



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

March 2018



HOLY WEEK 2018

In our prayerful journey through the season of Lent, we have been exploring ways that we might take time to reflect, take stock of our spiritual condition, and realign our lives. In doing so this year, we are approaching the Lenten season within the frame of rehab, understanding that there is much to explore and much to learn. We do this not only in remembrance of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, but also to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

On Sunday, March 25, we will celebrate Palm Sunday, beginning our worship gathering in our courtyard and processing (walking together) into the Sanctuary together as we sing and wave palm branches. The message will focus on Jesus' traditional procession into Jerusalem before the Passover holiday. As always, our worship services will begin at 9:00 am and at 10:30 am.



Good Friday falls on March 30, when the church will be open from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm for an exploration of the meaning of Good Friday for each of us as unique persons of faith. Suitable for persons of all ages and abilities, stations of interactive prayer and learning will be available for participants to explore at an individual pace.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, those who are willing to greet the beginning of the new day – experienced by some as a resurrection moment – will gather at Crown Point Park on Mission Bay for a sunrise service beginning at 6:00 am.



Back at 1561 Thomas Ave, Worship services will take place as usual in the sanctuary at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. The Easter Egg Hunt for children will begin in the courtyard at 10:00 am.

Easter is a celebration of hope and new life. All are welcome to join in thoughtful reflection, prayer, community, worship, and celebration.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog



Dear friends...

Although this newsletter arrives in early March, I write this section just a day before the first Sunday in Lent. In our Christian tradition, this is a season that we take each year to reflect and to refocus our spirit on our Creator.

Among the ways that Christians sometimes refocus is through giving something up, such as red meat, soda, candy, or carbs. Others may take something on—prayer, devotional practice, small group study . . . Last year, I listed several ways PB UMC members might participate in these kinds of practices, and this list may be helpful today. It can be found on our church website at this link: https://www.pbumc.org/pastors_blog/2017/03/lent-2017/.

I would also invite you to make an intentional choice to participate in our Worship gatherings during this season as we explore Lent through the lens of Rehab, using a source from the UMC's Discipleship Ministries website. Rehab is a word that can refer to many different things, ranging from health (cognitive rehab, wildlife rehab, drug rehab, occupational rehab, physical rehab, psychiatric rehab, vision rehab, vocational rehab) to politics (restoration of disgraced politicians) to home improvement (*Rehab Addict!*). In general, the word *rehabilitate* means to restore to a condition of good health, ability to work, to restore to good condition or operation, or to restore a person's reputation.

This observance of Lent is a time to seek restoration for our lives. It is a time to reflect, take stock of our spiritual condition, and realign our lives. This is a practice that is important whether we are new to our faith or are lifelong Christians. To put it bluntly, we all have work to do.

Guided by Scripture as outlined in the Revised Common Lectionary, the full Lenten season will include the following themes (including those from last month):

- ✠ Wilderness – 2/18
- ✠ Intervention – 2/25
- ✠ Program – 3/4✠
- ✠ Promise – 3/18

Of course, this will lead us to Palm Sunday where we will celebrate Worship with a traditional procession, including the waving of palms. More detail on this and all of our Holy Week events can be found on the front page of this newsletter. This leads us to Easter, and what a wonderful coincidence it is that we celebrate Easter on April Fools Day!

As it turns out, the entire Lenten season is bookended in holidays that remind us to love one another. While some see April Fools Day as a time of practical jokes, we may recognize that the vast majority of this joking is done in the spirit of joy and love.

And of course, we began the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday as it fell on Valentine's Day. One of the early saints for whom the day is named is remembered for performing weddings for people forbidden to marry, and for ministering to people who were outcast. Indeed, these are acts of love!

This Lenten season, I invite you to take the opportunity to reflect and realign. I invite you to dedicate yourself to a time of restoration to spiritual health. This time of preparation can help us to be more fully aligned with the image of God in which we have been created. Let us journey together.



