



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

October 2023

PB UMC Block Party is Almost Here!

We're looking forward to our first annual PB UMC Block Party on Sunday, October 8th, from 12-2:00 pm. We'll start the celebration with Outdoor Church at 10:00 am, and then get ready for the party! Here are just some of the highlights:

Hot dogs on the BBQ,
Picnic Lunch,



Bounce House for the kids,



Face Painting,



DIGGER,

Blessing of the new Courtyard Tree,

and a



Matinee Movie.

We're hoping for lots of participation from all of you who are so good at sharing PB UMC kindness and hospitality! To view a list of ways to get involved, see the sign-up sheet in the entryway of church, call the church office, or just use the following link:

<https://pbumc.flocknote.com/signup/134481>

This is a great opportunity for us to say thank you to our neighbors, and to create space for neighbors to get to know other neighbors. We hope you'll come and be a part of it!

A Message From Pastor Lori

Beloveds in Christ,

As we move into fall, I'm reflecting on the past several years and looking forward to all that is ahead. I've been here long enough to think of my time in phases. I arrived at PB UMC in July of 2020 in the early days of the pandemic. I think of that first phase as **SHEER SURVIVAL**. All our worlds were turned upside down. Family, home, church, work, leisure... everything was upended, and nothing looked or felt the same as it did. Together, as a church, we not only survived that time, but we found ways to thrive. We continued to worship, serve, learn, and fellowship despite our physical distance.

I think of the second phrase of my time here as **RECONNECTING**. When pandemic restrictions began to lift, we were hungry to be together. I remember the first time I served and took Holy Communion in person after those many months of isolation. I cried tears of joy, grateful for the chance to gather in person with siblings in Christ. During this time of reconnecting, we have spent time together lovingly and well. We have studied, eaten, sung, talked, watched movies, plotted, planned, prayed, danced and more! The wounds related to involuntary pandemic isolation have slowly been healing and I am so grateful for the grace-filled reconnections that have been a part of these years.

And as I look toward the future, I find myself curious and excited about how we can **REACH OUT** to others. How can we be present in our community in new and meaningful ways? How can we connect with others who seek a place to worship, learn, grow, and find a place of belonging? My personal commitment is to attend and become more involved in our Pacific Beach Town Council. I hope we, as a congregation, can participate in efforts to celebrate with our community and assist in times and places of need. I invite you to join me in reflecting on these past years and listening for where and how God is calling us in this unique time and place AND how God might be uniquely calling you to be a part of that. May our presence in this community reflect the unconditional love of God and may our ministry make a difference to any and all who yearn for meaning, justice, peace, mercy, goodness, and grace.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL

We Care for One Another

Children's Ministry

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

Children's Sunday School

**Kidz
Korner**

The Sunday School team is excited about starting our Whirl curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year. This curriculum is excellent because it has engaging videos with regular characters that the children get to know over time, Bible stories, and lessons about everyday situations that the kids face daily. We'll also have bulletins and take-home resources to keep the learning going when they get home. The other significant part of this curriculum is that it follows the lectionary, giving an opportunity for everyone to have the same topics to relate to.

Memory Verse for October:

Matthew 22:37-39 NRSV He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



God Squad Children's Choir

Be on the lookout as we start planning the music for our children's choir! Our goal for this year is to continue with popular songs that we'd like all our children to know to stay inspired and uplifted.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

October Lunch Bunch

Join us on Thursday, October 12th for a no-host lunch at World Famous 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. There is nearby garage parking for which the restaurant will validate. We hope you can join us!

Save the date for next month... November 9th.

Chinese Mahjong

Following the no-host lunch at World Famous in Pacific Beach, October 12th, we'll open the social hall for a friendly game of Chinese mahjong. Play will begin around 1:30 pm, and last until we get tired, or perhaps 4:00 pm, or so. It's a friendly and informal game. Newcomers are always welcome.



Good Samaritans

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 are interested in, or if you'd like more information.

We Reach Out to Others

PB UMC Council Notes

Staff-Parish Relations Focus Group (SPRC)

By Patty R.

Yikes! It's that time again. SPRC will be meeting to prepare input for the 2024 budget, and is currently working on some annual reviews.

Finance

By Heide T.

Council took a month off in August to honor the importance of rest. Adjusting for expenses that will happen later in the year than originally planned, we continue to make steady incremental progress in improving against our anticipated deficit.

We are getting ready to start planning our 2024 budget. If you are on a committee that has budget requests, please keep your eye out for further information.

Thank you for your faithfulness and support for the mission and ministries of PB UMC!



Join the PB UMC Kick Ball Team!

I'm organizing a six- to eight-person kickball team to represent PB UMC at Shoreline Community Service's second annual kickball fundraiser! If you're interested, let me know at CraigR@pbumc.org.

