



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

November 2022

Volunteers Needed for 2023 Interfaith Shelter Program at PB UMC

by Ken B., IFSN Coordinator

As part of its ministry to the homeless community, Pacific Beach United Methodist church, has served as a host congregation for the Interfaith Shelter Network for over 30 years. I am delighted to announce that after three years, the Interfaith Shelter Network is returning to Pacific Beach UMC in January 2023. This ministry is successful because of the volunteers and supporters who donate their time, talents, and services. In continuing this tradition of service to the community, PB UMC will be hosting the shelter program January 28th to February 11th, 2023.

We need volunteers. Our spirit of service has never diminished because we are children of God, called to serve. There are a variety of areas where your help is of great need.

- There are setup volunteer opportunities, where we transport shelter guests' belongings from the previous host church to ours, setup cots and get beds ready. Setup volunteers are needed early morning on Saturday January 28th.
- Prior to the arrival of our shelter guests, we need volunteers to contribute breakfast food items, as well as other items on our list. During their two-week stay here at the church, we provide our guests with breakfasts, a prepared lunch sack as they leave for the day, and a nice, prepared dinner when they return in the evening. Therefore, we need individuals or groups to serve as lunch and dinner hosts. Lunch sacks are prepared the evenings before an assigned date, and are dropped off at the church around 6:00 pm. Dinner hosts prepare meals and serve the guests around 6:15 pm on the assigned evening. The church's kitchen is available for use for all meal preparation. And we (IFSN coordinators) are willing to work around your schedules, so if you need to drop off lunches earlier, or want to arrive at the church early to prepare your gourmet meal do not worry. After our guests finish their meal, they help clean the kitchen and then settle in for the evening.
- Each evening, an overnight supervisor volunteer is present, another area of participation waiting for you. Overnight supervisors eat with our shelter guests during dinner and sleep overnight in a private room.
- On February 11th, the shelter program here ends for the season. We will need volunteers to help with breaking down cots, collecting used linens for laundry, and packing up our shelter supplies.
- The last and final area where we need volunteer help consists of washing the used bed linens, blankets, etc., and returning them to the church, clean and folded for storage.

So where do you begin to volunteer? By looking at all the open volunteer opportunities on the sign-up sheets located in the church lobby during worship services, starting in November 2022. This shelter season, we are working on creating volunteer signup capabilities via the church website. More information is coming soon. If you have any questions just ask any of the coordinators (Betty, Ray, or Ken).

We are grateful for your continued support and service to this vital ministry to the community.

A Message From Pastor Lori

Dear Friends,

As we turn into the month of November, I am reminded once again of the power of gratitude. I will readily admit that gratitude isn't always my first gear. I am often overwhelmed by all that is challenging about being human in the world today. I feel troubled by the burdens of hurt and sorrow that seem unrelenting for so many of us. I am distressed by the persistence of injustice, and the scarcity of peace in our world. I worry about the planet as a whole, and all that seek to live and thrive in God's created world. I find myself far more quickly going to a place of anxiety than I do a place of gratitude. But this season reminds me, once again, to be intentional about choosing a different path. It reminds me about the importance of moving into gratitude, even when it isn't my first inclination. Because to see and name one thing for which I am grateful opens my eyes a little bit wider to another, and another, and hopefully another aspect of life that shimmers with the beauty, hope, and possibility of life and love as God intends it.

Our District Superintendent, Sandy Olewine, was with us for our recent celebration of the 75th anniversary of PB UMC. She reminded us of these words from the hymn, *My Life Flows On*: "My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation, I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn, that hails a new creation." And while we do not, we cannot turn away from "earth's lamentations," we bring faith, hope, and love into the midst of them as those who tune our ears to the "far-off hymn that hails a new creation." In some ways, we "hear" and "see" the New Creation into being by naming, however small, the stubborn signs of God's coming realm as we

experience them through the beauty and goodness we encounter every day. I have been reading John O'Donohue's blessing, "The Inner History of a Day," most days this month as I try to remain focused on gratitude. One line that catches my attention every time I read it says, "We seldom notice how each day is a holy place, where the eucharist of the ordinary happens, transforming our broken fragments into an eternal continuity that keeps us." God's grace comes to us in many ways, including the small and ordinary moments of each day. So, while I am quite a novice, I seek to live into the practice of gratitude, noticing the sweet and beautiful things that bloom, sometimes unexpectedly, in ordinary moments or unexpected places.