Pastor Bob

We Care for One Another

PB UMC Ladies' Lunch

Join us for yummy baked goods, delicious coffee or tea, and fantastic conversation, Saturday March 24, at 9:30 am. We'll meet at 85°C Bakery Cafe in Clairemont, 5575 Balboa Ave, Ste 330, San Diego, CA.

This is a Ladies' group favorite! Weather permitting, we'll sit outside.

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



We Get Thanks

Thank you letters to our congregation have been received from:

The General Board of Global Ministries for our December 2017 contribution of over \$1400 to for Disaster Response.

Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) for donations over \$800 to provide a number of services to people in need in San Diego County. Those served include low income families, the homeless, seniors, singles, couples, and people with special needs.

Help Wanted: TechArts Team

We need more folks for our TechArts team. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Joe P. If you have experience in these fields, great. If not, don't worry, we will train you.

The TechArts team is a fun group, dedicated to ensuring the technical aspects of our church services are well done. We need folks in the following areas:

- ★ Sound: Our Sound Engineers manage the sound system during each service. Tasks include ensuring the best mix of instruments and vocals, and making sure microphones are on (and off) at the right times.
- ★ Live Stream: Our Live Stream techies broadcast our second service online. The live stream is drawn from two cameras with a direct sound feed from the sound system.

Early Response Team Training

March 10, 2018, First UMC of San Diego, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.
A \$40 fee includes materials, light lunch and snacks, and Safe Gatherings training, with background checks provided by UMCOR.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) sponsors Early Response Teams (ERTs) to fill specific needs in the early days after a disaster, such as cleaning out damaged homes, removing debris, laying tarps, and helping to prevent further damage, while providing a caring Christian presence. To be eligible, you must take the 8 hour Basic Class ERT.

For more information: <http://www.calpacumc.org/event/ert-training-san-diego-2018/>

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

March Youth Ministry Activities

Please contact DeeB@pbumc.org if you have questions about any of these activities or our Youth Ministries Program.

Friday, March 2- Sunday, March 4

- Bishop Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, March 11

- Noon-2:00 pm, UMYF meet
- 2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 18

- 4:00 pm, Meet at PB UMC to go to Santee for District Youth Live Action Clue. Cost: \$5 for dinner.

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

- Confirmation Class — Time TBA

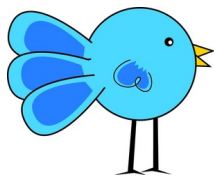
March 26-30

- Spring Break Youth Activities. Let Dee know if you are in town that week.

March 30

- Good Friday Activity at church.

April 1 Easter



Please save Sunday, April 22nd for a Families and Children Game Night, beginning at 4:00 pm. You'll find more details in the April issue of *Beach Breeze*. See me, Malea, or Dee for questions and suggestions.

Sunday School News

by Malea S.

Here is a great message from blogger Jan Edmiston:

"Apart from the whole salvation, Biblical literacy, 'learning how to be a good person' arguments for being part of a church - which I could argue here but won't for now - community is one of the best reasons for wanting our kids and everyone to be part of a spiritual congregation. People come together who would never be at the same party or live on the same block or work in the same offices.

Relationships are what move us. Our relationships with each other and with God. And good relationships move us outward to notice the world and others, as we have been noticed."

Doesn't that make you proud to be part of the church we are a part of? We definitely provide a diverse community for our children to be a part of. We model wonderful relationships that move them outward into the world. Thank you all for being a part of these young ones' lives!

Save the Date!

by Vicki T.

Bible Study Group

"Acknowledging God"

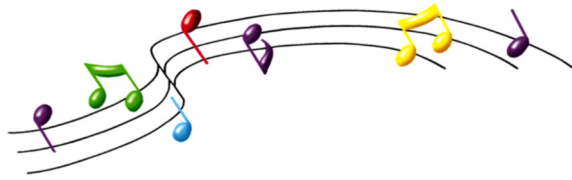
The Sunday morning Bible Study group continues during the month of March. Join them any Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Lanai.

