



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

October 2025

Roots and Shoots – Children and Youth

By Pastor Lori

We continue to nurture our ministries with and for children and youth as we seek to provide them **roots** (solid grounding in faith) and **shoots** (opportunities to grow in love with God and neighbor.)

Our **Sunday School Reset** has gotten off to a great start. Here's a reminder of our schedule for kids and families! **The nursery** is open each week from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., providing childcare for choir families from 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. and nursery care for infants and toddlers from 9:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to drop off children in the nursery, where Cat and Madison are providing excellent care, or stay with children in the nursery. We have added a TV with livestream of the service for those who feel more comfortable being in the nursery but would also like to “be in worship” via livestream.

Sunday School age children begin each Sunday in the sanctuary with worship. Kids are welcome to sit with their families or on the front row with a Sunday School teacher. On Communion Sunday, children remain in worship and participate in a variety of ways. All other Sundays, children remain in worship through the scripture reading and then go to Sunday School with the Sunday School teachers. Every week there's a Prayer Doodle Journal for each child to help them engage with different aspects of the service.

Our **Play and Pray Area** is also open and being used! Kids/families are welcome to sit in the Play and Pray area and make use of the coloring, games and toys.

Our new **beach area youth group** (a collaboration between PB UMC, PB Presbyterian, Christ Lutheran Church and PB Christian Church) had its first event and it was a hit! Despite the surprise raindrops, we enjoyed games at the beach along with a BBQ. We plan to offer a monthly youth event, the next one taking place at PB UMC. On Friday, October 17th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., we'll host a Halloween Movie Night, along with food and other fun! The group has been newly dubbed “**PB Youth Turn Up.**” Why? Because it's for PB Youth and their friends and all are welcome to “turn up” whenever they can, however they are...all are welcome!

If you're a youth, hope you can join us! Adult volunteers are needed and welcome too. Contact me for more information.



Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

Summer is one of my favorite times of year, but as summer turns to fall, I find my spirit eagerly leaning into the lessons and blessings of autumn. I am mindful of the ways in which fall invites us to reflect on beauty, embrace mortality and experience once again the “thin veil” between heaven and earth.

One of my favorite worship services of the year takes place during this season on All Saints Sunday. All Saints is a day of remembering the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. It reminds us that faith winds through generations and that the veil is thinner than we realize between those on earth and those in heaven.

In the United Methodist tradition, we embrace the notion that Christian saints are not an extraordinary few but all Christians who strive to live a life of love and holiness. Along with many other churches, it is our PB UMC tradition to “remember the saints” on All Saints Sunday, which this year falls on November 2nd. We’ll name and light a candle for those from our congregation who have died in this last year. In addition, we invite you to submit the names of others who have died

in the last year, close loved ones who have embodied a life of love.

If you would like us to remember the life of a loved one recently lost this All Saints Sunday, please send to the church office the full name of your loved one and their relationship to you by Sunday, October 26th. Also, please let us know if you can be present on November 2nd to light the candle of remembrance. While the candle lighting focuses on those lost more recently, the service will include time to name and remember other loved ones lost over the years who continue to instill our lives with faith, hope and love.

This church is bountiful with real, honest, seeking, struggling, faithful saints who pursue lives of love and holiness. Let us be reminded that we stand on the shoulders of so many who have gone before us and that our lives are deeply connected to God, to one another and the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us today and always.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



Laity Sunday: October 19th

By Pastor Lori

Laity Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the third Sunday of October, highlighting the ministry of all Christians, celebrating the gifts and grace each individual brings to the body of Christ and encouraging all to participate in Christ’s ministry in the world in ways that bring light and life to all.

This year our preacher on Laity Sunday will be Ken Brown, our Lay Leader, Church Council Chair and Head Usher. Ken serves this church and Christ’s ministry with humor, passion and grace.

The theme for this year’s Laity Sunday is “Fulfilling Your Ministry.” We hope you can join us in church, in person or online, as we receive inspiration from Ken and reflect on our shared mission and ministry to extend Christ’s peace and justice, love and mercy to one another and out into God’s beloved world.



We Care for One Another

October Game Day

By Hope A.

On Sunday, October 26th, come join us for Chinese mahjong with a Pictionary appetizer. Or possibly other games you might like to bring. We love to teach, so no experience necessary. Most of us bring or pick up a lunch to eat in the glass-enclosed lanai after worship, then we'll start playing in the social hall by 11:30 or 12:00. We play till we get tired, usually around 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to arrive late and/or leave early. Questions? Contact HopeA@PBUMC.org or Kathy W.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering of good souls, enjoying food and fellowship at one of our wonderful local restaurants. On Thursday, October 16th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Casa Guadalajara in Old Town (4105 Taylor Street; www.casaguadalajara.com).

Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, October 14th, so we can reserve a table big enough for all!



This summer the Wednesday Bible Study group was hosted for lunch at Kathy W's home. Clockwise from front left: Denny H, Hope A, Pat W, Kathy W, Patty R and Dr. Eric W (Kathy's son).

Photo by Pastor Lori

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

Good News: Just What the Doctor Ordered

By “Doc”

London, England- Their Environmental Wheelhouse. Here's the story...

Over the past two years cycling in London has increased by over 50% bringing cycling to 56% of their peak traffic. Over 139,000 daily cyclists were counted in October 2024 resulting in a remarkable reduction of nitrogen dioxide emissions. That's how they roll!

Source: Jess Warren, BBC News

Laugh often & live healthy!

:Doc



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Saturday, October 18, PB Presbyterian Church
1675 Garnet Ave., SD, 92109
4:00 Community singalong (lyrics provided)
5:15 Chili supper

Musical Host: John Yankee
Musical Guests: Parkside Pickers
Family-friendly, open to all, DONATE what you can!!



