



BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

December 2018

Advent Kick-off

All are invited to join us on Sunday, December 2, from 4:00-7:00 pm to welcome the season of Advent. (Advent is the first season of the Christian year, leading up to Christmas.) Come at 4:00 pm to create some Advent crafts that will help you remember to celebrate Advent in your home. Bring some food to share at our potluck supper which will start at 5:00 pm. Beverages will be provided. At 6:00 pm, we will gather around, sing a few Christmas carols, and step outside to light up our tree in the courtyard. Join in community to focus once again on the Advent season and on the presence of Christ in our lives.

Again, all are welcome to attend all or just part of the evening. It would be helpful to have an idea of how many folks are planning to join us so we can have enough craft supplies and tables and chairs for dinner. RSVP by sending an email to deeb@pbumc.org.

Prayer Stations

This Advent season PB UMC will have prayer stations available in the chapel for anyone wanting to spend time in prayer. We will have some suggested interactive activities available for those wanting to participate.

Two From Galilee, a Christmas Musical

Please join us on Sunday, December 9th, for PB UMC's third decennial production of the beautiful musical, *Two From Galilee*. This dramatic musical, based on the book by Marjorie Holmes, was written by Robert Sterling and Karla Worley, and arranged by Robert Sterling. The production is directed by Ron Jessee.

No tickets or RSVPs are needed for the three shows, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 6:00 pm. Seating is first-come, first-served. A freewill offering will be taken at the service. Invite your family and friends. Please arrive early for seating and parking. Overflow parking is available at U.S. Bank, 1606 Grand Avenue, at the corner of Ingraham and Grand.



Christmas Eve Worship

There will be three worship services on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th, at 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 11:00 pm. Christmas Eve is a time for the entire family to worship together, so while a family-friendly service will be presented at 5:00 pm, plan on the entire family being together for every service.

The full list of Advent and Christmas activities can be viewed at pbumc.org/christmas.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

Back in May of 2017 I wrote in our *Beach Breeze* about experiencing a sense of gratitude for you, the people of PB UMC. I was writing at the time in acknowledgement of a renewed sense of energy that I perceived after “a lull in both giving and attendance . . .” While I continue to feel energy and hope in this congregation, the reality is that our giving and attendance have felt a bit like a roller coaster over the last several years.

Even so, I want to continue to express my gratitude. Perhaps this is because as I am writing this we are about to celebrate Thanksgiving. As I type, our office administrator Aimee is faithfully and capably finalizing preparations for the upcoming weekend’s worship services *and* the upcoming All-Church Conference. Our *Beach Breeze* editor TinnieBee is collecting, editing, and organizing articles for the newsletter you are reading now. A host of volunteers are outside in our courtyard putting lights on our 40-foot tall tree in preparation for Advent and Christmas. Hope and other members of our Finance committee are working

on our budget for 2019. Denny, from our Trustees, is handling an issue with one of our rental properties. Dart is working on projects related to shirts and banners for our congregation. And there is much more!

It is good and right to celebrate the incredible work that members of this congregation do, and it is important to me that the work and support of our members and worshipers is known. Of course, I must also note the incredible love and care that you all share with the clergy family. Beth and Cameron and Zachary and I are incredibly grateful for your generosity of spirit, for your gentle care, and for your exuberant love.

Thank you!



Pastor Bob



Dear Friends,

Life is full of surprises! Since we were last together at Pacific Beach UMC celebrating many years of wonderful ministry together, I have fulfilled my goals for the sabbatical year, moved to a breezy apartment in Redondo Beach, learned my way around a community new to me, and enjoyed the on-going privilege of sharing in ministry with the people of the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church. Also (here's the unexpected part of the report), I have come to know and love someone who has proposed that we join our lives together in marriage.

His name is Bob C. He is recently retired from a career in photo journalism (mostly spent with the LA Times). He has been a United Methodist for more than thirty years. Well before I met him he had established his credentials as a diligent student of the Bible and early church history. We are very happy to have found each other.

We plan a small wedding, two days after Christmas, at the home of my generous parents Ken and Mary H. We look forward to the presence and support of our family.

On Sunday, December 30, back at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, we will mark the occasion with special

prayers of blessing and a festive meal following the evening worship service.

I know it's a long way to come, but we would be delighted if any of you would like to join us for the gathering on December 30:

Worship in the sanctuary at 5:30 pm
Fiesta/Reception in the social hall at 6:30 pm
Rolling Hills UMC
26438 Crenshaw Blvd
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Please know I think of you often. My prayer in this season is that the birth of Christ will bring new hope and peace to each of you and to the world.

With gratitude and great affection,



April Herron

We Care for One Another

Ladies' Events

The Ladies of PB UMC will plan to attend the December 9th production of Two From Galilee, in lieu of going out together.

