



# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

August 2018

## ***Project Grace (PB UMC's Wednesday Night Community Meals) Needs You!***



**W**e are looking for:

◆ "Conversationalists" (people who like to talk and make people feel welcome). Sit with our guests, share a meal, get to know some of our Wednesday Night guests. 5:30-7:00 pm.

◆ "Neighborhood Walk-About Crew" (people who like to walk & talk). Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00 pm. Bring some friends; wear your bright PB UMC shirts (see Pastor Bob if you need one); bring some trash bags and disposable gloves. Walk with one another to beautify the neighborhood (by picking up trash), keep an eye out for safety, and potentially hand out PB UMC postcards or tri-folds to show anyone who asks, who we are and what we do.

Sign up sheets are in the narthex (back of the church on the welcome table). See Beth R. if you have questions.

## ***Membership Orientation Luncheon***

**I**f you are new to the PB UMC community of faith and want to learn more about the church, meet members, find out about volunteer opportunities, and ask questions, please plan to attend the New Membership Orientation Luncheon on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no charge for the luncheon; however, your RSVP will be appreciated for planning purposes. Please contact Dart R., [dartr@pbumc.org](mailto:dartr@pbumc.org) or the church office to reserve your space.

## ***PB UMC Family Camp***

**T**he PB UMC Camp for families, couples, single folks, young, and old, will be at Camp Cedar Glen in Julian, CA, from Friday, September 7, through Sunday, September 9, 2018. The camp has cabins with beds and plumbing. A few families will share each cabin. Meals are provided by the camp. They can accommodate basic needs like vegetarian, and if they know in time, will make gluten free items and work around allergies, but Dee needs to be informed of those things by August 20. Pets are not allowed at camp. Cost, which includes lodging, meals, and activities is: \$130 for adults and youth over 12 years, \$75 for children ages 3-11, and free for ages two and under. Join us to learn and worship together, enjoy free time, and participate in some optional activities such as archery and possibly swimming. Cabin space is limited, so reserve your place soon by sending an email to: [DeeB@pbumc.org](mailto:DeeB@pbumc.org).

## Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

**T**hese last several weeks have been challenging in a number of ways, some of which I have highlighted during a recent sermon, and in requests for help. Specifically, this has been related to our weekly Project Grace ministries. (More information on our Project Grace ministries can be found on our website at <https://www.pbumc.org/what-we-do/serving-others/>.)

As we have experienced some negative feedback related to our Project Grace ministries from a few vocal neighbors, I thought it would be helpful for our membership to understand how we have encountered these complaints and how we have attempted to engage our community. When it comes to individual complaints (generally by telephone or by visit), our office and volunteers work hard to hear out our neighbors and to respond immediately. To be clear, this is not a regular occurrence. My personal practice is also to invite the community member to come on a Wednesday evening to meet some of our guests and to get a sense of all that happens here each week.

I have also been contacted several times by a local Neighborhood Watch group as well as a few neighbors who have specifically been critical of *all* of the churches offering meal programs to the community. Through this dialogue, a moderated group of these community leaders and leaders from all of the congregations serving meals on a weekly basis was formed in the summer of 2017. While the first several meetings seemed fruitful, the community leaders who had been joining in the conversation stopped participating. Several subsequent attempts to contact these leaders to re-engage in dialogue has not resulted in a return to conversation. In the meantime, the church leaders – as well as the Executive Director of PB Street Guardians – continue to meet on a monthly basis.

Some time after these meetings were initiated, post cards began to show up around neighborhoods in the community from an anonymous organization called Concerned Citizens of Pacific Beach. One side asks the question, “What can you do to help our homeless neighbors?” On the back, in bold letters on the top, are the words, “Please do not support the church meals.” Following this headline are three statements that bear response:

*“Meals contribute to the Hepatitis A epidemic when individuals don’t have access to bathrooms & instead use yards & public areas. They also leave behind needles & trash.”*

We have seen social media posts accusing us of serving a meal without offering access to restroom facilities. This is demonstrably false. We have also

distributed literature on HepA, hygiene kits, and through our partnerships with local organizations provided hundreds of HepA vaccines.

