



BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

April 2026

Guatemala Project at PB UMC April 12th

We are honored to have representatives from the Guatemala Project visiting PB UMC the Sunday after Easter, April 12th.

From their website (sdguatemalaproject.org): “The Guatemala Project, affiliated with the United Methodist Church, is doing truly awesome work in the Highlands of Guatemala. Over the past 20 years, we have built medical and dental clinics, a tailor's trade school, houses for widows and homes for mud slide victims, wood efficiency stoves, schools for children as well as having taken medical teams to serve the needs of people who may never before been seen by a doctor.”

We'll hear an update about the Guatemala Project in worship and after church we'll have a chance to shop their beautiful hand-crafted wares with all proceeds going to support the people of Guatemala. Mark your calendar and make sure to join us for this special Sunday!



Above and at left, pictures of the people who participate and/or benefit from The Guatemala Project.

At right, some of the beautiful items available for purchase last year in Hughes Hall (Photo by Pastor Lori).

Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

April 25th is highlighted on my calendar...it's the day of Adam M's ordination. I have a whole host of feelings related to this day now fast approaching. It makes me recall my own ordination in 2000.

Ordination services in the United Methodist Church happen at Annual Conference, when clergy and lay people gather in June to do the business of the church and to share in baptisms, memorial remembrances and celebrations like ordinations. It was HOT on that stage in the chapel of Redlands University. I was a bundle of nerves and excitement and hopefulness. I had no idea how ministry would unfold in the years and decades ahead. But I felt sure that I was responding to an invitation of a lifetime...to serve God and the people of God in any way I could.

In addition to much nostalgia, I feel some pangs of grief as I prepare to be at Adam's ordination. As some of you remember, Adam at one time was in the process of ordination in the United Methodist Church. And while the United Methodist Church has finally come to the place of recognizing the gifts and grace of LGBTQ individuals called to ordained ministry, it took a long, long time to get here. There were LGBTQ folks like me who moved through the ordination process, compartmentalizing parts of their personhood, hoping that someday *soon* the system would change. (In my case, that took nearly a quarter of a century!) Over those years, there were candidates for ministry who felt a call to ordained ministry and entered the process, only to leave when they realized that they couldn't say "yes" to God in a system that said "no" to them. And there were many others who felt called but went elsewhere because of the policies and position of the institution.

Adam's story is of course unique and only his to tell, but I'm mindful of the pain inflicted on countless people who wanted to serve a God of love through the United Methodist Church but were met with

words and actions of harm and even hate. I suffered in and from that institutional brokenness as well but, as one who became part of the institution, I feel the need to say I'm sorry. I grieve the harm caused to many and the loss to the denomination I call home.

And finally, my heart overflows with thanksgiving for Adam and the glorious God who created him! I am thankful for the person Adam is, the gifts he shares, the way he weaves grace and light and love into this community of faith and far beyond. I am grateful that he found spiritual siblings in Church Within a Church, a grassroots movement that emerged out of Reconciling Ministries several decades ago. PB UMC is hosting this special service, but it is in and through Church Within a Church that Adam is being ordained. And we are invited to be a part of it! We who know Adam, love Adam, rejoice in his incredible intellectual capacity, his delightful laugh, his gentle wisdom, his deep kindness and so much more! It will be a joy to be a part of this service that says "alleluia" and "amen" to Adam's calling to ordained ministry. We, as well as any, know the compassionate and loving minister he already is.

So, this is what I hope you'll do: Join me in signing up to attend the service [Editor's Note: See Page 7]. A headcount will be most helpful! And while you're at it, sign up for the potluck too. And if you'd like to be a part of our congregational gift to Adam, please give via check, cash or online toward "Adam's gift." Any money raised over the amount of the gift (it's a surprise!) will be given to Adam as a love offering. Hope to see you on April 25th for this day of affirmation and celebration with and for a beloved of our own.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



We Care for One Another

Join Us for Mahjong: April 19th!

By Hope A

We usually call it game day, but honestly it's always Chinese mahjong with the occasional Pictionary appetizer.

Join us in the social hall after worship on Sunday, April 19th. We eat our own lunches in the Lanai, then start playing around noon till about 3:00 p.m. You can arrive late and leave early, too.

New players are always welcome. Please contact Kathy W or me via the church office at www.pbumc.org/contact for more information.



Watch Out for Phishing Emails!

By Mark B

(Church Information Technology Consultant)

We recently had someone trying to "phish" a few church members, asking for access to the church directory. The phishing emails used a staff member's NAME and title, but the EMAIL address was actually some random non-church address.

Please be especially cautious about emails purporting to be from church people. Watch out for fake email addresses and unusual requests. If you receive a suspicious email purporting to be from a church person:

1. Do not reply to the email. Instead, forward it to the church office. (See contact info at the bottom of page 6.)
2. Use your email program to mark the email as Spam (if it's just junk) or Phishing (if they're trying to get information).

