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United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

May 2018

We Are PB UMC

Easter 2018



Sunrise Service at Crown Point
Photo by Mark B.



Easter Ham(burger) Dinner



**March Youth Work Day
Reorganized Hospitality
Cabinet**

Photo by Dee Baraw



Beth Pieface

**Families and
Children
Game Night**

Photos by Dee Baraw



Bruce and Cam Strategize

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

A short time ago, I heard a story about a young man who escaped his Central-American country and arrived in the United States seeking political asylum. It seems that in his country of origin, he had been threatened and even beaten, and when it became clear that his life was at risk, he fled north.

He literally walked to the United States. That's thousands of miles.

His journey wasn't over. Suffering from PTSD from the violence in his home country, he immediately sought political asylum when he arrived. As described to me, the assigned pro-bono attorney had limited experience (and that experience was in a different field of law). A pro-bono psych assessment was assigned in a lackluster and even hopeless effort to cross "t's" and dot "i's" for an expected negative result.

But that inexperienced attorney and that psych assessor threw themselves into the case, and – against substantial odds – this young man recently was granted political asylum! As I understand it, he's headed to a program in Texas that will provide care and education that will aid him in integrating into the United States.

I simply cannot find another word to describe this that is better than "miracle."

And I know that's a big word, maybe with some assumptions behind it. Often we think a miracle must be either some supernatural phenomenon like a pillar of fire or a divided sea, or like one of those events that is often ridiculed, like finding Jesus' face on a piece of toast.

This is not to say that God can't summon fiery columns, and this is not to say that Jesus' appearance in unexpected places is something to laugh about. This is to say that we have opportunity to see God's miracles in times and places where we don't often choose to look. This is to say that God's miracles may happen more often than we think. This is to say that God's work can *also* be found in the middle spaces, in the gray areas, in the in-between and unexpected.

A mentor of mine reminded me years ago that, "When we look for God, we find God." A parallel message I saw not long ago on a banner outside a church from another denomination stated, "God is still speaking."

I believe both of these to be true!

The miracles of God are not relegated to ancient texts or a comedian's punch line. God continues to work, and to speak, and to inspire! I think of times that unexpected goodness is found in the midst of a challenging situation.

Personally, I think of the times when a stranger, or one of my children, or one of our Wednesday night guests says exactly the right thing at the exact time that I need to hear it. I think of the times when a random event throws off my schedule in exactly the right way to make everything work out perfectly. I think of the conversations that take place that help me to see and experience God in a new way.

I think of the stories of unexpected success, unexpected grace, and unexpected humility, unexpected joy, unexpected gratitude, unexpected healing, unexpected strength, unexpected wisdom. These are stories that I hope we *all* get to hear!

My friends, God is at work all around us! God is speaking all around us! God's miracles are before us! God is continuing to do new things and to work in all places!

I invite you to take prayerful time each day to look around for the ways that God is present and working in the world, and the ways that God is present and working in your lives. Because I believe that when we look for God, we will find God.

May we know God's miracles, big and small!



Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another

Ladies Night Out

For the May PB UMC Ladies Night Out we'll coordinate a group going to the Poway Center for Performing Arts to see *Sleeping Beauty*, presented by the San Diego Academy of Ballet. Our own beautiful ballerina, Angie A., will be dancing on stage!

Join us Saturday, May 26, 2018 for dinner at 5:00 pm. We'll meet at O's American Kitchen in Mira Mesa, 10673 Westview Pkwy. San Diego, CA 92126. We will arrange carpools from the restaurant to the Poway Center and the performance at 7:00 pm.

Discount tickets are available for group of 10 or more! With advance payment, the cost is just \$15 per person (rather than the normal adult fee of \$29). See Dart R. or Hope A. to purchase your ticket and RSVP.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 7 PM
15498 Espola Road, Poway, CA 92064



Fellowship, Fun and Food Outside of Church Walls

JoAnne A. will be performing with Heali'i's Polynesian Review on May 6 at 3:00 pm at De Anza Cove. Enjoy vendors, food, & entertainment all weekend. This is a free community event. Some of your PB UMC friends and family will be there to watch JoAnne's troop perform on Sunday. Feel free to join us, or show up any time to enjoy the festivities! All are welcome. No RSVP requested.

Sunday, May 6, 2018, 3:00 pm
San Diego Ho'olaule'a
De Anza Cove, Mission Bay



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We Grow in Grace & Faith

May Youth Ministry Activities

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

Sunday, May 6

- Noon-2:00 pm, Best Group and Youth Group meet for lunch and crafts.

Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day

- No youth activities after church. Celebrate with your Mom!

Sunday, May 20

- Noon-3:00 pm, UMYF Lunch and photo scavenger hunt. If you can, bring \$10 for lunch. If that is too much, bring what you can. Dee may need a parent or two to help with this event. RSVP so we know how many drivers are needed.

Sunday, May 27

- Memorial Day Weekend. We will play this week by ear. Let Dee know who will be in town and available for a Sunday activity.

Opportunities to Serve Your Faith Community

We have openings for morning greeters before each service, and for folks to provide refreshments after each service. Each opening is for one Sunday a month. If you are interested in becoming a greeter, please contact Marcia M. If you would like to provide refreshments, please contact Ray M. You may also contact the church office to volunteer for either position.



Join the Finance Team!

Our faithful Finance Committee is in need of participants who can help ensure continuing stewardship of the financial resources given to support the ministries of PB UMC. The roles include:

Secretary - Someone who can take minutes during monthly meetings. It is helpful if this person has a basic understanding of financial terms.

Chair - Someone who can run an efficient meeting. This person can have less financial experience, though the ability to keep a joy-filled and laughter-prone group on track is a big plus!

Interested persons can speak with Pastor Bob.

Bible Study Group

"Acknowledging God"

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

Give Praise to God

The readings for May are:

- May 6, Giving From a Generous Heart, Exodus 35:20-29; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
- May 13, Bringing First Fruits, Leviticus 23:9-14, 22
- May 20, Remembering With Joy, Leviticus 25:1-12
- May 27, Rejoicing in Restoration, Psalm 34:1-10; Hebrews 2:17-18

We Reach Out to Others

April Second Sunday Concert in Review

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

The April Second Sunday Concert was amazing! Music Director Ron Jessee introduced our very own Erin Vanderhyde. There was an overwhelming response from the audience. He told us Erin has been with us for eight years. Ron said, "We've had the opportunity to see her graduate from high school and college, and become a professional musical theatre entertainer."

Erin then introduced us to her friends: Singers Alex Lee, Megan Mattix, and Chris Gross and Pianist Rodney Girvin. Rodney was her accompanist. Many of us know Rodney, as he used to accompany our choir on the piano, and has been featured at more than one Second Sunday Concert.

Erin opened the program talking about her musical family. All of a sudden, there was a song coming from the audience. Yvonne, Erin's sister and former member of our choir, was singing. She moved up to the stage and finished her song. The audience just went crazy with appreciation.

As Erin and her friends sang to us, she told us about her journey through performing arts to become the talented person she is today. Each song told the story of her journey as she figured out what she was going to do for a living. She studied classical music but eventually changed her major to Musical Theatre. That is her career today...and, a successful one. "I was finally able to answer the question, 'What are you doing with your life?' I was born to be in musical theater. I am now traveling with Freedom Riders and will soon be in New York to perform in the New York Musical Festival."

She then played a piano solo for us. She told us, "Rodney made me do this. He taught me to play the piano." Rodney had obviously done a great job teaching her, and it was clear he was proud of her from where he was sitting. It turned out that she had written the number herself.

At the end of her concert, Erin got a standing ovation. She is amazingly talented and certainly entertained us with her story and her music.

On our way out, Vicki T. and I shared how much we loved the concert. How special we felt being part of the full the sanctuary enjoying this special concert! She told me, "I can testify to how wonderful Erin and her friends were. We are in the middle of a sermon series following the story of *Les Misérables*, in which is found the phrase 'music of the people'. Erin performed music of the people about herself for us." We agreed we were very happy we attended this concert.

All of the Second Sunday Concerts have been great. This one was extra special.

2018 South District Flood Recovery Mission Team

The next South District recovery mission team will go to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to work on repairing homes that were damaged in two major floods in 2016: one at 500-year flood level in March, and one at 1,000-year flood level in August. There is room for 25 people, and the team will be gone September 22-29, 2018. Contact information for Team Leader Jennifer Demaree is mobile phone 619-540-5257 or email jkdemaree@gmail.com, for anyone who wants more information about the trip, or wants to schedule an information meeting.

If you are interested in joining the team, please print out the brochure and registration form found at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A7te5M2TALSt-UxrcfmneM1dynOfFeY1/view?usp=sharing>.