*“Meals create unsafe conditions for attendees, volunteers & our community because sex offenders, drug addicts & dealers, bike thieves, & other criminals attend. They expose families & community members to criminal activities.”*

My entire family attends, and we have never felt unsafe. On church property, we do not allow drug or alcohol use, weapons of any kind, violent or threatening behavior, or any other criminal activity. Anything of this nature results in immediate expulsion from the property and/or a call to the police. It is also worth noting that not everyone who participates in these meals lives on the street. A number of nearby residents benefit from these meals as well as retirees, families, and more.

*“Meals solve an immediate need but do not transition individuals from homeless to housed. Ask your pastor how many people he/she has helped get into housing.”*

We partner with a number of local organizations with “wraparound services” to help people avoid or escape homelessness. These partners help people sign up for MediCAL and Cal-Fresh. There are Social Workers and psychologists on site nearly every week, as well as a Case Worker. There are organizations that specialize in helping veterans escape homelessness, and we even offer ESL classes after most meals. I can think of a number of people who have been helped through these and partner programs in the last six months alone. In addition, our most dedicated volunteers who help set up for the meal and clean up afterwards have the opportunity through our Work Benefit program to have access to a shower and laundry facilities.

Together, the full spectrum of these services offers support so that our most vulnerable neighbors can avoid or escape homelessness. I believe strongly that if we can find ways to work together as a community, we can collectively and collaboratively find ways to serve those who are most vulnerable here in Pacific Beach.



Pastor Bob

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



### **Choir to Kick-Off New Season**

by Ron Jessee, Music Director

PB UMC's amazing "Voices of Praise will kick-off the 2018-2019 singing year on Thursday, August 2.

Fresh from a Summer of professional development, Ron is home with loads of new music and creative ideas for the singing ministry at PB UMC. Join this dynamic group as they minister through song and spoken word.

Rehearsals are on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary,  
and on Sunday at 9:00 am.

### **...Safe and Secure From All Alarm**

by Lynn N., PhD  
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

**E**very Wednesday evening we are honored and blessed to provide various services to members of the local community who find themselves in need of such services for many reasons. We are committed to ensuring that everyone who is hungry has the opportunity to eat a prepared meal in a welcoming, safe, and secure environment. A key part of this commitment is met by the presence of a security monitor from 3:30-7:00 pm. We are currently looking for the best candidate to hire for this position, and need your help. If you are interested in applying, would like to recommend someone for the position, or simply have a few questions, please contact us using this email address for more information: [resumes@pbumc.org](mailto:resumes@pbumc.org). Candidates should have a background in, or strong familiarity with, security practices. However, training is also provided. The pay rate is \$15 per hour.

### **About Our Members**

by Betty J.

June 30th 2018, Jim Schock joined the Saints in Glory.

Jim and his wife, Margaret, have been active members of PB UMC since 1961.



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

## **August Youth Ministry Activities**

**H**ey Youthies,  
Our August is in a bit of flux right now as I write this. I have been asked if I can fill in as an emergency counselor for another week of SSP. I am trying to help them find others to do it, so I can do more things with you before school starts, but also want more youth to be able to experience SSP safely.

I will keep you informed of our schedule through flock-note (where you get the texts or e-mails from me). Please let me know if you do not get messages from me about once a week and I will add you to the list.

I am sorry not to make a calendar to publish here, but I know there will be changes as a few district youth activities are getting changed and I am not sure of my schedule. Feel free to contact me anytime through e-mail or text if you have questions. Check your messages so as not to miss out.

Also, please send me the date you start back to school. I know a few of you start earlier than others.

Special Note: See information about the PB UMC Family Camp, September 7-9, on page 1 of this issue of *Beach Breeze*.

Thanks, Dee Baraw  
[DeeB@pbumc.org](mailto:DeeB@pbumc.org)

## **Sunday School News**

by Malea Sandstrom

**W**hen our Sunday School lesson was the parable of the Mustard Seed, Ivy, Brooklyn, and Zia pretended to be the seeds, and then the grown mustard plant.



