

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

April 2024

Easter Sunday 2024



Easter Service begins—photo by Craig Roberts



Hughes Hall pre-Easter Egg Hunt—photo by Craig Roberts



Philip S. found the golden egg!
Photo by Pastor Lori



2024 Easter Cake—photo by Hope A.



Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

The United Methodist Church meets for its "General Conference" every four years. This is a gathering of clergy and lay delegates from across the globe; it is the one body with the power to change the policies of the UMC.

I am guessing that many of you remember the "special session" of the General Conference in 2019. I was profoundly hopeful that the harmful language and policies related to LGBTQ+ folx would finally be removed. But instead of taking a step forward, we seemed to take two steps back. Swayed by a variety of forces, the denomination doubled down on all that was harmful and a split in the denomination seemed inevitable. Feeling blindsided, I found myself in crisis. I felt I needed to either leave the denomination I loved or "come out" and return to ministry in a local church setting. I chose the latter and while it has been a bumpy road in some ways, it also brought me here, to serve as pastor at PB UMC. And that, my friends, is a joy! I am so grateful.

The General Conference was due to follow up on all that happened in 2019 at the regularly scheduled General Conference in 2020. But as we know, Covid had a different idea. That session of the General Conference has been rescheduled several times and will finally happen later this month. From April 23rd to May 3rd the General Conference will meet in Charlotte, North Carolina. The theme of the General Conference is "And Know That I Am God," from Psalm 46. This Conference will happen in the aftermath of the disaffiliation of over 7500 local churches from the denomination, in large part more conservative churches who fear the denomination is on the threshold of becoming more inclusive. And while there is much work to be done at this General Con-

ference, many are focused on three priorities related to LGBTQ+ justice and inclusion, "the three "R's." From our California Pacific website, those three priorities are: "Removal of anti-LGBTQ+ statements and policies, approving the Revised Social Principles as offered by our General Board of Church and Society and adopting a Regionalization plan that allows us to better function as a worldwide church in diverse context." I invite you to take a deeper dive and learn more by going to one of the following sites:

Resource UMC: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>

California-Pacific Annual Conference: <https://www.calpacumc.org/gc2020/>

Reconciling Ministries Network: <https://rmnetwork.org/gc2024/>

Mainstream UMC: <https://mainstreamumc.com/>

In addition, I ask you to keep the upcoming General Conference and all its delegates in your prayers. This is such a critical time in the life of the United Methodist Church. May God's grace be with and sustain each delegate. May each participant listen with compassion and speak with wisdom. May they, as a body, be moved to faithful and courageous decisions that will enable us to witness more fully and with greater integrity to the love of God in the world for all God's beloved children. May it be so.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



On Sunday, March 24th, 16 PBUMC members took CPR classes — congratulations!

We Care for One Another

**Kidz
Korner**

Education Department

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

The children were busy planting seeds in Sunday School. Tami, one of our Sunday School teachers, led a lesson about patience. They will now take care of these plants and watch them grow!

Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! If there's any interest, please let me know.

Because Easter fell on the fifth Sunday of March, the 5th Sunday Service, which is hosted by the Education Department, is being pushed back one week to April 7th. The God Squad Children's Choir has two songs and a special surprise that will be shared!

We hosted our first cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class here at the church. We now have 16 people who are CPR-trained and know how to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) that was recently donated to us. Of those 16 individuals, our Child Care Workers (Madison and Cat) are also trained and prepared if there is ever a need for care in Sunday School.

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Our next goal is to raise funds to have the opportunity to train our church and community on Mental Health First Aid. May's communion offering will go towards this effort.

Memory Verses

Acts 4:32 NLT: "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had."

1 John 4:16 & 18 NLT: "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. There is no fear in love. God's love drives out fear."

A Personal Note from Your New Beach Breeze Editor

First, I want to acknowledge how much we're all going to miss our beloved former editor, TennieBee Hall. I hope you can all make her Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 20th. I will endeavor to create our newsletter each month in as professional a way as she did and—always—in her honor.

Second, many thanks to Jesse Hodge for producing our last-minute March issue, which looked fabulous and not "last minute" at all!

Anyone can send articles or pictures for future issues to news@pbumc.org.

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

Beach Breeze Editor:
Craig Roberts

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 Thursday, April 18th, we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Casa Guadalajara in Old Town. Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, April 16th so we can reserve a table big enough for all!

We Celebrate the Life of TennieBee Hall

TennieBee Hall was a long-time PBUMC member and the previous *Beach Breeze* editor... and she managed to publish monthly issues right up until a month before she passed (her most recent issue was the February issue; she passed away on Sunday, March 3rd).

All are welcome to join TennieBee's family and friends as we celebrate her remarkable life on Saturday, April 20th at 2:00pm in the sanctuary. A time of light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Social Hall.

Interfaith Shelter Network Celestial Nights

The Interfaith Shelter Network will hold its annual fundraiser, Celestial Nights, at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church (6556 Park Ridge Blvd. SD 92120) on Saturday, April 20th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



For more information and tickets:

[Celestial Nights 2024 - Interfaith Shelter Network \(ejoinme.org\)](https://ejoinme.org)

April Communion Offering Project Grace SD

Project Grace SD is a new non-denominational non-profit formed specifically to ensure that the Wednesday night Project Grace meals and related services are properly funded. Our April community offering will go to help provide seed funds for them.

