



Pacific Beach  
United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

March 2023



**JOIN US  
EASTER SUNDAY**

6 AM AT CROWN POINT FOR SUNRISE SERVICE  
10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY FOR OUR EASTER CELEBRATION  
11 AM IN THE COURTYARD FOR THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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## *Easter Eggs!*



It's that time of the year again! You are invited to donate plastic eggs containing wrapped candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring them to church any Sunday in March or the first week of April. There will be a basket in the narthex in which to put the eggs. We thank you very much, this is a tradition that our children look forward to and really enjoy! Happy Easter to you and yours.

Dart Rhoades, Sunday School Coordinator

## ***A Message From Pastor Lori***

Beloveds in Christ,

As I write this, we are on the “threshold” of Lent. And by the time you receive this edition of the *Beach Breeze*, we will have crossed that threshold and be in the midst of whatever this season will be. Lent is a quiet, more muted season. There aren’t a lot of bells and whistles. The liturgy on Sunday mornings includes a Prayer of Confession and an Affirmation of Faith. It is a time of contemplating our mortality. Lent is considered by some to be downright depressing. And I get that. But I’ve always found Lent to be a breath of fresh air. For me, it’s a season that asks us to slow down, to look, to listen, to consider what needs to be relinquished for the sake of fullness of life and to what we need to hold fast.

If you’ve been able to be present for worship this Lent, you know that our Lenten theme is built around seeking. We are drawing near to biblical ancestors who were seekers, asking a multitude of questions as they lived more deeply into their faith. This seems well timed for where we are in the life of our church. We have lived through the worst of the pandemic, and we are coming out the other side. We, like so many other faith communities, are taking stock of things. We are contemplating who we are, where we’re at and how God is calling us now to be in the world.

Several of us participated in a workshop in January called “Relaunching Your Church.” It was a district event for churches in our area, led by a “church coach” named Paul Nickerson. Thanks to the generosity of our district, we are doing ongoing work with Paul as we seek our next step and consider the questions that bubble up within and around us. But because this can’t be the work of a small group

alone, we want to expand the circle and invite others to participate in this important conversation.

So, on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, we’ll have a gathering after church to do some seeking of our own. We’ll raise questions about who we are, what we want to be known for in our community and who is right around us who might very much need to hear, feel and experience the love of God. We’ll gather from 11:30-1:00 and provide lunch. We’ll ask a lot of questions and maybe even answer a few. We’ll do some praying, and hoping, and wondering. Your presence and input would be a blessing. I hope all those who are able will join us. For the sake of planning lunch, we’d love to know who is coming. Please reach out to Pastor Lori or Susie in the office to let us know you’ll be there. Please advise us of any special dietary needs as well. If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved, please contact Pastor Lori. We want to hear from everyone. I am excited about this time in the life of our church, and I am so thankful to be a seeker among such extraordinary fellow seekers. May God guide us in this process as we seek direction for how to share and extend God’s love, peace, justice and joy in our community and beyond.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



# ***We Care for One Another***

## **Kidz Korner**

Hi my Friends,

I was just thinking about our Sunday School and how much I love that PB UMC offers it to our children. I would like it if we had more children attend on a regular basis, but I love it even more when I think of the special, extra special, kids that do come often. If you are one of those, You Rock!

I thank the awesome parents of our amazing kids who make the effort to bring the children to church on Sundays. I used to bring my children to PB UMC for Sunday School. Both they and I found it valuable. I think about WAY BACK in the day, my parents took me to Sunday School, and I have fond memories of learning about Biblical truths and building a Christian foundation for my life. I am still connected to friends I made there. I am grateful to my folks and to the teachers who volunteered their time each week.



Speaking of Sunday School volunteers—we have some of the best here at PB UMC! I appreciate all of the Sunday School teachers and assistants who love our children in this special way.



God bless you all!

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

## ***Children's Choir***

Children's Choir is resuming, and will be practicing during Sunday School in preparation for the next song performance, to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April. The newly adopted name for Children's Choir's is "God Squad" thanks to Ron Jessee, our Music Director. Thank you, Ron, for the awesome new name! See Jesse H. for details.



Photo by Betty J.

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# ***We Grow in Grace & Faith***



## ***Pausing for Lent***

Lunch Bunch (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month) and the Hymn Sing and Dessert (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month) will take a short break as we observe the season of Lent. We will return in April. Mark your calendars now! On Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> we'll gather for Lunch Bunch at the French Gourmet at noon. On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> we'll have dessert (potluck style) and a hymn sing at the parsonage. All are welcome!

## ***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.



Summer camps are just around the corner, and registration is open. The camp dates are listed below. Feel free to contact Jesse H. with questions on how to sign up.

### **Camp Cedar Glen**

Younger Elementary (Grades 1-3) July 9-12  
Older Elementary (Grades 3-6) July 9-14  
Junior High (grades 6-9) July 2-7  
Senior High (Grades 9-Grad) June 25-July 1  
*More Information: [campcedarglen.org](http://campcedarglen.org)*

### **Lazy W Summer Camp**

Adventure Camp (Grades 7-10) July 2-7  
Little Canyoneers (Grades 1-3) June 28-July 1  
Elementary Camp (Grades 3-6) July 9-14  
Junior High (grades 6-9) July 16-21  
Senior High (Grades 9-Grad) July 23-29

# ***We Reach Out to Others***

## ***PB UMC Council Notes***

### ***Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)***

by Patty R.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) assigns its members to be liaisons with church staff to provide a single person to whom staff can go with any issues they may have. The liaisons are: Ray will connect with Ron Jessee and Easy; Malea will connect with Susie Virgilio and Dart Rhoades; and Patty will connect with Pastor Lori and Jesse Hodge.

