



# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

February 2018

## *Neighborhood Cleanup Event*

The Pacific Beach Street Guardians, in collaboration with St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church, St. Brigid Parish, PB Christian Church, and PB United Methodist Church, have organized a Neighborhood Cleanup Event, Saturday, February 17th. Meet at the Pacific Beach Library at 9am (to noon),

Invite your family, friends, group, or team! Gloves, bags, and cleaning equipment will be provided, or you can bring your own. Wear a hat and sunscreen!

Pacific Beach Street Guardians is a non-profit that function as a social enterprise. We hire neighbors who are experiencing homelessness to:

- ⇒ Care for the streets, sidewalks, and beaches of our community
- ⇒ Perform janitorial/custodial work for local businesses, organizations, and residents
- ⇒ Provide event services (set up/take down)

As a social enterprise, PBSG offers much more than a job - we provide pride, pride, purpose, stability, dignity a path to self-sufficiency, and hope!

## *Second Sunday Concerts*



Brace yourselves for three amazing Second Sunday Concerts. On February 11, 2018, our own Brenda Martin will be live in concert in the Sanctuary at 2:00 pm. The 50 minute concert will feature the Jazz Stylings of Brenda's amazing fluency at the keyboard. Special guests will be present to augment her marvelous jazz techniques. You won't want to miss this concert.

In March, we will be featuring the keyboard magic of Rodney Girvin, former PBUMC pianist and current organist at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego. Rodney will play both the piano and organ in this concert featuring a wide variety of great classical music.

Our April concert will showcase a One Woman Cabaret by Erin Vanderhyde. Erin is our fabulous alto soloist. Her program will tell the compelling story of her journey through music featuring pop and show tunes. I have seen and heard this show and it is spectacular.

Mark your calendar now for our Second Sunday Concerts!!!

# Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear friends...

This month's Printed Blog is from an Editorial submitted to our local Beach & Bay Press to further community dialogue related to persons in our community experiencing homelessness and to publicize our upcoming movie screening of Tony.

Just recently in the middle of January I received some great news. A few weeks prior, I had been made aware of a young family who had recently moved to the Pacific Beach neighborhood with their two young children. Shortly after arriving, promises of work fell through, and they found themselves struggling to make ends meet and were at risk of losing the roof over their heads. The great news I received was an update that they had found shelter, qualified for housing assistance, and were beginning new jobs. My heart was warmed!

As a Pastor in a Church that serves a free meal to anyone who is hungry, I hear too many heart-breaking stories. While escaping homelessness – or the risk of homelessness – is certainly not uncommon, I wish these successes could be celebrated even more often.

It is fair to say that every resident in Pacific Beach is acutely aware of the increasing number of persons experiencing homelessness in this beautiful community. Non-profit organizations and churches providing services see increased need, and residents and business owners see more and more people in parks and along beaches and at intersections. In many cases, there is anger at seeing people in our neighborhoods asking for money or in need of showers. A few of the people experiencing homelessness have reached such desperation that they have turned to alcohol and other escapes, and even to theft. As a fellow resident, I understand that the anger expressed is because people want to feel comfortable and safe in their neighborhoods.

While petitions have been circulated and flyers have been distributed offering simple-sounding solutions, I would suggest that the increasing number of persons experiencing homelessness is not a simple problem. In the relationships that I have built over the last several years, every single person has a different reason for being in the situation in which they find themselves; and as such, the journey to escape homelessness will be different for each individual.

The beautiful thing about this fantastic community is that we are capable of tackling this complex problem. Having lived in several different regions of this country, I find Pacific Beach remarkable. This neighborhood is creative and resili-

ent and intelligent and determined and caring! There are dedicated members of this community already working together to find creative solutions that balance care for persons experiencing homelessness with the need to keep our neighborhoods safe. This remarkable community can achieve this!

Pacific Beach Clean & Safe and Pacific Beach United Methodist Church are offering a free screening of *Tony – The Movie* on February 6, 2018, at 6:30pm at Pacific Beach UMC. The screening outlines one man's experience of homelessness in San Diego and his quest for a solution as he interviews officials and activists. After the movie will be a Q&A with filmmakers and how local organizations are responding to the increased need.



Come to learn more about the complex challenge of homelessness in Pacific Beach and how we can work together toward creative solutions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bob'.



# We Care for One Another



- 1 – Cathy Nolin
- 2 – Joey Samuel
- 5 – Eric Daly
- 7 – Bob Hall
- 12 – Steve Frank
- 13 – Beth Rhodes
- 14 – Orin Gentner
- 16 – Tyler Steven Trimble
- 17 – Rusty Trimble

Note: If you would prefer not to have your birthday published in the print version of *Beach Breeze*, simply notify the church office

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## Ladies Lunch & Beading Workshop

Our February ladies' event includes lunch at World Famous followed by a beading workshop at Beads and More on Saturday, February 17. Join us for one or both events. Meet at World Famous, 711 Pacific Beach Drive at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. You can park once underground at Beads and More, 4150 Mission Boulevard, San Diego, for both lunch and workshop. If you do, bring a debit or credit card for payment. At 2:00 p.m. we'll make cool stuff at Beads and More—necklaces, bracelets, earrings, or??? Owner Julia will have just returned from a national beading convention and she promises lots of new inventory. Space is limited to about 12 people for the beading workshop. Cost is \$2.00 plus whatever materials you use. Please RSVP on Evite or contact the church office to reserve a space. For info, see Hope A. or Dart R.

