



Pacific Beach  
United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

June 2018

## Being Good Neighbors in PB

**A**t Pacific Beach UMC, we understand that part of our ministry is not just to our members but also to the neighborhood in which we worship. Pacific Beach is a vibrant community, and we celebrate the opportunity to gather in such a beautiful place. It is right and good that we take time to share our time and presence in our neighborhood. It's important to be good neighbors! Please consider participating in one or both of these community outreach events.

On Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, after our second Worship service, we'll gather for a short presentation and light refreshments in the Social Hall. Afterwards, we'll take time to go out into our neighborhood equipped with gloves and trash bags and make our neighborhood look a little cleaner. If you have gardening gloves to bring, please do so. Don't forget to wear comfortable clothes and a PB UMC t-shirt if you have one, and consider a hat and sunscreen!

On Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will join in a similar event in partnership with PB Street Guardians and several other area congregations. We will meet at the PB Library (4275 Cass St.) at 9:00 am for a short orientation, and then will be grouped and sent into the community. Again, wear comfortable clothes, a PB UMC t-shirt, and protection from the sun!



## Summer Worship Schedule

**O**n the recommendation from our Growing in Faith committee (focused on worship and education at PB UMC), we will be changing our summer schedule. For the entire months of July and August, we will have the joy of worshipping together at one service each Sunday at 10:00 am. Traditionally, these months see a decline in attendance as members travel. Let's take time to get to know people who might not worship at the same time!

## Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

Last fall, I wrote about the importance of community, particularly as a community of faith (see the October 2017 edition of the *Beach Breeze*). Of course, we may agree that a community of faith is not limited to those who attend worship at PB UMC. Our extended community of faith surely includes fellow United Methodists in our District and Annual Conference, and those in our worldwide denomination.

*"Together we have an opportunity to become more than we are on our own. We are made more perfect in these relationships, and are connected in divine love. I believe that when we spend our time and energy nurturing these relationships, a part of what we are doing is nurturing and building our relationship with God."*

And we might also understand our community of faith in a broader way. What if we were to consider everyone in our community part of this connection? What if we were to broaden our understanding of the Divine to a truly infinite presence? What if God isn't limited to our boxed-in preconceptions or even our personal experiences, but instead is included in so many more ideas?

If we were to try to understand God in this way, we might have greater connection with persons of other faith traditions, persons who are spiritual but not religious, persons who are agnostic, persons who have been hurt by the church, or people of faith.

I think it all comes down to relationships. I think it all comes down to connection.

In the early Methodist movement, John Wesley saw the growing number of people as a "connexion" of the body of Christ. In joining together, more work could be done; more lives could be touched; more relationships could be built; more transformation could be experienced.

I believe this is the case today. Indeed, this is why our denomination is structured in the way that it is. By way of example, the United Methodist Committee on

Relief (UMCOR) granted more than \$21 million in the U.S. alone in relief toward:

- hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria;
- tornadoes in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi;
- wildfires in several states in the Western Jurisdiction;
- flooding in Arkansas, Texas, Michigan, and Mississippi;
- and additional relief projects around the country.

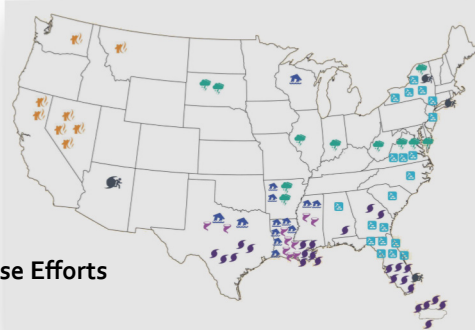
This incredible work is only made possible through our connectional commitment to serving others. And this large-scale example can help us see ways we are successfully connectional in our local community. Local businesses, non-profits, schools and universities, municipal entities, and volunteers join with PB UMC to serve thousands of people each year. This is divine work made possible through connection.