Your diligence helps protect the privacy and security of all church folks. Thanks!



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We Grow in Grace & Faith

PB UMC Holy Week Happenings

By Pastor Lori

Please join us for Holy Week and Easter Worship as April begins!

Thursday, April 2nd, Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion: 6:30 p.m. at PB UMC

Join as we gather to remember the Passover meal where Jesus gathered with his disciples for a “last supper” and gave them a new commandment, “to love one another.”

Friday, April 3rd, Good Friday Service: 6:30 p.m. at La Jolla UMC (6063 La Jolla Blvd.)

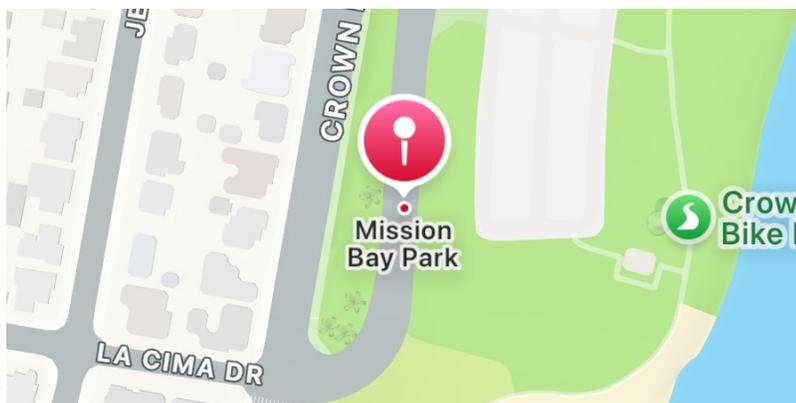
We'll gather for worship, prayer, singing and silence as we remember the day of Christ's crucifixion.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 5th: 6:00 a.m. at Mission Bay Park (see map and picture below)

We will share in word, song, Communion and joyful togetherness! Bundle up, bring a chair or blanket and a mug of something hot and join us this Easter! Enter the parking lot at Crown Point Drive and Corona Oriente Rd.

Easter Morning Worship, April 5th: 10:00 a.m. at PB UMC

Join our 10:00 a.m. service to proclaim the good news of Easter morn, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!" Following worship at approximately 11:00 a.m., there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard for children. Kids are invited to bring their own Easter Basket to fill. We'll also have a special guest at the Easter Egg Hunt to lead some fun and frolic!



Pastor Lori on Vacation: April 13th to April 17th

Please contact the church office during that time for any urgent needs.

We Reach Out to Others

April Communion Offering

Project Grace

Project Grace is a non-profit that began last year to provide critical and creative ways to assist homeless and/or low income individuals.

The April communion offering will go towards this important outreach.



PB YOUTH TURN UP
SPRING EVENT LINE UP

MARCH 14TH START: PB CHRISTIAN
(1074 LORING ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109)
PB PILGRIMAGE

SERVICE PROJECT 12pm-2pm END: PB PRESBYTERIAN
(1675 GARNET AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109)

APRIL 18TH
CAPTURE THE EASTER EGGS
@CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time TBD (4761 CASS ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109)

MAY 23RD
FINALS STUDY PARTY
(TIME & LOCATION TBD)

PB CHRISTIAN | CHRIST LUTHERAN | PB UNITED METHODIST | PB PRESBYTERIAN

Questions? Email us at PBYouthTurnUp@gmail.com, or DM us on instagram @PbYouthTurnUp

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Shoreline Community Services

BLACK TIE BINGO
Community Fundraiser

BINGO

OUR 4TH ANNUAL BLACK TIE BINGO EVENT!
To Support "Compass Commons",
our 2026 Workforce Housing Initiative
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026 | 6:00-11:00 PM
Hosted by:
CATAMARAN
RESORT HOTEL
Spa

Cocktail Hour, Dinner, Live Music, Raffle, and of course... BINGO!
Dress to Impress. "Black Tie Optional"

Early Supporter Admission: \$160 (until 3/8/26)

Circle of Support

February 2026

Record of Generosity

	February 2026	
	Actual	Budget
Giving Income	\$ 31,256	\$ 26,751
Other Income	\$ 9,766	\$ 8,667
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 41,022	\$ 35,418
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 46,292	\$ 41,287
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 5,270)	(\$ 5,869)

	2026 Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget
Giving Income	\$ 65,202	\$ 53,502
Other Income	\$ 22,392	\$ 21,347
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 87,594	\$ 74,849
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 82,542	\$ 84,971
Income Minus Expenses	\$ 5,052	(\$10,122)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T

Giving was generous for February, with both our monthly and year-to-date giving above budget. Spending is a bit over for February due to January bills that were posted in February.

