



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

August 2022

SAVE THE DATE!!! CHURCH PICNIC is BACK!!

Sunday, August 28, Noon–3:00 pm
Vacation Isle Park, Hibiscus Lane, San Diego, 92109

Our Church Picnic has returned after a 3-year vacation! We need your help to make it a great event! Please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ACAF2EA3F58-pbumc1> to volunteer your time/truck/grill and/or canopy. You may also email Su-Yen at picnic@pbumc.org if you are able to help in any way.

Details: The Picnic is from Noon-3:00 pm, but we'll need volunteers to set up and clean up as well. Tickets are \$10 per person, or \$25 for each family. You may pay Dart at church or go to www.pbumc.org and click on "Give Online." Please indicate: "Church Picnic," the number of people attending, and if you have any dietary restrictions (vegetarian/vegan/allergies, etc.) in the Note/Memo field.

What to bring: (We will provide a main course and drinks.)

- Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please indicate in the link above what food you will bring.
- Bring your own plates, utensils, lawn chair, picnic blankets, lawn/beach games, sunblock, hat, mask (if you or the county deem it appropriate) and a **HUGE sense of fun!**

Invite friends and neighbors. We strive to be welcoming to as many people as possible, so we have kept our ticket prices the same over many years. Due to rising costs, we are looking for generous donors who might be able to contribute something extra to help underwrite the catering costs. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Directions to Vacation Isle Park:

- From PB UMC, go south on Ingraham St. for 1.6 miles.
- Turn **RIGHT** onto Vacation Rd.
- Take an immediate **LEFT** onto Hibiscus Lane.
- Follow Hibiscus Lane around and **VEER RIGHT**. **Do not turn into the Mission Bay Park parking lot on the left.** You should pass the Model Yacht Pond on your left side. Follow Hibiscus Lane to the end of the road to the parking lot. **Park and Enjoy!**



Faces of Our Faith

by Pastor Lori

Our "Faces of our Faith" series continues through August 14th. Throughout this six-week series, we are spending time on Sunday mornings with different biblical figures, finding inspiration in the lives of these scriptural companions while also reflecting on the flesh and blood companions who have made such a difference in our lives of faith. As a part of the series, we are creating a collage of faces, giving thanks for people who shine brightly in our spiritual lives. If you haven't had a chance to share a picture of someone who has been important in your spiritual journey, please bring one on Sunday morning or send one to the Church Office. We'll share a picture of the final product in next month's Beach Breeze. If you'd like to have your picture returned to you, put your name on the back and we'll make sure it gets home! We give thanks for all those who have been the face, the hands, the heart of God in our lives and who have taught us what it means to be God's beloved.

A Message From Pastor Lori

Dear Friends,

There are so many things that I love about summer. I love the warm temperatures and the chance to have the windows open day and night. I love the long days with lots of time for walking. I love to swim! I love the food of summer: homegrown tomatoes, green beans, peaches, ice cream. And I love the rhythm of summer. It feels like the one opportunity in the year to slow down, to take a deep breath and enjoy a holy “pause.” It is good for the soul to have time for reflection, restoration, and renewal!

There are a few things that will “pause” at church during the month of August. We are taking a break from the Church Council meeting in August to give your hard-working Church Council members a break. We are powering down Coffee with the Pastor on Thursdays, letting it rest during August, with a plan to recreate that group in September as a lunch bunch group. In addition to summer being a good time to pause some external activities, it is a good time to pause spiritually as well. There are many ways to do that! Perhaps you’ll take a long-awaited vacation. Perhaps you’ll find respite and renewal in conversation with old and new friends. Perhaps you’ll find some pause and peace in a long walk in the mountains or by the sea.

I want to offer a new opportunity for spiritual reflection and renewal during the month of August at church. I have always loved the spiritual practice of *Lectio Divina*. In Latin, it means “sacred reading.” It is a way of prayerfully reading scripture, allowing it to engage our lives and spirits. It involves periods of silence and reflection. *Lectio Divina* can be practiced solo or in a group. As Adam M-L mentioned in our 2021 Lenten Series on spiritual practices, *Lectio Divina* invites us to go deep rather than wide. Here’s the link to Adam’s wonderful Lenten segment about

Lectio Divina if you would like to revisit it: <https://www.pbumc.org/studies-and-groups/2021/03/spiritual-practices-for-the-wilderness-lectio-divina/>.