From their new website (projectgracesd.org):

Each Wednesday evening a free meal is served to anyone in need. The food is donated from various sources, and volunteers set up, serve, and clean up. The number of guests ranges from 70 to 120 people (men, women, and children) most weeks, and has even come close to 200 on a few occasions.

At Project Grace we strive to provide quality meals with nutrition and comfort in mind.

We understand this may be the only hot meal many of our guests will eat in a given week, so we make it count. That's why we have our own professional chef creating meals in our certified, commercial-grade kitchen.

We Reach Out to Others

Belonging Class

At every stage of our lives, we seek people, places and communities where we can experience belovedness and know that we belong. PB UMC is offering a three week “Belonging Class” for those who are interested in church membership and for others for who seek deeper connection and involvement in the life of this community. Here's what's coming up:

- 4/14: What’s a United Methodist?
- 4/21: Connected and Involved
- 4/28: Next Steps to Church Membership

Those interested in becoming members of Pacific Beach UMC are encouraged to attend all three. Those who would like to get more involved in the life of the church are welcome to attend just the second session (Connected and Involved). The class will meet after church in the Social Hall, approximately 11:15 to 12:30. A light lunch will be served.

Attending the Belonging class is not a commitment to join the church OR a prerequisite for church membership. It’s simply a way to meet some folks and learn more! Please contact Pastor Lori or the church office with questions or to RSVP.



Photo by Pastor Lori

At the March 17th worship service, Lee Ann showed off her Irish spirit!

Tickets on Sale Now!

BLACK TIE BINGO
Community Fundraiser

**TO SUPPORT: Shoreline Community Services
Community Care Crew employment program**

Friday, April 26, 2024 | 6:00-9:30 pm

MISSION BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
Dress to impress, black tie optional

Tickets- \$150/Early Bird Pricing Until March 8- \$135
Purchase: bit.ly/BTBEventPage

Circle of Support

February 2024 Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in February		
December Giving	\$20,309.80	\$21,540.00
December Other Income	\$8,994.91	\$7,948.00
Total Available for Ministry	\$29,304.71	\$29,488.00
Total Expended for Ministry	\$33,240.75	\$35,799.00
Income Minus Expenses	(\$3,936.04)	(\$6,311.00)
2024 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$41,070.72	\$43,080.00
Other Income	\$18,049.02	\$20,288.00
Total Available for Ministry	\$59,119.74	\$63,368.00
Total Expended for Ministry	\$78,131.10	\$71,598.00
Income Minus Expenses	(\$19,011.36)	(\$8,230.00)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Reflections From the Finance Team:

Giving was generous for February, thank you for your faithful dedication! We will continue to use and plan our resources wisely and trust in God who provides. 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

Every Sunday: **10:00 am, Worship Celebration**
Child Care Available

Week 1

Sun, Apr. 7 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
1:00 pm, Movie: "Claudine" (1974),
starring Diahann Carroll and
James Earl Jones (p. 8)

Mon, Apr. 8 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, Apr. 9 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group

Wed, Apr. 10 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Thurs, Apr. 11 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Fri, Apr. 12 3:00 pm, Finance Focus group

Week 2

Sun, Apr. 14 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:15 am, Belonging Class: "What Is a
United Methodist?"

Mon, Apr. 15 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, Apr. 16 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Church Council

Wed, Apr. 17 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Thurs, Apr. 18 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Sat, Apr. 20 10:00 am, Al-Anon
10:00 am-3:00 pm, Camp Cedar Glen
Work Party
2:00 pm, Celebration of Life for
TennieBee Hall
5:00 pm-8:00 pm, Interfaith Shelter
Network's Celestial
Nights (p. 4)

Week 3

Sun, Apr. 21 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:15 am, Belonging Class:
"Connected and Involved"
1:00 pm, Movie: "If It's Tuesday, It
Must Be Belgium" (1969)
p. 8)

Mon, Apr. 22 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due
6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, Apr. 23 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Wed, Apr. 24 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries

Thurs, Apr. 25 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Fri, Apr. 26 5:00 pm-8:00 pm, Shoreline
Community
Services "Black
Tie Bingo" (p. 5)

Sat, Apr. 27 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 4

Sun, Apr. 28 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:15 am, Belonging Class: "Next
Steps to Church
Membership"

Mon, Apr. 29 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, Apr. 30 6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Pastor Lori on Vacation

Pastor Lori is on vacation from Monday, April 1st through Saturday, April 6th and will return non-urgent phone/text messages and e-mails when she returns. For urgent needs during that time, please reach out to Director of Education, Jesse Hodge.

We Love and Worship God

April Scriptures

- April 7** Guest Preacher: Dakota Koenig
Holy Communion
Luke 17:11-19
- April 14** John 21:1-19
- April 21** Creation Care Sunday
Matthew 6:25-34
- April 28** Acts 8:26-40
John 15:1-8

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Two Little-Known But Hilarious Movies for April

By Craig Roberts

We don't always screen famous blockbusters—sometimes we show some obscure but worthwhile movies. You may have never heard of the two romantic comedies we're showing in April, but I'm confident you'll enjoy them!



On Sunday April 7th, we'll celebrate the 50th anniversary of "Claudine," starring the fabulous Diahann Carroll and James Earl Jones (before he was the voice of "Star Wars" Darth Vader).

On Sunday April 21st, we'll celebrate the 55th anniversary of "It's Tuesday, It Must Be Belgium," featuring an ensemble comedic cast.

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!



And if you can't attend in person, consider putting these films on your personal watchlist and let me know if you enjoyed them!