



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

October 2020

Generous Discipleship: Stewardship in Difficult Times

While it's true that churches often have a Fall Stewardship Campaign, the reality is that stewardship isn't limited to one season during the year: it's a year-round endeavor. As Christians, we have been entrusted with much, and it is a part of our discipleship to discern how God calls us to use and share what we have. PB UMC will focus on stewardship during the month of October. Members and friends will be receiving a Stewardship Packet early in the month; it will include a letter of invitation and a commitment or pledge card. It's our hope that all will prayerfully consider planning their giving to the ministries of the Church. While the Church buildings may be in various stages of "closed" due to COVID-19, the Church itself is very much open, continuing to respond to the needs of our fellowship, our community and our world. When we join our resources and commitments together, large and small, we make a meaningful difference on behalf of our loving God. Stay tuned for more to come!

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 1st, we'll celebrate All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the last year. Traditionally, the church remembers beloveds from the faith community, acknowledging our connection in life and death, and life beyond death. If you have a loved one, family or friend, who has died in the last year, and you'd like for their name to be included in our liturgy of remembrance on November 1st, please email their name and any other pertinent information to Pastor Lori (Loril@pbumc.org) on or before October 27th. We will lift up their names, their lives, and their witness, giving thanks to God for all the saints among and around us.



Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 11th, PB UMC will share in a "Blessing of the Animals." We live in mutual interdependence with all of God's creation, and perhaps now, more than ever, we cherish our connection with the natural world, including our pets! You are invited to send a picture of your pet(s) to Joe P. josephp@pbumc.org) on or before October 7th. We'll share the photos during worship on October 11th and have a special blessing and prayer for our beloved two, three, and four or more legged family members! (Snakes too...we don't want to leave them out!)

In addition, there will be a drive through opportunity on that Sunday afternoon. Pastor Lori will be set up in the parking lot, ready to greet you and offer a prayer from a safe distance! Please drive through anytime between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm, with or without your pets, to receive an individual blessing or just to say hello!

A Message From Pastor Lori

It is Hard to Believe . . .

that the seasons have turned, and that we are entering into these autumn days still dealing with the challenges of COVID-19.

Our Regathering Committee is reading through each and every survey, including all of your comments, ideas, and suggestions. We are working on ways to regather safely for worship, as well as other opportunities for learning and connecting. We are all experiencing the roller coaster of this time and, if you're anything like me, you're getting weary of it!

There are moments when I can keep on keeping on, and there are other moments when this virus and all of its implications just exhaust my mind, heart, and soul. I am realizing my own needs related to self-care in the midst of this time, and I want to offer you some opportunities for care as well. These are days when a little extra TLC is needed for all!

For starters, I want to say that I am here for pastoral support, despite these COVID-19 challenges. I am happy to talk on the phone, to set up a Zoom meeting, and/or to meet with you at your home in a safe manner. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any need. In addition, I've become more and more aware of how much grief we are all holding during this difficult time. Some of us have been through the recent loss of a loved one. Others of us are grieving losses from the past. Many of us are grieving losses related to a job, a living situation, a home, a hobby, the sense of safety and stability... there are so many things that have been compromised in these last months. Because of this, I want to offer a once a month Grief Group via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to drop in to listen and to give/receive support. We'll start with a simple reflection, have time for sharing, and close with prayer. We'll be offering the Grief Group on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, beginning October 20th. One of our Stephen Ministers will join as a co-host each month. Just as a reminder, our Stephen Ministers are fellow parishioners who are trained to walk with us and provide support in difficult times. You can connect with a Stephen Minister during the Grief Group or reach out anytime if you'd like to

access their care. The link for the group will be made available via Flocknote the week prior to our meeting. If you feel a burden of grief in any way, please consider joining us. You are welcome, and there is a safe space for you.

