



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

May 2022

Spring Lay Convocation: “Tending the Hungers in Our Lives”

May 14, 2022, 9:00 am

Members and friends of PB UMC are invited to join the laity of the Cal Pac Annual Conference in an online experience of spiritual renewal and reflection on Saturday, May 14, as Bishop Tracy Smith Malone (East Ohio Conference) brings the message titled, “Tending the Hungers in Our Lives.” Music will be provided by Melida Smith (Los Angeles). The Zoom link will be provided upon registration for the event. Register at calpac.umc.org/laityconvo2022.

Pastor Lori's Day Off

Pastor Lori's day off is switching from Fridays to Mondays, effective immediately. She'll make sure to return calls and respond to emails as soon as possible on Tuesdays.

How Do I Get More Information?

We've made it easier!

To get in touch with church leaders, committee chairs, or other folks who are coordinating church activities, you now only have to remember one web address to send your email. PB UMC contact information has been consolidated under one address through the Church Office.

Now, you can just go to www.pbumc.org/contact (or dial 858-274-6573), and include a brief message about the information you are seeking. Your request will be directed to the person in charge of the event or program.

Isn't that simple?

A Message From Pastor Lori

Dear Friends,

If all goes smoothly, May 1st will be the first time in over two years that we'll celebrate and share Communion inside our sanctuary. For many months, COVID-19 made it necessary for all of us to worship online and share in the sacrament of Communion from home. We found our own "bread" and "juice," using cookies, crackers, bagels, juice, water, coffee, and probably a whole host of other things! We then transitioned to worship outside and used the small, individually packaged Communion elements at in-person worship while online worshippers continued to provide their own elements. Since moving back into the sanctuary for worship, we've shared the liturgy indoors and then gone to the courtyard at the end of the service to give/receive the elements. We discontinued the pre-packaged elements, in large part due to the amount of plastic waste. We have now returned to bread and/or gluten free wafers and the common cup. Starting May 1st, we'll return to serving Communion during worship in the sanctuary.

It has been a long journey to get from here to there and back here again! I thought it might be a good time to share some information about Communion in the United Methodist Church and to let you know of something new in the works related to Communion. Here are a few Communion facts!

- The United Methodist Church has two sacraments: Holy Communion and Baptism.
- We believe that the bread and juice of Communion are unique and powerful signs of God's grace.
- In the United Methodist Church, we have an open Communion Table, which means you do not have to be a United Methodist or a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Communion is open to all, including children.
- In the United Methodist Church, we use grape juice instead of wine in order to avoid compromising anyone's health, wellness, or ability to participate in the sacrament.
- Communion is full/complete if one receives either the bread or the juice. Both elements are not required. (If you have concerns regarding the common cup, feel free to receive the bread only.)

- Communion encourages us to look back, remembering Christ's words and actions at the Last Supper.
- Communion opens our hearts and spirits to the living Christ who is with us now, inviting us to the Table of love and belonging.
- Communion casts our gaze toward the future as we anticipate gathering with all the saints at God's heavenly banquet.

One of the things we learned during COVID-19 is that Holy Communion binds us together, even when we are apart. Regardless of whether we are able physically to be present in church or not, we are all precious and valued parts of the body of Christ. Because we believe this with all our hearts, we are rolling out a program to provide Communion for those who are permanently home-centered or temporarily unable to attend in-person worship. If you would like a short visit for Communion from me and/or another friend from church on Communion Sunday or one of the days shortly after, please reach out and let me know! We will schedule a time to bring Communion to you. Likewise, if you are interested in helping with this ministry, I'd love to hear from you! A Communion kit and instructions/training will be provided. We find healing, hope, forgiveness, belonging, and love...unconditional and eternal love at Christ's table. May we be grateful for the opportunity to gather, and may we be purposeful in reaching out to all those who are a part of the body of Christ at PB UMC and beyond.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



We Care for One Another

**Kidz
Korner**

Hi friends!