But I would suggest that there is more to be done. We still have opportunities to build connections with our neighbors here in Pacific Beach and in the communities where our members live. How do you spend time building connection in your community? How do you nurture relationships with the people who live on your street, the people you see in grocery stores, the people you see on the roads and free-ways, the people at nearby schools? How do you nurture the relationships you have established with your faith community at PB UMC through worship, through potlucks and picnics, through music or learning events? And how do you bridge – or connect – all of these together to create an interwoven connection like the one Wesley envisioned?

I believe that building connection is something we are called to do, and something we're already good at doing as United Methodists. Let's get even better at it!

Pastor Bob

UMCOR Disaster Response Efforts  
in 2017



# ***We Care for One Another***

## Outdoor Church

**J**oin Pastor Bob on his PB UMC anniversary, and Dee on her birthday, for “Outdoor Church” on July 1 at 10:00 am in the courtyard.

Worship will be followed by a potluck. Bring some food to share. To help us coordinate, if your last name starts with A-F, bring a sweet treat or dessert; G-O, bring a salad, veggies, or fruit; P-Z, bring a main dish or casserole. If you have an absolute favorite thing to bring to potlucks, bring it.

## CCSA Back-to-School Backpacks

**E**ach year, Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) assists low-income children with backpacks and essential school supplies. This year, they hope to distribute 200+ backpacks to children in grades K – 9 and need your help! Bring your donations of supplies to the church narthex (entryway) through Sunday, July 8.

Donations of filled backpacks will be accepted Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at CCSA’s Clairemont Service Center 4167 Rappahannock Ave., San Diego, 92117, M-F (9:30 am-4:00 pm). CCSA will distribute backpacks through its daily emergency services at the Clairemont Service Center Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

They ask that each backpack come filled with grade-appropriate school supplies: K-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Many of these items will be on sale at greatly reduced prices at local stationery and big-box stores. For more information, please see the CCSA website <http://www.ccsasandiego.org> or contact Hope A. or the church office.



## “Grace and Dine”

**W**ould you like to get to know others who are connected to PB UMC? Do you feel like you don't have enough time during normal church activities? Then, please sign up for a "Grace & Dine" event where you can share a meal and conversation. Sign up sheets are in the narthex at the back of the church (look for the bright pink paper) or at <https://bit.ly/2x4NBVi>. You don't see a gathering that fits your schedule? Then, host or arrange one at your home, a park, beach, or restaurant!

Email [suyenk@pbumc.org](mailto:suyenk@pbumc.org) if you have questions. Thank you for making PB UMC a warm and welcoming home to all.

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# ***We Grow in Grace & Faith***

## **June Youth Ministry Activities**

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

### Sunday, June 3

- Noon, Plan on participating in the Neighborhood Clean-up/Kit Assembly activities for a couple hours after church.

### Sunday, June 10

- Sunday School, but no UMYF activity. Dee heads to Redlands to help the media team set up for Annual Conference Session.

### Sunday, June 17

- Fathers' Day. Do something awesome with your Dad!

### Sunday, June 24

- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Promotion Party. Come celebrate our graduate and those being promoted to the next level of school. (food and games included).

Youthies: If you do not receive reminder texts about youth activities, let Dee know so you will be aware of summer fun!

## **Sunday School News**

**W**hile I was reading Thalia Kehoe Rowden's "12 Reasons to Welcome Kids in Church," I stopped and pondered her reason number 5. What a great reason! But also a message for all of us!

### ***"Reason 5.***

***IT'S GOOD FOR EVERYONE:*** *When we include kids in church, we all get to practise being generous to each other. . . . everyone in the church was actively committed to the idea that Sunday morning services weren't just 'for' them; that there had to be some give and take, and making space for people 'not like me.'*

*Everyone got to practise being generous to people with different tastes. Adults could put up with silly action songs. Kids could put up with boring talky bits. Classical music lovers could put up with drums. Extraverts could put up with silence – and maybe even enjoy it sometimes.*

*People recognised and could articulate that 'someone else is really enjoying that bit' – and don't you think that this kind of unselfish attitude to our neighbor then becomes worship in itself?"*