And last but not least, I want to let you know that Adam M.-L., who already serves PB UMC in so many wonderful ways, is beginning a formal pastoral internship with PB UMC. In part, this internship will fulfill a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) requirement that is associated with Adam's ordination process. Beginning in October, Adam, in addition to his fine work with small groups, will be focusing on the ministry of pastoral care. He will be available for support by request, but he will also be reaching out to check in and offer support to our members and friends. This is a wonderful opportunity for Adam to move forward in his process toward ordination but an even *more* wonderful opportunity for us! I am thankful for his kind, thoughtful, encouraging presence, and I know we will all be blessed by this new aspect of his ministry among us.

Blessings to each of you in these complex days. God is with us in sustaining ways, and has given us the gift of one another that we might be strengthened in community. I'm grateful to share in this fellowship called PB UMC. I appreciate your prayers, and I keep you always in mine.

In Peace,
Pastor Lori



We Care for One Another

October Youth Ministry

by Erich Grimm-Schmitt

Go Out and Love Louder

As the church works towards a regathering plan, I am also looking into how we, as a youth group, can gather safely. Our founder, John Wesley, lays out "Three Simple Rules."

- 1.) Do no Harm.
- 2.) Do Good.
- 3.) Stay in Love with God.

Where there is a will, there is a way. Innovation and collaboration are key.

From the last week of October through the month of November, PB UMC is partnering with St. Marks UMC and La Jolla UMC in a study on Social Justice for our youth and young adults. This four week class will discuss many issues reflecting on our privileges, our marginalized communities, patriotism, and church/religion. We hope many youth will join in this dialogue, as we enjoy and value your perspective. A flyer with more information will be sent through Flocknote.

Sunday School News

by Malea Sandstrom

Drive-by Greetings, Bibles, and Gifts

On Sunday, September 20th, Pastor Lori, Youth Coordinator Erich, and Sunday School Coordinator Malea, went on a little tour of San Diego to visit most of the children and youth of our church. We visited 10 homes, left 18 gifts and presented 3 Bibles. The Bibles were presented to Cooper A., Luke H., and Sean S. Pastor Lori followed up the next week with a Bible 101 class with the Bible recipients. It was so wonderful to see the kids and their parents. It was also amazing to see how far people travel to attend our church!

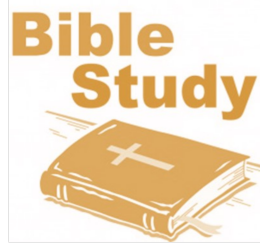


by H.R. H.

You have probably been reading (p. 2, and this page) and hearing about "Flocknote" recently, and perhaps wondering what that means. Well, so have I, and I did a bit of looking to find out. Flocknote is an internet website for handling group communications, primarily for churches. It is free to users. On your PC, visit www.flocknote.com. There are also apps available in the App Store (Apple) and Play Store (Android) for your smart phone or computer pad. To sign in the first time, you will be asked for your first and last names, an email address, a smart phone number, and a password (which you generate). You must also choose your church by entering a zip code. Do not use your own zip code; use 92109 (for PB UMC). A list of churches will appear, with PB UMC at or near the top; select it. You may then select which church communications you wish to receive, such as the *Beach Breeze* and PB UMC News. The icon for the app is a sheep. (Think again about the app name!)

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We Grow in Grace & Faith



by Adam Marshall-Lopez

Our pre-Advent small group will journey through the Old Testament book of Esther.

Esther is a suspenseful story about an unlikely woman-turned-queen, and a dastardly plot to destroy the Jewish people in exile. Pastor Lori and Adam will lead a 6-week video series from Hebrew Bible scholar Dr. Lisa Wolfe.

Email AdamM@pbumc.org by October 4th to get signed up as we schedule this thought-provoking study!

Drive-by Greetings, Bibles, and Gifts

(See story on page 3.)



Photos by Malea Sandstrom
Sunday, September 20, 2020



We Reach Out to Others

Church Council News

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

by Patty R.

Pastor Lori has planned a Blessings for Animals to be held during worship Sunday, October 11, 2020. In addition, members of the congregation may drive through the church parking lot between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm on that day to greet Pastor Lori in person. Bring your animals, your computers, or anything else you want or need blessed, and greet our new pastor!