I am grateful for so much related to this faith community. I'm grateful to be here. Les and I are grateful for your kind welcoming of her into this church family. I am (still and forever) grateful that we are able to gather in person for worship. But most of all, I am grateful for you. I am grateful for the people of PB UMC who live faithfully, who give generously, who laugh loudly, and who care so deeply. Blessings of fall, and Happy Thanksgiving to each one of you.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



All Saints Sunday ***November 6th***

All Saints Sunday is one of the most tender and precious Sundays of the Church year. On All Saints, we remember church family and other loved ones who have died in the last year. We honor their memory and our abiding connection in life and death and life beyond death, by reading their names, lighting a candle, and tolling a bell. Is there someone you would like to have included in our All Saints remembrance? If so, please contact Pastor Lori with their name and relation to you by November 1st. Join us in person or via Livestream for this special day of remembrance as we celebrate our connection with the people of God on earth and in heaven.

We Care for One Another

Hi friends,

What holiday is coming in November?
Thanksgiving!



When should we give thanks? Before we eat our Thanksgiving dinner? Yes. And also every other day, right? All good things come from God. We need to remember to thank God for our blessings. Does God give us our food? Yes, God supplies all of our needs. Our grown ups do buy and cook our meals, but God provides them. So, should you thank your parents? Yes. And thank God? Definitely, yes. Not just on Thanksgiving, but every single day!

I thank God for *you*. Have a fantastic November. See you in church!

Dart R.
Sunday School Coordinator

November Memory Scripture Verse

***He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. – Psalm 23:3***

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Youth Ministry program is looking for volunteers to be a part of the youth devotional time that will take place during worship on Sundays. Folks can volunteer for one to four Sundays and can be as involved as they're comfortable between simply being there as a support, or being active in the conversations. For state compliance reasons, this ministry with the youth will begin once we have all Sundays covered. Volunteers will be asked to complete a Live Scan screening in compliance with our Abuse Prevention Policy. Please see Jesse for more details.

Jesse H.
Director of Education

November Lunch Bunch

Join us on Thursday, November 10th, for lunch at La Perla in Pacific Beach. We will meet at noon for a time of good food and fellowship! If you plan to join us, please contact the Church Office and/or Pastor Lori so we know how many to anticipate!

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 next month...December 8th.



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We Grow in Grace & Faith

PB UMC Council Notes

Finance

by Hope A.

Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign, *Money is for Love*, is underway. At press time, we've received 21 estimate of giving submissions. If you haven't filled out your estimate of giving card, please find a link at pbumc.org/givingestimate. Thank you for your faithful giving of your prayers, presence, gifts, witness, and service.

Annual All-Church Conference

November 10th at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Our Church Conference is the annual meeting of our local church with our District Superintendent. It is a time to give thanks for the year behind us, and plan well for the year to come. We will do some of the business of the church, including electing new officers and committee members, as well as recommending our newly declared candidate for ministry, Jesse Hodge. All are invited to attend the Church Conference on Thursday, November 10th, at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Those who are church members will have a vote in any matters that require a vote. A Zoom link and a link to the material will be provided on November 8th. Please reach out to Pastor Lori with any questions, and mark your calendar now for this important annual meeting.

Good Samaritan Ministry

We are looking for individuals that would be willing to do small tasks such as picking up something at the store for someone, taking them to an appointment, taking them a meal, or something else, for those that need this help and support. It may be a small task for us, but it makes a big impact, and is a big deal to those that we help. Please contact Jesse H. if this is something that you may be interested in, or if you'd like more information.



