

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

February 2024

We Share our Time and Talent

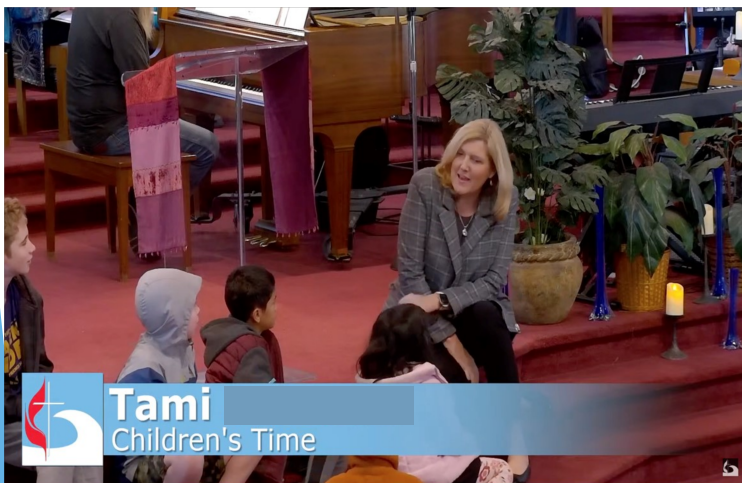


Altar for Advent, Designed by Louis

Photo by Dick V.



New Flooring in Sunday School Rooms



A Fresh New Coat of Paint for Pastor—by Tim and Jesse



Ready for Wednesday Night Christmas Dinner



A Message From Pastor Lori

Beloveds in Christ,

The Christian calendar holds meaningful seasons in the life of the church, seasons that shape and guide our spiritual journeys.

It feels like we just completed the seasons of Advent and Christmas. And indeed, we did! But the season of Lent is upon us, falling just about as early as it ever does.

Lent is a forty-day period of preparation (not counting Sundays) that leads into Holy Week and Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 14th. La Jolla UMC will host our shared Ash Wednesday Service on 2/14 at 6:30 pm in their sanctuary.

Lent, as a season, is longer than Advent, allowing for a slower pace along with time and space, to contemplate our faith journeys, seeking God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness in ways that restore and reorient us to and for abundant life.

This year our theme for Lent is "Wandering Heart." Our sermon series will focus on the life of Peter, a disciple whose faith journey had highs and lows, joys and sorrows, triumphs, and struggles...perhaps very much like our own faith journeys. Our series will also feature the hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, its words and melody guiding us through our Lenten time of coming alongside Peter.

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here, I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, **bind my wandering heart to thee.**
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy court above.

I hope you'll join in worship, service, and fellowship this Lent as we seek to tune our lives to God's grace and bind our hopeful, hurting, meandering, rejoicing, **wandering hearts** to God...the God who loves us every step of our way, no matter where we find ourselves on our spiritual paths.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



We Care for One Another

**Kidz
Korner**

Education Department

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

Youth Ministry

We're off to a good start with the Beach Area Youth Collaborative and District UMC Youth. Last month, we attended a live-action Clue event at Trinity United Methodist Church. For February, there's a Valentine's Day Party with the UMC district, and in March I'm organizing an escape room event for the Beach Area Youth Collaborative. Things are happening and we always appreciate the support.

Children's Time Ministry

We would like to thank Tami J. for joining our Children's Time Ministry and for giving her first Children's Time Message on Sunday, January 21! Thank you, Tami!

Children's Ministry

We have new flooring! All 3 rooms downstairs (Sunday School, Nursery, and youth room, "The Cave") have all been updated with new tile carpet flooring, and it looks amazing. We are all so thankful for this blessing and would like to thank everyone that took part in making this happen. Stop by after service and take a look!

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Memory Verse

Genesis 9:12 & 13 NLT Then God said, "I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth.

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 February 8th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Sushi Ota in Pacific Beach. If you're planning to be there, please RSVP to the church office so we can plan for the right number. We hope you can join us!

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) to 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.



February Communion Offering ***Black College Fund (Black History Month)***

The eleven UM-related black colleges and universities, far beyond proportion to their numbers and financial resources, are responsible for educating some of the world's most effective and recognized leaders.

One of the most significant ways The United Methodist Church helps make quality education accessible to all is through the Black College Fund.

More than 95 percent of all proceeds of the fund flow directly to campuses, where they help to strengthen programs, provide vital infrastructure and keep tuition costs low.

Through The Black College Fund, we're working together to ensure that the institutions that have equipped some of our nation's finest leaders continue for years to come.

We Reach Out to Others

PB UMC Council Notes

Staff-Parish Relations Focus Group (SPRC)

By Malea S.

In January the SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) focus group had our first meeting of the year. We welcomed Adam M. as our new member. We thank Ray McC. for his time on the committee as he cycles off. We discussed the new laws pertaining to sick leave and how it effects our employees.

We assigned each of us as liaisons to the staff members. As liaisons we check in with them periodically to find out if there are any concerns or questions. Patty R. will be liaison to Jesse Hodge, our Director of Education and EZ, our security and maintenance person. Adam will be liaison to Pastor Lori and Ron Jessee, our Music Director. Malea S. will be liaison to Susie Virgilio, our Church Secretary and the nursery workers.

