



# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

November 2017

## *Interfaith Shelter Network and PB UMC 2017*

by Kenneth B.

This is the 32<sup>nd</sup> season of hosting Interfaith Shelter Network (ISN) guests here at Pacific Beach UMC. The shelter program is where more than 200 homeless men, women and children receive shelter and other services for a two week period. Over the years, the demographic composition of shelter guests has changed; we are seeing more single parents with children and extended families. Our guests will arrive Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, to officially launch the start of the two week period at PB UMC. Each guest in the ISN is pre-screened and receives additional case management support in their endeavors to get their lives on more solid footing. The guests will be at the church from 5:00 pm in the evening to 7:00 am the next morning during their two-week stay. They will sleep, shower, and eat their breakfasts and dinners at the church. As each guest leaves during the day – for work, job hunting, going to school, or Sunday worship services – we will send them off with a healthy sack lunch.

PB UMC ministries, in collaboration with the Interfaith Shelter Network and other organizations, have helped provide some immediate survival demands for adequate food and health service needs for over 30 years. Continuing this service tradition is achieved with the contributions of members and friends who generously donate their talents, gifts, and services.

Volunteer recruitment will begin the month of November, with sign-up sheets located in the church narthex after each worship service. There is a variety of volunteer opportunities, but the most critical needs are overnight supervisors; dinner hosts; lunch hosts; January 13<sup>th</sup> set-up, including picking up guests' luggage and cots; then clean-up, on January 27<sup>th</sup>, involving shelter break-down and washing bed linens.

During December, donation boxes will be placed in the narthex to collect personal care items such as deodorant, travel size hand and body lotion, gloves, socks, soap, toothpaste and brushes, feminine hygiene items, razors, and shampoo and conditioners.

Along with my fellow coordinators, Betty J. and Steve F., we thank you for your support and service. Together we are looking forward to hosting and displaying our genuine PB UMC hospitality in welcoming guests.

Hepatitis-A infections create an additional concern, especially among the populations most at-risk, and among the service providers for these populations. During our final ISN Orientation we were told that to date, no one in the homeless population has refused getting vaccinated. Our case manager will also encourage each shelter guest to get vaccinated. Vaccination is the best safe guard; however, the simple act of washing hands with soap and hot water before eating, preparing, or serving food is equally important.

For questions and inquires please contact Ken at 619-251-5987 or email: [KenB@pbumc.org](mailto:KenB@pbumc.org). Include "PB UMC Interfaith Shelter" in the subject line when sending an email.

## *Celebration of Baptism*

Everyone is invited to the baptism of Erik and Noah S. (grandsons of Malea S., and great-grandsons of Harrell H.) Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm in the sanctuary.

A light lunch will be available in Hughes Hall after the 10:30 service for those that would like to stay for the ceremony. RSVP for lunch with Malea ([maleas@pbumc.org](mailto:maleas@pbumc.org), 858-274-1082)

# Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

When I read studies and articles related to the decline of membership in mainline Protestant denominations, they often lead to explorations of generational differences and ultimately to this question: Where are the Millennials?

Research from Pew Research Center <http://tinyurl.com/hpc3aoq> and <http://tinyurl.com/j84sh8h> shows that Millennials are more and more affiliating as “nones” (persons with no religious affiliation). Additional reading and one-on-one conversations lead to one possible cause: authenticity.

Imagine our Millennial family and friends (those born between 1981 and 1996), raised by thoughtful parents who have passed on hard-earned lessons about critical thinking and making choices for themselves. Is it any wonder that this generation – when faced with religious leaders and others who publicly say one thing while privately doing another – looks with skepticism at organized religion? Our news channels and news feeds abound with people who claim faith and then act in opposition to that same claim.

How can we be believable? How can we show ourselves as authentic human beings and as authentic persons of faith? These are questions that faith leaders continue to wrestle with as we wonder what the future of the Church will be.

One way that I try to be authentic is to be honest about questions and doubts and vulnerabilities because I have all of those. I have them all the time, and I think it's important to be open and transparent when we struggle, when we don't have all the answers, when we're searching.

Because when we are willing to humble ourselves on this journey, I think we find that we don't have to endure the journey alone.

I surely have no business calling myself a Millennial, but I

do share the desire for authenticity. As soon as someone says they have all the answers, as soon as someone says they have the end-all-be-all capital-T Truth, I find myself skeptical and questioning and wondering about motives. I find myself probing for faults and inconsistencies. I doubt.

Perhaps it is this observation about myself that causes me to engage in conversations differently, because I don't think I have the end-all-be-all capital-T Truth. I think that kind of Truth is too big for me to understand, and so I have to describe it in bits and pieces, in fits and starts.

