



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

June 2025

PB UMC Is Going Solar in June!

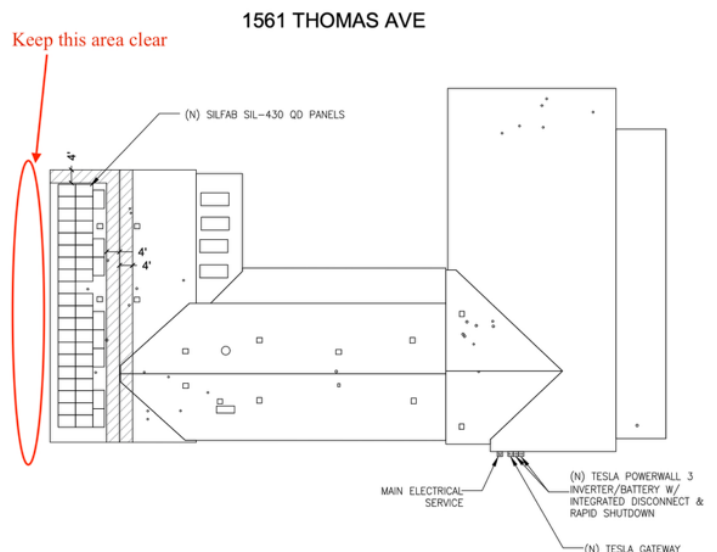
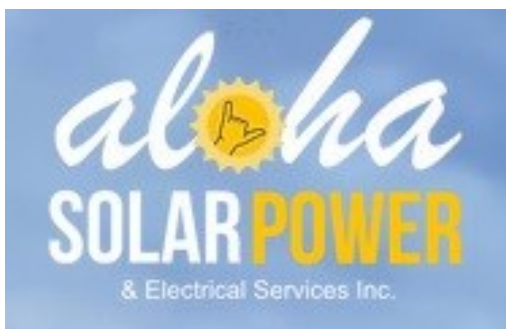
By Craig Roberts

If you read last month's *Beach Breeze*, we anticipated that PB UMC would have solar panels installed by the end of the summer. As it happens, the change is going to occur right before summer officially begins.

In the last couple of weeks, we learned from our installer, Aloha Solar, that our installation plans have been approved by the City of San Diego. Installation will commence on Monday, June 16th, just as June Gloom is ready to fade away. Here's the schedule:

- Monday, June 16th: Solar panels will be placed on the roof of the church's office wing throughout the day. The parking lot spaces next to the building will need to be open throughout the day to allow Aloha Solar roof access. This work will be rather noisy so the church office will be closed.
- Tuesday, June 17th: Power will be shut off throughout the church campus so that the panels can be wired into the church's electrical grid. Again, the church office will be closed.
- Wednesday, June 18th: Installation efforts will pause for one day to avoid interfering with Project Grace and our other Wednesday night services.
- Thursday, June 19th: Installation completes and PB UMC is off the grid!

Please join us on Sunday, June 22nd, for our first solar-powered worship service!



Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

I want to share with you a good and joyful thing that has been happening in and through PB UMC.

Thanks to an agreement between our Church Council and Shoreline Community Services, we have been able to provide support for a kind soul who is seeking a new beginning. For the last 12 weeks we have provided temporary housing for a man named Johnny. You may have encountered Johnny in your comings and goings from the church. If and when you see him, please introduce yourself and say hello!

Johnny is a part of Shoreline Community Service's Community Care Crew. We met him when he joined the crew that cleans our buildings each week. As winter rain approached, we became aware that the tenuous housing Johnny had was lost. Part of Shoreline's program provides temporary shelter for their crew members after they've worked on the crew for a determined period of time. The hope is that each crew member, with support from the Shoreline team, will find a job as well as secure and permanent housing. We have been able to provide that temporary shelter and have recently extended Johnny's stay for an additional twelve weeks as he does the hard work of finding a job and securing his GED. Johnny, who has worked as a cook in the past, is working parttime for a caterer and is interviewing for other jobs. Having safe temporary housing has enabled him to make this important progress. He begins his GED course early June, a step that is critical in terms of his future well-being.

I share this information with you for a couple of different reasons. First, I'm thankful we can do this

very real and practical thing to help someone step out of homelessness and into a safer more life-giving situation. I want the best for Johnny and I know you do too! I admire the work Johnny is doing and I'm grateful to serve in a church that is willing to stretch a little out of the box to be Christ's hands and feet in a real and practical way in the world. But I also share Johnny's story because Johnny and I both covet your prayers for him during this time. I write this with his full permission and ask, if you're a praying sort, to pray for Johnny as he navigates this challenging and life-affirming season in his life.

If you'd like to learn more about Shoreline Community Services and the Community Care Crew, you can check out their webpage here: <https://shorelinecs.org/community-care-crew>. Thank you for your prayers and your deep commitment to caring for those in our community who find themselves in a time of need.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering of good souls, enjoying food and fellowship at one of our wonderful local restaurants. On June 26th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Applebee's, 7677 Balboa Ave.

Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, June 24th so we can reserve a table big enough for all!



We Care for One Another

ICE Policy Under Development

By Hope A

The Church Council is contemplating a policy around when Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will be permitted access to church property. We intend to discourage exploratory searches but allow the arrest of, for example, a specifically-identified felon. Our goal is to balance our call to protect the vulnerable and welcome the stranger with legal requirements. We also aspire to create safe spaces for our medical and dental clinics. Furthermore, we want to honor and acknowledge the varying opinions within our congregation.

As a nonprofit organization we are obligated to provide access:

- To events and spaces open to the public, such as Sunday worship
- When presented with a legal judicial warrant

We may decline to grant access:

- To our non-public times and spaces, such as when doors are locked
- When presented with an administrative warrant, which is issued by ICE itself and not approved by a judge

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to Adam M., Pastor Lori, me or any other member of Church Council before our meeting on June 24th.

Father's Day/Game Day

By Hope A

My father enjoyed card games, board games and chess. Alas, he joined the Saints in Glory in 2010. I won't be able to celebrate Father's Day with him in person. If you have a father to celebrate with, by all means please do so. But if not, you might like to join us to play mahjong instead.

We'll gather in the social hall at about 11:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday, June 15th, and play Chinese mahjong (other games if you'd like to bring them) for about 2-3 hours or till we are tired. Bring your lunch or pick one up at a nearby food place—and a snack to share if you like. Families and newcomers are always encouraged—we love to teach!

Please let us know if you're coming so we can bring enough sets. If you have questions, please talk to Kathy W or me or contact the church office.



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Craig Roberts

We Grow in Grace & Faith

Good News: Just What the Doctor Ordered

By “Doc”

White Plains, NY- What’s a Grandpa to Do? Here’s the story...

What can a couple of retired guys do if they don’t play golf? Two grandpa buds looked for a place to plug in and found lots of groups for grandmas, but not grandpas. So, they started one called Grandpas United, now around 60 volunteers strong. They become role models for boys and young men who don’t have them in their lives. They play strategy games with the boys during lunch break at the elementary school and have an initiative called JumpStart for Dads. Since grandpas have been through all that, they help new Dads adjust to parenthood. Now that’s cool. While building social skills and confidence for their young counterparts, they shore up their own dignity and self-worth. But there’s more. Studies showed, over a two-year period of volunteering, their brain size increased significantly—especially in the areas of problem solving and memory. Paying it forward *pays!*



Source: Ashley Milne-Tyte, NPR

Laugh often & live healthy!

:Doc

PB UMC to Attend 2025 Cal-Pac Conference

By Pastor Lori

The 41st Annual Session of the California Pacific Conference is taking place June 11th through 14th in Indian Wells, CA. Clergy and laity from all of the churches in the California-Pacific Conference will meet to worship, fellowship and do the business of the annual conference. This year’s theme is “Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Cherish!”

Pastor Lori will be in attendance, along with your lay delegate, Ken B. Ron Jessee will also be in attendance as a delegate from our South District. Please pray for all the participants of the Conference and the work that is before us as we spend this meaningful time together. You are invited to follow along with the happenings of the conference, including livestreaming the worship services, at calpacumc.org/ac2025.



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PACIFIC
CONFERENCE**

Pastor Lori’s Vacation

Pastor Lori will be on vacation from Thursday, May 29th through Monday, June 9th, returning to the office on Tuesday, June 10th. Adam Marshall has kindly agreed to be available for urgent pastoral care needs during that time. If needs arise, please reach out to the Church Office and/or to a member of the Church Council to be connected to Adam.

We Reach Out to Others

June Communion Offering

Community Christian Service Agency

The mission of the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA), an ecumenical Christian agency, is “to provide emergency services to individuals and families in need in San Diego County, including food, clothing, and referrals, and where practicable, counseling to assist in their transition to self-reliance.”

CCSA was founded in 1972 by seven churches in the local ministerial association and obtained its nonprofit 501C-3 status in 1973. During 50 years of service, CCSA has grown to include 31 member churches in the Clairemont, Pacific Beach, La Jolla, and University City areas of San Diego. CCSA currently has three paid staff members and has utilized hundreds of volunteers to deliver its services. The agency is supported by its member churches, hundreds of individual donors, businesses, small grants, and various fundraising efforts.

PB UMC has a longstanding relationship with this worthwhile organization, so we are happy to direct our June offering towards its important ministries.

For more information: www.ccsasandiego.org

Summer Hymn Sing Hits the Road

By Pastor Lori

As shared in last month's *Beach Breeze*, we are taking the “hymn sing and potluck” gatherings on the road this summer! The first one is being hosted by Kathy W in the University City/North Clairemont Area.

On Thursday, June 19th, we'll gather at 6:00 p.m., share in a potluck supper and sing some hymns! Please bring some food to share, a musical instrument if you like, a friend who might want to share in the fun and your own kind self! Singing is NOT required: listeners and hummers are welcome too!