Sponsored by PB Presbyterian, St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal & PB United Methodist

We Reach Out to Others

October Communion Offering

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. On this Sunday, United Methodists join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language, or culture.

But it's more than just worship. It's also a time to support scholarships and leadership training for students from underrepresented communities—helping the Church become more inclusive and better equipped to serve.

Special Sundays give us a chance to focus our prayers and support on important ministries all year long—uniting our gifts to multiply our impact. Your generosity supports scholarships, grants, and programs that help prepare the next generation of church leaders. Here's how the funds are used:

Scholarships (50%): Half of the funds collected go toward scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of color in the U.S. who are pursuing ordained ministry. To learn more or apply, email scholars@umcmission.org.

Grants (35%): A portion of the funds provide In-Service Training Grants that support diversity, equity, and access training—helping the Church recruit and retain leaders of color across all areas of ministry. Learn more about these grants [here](#).

Leadership Programs (15%): The remaining funds support leadership development with partner churches in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and communities of color in the U.S. For more information, contact scholarship@umcmission.org.

For more information: www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/umcgiving/special-sundays/churchwide-special-sundays/world-communion-sunday



About All That Beach Breeze Clip Art...

By Craig Roberts

From time to time, you may notice that little bits of clip art are used as graphic illustrations of stories or just as space fillers. I have found a few images here and there thanks to the internet, but most of these whimsical graphics were collected over the years and bequeathed to me by the previous *Beach Breeze* editor, TennieBee Hall.

So every time you see a bit of charming clip art, I hope you'll remember her with fondness.

Circle of Support

August 2025

Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in August		
Giving	\$ 17,853	\$ 22,040
Other Income	\$ 9,374	\$ 8,708
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 27,227	\$ 30,748
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 32,127	\$ 37,937
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 4,899)	(\$ 7,188)

	Actual	Budget
2025 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$ 209,777	\$ 176,321
Other Income	\$ 89,555	\$ 104,141
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 299,331	\$ 280,462
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 289,365	\$ 311,226
Income Minus Expenses	\$ 9,967	(\$ 30,765)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Our YTD giving reflects the blessings of the congregation's generosity.

The giving reported for August includes the adjustment of the expected excess (thank you John and Diane!) for Project Grace to 2026. We are already seeing improvements in our electric bill thanks to our new solar panels – thank you to all involved! Our apportionments are currently below our budgeted amount - this will be balanced for September. Thank you to the Tachco family for their generous donation that has provided our beautiful new garden area outside the sanctuary sliding door and the anticipated replacement of the stove to better support Project Grace.

Thank you to all those involved in managing our resources for your dedicated stewardship! 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 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

Wed, Oct. 1 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct. 2 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct. 3 Church Office Closed
Sat, Oct. 4 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 2

Sun, Oct. 5 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Confirmation Class (Room
205)
Mon, Oct. 6 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct. 7 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Oct. 8 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct. 9 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct. 10 Church Office Closed
Sat, Oct. 11 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

Sun, Oct. 12 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, Oct. 13 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct. 14 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Oct. 15 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct. 16 12:00 pm, Lunch Bunch (p. 6)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct. 17 Church Office Closed
3:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)
5:00 pm, Halloween Movie Night (p. 1)
Sat, Oct. 18 10:00 am, Al-Anon
10:00 am– Shoreline Community
2:00 pm Services Family Fall
Festival, La Jolla UMC (p. 4)
4:00 pm, “Songs of the Spirit, Food for
the Soul,” PB Presbyterian
Church (p. 4)
5:30 pm, Narc Anon



Week 4

Sun, Oct. 19 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship (Laity Sunday)
11:30 am, Confirmation Class (Room
205)
1:00 pm, Movie: “Cold Comfort
Farm” (1995), starring
Kate Beckinsale, Joanna
Lumley, Ian McKellen, Rufus
Sewell, Miriam Margoyles
and Stephen Fry (p. 8)
Mon, Oct. 20 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct. 21 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)
Wed, Oct. 22 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Beach Breeze Materials Due
Thurs, Oct. 23 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Church Office Closed
Fri, Oct. 24 10:00 am, Al-Anon
Sat, Oct. 25 5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 5

Sun, Oct. 26 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
12:00 pm, Game Day! (p.3)
Mon, Oct. 27 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct. 28 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Oct. 29 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct. 30 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct. 31 Church Office Closed



We Love and Worship God

October Worship/ Scriptures

- October 5** World Communion Sunday
2 Timothy 1:1-14
- October 12** Guest Preacher: Lesley
Brogan
Luke 17: 11-19
- October 19** Laity Sunday
Guest Preacher: Ken Brown
2 Timothy 3: 14 — 4: 5
- October 26** Luke 18: 9-14

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Can Fashion Change the Farm?

By Craig Roberts



I'm only screening one movie in October (on the 19th) due to some business travel. But I'll make up for it by screening THREE in November.

Our October movie came out in 1995, originally as a BBC TV film based on the 1932 novel "Cold Comfort Farm" by Stella Gibbons. But eventually it was released worldwide in movie theatres.

The movie "Cold Comfort Farm" stars Kate Beckinsale, Ian McKellen, Rufus Sewell, Miriam Margolyes, Stephen Fry and Joanna Lumley. Beckinsale stars as Flora, a young and sophisticated Londoner who is forced to move in with her uncultured country cousins during the late 1920s. Instead of letting the country change her, Flora sets about to change the country in witty and hilarious ways!

All films screen at 1:00 pm in Hughes Hall. Please bring anything you like to snack on (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)!