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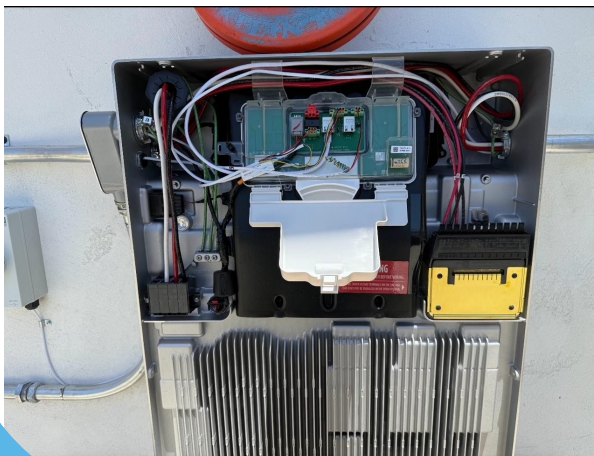
PB UMC Solar Panels Installed!

By Craig Roberts

As of Thursday, June 19th, the PB UMC solar panels have been installed on the western-most roof and we now have batteries ready to collect our excess solar power. Should we require more power in a day than the panels or batteries together can provide, we will then draw power from SDG&E as a last resort.

However, we aren't fully operational yet: there are a couple of hardware glitches that need to be fixed and full use requires some further city permitting, as well as sign off from SDG&E. Our contractor, Aloha Solar, believes those last steps should be completed in about a month.

In the meantime, we're soaking up the sun!



Upper left, the Aloha Solar team in the midst of installing the panels.

Above, the view from the western roof looking southward towards Reed Street.

At left, one of the three solar batteries.

First photo by Pastor Lori; other photos by Gabe von Well-sheim of Aloha Solar

Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

Summer is here and I pray that this season will bring renewal to your spirits in ways that fill your cups! The rhythm of things at Church slows down a bit during summer, which is a gift to many of us! I find myself having a little more time and space to think, plan and pray beyond the thing that is immediately in front of me. And where my heart and spirit are hanging out this summer is Sunday School. As many of you know, we don't have a lot of children at PB UMC but we have amazing children! And regardless of the size of a church's Sunday School, the program offered to and for children and families matters! What are the important elements in offering Sunday School? Clean, safe space. Curriculum that is accessible, enjoyable and grounded in good, life-giving theology. And people...grown up people who share their time, expertise and love to make a difference in the spiritual journeys of the youngest members of our church family.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic and particularly after the departure of Jesse H., our director of education, our "one room Sunday School" has been well and lovingly run by Madison R. and Cat T. The challenge we face is that Cat and Madison are our hired caregivers for the nursery. We have offered a "nursery on the fly" as needed but it's time to establish a regular, staffed nursery in addition to Sunday School. Not only is this important if we want to truly be welcoming to new children and families but it's what the children and families who are already here deserve.

I ask you to prayerfully consider if this matters to your heart and spirit. And if it does, how will you take part? For any and all who are willing to brainstorm and plan, we are hosting a **"Sunday School Reset"** meeting on Saturday, July 26th at 10:00 a.m.

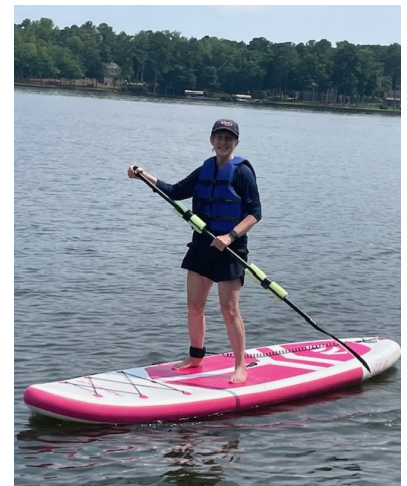
We'll meet in the Lanai to talk about everything from curriculum to staffing to bulletin boards and

