church can be sustainable like this. We cannot think about church as a place to shelter ourselves from the outside world. Yes, the church must be a place where we are nurtured and cared for and where we care for one another; where we learn and are filled with God's life-giving love. But that cannot be the end, because it's not only for us! We must be taught and nurtured because we are sent!

We are sent into the world, into our communities. We are sent by Jesus when he says, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19a). We are sent alongside Moses when he is told, "So get going!" (Exodus 3:10a).

We have an opportunity to receive some help in connecting with our nearby neighborhood community. Working with our District and Annual Conference, we

will experience the benefit of a ministry intern through the Wesley Foundation of Greater San Diego. Rebecca M. (her last name rhymes with watch) joins PB UMC to focus on community connections in an effort to help us be the best neighbors we can be in our community.



Rebecca just started her first year at Point Loma Nazarene University with a major in Social Work, and has been an active participant at Camp Cedar Glen for several years. Rebecca will be supported in her role in a number of ways. She will receive financial support made possible by the Wesley Foundation, and she will have project support in working in a cohort of other interns and a mentor Pastor.

We too will have responsibility to support Rebecca's work, in part by providing work space and other resources, and especially in our prayers and in our love. Rebecca will continue this work for the next nine months (roughly, through the school year) and we will have the opportunity to hear more from her throughout this time. Please look for Rebecca and share your care and support.

As we continue in this time of community building, let us remember that we are nurtured in our faith because we are sent to serve our siblings in the world. In this way, we build the Kingdom of God.

Grace and peace to you...

Pastor Bob

We Care for One Another

Upcoming PB UMC Ladies' Events

Save the Dates! We have some fun get togethers planned.

October 14, 10:00 am, Brunch.

Swami's Café in Point Loma, 3924 W Point Loma Blvd, 92110

Breakfast menu includes Omelets, breakfast burritos, pancakes, waffles, French toast, Smoothie Bowls, juices, and COFFEE!

November 18, 12 Noon, Lunch.

Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa: Current & Tides Coastal Kitchen, 2000 2nd Street, Coronado 92118

Take a lovely drive over the bridge and join us for lunch. (Missing Mary H. lately? She plans to join us!) Let's get together to enjoy conversation and an affordable lunch. We'll plan to be in the patio if the weather is nice, or in the dining room. Consider treating yourself to some Spa Time after lunch, and enjoy some pre-holiday-rush pampering! (Turn right off the bridge, past the retirement center on the right. Free parking.)

December 9, 6:00 pm, Dinner

Old Spaghetti Factory, 275 5th Avenue, 92101

Join us for dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory, then consider going to the Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Show at 8:00 pm, in the Balboa Theater. Get your tickets early for the concert. This one will likely sell out!

RSVP with Dart R., dartr@pbumc.org (or downstairs in the nursery on Sundays). See Dart or Hope A. with questions, suggestions for future ladies events, and comments.

Membership Memories

by Betty J.

Rose V. joined our church family on August 27, 2017. She was surrounded by loving friends in the Voices of Praise choir.



Mike and Jen Y. joined our church on September 17th, 2017. Their daughter was baptized the same day. Grandparents from New Jersey and Boston, MA, were in attendance.

One of our rotating pianists, Laura W., and her husband, Lauren K., celebrated the birth of their son, Miles Sebastian K., in August.

Lunch Bunch — October 15

We've had requests for a Chinese restaurant, so this month the lunch bunch is dining outside of Pacific Beach. Please join us at Dart R's favorite Chinese restaurant, Panda Country Restaurant at 4455 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92117 (858) 270-3930. It's on the south side of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. just west of Genesee Avenue. This is a family friendly event, and all are invited. Reservations are encouraged so that we can set up enough places. But if you decide at the last minute, please join us anyway. Contact the church office, Kathy W., or Hope A. to reserve a place at the table.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

October Youth Ministry Activities

Friends, please be sure you sign up to receive our messages about youth group activities through Flocknote if you have not already. Currently, October plans are a bit up in the air. I will keep you all posted as I get them finalized.

Sunday, October 1

- noon - 1:30 pm - we will go to lunch after church. Please bring \$10 if you can.

Sunday, October 8

- 4:30 - 6:30 pm - We will meet at the church for dinner and some games.

Sunday, October 15

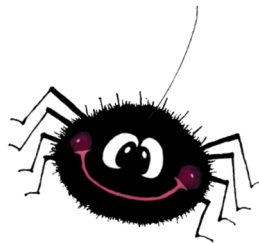
- TBD.

Sunday, October 22

- TBD.

Sunday, October 29

- 5th Sunday Worship; youth will help lead worship.
- Trick-or-Treat Sunday.
- Noon - Attend an informative luncheon, "Violence Within Religion."
- There will be an evening Halloween dance at Foothills UMC.



