



Pacific Beach  
United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

June 2023

## ***California Pacific Annual Conference***

The theme for this year's Annual Conference is Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Nourish! Conference will take place at the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel. Lay and clergy delegates from around the Conference will meet from June 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> to attend to United Methodist business and to share in times of worship, connection, and renewal. Pastor Lori will attend, along with your lay delegates, Adam M-L., and Ken B. Please keep our new bishop, Dottie Escobedo-Frank, and all of the participants in your prayers as we gather. Look forward to an update and sharing of highlights when our team returns!

## ***Stephen Ministry Change to Good Samaritan Ministry***

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

We have had a good go with Stephen Ministry since 2020, and have been through a lot. We've also learned many things along the way. In addition to that, we've discovered that there are some things that we would like to do differently from the overarching Stephen Ministry organization as a whole. With that, we have decided to discontinue Stephen Ministry at both PB and LJ UMC and form our own ministry (Good Samaritans) that will better fit the specific needs of our churches, members, and community.

## ***Poetry with Judi P. in Honor of Mental Health Awareness Month***

In honor of the May Mental Health Awareness Month, Judi Patterson, a respected English teacher who is well-versed in poetry, conducted a poetry workshop. She will be concluding the workshop in June. This has been an opportunity to be expressive through poetry as well as have the chance to share with one another, through it. All are welcome at this final session on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11:15 am—12:15 pm in the Lanai. No previous poetry experience is needed!

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

Beloveds in Christ,

I hope and pray that you are planning, participating in, and looking forward to a time of rest and renewal this summer. I always enjoy summer in the life of the church. We'll do a few things differently, like outdoor church on special occasions. (Sneak peek...July 2nd will be our first outdoor church of the summer!) We also plan to expand a few Third Thursday Hymn Sings and add a real potluck with a BBQ.

We'll do some brand-new things. Last year we introduced the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina, offering several sessions for folks to give it a try. This summer we'll offer some sessions on another spiritual practice, Centering Prayer. We'll take a break from a few things and try to reduce the amount of time spent in meetings! We'll continue to do the things that truly make us church...worship together, break bread at Christ's table, serve the hungry, tend to those in need, and extend God's love into and through our community.

And while things may slow down during the summer months, it's also a season that provides some space for our hearts and spirits to percolate about good things to come. One of those good things we anticipate returning in the fall is a sit-down meal for Project Grace. We transitioned to a to-go style meal at the beginning of the pandemic and have not yet returned. In part this was due to concern about virus transmission. But additionally, we did not have enough volunteers to make a return to a sit-down meal possible. While the "to-go" meal is shorter and simpler, we are aware that what we have lost is an opportunity for folks to sit and

eat at a table, to spend time in fellowship with others, to rest for a few moments in a space that extends grace, respect, and care. I am so glad to announce that Mary Margaret R. and Lesley B. are joining forces to offer some guidance and support for Project Grace. We will meet over the summer months to plan for our return to sit down meals in the fall. They are remarkable human beings, but they cannot do it alone! We need the help of many to make sure we have the people resources we need, hands and hearts, to make this transition successful and a good experience for all.

In the quiet, restful moments that I hope find you this summer, I pray you will ponder, percolate, and consider how you might get involved as we move Project Grace into this next step and new beginning. Please reach out to Mary Margaret or Les if you'd like to say "yes" or discuss the possibilities! May God guide us in our efforts and provide who and what we need to answer our call, feeding those in our community who are hungry in body or in spirit.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



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

## ***Congratulations to the Graduates!***

**Kidz  
Korner**

PB UMC's newest College Grads are Kalani A. and Amberlyn R.

Kalani, who recently returned from a semester of study in Tahiti, is graduating from UC Berkeley, and Amberlyn is graduating from Chapman University. These two make us proud, and it's great to celebrate their accomplishments.

Kalani is planning to continue living in the San Francisco bay area. Amberlyn will stay in Orange County for one more year as she pursues her master's degree at Chapman. These two young ladies have been good friends for nearly their whole lives, having met at PB UMC when they were toddlers.

We wish them all the best as they continue to make their mark on the world.

Much Love,  
Dart



### **Memory Verse for May/June 2023**

*For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, no things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)*

## ***Promotions and Graduations Celebration***

If you know of a student being promoted from elementary school to middle school, or graduating high school or college, please let me know so that we can celebrate with you and share in this moment during service on June 18.

