



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

April 2018

Tony- the Movie: What's Next?

by Hope A.



February 6 screening of Tony — The Movie
Photo by Andie LaComb

We had a packed house for the February 6, 2018, screening of Tony—the Movie. The message of “housing first,” as a proven strategy to reduce homelessness calls for action here in San Diego. Available housing is a major limiting factor.

There will be local measures on the November ballot to fund affordable housing construction. These measures affect unhoused people directly, and so we want to encourage them to vote their opinions.

If you'd like to help register voters on Wednesday evenings at PB UMC, or at other locations, contact Hope A. or the church office.



Tony and Dennis at the February 6 screening
Photo by Betty J.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

During the Lenten season, we took important time evaluating both the wilderness of the world and our own spirituality. In doing so, we noted that the wilderness is full of *temptation*; that we sometimes need an *intervention* to remind us that we are God's children called into God's image; that a *program* and guide are available as we seek to grow in our spirituality; that spiritual *recovery* is possible even though the journey may be long; and that God's *promise* of light and hope is ever-present.

Note: If you'd like to re-visit these sermons (or even hear them for the first time), you can find them on our website here: <https://www.pbumc.org/sermon-series/rehab/>

Something that I think is necessary for our spiritual growth is engagement. Pastor Christopher has encouraged our engagement in worship, recalling his faith development in congregations that regularly offered feedback during the message. He has helped us to see the Spirit in responses of "Amen," and even the raising or clapping of hands.

Another way we engage in our spirituality together is in our conversations during Questions of Faith. Members of this congregation engage in spiritual formation by asking difficult questions and by engaging in authentic conversation. Our children are given the space to ask their own questions and to respond with their own unique ideas during our children's time during worship.

Even so, we may have noticed that there are some Sundays when our pews seem to have a bit more room. According to our attendance statistics, our average worship attendance was down in 2017. Average attendance in 2017 was 162 per week, and in 2016 was 169. While this reduction is slight, I find it interesting that our engagement outside of Sunday morning worship has seen some increase.

Over the course of the last year, new groups were formed that explore our weekly scriptures and ask challenging questions about our faith, our spirits, and our souls. We have offered community workshops to teach about LGBTQ inclusion, about violence in religions, about Lenten practices, and about the influence of Easter on the art of Carl Fabergé. In the publication of sermon previews (and follow-ups) each week, we are seeing some limited engagement on our social media pages and on our website. We continue to invite PB UMC

participants to check-in on favorite social media sites when attending Sunday morning worship and other PB UMC events.

These are good and faithful ways to engage! These are formative groups and questions that help us to nourish our minds and our souls! These are important methods by which we can share our faith with our digital communities!

And just as we stepped up our commitments in the Fall with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, these many methods of engagement are ways that we can step up into fuller and more profound spirituality.

I was speaking with a social media consultant recently, and he told me a story about driving past a new coffee shop. He said that he wasn't sure about whether or not he wanted to try it out, so he looked at their social media profiles. Not only was this coffee shop good about sharing information on various digital channels, but the public responded through "reviews" and "shares" and "likes" and "comments." It was the engagement of others that caused him to be a faithful and regular customer.

How are you willing to step up your engagement with this community of faith? How are you willing to grow spiritually or intellectually or both? If you are a regular social media user, how are you willing to engage? Are you willing to respond to upcoming questions and surveys made available in worship and/or our weekly email?

As a community of faith, we can connect and grow in wonderful and life-giving ways. Engagement is a key to this connection and growth!



Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another



Enjoy dinner out with your PB UMC friends on Saturday April 21, 2018, at 5:00 pm. We'll enjoy fun, food, and fellowship at:
DZ Akins Restaurant and Deli
6930 Alvarado Road
San Diego, CA 92120

Watch your email for an Evite, and be sure to RSVP so we can give the restaurant a head count.

Contact Hope A. or Dart R. with questions, comments, and suggestions for future gatherings. We hope to see you there!



Lunch Bunch at Denny's

The Lunch Bunch is going traditional this month with lunch at Denny's Restaurant, 800 Garnet Avenue, at noon on Sunday, April 15. All are welcome, including families with children. Carpooling or walking (1.1 miles) from church is recommended, though Denny's has limited free parking, and we have reservations. Please contact Hope A., Kathy W., or the church office to ensure we have space for you.



Sunday Fellowship Time

Have you considered bringing cookies for the fellowship time after services? There is a need right now to fill up two holes in the schedule. It's a simple way to contribute. The coffee and lemonade service is set up on Saturday, and all is ready to go on Sunday morning. You bring in whatever additional refreshments you like, and show up ten minutes before the end of either the 9:00 am or 10:30 am service.

If you can pick a Sunday and be a part of the rotation, it only requires a team of eight people. Then each one just serves once a month. This is a great way to encourage the comradery that everyone enjoys after a worship service!

