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A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

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DON'T LET THEM CON YOU

Avoid the Scam!

A few months ago we received news from South District that Foothills UMC experienced an email scam that is happening to churches across the country. In this scam, the Pastor's email address was used to create a fake message asking for personal information (such as a cell phone number) or to request funds for an emergency. If one replies to such an email, it goes to the scammers who then attempt to carry out the fraud.

The pastor warned members not to reply if they received an email using his name, or that of any staff, asking for personal information or requesting funds. He urged them to delete the email and report it to the church office so that it could be tracked and reported.

After the incident, the Media and Communications Director at Foothills UMC wrote an article about internet safety. Outlining the process, he stated scammers send an email that appears to be from the pastor or any leader of the church, and makes some kind of simple request, hoping the recipient will follow through on the request, and send the information they are seeking. The scammer hopes that as you see a trustworthy email address, you will not look any further. Your email app might give you a warning message if you get such a request, saying that the 'reply to' is different than the 'from' address, and to be careful. You should always take these warnings seriously.

Members were also cautioned that those who communicate online should be aware of hackers sending viruses via email. The Media and Communications Director said sending a virus is very simple. It just has to be disguised as something that you may think you are supposed to click or open. That process then activates the virus. Different viruses do different things, but many will first send out an email from your email account to every contact in your contacts list in an attempt to get more people to click or open and activate the virus.

The Media and Communications Director also addressed the issue of how people with lots of followers on social media sites like Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook can be targets. An email asks the recipient to click a link to see some examples of what they are looking for. He said, "Once the recipient clicks the link, they are directed to a social media website. Nothing seems to happen, but if they are logged into that service on that browser, then the sender of that email now has their login credentials for that social media service. The hacker will then login to their account, change their credentials and reformat their social media so that they can try and sell whatever they are on about."

With the ability to impersonate people being so easy, it seems pretty difficult to maintain the vigilance needed to protect yourself from a scam or virus. Everything about you (and probably your friends and family) is on your computer, so it is worth your dedicated attention when interacting with people online.

Warning: Protect yourself. If you receive an unexpected file from someone, don't open or download it.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

As we begin the year 2019, I confess that in many ways I am both confronted by – and confounded by – much of the newness that I am experiencing. This month marks the last half of our fifth year together (remember, appointment years run from July to June), and while this congregation has enjoyed long Pastorates, this is longer than I have been in any other single congregation.

Among some of the names I hear of previous pastors here at PB UMC, Paul Robison served for 7 years, Tom Rothhaar served for 7 years, and of course Pastor April served for 23 years! In contrast, I served as a Local Pastor at Fillmore UMC and Piru UMC for one year (For a description, see: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/glossary-local-pastor>.); an Assistant Pastor at Pasadena UMC for one year; a Pastoral Intern at La Habra UMC for 3 years; and an Associate Pastor at Trinity UMC and UM4GI in Grand Island, NE, for 3 years. You may notice that this list shows that PB UMC is the first I've had the privilege to serve as a "solo" or "lead" Pastor on a full-time basis.

Because of all this, I feel as though I am still learning! I also think this means that this congregation is still teaching. In fact, PB UMC has been mentioned several times in various South District meetings as one that is an effective mentoring and teaching congregation. Indeed, we have helped a number of congregations enter into the Reconciling Ministry community. We have given guidance to congregations who are beginning ministries for the unhoused and underserved. We have also been selected for two years running to host and teach a Wesley Intern.

In the midst of all this newness, in the midst of all this learning, in the midst of all this teaching, what will we do next? I think this is a critical question. I would even go so far as to say that *we should never stop asking what we will do next*.

In the 43rd chapter of the book of Isaiah, the prophet writes, "Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?" (Isaiah 43:19a) I believe the continued determination to look for what we will do next falls in line with this text. And if we are open and aware and observant for where God call us to *go* and *be* and *do* next, we are following God into God's new thing!

I realize that it is one thing to write all these things in a newsletter or to talk about them in church or in a meeting, and it's another thing altogether to be led into the next new and fantastic idea. In fact, we are not alone in wondering where God is calling us to go next. In a recent meeting about the 2019 Annual Conference, Bishop Hagiya was discussing the possibility of encouraging and enabling congregations to engage in a process by which we might envision where God might lead us. As it turns out, our own VUE (Visioning – Uniting – Expanding) Committee has already begun work on exactly this.

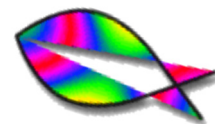
I have shared before that my academics were limited in my early college days because I lacked vision and therefore motivation. But when I understood God's call and God's vision for me, I found that I was able to accomplish much more than I had previously thought. It is time that we renew our focus on God's vision!