Follow in My Ways

The readings for March are:

- March 4, The Lord Will Provide, Genesis 22:1-3, 6-14
- March 11, There Is No God Like You, 2 Chronicles 6:12-21
- March 18, The People Give Thanks to God, 2 Chronicles 7:1-9
- March 25, Keep My Statutes and Ordinances, 2 Chronicles 7:12-22

We Reach Out to Others



March 11 Second Sunday Concert With Rodney G.

by Ron Jessee

On March 11, 2018, former PB UMC pianist Rodney G. will present a keyboard concert at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Mr. G., a gifted pianist and talented organist, will play a 60 minute concert that will feature both the Allen Digital Computer Organ and the Kawai Piano.

Rodney is a native San Diegan who studied with Ronald Morebello of the Kensington Trio and Dr. Raymond Herbert at the University of Missouri. You will be thrilled at his keyboard stylings and will not want to miss this opportunity to hear and see one of San Diego's finest musicians.

Invite a friend, and plan lunch in the beach area after the second service. It will be an amazing afternoon.



February Second Sunday Concert Review

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Sunday, February 11, was our first Second Sunday Concert of 2018. Music Director Ron Jessee introduced the program as a jazz concert by Brenda M., who accompanies our choir on the piano once a month.

Brenda, with guitarist Ian P. C. and bass player Jerome S., performed amazingly up-lifting music. One number, *Ocean Blues*, is a beautiful piece Brenda wrote about her husband, who has blue eyes. From his seat in the audience, he claimed he didn't know it was written about him.

Brenda performed a piano solo titled, *Here's That Rainy Day*. She and her group followed that with *Summer Night*, intended to help us escape from the bitter cold of winter!

A talented pianist and singer, Brenda sang *What Is This Thing Called Love?* The group closed with *Night Train*. The audience and the musicians obviously enjoyed themselves!

What a fun concert! I was not ready for it to end, but after it did, I spoke to 3 guys who shared their feelings:

Wesley J.: "My ears digested vivacious melodies today! Sound bites so tasty, it's food for the soul." Mark B.:

"I always enjoy listening to Brenda's jazz-inspired improvisations when she plays on Sundays, so it was a treat to hear a full concert featuring her on piano with co-artists! I heard Brenda in concert a few months ago. Today's concert was more intimate and a lot of fun. Thanks, Brenda, for sharing your talents with us!" Ken B.: "I enjoy jazz, and always enjoy Brenda when she plays during our worship services. Today, I was equally impressed by Brenda's vocal abilities. It was a delightful treat to hear the trio ensemble. I am always supportive of the fun Second Sunday concerts at PB UMC."

This was an incredible concert. Everyone loved it.

Circle of Support

January 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
January giving	\$22,893	\$18,897
January other sources of income	\$15,888	\$15,862
January total available for ministry	\$38,781	\$34,759
January expended in ministry	\$35,007	\$35,035
January income minus expenses	\$3,774	(\$276)
YTD giving	\$22,893	\$18,897
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Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

February 4 – 175 persons
February 11 – 143 persons
February 18 – 161 persons
February 25 – 111 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 147 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

January 31 – 145 persons
February 7 – 151 persons
February 14 – 135 persons
February 21 – 148 persons

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

January expenses are at budget, and income minus expenses are close to zero. Giving income is below budget, which is typical for January. We budget giving income evenly each month, though Easter and Christmas giving are notably higher. We've changed our "other sources of income" budget to reflect the timing of annual and quarterly draws from our legacy endowments. We hope this will smooth the budget variances somewhat and make it easier to interpret them.

March Communion Offering:

United Methodist Committee on Relief

Whether a tornado, tsunami, epidemic, or other disaster, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to respond to those in desperate need around the globe, without regard to race, religion or gender.

