



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

July 2018

CA-Pacific Annual Conference

by Adam M.

Annual Conference 2018 was my second time to gather with United Methodists from across Southern California, Hawaii, and beyond. I marvel at the myriad ways I am connected to people as I see them for the first time in several months — from the South District, from RMN, from my internship placement, from Claremont School of Theology, and more! This reminds me that we are connected beyond ways that are immediately apparent in our minds. Highlights included a beautiful worship service brought by the Hawaii delegation and two tremendous sermons preached by Bishop Gregory Palmer (which can be watched online).

But there was also pain in that space. There was some impassioned discussion around the possibility of moving Annual Conference to the San Diego region. The conference youth service focused on gun violence, remembering the dozens of students lost in 2018 alone. A resolution titled, “opposing the separation of immigrant children from their parents” overwhelmingly passed. Having dinner with Methodists for Social Action (MFSA) and Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) emphasized that we still have so much work to do. Additionally, resolutions were passed in order to officially close several United Methodist churches.



Reverend John Griffin-Atil,
Pastor Bob, and Adam M.



Adam M., the Rev. John Griffin-Atil, Mr and Mrs Fukomoto
(Hawaii)

Yet there remain signs of new life. Several churches in the San Bernardino region engaged in a discernment process with their District Superintendent and ultimately decided to merge together, selling off some of their collective property, and re-starting as New Beginnings United Methodist Church. Imperial Beach UMC also came up for discontinuance, but is subsequently birthing a thriving ministry center by expanding their critical services and cooperating with local partners as a vital resource to the underserved and homeless in their community. I am reminded of a book recommended by an Episcopalian classmate, *Claiming Resurrection in the Dying Church*, by Anna B. Olson. We may still be mourning the decline of what the Church has known for the past half-century. But we retain hope, in that we see the work of God being done in so many new and inspiring ways.

May we always remember that death (in any form) is never the end!

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

This month marks the beginning of my fifth appointment year as the Lead Pastor of this congregation. This continues to feel new to me in that I have not been in a congregation for this long before. The two previous churches I had the privilege of serving were for a duration of three years each.

Last August, Bishop Grant Hagiya said to pastors attending an annual clergy gathering that he was in favor of longer appointments. He noted a study of the efficacy of clergy and the resulting assertion that clergy were most effective in their eleventh year. Then Bishop Grant suggested that the only reason he thought this study asserted eleven years as the most effective is that the study didn't last even longer!

We should not take from this that every church and every clergy person will enjoy 20+ year appointments, as has been experienced by this congregation in recent history. My own observation of Bishop Grant – affirmed in conversations with others – is that he is also very interested in making strategic appointments. He and the Superintendents surely consider the fit of a specific pastor with the needs of a local church, but they are also looking at over-all communities including nearby churches and pastors.

To me, this seems almost like a *family systems* kind of approach, recognizing the broader impact churches can have on one another. This kind of strategic approach to the appointment system also brings into play the possibility of increased cooperation and collaboration among churches. We have collaborated with other congregations from time to time, and I will expect that we will continue to do so.

My previous appointment in Grand Island, Nebraska, was both interesting and informative in its practice of collaborative ministry. Part of my appointment was to Trinity United Methodist Church, the largest UMC in the area, with roughly 1500 members and three worship services each weekend. However, this was not the whole of my appointment. Two other smaller congregations were also parts of the community, each one with roughly 300 members. But these three distinct congregations understood that their individual ministries could be strengthened through collaboration and cooperation, and the four pastors were each appointed to their local churches *and to the cooperative ministry*. Together, we found that we were enriched in joint leadership and our gifts for ministry had greater impact.

For the three years that I served in Grand Island (and then beyond), these congregations and leaders worked together as UM4GI (United Methodist for Grand Island). We maintained different worship settings and styles, but sometimes enjoyed sermon series that would bring different voices from one of the other congregations. When one congregation started a new Bible study or new service opportunity, all three congregations were invited to participate. When major events took place, like the annual *Live Nativity*, or the *U2charist* worship event, or even organizing volunteers for the Nebraska State Fair, all were invited to experience a sense of community in new and larger ways. I believe that these experiences shaped us all in ways that taught us what collaborative ministry could look like.

