



Pacific Beach  
United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

May 2019

## What About Apportionments?

by Hope Anderson

**I**n the aftermath of the Traditional Plan passage at General Conference, members have wondered whether the church should continue to pay apportionments that may support activities in conflict with our stance as a reconciling congregation. Fortunately, the Western Jurisdiction and our own Cal-Pac Annual Conference are hard at work on a solution. Cal-Pac is setting up alternative funds to the World Service Fund and General Administration Fund. Other funds are not in dispute. Cal-Pac is researching exactly where these moneys go. Money in the alternative funds will be held in trust and eventually released to approved programs. Starting in May, congregations in the Annual Conference can send apportionments either to the original or alternative version of these two funds.

While we at PB UMC wait for further direction, we have temporarily withheld April apportionments only for the two funds under review. In accordance with Bishop Hagiya's recommendation, we are remitting other items on our monthly apportionment remittance form. Seventy-six percent of our apportionments stay within our Annual Conference, while a small portion supports the Western Jurisdiction. PB UMC's Administrative Council will provide direction on our apportionment giving.

You are invited to voice your opinion at the next Administrative Council meeting in the social hall on May 16 at 6:00 pm.

# Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

**A**s I write this early in the week after our Easter celebration, I do so with the echo of our amazing musicians still in my ears. I write with the birds chirping outside the church, and with the sense of newness all around. My friends, I believe we are called to be a Resurrection people!

Indeed, resurrection is in our culture and in the air. While I joked during the Easter message about images of resurrection in coming movies, I also noted that I had not personally known someone who had experienced a resurrection from death. Yet, after that message, two people shared stories with me about exactly that. One is a retired firefighter who recalled two incidents where someone had clinically died, and was resuscitated through the skill and care of trained professionals.

The other story was even more personal. I was told of an experience of medical trauma that took this person so near the point of death that the experience became mystical. A bright light was seen, and a profound sense of comfort and peace – yes, even in the midst of trauma – was vivid. As a result, this person made a decision to change vocational trajectory in a fairly radical way. Life became much different, specifically as a result of this resurrection experience.

As I experience this sensation of resurrection and newness, I am mindful of the upcoming Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference this June. Many of you already know that I have been asked by Bishop Hagiya to serve as the Conference Secretary, a leadership role that includes the privilege of knowing what is being planned for the upcoming session. I feel a sense of hope as passionate leaders in our Annual Conference seek justice after the harmful actions of the February General Conference of The United Methodist Church (GC2019). Lay and Clergy Members of our Conference are making voices heard as we seek a way forward – even working to discern if that way forward is within this denomination, or separately. As I type this note, the denomination's Judicial Council is meeting to discern the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan, and the decision is expected before this edition is published.

This page in the April edition of our Beach Breeze highlighted several events that took place after GC2019, and news continues to come forward. Many in our Annual Conference – including me – signed a statement in response to the General Conference (found at <http://bit.ly/2ZIPyqq>), and our Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (the body that evaluates candidates for ministry for Commissioning and Ordination) released a statement (<http://bit.ly/2PrKGvt>) noting that, “Our practice upholds that people of all sexual orientations and gender identities can live up to our high

standards for fitness, readiness, and effectiveness in ministry.”

Friends, you may remember the report I shared with you from one of my colleagues and friends in the midst of GC2019. As voting and politicking were taking place, she wrote: “It’s Good Friday but Easter is coming.”

Some of us have felt intense pain and anger in our lives, perhaps about GC2019 and perhaps about some other part of our lives. I don’t believe that God abandons us in those moments. I believe that we are comforted and cherished and nourished, that we may experience grace and peace even when hope seems far away. I believe that when we scatter out of fear or anger or ache or contempt, God calls us back with love.

I imagine the sense of desolation that the Disciples must have known. I imagine what that Saturday of waiting must have felt like. But friends, Easter comes.

I don’t know what will happen to this denomination. I know it’s broken, and I suspect it’s dying. I don’t know what will happen with those in our midst who are experiencing personal tragedies and intense pain. And I have deep and hope-filled faith that God is present and active and calling in *all* of these places. “Look! I’m doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don’t you recognize it? (Isaiah 43:19a).