Opportunities for Bible Study

At PB UMC there are three groups that meet during the week for fellowship and studying scripture. At this time all these groups use the weekly scripture, sermon previews, and/or post-sermon questions to stimulate discussion. Please feel free to join in the one that works for you! If you are interested in having a study group at a different time, let any of the people below know, and we will help to get that started.

- * Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai – Saturday mornings at 10:00 am. Please contact Al H. (alh@pbumc.org) with any questions.
- * Wednesday Scripture & Sermon Study – Wednesday at 11:30 am. This group meets in the sanctuary narthex. Contact Pastor Bob (bobr@pbumc.org) or Dee B. (deeb@pbumc.org) for more information.
- * Wednesday Evening Study – 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm This small group meets at a member's home. Please contact Malea S. (maleas@pbumc.org) for more details.

Bible Study Group "Covenants With God"

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

Calling Into Covenant With God

The readings for October are:

- October 1, God's Covenant With Abram, Genesis 15:1-6, 17-21
- October 8, God's Covenant With Israel, Exodus 19:16-25
- October 15, God's Written Covenant, Exodus 20:18-26
- October 22, God's Covenant With David, 2 Samuel 7:1-16
- October 29, God's Covenant With the Returned Exiles, Nehemiah 9:32-39

We Reach Out to Others

Upcoming Second Sunday Concerts

Soloist Stephanie J.

Accompanied by Lisa P. and Ron Jessee
October 8, 2017
2:00 pm

The Pacific Coast Chorale

Directed by Jim T-M.
Accompanied by Rodney G.
November 12, 2017
2:00 pm

The PB UMC Voices of Praise

Directed by Ron Jessee
The Christmas Show
December 10, 2017
9:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

All concerts will be held in the
PB UMC sanctuary

PB UMC Christmas Festival

Attention all singers, actors and dancers. The *Voices of Praise* is gearing up for another incredible Christmas Show, and you could be part of the production team. The 2017 show is titled *The Christmas Festival* and features music from the "best-of" previous Christmas Shows. Songs like "A Smoky Mountain Christmas," "One More Silent Night," and "Another Journey" will be a few of the highlighted selections.

Contact Ron Jessee (jesseeron@gmail.com) or come to a Thursday night rehearsal for further information. What a great way to kick-off the holiday season!



Missing Members

Sometimes life happens, priorities shift, and we suddenly realize that we've been away from our church family for longer than we thought. Sometimes other things are going on, and being away from our faith community can be an early sign that we could use some care and support. A small group of PB UMC members takes time to reach out to persons who have been away, in an effort to extend that care and support. This is not intended to be some kind of "guilt trip," but is instead a careful choice to remain connected and supportive as a community of faith. If you are interested in helping in these contacts, please get in touch with the Church Office!

Grace Notes

To all school age singers and families: We hope you've all had a great summer, and things have settled down as the school year has started. Grace Notes is starting up again as an opportunity for children from age three through high school to sing, play instruments, and enjoy making music together. We meet between services from 10:00-10:25 am every Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Liesl H. or Steve S.

Sunday School News

In September we were very happy to honor PB UMC's children and youth Sunday School teachers. When you see these people around church please thank them for giving of their time to this important ministry.

Dee B.

Brenda B.

Barbara C.

Cliff F.

David G.

David N.

Amy S.

Wayne S.

Heide T.

Vicki T.

Robert T.

Jeanine W.

Bibles were also given out to 3rd and 4th graders: Zach F., Jillian G., James K. and Emma K. Blessings upon these students as they read from this gift!

Circle of Support

August 2017 Record of Generosity

| | Budget | Actual |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| August giving | \$23,549 | \$18,896 |
| August other sources of income | \$10,101 | \$12,712 |
| August total available for ministry | \$33,650 | \$31,608 |
| August expended in ministry | \$33,650 | \$30,642 |
| August income minus expenses | \$0 | \$966 |
| YTD giving | \$188,399 | \$166,465 |
| YTD other sources of income | \$80,818 | \$89,435 |
| YTD total available for ministry | \$269,217 | \$255,900 |
| YTD expended in ministry | \$269,217 | \$264,564 |
| YTD income minus expenses | \$0 | (\$8,664) |
| Year 2017 budget | \$403,818 | |

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

We closed the month of August with a positive \$966, reducing the net loss for the year to (\$8,663.90). Expenses once again came in about \$3,000 lower than budgeted. The "other sources of income" row includes quarterly draws from Sabatka and Prewitt legacies totaling about \$6,500. We continue to be concerned about our giving budget as we prepare to assemble a budget for 2018. At this writing, the team is considering options for donating by text and mobile app. We hope to make giving more convenient for those who don't carry checks or cash. If you have an opinion, let us know!