## **Bible Study Group**

### ***“Justice in the New Testament”***

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

#### **Paul Teaches About New Life in Christ**

The readings for August are:

- August 5, God’s Justice, Romans 2:1-12
- August 12, Global Economic Justice, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
- August 19, Loving and Just Behavior, Romans 12:9-21
- August 26, Practicing Justice, Colossians 3:5-17

# We Reach Out to Others

## Grace & Dine

Our "Grace & Dine" events have been a great success, enabling smaller groups at PB UMC to get to know one another outside the church, around a meal. Some have met at a member's home, some at the beach, and some at restaurants. Come join in on the fun!

You can check out the latest sign ups (on bright pink posterboard) either in the back of the narthex or online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944acaf2ea3f58-pbumc>

Just be forgiving as the syncing of paper & online is not 100%. Thank you so much to our gracious hosts for opening your hearts, time, and friendship to all of us. Please contact Su-Yen at [suyenk@pbumc.org](mailto:suyenk@pbumc.org) if you have questions.



Do you have some time available during the morning on the last Tuesday of each month? If so, the Beach Breeze needs YOU! Volunteers are needed to help prepare the Beach Breeze for mailing each month. If you have the ability and dexterity to fold, then put stickers and labels on, we could use your help. Folding parties are usually the last Tuesday of each month, at 9:00 am in the Lanai of the Social Hall. Time commitment is usually less than an hour.

If you're interested, please contact the church office for more details: [office@pbumc.org](mailto:office@pbumc.org). Thank you for your consideration!

## Pride Festival

by Marcia M. and Mark B.

Our Pride Festival booth this year was in a great location! We were lucky to have this position at no extra charge. We were closer to the crowds (and the food trucks) than we have been in the past. For that reason and because there were lots more attendees than usual, we had a great turnout at our booth.

We had well-liked items for our visitors. There were beautiful cloth crosses made of Pride rainbow colors by our Quilt team. We also had PB UMC magnets, post-its, pens, and water bottles to give to our visitors. These imprinted items were very popular, especially when sparked by our Wesley's enthusiasm. He even pretended to juggle the water bottles.

Several visitors had serious questions about our church. We answered their questions and gave them brochures about our PB UMC. We hope to welcome some of them in worship in the near future.

Thanks to Sidney Y. for his outstanding job of getting the booth organized. And, thanks to those who served as booth greeters making our visitors feel welcome.



Photo by Mark B.

2018 PB UMC  
Information Booth  
and Parade Float



Parade Photo by Beth R. (Booth Design by Louis P.)

# Circle of Support

## June 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
June giving	\$22,893	\$17,243
June other sources of income	\$8,632	\$6,653
June total available for ministry	\$31,525	\$23,896
June expended in ministry	\$35,007	\$33,618
June income minus expenses	(\$3,482)	(\$9,722)
YTD giving	\$137,356	\$122,179
YTD other sources of income	\$73,881	\$78,292
YTD total available for ministry	\$211,237	\$200,471
YTD expended in ministry	\$210,041	\$198,470
YTD income minus expenses	\$1,196	\$2,001
Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

### Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

Please welcome our newest addition to the Finance Team, Marcia M.! Marcia has agreed to be the secretary to the committee -- not to be confused with the Financial Secretary position filled by Linda A., who manages giving income and sends quarterly giving statements. Marcia takes meeting minutes, an important position that has gone unfilled for months.

Giving and spending are both below budget. We are still slightly better than budget year to date, though net income minus expenses looks very low for the month of June. We continue to keep a close eye on both, especially because our income includes about \$10,500 in designated funds that have yet to be used for their intended purposes.

### Scripture & Sermon Study Suspended

The 10:00 am Saturday Scripture and Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai group has suspended activity until further notice.

#### CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes  
Sojourning Pastor: The Rev Christopher Carter, PhD  
Office Administrator: Aimee Kay

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

July 1 – 89 persons  
July 8 – 114 persons  
July 15 – 98 persons  
July 22 – 106 persons  
July 29 – 107 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 149 persons

Joined at Christ's Table  
on Wednesday Nights

June 27 – 154 persons  
July 4 – 21 persons (sack dinner)  
July 11 – 152 persons  
July 18 – 161 persons  
July 25 – 140 persons

## August Communion Offering: AIDS Ministry

The UMC Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF) began in 2004 as a response to the global AIDS pandemic.