We are a Resurrection people! Let us live into the peaceful and hopeful possibilities of radical transformation that we experience as Resurrection people. Jesus is risen! Hallelujah!



Pastor Bob



## Note

Many have expressed concerns about the paying of apportionments after the GC2019 decision. See p.1 for information about steps being taken by PB UMC.

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

**T**he Labor of Love Committee continues to make progress; however, we are delayed due to two events:



- ♥ Marsha Bryan, who conducted our feasibility study and was slated to take on our capital campaign, has moved to Northern California. She is no longer available to assist us. We are starting back at square one, and have reached out to the conference for guidance and recommendations.
- ♥ The trustees committee is ready to approve a bid to have the building tented for termites. We need to see how this will impact the Labor of Love project. Several committee members question if now is the right time to do this with a large construction project in the foreseeable future. Either way, it is possible to assume this will further delay us.

Our next meeting is on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the Narthex.

Ryan B., Chairman

## **Ladies' Brunch**

**L**adies, you are invited to gather for brunch on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Con Pane bakery at Liberty Station. Con Pane Rustic Breads offers traditional artisan breads, breakfast pastries, inventive sandwiches, locally roasted coffee, and espresso drinks in a warm, inviting cafe. Good food, friends, and conversation on a relaxed Saturday in May: What could be sweeter?

Contact Dart R. or Hope A., or RSVP via eVite.  
We hope to see you there.

**Con Pane Rustic Breads**  
2750 Dewey Rd #105  
San Diego, CA 92106  
(Liberty Station)



## **Vacation Bible School**



**P**acific Beach UMC has been invited to join La Jolla UMC for Vacation Bible School.

Dates and Times: July 22-26, 2019, 9:00 am-noon.  
VBS Sunday at LJ UMC July 28th, 2019.

Theme: To Mars and Beyond - Explore where God's Power can take you!

Registration: For the price and registration link, please contact DeeB@pbumc.org.

Youth and Adult Volunteers: If you would like to help at VBS, talk to Dee.

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

## **May Youth Ministry Activities**

**F**or more information about youth Ministries events or the program in general, please contact Dee Baraw: [deeb@pbumc.org](mailto:deeb@pbumc.org).

Sunday, May 5

4:00-6:00 pm, Confirmation Class.

Saturday, May 11 or Sunday, May 12

Time TBD, Confirmation Class

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day

No UMYF

Sunday, May 19

4:00-6:30 pm, District Youth Live Action Clue at Santee UMC. Dee will be out of town for her nephew's wedding, but will arrange chaperones for this event.

Sunday, May 26

11:45 am-1:30 pm, Youth Lunch Out.

4:00-6:00 pm, Confirmation Class.



## **Welcome to Our World!**

**L**ate at night April 10, 2019, Pastor Christopher and Gabrielle Carter welcomed Isaiah Robert Carter to this world. Isaiah weighed in at 8 lb. 4 oz.



Photo by Dee Baraw

## **With Thanks**

**N**ancy E. sends thanks to all who have helped her through love, support, and assistance as she prepared to move from San Diego across the country to be closer to her family.

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help with a meal. Members and friends of the PB UMC congregation have offered to help the Carter family through an online program called Meal Train. It is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. To contribute a meal to the Carters, you can go to <https://mealtrain.com/o6269n>.

## **Hurricane Recovery Project in New Orleans**

**T**he next South District recovery mission team will go to Greater New Orleans, Louisiana, to work on repairing homes that were damaged by Hurricane Isaac in 2012. Twenty to thirty people will be going October 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. They will be accommodated at the Epworth Building in Slidell, Louisiana, about 40 miles from New Orleans. The building has team housing, with bunk beds. There are dormitories for men and women.

The need for rebuilding help is great. There are still many homes that need to be restored to a safe, sanitary, and secure state.

For more information, call Jennifer Demaree, 619-540-5257, or email [jkdemaree@gmail.com](mailto:jkdemaree@gmail.com).

