



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

February 2026

The Tritones to Perform at PB UMC

By Ron Jessee

On February 15th at 2:00 p.m. we will be treated to a marvelous concert with our very own Brenda Martin and the Tritones. Brenda's sophisticated jazz piano stylings will be on display along with the incomparable vibraphone tones of David Topham and the upright bass harmonics of Lance Gucwa. The concert will be full of jazz standards, blues, bossa, funk and pop tunes. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear and see the Tritones live in our sanctuary. Be sure to invite your friends.

As always, our concerts are free. There will an opportunity to donate to the cause at the end of the concert.



The Tritones: David Topham, Lance Gucwa and PB UMC pianist Brenda Martin



Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

We are only a few weeks from the season of Lent, a season that invites us to reflect deeply and intentionally. We are invited to turn inward, reflecting on matters of heart, soul and spirit as we prepare ourselves for the gift of Easter. We are also invited to turn outward, reflecting on how Christ's life, death and resurrection are of consequence in and for the world around us. The word Lent comes from a Latin word which simply means "lengthening." In these days of growing light, we pray that the light of Christ might grow in us as we purposefully move toward Holy Week and Easter.

This Lent our theme will be "Tell Me Something Good...Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent." We'll visit this theme each week in worship and engage it/allow it to engage us through our digital Lenten devotional book and/or through printed daily devotional cards that will be available for pick up at church toward the beginning of Lent. As we've done in years past, we'll share special worship services with our siblings in Christ from La Jolla United Methodist Church. This year our shared Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

services will take place at La Jolla UMC. We'll host a Maundy Thursday service here at Pacific Beach UMC.

As Christians, we are called to live in this world with eyes and hearts and spirits wide open to who is around us and what is going on in our lives and the lives of others. That's not always an easy thing to do. Many of us are struggling in these days that feel uniquely fraught – full of deceit, indifference and violence that disregard life and love. These forces are in no way new in this world or country but they somehow feel energized and more up close and personal. We need – our communities need – to hear "something good." Lent is the season that prepares our hearts and lives to receive the good news of Easter. So let us "ground ourselves in good news" this Lent, trusting that God's good news isn't just for some...it's for all. We are ready. We are waiting. We are open to the Spirit's movement within and among us this Lent.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



Belonging/New Member Gathering

Newcomers are invited to a Belonging Gathering on Sunday, February 15th after worship in the Lanai. These gatherings are for anyone interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church as well as this congregation and its ministries. It's an opportunity to meet with Pastor Lori, share a cup of coffee, visit with others, ask questions and explore ways to connect and get involved. All are welcome! For those who would like to join the church, we'll be receiving new members later in February. No RSVP required. Please reach out to Pastor Lori with any questions.



Hosted By La Jolla United Methodist Church

We Care for One Another

Mahjong and More for February Game Day!

By Hope A

Join us Sunday, February 22nd, after worship for games including Mahjong, probably a short intro with Pictionary, and other games if you want to bring them and recruit players.

Please bring or buy lunch and eat with us in the lanai (glass enclosed porch on the social hall) after worship — whether or not you stay for the games. Then at about 11:45 a.m. we'll probably play Pictionary for a few minutes before moving to the mah-jong tables.

It helps to know who is coming so we have enough tables and tile sets ready. For more information, please talk to Kathy W or email me at HopeA@pbumc.org.

Newcomers are encouraged— we are happy to teach!



February Communion Offering

United Methodist Church's Black College Fund

February is Black History Month and as part of recognizing this, PB UMC will allocate its monthly communion offering to the United Methodist Church (UMC) Black College Fund (BCF).

One of the most significant ways the UMC helps make quality education accessible to all is through the BCF. The fund supports the 11 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) related to the church – the largest number of black colleges and universities receiving funding from any church body in the United States. More than 95 percent of all proceeds of the fund flow directly to HBCU campuses, where they help to strengthen programs, provide vital infrastructure and keep tuition costs low.

For more information: www.gbhem.org/education/bcf-for-schools/



The United Methodist Church

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We Grow in Grace & Faith



On December 28th, PB UMC had "breakfast church" for the first time. Above, some of the tasty treats the congregation enjoyed in Hughes Hall.

Photos by Pastor Lori

At right, the Voices of Praise and family members celebrated Julian's baptism on January 18th.

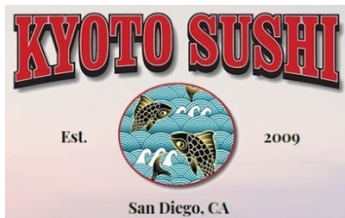
Below, Pastor Lori poses with two members of North Park's Trinity UMC's Women's Group. They presented our church with 72 backpacks filled with toiletries for Project Grace guests.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering of good souls, enjoying food and fellowship at one of our wonderful local restaurants. On Thursday, February 19th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Kyoto Sushi 3166 Midway Dr. Suite 108.

If you're experiencing déjà vu, don't panic! — this was where we were planning on meeting last month but they were closed for a private event.

Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, February 17th so we can reserve a table big enough for all!



We Reach Out to Others

Good News: Just What the Doctor Ordered

By “Doc”

Melbourne, Australia- Chefs Turn Down High-Level Kitchen for Special Diners.

