



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

August 2019

Outdoor Church

July 7, 2019



Photo by Dee Baraw



Photo by Mark B.



All-Church Potluck

July 7, 2019



Photo by Bob Rhodes

Pride Festival

July 13-14, 2019



Assembling the Rainbow
PB UMC Pride Float

Photo by Su-Yen K.



PB UMC Pride Float

Photo by Dee Baraw



Malea and Ray in
PB UMC Pride Booth

Photo by Mark B.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

I was listening to a podcast where the interviewee – a well-known public figure – noted the importance of humility in leadership. This was framed through the notion that sometimes a leader will see themselves in a position of influence or leadership or power, and wonder if they are in fact the best person for that role. As the interviewee explored this phenomenon, the explanation continued that this can be healthy and good when not carried to an extreme.

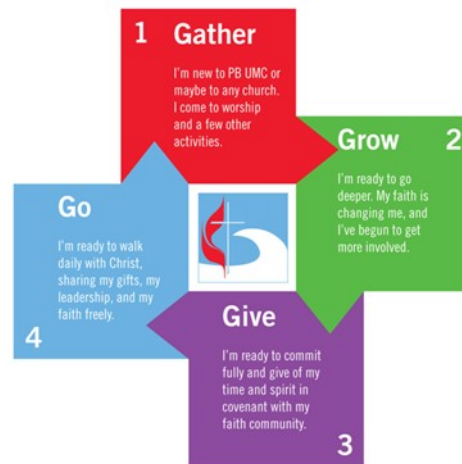
In a practical sense, this can be a recognition of one's faults and/or natural limitations. A leader might say that she is not good at understanding complex data sets, and use that recognition to seek an assistant or advisor who can fill that need. This requires both humility and confidence.

I bring this up because I have been working at recognizing my own shortcomings. As a leader and as a Pastor, I find it important to understand my own limitations. I do this to help me see where the gifted voices of others might be invited into dialogue and effective ministry.

In a recent conversation with a congregation member, we were discussing my suggestion that we should take care to look people in the eye, even in those situations where this might be uncomfortable. It was noted in our conversation that there are some circumstances where doing so might bring up important questions about safety. I recognize that my generalization may have given an impression that someone's physical safety is less important, and this is not the case. I believe that we must work hard to see the humanity in one another, and I also recognize that sometimes we must take care to maintain our own physical safety. Usually these can both be accomplished, but not always.

In another conversation, I suggested that our congregation is not here to make us feel good, but so that we might be enabled to serve our communities and the world. This is another case where a broad generalization was not the best way to frame an important concept. I talked this over with a group of leaders in our congregation, and we agreed that this congregation must be one where all are welcome, no matter where we are on our spiritual journey. It is rare for someone to come to church and immediately wish to join a committee. More commonly, someone will come who is in need of care. I believe it is our responsibility to care for all who are in need.

In this, I find an important parallel with our critical Project Grace ministry. Each Wednesday night, we offer grace and care and comfort to people in need, regardless of their circumstance. We also offer programs and



guidance that can help people move from a place of need and to equip them to contribute to their communities. Shouldn't our other ministries work the same way? If someone in need of care and spiritual direction comes to worship, we should be equipped to help offer these. We should also include

programs and guidance that can help people move from a place of need and to equip them as disciples and leaders of ministry.

To this end, Adam M.-L. has created a new resource for information on our effort to help our congregation grow in our spirituality and discipleship. Please see Adam's short write-up and website link on page 5 of this newsletter.

In what ways can we be humble and recognize our shortcomings? In what ways might we see our room for growth? In what ways might we intentionally prioritize our spiritual journey so that we become more fully committed disciples of Jesus Christ?

I have previously suggested the following four steps, and I invite you to consider where you might be in this list (and how to move to the next):

Gather – I'm new to PB UMC or maybe to any church. I come to worship and a few other activities.

Grow – I'm ready to go deeper. My faith is changing me, and I've begun to get more involved.

Give – I'm ready to commit fully and give of my time and spirit in covenant with my faith community.