PB UMC will be interviewing and hiring a part-time Project Grace Wednesday Night Coordinator to coordinate volunteers during the set-up of the Project Grace meal and services, maintain order and cleanliness during these events, and facilitate cleanup. The job entails working part-time every Wednesday (three shifts) and Thursday (one shift).

Wednesday: 5:00 am–9am picking up items from Trader Joe's, cleaning church bathrooms, and preparing them for guests.

Wednesday: 12:00 pm–2:00 pm assisting chef, and setting up and disinfecting tables and other items.

Wednesday: 3:00 pm–6:00 pm assisting with serving meals and providing security, followed by clean-up, tear-down, and trash take-out.

Thursday: 8:00 am–2:00 pm cleaning, according to established cleaning lists and guidelines, the Education building, fellowship hall, kitchen, bathrooms, church grounds, and surrounding area.

A job description will be posted where the target community will be able to view it. The right person for this position should have some experience working with the homeless, the passion and willingness to work alongside our dedicated volunteers, and the commitment to ensure each week is safe and successful for all involved. This person will be expected to ensure that all volunteers are respectful toward all guests and participants, will practice and enforce COVID safety guidelines, and will seek assistance from security and the Project Grace Program Manager, when needed.

Completion of all work is the responsibility of Coordinator, and will need to be completed by Coordinator if not completed by a volunteer. Accordingly, Coordinator may start break, or end the workday early if all work is completed. All work and benefits (such as showers, meals, and laundry) must happen within the hours defined unless specifically authorized by the Project Grace Program Manager or designated representative.

Fluency in Spanish preferred but not required.

Finance

by Hope A.

The Church Council is starting to prepare a budget for 2021. Given that the pandemic has uncertain timing, and a great effect on our planning, we will consider two versions this go-around. The treasurer will propose that we adopt a monthly online-only-worship budget, and then switch to a "regular" version for the months after we reopen for full worship. Your timely response to the upcoming stewardship campaign will help us make a realistic plan.

Circle of Support

August 2020 Record of Generosity

<i>Excluding extraordinary items*</i>	Budget	Actual
August giving	\$18,800	\$17,804
August other sources of income	\$11,799	\$9,338
August total available for ministry	\$30,599	\$27,142
August expended in ministry	\$31,926	\$33,658
August income minus expenses	(\$1,326)	(\$6,516)
YTD giving	\$150,400	\$129,467
YTD other sources of income	\$94,396	\$90,243
YTD total available for ministry	\$244,796	\$219,710
YTD expended in ministry	\$258,414	\$246,611
YTD income minus expenses	(\$13,619)	(\$26,901)
Year 2020 budget	\$386,129	

* Fire and fraud in 2019, covered by insurance.

Reflections From the Finance Team

Although we are running in the red, we will book \$7670 in rental property income in September as a correction. This money was misclassified in a non-budget account. It has already been received for loss of rental income on the Reed Avenue house from the insurance company. We also anticipate \$22,400 in PPP loan forgiveness that will be booked as income, once approved by the SBA. (The latest information is that the \$9,000 EIDL loan advance we received in May will be deducted from the forgivable amount of the \$31,400 PPP loan.) These two items will put us close to our budget by year end. That said, we were sustained this year by one-time government aid that we cannot rely on in the future. Let us pray for physical and financial recovery in the new year!

Please continue your giving online or by mail as you are able. If you are unable to keep up with your pledges, it would be helpful for you to notify our financial secretary Linda A.

October Communion Offering World Communion Sunday

On World Communion Sunday, your giving helps fund scholarships to educate UMC church leaders. In addition, half of the gifts made on this special Sunday will benefit national and international graduate students pursuing expertise in a wide range of fields as they follow God's call to serve communities and churches around the world.