Here's the story...

Two top chefs shifted from the high-level/high-stress of fine dining to serve residents at St. Vincent's Care, a Melbourne nursing home. At first, they feared their skills might be lost on aging diners. But after ten years, they're thriving and here to say that nursing food home can—and should—be just as good as restaurant food. A tasty win-win.

Source: Erin Liam, Business Insider

Laugh often & live healthy!

:Doc



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Register by March 1st for an early bird discount!

Registration Opens January 5th, 2026

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Circle of Support

December 2025

Record of Generosity

	December 2025	
	Actual	Budget
Giving Income	\$ 16,540	\$ 22,040
Other Income	\$ 31,608	\$ 22,932
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 48,148	\$ 44,972
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 44,878	\$ 35,403
Income Minus Expenses	\$ 3,270	\$ 9,569

	2025 Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget
Giving Income	\$ 291,037	\$ 264,481
Other Income	\$ 165,396	\$ 167,422
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 456,434	\$ 431,903
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 450,338	\$ 456,238
Income Minus Expenses	\$ 6,095	\$ (24,335)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T

Giving for 2025 has been remarkable and reflects the blessings of the congregation's generosity.

Thank you to all that manage expenses for the church for your diligence and efforts to reduce costs.

After starting 2025 with a significant planned deficit, we are blessed to finish the year with a surplus, which will be directed back into the planned (and unplanned) expenses in maintaining our beautiful Church campus that serves so many ministries.

The Special Charge Conference has approved our 2026 Budget – thank you to all that spent time and effort helping to build our plans for the future.

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

Sun, Feb. 1 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
4:00 pm, Mission Bay High School
Mamba Orchestra (LJ UMC)
(p. 2)
Mon, Feb. 2 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Feb. 3 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Feb. 4 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Feb. 5 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Feb. 6 Church Office Closed
Sat, Feb. 7 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 2


Sun, Feb. 8 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie: "Pretty in Pink"
(1986), starring Molly
Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy,
Jon Cryer and Annie Potts
(p. 8)
Mon, Feb. 9 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Feb. 10 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Feb. 11 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Feb. 12 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
4:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Feb. 13 Church Office Closed
Sat, Feb. 14 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

Sun, Feb. 15 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Belonging Gathering (p. 2)
2:00 pm, PB UMC Concert: The
Tritones (Sanctuary) (p. 1)
PRESIDENT'S DAY
Church Office Closed
Mon, Feb. 16 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Feb. 17 Shrove Tuesday
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)
Ash Wednesday
Wed, Feb. 18 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
6:30 pm, Ash Wednesday Service
(LJ UMC)
Beach Breeze Materials Due
Thurs, Feb. 19 12:00 pm, Lunch Bunch (p. 4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Feb. 20 Church Office Closed
3:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)
Sat, Feb. 21 10:00 am, Al-Anon
12:00 pm, PB Youth Turn Up –
Pancake-Lympics (Hughes
Hall) (below at left)
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

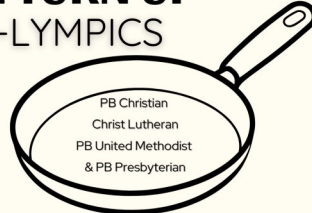
Week 4

Sun, Feb. 22 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:45 am, Game Day (p. 3)
1:00 pm, Movie: "Nanny McPhee"
(2005), starring Emma
Thompson, Colin Firth and
Angela Lansbury (p. 8)
Mon, Feb. 23 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
6:30 pm, "An Unlikely Lent" Small
Group Study (via Zoom)
Tues, Feb. 24 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Feb. 25 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study,
Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Feb. 26 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Church Office Closed
Fri, Feb. 27 10:00 am, Al-Anon
Sat, Feb. 28 5:30 pm, Narc Anon



**PB YOUTH TURN UP
PANCAKE-LYMPICS**

PB United Methodist
1561 Thomas Ave
Saturday, February 21
12:00–2:00 pm
QUESTIONS
Email PBYouthTurnUp@gmail.com



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& PB Presbyterian



We Love and Worship God

February Worship/ Scriptures

- February 1** Matthew 5:1-12
- February 8** Matthew 5:13-20
- February 15** Matthew 17:1-9
- February 22** John 2:1-11
Matthew 13:31-32

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February Movies: Teenage Angst and Victorian Magic

By Craig Roberts



Our February movies feature an angsty '80s teenager and a mystical English nanny (no, not that one).

The first movie we'll screen on February 8th — just in time for Valentine's Day — is "Pretty in Pink" (1986), starring Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy, Jon Cryer and Annie Potts. Ringwald plays a teenage girl with a burning crush on a boy who comes from a wealthy family (McCarthy). Potts and Cryer are along for some excellent comic relief.

On February 22nd, we'll screen 2006's "Nanny McPhee," written by and starring Emma Thompson as a demanding nanny who is more than she seems. Colin Firth is on hand as the father of seven (!) motherless children. Angela Lansbury is his late wife's extremely wealthy but uptight aunt.

Movies screen at 1:00 p.m. in Hughes Hall, normally. However, so as not to conflict with the February Game Day, "**Nanny McPhee**" will be shown in the Cave downstairs and to the left.

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)!

