



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

April 2022

Preparing for Easter: Holy Week Happenings

The season of Lent helps prepare our minds, hearts, and lives to receive the good, remarkable, miraculous news that comes to us at Easter...something for which we can never be entirely prepared!

This year we have been pondering the theme “Full to the Brim,” exploring the possibility of releasing the things that diminish life within and around us and reaching out for the things that support an abundant, expansive life, full of God’s love and grace.

Holy Week is fast approaching, and we will have additional opportunities for worship and reflection as we prepare for Easter Sunday on April 17th.



On Sunday, April 10th, we will celebrate Palm Sunday in worship with a special music program, *Upon This Rock*, offered by our amazing choir, Voices of Praise.

On Thursday, there will be a Maundy Thursday service at La Jolla UMC at 7:00 pm as we remember the night that Jesus gathered with his disciples, washed their feet, and reminded them that an abundant, expansive life involves “loving one another.” The word Maundy comes from the Latin word for mandate. Jesus gave the mandate to “love one another.”



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**



And on Good Friday, we will host a service at Pacific Beach UMC at 7:00 pm, marking the day that hate and fear did its worst...the day of Jesus’ crucifixion.

On Easter Sunday, the early birds will gather for an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 am at Crown Point, and then we’ll gather in person and online for a beautiful Easter celebration at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.



I hope you will join us for some or all these meaningful observations. May our hearts and spirits be open to the Easter joy, hope, and promise that is on its way!

—Pastor Lori

A Message From Pastor Lori

Dear Friends,

A few Sundays ago, I shared in church the announcement regarding the delayed 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Many of you know that COVID-19 has prevented the General Conference from meeting, which means we are still waiting for the denomination to take action for LGBTQ+ justice and full inclusion. The 2020 General Conference had been rescheduled to take place this spring, but it was recently announced that it is again delayed, and now scheduled for an undetermined date in 2024. This delay is understandable and troubling at the same time. It is understandable in that we're a global denomination and many from other countries have more limited access to COVID-19 vaccines. Some are dealing with the reality that visas are taking up to two years to be acquired, limiting folks' ability to travel for General Conference. It is troubling because we United Methodists who are LGBTQ+ and allies have waited too long already.

I want to share here what I shared in worship several weeks ago. I know that many people have felt it necessarily to step away from the United Methodist Church, including beloved members of this congregation, out of their own sense of honor and integrity. I understand that decision completely and have great respect for those who have come to that place and made that difficult decision. As your pastor, I want to tell you that, out of my own sense of honor and integrity, I am staying in this denomination in order to push and pray and nudge and work from the inside as a gay clergy person. I hope that you will join me in the work that is still to be done.

Pacific Beach UMC has been a witness for LGBTQ+ inclusion for decades, long before it was a popular thing to be. In the early 1990s we became the 100th Reconciling Congregation in the United States and have been a voice for justice and inclusion ever since. While we enjoy a space that welcomes all, this most recent delay in the General Conference is a

reminder that our work within the denomination is not complete. We pay tribute to the work of so many who came before us in this congregation (and many who are still here!) when we continue to be a voice for that which is loving, that which is grace-filled, that which is just, that which is holy, around these issues of LGBTQ+ inclusion.

So, what's next? There is critical work being done on regional and Annual Conference levels. While disappointed in this delay, those who are working on the side of justice and inclusion are choosing to see this additional time as a gift, allowing for prayer, organization, and the on-going crafting or refining of legislation that will create pathways toward a more truly inclusive denomination while also creating fair and appropriate exit strategies for those churches and/or conferences who wish, in the end, to leave the denomination. While we are a Reconciling Congregation, there is also opportunity for you to be an individual member of the Reconciling Ministries Network. If you are not already, you can sign up and learn more at <https://rmnetwork.org/>. I will share information, as well as opportunities for conversation and education, as we receive it. We have so much wisdom, experience, and compassion around these issues under our own roof here at Pacific Beach UMC. I hope that we can share some of that within our district and conference to further the work of the Spirit that is always seeking peace, love, and belonging for all God's children. In the meantime, we will keep on doing what we do...being the church, extending God's light, life, and love to one and all.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



We Care for One Another

Donations Sought for Spring Egg Hunt on Easter Morning!

**Kidz
Korner**

Members and Friends of PB UMC,

After a 2-year, pandemic-related hiatus, we are Joyfully planning to host our traditional Easter Egg Hunt on April 17, 2022! The egg hunt will take place in the courtyard for any and all children who wish to participate. In support of this annual event, you are invited to bring plastic Easter eggs (filled with wrapped candy, small toys, stickers, etc.) and place them in the box at the back of the church.

Please bring your filled eggs to church on Sunday April 10th or April 17th. The youth will hide the eggs prior to the start of the egg hunt.

Questions or comments may be directed to Dart Rhoades, Children's Sunday School Coordinator, at Dart_r@hotmail.com or (858) 275-4079.