Go – I'm ready to walk daily with Christ, sharing my gifts, my leadership, and my faith freely.

As a community of faith, I believe we are on this journey together. When we have moved along these steps, our next expression can be to guide others along their parallel journey. In covenanting together in this way, we experience a collective community who support and care for one another in vital and life-giving ways. May we do so in authentic humility and confident in God's grace.

Pastor Bob

We Care for One Another

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Quilting Ministry

by Dart R.

I feel blessed and grateful to the members of our Quilting Ministry. My Mom, Rose (or Nana!) was gifted this beautiful prayer quilt from our church. She is no longer able to attend PB UMC, and it is very sweet that she was remembered and prayed for. I appreciate it very much, and thank you for your kind and thoughtful gift.



Memorial Filtered Water Bottle Fountain

by Hope A.



You may not have noticed the new drinking fountain in the entrance to Hughes Hall. It looks much like the old one, but with a new feature: a water bottle filler in the upright panel in the wall. Donated by the families in memory of Rowan Sokolowski and Jayne Burrow, it will fill your water bottles, large and small, with clean, filtered water. There's even room for the half gallon pitchers we use for lemonade. Rowan always carried water with her and would remind us to take water to camp and on travel.

August Communion Offering: Strength for the Journey

Strength for the Journey is an annual week-long retreat each September for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Held at Camp Cedar Glen, it is organized each year by a diverse group of peers and volunteers who are assisted by medical and behavioral healthcare professionals, workshop facilitators, health educators, and certified therapists who provide complimentary care. The week includes traditional camp activities. During the retreat campers connect with others, share their stories, and discover how to successfully manage their HIV disease. Many attendees are able to attend only through scholarships that are funded through grants and donations.

PB UMC member Bruce B. is coordinating this fundraiser on behalf of California-Pacific Annual Conference.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

August Youth Ministry Activities

For more information about youth Ministries events or the program in general, please contact Dee Baraw: deeb@pbumc.org. Also, let us know if you are not on our youth mailing list to receive reminders and updates.

Thursday, August 1

Parents note that Dee will be out of town with the SSP team (La Jolla and San Dieguito will also be at SSP). 10:00 am-8:00 pm, There will be a district beach day. If you go, you need to check in with one of the leaders there and follow the rules.

Sunday, August 4

Dee and the SSP team will still be on their way home. Please plan to stay in church. Please be aware we will need a couple of you to help serve Communion.

Tues, August 6

Surf museum in Oceanside. (Please confirm this event as we will get home from SSP late on the 5th.)

Thursday, August 8

10:00 am-8:00 pm, Last District Youth Beach Day of 2019.

Sunday, August 11

Noon-3:00 pm, Let's celebrate our graduates!

Tuesday, August 13

Zoo. Dee will be at the zoo all day. Let her know if you can join her for part or all of the day. Let her know if you have passes you can share for those who need one.

Saturday, August 17

Youth Fundraiser. We applied for a booth at the swap meet. As I write this I have not heard back, but please save the date to help.

Sunday, August 18

Noon-2:00 pm, UMYF. We may have some follow up from the swap meet.

Sunday, August 25

Church Picnic!

Saturday, August 31-Monday, Sept 2

We may try to go to the sand sculpture challenge.

Sunday School News

by Malea S.

Here is a retelling of The Good Samaritan parable by the younger Sunday School class:

"One day at school Allen pushed someone off of the rock wall and they got hurt. Avery did not care, and ignored the situation. The teacher was busy with another hurt kid and did not see the problem. Allen helped him up."



CCSA Back to School Program Continues

by Hope A.

Donations of filled backpacks will be accepted at the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) Clairemont office through Friday, August 23rd. You can also drop off items for backpacks in the entryway to the PB UMC sanctuary through Sunday, August 17th. Your donations provide much-needed items to begin the school year in September. For more specifics on the donations, go to <http://www.ccsasandiego.org/projects/back-to-school-program>. Please note the grade levels for items needed. Or look for itemized fliers in the sanctuary entry. Watch for deep discounts on school supplies at big box and membership stores. In 2018 our church collected 10 filled backpacks plus additional school supplies.