Our 2026 budget forecast a deficit of approximately \$10k by the end of February. Instead, thanks to our generous donors, we had a surplus of \$5k, making us \$15k ahead of the year-to-date budget. This will allow us to support our ministries solidly into 2026.

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, April 16th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at the Casa Guadalajara at 4105 Taylor Street in Old Town. You can read about the restaurant and peruse their menu at their web site: casaguadalajara.com.

Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, April 14th 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

- Wed, Apr. 1 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study, via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, Apr. 2 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service (p. 4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Fri, Apr. 3 Church Office Closed
6:30 pm, Good Friday Service at La Jolla UMC (p. 4)
- Sat, Apr. 4 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 2

- Sun, Apr. 5 **EASTER SUNDAY**
6:00 am, Sunrise Service at Crown Point (p. 4)
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:00 am, Annual PB UMC Easter Egg Hunt (p. 4)
- Mon, Apr. 6 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, Apr. 7 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, Apr. 8 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study, via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Thurs, Apr. 9 Church Office Closed
- Fri, Apr. 10 Church Office Closed
- Sat, Apr. 11 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

- Sun, Apr. 12 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:15 am, Guatemalan Market (p. 1)
1:00 pm, Movie: "The Bad News Bears" (1976), starring Walter Matthau, Tatum O'Neal (p. 8)
- Mon, Apr. 13 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, Apr. 14 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, Apr. 15 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study, Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, Apr. 16 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
12:00 pm, Lunch Bunch (p. 6)
4:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Fri, Apr. 17 Church Office Closed
6:00 pm Shoreline Community Services Black Tie Bingo (p. 5)
- Sat, Apr. 18 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon
TBD, PB Youth Turn Up: Capture the Easter Eggs (p. 5)

Week 4

- Sun, Apr. 19 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:45 am, Game Day (p. 3)
- Mon, Apr. 20 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, Apr. 21 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)
- Wed, Apr. 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
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Thurs, Apr. 23 Church Office Closed
- Fri, Apr. 24 Church Office Closed
- Sat, Apr. 25 10:00 am, Al-Anon
12:00 pm, Adam Marshall Ordination (below)
2:00 pm, Post-Ordination Potluck (time approximate) (below)
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

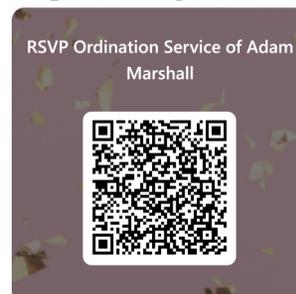
Week 5

- Sun, Apr. 26 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Growing in Faith (Lanai)
1:00 pm, Movie: "Kinky Boots" (2005), starring Joel Edgerton, Chiwetel Ejiofor (p. 8)
- Mon, Apr. 27 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, Apr. 28 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, Apr. 29 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study, Narthex and via Zoom
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, Apr. 30 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

RSVP Information for Adam M's Ordination Service

Please RSVP for Adam's Ordination Service, scheduled for **Saturday, April 25th**, (for headcount) and also sign up for the subsequent potluck! You can either use the QR codes below or this link:

www.pbumc.org/events/adams-ordination/



We Love and Worship God

April Worship/Scriptures

- April 5** Easter Sunday
Matthew 28:1-10
- April 12** Guest Preacher:
Rev. Lesley B
John 20:19-31
- April 19** Guest Preacher:
Adam M
Luke 24:13-35
- April 26** John 10:1-10

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April Movies: Bears and Boots

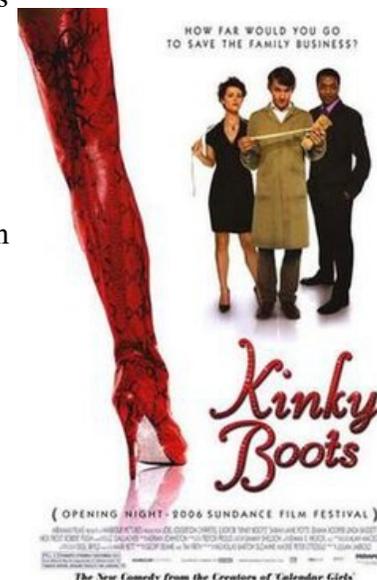
By Craig Roberts

Our April movies deal with bears and boots.

The first movie we'll screen (on April 12th) stars Oscar winners Walter Matthau and Tatum O'Neal in "The Bad News Bears" (1976). Matthau is the reluctant coach of an adolescent softball team who consistently loses until (*gasp*) they add a girl pitcher (O'Neal) who is really good.

On April 26th, we'll screen 2005's "Kinky Boots," starring Joel Edgerton and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Edgerton is the owner and manager of a footwear factory in England that is in danger of going under... until they get the idea to begin crafting some VERY specialized footwear.

Movies screen at 1:00 p.m. in Hughes Hall. Popcorn and other snacks are always available but bring anything else you might 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)!