In August, I’ll offer several sessions of *Lectio Divina*. The sessions will be on different days and at different times to allow as many folks to participate as would like. We’ll have one session via Zoom for those who would like to participate from home. Each session will be 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the size of our group. We will focus on a different scripture passage each time, and you are welcome to participate in one, two, or all the sessions. There is no preparation needed and no homework whatsoever! *Lectio Divina* is a gentle, meaningful practice that slows us down to hear the voice of God as it comes to us through God’s Word. See the schedule below for dates and times. I hope you’ll join me as you’re able!

Blessings for summer and all the ways you find rest and renewal in these days.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



Lectio Divina Sessions:

Friday, August 5th, 1:00 pm in the Lanai or outside, weather permitting.

Thursday, August 11th, 3:00 pm in the Lanai or outside.

Wednesday, August 17th, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Sunday, August 21st, after church in the Lanai or outside.

Saturday, August 27th, 9:00 am in the Lanai or outside.

Stephen Ministry

by Jesse Hodge

The Stephen Ministry induction ceremony took place on June 26 at PB UMC, and we introduced the Stephen Ministers at LJ UMC on July 24. We now have several trained Stephen Ministers in both PB and LJ UMC. If you know of someone that would benefit from this ministry, please contact Jesse H.

We Care for One Another



August is a cool month!

I think August is a cool month! Don't you agree? You are still on break from school. Some kids go to summer camp or daycamps. They take vacations, go swimming, have beach

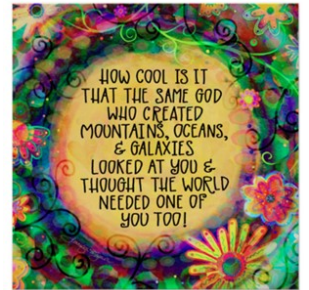
picnics, attend Sunday School, visit relatives, eat watermelon and ice cream, and do lots of other cool things!

August can be hot, but it's also a really cool month! This summer we have taken a break from our Sunday School lessons and enjoyed hanging out and playing together. We are getting ready for September when we will start up our Sunday School programs again; we have some great things planned for you. I can hardly wait! And in the meantime, let's have a terrific time in August. I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

See you soon!

Dart, one of God's Favorites

**Kidz
Korner**



August Memory Scripture Verse...

Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will give you strength, and for sure I will help you. -Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

by Jesse Hodge

During June and July, we were able to celebrate our youth and young adults who were graduating from high school and from college. We were thankful for the opportunity to celebrate this important milestone with them, and we look forward to hearing about the next chapters in their lives!

Coffee & Cards Ministry

by Jesse Hodge

Coffee & Cards Ministry is a new ministry that was created in partnership with Good Samaritans and Stephen Ministry. We have many individuals that are homebound for various reasons. On the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 am, starting August 7, we'd like to invite everyone to come out to the social hall for coffee, donuts, and for an opportunity to write cards to those that are homebound. Our at-home members and friends would be thrilled to hear from us and get a card, so please feel free to join us! Contact Jesse H. if you have any questions.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

Senior High Camp, Cedar Glen

by Devin R.

Camp has been such an amazing experience. Each year at camp has brought me closer to God, and closer to people. Camp Cedar Glen was one of the most awesome things I have been privileged to do. I highly recommend it! If I had it to do all over, I wouldn't change a thing. The people and experiences there changed my life for the better. It has been so much fun seeing other people like me go to camp every year because we absolutely love it. Thank you to PB UMC for helping me to be able to go to camp. I will be forever grateful.



Thank you so much for my quilt! It was such a surprise and honor. It's beautiful. I will treasure this gift!

Lesley B.

Back to School Backpacks

from Pam R.

You are invited to donate new backpacks, individual school supplies, or a completely filled backpack for the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) Back to School Backpack project. There will be a collection box in the narthex until August 19th. You may choose to help with a cash donation either on-line at pbumc.org/give, designating "CCSA Backpacks," or by sending a check with "CCSA Backpacks" on the memo line.

| K-2 Grade Backpack List | 3-9 Grade Backpack List | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 2 spiral notebooks | 1 binder | 1 glue stick |
| 1 pk of 10 pencils | 2 spiral notebooks | 1 glue bottle |
| 1 pencil sharpener | 2 notebook paper | 1 ruler |
| 1 pencil box | 1 pencil holder | 1 scissor |
| 1 pk of 6 erasers | 1 pk 10 pens | |
| 1 box of crayons | 1 pk 10 pencils | |
| 1 box of magic markers | 1 box of colored pencils | |
| 1 glue stick | 1 pencil sharpener | |
| 1 glue bottle | 1 eraser | |
| 1 scissor | 1 highlighter marker | |

We Reach Out to Others

The New Church Photo Directory is Here!

by Mark B.