birthdays. Attending the meeting will **not** automatically sign you up to teach Sunday School but it will let you add your two cents and explore different ways you can be of support. Perhaps you *would* consider pairing up with a teaching buddy to teach in the Sunday School rotation. (Please know that all Sunday School teachers undergo fingerprinting, a background check and regular "Ministry Safe" trainings to ensure the safety of our kids!) Perhaps you are not interested in teaching Sunday School on a regular basis but *would* volunteer to be a "sub" if someone in the scheduled rotation is on vacation or out sick. Maybe you're not at all interested in being a sub but you do have the gifts to help keep the bulletin boards current and engaging. Maybe that's not your thing but you'd be glad to keep track of children's birthdays and bring cupcakes and a card when one of our kids is being celebrated. And if none of that sounds just right for you, perhaps you'd agree to pray...one of the most important jobs of all! We need people to pray...for our children, our Sunday School teachers, our nursery workers and the children and families in our community who are in need of a loving church home.

Let's plan and pray and dream together! I hope you'll consider joining us on July 26th to **Reset Sunday School** as we prepare for the fall. Don't hesitate to reach out with RSVP's, questions or great ideas!

In Christ,
Pastor Lori

At right, Pastor Lori is enjoying her vacation last month at Lake Oconee, GA



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.

We Care for One Another

Summer Book Club: How Do We Respond to the Immigration Crisis?

By Pastor Lori

Many of us are struggling to understand and respond thoughtfully, responsibly and faithfully to the current immigration crisis. If you would like to read, learn and discuss more, please consider joining us for our Summer Book Club. During the month of July, all are invited to read Beyond Welcome: Centering Immigrants in Our Christian Response to Immigration by Karen Gonzalez. Watch for in person and zoom opportunities to join a book group discussion in August. Books are available on Amazon. Paperback and Kindle versions are less than \$8.00. If you need assistance with a book, please reach out to Pastor Lori.



July Game Day: More Games!

By Hope A

Come relax with us the day after the pride parade (Sunday, July 20th). Martha would love to play Pictionary or Cranium if there's interest. We will also be playing Mahjong in the social hall after worship on that Sunday.

We'll gather in the social hall at about 11:30 a.m. to noon and play 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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We Grow in Grace & Faith

Join PB UMC at the 2025 Pride Parade

By Pastor Lori

Pride Week in San Diego is almost here and, as always, PB UMC will be actively involved!

Louis P, our phenomenal float designer/director, has designed a float that will bring our PB UMC spirit to Hillcrest! Sign-up sheets to help build the float are available in the entryway of church. All hands are needed and welcome!



Ken Brown, Ron Jessee and Mark Berry lead the PB UMC contingent at last year's Pride parade.

Photo by Pastor Lori

In addition, we're hoping that many from PB UMC will participate in the San Diego Pride Parade this year. The best way to show San Diego the inclusive, loving nature of PB UMC is to show off our people! Your kind presence makes all the difference in the world! This year we will be organizing rides to and from the parade to minimize the stress of parking and walking to the parade route. If you would like to **ride on the float, walk with the float OR provide transport for others** coming and going to and from the float, please sign up at church and/or reach out to Louis or me.

Need more information about San Diego Pride 2025? Check out their website at sdpride.org.

And last but not least...HAPPY PRIDE!



At left, PB UMC's own Mary Margaret R was featured in an advertisement in the May 4th *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

Above, Ken B, Pastor Lori and Ron Jessee at last month's annual conference (photo provided by Pastor Lori).

We Reach Out to Others

July Communion Offering

Reconciling Ministries Network

Reconciling congregations, communities and campus ministries (reconciling ministries) who affiliate with the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) embrace RMN's commitment to achieving LGBTQ+ justice and full inclusion in the life and leadership of the United Methodist Church, both in policy and in practice.

PB UMC has been a reconciling church for over 30 years. We're pleased to support this ministry with our July offering.

For more information: www.rmnetwork.org



Second Summer Hymn Sing in North Park

By Pastor Lori

We had a wonderful time at our first Hymn Sing/potluck at the home of Kathy W. Thank you, Kathy, for your incredible graciousness and hospitality!

