



Pacific Beach  
United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

November 2025

## *Margaret Atterbury*

PB UMC is saddened to announce the death of Margaret (“Maggie”) Atterbury, who for many years was our church’s principal piano player.

Maggie was born in Worthing, England on July 21, 1939. Even as a young girl, Maggie was active in her church, singing in choir and learning to play piano. As a young woman, she was an avid cyclist and even set a few cycling records!

Maggie’s first child, Alison, was born in 1966. Shortly afterwards, Maggie emigrated to the US and began a new life here. She had three more children: Ruth (born in 1968), Dawn (born in 1969) and Neil (born in 1971).

Maggie lived in Massachusetts and Texas before settling in San Diego in 1976. Maggie soon found her way to PB UMC, where she was an active member of the Voices of Praise and assisted Ron Jessee in the church’s music ministry. Maggie participated in numerous church theatrical productions, particularly those staged during Christmas and Easter. For several decades, she was a much loved member of the PB UMC family.

In 2015, Maggie moved to the Phoenix area to be nearer to one of her children. She joined American Lutheran Church in Sun City.

The family would like to thank Legacy House of Avondale and Aegis Hospice for the care and compassion they showed Maggie in her final days.

In Maggie’s memory, the family suggests making a donation in her honor to your local church.



# Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

There are moments that **need** to be marked and we are approaching one of them! Our most talented and delightful music director and organist, Ron Jessee, will be marking 40 years of music ministry at PB UMC this fall. There are not enough words to describe his impact, both on the music program at PB UMC and on this congregation's loving spirit and inclusive witness. Ron has come alongside pastors, staff, singers, musicians and folks of every type... with his warm demeanor, his quick wit and his deep, abiding faith that truly wants everyone to find a place of belonging and to know God's care. Because I have heard so many of them, I now laugh when people tell me their stories of how their relationships with Ron brought them to PB UMC!

Ron leads the choir with skill, humor, commitment to quality and attention to every detail. With talent and love, he brings forth the heart, soul and joy of the members of Voices of Praise. Another refrain I hear frequently is, "I can't believe that sound comes out of your small choir." Ron is gifted in inviting diverse people to come together and find their collective voice, singing God's praises and nurturing our spirits week after week after week.

Personally, I can say that I have never worked with a ministry colleague who so clearly and intentionally had my back. Ron is a quintessential team player. He offers constructive feedback when needed and is diligent in his efforts to cast a light on others and to **help others shine**. I could go on and on. And I know you could too!

But for now I'll say **save the date of November 16<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be celebrating Ron's 40 years in music ministry at PB UMC with some special moments and opportunities. If you have favorite photos of Ron from over the years, digital or hard copy, I'd love for you to share them with me. And think about reaching out to past church members who might like to join us for this special celebration...the more the merrier! All are welcome as we give thanks to God for the gift of Ron – for the hymns he plays, the songs he sings, the choirs he conducts, the cantatas he creates, the jokes he cracks, the doodles he doodles and the faith and love he shares so generously.

In Christ,  
Pastor Lori



Last month, PB UMC hosted the PB Youth Turn Up, which featured the screening of a Scooby Doo movie.

Photo by Pastor Lori

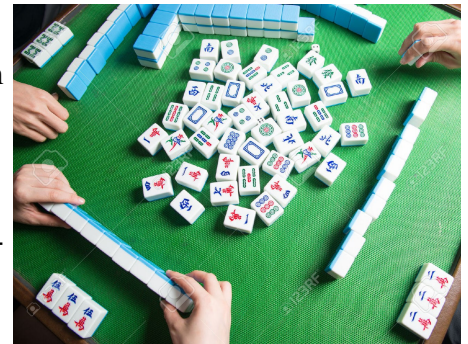
# ***We Care for One Another***

## ***November Game Day***

By Hope A.

Please join us November 9<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon of games in the social hall. We will start with a group game such as Pictionary for a few minutes, then break out into tables of three to four people each to play mahjong. You are welcome to bring different games if you want to play something else. Bring or buy a lunch to eat in the lanai next to the social hall.

Games begin about 11:45-12:00 p.m. New players and friends are always welcome. We love to teach, so no experience necessary. For more information or to let us know you are coming, please contact HopeA@PBUMC.org or Kathy W.



## ***November Communion Offering***

### ***Interfaith Shelter Network***

PB UMC has participated in San Diego's Interfaith Shelter Network (ISN) for decades. Our November communion offering will benefit that worthy organization.

Their website ([www.interfaithshelter.org](http://www.interfaithshelter.org)) states that ISN is "Empowering connections between congregations and social service agencies in order to provide shelter and hope to the unhoused in San Diego."