Readers for Advent Candle Lighting Needed!

We are doing a special Advent Candle Lighting that involves four intergenerational voices each Sunday of Advent. We hope to have a child, a youth/young adult, an adult and an older adult participate each Sunday. Would you be willing to participate? If yes, please contact Pastor Lori and we'll schedule you for a Sunday in Advent. If you worship online and have multiple generations in your family or at home and would like to pre-record the reading, that would be great too! We hope to have many involved as we move through this meaningful liturgical season toward Christmas.

We Reach Out to Others

November Movie Night

by Craig R.

To view one of the few movies to feature Thanksgiving, join us in Hughes Hall on Sunday, November 13th, at 6:00 pm.

This 2000 multicultural comedy-drama set in Los Angeles's middle-class neighborhoods paints an intriguing portrait of family tensions as four ethnic clans—Latino, Black, Jewish and Asian—get ready for Thanksgiving dinner.

Starring Joan Chen, Alfre Woodard, Kyra Sedgwick, Mercedes Ruehl, and Julianna Margulies.



How Do You Keep the Music Playing?

Join us from 5:00-7:00 pm on November 20th in the Social Hall for the *Walker's 60th Anniversary SingAlong*. You are invited to join in the fun of trying to help Pat and Lea Ann answer the title question. There will be food, drinks, cake; plus MUSIC, friendships, MUSIC, laughter, MUSIC, attitudes, MUSIC, and mysteries. Please let us know if you're coming by November 7th, by texting (858) 829-9244, or emailing pwalker@walkervisioninterarts.com, so we have a count for the food.

PS: No presents needed; and *you don't have to know how to sing!*

Trick or Treat for UMCOR!



On Sunday, October 30th our children and youth will be "Trick or Treating" for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). They will go around our courtyard and social hall with a container to collect your dollars and cents! We will count the money and send it from our congregation to UMCOR. Start saving your pocket money, and be prepared to give it to our wonderful Trick or Treaters! If you are unable to be in service on October 30th, feel free to drop your donation into the offering before then, with it designated for UMCOR.

Thank you! And may God richly bless you for your generous support!

Getting Ready for Christmas

By Pam R.

The CCSA drive for Christmas food/gifts baskets always follows right on the heels of Thanksgiving. Our deadline for preparing the donations will be in early December. Please be thinking about saving aside some money to contribute and/or to purchase some of the requested foods. Watch for more specific information next month.

Circle of Support

September 2022 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
September giving	\$19,330	\$13,079
September other sources of income	\$24,487	\$19,372
September total available for ministry	\$43,817	\$32,451
September expended in ministry	\$32,483	\$20,638
September income minus expenses	\$10,974	\$11,813
YTD giving	\$173,367	\$147,838
YTD other sources of income	\$143,458	\$146,836
YTD total available for ministry	\$316,825	\$294,674
YTD expended in ministry	\$333,628	\$333,480
YTD income minus expenses	(\$16,803)	(\$38,806)
Year 2022 budget	\$437,898	

Reflections From the Finance Team

We had hoped to receive a check this year from the IRS for the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC). Unfortunately, news on the web suggests that the IRS is so backlogged that it may take 12-16 months from the date of application to receive a refund. Thus, it is likely that we'll end the year with a negative net income though we still hope to get relief in 2023.

November Communion Offering Interfaith Shelter

The Mission of Interfaith Shelter Network is to coordinate efforts of more than 100 participating congregations (including PB UMC), over 3,500 volunteers, and San Diego area social service agencies, and governmental programs, to provide shelter and other resources to homeless individuals and families.