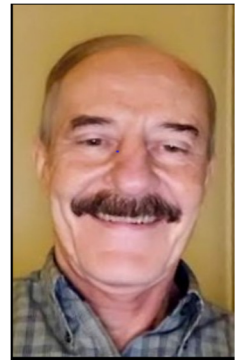


## New Hospitality Coordinator

We are please to announce Ray McCune has taken over as Hospitality Coordinator. Ray joined PB UMC in 2017 and joined the hospitality team at the same time. Please welcome Ray when you see him next. Also the hospitality schedule currently has one opening to be filled for the 2nd Sunday after the 2nd service each month. If you know of anyone interested in service, please have them contact Ray.

Scott and I have enjoyed our time serving in this role. We're certain Ray will also, and know that this ministry is in good hands.

Rick Cook & Scott Caprio



# TITHE.LY

PB UMC has transitioned to a new way of receiving digital gifts. Using [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly), members can give online through our website or even using a dedicated app (iOS and Android). This can be used for one-time gifts, designated funds, and even setting up a recurring donation. To find out more or to get started, visit [pbumc.org/give!](http://pbumc.org/give!)

# We Grow in Grace & Faith

## February 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, February 4

- Enjoy the Superbowl!

### Tuesday, February 6

- 6 pm, if possible come watch the movie "Tony"

### Sunday, February 11

- Youth Bake Sale

### Tuesday, February 13

- Maunday (Fat) Tuesday dinner. Come to the church for dinner and kick off Lent.

### Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday and Happy Valentine's Day

### Sunday, February 18

- to be announced

### Sunday, February 25

- Please save this late afternoon to host other youth groups at PBUMC



## Maunday (Fat) Tuesday

Please join us for a pancake dinner at church on Tuesday, February 13 any time between 5:00 and 7:00 PM. There will be yummy pancakes and toppings to enjoy. We will also have information about the tradition of the celebration, Ash Wednesday and ways to prepare for Easter during Lent. There will also be a "photo booth" area. We will collect donations to help offset the cost, but there is not a set price for dinner.

Hope to have you celebrate with us!

Dee and Pastor Bob



## Bible Study Group "Faith in Action"

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

### Self-Controlled, Upright, and Godly Faith

The readings for February are:

- February 4, Faith Without Works Is Dead, James 2:14-26
- February 11, A Disciplined Faith, James 3:1-12
- February 18, Faithful Disciples, Acts 9:36-43
- February 25, The Good Fight of Faith, 1 Timothy 6:11-21

## We Reach Out to Others

### *Interfaith Shelter Network*

This year our guests were with us from January 13th to January 27th. The group included four women and eight children between the ages of 3 months and 14. It was a great group and they were very grateful for our help.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Shelter a success. We wouldn't have been able to do this without the help of so many of our PB UMC family as well as help from PB Christian Church and La Jolla UMC.

Ken Brown, Steve Frank and Betty Johnstone



Camp Cedar Glen provides a unique experience for our youth who attend. We offer Summer Camps specially designed for Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High students. Each program allows each camper to grow in interpersonal skills where they are able to open in shared dialogue with their small group, escape the busyness of their schedule by engaging in nature, and strengthen their faith by participating in our curriculum created with United Methodists in mind.

Come Grow, Engage, and Participate This Summer!

Younger Elementary 2018: June 17-20  
Older Elementary 2018: June 17-23  
Junior High Camp 2018: July 8-14  
Senior High Camp 2018: July 15-21

Registration for Summer 2018 is now open: <https://calpaccamps.campbrainregistration.com>. Talk to Dee Baraw if your family needs to ask about camp scholarships!

### *Confirmation Class*

We are getting ready to start Confirmation Class for 8th and 9th grade (or older) students. Confirmation is an important step in a teens spiritual journey. It gives youth the opportunity to respond to the grace of God available to them and allows them the chance to make the promise to live as a person of faith. For more information about this particular class or to sign up, please contact Dee Baraw, [DeeB@pbumc.org](mailto:DeeB@pbumc.org).



# Circle of Support

## December 2017 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
December giving	\$23,547	\$43,569
December other sources of income	\$10,102	\$9,877
December total available for ministry	\$33,649	\$53,446
December expended in ministry	\$33,649	\$30,126
December income minus expenses	\$0	\$23,320
YTD giving	\$282,593	\$272,233
YTD other sources of income	\$121,225	\$121,427
YTD total available for ministry	\$403,818	\$393,660
YTD expended in ministry	\$403,818	\$394,291
YTD income minus expenses	\$0	(\$631)
Year 2017 budget	\$403,818	

## Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

Thanks to generous giving in December, we nearly broke even for the year. Expenses and income were each about \$10,000 below budget. Thanks to your prayers, hard work, your generosity, we had a successful financial year. Well done!