**Save the Date!**  
**Trinity's Holiday Bazaar & Craft Faire**

We're thrilled to welcome you back for a festive day of holiday shopping for handmade crafts, jewelry, peanut brittle, homemade treats, artisanal goods and seasonal cheer!

Photo opportunity with Santa.

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**3030 Thorn Street**  
**San Diego, CA 92104**

Mark your calendar and join us for a joyful celebration of local artisans and holiday spirit!

An illustration of Santa Claus with a beard and a halo, holding a long staff. He is surrounded by red flowers and green leaves. There is also a small Christmas tree in the background.

**DINNER PARTY**

15  
NOVEMBER  
5 O'CLOCK  
1074 LORING ST

MOST ESTEEMED AND VALUED GUEST.  
WE HOPE YOU'LL DO YOUR LEVEL BEST  
TO BRING YOUR WITS, AND APPETITE  
AND ANY FRIENDS YOU CAN INVITE  
TO OUR COZY DINNER PARTY  
AND, IF YOU REALLY ARE A SMARTY,  
TRY TO BE THE MOST OBJECTIVE  
AND PLAY THE ROLE OF HEAD DETECTIVE...

CORDIALLY,  
**PB Youth Turn Up**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT [PB YOUTHTURNUP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PB YOUTHTURNUP@GMAIL.COM)  
PB CHRISTIAN, CHRIST LUTHERAN, PB UNITED METHODIST,  
AND PB PRESBYTERIAN

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*Beach Breeze* Editor:  
Craig Roberts



# ***We Grow in Grace & Faith***

## **Good News: Just What the Doctor Ordered**

By “Doc”

Appalachian Trail - If you're feeling over-the-hill, just go OVER the hill! – Here's the story...

Ever wonder what you could accomplish if you just gave it the ol' college (senior) try? Betty Kellenberger set a new record by being the oldest person to complete the Appalachian Trail at 80 years young. The trail is roughly 2,200 miles long.

If that's not enough, any number of challenges can happen, as Betty experienced. Hurricane Helene nearly washed the trail away in the Virginia area. Betty also fell at one point, earning her a concussion, and was “blessed” with Lyme Disease. She also suffered a bad bout of dehydration at one point. But after all that she completed the journey, and modestly admitted to needing a nap. Betty is proof that life is a journey.

Source: Kelly Floro, The Trek

*Laugh often & live healthy!*

**:Doc**



On October 19<sup>th</sup>, PB UMC bade farewell to longtime member (and Voices of Praise singer) Martin Saunders.

Photo by Craig Roberts



CCSA Christmas Baskets for 2025

We are once again collecting non-perishable food items and a gift card for Christmas food baskets for low-income families. If you would like to shop for requested food items and bring them to the collection box in the church lobby, here are the suggestions:

- box of stuffing mix
- canned fruit
- canned cranberry sauce
- can of chicken or vegetable broth
- box of mashed potato mix
- canned green beans
- canned corn
- box of cake or cookie mix
- bag of rice

You may also donate via cash or check in the Sunday collection plate OR online (note “CCSA Baskets” on the envelope or in the “give to” field), which will be used to purchase food items. You may also donate \$50 or \$75 Target or Walmart gift cards that will be included in each family's gift box. We are accepting donations from Sunday, November 9th to Sunday, December 7th, this year's deadline! Please make sure to bring your donations early!

Contact Mary Margaret Rowe at [marymargaretrowe@aol.com](mailto:marymargaretrowe@aol.com) if you have any questions. Help PBUMC to create some Merry Christmas!

## ***We Reach Out to Others***

### **Marina A. Clarke Marsh**

PB UMC member Marina Marsh faced many health challenges over the last few years but always seemed to prevail with grace and good spirits. She passed away peacefully on Oct. 3, 2025 with her loving partner Dale Blackford and family around her. She leaves behind Dale, her son Christopher and many loving family members and friends.

Marina was born in Antigua on June 16, 1956. As she grew into adulthood, she became a family Griot (pronounced “Gree-oh”), in African culture and tradition an oral historian who catalogues the society’s music, poetry, culture and storytelling. This also included an almost encyclopedic knowledge of her family’s intricate ancestry and relationships. As a result of her careful preservation of these legacies, her family’s precious stories and history will survive her.

She understood that life required both reverence and joy, listening and speaking, holding on and letting go.

She was an avid conversationalist with both close friends and family members and total strangers.

Her charisma allowed her to become a successful businesswoman.

In her later years, she faced her many health battles with as much cheerful determination as possible. A key to her outlook on life is that her favorite hymn was “Through All the Changing Scenes of Life.” She lived knowing the Lord was her savior; her family takes comfort in this and knows she now dwells in His eternal presence.