Thank you and Thanks be to God for Easter Blessings!

Children and Youth

by Jesse Hodge

Children's Ministry

We are going to have a Bible Verse of the Month for the children to memorize. The verse for April is Ephesians 6:10-11, from the International Children's Bible: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his great power. Wear the full armor of God. Wear God's armor so that you can fight against the devil's evil tricks."

Early registration for summer camp ends April 1, but you can register after that at a slightly higher fee. Scholarships are available on an as-needed basis. If you have any questions, or have any interest in participating in Children and Youth Ministries, please contact me at jesseh@pbumc.org.

Youth Ministry

There will be a Youth Event on Sunday, April 24, at 11:00 am.

We're asking Youth to help hide the eggs for the children on Easter Sunday just before the end of the worship service. We may gather for a small devotion of our own as well, beforehand.

You can still sign up to register for summer camp. Scholarships are available on an as-needed basis. Youth who are interested in attending should respond to the invitation that was sent out or send an email to youth@pbumc.org.

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

If you would like to sign up for the electronic version of *Beach Breeze*, or have questions, comments, or requests, please email news@pbumc.org.



We Grow in Grace & Faith



Stephen Ministry

by Jesse Hodge

Our second Stephen Ministry training is slated to start as soon as we receive our training books. La Jolla United Methodist Church will be joining us. We are planning our Stephen Ministry Commissioning Service on Sunday, April 3, for the first group that completed the training at PB UMC in 2020. If you know of someone that could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please email Jesse at stephenministry@pbumc.org.

Prayer Ministry



Our in-person prayer group continues to meet on Sundays at 9:40 am in the Lanai, with Chris B. leading. If you have a prayer request, praise to share, or any questions about this ministry, please send an email to prayer@pbumc.org.



Prayer Quilt Ministry

Sending out our prayers and love! Our creative quilters are back in action the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00 am, and spreading the love! This important ministry helps us share our love and prayers with our church family and extended family who need to feel the comfort and connection of a unique gift, blessed with our prayers. If you have a loved one who would be comforted by such a gift, reach out to the quilters or the church office.

We Reach Out to Others

PB UMC Council Notes

Finance

by Hope A.

Our property insurance coverage is below current replacement costs. This is an issue that has accumulated over time and will be expensive to remedy. We are working with our Hub representative to gradually increase the coverage and our premiums. We had budgeted an additional \$3500 for premiums in 2022. Unfortunately, much of this was eaten up by premium increases at current replacement values. We can still add another \$700,000 in replacement value within our current budget. We are in the process of doing so and discussing further increases.

Kick It At Campland!

Mark your calendars for May 1st. Shoreline Community Services will be hosting a kickball tournament and ice cream social event. Shoreline will be raising funds to continue to address the unmet needs of unsheltered individuals in the central beach area. Join us!! Go to bit.ly/SCSKickball to learn more! If you would like to captain or join a team from PB UMC, please use the bit.ly/SCSKickball link to register. For more information, talk to Shoreline board members Hope A., Craig R., or Beth R.

Shoreline Community Services grew out of PB UMC's Project Grace and has now taken on a life of its own. Shoreline supports all the churches in PB that offer meals and services to the homeless and hungry and is now in the process of setting up a day center on the campus of Christ Lutheran Church. Alan S. is also on the board, zooming in remotely from his home in the Bay Area.



an extension ministry of
Reconciling Ministries Network



Parents Reconciling Network

PRN is a group of parents and loved ones of LGBTQ+ children. If you're looking for a community of celebration and support, find us online!

We meet every 2nd Tuesday on Zoom @ 12pm ET | 9am PT.

Email us: prn@rmnetwork.org



Website:
rmnetwork.org/prn
or use this QR code

Photographer Needed

We are starting to update the PB UMC website and revive other Social Media outreach, and need current photos. If you possess excellent photography skills, we want to talk to you! Contact Jesse Hodge.

If you do not consider yourself a photographer, but get an occasional "good shot" and want to see your pictures online or in print, please email your photos to Jesse Hodge or Dart Rhoades. We are looking for well composed pictures which show the flavor and loving spirit of our church!

Circle of Support

February 2022 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
February giving	\$19,230	\$19,781
February other sources of income	\$9,985	\$10,109
February total available for ministry	\$29,215	\$29,890
February expended in ministry	\$33,355	\$27,382
February income minus expenses	(\$4,140)	\$2,508
YTD giving	\$38,459	\$31,441
YTD other sources of income	\$23,990	\$23,644
YTD total available for ministry	\$62,449	\$55,085
YTD expended in ministry	\$69,070	\$61,738
YTD income minus expenses	(\$6,621)	(\$6,653)
Year 2021 budget	\$437,898	

Reflections From the Finance Team

Income in February was right on target. Year to date our net revenue (income minus expenses) is also close to budget—at least on paper. Several regular monthly February expenses were not paid until early March, so they may inflate March expenses reported next month. The timing of our maintenance and repair projects will not line up neatly with income or budget, so we can expect reports this year to look a bit like a roller coaster.