The Administrative Council has just approved our 2018 budget. Departing from recent practice, the Finance Team submitted a budget with a deficit of several thousand dollars. Based on experience of the last few years, we discounted the pledged income in the budget, though we still hope to receive the full amount. We also budgeted a 5% pay cut for staff, as submitted by the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). An anticipated savings in health insurance may allow us to restore full pay and also contribute about \$500 to the bottom line. This insurance item is not included in the budget due to uncertainty. So we ask for your continued prayers, hard work, and generosity in 2018.

### Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

December 24 – 374 persons  
 December 31 – 97 persons  
 January 7 – 156 persons  
 January 14 – 146 persons  
 January 21 – 152 persons  
 January 28 – 131 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 146 persons

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

December 27 – 125 persons  
 January 3 – 147 persons  
 January 10 – 129 persons  
 January 17 – 150 persons  
 January 24 – 137 persons

## February Communion Offering: Human Relations Day

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.” Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas’ poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, AR
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work.

Human Relations Day offerings strengthens community outreach and empowers at-risk youth. Help make a difference for God’s children everywhere!

### 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

Thurs, Feb 1 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Feb 2 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Feb 3 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at  
 PB UMC Lanai



## Week 2

Sun, Feb 4 Worship & Communion  
 Mon, Feb 5 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Feb 6 6:30 pm, "Tony - the Movie" (pg 2)  
 Wed, Feb 7 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, Feb 8 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Feb 9 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Feb 10 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at  
 PB UMC Lanai



## Week 3

Sun, Feb 11 Worship, Youth Bake Sale  
 2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (pg 1)  
 Mon, Feb 12 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Feb 13 5:00 pm, Fat Tuesday dinner (pg 4)  
 Wed, Feb 14 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, Feb 15 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Feb 16 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Feb 17 9:00 am, Neighborhood Cleanup (pg 1)  
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at  
 PB UMC Lanai  
 12:30 pm, Ladies Lunch & Beading (pg 3)  
 Workshop (pg 3)



## Week 4

Sun, Feb 18 Worship  
 Mon, Feb 19 March *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Feb 20 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting  
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting  
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee  
 Wed, Feb 21 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 Thurs, Feb 22 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, Feb 23 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Feb 24 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at  
 PB UMC Lanai



## Week 5

Sun, Feb 25 Worship  
 PB UMC Youth host District Youth  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Mon, Feb 26 9 am, March *Beach Breeze* Folding Party  
 Tues, Feb 27 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 Wed, Feb 28 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry

# We Love and Worship God

## February Scriptures

**February 4, 2018**

Mark 1:29-39  
"Rise Up"



**February 11, 2018**

Mark 9:2-9  
"Changes:"

**February 18, 2018**     **Lenten Series: Rehab**

Mark 1:9-15  
"Wilderness"

**February 25, 2018**

Mark 8:31-38  
"Intervention"  
Pastor Christopher preaching

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## Meet A Voice Of Praise: Martin Saunders

by Roving Reporter Marcia Mengel

I recently spent time with Voices of Praise member Martin Saunders. We had a fun time getting to know each other. Martin moved to San Diego in 1997 for a change in life and scenery. He started attending PB UMC shortly after that. "On my second Sunday at PB UMC, a couple of choir members chatted with me telling me I should join Voices of Praise. They told me that the church is like a family and the choir is a family within that family."

When I asked him what it meant to him to be in the choir, he told me, "My father was a music director at a church and my high school and I was involved in both choirs back then. So, I was open to joining the Voices of Praise. It is so much more than I expected. Ron encourages us to learn so much and to stretch our limits. Prior to joining, I had not performed on stage in many years, and by Christmas of that first year, I was cast as a singing, dancing wise man!"

Moving to San Diego was an opportunity for change for Martin. When he moved here, he went back to school to get a teaching credential, and since 1999 has an elementary school teacher at Camp Pendleton. "In Atlanta I worked as a tax accountant. I sat in an office all day. Now I'm moving around the classroom all day teaching elementary students. I get constant contact with unpredictable children knowing I am having a good influence. Elementary school turned out to be a good choice for me. I didn't want to be a yelling teacher like some I had. I feel like I'm doing a good job."

When I asked Martin if he had anything else he'd like to share with us he told me, "When I was 12, my cousins lived in Panama and my dad decided to drive the 2 of us down there to see them. That trip through parts of the US, Mexico, and Central America got me interested in traveling to other countries. Since then, I've gotten to travel a lot to a lot of foreign countries. In fact, I just spent a week of last year's Christmas break in Singapore. That was a fascinating trip."

While the future for Martin obviously involves more spectacular trips, we are very lucky to have this fun and talented guy as part of our church and choir. I hope you get the opportunity to chat with him, too.