Church folks love to keep in touch, but it's not always easy to find contact info for someone. And who doesn't stumble over names sometimes, even when you *know* you know that person in the next pew?

We're pleased to announce that PB UMC is creating a new church directory using an online service called Church Center. This is an "opt in" directory, meaning you are only included if you want to be, and you can choose which information you want to share (a photo that you upload, birthday, phone number, email, and address). You can make corrections to your own info to keep it up to date. Households can also upload a family photo, and parents can opt in for their kids.

The directory is available as a cell phone app (install the "Church Center App" by Planning Center) or from any browser at this address: <https://pacificbeachumc.churchcenter.com>.

The plan is to roll out the directory during August. If we have an email address for you, you should receive an invitation to add yourself to the directory. If not, let us know at directory@pbumc.org and we'll send an invite. If you don't use email at all but still want to be in the directory, let the office know and we will add you! We look forward to having a new tool to help us build and maintain our connections as a church family.



John Wesley

- ✓ Include profile photo
- ✓ Include birthday (June 28)
- ✓ (858) 274-6573
- ✓ JohnW@pbumc.org
- ✓ 1561 Thomas Avenue
San Diego, CA 92109

Update on Church Security

For many years, we have been fortunate to have Eazy M. living on campus and providing security during the night. Eazy earned the respect and appreciation of church members as well as neighbors and the police department. Our campus is lighter, brighter, and much more secure than it was when Eazy first arrived. In addition, Eazy took it upon himself to fix a whole host of things that needed fixing around campus. He has loved and cared for this campus and its people in amazing ways.

Eazy recently took a next step in his own journey and moved into an apartment. We celebrate that move for him and are thankful that we will still see Eazy on campus several days a week as he continues to provide security for Project Grace on Wednesdays and work as the Project Grace Volunteer Coordinator. We created an Amazon Gift List for Eazy when he moved to his new home. If you missed that opportunity but would still like to extend a word or gesture of thanks to Eazy, please feel free to drop off a card and/or Amazon gift card in the Church Office.

PB UMC Church Council is mindful of the vacuum that Eazy's absence from campus has created. Beginning in mid-July, we contracted with Security First who is now patrolling our campus two times at night. We have coordinated this contract with other local parishes to secure the best rate. We receive a daily report of any activity or concerns encountered during the previous night. We are grateful for Eazy who has served in this role so kindly and professionally, and we are thankful for this new connection with Security First as we seek to maintain a safe campus to support the mission and ministries of PB UMC.

Circle of Support

June 2022 Record of Generosity

| | Budget | Actual |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| June giving | \$19,230 | \$15,618 |
| June other sources of income | \$20,187 | \$17,344 |
| June total available for ministry | \$39,417 | \$32,962 |
| June expended in ministry | \$33,069 | \$45,762 |
| June income minus expenses | \$6,348 | (\$12,800) |
| YTD giving | \$115,378 | \$101,543 |
| YTD other sources of income | \$98,400 | \$94,553 |
| YTD total available for ministry | \$213,778 | \$196,096 |
| YTD expended in ministry | \$229,950 | \$232,572 |
| YTD income minus expenses | (\$16,172) | (\$36,476) |
| Year 2022 budget | \$437,898 | |

Reflections From the Finance Team

Expenses were higher and income lower than budget in June, so we've increased our year to date deficit. One of the expenses driving up June was a \$4,500 catch-up in water bills that the water utility had been failing to bill us for, reaching back to 2021. We were not assessed a penalty, as it was the utility's fault. Project Grace food and church repair expenses are also running high for the year. Our capital expenditures are proceeding generally as planned. We hope for a catch-up in pledged giving.

August Communion Offering

Strength for the Journey

Strength for the Journey is a 5-day retreat held in several locations in our conference for persons with HIV/AIDS. This safe, caring, and healing community includes activities to nourish the mind, body, and soul, so that participants may return home with a renewed strength and spirit. It is open to anyone with HIV/AIDS regardless of religion, race, creed, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Coffee With the Pastor—Update

“Coffee with the Pastor” has been a safe, supportive way to stay in touch throughout the pandemic. We are retiring the current format for coffee with the pastor, taking a short break in August and rebirthing this social time in September. Starting on September 8th, we'll begin a “2nd Thursday Lunch Bunch.” We'll meet in different areas and at different restaurants to experience many parts of our wonderful city and all its delicious cuisine! Watch for more details in the September Beach Breeze. We look forward to breaking bread and sharing time together in this new way!