A brochure and registration form can be found at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zg9iyDuJS9n\\_xneQBSmjYPN5IssUFs1C/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zg9iyDuJS9n_xneQBSmjYPN5IssUFs1C/view?usp=sharing)

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

### **Stephen Ministry**

**D**uring a meeting in March, we discussed many aspects of the Stephen Ministry program. If you missed the meeting and would like to see the video recording, please let me know.

We are now reviewing applications for Stephen Ministers. If you believe that you may have this calling, please contact me for the application.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for Stephen Ministry at PB UMC.

Jesse H.  
Stephen Ministry Lead  
JesseH@pbumc.org



### **Grace & Dine Lunch Bunch**

**M**embers and friends will gather for the next Grace and Dine Lunch Bunch event on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Swami's Café. Everyone is welcome. This is a great way to get to know other PB UMC'ers.

Swami's is at 3924 W. Point Loma Blvd (Midway Towne Center at the corner of Midway Dr and West Point Loma Blvd). That is a straight drive down Ingraham from PB UMC. We will meet there at noon.

Swami's does not take reservations on weekends, but please let Marcia M or Hope A know if you are attending so that they can get a large enough table the day of the lunch.



### **TechArts Team Volunteers Wanted**

**B**e a part of the team that runs the technology surrounding the worship service.

We are in need of people to staff the sound board one Sunday per month. We could also use people to join the Livestream team.



If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Joe P., josephp@pbumc.org for more information.



# Circle of Support

## March 2019 Record of Generosity

	Budget*	Actual
March giving	\$21,456	\$17,105
March other sources of income	\$18,595	\$12,103
March total available for ministry	\$40,051	\$29,207
March expended in ministry	\$41,291	\$42,266
March income minus expenses	(\$1,240)	(\$13,058)
YTD giving	\$64,368	\$58,027
YTD other sources of income	\$41,096	\$24,612
YTD total available for ministry	\$105,464	\$82,639
YTD expended in ministry	\$109,872	\$110,527
YTD income minus expenses	(\$4,408)	(\$27,889)
Year 2019 budget	\$415,890	

## Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

The finance committee has selected a payroll service to ensure that our employees' payroll and payroll taxes are handled professionally and accurately. Because we are in the midst of changing payroll systems, this month's expenditures are estimated in the financial table.

Income for the month and year to date is significantly below budget. We have managed to keep expenses close to budget. Allowing for an expected rebate on microphone replacements, our expenses for March and year-to-date are actually below budget.

One reason for our lower income is that we have had a vacancy and have needed to do repairs at the Reed Ave. house. The property is currently rented so our rental income will be back at the budgeted amount beginning in April.

Other reasons for reduced giving are less clear to us. We know that many of us have received lower income tax refunds, and that many of us have found the General Conference decision against LGBTQIA inclusion to be shocking and distressing. (Please see more information about apportionment giving on p.1 in this newsletter.) If you have questions, comments, or ideas about the reduced giving please talk to any of us. You can contact the Finance Team through the church office. We appreciate your input and look forward to hearing from you.

### Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

Mar 31 – 140 persons  
Apr 7 – 107 persons  
Apr 14 – 163 persons  
Apr 21 – 390 persons

Avg. Weekly (2019) – 135 persons

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

Mar 27 – 146 persons  
Apr 3 – 128 persons  
Apr 10 – 168 persons  
Apr 17 – 113 persons  
Apr 24 – 163 persons

## Note of Thanks

From Becky and Steve G.

*Dear PB UMC Family,*

*I wanted to let you know how much Steve and I appreciated you continuing to embrace All of God's children.*

*Sincerely,*

*Becky G.*

### 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

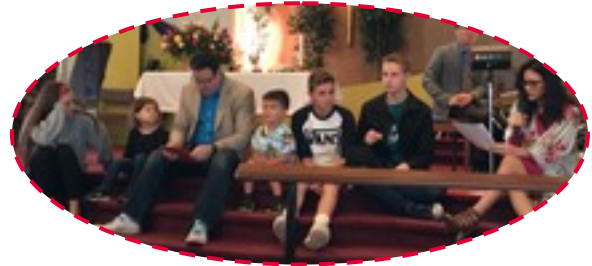
## Sunday Music Rehearsals:

8 am, Voices of Praise  
(Adults & Youth)

10 am, Grace Notes

## Week 1

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



Children In Ministry April 7, 2019

Photo by Su-Yen K.

