



BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

November 2023

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."



Pastor Lori on Vacation

Pastor Lori will be away from Monday, 11/20 through Monday, 11/27, returning to the office on 11/28. Please reach out to the Church Office and/or any staff member with questions, concerns, or pastoral needs during that time.



God Squad Children's Choir

The God Squad is now practicing Sundays before church, starting at 9:45 am. They'll rehearse for 15 minutes, and then may head directly to Sunday School at 10:00 am. We will be focusing on music from our Whirl curriculum as well as working on some of the traditional Sunday School songs that we're familiar with!

A Message From Pastor Lori

Beloveds in Christ,

The last months of the calendar year are typically very busy in the life of a church! We've enjoyed wonderful activities already. In October, we celebrated World Communion Sunday, Laity Sunday, and Stewardship Sunday with new member reception and pie on the patio! We hosted our 1st Annual Neighborhood Block Party, reaching out to connect with our neighbors around us. We supported Shoreline Community Services at their Annual Kickball Tournament and continued serving those who are most vulnerable through our Project Grace meal every Wednesday. And there is so much more to come! We're headed toward Advent and Christmas. We're planning for special services and activities such as Christmas caroling, the PB Holiday Parade and a special musical presentation by the Voices of Praise. It's easy to rush ahead in anticipation. (Just take a look around at Costco!)

But November is such a precious time with priceless moments that we don't want to miss. The first of these is All Saints Sunday on November 5th. This is one of my favorite Sundays of the year as we remember and honor the lives of loved ones who have died in the past year. We give thanks for all of the ways they have touched and changed our lives and the lives of many, as well as for the ways their legacies continue to bless and inspire us. We will once again remember our members and friends who have died in the last year by calling their names, tolling a bell, and lighting a candle. If you'd like to include a family member or friend in this time of remembrance, please call or e-mail the church office

no later than Wednesday, November 1st.

And second, November invites us to slow down, before all of the December rush, for a time of thanksgiving. In a world where we see and hear around the clock about that which is broken, it is essential that we stop, name, and remember that which is good, and full of grace. There is so much. When we give thanks, we reconnect with God, the Giver, as well as with ourselves and one another. We are reminded of the forces, large and small, that are always moving and nudging us toward healing, justice, hope, and peace. I pray that in the midst of this busy season, you make time and space to remember the saints of your life, those in heaven and on earth, and that you enjoy a time of thanksgiving in whatever way allows your heart and spirit to remember all that is well.

Gratefully Yours,
Pastor Lori



We Care for One Another

Children's Ministry

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

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Youth Ministry Updates and Outings

We will be collaborating more with two other youth group organizations: The UMC District Youth, which we've been in collaboration with for several years, and a new group, called "Beach Area Youth," that has formed. This new group consists of local protestant churches in our area that would like to coordinate events together and share love and service.

Upcoming events between the two groups and our own PB UMC include:

A Service Project and Games on Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm with Beach Area Youth. Parents and guardians will have an opportunity to attend a workshop with local mental health professionals as they discuss how to have open communication with teenagers.

Sunday, November 5th, we'll have Pizza and Chill time in The Cave at PB UMC.

Bowling on Sunday, November 19th at noon with Beach Area Youth.

Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 19th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with UMC Youth District.

Please contact Jesse H. for information on any of these events.



Hygiene kits made by our Sunday School Kids

Young Adult/Youth Ministry Outing

Sunday, November 5th after church, we're going to meet in The Cave in the church social hall, and simply enjoy hanging out with one another. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith



With the upcoming holiday seasons, it can be tough on some of us who have lost a loved one, or for those of us who have experienced some other type of loss. During this time, please remember Good Samaritan Ministry, which is an extension of pastoral care, with trained individuals who are an extension of love and a friendly face during a time of need. Please contact Jesse H. for more details.

3rd Thursday Hymn Sing and Dessert Potluck Special Date: November 9th

In November, we'll enjoy some Third Thursday fun on the **SECOND** Thursday of the month. Join us from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the parsonage for singing hymns and sharing delicious desserts. All ages are welcome, and instruments of all varieties are encouraged! Feel free to bring a dessert to share. Contact Pastor Lori and/or the church office for more information.

Block Party Fun



November Lunch Bunch

Join us on Thursday, November 9th, 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. If you'd prefer to meet and ride the Pacific Beach Circuit for a small fee, gather at church by 11:30 am. We hope you can join us!

Save the date for next month...December 14th.

We Reach Out to Others

PB UMC Council Notes

Staff-Parish Relations Focus Group (SPRC)

By Patty R.

SPRC helped provide lunch at the 4-week Belonging series held for people interested in becoming members of PB UMC. On Sunday, October 22, 2023, five people joined the church.

SPRC continues to work on its portion of the 2024 church budget.

Finance

By Heide T.