Games and Movies

Plan to join us for an afternoon and evening of fun and entertainment on Sunday, August 21, beginning at 3:00 pm. First, get together for a game of mahjong or Rummikub (or bring a game of your choice). We'll be in the social hall. Then, stay at 6:00 pm for the little-known, charming movie, “The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill But Came Down a Mountain,” filmed in 1995, and starring Hugh Grant. We promise a most enjoyable time!

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

Mon, Aug 1 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Aug 2 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, So District Prayer Meeting
Wed, Aug 3 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Aug 4 7:00 pm, AA
Fri, Aug 5 1:00 pm, *Lectio Divina* Series (p.2)



Stephen Ministry Induction June 26 , 2022

Photo by Jesse H..

Week 2

Sun, Aug 7 9:00 am, Coffee & Cards Ministry (p.3)
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
Mon, Aug 8 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Aug 9 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Aug 10 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Aug 11 3:00 pm, *Lectio Divina* Series (p.2)
7:00 pm, AA



Story Time With Miss Dart July 10, 2022

Photo by Vicki T.

Week 3

Sun, Aug 14 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
2:00 pm, Memorial Service
for Frank Glaser
Mon, Aug 15 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Aug 16 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Aug 17 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
7:00 pm, *Lectio Divina* Series (p.2)
Thurs, Aug 18 7:00 pm, AA



Our PB UMC PRIDE Float and Volunteers, July 16 2022

Photo by Louis P.

Week 4

Sun, Aug 21 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Noon *Lectio Divina* Series (p.2)
3:00 pm, Games and
6:00 pm Movie (p.6)
Mon, Aug 22 *Beach Breeze* Deadline
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Aug 23 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Aug 24 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Aug 25 7:00 pm, AA
Sat, Aug 27 9:00 am, *Lectio Divina* Series (p.2)

Week 5

Sun, Aug 28 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Noon—Church Picnic (p.1)
Mon, Aug 29 *Beach Breeze* Posted Online
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Aug 30 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Aug 31 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

We Love and Worship God

August Scriptures

- August 7** Holy Communion
“Faces of Our Faith:
Judas Iscariot”
Mark 14:1-2, 10-21, 32-50
- August 14** “Faces of Our Faith:
Eutychus”
Acts 20:1-12
- August 21** “Bent Over”
Luke 13:10-17
- August 28** “Hospitality”
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Meet Devinator Devin Rhoades

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Recently, I sat down with Devin R. and I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know him. We had lots of fun!

He told me he had just graduated from high school, and his plan is to join the Marines. He is currently waiting for official word from the Marines to get his ship date to start boot camp. The Marines are very careful when adding members. Devin told me, “I am waiting for notification that I’ve been officially cleared for Boot Camp. To join the Marines, you must be in pretty good shape. The Marines don’t need to give much notice when they give you a ship date. Currently, I go to Physical Training (PT) every week to work out with others who have signed up for the Marines.” Devin wants to be a jet mechanic, so the training in the Marines will be valuable towards that goal.

For the past year or so Devin has worked at Firehouse Subs in Mira Mesa. Devin uses most of his paycheck to support his car. Just like me, Devin drives a red Ford Mustang. Devin loves cars, and the Mustang is a good first step on the path to the expensive sports cars he has his heart set on in the future.

He started coming to PB UMC when he was 2.5 years old. Right after that he was adopted by Dart R. In that family he has 2 sisters: Amberlyn and Waverly. He also has biological siblings (3 brothers and 1 sister) who are raised by other families. He currently doesn’t have a job at PB UMC but likes to help out any way he can. “I help with food, help with the children, I used to move chairs out so they could be used on Sunday.” Devin has grown up in PB UMC and likes spending time with his church family.

This summer Devin enjoyed a week at Camp Cedar Glen. Devin’s uncle will soon have surgery, and he plans to spend some time with him to help after the surgery. Devin loves animals, so he is excited to spend time with his Uncle’s Rottweiler! When he gets back in San Diego he’ll be at church. You can count on that.