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

April Youth Ministry Activities

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

Sunday, April 1

- Happy Easter -- Youth are invited to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Look for Dee in the Social Hall at 9:20 am.

Sunday, April 8

- 4:30 pm-6:00 pm, UMYF meet.

Sunday, April 15

- Noon-2:30 pm, Lunch and photo scavenger hunt.

Friday, April 20-Sunday, April 22

- Love in Motion Youth Retreat.

Sunday, April 29

- Youth will be needed to help with some aspects of worship.

Families and Children

by Vicki T.

One of my favorite songs when I directed the Children's Choir had these words:

"Thank you God for my family.
I know they love me so.
They teach me all about your Word,
And they guide me as I grow."

The Families and Children work area wishes to celebrate these words, and will start with a Game Night, Sunday, April 22nd, at 4:00 pm.

Dee will provide the game(s). Please come join us!

For further information see Dee, Malea, or Vicki, and check the weekly church news and Sunday morning announcements



We extend a warm welcome to Margarite (Marge) C., who joined PB UMC March 18, 2018.

Bible Study Group

"Acknowledging God"

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

All Glory and Honor

The readings for April are:

- April 1, He Has Risen, Luke 24:1-12, 30-35
- April 8, The Risen Lord Appears, John 21:1-14
- April 15, Follow Me, John 21:15-25
- April 22, The Lord God the Almighty, Revelation 4:1-6, 8-11
- April 29, Blessing, Glory, Honor Forever, Revelation 5:6-14

We Reach Out to Others

Erin Vanderhyde and Friends Featured in Second Sunday Concert April 8, 2018

by Ron Jessee

Our own amazing Erin Vanderhyde will be featured in-concert at PB UMC on April 8, 2018, at 2:00 pm. Erin is an accomplished singer, actor, and writer, having received her degree in Musical Theatre at San Diego State University. While there, Erin was sought after for her unique ability to play strong female characters in both the comedy and dramatic genres. Subsequent to graduation, she has been a featured lead performer at Legoland, and is a member of the Tinsel Tones, providing seasonal music in venues across the county. Last Summer, Erin was tapped for 5 weeks to sing the leading role in a Summer Musical Theatre Institute North of Venice, Italy. Her one-woman (plus friends) show is the story of her journey through the performing arts to become the strong, confident, and loved person she is today. I have seen this show and it is outstanding, funny, witty, clever, and heartwarming. You will leave the sanctuary feeling happy and invigorated. Don't miss out on the fun!



Rodney Girvin Concert a Huge Hit!

by Ron Jessee

From the Organ Mass by Poulenc to the closing Fugue of the Mendelssohn Sonata, Rodney Girvin again proved himself to be the master of both the piano and organ. His artistry is superb, akin to greats like Barbagallo and Paganini. His selection of repertoire was varied: from classical, to rag, to romantic. The Chopin was exquisite. The really cool thing about Rodney, as a concert artist, is his connection to the audience and his immense humility regarding the sheer magnitude of his talent. He talked to us about each selection as if he were in his living room telling us stories of happy summer-camp excursions. He has the knack to make his concerts a journey, and therefore a joy. How did he do it all in just one hour? Ask the 62 enthusiastic concert-goers who sat in spellbound rapture at his concert. They will let you know. The truly amazing news is that we will have the opportunity to hear Rodney play again in April. He will be accompanying Erin Vanderhyde in her Second Sunday Concert on April 8th. Hooray! A double treat!

Padres Faith & Family Night



Join your UMC faith community once again at the San Diego Padres game against the New York Mets at Petco Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 5:40 pm. We will join other faith communities from around Southern California for Padres Faith & Family Night, an evening designed specifically with churches in mind. The evening will conclude with a post-game Q&A with players discussing their faith, as well as a concert by Christian artist Jordan Feliz.

We have requested field-level tickets at a discounted cost of \$38 (regular price is \$57.50), including several wheelchair accessible seats. If you are interested in attending with your PB UMC family, find Amy & Rod B. or Ralph S. at church on Sundays in the coming weeks. Please note that all participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation, and we encourage carpooling or public transportation. Don't miss an opportunity for fellowship and fun with the San Diego Padres!

Circle of Support

February 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
February giving	\$22,893	\$19,048
February other sources of income	\$15,888	\$14,039
February total available for ministry	\$38,781	\$33,087
February expended in ministry	\$35,007	\$32,942
February income minus expenses	\$3,774	\$145
YTD giving	\$45,785	\$37,945
YTD other sources of income	\$31,936	\$29,901
YTD total available for ministry	\$77,721	\$67,846
YTD expended in ministry	\$70,014	\$67,978
YTD income minus expenses	\$7,707	(\$132)
Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

The financial year is off to a typical start. February and year-to-date expenses are below budget, and income minus expenses is close to zero. Giving income is below budget, which is often the case in January and February. The committee is keeping an eye on giving income through Easter in particular to see if our giving budget will hold up. Please remember, too, the youth camp scholarships in your Easter giving. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Share Your Heart & Home, and build a new cross-cultural friendship!

