



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

October 2022

PB UMC Celebrates Its 75th!

PB UMC has put faith into action for 75 years, making a life-changing difference in the Pacific Beach community and beyond. So many have come through our doors, some staying a brief time and some settling in for decades. We have been blessed by good-hearted people, a keen sense of mission with and for those on the margins, and God's ever-present guidance and grace as we have navigated life and ministry over those 75 years. We want to celebrate all that has been and look ahead to all that is yet to come!

On Sunday, October 16th, our District Superintendent, Rev. Sandy Olewine, will be our guest preacher. We are delighted that Rev. April Herron, pastor of PB UMC for nearly a third of those 75 years, will be with us as well! One of our amazing members is arranging for a catered lunch following the service. It will be a Sunday of joyful celebration and we hope you will be there! Please reach out to friends and past/present members of PB UMC with an invitation to join us for this special Sunday!

You Are Invited: A Catered Lunch for PB UMC's 75th Anniversary

It's a really special week for the church, and coincidentally Hope A's 70th birthday. She chooses to celebrate both by hosting a catered lunch in the social hall after worship on Sunday October 16. Ranch Catering will be serving up a holiday meal with carved turkey and ham and some yummy side dishes. And cake! Bring your appetite and maybe invite a friend or neighbor who has been thinking about visiting us as well.

Second Sunday Concert The Sea Side Quartet

October 9, 2022, 2:00 pm In the Sanctuary
Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

Coming in October, you will want to hear and see the incomparable Sea Side Quartet. This amazing group of musicians will be performing in our sanctuary on October 9th. Our own Brenda Martin is a member of this musical team. Join us for an hour of stellar music and exuberant inspiration with this world class ensemble.



Brunch Before the Sea Side Quartet Concert

Join us at the Broken Yolk Café, 1851 Garnet Ave., for brunch on October 9. We'll gather at the restaurant at 11:30 am for food and fellowship between worship and the 2:00 pm Second Sunday concert by the Seaside Quartet. When you arrive at the restaurant, ask for the tables set aside in the name of Pacific Beach United Methodist Church.

Questions? Talk to greeter Marcia M., or to Hope A.

A Message From Pastor Lori

Dear Friends,

Fall is in the air, and there are so many wonderful things happening in the life of the church. Just in the month of October, we have opportunities for worship, fellowship, learning, and growing in our faith. We will be celebrating Christian Unity on World Communion Sunday. We will hear from one of our remarkable lay folks, Tim A., on Laity Sunday. We will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the church on October 16th. We will enjoy 5th Sunday Worship, offered by our Education Department on October 30th. In faithful United Methodist fashion, we will eat good food! We will bless the animals, watch movies, feed the hungry, meet to do the business of the church, paint rocks, start new Sunday School opportunities, and provide a Trick-or-Treat stop for children (and their parents and pups) on Halloween. During all that, we will do our best for one another and our community, seeking to grow in love of God and neighbor in all we do. We will live into what it means to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus.

Another way we live into that invitation is through our fall stewardship events. Churches, as many of you know, are non-profit organizations, funded by donations. Each year we prepare a budget, based on our known needs and our hopes for ministry in the upcoming year. Throughout the month of October, we invite members and friends of the congregation to estimate their giving for the coming year. There is a biblical tradition of “tithing” one’s income, or giving ten percent to the work of God in the world. Some of us are able to tithe, and some of us are not. We are all in different circumstances. Many of us, if able, are taking small steps in that direction each year in hopes of one day getting there! What can you expect from this year’s stewardship events? Our theme is one that we

raised up in worship a few weeks ago: **Money is for Love**. You will be receiving a letter outlining our hopes and goals for 2023, along with an estimate of giving card, early in October. We’ll hear from different church folks through “Stewardship Moments” in the weekly church e-mail as well as in worship. On Sunday, October 23rd, we’ll celebrate “Stewardship Sunday” and I’ll share with you what I give, how I give, and why I give to the church. We’ll gather our estimate of giving cards throughout October, keeping you posted on our progress.

As we also said in worship a few weeks back, “money matters.” It’s important for a church to have a sound financial base to do ministry in meaningful and effective ways. But money is not the only thing that matters. And stewardship is not just about money. God entrusts us with so much. We have resources of all kinds, including our money but also our gifts, talents, and abilities. God entrusts us, human beings, with the mission of the church in the world, and each one of us gives what we can in our own unique way to support that mission. I invite you to join me this stewardship season in prayerful reflection about how God invites us to participate, with who we are and what we have, in sharing the grace of God and the love of Jesus Christ with one another, our community, and the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



All Creatures Great and Small Blessing of the Animals

Join Pastors Lori and Lesley for a special Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 2nd, at 2:00 pm. We will gather in the courtyard to bless critters of any and every kind, giving thanks to God for these remarkable companions and the people who love them so. There will be treats and blessings for all!