In the words of Kevin Smith's film *Dogma* (my favorite theological film, but don't watch it if you're offended by language), it is an *idea*. I experience this *idea* in my own understandings and perceptions about the world, and I share this *idea* with humility because I think it's an *idea* that's bigger and better than I can possibly explain it. And so I share it with the understanding that I could be getting it wrong, but with the authenticity that I'm learning alongside the rest of humanity.

What would our religious landscape look like if we were open to the *idea* of learning from one another? What would our religious conversations look like if we stopped claiming to have all the answers and instead acknowledged that we have as many questions as the person sitting in the pew (or car or table) next to us?

Let us journey together. Let us understand that in our vulnerabilities and in our questions, we can be authentically trustworthy. Let us be open and transparent in our struggling and in our searching. In this Christ-like humility, I believe we can embody and share the most incredible *idea*.



Pastor Bob

## Welcoming Bishop Grant Hagiya

On Sunday, December 3, 2017, we will welcome Bishop Grant J. Hagiya to preach and lead Holy Communion in both Worship services. Bishop Hagiya has been serving the California-Pacific Annual Conference since 2016, and previously served for 8 years in the Greater Northwest Annual Conference. Before being elected to the Episcopacy, he served as the Senior Pastor at churches in Berkeley, Gardena, and Los Angeles, as well as the Los Angeles District Superintendent.

Please plan to be in Worship on December 3<sup>rd</sup> as we welcome Bishop Grant and begin the Advent season.

# We Care for One Another

## PB UMC Ladies' Lunch

November 18, take a lovely drive over the bridge and join us for lunch at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa: Current & Tides Coastal Kitchen, 2000 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Coronado 92118.

Have you been missing Mary H. lately? She plans to join us! Let's get together to enjoy conversation and an affordable meal at noon. 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. Parking is free.)

RSVP with Dart R., dartr@pbumc.org, or downstairs in the nursery on Sundays.

## Sign-Up for Thanksgiving Turkey Donations

by Chef Ben & Allan A.

Our San Diego Project Grace Thanksgiving meal, with all the trimmings, will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. We have a need for donations of approximately twenty (20) cooked turkeys to serve to our guests. We will also need people to help carve, serve the meal, cut pies, pour drinks, clean-up after the event, and just sit and talk with our guests.

If you are willing to cook a turkey (or two) as a donation, please sign up on the list that will be in the church entry area before and after worship, starting Sunday, October 29.

We ask that the cooked and sliced turkeys be delivered to the church on Sunday, November 19, or Monday morning, November 20. If you are willing to donate a turkey but cannot cook it, please deliver the turkeys no later than Sunday, November 12, so there will be ample thawing time for any that are frozen.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to Chef Ben or the church office.

Thank you for your generosity to our guests!



## Church Conference

Methodism co-founder John Wesley was very organized and methodical. He put some practices of accountability and planning in place that all United Methodist Churches still practice to this day.

Each year we are required to hold a meeting in which church leaders are elected, the membership rolls are reviewed, the pastor's compensation package is approved, and other business matters pertaining to property and assets can be carried out. This year, PB UMC's church conference will be on Sunday, November 19, immediately following the second worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

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# We Grow in Grace & Faith

## November Youth Ministry Activities

Please contact [DeeB@pbumc.org](mailto:DeeB@pbumc.org) if you have questions about any of these activities or our Youth Ministries Program.

### Sunday, November 5

- We will be starting a new topic in Sunday School. Be sure to join us! After church there is a possibility that Dee will need some help going to IKEA to grab lunch and get a shelf unit for the youth area. Then, we will put it together.

### Sunday, November 12

- We will be hosting a Rubio's fundraiser. Invite friends! .

### Sunday, November 19

- Dee will likely be out of town. However, if she is back, we will paint the nursery that week. We will keep everyone posted.

### Wednesday, November 22

- We will need volunteers to help serve dessert at the Project Grace meal.

### Thursday, November 23

- Happy Thanksgiving!

### Sunday, November 26

- TBA.

### Church family.

The youth are in need of a book shelf/storage unit for our games on the stage area. Please let Dee know if you may have something you are willing to donate.



## Breast Cancer Walk

The Susan G. Komen 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk will pass by PB UMC early on the morning of November 19, a Sunday. PB UMC will be decorating with balloons and ribbons, and will post a sign welcoming walkers to use our bathrooms and refill their water bottles. If you have some time before or after the first service, please feel free to cheer for the walkers! This will be their third day of walking twenty miles per day, having started in Del Mar on Friday, November 17.