If you were in Sunday School in April, you learned a Bible verse about wearing the Armor of God! In May we will learn what to do so we are not afraid! It's important to memorize Scripture verses, because you always have your mind with you wherever you go, but maybe you do not always have your Bible! Even if we have the Bible app on our phones, it's not as available as our minds! To help you learn the verse each month, we will talk about it in Sunday School each week. As a special incentive there will be a reward or prize for every child who learns the verse for the month! If you miss a week at church, or forget which verse we are learning, we will put it in the *Beach Breeze* newsletter for you. Hopefully your family will help you memorize the verse! It's good for everyone to learn and remember God's Word!

See you in Church!

Dart (One of God's Favorites, just like You!)

For May, the memory verse is...

I have put my trust in God. I will not be afraid. Psalm 56:11



Children and Youth

by Jesse Hodge

Youth Ministry

There will be a Youth Outing, Sunday, May 15, at 11:00 am until 1:00 pm (after church). We'll also take this time to plan for future outings, especially as the summer approaches!

Prayer Ministry

Our in-person prayer group continues to meet on Sundays at 9:30 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 through the church office: www.pbumc.org/contact 858-274-6573.



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We Grow in Grace & Faith

PB UMC Council Notes

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

by Patty R.

We are delighted that Dart Rhoades, having endured months of recovery from a car accident, is now able to resume her job as Sunday School Coordinator! A big shout out to our Director of Education Jesse Hodge, for taking on Dart's tasks, along with his own, while she has been recovering. In addition, many thanks to the two of them for working so well together to put on a delightful Easter egg hunt for the children (and the adults, who were happy spectators). Thank you!



Stephen Ministry

by Jesse Hodge



Stephen Ministry has trained, caring individuals that are ready and available to help those that could benefit from an extension of pastoral care. Maybe you or someone you know is going through a difficult time and would benefit from having a listening ear and a helping hand. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please email Jesse at the church office: www.pbumc.org/contact 858-274-6573.



"Kick it at Campland" Fundraising Event

Sunday, May 1st, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Shoreline Community Services will be hosting a kickball tournament and ice cream social event. Go to bit.ly/SCSKickball to learn more. We have a kickball team from PB UMC! Would you like to join in the fun? Please reach out to Ray for more information and to sign up. Still have questions? Talk to Shoreline board members Hope A., Craig R., or Beth R.

We Reach Out to Others

Sunday Games and Movie Nights

Join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 22, for **games** in Hughes hall. It's a great way to warm up before "The Greatest Race" movie showing at 6:00 pm. Kathy W. will bring sets for mahjong, Rummikub, and Chinese checkers. You are welcome to bring other games as well, and the whole family.



Sunday **movie nights** begin again on May 22nd. Join us in Hughes Hall at 6:00 pm, for a viewing of the 1965 film "The Great Race," starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, and Natalie Wood.

This film is suitable for all ages, but would probably be most enjoyed by those ages 10 and older. We will have bags of PB UMC popcorn as well as other snacks. Feel free to bring your dinner to enjoy while we view the movie!



Circle of Support

March 2022 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
March giving	\$19,230	\$15,889
March other sources of income	\$20,187	\$18,519
March total available for ministry	\$39,417	\$34,408
March expended in ministry	\$37,593	\$47,446
March income minus expenses	\$1,824	(\$13,037)
YTD giving	\$57,689	\$47,330
YTD other sources of income	\$44,177	\$42,163
YTD total available for ministry	\$101,866	\$89,493
YTD expended in ministry	\$106,662	\$109,241
YTD income minus expenses	(\$4,796)	(\$19,748)
Year 2022 budget	\$437,898	

Reflections From the Finance Team

Above-budget expenses are driven by some of the capital projects for the parsonage and church that we've planned. The income to cover them is available but hasn't been posted to the books yet. We are doing fine so far this year.

May Communion Offering Black College Fund

There are 11 historically black colleges and universities in the United States. Most of these schools were founded at the end of the Civil War to educate those recently freed from slavery. They are in the South-eastern and South Central Jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church and offer a values-centered learning environment that encourages leadership development, self-esteem building, and spiritual growth. For many who are the first in their family to attend college, these institutions are an important bridge to a wider and more culturally diverse society.

When you support the Black College Fund, you can be confident that your gifts will provide vital support to students. More than 95 percent of all proceeds of the apportioned fund flow directly to historically black college campuses.