Details about the event below:

Join the fun at this family-friendly Kickball Tournament as our community addresses the unmet needs of unsheltered individuals and families in the Central Beach Area of San Diego—making sure the most vulnerable are cared for with compassion and equity through the efforts of Community Members and Community Partners.

Where: Pacific Beach Rec Center—1405 Diamond St. SD, CA 92109

When: Saturday, October 21, from 1 pm–5 pm

Why: A fundraiser for Shoreline! And it feels SO GOOD to help those in our community who need it most!

General Admission (Tickets will also be available at the event for \$5 more per person)

Kids: \$10

Adults: \$20

KICKBALL PLAYERS (Must purchase a ticket in advance)

You must be 16 years old to play.

Minimum of 6 and **maximum** of 8 players per team

Early Bird Registration: \$30 per player through 9/22

Regular Registration: \$40 per player after 9/22

The link to register to attend and/or play is here: ["Kick For a Cause" Annual Fundraiser–Shoreline Community Services by Shoreline Community Services \(givelively.org\)](https://www.givelively.org/page/kick-for-a-cause-annual-fundraiser-shoreline-community-services)

Circle of Support

August 2023 Record of Generosity

	Actual	
Activity in August		
August Giving	\$30,479.17	\$21,714.61
August Other Income	\$7,668.84	\$8,569.50
Total Available for Ministry	\$38,148.01	\$30,284.11
Total Expended for Ministry	\$34,507.36	\$37,083.70
Income Minus Expenses	\$3,640.65	(\$6,799.59)
2023 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$196,788.80	\$192,353.88
Other Income	\$65,857.15	\$68,556.00
Total Available for Ministry	\$262,645.95	\$260,909.88
Total Expended for Ministry	\$282,293.29	\$298,682.60
Income Minus Expenses	(\$19,647.34)	(\$37,772.72)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide Trimble

Giving was generous for August. Many thanks to our phenomenal Project Grace Volunteers for their dedication and effort in providing wholesome meals to those who are experiencing homelessness.

The creative and faithful support of our congregation maintains Project Grace as a valued ministry in our community.

Thank you for the many ways you support Project Grace and all the other aspects of our ministry!

October Communion Offering World Communion Sunday

Your contribution to World Communion Sunday helps provide racial and ethnic students with scholarships, grants, mentoring, and training for leadership development. Your donation provides scholarships for undergraduate or graduate level studies for both international and U.S. students. Your generosity allows those unable to afford an education to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church.

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold
Music Director: Ron Jessee

Director of Education: Jesse Hodge
Office Administrator: Susie Virgilio

Church Office: 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

Sun, Oct 1 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
11:15 am, Growing in Faith Meeting
Mon, Oct 2 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct 3 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group
Wed, Oct 4 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct 5 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 7 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Rock Ritual from the last Sunday in our series on Sabbath Rest

Week 2

Sun, Oct 8 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Outdoor Church
Noon, PB UMC Block Party
1:15 pm, Matinee Movie, "Hocus Pocus" (p. 8)
Mon, Oct 9 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct 10 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Oct 11 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct 12 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 4)
1:30 pm, Mahjong (p. 4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct 13 3:00 pm, Finance Focus Group Meeting
Sat, Oct 14 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Third Thursday Hymn Sing and Potluck/BBQ from this summer



Photos on Calendar Page by Pastor Lori

Week 3

Sun, Oct 15 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, Oct 16 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct 17 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting
Wed, Oct 18 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct 19 6:30 pm, Hymn Sing and Dessert
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 21 10:00 am, Al-Anon
1:00 pm, Shoreline Fundraiser (p. 5)

Adam preaching 5th Sunday Worship in July



Week 4

Sun, Oct 22 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, Oct 23 Beach Breeze Materials Due
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct 24 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Oct 25 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Oct 26 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Oct 28 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 5

Sun, Oct 29 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
5:00 pm, Movie Night, "Beetlejuice" (p.8)
Mon, Oct 30 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct 31 Halloween

We Love and Worship God

September Scriptures

- October 1** **World Communion Sunday**
Philippians 2:1-13
- October 8** **Outdoor Church/Block Party**
Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15** **Laity Sunday**
Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22** **Stewardship Sunday**
Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29** **5th Sunday Worship**

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Spooky Movies for October!

By Craig R.



The day of our PB UMC Block Party, October 8th, we'll screen the all-ages movie "Hocus Pocus" in Hughes Hall. Tentative start time is 1:15 pm.

October 29th, the Sunday before Halloween, we'll be celebrating the 35th anniversary of the wacky movie "Beetlejuice." Showtime is 5:00 pm.