October Lunch Bunch

Join us on Thursday, October 13th for lunch on the patio at Casa Guadalajara in Old Town. We will meet at noon for a time of good food and fellowship! If you’re in the Pacific Beach area, we will carpool from the church. If you plan to join us, please contact the Church Office and/or Pastor Lori so we can plan for just the right size table! Do you have a favorite spot for lunch? Let us know, and we’ll schedule a future Lunch Bunch in your neck of the woods!

Save the date for November... November 10th

We Care for One Another

**Kidz
Korner**

Hi my friends! It is the Fall season now; I hope you are doing well in school. It seems like summer is far behind us, even though it was just a few weeks ago. October is a fun time. I like the fall harvest theme in all the stores now. When my children were little, we would go to a pumpkin patch every year. I always told them they could have *any* pumpkin in the patch if they could carry it to the car. (I did not want any 150-pound pumpkins at our house!) They would spend a lot of time looking for just the perfect pumpkin. It was important to them to pick out the right one. It reminds me that we are all handpicked by God, too. As we enjoy the cooler weather and shorter days, I hope you will remember that you are one of God's Favorites. He chose you because He loves you so very much, and you are perfect in His sight!

See you in Church!

Dart R.
Sunday School Coordinator

September Memory Scripture Verse

***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters. – Psalm 23:2***

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

We had a great time at our last youth and young adult outing to Filippi's pizza! This was our first official youth event with La Jolla UMC, and it couldn't have gone better. Our next event will be Saturday, October 8th, at 10:00 am, to SeaWorld. Please let Jesse H. know if you want to go by October 2nd. After Sea World, we'll go to the Fall/Halloween Festival that is being hosted at our church at 5:00 pm. On October 30th, we have the option of joining the district youth for a Halloween dance at Foothills UMC in La Mesa or attending the movie night in the PB UMC social hall to see "Young Frankenstein." We'll need to take a vote on this by October 23rd.

Jesse H.
Director of Education

Filippi's August-9-2022

Photo by Jesse H.



5th Sunday Worship (October 30)

Just a reminder that 5th Sunday is an alternative to the traditional Sunday Service where the Education Department leads the service, giving many of those that are involved in worship regularly a chance to enjoy the service. This is an opportunity for our children, youth, and those that aren't involved in the worship service a chance to be part of this experience. If this is something you'd be interested in being part of, please let Jesse H. know. For October 30th, come check out our skit and song from the Children's Choir!

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



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to offer care to people who are hurting. If you know of someone that can benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Jesse H.

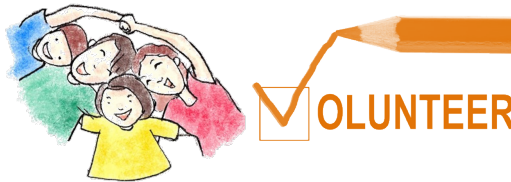
We Grow in Grace & Faith

PB UMC Council Notes

Finance

by Hope A.

The church received a restitution check for the full insurance claim on the 2019 embezzlement. All but our \$500 deductible was returned to the insurance company. We are grateful that the perpetrator has made restitution, and pray for her healing spirit.



Anyone interested in being a Sunday School Teacher or Teacher's Assistant, please see Jesse H. or Dart R. Sunday School Teachers spend one Sunday a month during the church service with our awesome children. Volunteers must be fingerprinted, have a background check, and complete an online training for the safety of our children. It's fun and very rewarding to hang out with the youngest members of our church family! Pray about it, and let us know if you are interested!

Coffee & Cards Ministry

The next Coffee & Cards Ministry will meet Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00 am.

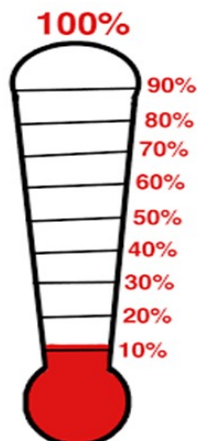
Coffee & Cards Ministry is a new ministry that was created in partnership with Good Samaritans and Stephen Ministry. We have many individuals that are homebound for various reasons. We'd like to invite everyone to come out to the social hall for coffee, donuts, and an opportunity to write cards to those that are homebound. They 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.