One of the ways that I like to think about The United Methodist Church is that we are the world's largest multi-site church. This is made possible through our connectional nature and our natural polity bent toward collaboration. (If you didn't see last month's article on Connection, this is directly related: https://www.pbumc.org/pastors_blog/2018/06/connexion-2/).

All of this is made possible through the understanding that we are *the body of Christ*. Paul reminds us what this looks like in 1 Corinthians 12:12 (CEB): "Christ is just like the human body – a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many." This means that the very core of our United Methodist connection and collaboration and community begins with how we choose to participate as individuals. If any part of the body declines to participate, the entirety of the body is affected, and if the whole of the parts join together in the work of ministry, we are all strengthened.

It is a joy and a privilege to continue to serve this congregation and this community for another year. It is my deepest hope that we will continue to work together as the body of Christ – collaborating, cooperating, and leading our community into faith, hope, and love.



Pastor Bob

We Care for One Another

About Our Members

by Betty J.

In April of this year two longtime members and one friend of PB UMC joined the Saints in Glory.

Ron F., April 6, 2018
Rowan S., April 18, 2018
Carol C., April 29, 2018



"I Wish I Could Remember That Name!"



In July and August there will only be one Sunday service, starting at 10:00 am. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know people who attend a different service than you do. Wearing a name tag will help in getting to know them. Nametags will be available in the narthex.

All PB UMC Family Camp

We have dates set for PB UMC Family Camp. Our family camp is for our church family, meaning everyone is welcome to attend... families, couples, single folks, young, old; it does not matter!

We will be at Camp Cedar Glen in Julian, CA, from Friday, September 7 through Sunday, September 9, 2018. The weekend will include some time to learn and worship together, as well as free time and some optional activity time when the camp staff will lead us in archery and/or rock wall climbing. They may even be able to open the pool for us a bit on Saturday.

The cost is \$230.00 per person. There will be a day rate for those who would like to come just for Saturday or Sunday.

Watch for more detailed information soon. We will be sharing camp with another group, so cabin space is limited. Reserve your space soon by e-mailing Dee Baraw at:

DeeB@pbumc.org

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

July Youth Ministry Activities

Please contact Dee Baraw for more information about any of the youth activities or our youth ministry program overall. Email her at: DeeB@pbumc.org.

Sunday, July 1

- ★ 10:00 am, Remember there is one worship service, and then a potluck. Dee and the SSP team will be leaving from the potluck to head to our site in Imperial Beach. Be sure to come and see us off.

Thursday, July 5

- ★ The first district youth beach day. Dee will not be there since she will be at SSP. Some of the groups will be going, but some are not going until later in the day and staying for the bonfire time. If you go, be sure to check in with one of the youth leaders that are there and sign in on the rule sheet.

Sunday, July 8

- ★ 10:00 am, one church service.
- ★ 4:00 pm, Jr. High Camp starts.

Tuesday, July 10

- ★ Afternoon/evening time to be announced, Sr. High Youth dinner and movie. Dee will send out details, but save the date.

Thursday, July 12

- ★ 9:00 am, Beach Day. Meet at PB or make arrangements with Dee for other transportation. We will be back at PB at 4:00. Bring a lunch, or money for lunch.

Sunday, July 15

- ★ 10:00 am, church service.
- ★ 4:00 pm, Sr. High Camp starts.

Tuesday, July 17

- ★ Time to be announced, Jr. High outing for lunch and a movie.

Thursday, July 19

- ★ 9:00 am, Beach Day. Meet at PB or make arrangements with Dee for other transportation. We will be back at PB at 4:00. Bring a lunch, or money for lunch.

Sunday, July 22

- ★ Lunch at church after worship.

Monday-Friday, July 23 - 27

- ★ 9:00 am to noon, Volunteer to help at Vacation Bible School at La Jolla UMC.

Sunday, July 29

- ★ 5th Sunday - Help in worship.
- ★ 4:00 pm, Film Camp starts at Cedar Glen.

Tuesday, July - 31

- ★ ZOO. Families are invited to join. The zoo does not give out many free passes anymore, so we may need folks who do not have a pass to pay something. We hope church members can donate passes for us. Dee will be at the zoo all day. Families can come and go when they can, and join us. Youth attending without folks can either join us in the morning or join us around 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm when others will be picked up. Times will be coordinated closer to that day. Bring a lunch, or money for a lunch or snack.