Circle of Support

March 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
March giving	\$22,893	\$20,419
March other sources of income	\$8,632	\$6,964
March total available for ministry	\$31,525	\$27,383
March expended in ministry	\$35,007	\$31,170
March income minus expenses	(\$3,482)	(\$3,787)
YTD giving	\$68,678	\$58,364
YTD other sources of income	\$40,568	\$37,282
YTD total available for ministry	\$109,246	\$95,646
YTD expended in ministry	\$105,020	\$99,147
YTD income minus expenses	\$4,226	(\$3,501)
Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

Our expenses and income are both below budget for March, nearing the break-even point for the month. Year to date, we continue to lag behind our budgeted income. Though Easter giving won't be reflected until next month, the trend at this writing suggests that our year-to-date income won't catch up to budget in April. Your continued prayers, support, and best ideas are appreciated.



Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

Easter Week
Good Friday – 28 persons
Sunrise Service – 41 persons
Sunday, April 1 – 291 persons
April 8 – 140 persons
April 15 – 135 persons
April 22 – 147 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 162 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

March 28 – 142 persons
April 4 – 140 persons
April 11 – 135 persons
April 18 – 130 persons
April 25 – 130 persons

May Communion Offering: *Imagine No Malaria*

The Imagine No Malaria (INM) program aims to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses caused by malaria in African communities through comprehensive, community-based malaria programs and quality health services delivered at United Methodist Church affiliated health facilities.

Your communion contributions help to educate individuals about malaria prevention through insecticide-treated bed net use, treatment for early diagnosis, and medications at treatment centers. Priority is given to projects that serve populations with the highest malaria risk, particularly pregnant women and children under five years of age. INM also prioritizes poor, marginalized, geographically disadvantaged, rural or otherwise neglected communities that have very little or no support from other partners.

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

Tues, May 1 9:00 am, May *Beach Breeze*
Folding Party
Wed, May 2 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
Thurs, May 3 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, May 4 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 5 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
PB UMC Lanai



Padres Faith & Family Night—April 2018
Photos by Bob Rhodes

Week 3

Sun, May 13 Worship
(Mother's Day)
Mon, May 14 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, May 16 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
Thurs, May 17 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm, Administrative Council
Fri, May 18 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 19 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
PB UMC Lanai

Week 4

Sun, May 20 Worship
Noon, Youth lunch and
photo scavenger hunt (p.4)
Mon, May 21 June *Beach Breeze* Deadline
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, May 23 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
Thurs, May 24 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, May 25 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 26 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
PB UMC Lanai
5:00 pm, Ladies Dinner and Ballet (p.3)

Week 2

Sun, May 6 Worship
Noon, Best and Youth Groups (p.4)
3:00 pm, Ho'olaule'a (p.3)
Mon, May 7 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 8 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
7:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, May 9 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 10 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal
Fri, May 11 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 12 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at
PB UMC Lanai

Week 5

Sun, May 27 Worship
Youth activity TBD (p.4)
Mon, May 28 Memorial Day
(Church Office will be closed)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, May 30 9:00 am, June *Beach Breeze*
Folding Party
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 31 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal

***We Love and
Worship God***

May Scriptures

Les Misérables Series (Continued)

May 6, 2018

“Sacrifice” John 15:9-17

May 13, 2018

“Hearts Full of Love” Acts 1:3-11

Lectionary Texts

May 20, 2018

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 27, 2018

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

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Meet One Of Our Techies: Patty R.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Recently, I got to know Patty R., a member of our techie team. I asked her how she found out about PB UMC. “Tony W., a member, told me she heard beautiful music walking by the PB UMC on Christmas. She started attending and suggested I do the same. I did, and immediately loved the friendly people and the music.”

I asked her if she had a related technical background. “No. I was a PE teacher decades ago and then taught health education at the University of Nebraska while working on my doctorate. I then moved to San Diego with my spouse, and I became a member of San Diego County Health Department.”

I asked Patty what made her become a member of our techie team, as she doesn’t have a techie background. She told me, “I wanted to do something helpful for the church. One day after first service, Craig asked me if I’d like to join his team. Craig taught me what to do. I am one of the projectionists, and I am glad I decided to join the team because I really do enjoy doing it.”

I asked if she had anything else to share with us. She told me because her parents were Presbyterian overseas missionaries, she was born in China and raised in India, “where my father worked with the Christian schools and my mother taught nutrition to village women. I developed an understanding of other religions and cultures.”

Sports is an important part of Patty’s life. After participating in many sports, she and her spouse now play badminton. “Anyone interested in joining us playing badminton, let me know. We can provide rackets and birds.”

Obviously Patty is a very interesting person to get to know. And she is an important member of our techie team. I hope you all find a way to get to know her, too.