No, not the jazzy car. Books, Movie, and Writing Club is starting back up again. While it's not strictly a PB UMC ministry, it is comprised of some of its members. Each month alternates between reading a book, watching a movie, and having a writing night; topics for each of these events are chosen by majority vote. The club typically meets the first Wednesday of each month with few variations to the schedule. Our next gathering will take place on Wednesday, October 4, from 5-7 pm. For the location of this event, or for more information, please contact Hope A. or Judi P.

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes
Sojourning Pastor: The Rev Christopher Carter, PhD
Office Administrator: Aimee Kay

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

September 3 – 140 persons
September 10 – 115 persons
September 17 – 169 persons
September 24 – 129 persons

Avg. Weekly (2017) – 150 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

September 6 – 125 persons
September 13 – 170 persons
September 20 – 179 persons

October Communion Offering: World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday, takes place on the first Sunday of every October to bring churches together to promote Christian unity. It is a Special Sunday for ministries within our annual conference, in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information.

On this World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has given the gifts to learn and to serve.

B-M-W Club

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

Sun, Oct 1 Worship
Noon, Youth Lunch Out (p.4)
Mon, Oct 2 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, Oct 4 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:00 pm, Books, Movie, and Writing Club (p. 6)
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
6:00 pm, 1st & 3rd Wed. Eve Bible Study (p.4)
Thurs, Oct 5 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Oct 6 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 7 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai



Speakers at "Clobber Passages" Workshop, September 17, 2017

Week 2

Sun, Oct 8 Worship
2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (p.5)
4:30 pm, Youth Dinner and Games (p.4)
Mon, Oct 9 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct 10 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
7:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, Oct 11 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct 12 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Oct 13 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 14 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai
10:00 am, Ladies Brunch at Swami's (p.3)



Some of Our Youth — 2017

Week 4

Sun, Oct 22 Worship
Youth, TBD
Mon, Oct 23 November *Beach Breeze* Deadline
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, Oct 25 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Shiley EyeMobile
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Thurs, Oct 26 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct 27 10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai
Sat, Oct 28

Week 5

Sun, Oct 29 Worship
Trick or Treat Sunday
Noon, "Violence Within Religion" Luncheon
Youth Halloween Dance (p.4)
Mon, Oct 30 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct 31 9:00 am, November *Beach Breeze*
Folding Party

Week 3

Sun, Oct 15 Worship
Youth, TBD
Lunch Bunch (p.3)
Mon, Oct 16 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, Oct 18 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
6:00 pm, 1st & 3rd Wed. Eve Bible Study (p.4)
Thurs, Oct 19 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, Oct 20 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 21 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
10:00 am, Bible Study at PB UMC Lanai



Photos by Wayne S.

2017 All Church Picnic

We Love and Worship God

October Scriptures

Stewardship

Oct 1, Luke 11:1-13
"Prayers"

Oct 8, Acts 2:42-47
"Presence"

Oct 15, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
"Gifts"

Oct 22, Matthew 14:13-21
"Service"

Oct 29, Acts 22:12-16
"Witness"

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Meet One Of Our Voices Of Praise: Stephanie J.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

This month I got the opportunity to chat with Stephanie J. and her mother, Dorothy. We had a lot of fun discussing current events. I finally had to call it quits, so we could talk about Stephanie and the Voices of Praise.

About a year and a half ago Erin V. told Stephanie about our choir. Stephanie loves music, and based on Erin's comments, she immediately came to PB UMC and joined our choir. She told me, "I love to sing, and it's great to come to church and sing. It's like we worship through music. And, I love the choir. There are interesting people in the choir, a very talented group. I really like all the varied interests." She played Mary in last year's Christmas Musical, only a few months after she joined the choir. She also sang a couple of solos this summer when our choir was on vacation.

When I asked her about her education and musical background, she told me they were one and the same. "A great teacher in elementary school motivated me. I was active in the arts practically since I was born. I performed in plays as a kid in such organizations as San Diego Junior Theater in Balboa Park. I studied classical music all three years in high school and voice three years in college." Her voice teachers, in sequential order, were Louise N., Pauline T., and Renee C.

Lucky for us, Stephanie is singing in the upcoming 2nd Sunday Concert. She told me it is a musical recital made up of half classical music and half musical theater. "The songs are really beautiful. One of them was written by Bach, and is usually sung by altos or tenors. But I enjoy singing it even though I'm a soprano. I am really looking forward to this recital." She said her two good friends, Ryan and Erin, will sing some songs with her. (For more information about the 2nd Sunday Concert, please refer to page 5 in this newsletter.)

Stephanie works at Broadway San Diego in the Subscription Dept. "I do like my job as it keeps me close to Broadway musicals."

I really enjoyed getting to know Stephanie (and her mother) and am very excited about her upcoming 2nd Sunday Concert. Hope to see you all there. We are so lucky to have such a talented voice of praise.