April Communion Offering Native American Ministries

Established in 1988, The Native American Ministries fund is administered by the UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Funds help to celebrate the special voice of more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, and to ensure that they are recognized. Donations support vital ministries and churches in Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs in rural, urban, and reservation settings.

When you give generously, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

Save the Dates! Rummage Sale—May 21st and 22nd

A rummage sale is being planned for Saturday May 21, and Sunday May 22 in the Social Hall. If you have donations for the sale, please bring them to the church on the morning of May 21, 2022. (Note, we do not have space to store things prior to the day of the sale.) Plan to shop with us that weekend! The rummage sale will be open to the public. For more information, contact organizers Jesse Hodge or Louis P.

CHURCH STAFF:

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

Music Director: Ron Jessee
Sunday School Coordinator: Dart Rhoades
Director of Education: Jesse Hodge

Calendar of Events

Worship Times

10:00 am, Worship Celebration

Week 1

Changes for March

- Sun, Mar 27 11:20 am, Growing In Faith Meeting
Lanai and Zoom
- Wed, Mar 30 6:30 pm, Lenten Study
(make-up for missed 3/21 study)
- Friday, Apr 1 Deadline for Summer Camp Early Reg.
For Children and Youth (p.3)



Week 2

- Sun, Apr 3 9:40 am, Prayer Circle (p.4)
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
- Mon, Apr 4 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
6:30 pm, Lenten Study via Zoom
- Tues, Apr 5 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group (p.4)
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, Apr 6 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, Apr 7 1:00 pm, Coffee with Friends
7:00 pm, AA



Week 3

- Sun, Apr 10 Palm Sunday
9:40 am, Prayer Circle (p.4)
10:00 am, Worship
Special Music Service (p.1)
- Mon, Apr 11 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
6:30 pm, Lenten Study via Zoom (Final)
- Tues, Apr 12 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, Apr 13 4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, Apr 14 7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday Service
La Jolla UMC (p.1)
7:00 pm, AA
- Fri, Apr 15 7:00 pm, Good Friday Service
PB UMC (p.1)

Week 4

- Sun, Apr 17 Easter
6:00 am, Sunrise Service Water's Edge
at Crown Point (p.1)
9:40 am, Prayer Circle (p.4)
10:00 am, Easter Worship Service (p.1)
11:00 am, Youth Event (p.3)
11:30 am, Easter Egg Hunt (p.3)
- Mon, Apr 18 May Beach Breeze Deadline
- Tues, Apr 19 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
10:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group (p.4)
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting
- Wed, Apr 20 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, Apr 21 1:00 pm, Coffee with Friends
7:00 pm, AA

Week 5

- Sun, Apr 24 9:40 am, Prayer Circle (p.4)
10:00 am, Worship
- Mon, Apr 25 May Beach Breeze Posted Online
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, Apr 26 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, Apr 27 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
- Thurs, Apr 28 1:00 pm, Coffee with Friends
7:00 pm, AA



We Love and Worship God

April Scriptures

- April 3** **5th Sunday in Lent**
Holy Communion
“Brazen”
John 12:1-8
- April 10** **Palm Sunday**
Special Music Offering:
“Upon This Rock”
Voices of Praise
Luke 19:28-40
- April 17** **Easter Worship Service**
“Living Into Resurrection”
Luke 24:1-12
- April 24** **2nd Sunday of Easter:**
“Believe”
John 20:19-31

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Meet Volunteer David H.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I recently met David H. He has been involved in PB UMC activities off and on for 21 years. I really enjoyed getting to know him. He and I shared a lot of stories about our involvement at PB UMC and about how we both live in nearby neighborhoods.

He found out about PB UMC 21 years ago because he lived next door to the church. Though he lives further away in Pacific Beach now, he is still very involved with PB UMC. Some of David's activities with the church involve helping the group to prepare for Project Grace on Tuesday, then helping at the dinner Wednesday nights. He then helps with the Thursday clean-up. It seems like he does anything that needs to be done, like maintenance, upkeep, gardening, and painting, to name just a few. He has also done tasks that include getting on a ladder and working on the roof. I must admit, if I saw him up there, I would keep my eyes on him to make sure he is safe. He is the one who puts the Christmas lights on the courtyard tree.

He has been very happy to see that Pastor Lori is getting more people to come to our church during the Pandemic. We both totally enjoyed chatting about Lori.

We discussed how people from all over the world come to the community of Pacific Beach, and some folks here now who are trying to change it to a family-oriented housing area. It seems these changes aren't doable, but David has fun getting to know these people.

Five years ago, David retired from being a structural engineer. He now works with Ben M. in roofing.