The Network consists of three programs: The Rotational Shelter, El Nido [the nest] Transitional Housing Program and Rapid Re-Housing Program. More than half of the shelter guests leave the shelters for more permanent housing because of the professional guidance they receive from case management agencies, and the personal attention they receive from Network volunteers. In the El Nido program, virtually all families leave for their own permanent affordable housing, and the majority of mothers leave with increased income and additional career related skills.

Your generous contribution helps to eliminate homelessness in the urban communities of San Diego County.

Game Day



If you enjoy playing mahjong, or want to learn, please join us Wednesday, November 2nd in the narthex (that's church-speak for the entry to the sanctuary building). We'll start at 1:00 pm and play till we get tired, which might be at 3:00 pm, or possibly later. For more information, ask Hope A. or Kathy W.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Lori will be on vacation from November 16 through November 25. For urgent pastoral care needs, please reach out to Director of Education, Jesse Hodge, or the Church Office

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 1

Tues, Nov 1 9:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, So District Prayer Meeting
Wed, Nov 2 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
1:00 pm, Mahjong (p.6)
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 3 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 5 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 2

Sun, Nov 6 8:45 am, Adult Sunday School
9:00 am, Coffee & Cards Ministry
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship & Communion
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Mon, Nov 7
Tues, Nov 8 **Election Day**
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Nov 9 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 10 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p.3)
6:30 pm, **All Church Conference** (p.4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Nov 11 **Veterans Day**
Sat, Nov 12 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Blessing of the Animals, October 2, 2022

Week 3

Sun, Nov 13 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
6:00 pm, Movie Night (p.5)
Mon, Nov 14 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 15 9:00 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting
Wed, Nov 16 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 17 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 19 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 4

Sun, Nov 20 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
5:00 pm, Walker SingAlong (p.5)
Mon, Nov 21 *Beach Breeze* Deadline
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 22 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Nov 23 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Nov 24 **Thanksgiving**
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 26 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Creators of Our Award-Winning July 16 2022
PB UMC PRIDE Float

Week 5

Sun, Nov 27 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Growing in Faith Committee
Mon, Nov 28 *Beach Breeze* Posted Online
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 29 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Nov 30 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace



PB UMC 75th Anniversary, October 16, 2022
District Superintendent Rev. Sandy Olewine, Former
Pastor Rev. April Herron, and Pastor Lori Leopold

We Love and Worship God

November Scriptures

- November 6** All Saints Sunday
Ephesians 2:18-20;
Hebrews 12:1-2
- November 13** Guest Preacher:
Rev. Lesley Brogan
Isaiah 65:17-25;
Luke 21:5-19
- November 20** Guest Preacher:
Adam Marshall-Lopez
Habakkuk 2:1-3
- November 27** First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 1:1-17

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Update on Devin

Devin has been in Boot Camp for over a month; He writes that it's hard, and he's tired, but his letters are overwhelmingly positive! He's making great friends, more like brothers. The food is good, and he is on the right path. He is committed and excited to become a Marine. He says, "I miss our church—the music, the calmness—but mostly I just miss the people." He will come to PB UMC Sunday services a week or two in December. Devin is in San Diego and will go to Camp Pendleton to continue his training in a couple of weeks. He is so close to home, yet he's in a whole different world! Thank you for remembering Devin in prayer. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to Devin, here is his Boot Camp mailing address:

Recruit Rhoades, Devin M.
3rd BN, Kilo Co, Plt 3235
38990 Midway Ave
San Diego, CA 92149-8990

Let's Create Our Rock Garden!

After church on October 30th we will have our first Rock Painting Party! Expert Rock Paint Artist, Karen B., sister of our own Pastor Lori, will be here to share her talents and get us started in creating a rock garden at PB UMC.

You are invited to add your own colorful and uplifting rocks. No artistic ability is required, everyone can paint rocks!

Part of our rock garden will be a **Memorial Garden**, where we will remember our loved ones, and Part will be a **Friendship Garden**, with colorful, inspiring, and fun rocks. The rocks will further beautify our church campus and bless our neighbors.