### ***Finance***

The 2023 budget was approved at the Charge Conference on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We also elected our new Council and committee members, including new members of the finance team, Karen R-S and Heide T.

After completing the Labor of Love Project last year, we had \$200,000 remaining in the Frank Gooden Memorial Account. Church Council voted to move the remainder of these funds to the United Methodist Foundation in order to maximize the benefit and longevity of this gift.



## ***Pastor Lori “Unplugs” on Mondays***

Pastor Lori is off on Mondays and attempting to keep those days as free of technology as possible. Please know that if you send an e-mail/text message or if you leave a voicemail, it may be Tuesday before you get a response. This is *not* because Pastor Lori doesn't want to hear from you...she does! She's just trying to be as “device-free” as possible for a day of rest and renewal. Please *always* reach out on a Monday (or any other day) if it's an urgent need. If it's not-so-urgent, know that Pastor Lori will be glad to receive your message and will respond by the next day. And have you heard? *March 3<sup>rd</sup> is National Day of Unplugging!* What a great opportunity for all of us to practice “unplugging” in ways that will support balance and well-being.

## ***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 needed by those that require 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.



# Circle of Support

## January 2022 Record of Generosity

	Jan 2022	Jan 2023
Jan giving	\$11,659	\$14,257
Jan other sources of income	\$13,536	\$13,908
Jan total available for ministry	\$25,195	\$28,165
Jan expended in ministry	\$34,413	\$31,768
Jan income minus expenses	(\$9,218)	(\$3,603)
YTD giving	\$11,659	\$14,257
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Year 2022 budget	\$437,898	

## December 2022 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
December giving	\$19,330	\$20,205
December other sources of income	\$42,513	\$51,504
December total available for ministry	\$61,843	\$71,709
December expended in ministry	\$32,634	\$38,749
December income minus expenses	\$29,209	\$32,960
YTD giving	\$231,356	\$213,335
YTD other sources of income	\$206,542	\$232,360
YTD total available for ministry	\$437,898	\$445,695
YTD expended in ministry	\$437,898	\$460,568
YTD income minus expenses	\$0	(\$14,873)
Year 2022 budget	\$437,898	

## Reflections From the Finance Team

This month's tables reflect the December/year-end numbers. As predicted in last month's *Beach Breeze*, we ended 2022 with a net loss of -\$15,000. Our 2022 expenditures were greater than expected in several areas, including unexpected repair needs on campus, increased utility costs and the hiring of a security company after Eazy moved off campus early in the year. As the 2023 budget wasn't finalized, the numbers for the January table offer a comparison between this year's income/expenditures and last January's numbers.

## March Communion Offering

### United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

UMCOR, the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, assists individuals and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

In 2022, gifts of almost \$2.2 million, provided hope and safety for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement, and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business," making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific project or missionary will go towards that project, and not administrative cost.

#### 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

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# Calendar of Events

## Worship Times

**10:00 am, Worship Celebration**  
**Child Care Available**

### Week 1

Wed, Mar 1 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Mar 2 6:30 pm, Lenten Study  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Fri, Mar 3 National Day of "Unplugging" (p.5)  
Sat, Mar 4 10:00 am, Al-Anon

### Week 2

Sun, Mar 5 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship and Communion  
Mon, Mar 6 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Mar 7 6:00 pm, Choir  
Wed, Mar 8 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Mar 9 6:30 pm, Lenten Study  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Mar 11 10:00 am, Al-Anon



SPRC Focus Group

Photo by Mark B.

### Week 3

Sun, Mar 12 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
2:00 pm, Sunday Concert Series  
Mon, Mar 13 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Mar 14 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares  
Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Mar 15 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Mar 16 6:30 pm, Lenten Study  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Mar 18 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Third Thursday  
Dessert Potluck  
and Hymn Sing  
at the  
Parsonage  
January 19,  
2023

Photo by Betty J.

### Week 4

Sun, Mar 19 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
11:30 am, "Forward Vision" (p 2)  
5:00 pm, Movie Night,  
"Groundhog Day" (p 8)  
Mon, Mar 20 *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Mar 21 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Mar 22 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries  
Thurs, Mar 23 6:30 pm, Lenten Study  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Mar 25 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Game Day  
February 19, 2023

### Week 5

Sun, Mar 26 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
5:00 pm, Movie Night,  
"Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" (p 8)  
Mon, Mar 27 *Beach Breeze* Posted Online  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Mar 28 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares  
Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Mar 9 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Mar 30 6:30 pm, Lenten Study  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon

# ***We Love and Worship God***

## ***March Scriptures***

- March 5** Communion Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17
- March 12** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42
- March 19** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
John 9:1-41
- March 26** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Ezekiel 37:1-14;  
John 11:1-45

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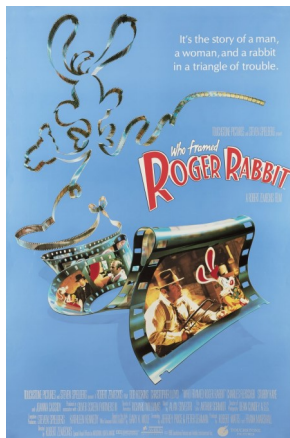
## ***March Movies Move to New Time on Sunday***

by Craig R.

Beginning in March, we'll begin screening our movies at 5:00 pm in Hughes Hall. Coupled with the time change forward, this will give us two extra hours of daylight for late afternoon/early evening film showings.



On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Groundhog Day" (1993), starring Bill Murray and Andie McDowell.



On March 26<sup>th</sup>, our "all ages" movie will be "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" (1988), celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

We'll have popcorn, drinks and other snacks. Feel free to bring anything you'd like to munch on during the film!