Please send pictures and information to Jesse H. by June 7.

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

## ***Children's Ministry***

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

We will be celebrating the end of the school year on June 11<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School. For this summer, we will focus on socialization, connections, and activities, to give a pause to curriculum focus between each school year. We will start back and reintroduce our Whirl! curriculum that we've used in the past in August.

## ***Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!***

Youth Ministry is for individuals in grades 9-12. In August, we'd like to utilize our awesome youth room and space that we've created and have our own devotion time during Sunday messages. However, for this to happen, we need individuals to volunteer one Sunday a month. Again, this will just be for the duration of the message (so you will not miss all of the service), and we're only asking for one Sunday a month. This person is welcome to lead an activity/devotion or simply be there and present with us as part of MinistrySafe and UMC protocols; we just need an additional individual in the room with us. If there is any interest or a hint of desire, please speak with me (Jesse H.) as our young ones need this opportunity and we need the support to make this happen.

## ***Youth and Young Adult Outing June 11***

There will be a youth and young adult outing on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after church (11:15) until 1:00 pm. We are thankful to have Pastor Lori join us, and for all of us to have the opportunity to spend time over a meal together. We will walk from the church to Woodstock Pizza and back to church for pick-up.



## ***Shall We Dance?***

By Lynn "Doc" N.

In 1965, the folk-rock group *The Birds*, wrote a song called *Turn, Turn, Turn*, about how there is a time for everything. The song was inspired by a scripture passage in Ecclesiastes It's all about how there's a time for everything under Heaven. But did you know that one of the things to make time for was dancing? There *is* a time to dance, and at PB UMC it will be Friday evenings throughout August. This is great for anyone getting ready to go to events like weddings, milestone birthdays, proms, and anniversaries, or just wanting to enjoy a fun, social activity. Everyone should be able to pull off a decent Foxtrot, Waltz, and Swing, and if you join us in August, we'll show you how. We'll have some snacks and social time, too. This is open to folks outside our church family, so invite everyone you know. If it's as much fun as we think it will be, we'll add to it next year. Questions? See me ("Doc") because I'll be your dance instructor for The Waltz, The Foxtrot, The Swing, and a surprise pick for the last week. Join us for **Footloose Fridays** in August, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. *Bring your Happy Feet!*

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

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

### ***Finance***

Thank you for your generous giving in and through PB UMC. We continue to be inspired by the generosity of so many who share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness! This is a challenging year financially for PB UMC and many churches. We budgeted for a deficit as we entered 2023 and we hope to make up some ground, strengthening our financial situation as we move through the year. We are making progress in that direction, and you are the reason why! So many of you have come up with creative ways to support the work of the church, whether that be financially or through other ways of giving.

Here's our highlight and thank you for this month: Laura W., our brilliant pianist, is a busy professional and mom but she came up with a great way to support the needs of Project Grace. Laura ordered packaged cookies from Amazon and had them delivered directly to the church. This saved her the time and trouble of picking them up and delivering them, *and* provided much needed support to Project Grace as we seek to care for those who are hungry and/or unhoused. So next time you're shopping on Amazon, consider buying some Capri Suns or small packages of cookies to be delivered to the church. Every little bit makes a difference! Thank you for caring so deeply about the vitality of ministry at PB UMC. And please let us know if you see someone "giving back" in a creative and generous way!

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



On Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, PB UMC said our sad goodbyes to Dart Rhoades who has recently been our Sunday School Coordinator, and who helped in the nursery for many years. She is moving to Vancouver, Washington, and we will miss her very much!

Photo by Vicki T.

Thanks to Sheryl T. for reviewing the portion of the Employee Manual regarding time-off for non-exempt employees who work 16 hours or more a week! SPRC recommended, and Council approved, that the maximum number of vacation hours an employee will be permitted to accrue is two times their annual vacation allotment. Formerly, it was 1 ½ times.

## ***Vacation Bible School***

We are partnering up with La Jolla United Methodist Church and will have Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 7-11. It will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at La Jolla UMC. If you would like to send your school-age child or would like to volunteer, please let Jesse H. know.