PB UMC Rummage Sale (Note New Dates)

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 am to 12 Noon AND
Sunday, May 15, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please plan to stop by the church social hall on Saturday morning, or after the service on Sunday, to make a purchase or a donation. The proceeds will be used towards much needed repairs to the children's Sunday School classroom.



CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold
Music Director: Ron Jessee
Office Administrator: Beth Rhodes

Director of Education: Jesse Hodge
Sunday School Coordinator: Dart Rhoades

Church Office: www.pbumc.org/contact 858-274-6573

Calendar of Events

Worship Times

10:00 am, Worship Celebration
Child Care Available

Week 1

Sun, May 1 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
1:00 pm Shoreline Kickball (p.4)
Mon, May 2 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 3 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, So District Prayer Meeting
Wed, May 4 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 5 1:00 pm, Coffee with Friends
7:00 pm, AA



Photo by Pastor Lori

Week 3

Sun, May 15 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:00 am, Youth Outing (p.3)
11:00 am, Rummage Sale (p.6)
Mon, May 16 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 17 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting
via Zoom
Wed, May 18 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 19 1:00 pm, Coffee with Friends
7:00 pm, AA
Sat, May 21 Armed Forces Day



Photo by Mark B.



Photo by Ray Mc.

Week 2

Sun, May 8 Mothers' Day
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, May 9 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 10 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, May 11 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 12 1:00 pm, Coffee with Friends
7:00 pm, AA
Sat, May 14 8:00 am, Rummage Sale (p.6)
9:00 am, Cal-Pac Convocation (p.1)



Week 4

Sun, May 22 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
3:00 pm, Games and
6:00 pm Movie (p.5)
Mon, May 23 June Beach Breeze Deadline
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 24 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Nominating and Leadership
Development Meeting via Zoom
Wed, May 25 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, May 26 7:00 pm, AA

Week 5

Sun, May 29 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, May 30 Memorial Day
(Church Office Closed)
May Beach Breeze Posted Online
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 31 6:00 pm, Choir Practice



We Love and Worship God

May Scriptures

- May 1** Holy Communion
“Instruments”
Acts 9:1-20
- May 8** Mother’s Day
“Get Up”
Acts 9:36-43
- May 15** “In and Out of God’s Way”
Acts 11:1-18
- May 22** “Be Thou My Vision”
Acts 16:9-15;
Revelation 21:10, 22:5
- May 29** **5th Sunday**
“GPS: God Position System”
Jesse Hodge, Director of
Education, preaching
Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26;
Psalm 97

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Meet Volunteer Joleene P.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I met Joleene P. at PB UMC several years ago, but only recently got to know her. She told me she’s been coming to PB UMC about 20 years. “I had a good friend who was a Methodist, so I came here with her to try to get much needed support for her. After a while, she left, but I stayed.”

Joleene told me she served on our PB UMC Staff-Parish Relations Committee. She has also worked Wednesday night dinners and been a Sunday school teacher and a greeter. She now is on the flower committee, which provides flowers to attendees and to others who are unable to attend church.

Joleene recounted the many activities that led to her retirement. “I graduated from SDSU with a degree in Finance/Real Estate. I worked for Bank of America appraising large properties: hotels, office buildings, industrial buildings, and dairies. I traveled through the US doing this and became VP of the BofA appraisal department.”

She told me, “I have a good friend who suggested I use Stephen Ministries at St Paul Catholic church. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members, trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a challenging time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, or chronic or terminal illness. Later, I went to Pastor Bob to discuss the possibility of having Stephen Ministry at our church. He got the ball rolling. Now we have a corps of Stephen Ministers, laypersons at our church who have been trained and available to give support to persons who are having life difficulties.” Joleene has experienced the amazing value Stephen Ministry gives to folks at PB UMC. Citing a personal example, she reports, “We have a very seriously ill child in our family. It is a difficult road. A woman from Stephen Ministry came to my house once a week providing prayer and counselling. Our Stephen Ministry also provides a great support for me and my grandson. It is a wonderful, substantial, and valuable ministry.”

As our get-together ended, Joleene told me, “What I really like about this church is that everyone is included at the table, regardless of skin color, gender preference, and person’s ethnicity.”