Matching Gifts for Sunday School Rooms

The Anthony Family has generously offered to match donations to the Sunday School Renovation Fund up to \$1,500!

If you would like to donate and have it doubled, please see Jesse H., or put a note with your donation to designate it for the Matching Gift/Youth and Sunday School Rooms Renovation.

We thank you for your generosity.



Saturday, October 8th
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at PB UMC
Spaghetti Dinner (\$\$ donations accepted)
All are Welcome!
Come in costume or come as you are!

This all-church event is sponsored by the Education Department.
Proceeds will benefit the Youth & Sunday School Rooms Renovation Project

We Reach Out to Others

Three Week Adult Sunday School Class ***Problems and Passions***

Many of us, not all, have grown up in church: Methodist, Catholic, or non-denominational. Some of us have come to church-life as adults. Belonging to the Body of Christ is a belonging like no other. There is a heartbeat that is particular. Truly, it is not replicated in PTA, or Rotary, or at the YMCA. As members of Christ's body, we are invited to spend our lives understanding and participating in the belief that we are Christ's hands and feet on earth.

Some of us have served as ushers, liturgists, choir members, youth leaders, or committee members. Although rarely spoken aloud, many of us have, at one time or another, **assumed** "*it all will get done.*" Whether it is the anthem on Sunday morning, or the coffee hour after worship; whether it is keeping the lights on and the doors open, serving our sisters and brothers on Wednesdays for Project Grace, or providing the cookies after a memorial service, many of us **assume** *it will get done.* And (spoiler alert) *it does not just get done.* From start to finish, it depends on you and me.

Join Pastor Lesley Brogan for three conversations about living into being the Body of Christ. The class will meet from 8:45 am to 9:45 am in the Chapel on Sunday morning. This is not a cookie-cutter class. Nobody yet knows what will come of it. Together we will identify what we see as the problems/challenges/needs of PB UMC. Right now. And then, we will distinguish what our passions are for addressing these problems/challenges/needs. Right now. As individuals who make up the Body of Christ here on this corner, we will begin to put into action what can next be done.

For three Sunday mornings we will talk about **ways our faith comes alive** in and through our participation in the life of PB UMC.

"Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time."
~ Marian Wright Edelman

October 23rd, on our first Sunday, we will share what are the things that are being done and identify where the cracks are for what is still needed. What is working? What is not? As we look at these "problems," we will use tools and conversation to begin to name and claim our passions around what is needed now and in the days ahead.

"Yes," say the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14: 13)

October 30th, our second Sunday will explore what the scripture says about service and how scripture can be our compass for helping others. We will talk about ways serving God and one another are woven together when we *walk the walk*. We will discuss ways we have volunteered before and what lessons we have learned from our serving. We will talk about 'committee burn-out.' We will discuss ways our problems and passions can be blessed by something bigger than ourselves.

"The purpose of life is not to be happy, but to matter – to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all." ~ Leo Rosten

November 6th, our third Sunday will discuss ways we can roll up our sleeves and enter or re-enter in our times of service here at PB UMC and out beyond her walls. We will talk about ways we can *get the word out* to others in the pews as well as our PB neighbors.



Movie Night: Spooky October Comedies!

During October, we are presenting two special evenings of fun and entertainment. Join us!

Sunday, October 16th @ 6:00 pm: "Death Becomes Her" (1992) starring Meryl Streep, Goldie Hawn, and Bruce Willis.

Sunday, October 30th @ 6:00 pm: "Young Frankenstein" (1974) starring Gene Wilder, Madeline Kahn, and Cloris Leachman

Circle of Support

August 2022 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
August giving	\$19,330	\$14,672
August other sources of income	\$10,285	\$11,204
August total available for ministry	\$29,615	\$25,876
August expended in ministry	\$32,593	\$42,023
August income minus expenses	(\$2,978)	(\$16,147)
YTD giving	\$154,037	\$134,809
YTD other sources of income	\$118,971	\$127,414
YTD total available for ministry	\$273,008	\$262,223
YTD expended in ministry	\$300,786	\$313,709
YTD income minus expenses	(\$27,778)	(\$51,486)
Year 2022 budget	\$437,898	

Reflections From the Finance Team

We are operating by the grace of God. We have significant net losses for the month and year to date. However, we have applied for a \$40,981 Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) refund from the IRS, and are prayerfully hoping to receive it before year end.

October Communion Offering

World Communion Sunday

On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ. Your donations support racial and ethnic students through scholarships, grants, mentoring, and training for leadership development.

Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.

Thirty-five percent supports scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.

Fifteen percent funds grants for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry.

Through our gifts and support, we can invest in talented, qualified students from around the globe.

Game Day Moves



Game Day for October is still up in the air. Sundays are fully booked, so we're thinking about a Wednesday afternoon game this month. If you are interested in learning or playing mahjong with us, please let Kathy W. and Hope A. know so we can coordinate schedules and let you know the day and time. There will also be a heads-up in the weekly email and church bulletins.

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold
Music Director: Ron Jessee
Office Administrator: Susie Virgilio

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 2

Sun, Oct 2 9:00 am, Coffee & Cards Ministry
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
2:00 pm, Blessing of the Animals (p.2)

Mon, Oct 3 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, Oct 4 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm Nominating and Leadership Development Committee
7:00 pm, So District Prayer Meeting

Wed, Oct 5 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Sat, Oct 8 10:00 am, Youth & Young Adults (p.3)
5:00 pm, Fall Festival/Spaghetti Dinner (p.4)



PB UMC Picnic, August 28, 2022 Photos by Su-Yen K. and Mark B.

Week 3

Sun, Oct 9 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Pre-Concert Brunch (p.1)
2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (p. 1)

Mon, Oct 10 **Columbus Day**
6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, Oct 11 6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Wed, Oct 12 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Thurs, Oct 13 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p.2)

Week 4

Sun, Oct 16 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship 75 year Celebration (p.1)
11:30 am, Catered Lunch (p.1)
6:00 pm, Movie Night (p.5)

Mon, Oct 17 *Beach Breeze* Deadline
6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, Oct 18 10:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting

Wed, Oct 19 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Week 5

Sun, Oct 23 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Growing in Faith Committee

Mon, Oct 24 *Beach Breeze* Posted Online
6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, Oct 25 6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Wed, Oct 26 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries

Week 6

Sun, Oct 30 9:00 am, Coffee & Cards Ministry
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Adults and Kids Rock Painting
6:00 pm, Movie Night (p.5)

Mon, Oct 31 6:00 pm, Trick or Treat (See this page.)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon



Ice Cream Social to Honor Devin R., Sept 11, 2022



Trick or Treat at PBUMC

Friends and Neighbors of all ages are welcome to stop by the church on Halloween night for some candy treats (and doggie treats). We will be outside from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm to greet any Trick or Treaters! Feel free to join us.

(We would appreciate donations of wrapped candy that we can hand out. There will be a basket in the foyer throughout October to collect your sweet contributions. Thank you!)

We Love and Worship God

October Scriptures

October 2 World Communion Sunday
Luke 19:1-10

October 9 Laity Sunday
Guest Speaker, Tim A.
“Seeking the Face of Jesus”
Isaiah 53:1-3;
1 Corinthians 15:48-49;
2 Corinthians 3:18

October 16 75th Anniversary Sunday
Guest Preacher, Rev. Sandy Olewine
“To God Alone the Glory”
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

October 23 Stewardship Sunday
Luke 12:13-21

October 30 5th Sunday Worship
Matthew 6:11;
Philippians 4:6

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Meet Karen R-S.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I recently had a fun time getting to know Karen R-S., a new frequent PB UMC attendee. I asked her how long she's been coming to PB UMC. She told me, "About a year and a half. I started attending online, and now attend more often in person." She told me she and her husband met while living in Indiana and then moved to California. They have lived in Crown Point since 2000. "My husband, Chris, is active at St Brigid Parish on Cass Street. My family grew up in Los Angeles and still lives there."

I was impressed with Karen's long white hair. She told me she is 59 years old but has had white hair for many years.

She says of her current employment, "I am a fund manager at UCSD. I chase numbers all day long." I asked her if anything special is going on in her life now. She answered, "I am about to visit a niece in Washington. I have never been to Washington before, and I have a special relationship with my niece. I am looking forward to the visit." We talked about train trips. She told me she wants to take a train trip across Canada. "I have travelled worldwide, but never to Canada."

"My sister, Lyn R., was very active in PB UMC and assisted with the homeless outreach Wednesday dinner program for years. She now lives in LA near our mom. "We chatted about PB UMC's work with homeless outreach. She is familiar with several individuals through her sister's work. She told me, "I may try to find help for one individual now. Sometimes he is very intelligent and talks interestingly. Right now, he may need more help, and I would rather have him on the street than in jail. Perhaps with some new outreach programs coming online, there will be new options available."

