



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

January 2024

Volunteers needed for Interfaith Shelter Program at PB UMC 2024

By Kenneth B.

Pacific Beach United Methodist church, as part of its ministry to the homeless community, has served as a host congregation for the Interfaith Shelter Network for over 30 years. The success of this ministry is due to the volunteers and supporters who have donated their time, talents, and services. In continuing this tradition of service to the community, PB UMC will be hosting the shelter program in 2024, from January 27th to February 10th. We need volunteers, and there are a variety of areas where your help is of greatest need.

- ◆ There are setup volunteer opportunities, where we transport shelter guest's belongings from the previous host church to ours, after getting beds (cots) and setting them up. We need setup volunteers early morning on Saturday January 27th.
- ◆ Prior to the arrival of our shelter guests, we need volunteers to contribute breakfast food items, and other items on our needs list. During their two-week stay here at the church, we provide guests with items they will need to prepare their breakfasts and bagged lunch sacks for the day. They'll return in the evening to enjoy a nice, prepared dinner.
- ◆ We need individuals or groups to serve as dinner hosts. The dinner host prepares meals and serves the guests around 6:15 pm on their assigned evening. The church's kitchen is available for use for all meal preparations. And we (IFSN coordinators) are willing to work around your schedules, so if you need to arrive at the church early to prepare your gourmet meal, no worries.
- ◆ 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 there, another area of participation waiting for you. Overnight supervisors eat with our shelter guest during dinner and sleep overnight in a private room.
- ◆ On February 10th, the shelter program here ends for the shelter season; therefore, we need volunteers to help with breaking down beds, 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 bedding, linens, blankets, and returning them to the church clean, and folded for storage.

So where do you begin to volunteer? By looking at all open volunteer opportunities on the sign-up sheets located in the church narthex during worship services. If you have any questions just ask me, Ken, one of the coordinators.

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

May the light of God's love meet you anew this holy season.

A Message From Pastor Lori

Beloveds in Christ,

A new year is upon us! Regardless of all else, there is something profoundly hopeful about a brand-new year. I look forward to the ways that this congregation will grow deeper and wider in 2024 as we share Christ's ministry in this place, in our community, and throughout the world. As your Church Council has planned for mission and ministry in the New Year, we have come to a challenging place in the preparation of our budget. We know that our small congregation gives generously and faithfully. We also know that expenses continue to rise—for just about everything. For quite a few years, we have entered into the budgeting process with hope and a prayer, inevitably ending the year with greater expenses than income. In a spirit of transparency, we share with you that we are again facing a budget deficit to the tune of about \$80,000 if we have a typical year's worth of expenses. Intent on faithfulness to mission and ministry and seeking to be good stewards of our resources, we want to widen the conversation and ask for your help.

On Sunday, January 14th following worship, the Church Council will host a Town Hall Meeting on Stewardship and Finances for members and friends of the congregation. This will be an opportunity to learn more about our budgeting challenges and provide input and ideas about generating revenue and reducing costs. What are our highest priorities?

What programs are essential? What can we let go? How might God be calling us to do a new thing?

We need the wisdom and input of all of us as we navigate these challenging financial times. As I said to the Church Council last month, I am concerned about the budget, *and* I am profoundly hopeful about the life and ministry of this congregation.

We are a vibrant, inclusive, compassionate, community. We are growing larger in numbers and deeper in spirit. We host and support programs that truly reflect Christ's call to care for those most vulnerable around us, including Project Grace and the UCSD Free Clinics. *Be not afraid!* We know that with God's grace and guidance, we will navigate this difficult financial patch and continue to share God's light and love in ways that bring Christ's healing, help, and hope to all God's beloved world.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



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.

We Care for One Another

**Kidz
Korner**

Education Department

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

I just want to thank everyone for a wonderful 2023 and for all the support that was provided. We've had some big transitions with Dart (our Sunday School Coordinator) moving away, trying different Sunday School curriculum options, and having our nursery workers transition into Childcare Worker roles. We also had our first Vacation Bible School (VBS) since COVID-19, and we made this happen by partnering up with La Jolla UMC. The Beach Area Youth collaboration was formed, and we continue to work with and build our relationship with the District Youth UMC. We've transitioned from Stephen Ministry to Good Samaritans. So again, we've had big changes! But through it all, we've been supported as a department. So, thank you all again, thank you for 2023. We're looking forward to 2024 as we move forward together!

Memory Verse

Matthew 5:44 ESV But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

PB UMC Charge Conference

Thank you to all those who attended our All-Church Conference on December 12th. If all goes as planned, we will have a special Charge Conference on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 via Zoom. The Charge Conference portion of the meeting will take place at the beginning of our monthly Church Council Meeting, and the purpose will be to vote on our 2024 Budget and confirm the nominations of several leaders. Please save the date and watch for more information to come.

The *Beach Breeze* is a monthly publication of the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Please visit our website at www.myPBchurch.org.

We Grow in Grace & Faith

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering of good souls, enjoying food and fellowship at one of our wonderful local restaurants. On January 11th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Casa Guadalajara in Old Town. If you're planning to be there, please RSVP to the church office so we can plan for the right number. Hope you can join us!