Thursday, August 2

- ★ Beach Day. Times to be announced.

Bible Study Group

“Justice in the New Testament”

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

Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy

The readings for July are:

- July 1, Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Matthew 18:21-35
- July 8, Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders, Matthew 23:1-4, 23-26
- July 15, The Widow and the Unjust Judge, Luke 18:1-8
- July 22, Entering God’s Kingdom, Luke 13:22-30
- July 29, Parable of the Great Dinner, Luke 14:15-24

We Reach Out to Others



“Fun in the Sun” — PB UMC Picnic

The PB UMC annual "Fun in the Sun" picnic will take place Sunday, August 26th, at our usual Vacation Isle spot (the southwestern area of Paradise Point).

By request, we are returning to having the event catered by our caterers of four years ago, Abbey's Real Texas BBQ on Miramar Road (www.abbeystexasbbq.com). We will have plenty of pulled pork, brisket, chicken and vegetarian dishes. As always, we will be grateful if any of our home cooks want to bring their own desserts or other picnic items.

Our other volunteer needs are as follows:

- Trucks to transport church canopies, tables, and chairs from the church to the picnic site and back at the conclusion of the event.
- Loading the church items and unloading/setting up at the picnic site. (Meet at the church the morning of the picnic at 8:30 am.)
- Checking in attendees and providing name tags. (Be at picnic site by 11:30 am.)
- Breaking down church items, loading them onto transport, and unloading and storing them at the church (around 3:00 pm).

Cost of attending is: Adults: \$20 Seniors/children: \$15 Family price: \$40

The picnic almost always operates at a small loss, so any extra contributions towards picnic expenses will be greatly appreciated.

The picnic will begin around noon, and we will begin cleaning up and breaking down around 3:00 p.m. Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, July 22nd, and will continue until the Sunday before the picnic (August 19th).

To volunteer to bring food, provide trucks, sign in, or help set up/break down, contact craig@pbumc.org.

Circle of Support

May 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
May giving	\$22,893	\$20,290
May other sources of income	\$16,048	\$15,189
May total available for ministry	\$38,941	\$35,479
May expended in ministry	\$35,007	\$31,823
May income minus expenses	\$3,934	\$3,656
YTD giving	\$114,463	\$104,936
YTD other sources of income	\$65,249	\$71,639
YTD total available for ministry	\$179,712	\$176,575
YTD expended in ministry	\$175,034	\$164,852
YTD income minus expenses	\$4,678	\$11,723
Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

May was a good financial month. Our year-to-date income continues to exceed expenses. No news is good news . . . and God is good all the time. We appreciate your faithful stewardship.

Support Pride

Pride Parade:
Saturday, July 14th

PB UMC Festival Booth:
Saturday and Sunday,
July 14th and 15th

To Volunteer:
pride@pbumc.org



Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

June 3 – 132 persons
June 10 – 137 persons
June 17 – 97 persons
June 24 – 114 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 152 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

May 30 – 151 persons
June 6 – 137 persons
June 13 – 155 persons
June 20 – 150 persons

July Communion Offering: Reconciling Ministries

The Reconciling Ministries Network is made up of over 700 Reconciling communities and over 34,000 individuals. It encourages United Methodist Churches and communities to build a diverse network towards the goal of ending oppression and creating full inclusion of all people in the UMC regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ability, race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

PB UMC is a Reconciling Congregation, and has been since the mid 1990s.

Each year we receive a special communion offering in support of the national and global advocacy and education work carried out by the Reconciling Ministries Network. To learn more about Reconciling Ministries, visit www.rmnetwork.org.