Please reach out to Kathy or me for more information. And watch for dates of upcoming hymn sings through the summer!

Outdoor Church Returns Independence Weekend

By Craig Roberts

PB UMC hasn't had an outdoor worship service since Labor Day weekend last year.

But that ends next month as we will celebrate the USA's 249th birthday in true PB UMC style: with an outdoor worship service, followed by grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings and delicious side dishes!

An endeavor like this takes teamwork, so if you'd like to help setup the outdoor service, please arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. that Sunday. We will also need folks to bring two or three coolers, half filled with ice, for us to put the drinks in to cool. For further information, contact Craig Roberts (craigr@pbumc.org).

Circle of Support

April 2025

Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in March		
Giving	\$ 20,780	\$ 22,040
Other Income	\$ 9,535	\$ 8,708
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 30,315	\$ 30,748
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 35,596	\$ 42,679
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 5,281)	(\$ 11,930)

	Actual	Budget
2025 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$ 96,030	\$ 88,160
Other Income	\$ 50,719	\$ 55,084
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 146,749	\$ 143,244
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 143,257	\$ 162,980
Income Minus Expenses	\$ 3,491	(\$ 19,735)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T

Giving is close to the budget for the year, not including the grant received for Project Grace. Expenses are under budget for the year by several thousand, however due to ongoing balancing efforts and expenses posted after the budget month, the “Actual” is showing a temporarily exaggerated amount under budget for the year.

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!

Former US Bank Parking Lot No Longer Has Free Parking

PB UMC no longer has permission to park at this lot (NE corner of Grand and Ingraham) for free—please plan accordingly! If you are comfortable walking for a block or two, please look for street parking—this allows visitors to easily find a spot in our lot.

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold
Music Director: Ron Jessee
Director of Technical Arts: Michael Beu

Office Administrator: Susie Virgilio
Assistant Director of Technical Arts: Brian Kaplan
Campus Maintenance Coordinator: Troy McGarrity

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, June 1 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship (Communion Sunday)
1:00 pm, Movie: "The Apartment" (1960), starring Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine and Fred MacMurray (p. 8)

Mon, June 2 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, June 3 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Wed, June 4 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study (via Zoom)
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Thurs, June 5 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Fri, June 6 Church Office Closed

Sat, June 7 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 2

Sun, June 8 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship

Mon, June 9 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, June 10 6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Wed, June 11 Cal-Pac Conference Begins (p. 4)
11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study (via Zoom)
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Thurs, June 12 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Fri, June 13 Church Office Closed

Sat, June 14 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

Sun, June 15 Fathers Day
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
12:00 pm, Game Day! (p.3)

Mon, June 16 Church Office Closed
Solar Panel Installation Begins (p. 1)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, June 17 Church Office Closed
9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Wed, June 18 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

Thurs, June 19 Beach Breeze Materials Due
6:00 pm, Summer Hymn Singing Home of Kathy W (p. 5)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Fri, June 20 Church Office Closed
3:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)

Sat, June 21 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 4

Sun, June 22 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Growing in Faith
1:00 pm, Movie: "Bells Are Ringing" (1960), starring Judy Holliday and Dean Martin (p. 8)

Mon, June 23 6:00 pm, Al-Anon

Tues, June 24 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)

Wed, June 25 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront

Thurs, June 26 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
12:00 pm, Lunch Bunch (p. 2)

Fri, June 27 Church Office Closed

Sat, June 28 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 5

Sun, June 29 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship

Mon, June 30 6:00 pm, Al-Anon



We Love and Worship God

June Worship/Scriptures

- June 1** Holy Communion
Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott
Ephesians 5:1-10
- June 8** Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott
Malachi 1:1-11
- June 15** Annual Conference Sunday
Fathers Day
Graduation Recognition
John 13:34-35
- June 22** 1 Kings 19:1-15a
- June 29** Fifth Sunday
Guest Speaker: Bill Harpur

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June Screenings Spotlights Two Excellent Movies from 1960

By Craig Roberts

We're celebrating the 65th anniversaries of two 1960 classics in June.



On June 1st, we'll view "The Apartment," starring Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine and Fred MacMurray and written and directed by the great Billy Wilder. The film won five Academy Awards at the 1961 Oscars, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Screenplay. To this day, it's one of American cinema's most highly regarded pictures. While we tend to screen comedies, this film is more of a comedy/drama blend and featured quite a controversial storyline for its time.

On June 22nd, we'll enjoy the sweet zaniness of Oscar-winning actress Judy Holliday (she won for 1950's "Born Yesterday") in the musical "Bells Are Ringing." Holliday plays an answering service operator who just can't resist playing guardian angel to her company's clients. Dean Martin is her enthusiastic co-star.

All films screen at 1:00 pm in Hughes Hall. Popcorn and other snacks are always available but please bring anything you like (such as a late lunch)!

And if you can't attend in person, consider putting our screened films on your personal watchlist and let me know if you enjoyed them (or if you didn't)!

