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United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

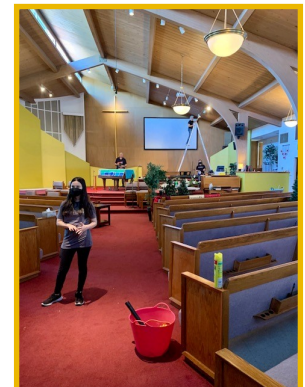
A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

January 2022



## *Thanksgiving & Praise* *We're Back in the Sanctuary!*

*But first, there was a bit of touch-up and clean-up to be done.*



***Thank You,  
Our Wonderful  
Volunteers!***

Photos Taken Saturday, December 18, 2021  
by Pastor Lori and Ron Jessee

## ***A Message From Pastor Lori***

Dear Friends,

After many months of being here, there, and everywhere for worship, we are finally back in the sanctuary! The Labor of Love Project is nearly complete, enabling us to return to worship in our regular space. It is a joy to see this project finally coming to completion. So many good folks, here and no longer here, have given time, energy, and resources to make this renovation happen. Thanks be to God for all those who have cared so deeply and acted so faithfully to support ministry in this place. I imagine many of us felt their presence as we re-gathered in the sanctuary on December 19<sup>th</sup>. I had reports from folks online as well as folks who attended in person that it was good to be “home” in this space that is beloved and holy. My hope is that our moving days are over, and that we will remain inside, even considering on-going concerns related to COVID-19. While we are all weary of this seemingly endless pandemic, we will continue to monitor conditions and make adjustments to keep each other safe. But if returning to worship inside means donning a mask for a while longer, I’m happy to do it. My heart and spirit are hopeful as we move into 2022!

As challenging as this pandemic time has been, I can’t help but be mindful that it’s also had a few upsides. We spent nearly five months of this year worshipping outdoors. Our music and tech folks worked overtime to make worship happen in that setting. It ended up being fun for many of us, and a way of connecting with the community around us who could suddenly see, hear, and experience the vitality of PB UMC as we worshipped not within our walls but beyond them! Thanks to the energy and innovation of our newest staff members, Dart and

Jesse, we’ve hosted several events that again enabled us to connect with our immediate community. We made new friends and shared some love and kindness through our Halloween event as well as our evening of Christmas caroling.

As a congregation we will spend some time in 2022 praying and thinking about and planning for ministry in these upcoming months and years. I am looking forward to building on our history of inclusivity and care for the most vulnerable, as well as expanding the ways that we share the love of God with those who are right around us. We will do some big picture visioning about who and what God is currently calling us to do and be. We will explore and become more intentional about how we welcome those who come through our doors, and we will pray about and plan for how we can move ministry outside of and beyond our walls, knowing that God’s work of peace and justice, healing, and hope, cannot and should not be contained in a building. You are an important part of this holy movement! Your wisdom, insight, courage, commitment, time, and talent are needed for us to live into God’s invitation for us in this time and place. Please join me in praying about how this church, and all of its people, can best align with God’s hope and intention for us in this New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



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Pastor Lori will be on vacation January 3, 2022, until January 9, 2022.

Please contact Stephen Ministry Coordinator Jesse Hodge for emergency pastoral care needs.

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

**Kidz  
Korner**

## **A Fresh New Year**

by Dart Rhoades

Wow! It's January 2022! A brand-new year, full of opportunities to be Awesome! We all have the chance to *start afresh* and focus on the things that God wants us to do for the coming year.

The beginning of the year is a great time to pray and ask God to show us the things he wants us to do in 2022. There also might be some things you don't want to do in the coming year. We can pray about that, too.

It's also good to ask God to give you his strength and power to do His will. We can't do the work of God through our own strength; God will show us what to do and how to do it. I know we can have an Awesome Year!

We have some great things planned for all PB UMC children during 2022! I am looking forward to seeing you in Sunday School!

Happy New Year!

I Love You,

Dart, One of God's Favorites



## **Children and Youth**

by Jesse Hodge

### **Children's Ministry**

We continue to pray for Sunday School teachers and assistant teachers. We need about 4-5 more individuals that have it in their heart to work with our children and guide them spiritually. The curriculum is already set, and the commitment is one Sunday a month. Support, and everything that you need, are already in place. Please contact Jesse Hodge at [jesseh@pbumc.org](mailto:jesseh@pbumc.org) for more information.

### **Youth Ministry**

We attended December's Movie Night at church for a viewing of Elf. The youth have also been excited about attending a bowling lock-in on December 29! We continue to have activities and continue to work to build our program. January will mark the first 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in almost 2 years that the youth will facilitate worship service, so please make sure that you're able to join us for "Rejuvenate Together"!