## Christmas Baskets for Families

PB UMC plans to provide six Christmas gift baskets for low-income families that sign up at Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA). This is your opportunity to share your blessings with others. The gift baskets include non-perishable food and a \$35 Target or Walmart gift card for perishable items so those who are less fortunate can enjoy a more festive Christmas meal. Last year we had a generous collection and were able to donate extra gift cards as well. Let's do it again! You can donate cash in the collection plate (note "Christmas Baskets" on the envelope) or online, or see Hope A. about donating groceries or gift cards. We'll assemble the baskets after second service on Sunday, December 10. For more information and a list of recommended groceries, see <http://www.ccsasandiego.org>.



## Bible Study Group "Covenants With God"

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

### **An Everlasting Covenant**

The readings for November are:

- November 5, God's Conditional Covenant, Numbers 25:10-18
- November 12, Promise of a New Covenant, Jeremiah 31:27-84
- November 19, High Priest of the New Covenant, Hebrews 12:18-29
- November 26, God's True Covenant People, 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

# We Reach Out to Others

## Second Sunday Concert



**Sunday, November 12, 2017**  
2:00 pm in the PB UMC Sanctuary  
Directed by Jim Tompkins-MacLaine  
Assistant Conductor: John Nettles  
Accompanied by Rodney Girvin

## Youth Fundraiser at Rubio's

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. After worship please join us for a youth fundraiser lunch at Rubio's on Grand Avenue. Pick up a flyer in the church entryway and hand it to the cashier so that Rubio's will donate 20% of your pretax purchase to PB UMC Youth. Then come back to church for the 2:00 pm Second Sunday concert with Pacific Coast Chorale. You can also use the flyer for dine-in or take-out orders from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. that Sunday.

Rubio's Coastal Grill 858-270-4800  
910 Grand Avenue San Diego CA, 92109

## October Concert in Review

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Our Second Sunday Concert in October was a very special event. The star of the show, Stephanie J., is one of our amazing Voices of Praise. She brought two stars to join her: Laura W., one of our talented pianists who accompanies the Voices of Praise, and another Voices of Praise member, Erin V. Erin, a good friend, brought Stephanie to our church and got her interested in joining the choir. Stephanie sang a wide variety of songs for us. We heard sensational classical songs and amazing musical theater songs.

After the concert, I talked to other attendees, who obviously also enjoyed the concert. I sat down and chatted with Amy and Rodger B., who were very enthusiastic in their comments. "We truly enjoyed this Second Sunday concert. It was especially nice to hear Stephanie, one of our own, share her talents with us. It was a wonderful hour listening to some beautiful music. We only wish more folks had taken in such a wonderful musical event. It was so special. We were able to go for a nice lunch after the 10:30 service and make it back for the 2:00 pm concert. We definitely will be back for more!"

I love our Second Sunday Concerts. I certainly recommend you attend them. They are both fun and inspirational. You might make November 12<sup>th</sup> a very special day by attending church, enjoying the Youth Fundraiser lunch, and then coming back to be inspired by another concert.

## Knock, Knock...

Who's there? Carol. Carol who? Carol-ers! Yep, that's right, it's that time again. Yay, I can't believe it! Next month we gather together to share Christmas cheer around the neighborhood and beyond. This year, on December 17, we are doing something different to allow each caroler to celebrate longer if they want to. We meet *at the parsonage* (If you need directions, please ask!), and head out from there. After raising our voices, and the spirits of countless spectators, we return to the parsonage to share Christmas cheer together, courtesy of our pastoral family, the Rhodes.

### Here's what you need to know:

- ★ Meet at 5:00 pm at the parsonage.
- ★ We will have at least one van available (maybe two) and ride together.
- ★ Seats are limited so PLEASE sign-up with "Doc" (Lynn) for transportation planning.
- ★ We should be back at the parsonage by 7:00 pm or so.
- ★ You are invited to stay past when the van departs, thanks to the hospitality of our generous hosts.
- ★ RSVP to "Doc," or if you have questions, by email at [laughagain@cox.net](mailto:laughagain@cox.net)
- ★ Have a wonder-filled time!



# Circle of Support

## September 2017 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
September giving	\$23,550	\$17,761
September other sources of income	\$10,103	\$6,495
September total available for ministry	\$33,653	\$24,256
September expended in ministry	\$33,653	\$28,878
September income minus expenses	\$0	(\$4,622)
YTD giving	\$211,949	\$184,225
YTD other sources of income	\$90,921	\$95,931
YTD total available for ministry	\$302,870	\$280,156
YTD expended in ministry	\$302,870	\$293,442
YTD income minus expenses	\$0	(\$13,286)
Year 2017 budget	\$403,818	

### Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

October 1 – 160 persons  
 October 8 – 119 persons  
 October 15 – 142 persons  
 October 22 – 147 persons  
 October 29 – 140 persons  
 Avg. Weekly (2017) – 159 persons

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

September 27 – 158 persons  
 October 4 – 154 persons  
 October 11 – 113 persons  
 October 18 – 142 persons  
 October 25 – 135 persons

## Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

Though we hope for an increase in giving, which we typically see during the holidays, it seems clear we will end 2017 having spent more than we received. Your Finance Team is hard at work setting a balanced budget for 2018. This will likely require both generous giving and some painful spending cuts. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for next year and turn in your cards if you haven't done so already. Please also take note of the information about separating specified giving from giving for the general ministries of the church. All giving is sincerely appreciated, and we find it helpful to separate these categories in order to create an accurate budget.