Joined at Christ's Table
on Wednesday Nights

Sept 2 — 75 people
Sept 9 — 75 people
Sept 16 — 80 people
Sept 23 — 80 people

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold
Sojourning Pastor: The Rev Christopher Carter, PhD
Office Administrator: Ivey Merrill

Music Director: Ron Jessee
Sunday School Coordinator: Malea Sandstrom
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Erich Schmitt

Calendar of Events

Worship Times
9:00 am, Worship Celebration Via Livestream

Week 1

Thurs, Oct 1 1:00 pm, Coffee with the Pastor



All photos this page:
Project Grace Volunteers
and Packets

Week 2

Sun, Oct 4 9:00 am, Worship
World Communion Sunday
10:00 am, Post-Worship Coffee Hour
Deadline to sign up for Esther Study
Wed, Oct 7 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
Online
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct 8 1:00 pm, Coffee with the Pastor



Week 3

Sun, Oct 11 9:00 am, Worship
Blessing of the Animals (p.1)
10:00 am, Post-Worship Coffee Hour
2:00 pm, Drive Through Blessings (p.1)
Mon, Oct 12 Columbus Day
Tues, Oct 13 6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting
Wed, Oct 14 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
Online
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct 15 1:00 pm, Coffee with the Pastor

Week 4

Sun, Oct 18 9:00 am, Livestream Worship
Guest Speaker—Caryn B.



10:00 am, Post-Worship Coffee Hour
Mon, Oct 19 November *Beach Breeze* Deadline
Tues, Oct 20 6:30 pm, Grief Group (p.2)
Wed, Oct 21 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
Online
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct 22 1:00 pm, Coffee with the Pastor

Week 5

Sun, Oct 25 9:00 am, Livestream Worship
10:00 am, Post-Worship Coffee Hour
Mon, Oct 26 November *Beach Breeze* Posted Online
Tues, Oct 27 Saints Names to Pastor Lori (p.1)
Wed., Oct 28 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
Online
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Oct 29 1:00 pm, Coffee with the Pastor
Sat, Oct 31 Halloween

We Love and Worship God

October Scriptures

Oct 4, 2020 **World Communion Sunday**
“Who Let You In Here?”
Adam M.-L. preaching
Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 11, 2020 **Blessing of the Animals**
“Generous Discipleship:
Abundance”
Mark 6:34-43

Oct 18, 2020 **Laity Sunday**
Special Guest Speaker: Caryn B., Co-Chair
of Shoreline Community Services

Oct 25, 2020 “Generous Discipleship:
Relationships”
Mark 12:41-44

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Meet Shoreline Community Services Co-Chair, Caryn B.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I was recently introduced to Caryn B. She is the Co-Chair of Shoreline Community Services, an organization that works with PB UMC to host the Wednesday night meals. I was fascinated to get to know her.

In March this year, Caryn started working with Shoreline. They were about to fold because there was no one to keep them going. Caryn had the background to lift them up to the next level. She is a community developer—someone who works with people *after* their immediate needs have been met by relief services. Her efforts so far have resulted in a more powerful Shoreline as they worked with us to help the homeless.

When she started with Shoreline she sat down with them and discussed wanting things to be more than just meals. She told me she asked, “‘Instead of just food, what else can we do? How can we do it?’ At that, we began a reorganization and became an organization that is the central point of connection in the community. When someone needs help, we provide them access to existing organizations and resources. We have relationships so that we can put the vulnerable in touch with whom they need. The most vulnerable right now are the homeless. If homelessness goes away, we will care for the then most vulnerable. We are still working on this.”

She continued telling me what Shoreline has accomplished to help the homeless since May of this year: “We have been a part of more than 50 meal services serving 300 meals. It is no longer just PB UMC—we also work with other churches in the San Diego Central Beach area. We now participate in connecting folks with housing. We have found housing for 14 people so far. We have received lots of support from the community and other organizations, resulting in more powerful assistance for the homeless. We are arranging training in regard to what the issues are. As an example, we formed the Mobility Mentors to teach folks how to be one-on-one to mentor the homeless.”

PB UMC can look forward to a great collaboration with our neighbors thanks, to Caryn’s involvement.