In the coming months, the VUE Committee plans to gather the faith community of this congregation to seek God's vision for what Pacific Beach United Methodist Church will do *next*. We will have the opportunity to pray, we will have the opportunity to dream, and we will have the opportunity to make goals and plan next steps. We will be led through a Spirit-filled process where – I believe – we can discover God's call to do a new thing.

May we be guided in our discernment and may we follow God's call. With gratitude and grace...



Pastor Bob



We Care for One Another

Ladies' Lunch

On January 12th we'll meet for lunch at the Great Plaza All You Can Eat (Chinese/Japanese/American) buffet at noon. We'll enjoy a huge variety of good, fresh food for \$11.99. Watch for an Evite and plan to join us!

The event is coordinated by Hope A. and Dart R.

Great Plaza Buffet, greatplazabuffet.menutoeat.com
1840 Garnet Ave, San Diego, CA 92109

Member News



A memorial service for Jean Musgrove, a member of PB UMC since 1954, will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 13, in the sanctuary. A time of fellowship and reception will follow the service.



Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed New Year's Eve Day, Monday, December 31, 2018, and Tuesday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2019. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

This year, because of the continuing generosity of our congregation, we were able to provide gift cards from Target, Walmart, Jamba Juice, and McDonald's for the Young People at Storefront Ministries.

Thank You!

Photo by Susie V.



The *Beach Breeze* is a monthly publication of the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Please visit our website at www.myPBchurch.org.

We Grow in Grace & Faith

January Youth Ministry Activities



to you all!

As always, for more
Information about youth activities,
contact Dee Baraw: deeb@pbumc.org.

Sunday, January 6

11:45 am-1:30 pm, Lunch outing.

Sunday, January 13

2:00 pm, Memorial Service for Jean Musgrove, Peggy's mom. Youth, please plan to support Peggy (who used to help in our Sunday School) and attend the service.

Saturday, January 19-Sunday, 20, and a few other days

Dee will be out of town to attend a memorial service and visit family. Youth, please stay in worship that week.

Sunday, January 27

Noon to 3:00 pm, Activity and lunch at church for grades 4th through high school. This will be more fun with more people. Please mark your calendars!

Friday, February 1-Sunday, 3

Remember there is a District youth retreat at Cedar Glen. See their website for information.

Flower Vases Needed

The beautiful Louis P.-designed floral arrangements on our altar on Sundays are divided into smaller bouquets after second service by a group of dedicated "flower ladies." The ten to twelve smaller arrangements are then delivered to shut-ins or others who can use a cheery pick-me-up.

If you have one or more vases you can donate, please leave them in the kitchen. For further information, talk to Betty J.



Labor of Love

By Ryan B., Chairman



We're nearing the halfway mark of the forecasted verbal pledges, and making good progress on our feasibility study, but we need to conduct at least ten more interviews to get an accurate gauge of the congregation's potential to fund the capital campaign. Marsha Bryan, our capital campaign fundraiser, plans to have the interviews completed by the first couple weeks in January. If anyone in the congregation hasn't been asked to be a part of the feasibility study and wants to be, please reach out to me or Pastor Bob, and we will get you in contact with Marsha.

The committee is still hard at work, diligently focusing on moving the project forward. We will likely start our capital campaign in early 2019.

The next Labor of Love meeting is Monday, January 14th at 6:30 pm, in the Narthex.

We Reach Out to Others

Generosity for Christmas Baskets

by Pam R.



Photo by Dee Baraw

Hats off to our PB UMC community for your incredible generosity for the Community Christian Services Agency (CCSA) Christmas Food Baskets! Thanks to you, we were able to contribute food baskets with a gift card for nine families, helping two more families than last year. Additionally we donated six additional gift cards to CCSA which they combined with other food donations they received.

Pictured here are our volunteers helping to compile the baskets.



2018 Christmas Caroling

Photo by Dee Baraw

Got a Bit of Time?

Volunteers are needed to fold, label, and affix stickers to the monthly *Beach Breeze*. Folders meet for about an hour at 9:30 am, usually on the last Tuesday of the month, for a work party at the church. The project involves a bit of muscle to fold, a lot of fun moments getting acquainted with fellow workers, and a feeling of accomplishment. Please get in touch with Office Administrator Aimee Kay, admin@pbumc.org, if you are able to help.

Sincere thanks to the retiring team, Jeanette V., Al H., Harrell H., Margaret S., and Alan A., along with Aimee Kay.