Finance

By Heide T.

The 2024 budget was approved at the Charge Conference on January 16th. We also confirmed our newest member of the Finance focus group, Bill H.

While we again have a budgeted deficit for 2024 (about \$22k), it is a significant reduction from 2023. We will endeavor to narrow this gap through the year, much as we were blessed to accomplish for 2023. Thank you to all who attended the Town Hall on the 14th. Many great ideas were generated that will be explored throughout the coming months.

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!



Photo by Susie Virgilio

Thanks again to all of you for your generosity! We were able to provide many gift cards for Christmas and for other incentives for the teenagers at the Storefront shelter. Target and McDonald's cards were this year's gifts, plus some Home Depot and AMC movie cards. We hope to continue throughout the year to provide more support to the shelter. And we can do so due to your continued support. Thank you.

Circle of Support

December 2023 Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in November		
December Giving	\$28,624.50	\$18,550.37
December Other Income	\$25,793.67	\$28,260.92
Total Available for Ministry	\$54,418.17	\$46,811.29
Total Expended for Ministry	\$34,631.53	\$38,717.30
Income Minus Expenses	\$19,786.64	\$8,093.99
2023 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$240,409.29	\$222,604.00
Other Income	\$157,914.43	\$183,219.00
Total Available for Ministry	\$398,323.72	\$405,823.00
Total Expended for Ministry	\$417,599.37	\$448,651.00
Income Minus Expenses	(\$19,275.65)	(\$42,828.00)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Reflections From the Finance Team:

Giving was very generous for December, including the special offering toward the 2023 budget. We ended the year with less than half of the expected deficit!

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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

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

Week 2

Sun, Feb 4 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
Mon, Feb 5 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Feb 6 6:00 pm, Choir
7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group
Wed, Feb 7 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Feb 8 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Feb 10 **Interfaith Shelter Guests Depart**
10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 3

Sun, Feb 11 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie, "Romancing
the Stone"
Mon, Feb 12 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Feb 13 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Feb 14 **Valentine's Day**
7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
6:30 pm, Ash Wednesday Service
La Jolla UMC Sanctuary
Thurs, Feb 15 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Feb 17 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Tim and Jesse Applied Fresh Paint in
Pastor Lori's Office

Week 4

Sun, Feb 18 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, Feb 19 **President's Day—**
Church Office Closed
Beach Breeze Materials Due
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Feb 20 Choir
Church Council Meeting
Wed, Feb 21 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Feb 22 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Feb 24 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 5

Sun, Feb 25 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie, "10 Things I Hate
About You"
Mon, Feb 26 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Feb 27 Choir
Wed, Feb 28 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Feb 29 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

We Love and Worship God

February Scriptures

- February 4** Holy Communion
Mark 1:29-39
- February 11** Transfiguration Sunday
Mark 9:2-9
- February 18** 1st Sunday in Lent
Wandering Heart:
Jesus Sought Me
Psalm 25:1-10 and Luke 5:1-11
- February 25** 2nd Sunday in Lent
Wandering Heart:
Rescue Me From Danger
Psalm 22:23-31 and
Matthew 14:22-33

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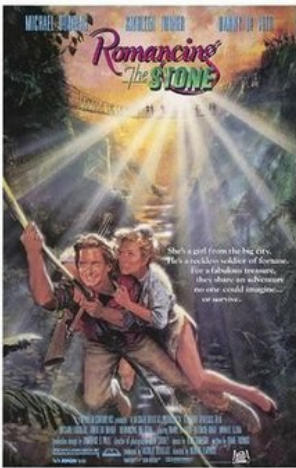
ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

PB UMC Screens Two Unconventionally Romantic Movies in February

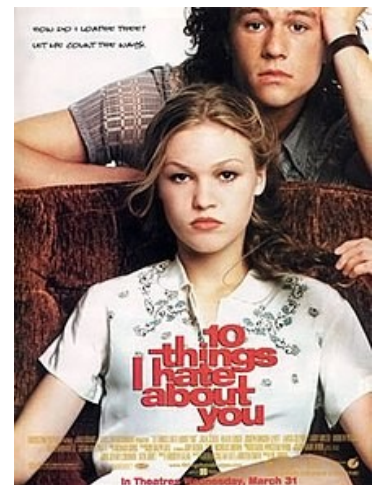
By Craig R.

In acknowledgement of Valentines Day, PB UMC will screen a couple of comedies that wouldn't seem romantic... but ultimately are.

On Sunday February 11th, we'll celebrate the 40th anniversary of the classic adventure comedy "Romancing the Stone," starring Kathleen Turner, Michael Douglas, and Danny DeVito.



On Sunday February 25th, we'll celebrate the 25th anniversary of "10 Things I Hate About You," a 1990s reimagining of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" starring Julia Stiles, Heath Ledger, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt.



All movies screen at 1:00 pm in Hughes Hall. Popcorn and other snacks are always available but feel free to bring anything you like!