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:
One Service In July and August: 10:00 am

Sunday Music Rehearsals:
8 am, Voices of Praise (Adults & Youth)
10 am, Grace Notes

Week 1

Sun, July 1 10:00 am, Worship and Communion
 Noon, Potluck



Mon, July 2 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, July 4 Church Office Closed
 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
 Thurs, July 5 District Youth Beach Day (p.4)
 No Choir Rehearsal
 Fri, July 6 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, July 7 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai

Week 2

Sun, July 8 10:00 am Worship (one service)
 Youth Junior High Camp Begins
 Mon, July 9 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, July 10 Sr. High Youth Dinner and Movie (p.4)
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee
 Wed, July 11 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, July 12 9:00 am, Youth Beach Day (p.4)
 Fri, July 13 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, July 14 Pride Parade and Festival
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai

Week 3

Sun, July 15 10:00 am, Worship (one service)
 Youth Senior High Camp Begins
 Mon, July 16 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, July 17 Jr. High Outing (p.4)
 Wed, July 18 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
 Thurs, July 19 9:00 am, Youth Beach Day (p.4)
 Fri, July 20 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, July 21 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai

Week 4

Sun, July 22 10:00 am, Worship (one service)
 Youth Lunch (p.4)
 Mon, July 23 August *Beach Breeze* Deadline
 First Day of VBS Peace Lab at LJ UMC (see below)
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, July 25 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
 Fri, July 27 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, July 28 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at

Week 5

Sun, July 29 10:00 am, Worship (one service)
 4:00 pm, Youth Film Camp (p.4)
 Mon, July 30 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, July 31 9:00 am, August *Beach Breeze*
 Folding Party
 Youth and Families at the Zoo (p.4)



Special Event

Vacation Bible School

July 23-27, 9:00 am to noon

Plan on joining La Jolla UMC for Peace Lab VBS. The program, based on five Bible stories, will help children learn how to be compassionate peacemakers. Activities include drama, song, games, and crafts. You can sign up online at lajollaunitedmethodist.org/news/register-now-for-vacation-bible-school to enroll your children.

Adults, talk to Dee if you need extended day care for your children in the afternoons.

*We Love and
Worship God*

July Scriptures

Healing Hands

July 1, 2018 "Bring Life"	Mark 5:21-43
July 8, 2018 "Send Forth"	Mark 6:6b-13
July 15, 2018 "Become Known"	Mark 6:13-16
July 22, 2018 "Draw Crowds"	Mark 6:53-56
July 29, 2018 "Feed the World"	John 6:1-14

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Meet One of Our Techies: Bill E.

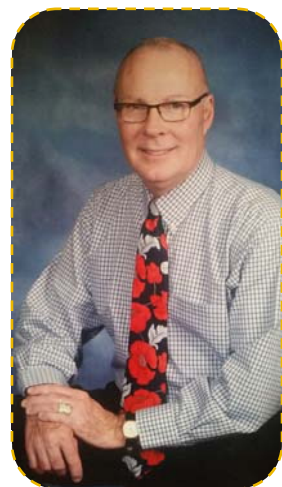
by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Recently, I chatted with Bill E., one of our projectionists. When I asked him what brought him to PB UMC, he answered with a bit of his life history. "I was born and raised right here in heaven on earth, San Diego. I went to a Southern Baptist church and was the church organist for over 17 years. Later, I became organist at a church in La Mesa, where I met my partner Steve W. We attended and participated in musical programs at St Mark Lutheran church in Encinitas. Then a friend and choir member at PB UMC invited us to PB UMC for a Christmas program. The rest is history: at PB UMC, we found the connection, love, and spiritual help we needed." Bill and Steve were together for 26 years before Steve moved on to his heavenly home in March, 2014.

"Craig R. asked me many times to consider becoming a tech person. After much thought and prayer, I accepted the position. Craig trained me how to run slides for the service. It has been fun learning the tasks knowing that I am helping enhance the worship service and making it more meaningful for participants."

I asked Bill if he had anything else he wanted to share with us. He did:

- I do event planning and catering for the Grand Hyatt downtown.
- I am an avid *I Love Lucy* collector. I have one whole room dedicated to the "Queen of Comedy."
- I love vacationing in Palm Springs.
- I have 2 daughters, ages 36 and 34, along with 6 grandchildren, who live in Austin, Texas.
- I now attend church with my friend and neighbor Denny (aka Denise). She took care of Steve throughout his illness, and afterwards told me, "I want to go to your church." And she has ever since.



Bill told me, "PB UMC is truly a connected and loving family that cares about one another. I love being part of this outreach." I have to say I agree and totally enjoyed our time together. I hope you enjoy getting to know Bill, too.