A cherished member of PB UMC, Marina was known, she was loved and she will be missed.



# Circle of Support

September 2025

## Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in August		
Giving	\$ 18,266	\$ 22,040
Other Income	\$ 20,428	\$ 22,932
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 38,695	\$ 44,972
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 44,246	\$ 39,370
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 5,552)	(\$ 5,602)

	Actual	Budget
2025 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$ 228,052	\$ 198,361
Other Income	\$ 115,230	\$ 127,073
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 343,282	\$ 325,434
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 333,635	\$ 350,596
Income Minus Expenses	\$ 9,647	(\$ 25,162)

## Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Giving has been generous for the year – thank you for your gifts! Spending is under budget for the year – thank you to all those involved in managing resources! September reflects our Apportionments paid up to the planned 75% for the year. Overall, we are doing well compared to our planned budget and should be on track to be able to pay the remaining 25% of our Apportionments for 2025.

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 Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Tandoori House (3146 Midway Drive; [www.tandoorihousesd.com](http://www.tandoorihousesd.com)).

Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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/](http://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

Sat, Nov. 1 10:00 am, Al-Anon  
10:00 am– Trinity UMC Holiday  
3:00 pm Bazaar and Craft Faire (p. 3)  
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

## Week 2

Sun, Nov. 2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME ENDS  
9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
11:30 am, Growing in Faith  
1:00 pm, Movie: “The Trouble with Harry” (1955), starring Shirley MacLaine, John Forsythe and Mildred Natwick (p. 8)  
Mon, Nov. 3 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Nov. 4 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Nov. 5 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study, Narthex and via Zoom  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Nov. 6 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters  
11:15 am, Belonging Gathering  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Fri, Nov. 7 Church Office Closed  
Sat, Nov. 8 10:00 am, Al-Anon  
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

## Week 3

Sun, Nov. 9 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
11:30 am, Confirmation Class (Room 205)  
12:00 pm, Game Day! (p.3)  
Mon, Nov. 10 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY  
Church Office Closed  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Nov. 12 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study, Narthex and via Zoom  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Nov. 13 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Fri, Nov. 14 Church Office Closed  
3:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)  
Sat, Nov. 15 10:00 am, Al-Anon  
5:00 pm, PB Youth Dinner Party (p. 3)  
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

## Gently Used iPads Needed

We use two ancient iPads in the tech booth that have seen better days. If you have a iPad under five years old that you would consider donating, please talk to Mark B. Thank you!

## Week 4

Sun, Nov. 16 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
1:00 pm, Movie: “The Aristocats” (1970) (p. 8)  
Mon, Nov. 17 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Nov. 18 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)  
Wed, Nov. 19 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study, Narthex and via Zoom  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Beach Breeze Materials Due  
9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters  
12:00 pm, Lunch Bunch (p. 6)  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Church Office Closed  
Fri, Nov. 21 10:00 am, Al-Anon  
Sat, Nov. 22 5:30 pm, Narc Anon

## Week 5

Sun, Nov. 23 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
1:00 pm, Movie: “Miss Congeniality” (2000), starring Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine, Candace Bergen, Benjamin Bratt and William Shatner (p. 8)  
Mon, Nov. 24 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Nov. 25 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Nov. 26 4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries  
THANKSGIVING DAY  
Church Office Closed  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Church Office Closed  
Fri, Nov. 28 10:00 am, Al-Anon  
Sat, Nov. 29 5:30 pm, Narc Anon

## Week 6

Sun, Nov. 30 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship



# ***We Love and Worship God***

## ***November Worship/ Scriptures***

- November 2** All Saints Sunday  
Holy Communion  
Luke 19: 1-10
- November 9** Luke 20: 27-38
- November 16** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday for  
Ron Jesse  
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
- November 23** Gratitude/Stewardship Sunday  
Psalm 100  
Philippians 4: 4-9
- November 30** First Sunday of Advent  
Lamentations 3: 55-57  
Luke 1: 5-13

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## ***November Features Three Very Different Movies***

By Craig Roberts



November features a black comedy, a Disney classic and a 21<sup>st</sup> century original.

Alfred Hitchcock didn't make many comedies but one of the few and possibly the best came out 70 years ago: "The Trouble With Harry." It also happens to be Shirley MacLaine's first movie. Let's just say this is a VERY appropriate movie to show on The Day of the Dead (November 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Two weeks later, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll screen the 1970 Disney classic animated film "The Aristocats." Everybody wants to be a cat!

Then on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we'll view one of this century's first (and still best) comedies: "Miss Congeniality" (2000), featuring Sandra Bullock as an undercover FBI agent posing as a beauty queen.

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)!