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

## ***Prayer Warriors***

by Jesse Hodge

Prayer Warriors is a ministry that was introduced before the pandemic and was then put on hold. We are now ready to reintroduce this ministry. It will include a weekly prayer time before Sunday morning service (We'll send out more details soon.), coordinating prayer requests, and helping keep prayer requests updated.

As part of this ministry, there will be prayer cards behind the sanctuary pews. The cards are also inside the bulletins for now but will eventually just be located behind the pews. Worshipers should feel free to fill out one of these cards and place it in the Offering & Prayer Requests box toward the back of the sanctuary. Requests and praises can also be made by sending an email to [prayer@pbumc.org](mailto:prayer@pbumc.org) or by going to [pbumc.org](http://pbumc.org) and selecting contact/prayer. Participants can decide if they would like to share these prayer requests & praises with the prayer group or not. If it is shared with the prayer group, the request will be sent out via email in our prayer chain and will also be included Sunday morning before worship service with our Prayer Warriors.

Please send an email to [prayer@pbumc.org](mailto:prayer@pbumc.org) if you have any questions about this ministry or would like to submit a prayer request or praise.



## ***Stephen Ministry***

by Jesse Hodge

Stephen Ministry is planning an eight-week training for those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, starting March 6, 2022, at 12:00 pm.

Stephen Ministry is a distinctive part of PB UMC, and in a continuing effort to grow our program we are opening up this ministry to members of La Jolla United Methodist Church who are interested in becoming Stephen Ministers.

The Stephen Ministers who completed the training last year before the pandemic will be commissioned during 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday's service on January 30.

## ***Gratitude and Heartfelt Thanks***

To my PBUMC friends and family, I am deeply touched by your generosity and kind care.

Most of you know that in October my son, Devin, and I were hit by a drunk driver while driving in Mira Mesa. Our church community stepped in and provided beautiful cards, nutritious meals, comforting visits, prayers, and encouragement. I even got gifted the **softest** blanket to keep me warm while I was in the rehab facility. That was so very thoughtful.

It means the world to us to have people who care. Thank you so much.

God bless you all.

The Rhoades Family (Dart, Waverly, Amberlyn, and Devin)





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

## ***PB UMC Council Notes***

### ***Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)***

by Patty R.

Last month SPRC hired Jesse Hodge to be our new Youth Coordinator. Since serving in the United States Air Force, Jesse has worked as a Registered Nurse and a Public Health Nurse, and is currently working toward his Family Nurse Practitioner degree. He also has an English and Health Sciences Teaching Credential, and has been teaching middle and high school English and health sciences classes. But wait—he has also been a gymnastics coach. That will come in handy for him as our Youth Coordinator, a job he has already done at Trinity Methodist Church.

Unfortunately, our new Sunday School teacher, Dart Rhoades, was in a very bad car accident. While she is recovering, Jesse has stepped in to help. Happily, Jesse and Dart work very well together, and they have great plans for our young folks. In fact, Jesse organized a Christmas caroling party throughout the neighborhood! We look forward to future activities for and with our youth.

SPRC is seeking an efficient, detail-oriented person as our Office Administrator. This key role in our church keeps the information flowing among staff, volunteers, and the congregation, while juggling a myriad of ongoing and seasonal administrative tasks, fostering an atmosphere of welcome and respect.

The position of Office Administrator is a non-exempt, hourly position, 20-25 hours per week. Essential functions include, but are not limited to, general management of the office, maintenance of church records and files, worship support including creation of bulletins and presentations that are projected in weekly worship, management of content of church website, payroll support, and communication/correspondence. Starting pay is \$18/hour, commensurate with qualifications. For a complete job description, please contact [admin@pbumc.org](mailto:admin@pbumc.org).

### ***Finance***

by Hope A.

Council will approve a 2022 budget at our January meeting. We have a lot of repair and improvement projects to consider for the church campus and residential properties. Please pray for wisdom as we face decisions about what to take on and what to defer in the coming year.



## ***Interim Church Office Hours***

Church office hours will be sporadic in January as we work on hiring a new Office Administrator.