The funds raised through this advance support projects that address:

- ♥The prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.
- ♥The prevention of HIV in young people and high-risk populations.
- ♥Increased access to HIV counseling and testing.
- ♥Stigma reduction and psychosocial support to people living with HIV.

Your contribution helps provide education for prevention and/or care for those who are infected with HIV or AIDS.

# 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

Wed, Aug 1 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 Thurs, Aug 2 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal (p.3)  
 Fri, Aug 3 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Aug 4 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

Note: 10:00 am, Scripture & Sermon Study at PB UMC Lanai is suspended (p. 6)



Outdoor Church and Potluck  
 July 1, 2018



## Week 2

Sun, Aug 5 10:00 am Worship (one service)  
 Mon, Aug 6 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, Aug 8 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, Aug 9 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
 Fri, Aug 10 7:30 pm, Narc Anon



PB UMC Youth  
 at 2018 Sierra Service Project

## Week 3

Sun, Aug 12 10:00 am, Worship (one service)  
 Mon, Aug 13 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Aug 14 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting  
 7:30 pm, Finance Committee  
 Wed, Aug 15 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 6:00 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 Thurs, Aug 16 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
 Fri, Aug 17 7:30 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, Aug 18 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

## Week 4

Sun, Aug 19 10:00 am, Worship (one service)  
 Mon, Aug 20 September *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
 Deadline for Family Camp special info to Dee (p. 1)  
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Wed, Aug 22 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry  
 Thurs, Aug 23 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
 Fri, Aug 24 7:30 pm, Narc Anon



VBS  
 at La Jolla UMC  
 Learning About Peace

## Week 5

Sun, Aug 26 10:00 am, Worship (one service)  
 Noon, All Church Picnic  
 Mon, Aug 27 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, Aug 28 9:00 am, September *Beach Breeze* Folding Party  
 Wed, Aug 29 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, Aug 30 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
 Fri, Aug 31 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

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

## **August Scriptures**

**August 5, 2018** Dr Christopher Carter preaching  
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;  
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

**August 12, 2018** Rev. Lilia Ramirez-Jimenez,  
UMC Missionary preaching  
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

**August 19, 2018**  
1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111;  
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

**August 26, 2018**  
1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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## **Meet Our Editor: TennieBee Hall**

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

This issue of the Beach Breeze is the 25<sup>th</sup> edition produced by our Newsletter Editor TennieBee. I thought that meant it was time to get to know her. One thing I learned was both her maiden and married last names are Hall.

When I asked her how she became a member of Pacific Beach United Methodist Church, she told me that she and her husband Bob transferred membership from Park Boulevard United Methodist Church to PB UMC in 1975. "I took a community college cooking class and met Carol Hermann, Al's wife. She kept encouraging us to move our membership to PB, and finally, when the Park Blvd pastor retired, we transferred."

A native Californian, she got her degree in Education (with minors in Music and English) from Fresno State College. She taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade full-time in Edison, CA. While her husband, Bob, got his PhD at UC Berkeley, she was a substitute Special Ed teacher in grades 7-9 in the Berkeley area.

Married 53 years, TennieBee and Bob have known each other since their parents became good friends. "Our families celebrated holidays together, but we didn't date until I was teaching and he was in the PhD program."

I asked her what qualified her to be our newsletter editor. From what she told me, she is more than qualified:

- "After moving to San Diego, I volunteered with United Ostomy Association, Inc., and eventually became the National president. Later, I was hired to edit the organization's 84-page four-color quarterly magazine.
- I served in many volunteer positions with National Association of Parliamentarians, Inc., including twelve years as editor of the *California Parliamentarian* quarterly newsletter and two years as editor of the *National Parliamentarian* four-color quarterly magazine."
- Early on, I learned the difference between editing for business/scholarly publications and those produced through the efforts of volunteer authors.
- The *Marquis Who's Who* Publication Board elected to include my profile as an Editor in its volumes from 1990 to 2015. In 2017, I was honored with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award."

We are very lucky to have her as our newsletter editor.