Apply today to host an international high school student for next school year or the fall semester! Volunteer hosts provide a bed (room can be shared), meals, love, and acceptance. Students come with their own insurance and spending money. To learn more, contact Deann Rios at [858-260-0747](tel:858-260-0747) or deann.sdhosts@gmail.com.

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

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

March 4 – 177 persons
March 11 – 146 persons
March 18 – 140 persons
March 25 – 162 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 151 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

February 28 – 135 persons
March 7 – 145 persons
March 14 – 135 persons
March 21 – 159 persons

April Communion Offering:

Summer Camps and Sierra Service Project

This month's Communion Offering will support scholarships for two ministries available to our children and youth. Youth summer camps and Sierra Service Project (SSP) are specific environments tailored to the spiritual formation of persons at critical points in their faith journeys.

At age-level summer camps, a scripture-based curriculum is the framework that guides leaders, children, and youth into a lifelong exploration of faith and experiences of God in Jesus Christ.

Sierra Service Project is a Christian non-profit organization that works with Middle School and High School youth to experience the power of serving people with a culture and background different from their own.

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, Apr 1 6:00 am, Easter Sunrise Service
 Worship & Communion
 10:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt for Children
 Mon, Apr 2 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Apr 4 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
 Thurs, Apr 5 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Apr 6 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Apr 7 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
 PB UMC Lanai

Week 3

Sun, Apr 15 Worship
 Noon, Youth lunch and
 photo scavenger hunt (p.4)
 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p.3)
 4:00 pm, Youth Confirmation Class
 Mon, Apr 16 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Apr 18 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
 Thurs, Apr 19 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Apr 20 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Love in Motion Youth Retreat (p.4)
 Sat, Apr 21 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
 PB UMC Lanai
 5:00 pm, Ladies Dinner (p. 3)

Week 2

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



Youth at Santee UMC
 for District Live Clue
 Night

Week 4

Sun, Apr 22 Worship
 4:00 pm, Families & Children (p.4)
 Mon, Apr 23 May *Beach Breeze* Deadline
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Apr 25 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
 Thurs, Apr 26 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
 Fri, Apr 27 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Apr 28 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
 PB UMC Lanai
 5:40 pm, Padres Faith & Family Night (p.5)



Padres Faith & Family Night—September 2017

Week 5

Sun, Apr 29 Worship
 5th Sunday—Youth in Worship (p.4)
 Mon, Apr 30 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, May 1 9:30 am, May *Beach Breeze*
 Folding Party

We Love and Worship God

April Scriptures

April 1, 2018

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

Les Misérables Series

April 8, 2018

“Missing Jesus” John 20:19-31

April 15, 2018

“Transforming Grace” Luke 19:1-10

April 22, 2018

“Daring to Dream” Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

April 29, 2018

“Common Wisdom” Acts 8:26-40

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Meet One Of Our Techies: Craig R.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I recently had a fun conversation with one of our church techies, Projectionist Coordinator Craig R. He told me, “I’ve been coming to PB UMC for twenty-one years. Four different things pointed me to this church over the course of four years:

- ♦ In 1994, co-pastors April and Andy were given an award by Pride Festival for the church’s outreach program to the LGBT community.
- ♦ In 1995, I met Mary H. (April’s mother and mayor of Coronado). She was a friend of a State Assembly candidate for whose campaign I was a volunteer coordinator.
- ♦ In 1996, I met Ray, a friend of a couple of PB UMC members, at the gym.
- ♦ In 1997 a friend was staying with me. He wanted to go to a gay friendly church. So, we started coming here.”

When I asked him about his projectionist team Craig told me, “I’ve been organizing the projectionist team for about four years. The work usually involves just pressing a button during the service. It isn’t quite as easy as it sounds. Sometimes, we need to go back to a previous slide, and other times we need to make changes to the slides prepared by the church office. For instance, sometimes misspelled words sneak into the slides.”

“My team is made up of ten talented members. A lot of people are intimidated by technology. So, the ideal person for projection team is someone who comes to church by themselves and cannot be intimidated by computers. It is a great way for younger members to volunteer for church work. Everyone (including me) has messed up the job at least once, but after that they have earned their “stripes.” If a projectionist is doing the job right, no one will even think about them. When they go unnoticed, that means things are going real well.”

I enjoyed getting to know Craig this month and Joe last month. For the next several months, I will get to know their team members and share that information with you. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