## Week 2

Sun, May 5	Worship and Communion 4:00 pm, Youth Confirmation Class (p.4)
Mon, May 6	6:00 pm, Al-Anon 6:30 pm, Labor of Love meeting (p.3)
Wed, May 8	11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 9	7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, May 10	7:30 pm, Narc Anon



Whitney High School Choir, Visalia April 7, 2019

Photo by Su-Yen K.

## Week 4

Sun, May 19	Worship Noon, Grace & Dine (p.5) 4:00 pm, District Youth in Santee (p.4)
Mon, May 20	June Beach Breeze Deadline 6:00 pm, Al-Anon 6:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, May 22	11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
Thurs, May 23	7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, May 24	7:30 pm, Narc Anon



2019 Easter  
Worship Service  
Screen

Photo by Diane N.

## Week 3

Sun, May 12	Mothers Day Worship
Mon, May 13	5:30 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 14	6:00 pm, Staff - Parish meeting 6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
Wed, May 15	11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 16	6:00 pm, Administrative Council meeting 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, May 17	7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 18	9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters 11:00 am, Ladies' Brunch (p.3)

## Week 5

Sun, May 26	Worship 11:45 am, Youth Lunch (p.4) 4:00 pm, Youth Confirmation Class (p.4)
Mon, May 27	Memorial Day—Church Office Closed 5:30 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, May 29	11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study 5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 30	7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, May 31	7:30 pm, Narc Anon

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

## **May Scriptures**

**Series: “We Believe: The Apostle’s Creed”**

**May 5, 2019**

“We Believe: God”

Genesis 1:1-5; 1John 4:7-13

**May 12, 2019**

“We Believe: Jesus”

Isaiah 43:1-7; John 1:1-14

**May 19, 2019**

“We Believe: Life Everlasting”

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 24:36b-48

**May 26, 2019**

“We Believe: The Church”

Acts 4:32-37; Matthew 28:16-20

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## **Meet Youth Ministries Director Dee Baraw**

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I sat down with Dee Baraw recently and learned what she does for our church. I asked her how she found out about PB UMC. She told me, “After Bruce and I moved to San Diego, I got involved in District camping and got to know a lot of local churches. A little while later, Pastor April called to tell me PB UMC had an opening. I jumped at the chance to become involved in PB UMC Youth Ministries. That was 13 years ago.”

When I asked her what her job involves, she told me, “I coordinate various social activities and mission projects for our youth. I teach Sunday School classes, usually just during church second service. Some Sundays, I teach Sunday School both services, when more youth are present. I synchronize this with Malea Sandstrom, our Sunday School Coordinator. Also, I have a strong attachment with the youth ministry program in the San Diego area. I meet with other leaders once a month to coordinate District youth events, including special worship services, beach days, and camping. I also coordinate and teach confirmation classes for youth wanting to become church members.”

That sounded like a lot, but I asked if she did more. “I also coordinate and lead family camping. Multi-generational ministry is a passion of mine, and I love it when I can get adults and kids in the same room interacting with each other. Recently, I instigated several multi-generational events: the Advent kick-off, the Shrove Tuesday dinner, and the Good Friday prayer stations. I also train and coordinate our acolytes, who, among other things, light and extinguish candles during our worship service.”

Dee is also involved in our Samaritans, to assist church members going through a crisis or immediate need. She is usually at church for Project Grace on Wednesday nights to help with the meal. She does Wednesday night prayers and announcements when Pastor Bob is not there.

Before this, I thought I knew Dee, but really didn’t have a good idea of what all she does for our church. I was amazed to find out how much she actually does and how much she loves doing it. We are very lucky she is such a dedicated member.