## November Communion Offering

The World Service Fund of The United Methodist Church makes our Christian outreach possible. The UMC is sharing the love of Jesus with those who hunger for it and shepherding those who've already felt it. Through the World Service Fund we're building leaders, and ministering among the poor. We reflect a healing touch as we battle disease and fight to improve global health, all through the World Service Fund.

## Thanksgiving and the Church Office

Aimee is taking vacation over the Thanksgiving holiday, so the Church office will be closed from Monday, November 20 through Friday, November 24. She returns on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and regular office hours will resume then. The office will be open for very limited hours on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, noon to 3:00 pm, and on Tuesday, November 21, from 8:30 am to 10 am.

The phones and the email will be monitored at least once a day, so if you need to contact the office, please use these methods.

### CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes  
 Sojourning Pastor: The Rev Christopher Carter, PhD  
 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

Wed, Nov 1 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:00 pm, Books, Movie, and Writing Club  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 Thurs, Nov 2 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Nov 3 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Nov 4 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai



## Week 2

Sun, Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 Worship, Communion  
 Youth Sunday School (p.4)  
 Mon, Nov 6 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, Nov 8 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, Nov 9 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Nov 10 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Nov 11 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai

## Week 3

Sun, Nov 12 Worship  
 Youth, Fundraiser at Rubio's (p.4)  
 2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (p.5)  
 Mon, Nov 13 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Nov 14 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting  
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting  
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee  
 Wed, Nov 15 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 Thurs, Nov 16 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Nov 17 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Nov 18 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai  
 Noon, Ladies Lunch in Coronado (p.3)

## Week 4

Sun, Nov 19 Worship  
 PB UMC Charge Conference  
 Youth Paint Party (p.4)  
 Mon, Nov 20 Church Office Closed through Nov. 28 (p.6)  
 December *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, Nov 22 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace [Youth Serve dessert (p.4)]  
 Shiley EyeMobile  
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry  
 Thurs, Nov 23 Thanksgiving  
 Fri, Nov 24 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Nov 25 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai

## Week 5

Sun, Nov 26 Worship  
 Youth Activity TBA (p.4)  
 Mon, Nov 27 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Nov 28 9:00 am, December *Beach Breeze* Folding Party  
 Wed, Nov 29 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace

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# We Love and Worship God

## November Scriptures

Nov 5, Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Nov 12, Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Nov 19, Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 26, Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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## MEET OUR SOJOURNING PASTOR: DR. CHRISTOPHER CARTER

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

This month I got the opportunity to chat with Pastor Christopher Carter, PhD, our assistant pastor and an assistant professor of theology at University of San Diego (USD).

He told me he chose PB UMC as his conference church because of Pastor Bob. I asked him how he knew Pastor Bob. "Bob and I went to seminary together. I got to pick a church to conference with because I am a provisional elder. It is volunteer work. I don't get paid, but it is something I want to do."

What made him decide to become a pastor? "I had some of the same doubts Bob did when I realized I wanted to be a pastor. I was a youth group leader getting my bachelor's degree. Even as a young child I had a love for church and a love for learning about theology. But, I was scared when I felt the call to be a pastor. I was afraid of how it might affect my marriage. When I told my wife, she asked me if I was sure, suggesting I think about getting some counsel from other clergy. I told her, 'No, God really has called me.' Her encouragement while I was in graduate school helped me to excel in ways I'd never excelled in before."

When I asked him how he was handling the two assignments, he answered, "When teaching, I want my students each to leave the classroom as a better person. When preaching, I want you to leave the church as a more informed and virtuous person. Those positions are not really different; they just have a different audience."

I was disappointed that his wife, Gabrielle, couldn't join us. He told me, "She is a veterinarian in her internship year, and she works about 60 hours a week." When we finished our conversation, we decided to have a similar one in a year. At that time, Gabrielle will join us. So, look forward to "Meet Our Drs. Christopher and Gabrielle" next year.

For more information on his jobs, check out [www.pbumc.org/people/christopher-carter](http://www.pbumc.org/people/christopher-carter) and [www.sandiego.edu/cas/theology/faculty-and-staff/biography.php?profileid=840](http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/theology/faculty-and-staff/biography.php?profileid=840).



Christopher and Gabrielle Carter