Because of your generous giving to UMCOR (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) we, together, are able to reach children, families, and communities who have experienced devastation. We act as the arms and legs of Christ's church.

Your generous giving allows UMCOR to respond when disaster strikes.

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, Mar 1 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Mar 2 Youth, Bishop Confirmation Retreat (p.4)
 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Mar 3 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
 PB UMC Lanai



Our Children in Worship
 Photo by Su-Yen K.

Week 2

Sun, Mar 4 Worship & Communion
 Youth Sunday School
 Mon, Mar 5 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Mar 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, Mar 8 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Mar 9 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Mar 10 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
 PB UMC Lanai



February 17, 2018 Ladies Event
 Photo by Dee B.

Week 3

Sun, Mar 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 Worship
 Noon, UMYF Meets (p.4)
 2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (p.5)
 4:00 pm, Youth Confirmation Class
 Mon, Mar 12 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Mar 13 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee
 Wed, Mar 14 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Mar 15 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Mar 16 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Mar 17 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
 PB UMC Lanai

Week 4

Sun, Mar 18 Worship
 4:00 pm Youth Meet (p.4)
 Mon, Mar 19 March *Beach Breeze* Deadline
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Mar 21 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
 Thurs, Mar 22 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Mar 23 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Mar 24 9:30 am, Ladies Lunch (p. 3)
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
 PB UMC Lanai

Week 5

Sun, Mar 25 Worship — Palm Sunday
 TBA — Youth Confirmation Class (p.4)
 Mon, Mar 26 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Mar 27 9:30 am, March *Beach Breeze*
 Folding Party
 Wed, Mar 28 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
 Thurs, Mar 29 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Mar 30 Good Friday
 Youth Activity (p.4)
 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Mar 31 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
 PB UMC Lanai

We Love and Worship God

March Scriptures

Rehab

March 4, 2018

“Program” Exodus 20:1-17

March 11, 2018

“Recovery” John 3:14-18

March 18, 2018

“Promise” Jeremiah 31:31-34

Holy Week: Love Leads the Way

March 25, 2018—Palm Sunday

“A Physical Protest” Mark 11:1-11

April 1, 2018—Easter Sunday

“Living Beyond” Mark 16:1-8, Romans 6:3-11

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Meet One Of Our Techies: Joe P.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I recently had a fun conversation getting to know Joe P., our Sound and Technology Coordinator. Joe told me he has been coming to PB UMC for about 8 years. “I graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1993. I met Ron Jessee when he taught Drama and StageCraft there. I left the area shortly after graduating, but moved back in 2008. Ron and Louis were instrumental in helping me 'land' back in San Diego, and Ron quickly dragged me into the Christmas program. I started attending regularly after that, and very soon became the church’s Sound and Technology Coordinator. I oversee sound engineering, live streaming, and lighting. Ron and I discussed what to call the group and we decided upon ‘TechArts’.” The TechArts team works in the booth at the back of the church.

Joe told me he really enjoys what he is doing. “For Sound Engineering we control the mix of instruments and vocals, making sure the right microphones are on at the right time (and, of course, off at the right time) and there is a proper balance between the instruments and the choir.”

“Ron and I discussed the possibility of generating a live stream for members who cannot always attend church in person. We proposed the idea to Pastor Bob. He thought it was a great idea, and went along with getting it started. Live Stream now streams 2nd service every Sunday. Pat and Lea Ann W. generously donated most of the equipment to make it possible.”

One other thing Joe has done recently is design the new tech booth. “Our former work area was on just a couple of tables behind the last pew. We would have to stand up and move our chairs whenever people needed to get by. Our new booth fills our growing needs. We have more room for our equipment and a better view of the sanctuary, with fewer interruptions. It makes it easier for us to fulfill the church needs.”

Joe and his team do a lot for us. But, it turns out, his team needs some additional members. Please consider becoming a member of the team. Refer to page 3 for a description of these jobs.