Our second summer hymn sing will take place on July 22nd, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the home of Roni G in North Park. We'll be having coffee and ice cream in her lovely backyard while singing some of our favorite hymns! Les will play the guitar, we'll bring the hymnals and you are invited to come and join in the fun!

We are taking RSVPs for this event. If you plan to attend, please reach out to Pastor Lori or the Church office. We'll provide the address at that time. Hope you can join us!

Outdoor Church/Cookout on July 6th

By Craig Roberts

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..

To volunteer or for further information, contact me at craigr@pbumc.org.



Circle of Support

May 2025

Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in May		
Giving	\$ 25,669	\$ 22,040
Other Income	\$ 13,089	\$ 8,708
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 38,758	\$ 30,748
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 43,826	\$ 42,212
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 5,068)	(\$ 10,643)

	Actual	Budget
2025 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$ 121,699	\$ 110,200
Other Income	\$ 63,808	\$ 63,792
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 185,507	\$ 173,993
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 187,083	\$ 204,191
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 1,576)	(\$ 30,199)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T

Giving was generous for May, with both Pledged and Unpledged giving above budget. Spending is moderately over budget for the month, due primarily to increased insurance costs, however it is still significantly 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!

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering of good souls, enjoying food and fellowship at one of our wonderful local restaurants. On July 24th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Mr. Peabody's, 6110 Friars Road (peabodysburgers.com). Please note that parking around this restaurant is limited, so plan accordingly.

Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, July 22nd so we can reserve a table big enough for all!



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

Tues, July 1 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, July 2 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, July 3 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
Church Office Closed
Sat, July 5 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 2

Sun, July 6 OUTDOOR CHURCH (p. 5)
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, After-service potluck/BBQ
Mon, July 7 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, July 8 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, July 9 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, July 10 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, July 11 Church Office Closed
Sat, July 12 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

Sun, July 13 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie: "Back to the Future"
(1985), starring Michael J.
Fox, Christopher Lloyd and
Lea Thompson (p. 8)
Mon, July 14 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, July 15 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, July 16 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, July 17 Beach Breeze Materials Due
7:00 pm, Light Up the Cathedral
Interfaith Service: St. Paul's
Episcopal Cathedral,
2728 Sixth Avenue
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Church Office Closed
Fri, July 18 3:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)
Sat, July 19 10:00 am, Al-Anon
10:00 am, San Diego Pride Parade (p. 4)
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 4

Sun, July 20 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
12:00 pm, Game Day! (p.3)
Mon, July 21 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, July 22 12:30 pm, Summer Hymn Singing
Home of Roni G (p. 5)
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)
Wed, July 23 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront
Thurs, July 24 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
12:00 pm, Lunch Bunch (p. 6)
5:00 pm, Shoreline Community
Services Toga Party at
Maverick's (p. 7)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Church Office Closed
Fri, July 25 10:00 am, Al-Anon
Sat, July 26 5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 5

Sun, July 27 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Growing in Faith
1:00 pm, Movie: "Babe" (1995),
starring James Cromwell
(p. 8)
Mon, July 28 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, July 30 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, July 31 7:00 pm, Narc Anon



We Love and Worship God

July Worship/Scriptures

- July 6** Outdoor Church
Luke 10: 1-11
- July 13** Holy Communion
Luke 10: 25-37
- July 20** Luke 10: 38-42
- June 27** Luke 11: 1-13

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July Movies Feature Time Travel and Talking Animals

By Craig Roberts



It's time to fire up the DeLorean.

Hard to believe that it's been 40 years since "Back to the Future" became the blockbuster hit of the summer of 1985. Join us on Sunday, July 13th to watch the hilarious science fiction romp, starring Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson.

Two weeks later, on Sunday, July 23rd, we'll celebrate the 30th anniversary of one of the sweetest movies ever made: "Babe," the story of a pig who wants to be a sheep herder ("A little pig goes a long way."), starring James Cromwell.

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)!