Thank you for your generosity in prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness! 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. May God always be in our hearts and minds and lead our intentions as we continue using our resources wisely, trusting in God who provides. Thank you for your faithfulness and support for the mission and ministries of PB UMC!



Voices of Praise on
Laiety Sunday

October 15, 2023

Photo by Vicki T.

CCSA Christmas Baskets

By Pam R.

Coming soon!

It won't be long until it is time to collect non-perishable foods, gift cards, and cash donations toward compiling the gift baskets for low-income families. The baskets will be contributed to the CCSA (Community Christian Service Agency) annual Christmas Drive. We will start right after Thanksgiving and collect until early December. Watch for more specific details in upcoming weekly Flock Notes

Thank you for your generosity which makes it possible for us to be a part of this outreach program.



Circle of Support

September 2023 Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in September		
September Giving	\$16,156.57	\$30,232.11
September Other Income	\$8,504.80	\$8,569.50
Total Available for Ministry	\$24,661.37	\$38,801.61
Total Expended for Ministry	\$32,784.05	\$37,083.70
Income Minus Expenses	(\$8,122.68)	\$1,717.91
2023 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$212,945.37	\$222,585.99
Other Income	\$74,361.95	\$77,125.50
Total Available for Ministry	\$287,307.32	\$299,711.49
Total Expended for Ministry	\$315,077.34	\$335,766.30
Income Minus Expenses	(\$27,770.02)	(\$36,054.81)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Both Pledged and Unpledged giving were below budget for September. Additionally, we adjusted some items from September to October to better align Actuals to Budget. A large portion of our Year-to-Date difference is funds set aside for planned (and needed) repairs to the Church's properties. We will continue to use our resources wisely and trust in God who provides. May we encourage each other in finding creative ways to go an extra step in supporting the mission and ministries of PB UMC. We are grateful for your ongoing and generous support.

You make a difference!

November Communion Offering

Interfaith Shelter

Your contribution to the Interfaith Shelter Network helps to eliminate homelessness in the urban communities of San Diego County.

The mission of the Network is to coordinate the efforts of participating congregations (including PB UMC), social service agencies, and governmental programs to provide shelter and other resources to homeless individuals and families. More than half of the shelter guests leave the shelters for more permanent housing because of the professional guidance they receive from Network volunteers.

Save the Dates

Movie: "Frozen"
Sunday, December 3rd, 1:00 pm (p.8)

All Church Conference
Tuesday, December 12th, at 6:30 pm
via Zoom

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

Wed, Nov 1 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 2 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 4 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 2

Sun, Nov 5 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion
Deposit for LJ UMC Women's Retreat Due
Mon, Nov 6 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 7 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group
Wed, Nov 8 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 9 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 4)
6:30 pm, Hymn Sing and
Dessert Potluck (p. 4)
Sat, Nov 11 **Veterans Day**
10:00 am, Al-Anon



Our First Block Party
October 8, 2023

Photos by Patty R.

Week 4

Sun, Nov 19 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, Nov 20 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 21 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Nov 22 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Nov 23 **Thanksgiving** (Office Closed)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 25 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Week 5

Sun, Nov 26 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, Nov 27 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 28 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Nov 29 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 30 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

Sun, Nov 12 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie: "Mrs. Doubtfire" (p. 8)
Mon, Nov 13 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 14 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting
Wed, Nov 15 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 16 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 18 10:00 am, Al-Anon

We Love and Worship God

November Scriptures

November 5 All Saints Sunday
Communion
Revelation 7:9-17;
Matthew 5:1-12

November 12 Matthew 25:1-13

November 19 Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 Luke 17:11-19

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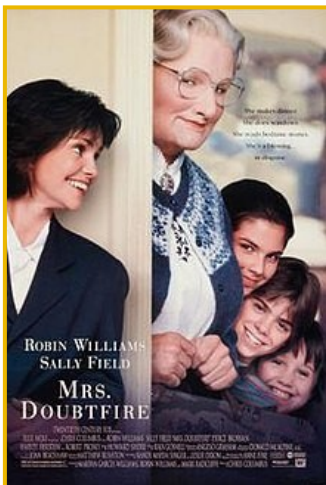
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Movie Matinees Beginning November 12th

Beginning this month, we'll shift our movie showtimes to Sundays at 1:00 pm. This will allow folks to have a leisurely lunch after the worship service and return for an afternoon of cinema comedy.



Our first matinee on November 12th will be a 30th anniversary showing of the classic "Mrs. Doubtfire," starring Robin Williams, Sally Field, and Pierce Brosnan.



On Sunday, December 3rd, we'll have another popular "sing-along" movie—this time celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Disney classic, "Frozen."

Popcorn and fruit punch are usually available, but feel free to bring your own snacks (or even a late lunch).

See you at the movies in Hughes Hall!