Third Thursday Hymn Sing and Dessert Potluck Pauses Until Spring

We've had so much fun with our monthly Hymn Sings and Dessert Potlucks throughout 2023. As the days have gotten shorter and the nights longer, it's become clear to us that it's harder for folks to get out for nighttime activities. Our plan is to take a few months off this winter and return to a regular schedule after Easter. In the meantime, keep on singing! (And nibbling on some tasty treats!)

Baskets for CCSA

By Pam R.

Success, again, thanks to your generosity and efforts! PB UMC donated eight completed food baskets with gift cards, plus an extra four gift cards for Community Christian Services Agency (CCSA) use with incomplete baskets. The Director of CCSA asked us to especially thank our congregants for your kindness and long-term support to their services.



We Reach Out to Others

PB UMC Council Notes

Staff-Parish Relations Focus Group (SPRC)

By Ray McC.

SPRC has been updating the Employee Handbook. Thanks to Sheryl Trumbo for her consultation on this. The salaries for Staff have been updated to reflect new California and San Diego minimum wage laws.

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. Please consider joining us on January 14th for the Stewardship/Finances Town Hall to discuss our blessings, challenges, and opportunities, and help us lift them all for divine guidance. May God always be in our hearts and minds and lead our intentions as we continue using our resources wisely and trusting in God who provides. Thank you for your faithfulness and support for the mission and ministries of PB UMC!

January Communion Offering ***Human Relations Day***

Human Relations Day is one of six Sundays that United Methodists set aside to support and celebrate specific ministries. We join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through *Community Developers*, *United Methodist Voluntary Services*, and *Youth Offender Rehabilitation* Programs.

The Community Developers Program is a network of racial-ethnic UM congregations and communities throughout the United States committed to being in mission with the communities in which they are located. Churches within the network are focusing on education, housing, and homelessness, immigration, and racial equity.

Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs promote ministries that respond to nonviolent young offenders through advocacy and community engagement. The program supports services such as reconciliation with families, training, organizing support, and development of reentry initiatives after incarceration.

The United Methodist Voluntary Services is in relationship with community groups and organizations that work with “the least of these.” It addresses unjust political, social, and economic systems that continue to drain the energy and resources of those in poverty.

Circle of Support

November 2023 Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in November		
November Giving	\$22,692.02	\$21,080.61
November Other Income	\$7,809.81	\$8,569.50
Total Available for Ministry	\$30,501.83	\$29,650.11
Total Expended for Ministry	\$35,360.12	\$37,083.70
Income Minus Expenses	(\$4,858.29)	(\$7,433.59)
2023 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$259,220.55	\$264,747.21
Other Income	\$84,685.00	\$94,264.50
Total Available for Ministry	\$343,905.55	\$359,011.71
Total Expended for Ministry	\$382,967.84	\$409,933.70
Income Minus Expenses	(\$39,062.29)	(\$50,921.99)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Giving was generous for November, thank you for your faithful dedication! We will continue to use and plan our resources wisely and trust in God who provides. Please consider joining us on January 14th for the Stewardship/Finances Town Hall to discuss our blessings, challenges, and opportunities and help us lift them all for divine guidance. We are grateful for your ongoing generosity in prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Thank you for the many ways you support the mission and ministries of PB UMC!

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



Our Christmas Eve
Worship Service
December 24, 2023

Photo by Craig Roberts

Week 1

Mon, Jan 1 **New Year's Day Church Office Closed**
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Jan 2 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group
Wed, Jan 3 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Jan 4 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 6 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Members of
Trinity UMC Made
and Donated 75
backpacks for
Wednesday Night
Guests

Week 3

Sun, Jan 14 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:45 am, Town Hall Meeting (pp.2, 5, 6)
Mon, Jan 15 **Martin Luther King Day**
Church Office Closed
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Jan 16 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:30 pm, Charge Conference via Zoom,
and Church Council Meeting (p. 3)
Wed, Jan 17 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Jan 18 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 20 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 4

Sun, Jan 21 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, Jan 22 **Beach Breeze Materials Due**
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Choir
Tues, Jan 23 7:00 am, AA
Wed, Jan 24 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Jan 25 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 27 10:00 am, Al-Anon
Interfaith Shelter Guests Arrive (p. 1)

Week 5

Sun, Jan 28 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, Jan 29 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Jan 30 Choir
Wed, Jan 31 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Week 2

Sun, Jan 7 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
Mon, Jan 8 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Jan 9 6:00 pm, Choir
Wed, Jan 10 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Jan 11 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Jan 13 10:00 am, Al-Anon

We Love and Worship God

January Scriptures

- January 7** Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Luke 3:21-22
- January 14** 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
John 1:43-51
Guest Preacher:
Rev. Lesley Brogan
- January 21** Ephesians 5:15-20
Guest Preacher:
Dakota Koenig, Certified
Lay Minister
- January 28** Mark 1:21-28

Pacific Beach United Methodist Church



1561 Thomas Avenue
San Diego, CA 92109

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Non Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
* PAID *
San Diego, CA
Permit No. 174

Ring in 2024 with Classic Comedy Movies!

By Craig R.

All movies screen on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in Hughes Hall.

We always have popcorn and other snacks available but feel free to bring your own! Join us for laughs and movie trivia.

January 7th—Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968), starring
Dick Van Dyke



January 28th—Reality Bites (1994), starring Wynona
Ryder, Ethan Hawke
and Ben Stiller