Before you visit the church property, please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

# Circle of Support

## November 2021 Record of Generosity

<i>Excluding extraordinary items*</i>	Budget	Actual
November giving	\$17,730	\$23,065
November other sources of income	\$10,059	\$6,921
November total available for ministry	\$27,789	\$29,987
November expended in ministry	\$30,476	\$45,352
November income minus expenses	(\$2,686)	(\$15,365)
YTD giving	\$195,030	\$197,810
YTD other sources of income	\$148,962	\$150,198
YTD total available for ministry	\$343,992	\$348,008
YTD expended in ministry	\$340,285	\$352,696
YTD income minus expenses	\$3,707	(\$4,688)
Year 2021 budget	\$380,390	

\* Reed Avenue fire in 2019, covered by insurance.

## Reflections From the Finance Team

We were hit in November for needed rental property electrical repairs and are \$14k over budget year to date for rental property expenses altogether. Project Grace is about \$3k over budget YTD for food. Parsonage is \$7k over budget YTD due to replacement of items not covered by fire insurance earlier this year. Church repairs are \$3k over budget. On the other hand, giving income is a little better than budget YTD. Thank you for your generosity! We often do well financially at year end, so it's not clear yet where we will finish the year.

## January Communion Offering Human Relations Day

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, 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.

Gifts to Human Relations Day support community developers and community advocacy through the United Methodist Voluntary Services, administered through the General Board of Global Ministries, and support at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program administered by the General Board of Church and Society.

When you give generously on Human Relations Day, you partner with God and God's people to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world.

Thank you for your generous gift to Human Relations Day.

### CHURCH STAFF:

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

Music Director: Ron Jessee  
Sunday School Coordinator: Dart Rhodes  
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Jesse Hodge

# Calendar of Events

## Worship Times

10:00 am, Worship Celebration

### Week 1

Sat, Jan 1 New Year's Day

### Week 2

Sun, Jan 2 9:00 am, Children and Family  
Sunday School  
10:00 am, Worship and Communion  
In Person and Online  
Child Care Available  
Mon, Jan 3 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 4 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares  
Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Jan 5 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Fri, Jan 7 6:00 pm, Narc Anon



Caroling in the Neighborhood  
Sunday, December 12, 2021

Photo by Jesse Hodge

### Week 3

Sun, Jan 9 9:00 am, Children and Family  
Sunday School  
10:00 am, Worship  
In Person and Online  
Child Care Available  
Mon, Jan 10 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 11 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Jan 12 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Jan 13 1:00 pm, Coffee with the Pastor  
Fri, Jan 14 6:00 pm, Narc Anon

### Week 4

Sun, Jan 16 9:00 am, Children and Family  
Sunday School  
10:00 am, Worship  
In Person and Online  
Child Care Available  
1:00 pm, Harrell Hurt Memorial Service  
Mon, Jan 17 Martin Luther King, Jr, Day  
Church Office Closed  
February *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 18 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares  
Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting  
Wed, Jan 19 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Jan 20 1:00 pm, Coffee with the Pastor  
Fri, Jan 21 6:00 pm, Narc Anon

### Week 5

Sun, Jan 23 9:00 am, Children and Family  
Sunday School  
10:00 am, Worship  
In Person and Online  
Child Care Available  
11:15 am, Growing in Faith  
Mon, Jan 24 February *Beach Breeze* Posted Online  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 25 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Jan 26 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries  
Thurs, Jan 27 1:00 pm, Coffee with the Pastor  
Fri, Jan 28 6:00 pm, Narc Anon



Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
December 24, 2021

Photo by Ron Jessee

### Week 6

Sun, Jan 30 9:00 am, Children and Family  
Sunday School  
10:00 am, Worship  
In Person and Online  
Child Care Available  
Mon, Jan 31 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

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

## ***January Scriptures***

- January 2** Holy Communion  
“My Father’s House”  
Luke 2:41-52
- January 9** Guest Preacher: Mavi Barrena
- January 16** “Revelation”  
John 2:1-11
- January 23** “Time to Shine”  
Luke 4:14-21
- January 30** Rejuvenate Together  
(Youth Sunday)

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## ***How Should We Dispose of Bibles?***

God is the giver of good gifts and the things we use in our life of worship, prayer, study, and service.



Bibles become bearers to us of God’s word. When they are so worn or damaged as to be no longer useable, they should be disposed of with reverence and with appropriate ritual action.

A ritual may be by one person, but a family or gathering of Christian friends is recommended.

In the ritual, a person, congregation, or community offers thanks to God for the gifts involved in Bibles (and other devotional items), and restores them to God by returning them to the earth. Such return to the earth may happen by burial or by burning, with the ashes interred after the burning is complete.

In light of God's call to be good stewards, it is a good practice to give gently used Bibles, Sunday school curriculum, or devotional books to people or communities who need them, keeping in mind whether the resources are still current and contextually appropriate for the recipients.

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