# Circle of Support

## April 2023 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
<b>Activity in April</b>		
April Giving	\$18,550	\$20,778
April Other Income	\$11,100	\$8,873
April Total Available for Ministry	\$29,650	\$29,651
Total Expended for Ministry	\$37,097	\$34,548
Income—Expenses	<b>(-\$7,447)</b>	<b>(-\$4,897)</b>
<b>Activity Year-To-Date</b>		
YTD Giving	\$74,201	\$76,216
Other Income	\$58,323	\$52,267
Total Available for Ministry	\$132,524	\$128,483
Total Expended for Ministry	\$148,348	\$144,855
Income Minus Expenses	<b>(\$15,824)</b>	<b>(\$16,372)</b>

### Reflections From the Finance Team

While we continue to closely monitor income and spending, April was an encouraging month for PB UMC. It was a big month in that it included five Sundays, one of which was Easter.

Pledged giving for the month of April was slightly below budget, and overall pledged giving for the year is also running slightly below. Thankfully, unpledged giving was higher than anticipated in April and is also above budget year to date.

On the other hand, income, including funding for Project Grace, is significantly below what we've budgeted for year to date. This is not out of the ordinary in that Project Grace is supported through our donations but also through grant money and holiday offerings which come in sporadically throughout the year.

Our spending has also been slightly below budget, leaving us close to on target for our overall budget year to date.

If you have questions, insights or would like more information, please reach out to Pastor Lori or any member of the Finance Team.

## Annual Picnic Coordinator Needed

We're approaching that time of year again for our annual church picnic. However, for this to happen, we need someone to volunteer and coordinate it. The coordinator will not be alone, and will have guidance and support from individuals that have done this in the past. If you can help, please let Jesse H. or Pastor Lori know..



## Pastor Lori on Vacation

Pastor Lori will be on vacation from Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. We are thrilled to have the Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott as our guest preacher and celebrant in Pastor Lori's absence.

For urgent pastoral care needs, please contact Susie Virgilio in the church office and/or reach out to Director of Education, Jesse Hodge.

### CHURCH STAFF:

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

Director of Education: Jesse Hodge  
Sunday School Coordinator:

Church Office: [www.pbumc.org/who-we-are/contact/](http://www.pbumc.org/who-we-are/contact/) phone: 858-274-6573

# Calendar of Events

## Worship Times

10:00 am, Worship Celebration  
Child Care Available

### Week 1

Thurs, June 1 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, June 3 10:00 am, Al-Anon

### Week 2

Sun, June 4 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship and Communion  
5:00 pm, Movie Night, "Finding Nemo"(p.8)  
Mon, June 5 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, June 6 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares  
Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir  
7:00 pm, District Prayer Meeting  
Wed, June 7 7:00 am, AA  
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, June 8 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, June 10 10:00 am, Al-Anon



"God Squad,"  
Accompanied by Voices of Praise

Photo by Vicki T.



Sunday School With Heidi

Photo by Vicki T.

### Week 3

Sun, June 11 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
2:00 pm, Sunday Concert  
Mon, June 12 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, June 13 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, June 14 7:00 am, AA  
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Cal-Pac Conference Begins (p.1)  
Thurs, June 15 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, June 17 10:00 am, Al-Anon

### Week 4

Sun, June 18 **Father's Day**  
9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship—Promotion Sunday  
Mon, June 19 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, June 20 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares  
Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
6:30 pm, Church Council via Zoom  
Wed, June 21 7:00 am, AA  
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, June 22 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, June 24 10:00 am, Al-Anon

### Week 5

Sun, June 25 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
11:30 am, Growing in Faith  
5:00 pm, Movie Night,  
"Local Hero" (p.8)  
Mon, June 26 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, June 27 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, June 28 7:00 am, AA  
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries  
Thurs, June 29 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

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

## ***June Scriptures***

- June 4** Holy Communion  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott
- June 11** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott
- June 18** Father's Day/  
Graduation Sunday  
Matthew 9:35-10:8  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Lesley Brogan
- June 25** Matthew 10:24-39

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## ***June Movies for All Ages***

by Craig R.

Once or twice a month, we screen joyful, family-friendly movies in Hughes Hall on Sundays at 5:00 pm.  
Here are our June offerings:

June 4th: Finding Nemo (2003)



June 25th: Local Hero (1983)