Exactly!!!  
Malea Sandstrom

## **Bible Study Group**

### ***"Justice in the New Testament"***

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

### **God is Just and Merciful**

The readings for June are:

- June 3, Justice and Sabbath Laws, Matthew 12:1-14
- June 10, Parables of God's Just Kingdom, Matthew 13:24-33
- June 17, Jesus Teaches About Justice, Matthew 15:1-9
- June 24, Reaping God's Justice, Luke 16:19-31

# ***We Reach Out to Others***

## **Member Orientation**

If you are new to PB UMC and want to learn more about the church, meet members, find out about volunteer opportunities, and ask questions, please plan to attend the New Member Orientation Luncheon on June 24 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the luncheon; however, your RSVP will be appreciated for planning purposes. Please get in touch with Dart R. (dattr@pbumc.org) or the church office to reserve your space.

If June 24<sup>th</sup> is not convenient for you, there is another New Member Orientation Luncheon scheduled for the second Sunday in September (9/09/2018).

## **United Methodist Summer Camps**

Summer is here, and that means it is time for summer camp! Folks at PB UMC traditionally send kids to Camp Cedar Glen, which is in nearby Julian. However, if the dates do not work for your family, check out this website for more options: [www.calpaccamps.org](http://www.calpaccamps.org).

The dates for Cedar Glen camps are:

Younger Elementary Camp, June 17-20

Older Elementary, June 17-23

Junior High, July 8-14

Senior High, July 15-21

This year film camp is also at Cedar Glen, and will be held July 29-August 4.

The camp registration form can be found at the website mentioned above.

Here at PB UMC, it is our tradition to help families pay for camp. Please speak with Dee B. regarding camp scholarships from PB UMC. There are also some district and conference scholarships available. Please do not be afraid to ask. We keep that information confidential, and do not want cost to keep someone from camp.

There are still a few openings for summer camp staff volunteers. There is an application form on Camp Cedar Glen's website.

## **2018 "Fun in the Sun"**



Work is beginning for the 2018 "Fun in the Sun" annual PB UMC picnic.

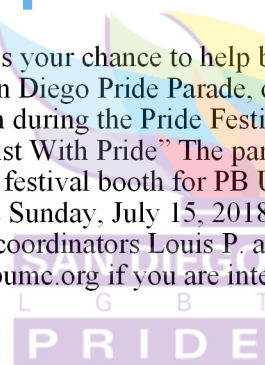
We will have the following volunteer needs:

- Assist with picnic planning and organization.
- Trucks to transport church canopies, tables, and chairs from church to picnic site and back at the conclusion of the event.
- Load the church items and unload/set up at picnic site.
- Check in attendees and provide name tags.
- Break down church items, load them onto transport, and unload and store at church.

To volunteer to help organize, bring food, provide trucks, sign in, or help set up/break down, contact [craigr@pbumc.org](mailto:craigr@pbumc.org).

## **Support Pride**

Volunteers, this is your chance to help build the PB UMC float for the San Diego Pride Parade, or to man the PB UMC booth during the Pride Festival. This year's festival theme is "Persist With Pride." The parade will be on Saturday, July 14. The festival booth for PB UMC will be open on Saturday, as well as Sunday, July 15, 2018. Lend your hands and talent, along with coordinators Louis P. and Sidney Y. Please email [pride@pbumc.org](mailto:pride@pbumc.org) if you are interested in participating as a volunteer.





# Circle of Support

## April 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
April giving	\$22,893	\$26,281
April other sources of income	\$15,888	\$18,213
April total available for ministry	\$38,781	\$44,494
April expended in ministry	\$35,007	\$33,882
April income minus expenses	\$3,774	\$10,612
YTD giving	\$91,571	\$84,548
YTD other sources of income	\$49,201	\$56,548
YTD total available for ministry	\$140,772	\$141,096
YTD expended in ministry	\$140,027	\$133,029
YTD income minus expenses	\$745	\$8,067
Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

## Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

It's such a pleasure to report good news. This month we received a \$10,000 grant for Project Grace. Hooray! April giving was above budget (as anticipated in the Easter month), spending was below budget, and these factors combined to give us positive income of \$8,067, year to date. With continued diligence, support, and prayers, we can hope to see good financial news throughout year.



### Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

April 29 – 114 persons  
May 6 – 136 persons  
May 13 – 148 persons  
May 20 – 136 persons  
May 27 – 122 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 156 persons

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

May 2 – 131 persons  
May 9 – 113 persons  
May 16 – 141 persons  
May 23 – 167 persons

## June Communion Offering: *Peace With Justice*

Because of the Peace with Justice offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference. Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally and globally.

Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities.
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issues.
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

These and other initiatives are possible because you give. Your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation.

### 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

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

## Week 2

Sun, June 3 Worship and Communion  
 Noon, Community Outreach (p.1)  
 Noon, Best and Youth Groups (p.4)  
 Mon, June 4 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, June 6 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 Thurs, June 7 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, June 8 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, June 9 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at  
 PB UMC Lanai



Children in Ministry

## Week 3

Sun, June 10 Worship  
 Mon, June 11 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, June 12 6:00 pm, Staff Parish meeting  
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting  
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee  
 Wed, June 13 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 CA-Pacific Annual Conference begins in  
 Redlands, through June 16.  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, June 14 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, June 15 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, June 16 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters  
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at  
 PB UMC Lanai



Boy Scouts Helping Serve Wednesday Night Dinner

Photo by Dee Baraw

## Week 4

Sun, June 17 Worship (Father's Day)  
 Elementary School Camp, through  
 June 23 (p.5)  
 Mon, June 18 July *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, June 20 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 Thurs, June 21 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, June 22 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, June 23 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at  
 PB UMC Lanai

## Week 5

Sun, June 24 Worship  
 Noon, Member Orientation (p.5)  
 5:00 pm, Youth Promotion Party (p.4)  
 Mon, June 25 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, June 26 9:00 am, July *Beach Breeze*  
 Folding Party  
 Wed, June 27 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry  
 Thurs, June 28 7:00 pm, Choir rehearsal  
 Fri, June 29 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, June 30 9:00 am, Community Outreach (p.1)  
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at  
 PB UMC Lanai

## Looking Ahead

Sun, July 1 10:00 am, Worship — Outdoor Church  
 One Service, followed by a potluck (p.3)

# ***We Love and Worship God***

## **June Scriptures**

### **Community**

**June 3, 2018**

“What” 1 Samuel 3:1-10

**June 10, 2018**

“Why” 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

**June 17, 2018**

“Who” 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Adam Marshall-Lopez preaching

**June 24, 2018**

“How” 1 Samuel 17:32-49

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## **Say Farewell to Our Intern Rebecca M.**

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I recently got together with Rebecca M., our Wesley Foundation Intern. This is the second time I spent time with her. The first time, her internship had just begun; this time her internship had just ended. She had a couple of tasks that were not completed, so she has stayed on a little longer. Her final project is the Neighborhood Cleanup Project. See page 1 for more information on this important project.

When I asked her how the people of this faith community have affected her, she told me, “It has been a very positive experience. People are always asking how I am doing. I have gotten a lot of support from total strangers who have become friends. It has been a really valuable experience.”

I asked her what projects she worked on as our intern. We discussed a recent one. “I spent a lot of time at our Wednesday dinners. I even interviewed attendees and made a video of the interviews. I hope to share these interviews at the Neighborhood Cleanup Project luncheon. I missed several Wednesday nights recently, and was really happy when I was able to return.”

I asked her what she learned through this internship. “I learned about project development, and learned a lot from stories from our Wednesday night guests. Both have been very valuable.”

We discussed what is upcoming for her. “Well, I have 3 years left in school. I will be living in a houseboat for four weeks in August, serving with Sonshine ministries with water sports, and bible study, and worship.” Will we still get to see her after the neighborhood cleanup project? “I will still attend church here occasionally. I have grown in the community here, and it’s been fun having a new church experience.”

Rebecca has added a lot to our church. I know we all hope we will see her in the future, and that she will continue to contribute to our community outreach.