Youth at Kobe's Swap Meet

The youth have applied to take part in special day at Kobe Swap meet where they are offering booths to non profits. Please watch for announcements regarding donations of items to sell. Please do not bring items to church without talking to Dee B or Beth R first. We have not yet heard whether we have been selected to have a booth.

Please consider heading to the swap meet Saturday, August 17th, to support area non profits. We are still also interested in having a sale at the church in the fall, where folks can rent a space to sell their own items.

We Reach Out to Others

Studies and Groups

by Adam M.-L.

Pacific Beach UMC is continuing to strengthen small groups. If you're interested in adult education, spiritual formation, or discipleship, check out our new web page to fill out a survey and explore upcoming topics. And, be sure to subscribe to Studies & Groups on Flocknote. Details are available at <https://www.pbumc.org/what-we-do/studies-and-groups/>.



Spencer Topham College Scholarship Award

We are pleased to announce that Amberlyn R. was awarded the Spencer Topham College Scholarship. Amberlyn's award was announced at Camp Cedar Glen during Senior High Camp the week of July 14th.

Amberlyn was awarded this scholarship in part because of her dedication to issues of justice and compassion. In her application, Amberlyn noted her work forming and leading the Students for Social Justice club at Mira Mesa High School. As a leader, she would meet with students to discuss topics like wage inequity, LGBTQ issues, mental health concerns, gun violence, political involvement, the Time's Up, Me Too movements, activism, and more. Amberlyn wrote, "As a Christian and a person of faith I feel it is my obligation to use my life as an example and through my words and deeds to spread the love of God and the values that Jesus taught."

In reflecting on her future, Amberlyn writes, "My career path will enable me to offer support to young people who are exploring their sexual identity and struggling to find acceptance (both self-love and from others) at a time when they are vulnerable and questioning. In me, they will have a teacher who will listen to them, encourage them and be there for them in a supportive and non-judgmental way. They will not experience me as being simply tolerant of them and their differences; no one wants to be tolerated. They will find that I celebrate who they are and they can confide in me when they need someone to affirm their goodness."

May we celebrate along with Amberlyn's proud mom, Dart, and may we know hope in the capable leadership of Amberlyn and our youth.



Circle of Support

June 2019 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
June giving	\$21,456	\$18,458
June other sources of income	\$18,695	\$29,287
June total available for ministry	\$40,151	\$47,744
June expended in ministry	\$34,291	\$28,517
June income minus expenses	\$5,860	\$19,227
YTD giving	\$128,736	\$115,180
YTD other sources of income	\$79,300	\$73,715
YTD total available for ministry	\$208,036	\$188,895
YTD expended in ministry	\$212,745	\$219,960
YTD income minus expenses	(\$4,709)	(\$31,064)
Year 2019 budget	\$415,890	

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

May 26 – 128 persons
 June 2 – 153 persons
 June 9 – 199 persons
 June 16 – 129 persons
 June 23 – 126 persons
 June 30 – 135 persons
 July 7 – 88 persons (Outdoor)
 July 14 – 131 persons
 July 21 – 112 persons

Avg. Weekly (2019) – 144 persons

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

The table shows our "other sources of" income, including a major contribution for Project Grace from Steve Frank's estate. Steve and Russ were staunch supporters of Project Grace, and so the Finance Committee planned to help support Project Grace with these funds. We've also received a \$3,000 Justice and Compassion Grant from Cal-Pac that will show up in the July numbers. That said, we are eagerly looking for additional support for Project Grace.

At the next Administrative Council meeting, Thursday, August 15th, members of the finance team will address funding concerns about Project Grace and the Labor of Love capital campaign, as well as the decline in giving from members, and attendance. Please join the discussion!"