Circle of Support

November 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
November giving	\$22,893	\$18,883
November other sources of income	\$8,082	\$11,535
November total available for ministry	\$30,975	\$30,418
November expended in ministry	\$34,507	\$33,805
November income minus expenses	(\$3,532)	(\$3,387)
YTD giving	\$251,819	\$227,340
YTD other sources of income	\$121,709	\$128,360
YTD total available for ministry	\$373,528	\$355,700
YTD expended in ministry	\$382,574	\$365,993
YTD income minus expenses	(\$9,046)	(\$10,293)
Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

Your finance team is hard at work on the new budget. It's still not too late to turn in a pledge for 2019. Please contact the church office for the Financial Secretary's contact information. Pledges help us to set an accurate budget, which will be finalized mid-January for the coming year.

Current month and year-to-date income minus expenses are running close to budget. We are projecting to close the year with a loss of about \$5,000, though this may improve with generous December giving. We're not alone — many churches are struggling with declining income and attendance. We plan to join with the entire congregation to develop a spiritually-led vision of what God wants for us in the year and years to come.

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

Dec 2 – 143 persons
Dec 9 – 395 persons
(3 services with Musical)
Dec 16 – 104 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018 to date) – 145 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

Nov 28 – 172 persons
Dec 5 – 125 persons
Dec 12 – 126 persons
Dec 19 – 228 persons
(Christmas Dinner)

January Communion Offering *Human Relations Day*

Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. Our January communion offering will benefit Human Relations Day, one of six United Methodist Church special Sundays.

Proceeds from this special offering are allocated by the treasurer of the UMC General Council on Finance and Administration to:

- Community Developers (neighborhood ministries)
- United Methodist Voluntary Services (community advocacy)
- Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program (work with at-risk teens)

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, Jan 1 Happy New Year! Church Office Closed
 Wed, Jan 2 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Jan 3 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
 Fri, Jan 4 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Jan 5 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

Week 2

Sun, Jan 6 Worship and Communion
 11:45 am, Youth Lunch (p.4)
 Mon, Jan 7 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Tues, Jan 8 6:00 pm, Staff - Parish meeting
 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
 Wed, Jan 9 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Jan 10 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
 Fri, Jan 11 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Jan 12 Noon, Ladies' Lunch (p.3)

Week 3

Sun, Jan 13 Worship
 2:00 pm, Jean Musgrove Memorial (p.3)
 Mon, Jan 14 5:30 pm, Bible Study
 (Scripture & Sermon)
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 6:30 pm, Labor of Love meeting (p.4)
 7:00 pm, Finance Committee
 Wed, Jan 16 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Jan 17 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
 Fri, Jan 18 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
 Sat, Jan 19 8:30 am, District Leadership Training (p.8)
 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

Week 4

Sun, Jan 20 Worship
 Mon, Jan 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Church Office Closed
 February *Beach Breeze* Deadline
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Jan 23 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
 Thurs, Jan 24 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
 Fri, Jan 25 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 5

Sun, Jan 27 Worship
 Noon, Youth Activity (p.4)
 Mon, Jan 28 5:30 pm, Bible Study
 (Scripture & Sermon)
 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
 Wed, Jan 30 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
 Thurs, Jan 31 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal



2018 Christmas Musical Cast:
 Two From Galilee

Photo by Dee Baraw

Bible Study Group

Note: The Sunday Morning Bible Study Group will not meet until further notice.

We Love and Worship God

January Scriptures

**Series: Reading the Bible Again
for the first Time**

January 6, 2019

“Reading the Bible in a New Way”

Matthew 2:1-12;
Luke 24:13-32

January 13, 2019

“The Creation Stories”

Genesis 1:1-2:2

January 20, 2019

“The Hebrew Bible”

Exodus 2:1-10

January 27, 2019

“The Gospels”

Luke 1:1-4; 3:1a, 2-6,
15-17, 21-22

February 3, 2019

“Paul’s Letters”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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South District Leadership Training 2019

All Appointed Pastors, Conference Lay Members, Certified Lay Ministers, Lay Servant Ministers, and Local Church Lay Leaders, both elected and volunteer, are encouraged to attend the 2019 South District Leadership Training, to be held Saturday, January 19, 2019, from 8:30 am-12:00 noon.

Hosts for the training will be First Korean UMC of San Diego (6701 Convoy Court, San Diego, CA 92111).

The Training Will include:

- ▶ The Role and Function of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.
- ▶ Completing Tables I, II, & III: Tips to Save the Local Church Money.
- ▶ New "Fresh Expressions" of Ministry to Grow a Church.
- ▶ Ways to Leverage Church Property for Mission and Ministry: Imagine the Possibilities!

The workshops will repeat, offering participants an opportunity to attend two sessions of their choosing.

Mark your calendar! Registration will begin January 2, 2019.