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

May 29 – 129 persons
 June 5 – 124 persons
 June 12 – 125 persons
 June 19 – 122 persons
 June 26 – 150 persons
 July 3 – 101 persons
 July 10 – 152 persons
 July 17 – 125 persons
 July 24 – 183 persons

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes
 Sojourning Pastor: The Rev Christopher Carter, PhD
 Interim Office Administrator: Beth Rhodes

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

- Thurs, Aug 1 Youth: Sierra Service Project (p.4)
10:00 am, Youth Dist. Beach Day (p.4)
Fri, Aug 2 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Aug 3 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Termite Treatment June 20-22, 2019

Photo by Dick VS.

Week 2

- Sun, Aug 4 Worship and Communion
Mon, Aug 5 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Aug 6 Youth at Surf Museum (p.4)
Wed, Aug 7 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Aug 8 10:00 am, Dist. Youth Beach Day (p.4)
Fri, Aug 9 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

- Sun, Aug 11 Worship
Noon, Youth Celebrate Graduates (p.4)
Mon, Aug 12 5:30 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Aug 13 Youth at Zoo (p.4)
6:00 pm, Staff - Parish meeting
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
Wed, Aug 14 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Aug 15 6:00 pm, Administrative Council meeting
Fri, Aug 16 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Aimee Kay Memorial Service in Santee
Sat, Aug 17 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
Youth Fundraiser (p.4)

Week 4

- Sun, Aug 18 Worship
Richard Dreisbach Memorial Service at
El Camino
Noon, UMYF (p.4)
Mon, Aug 19 September *Beach Breeze* Deadline
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
6:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, Aug 21 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Aug 22 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsals Resume
Fri, Aug 23 7:30 pm, Narc Anon



Youth at San Diego Botanical Garden
July 2, 2019

Photo by Dee Baraw

Week 5

- Sun, Aug 25 Worship
Church Picnic
Youth Activity
Mon, Aug 26 5:30 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Aug 27 9:00 am, *Beach Breeze* Folding Party
Wed, Aug 28 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Aug 29 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Aug 30 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Aug 31 Youth, Sand Sculpture Challenge (p.4)



Camp Cedar Glen
Senior High Camp Talent Show

We Love and Worship God

August Scriptures

Series: "Defiance: Challenging the Norm"

Aug 4, 2019

"Not in This Town" Mark 6:1-6

Aug 11, 2019

"When Religion Gets in the Way of God"
Mark 7:1-23

Aug 18, 2019

"Feeding the Multitudes...Again"
Mark 8:1-10

Aug 25, 2019

"The Rich Young Ruler" Mark 10:17-31

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Meet Jesse H. Our Stephen Ministry Lead

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Recently, I sat down and chatted with Jesse H.. He told me, "I have been with the church somewhere between 12 and 15 years. When I first started coming here, Ron and Louis were two of the first friends that I made. A few years later, Joe P. moved back here from Chicago. Ron, his former teacher, and Louis convinced him to come to PB UMC. When he did, they introduced me and Joe to each other. We hit it off and have been together for ten years and have two children."

Jesse teaches online English, and picks up shifts as a nurse. He and Joe have an RV, and a boat at SeaWorld, and enjoy both for family time. Jesse also enjoys simple things like reading and going for long walks.

Both Joe and Jesse have strong musical backgrounds, and are taking over children's choir this fall. If you have a child who might be interested in joining the choir, contact Jesse at JesseH@pbumc.org.

What Jesse is currently working on is bringing Stephen Ministry to PB UMC. He told me, "The Stephen Ministry is an extension of pastoral care. It provides the opportunity for church members to get trained and involved to help others during time of need, and for those that are hurting to receive care."

Jesse told me his concern is, "We have the resources, but not the people. We need at least two more folks to volunteer to be Stephen Ministers in order for us to start the training. It is not just church members who can be helped. There is a lot of potential for this ministry in the community as well."

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or involved in another way, please contact Jesse at JesseH@pbumc.org, or call the church office at (858) 274-6573.

I certainly enjoyed getting to know Jesse and learning about Stephen Ministries.