On January 12th we'll meet for lunch at the Great Plaza All You Can Eat Buffet (Chinese/Japanese/American) at noon. They have fresh food, a huge variety, and all for \$11.99. Watch for an Evite and plan to join us! Coordinated by Hope A. and Dart R.

Great Plaza Buffet, greatplazabuffet.menutoeat.com
1840 Garnet Ave, San Diego, CA 92109



With a Grateful Heart

After many years of partnership with PB UMC, we had to say good-bye, with a grateful heart, to the Tzu Chi Foundation, our long-term partner in providing meals for San Diego Project Grace, formerly known as Wednesday Night Ministries.

The Tzu Chi Foundation is a Buddhist organization that was started by just a few Chinese housewives, saving a few cents from their grocery shopping each week to help those less fortunate than themselves. From those humble roots, the Foundation has grown to an international humanitarian organization whose mission is to relieve the suffering of those in need, and create a better world for all. In Chinese, “tzu” means compassion, and “chi” relief, and the Tzu Chi volunteers serve with open hearts and helping hands.

We especially thank Su-Yun C. W., a member of the Tzu Chi Foundation, who gave a personal donation of \$2,000 to San Diego Project Grace, in appreciation of the ministry we provide on Wednesday nights!

November Second Sunday Concert

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

Our Second Sunday Concert in November was another amazing one. We were taken on a musical journey through Mediterranean Europe by the Seaside Quartet, a virtuoso instrumental ensemble.

The Seaside Quartet is led by PB UMC pianist Brenda Martin. Violinist Phillip Tyler told us that he and Brenda work together at Point Loma Nazarene University; he then introduced the other members: Paivikki Nykter (violin and viola), and Cecilia Kim (cello).

Our musical journey began in Italy when the quartet played a Trio Sonata written by Italian Baroque music composer Arcanangelo Corelli. We then enjoyed a Piano Quartet for piano, violin, viola, and cello by Joaquin Turina. His music spanned nearly all musical genres and was infused with the atmosphere of his native Spain. The quartet then took us to France, playing a Piano Quartet by French composer Gabriel Faure. Then, the quartet added a bagatelle, a short piece of music of a light, mellow character.

I talked to people after the concert and everyone totally enjoyed it. Sandy S.-R. told me, “It was an amazing concert, and I wished more people had the good fortune of enjoying it with us.” Judi P. observed that after a week filled with distressing world news, it was a blessing to hear such glorious music.

I hope you can join us for the upcoming Second Sunday Concerts. I know you will love them.

The *Beach Breeze* is a monthly publication of the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Please visit our website at www.myPBchurch.org.

We Grow in Grace & Faith

December Youth Ministry Activities

Please contact Dee Baraw for more information about any of the youth activities or our Youth Ministries Program: deeb@pbumc.org.

Sunday, December 2

Plan to check out the prayer stations in the chapel in the morning, and come back from 4:00-7:00 pm for the Advent kick off. (See p.1)

Sunday, December 9

Be sure to come see at least one performance of the Christmas show, "Two from Galilee." (See p.1)

Sunday, December 16

5:00 pm, We will join the church group to go caroling.
** Last day to RSVP for Bowling Lock-in on Dec. 27.

Sunday, December 23

3:00-6:00 pm, Youth and Best Group Christmas Party.

Monday, December 24

See you at a Christmas Eve service. (See p.1)

Thursday, December 27

10:00 pm– Friday, December 28, 6:00 am, District Youth (Middle School and High School only) Lock-in at Parkway Bowl. **RSVP necessary!!! Cost \$30. See Dee for more details and to RSVP.

We may need extra drivers for this event. It is not recommended for youth to drive themselves after a night of no sleep.

Sunday, December 30

TBA

Sunday School News

by Malea Sandstrom

I always like to remind all the parents (and others that interact with children) to enjoy this time of year with your children. It's easy to get caught up in the stress and busy schedules, but your children need you to be there for them. They would rather have time with you than any gifts you might buy. Give them your presence! Choose a few holiday activities to do together, but not so many that it is overwhelming. When you are thinking of gifts though, make some of them experiences that you can do together (an outing, a project, a short trip, etc.). Let's keep this wonderful time of the year stress free for all!



December Office Hours

The Church office will be closed from Monday, December 24, through Tuesday, January 1. The office will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd. The phones and email will be monitored during that time, so if you have an emergency, please do feel free to contact the office by either of these means.

Bible Study Group

"Our Love for God"

The Sunday morning Bible Study group continues during the month of December. Join them any Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Lanai.

God Commands Our Love, Respect, and Obedience

The readings for December are:

- December 2, Love and Devotion, Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- December 9, Choose to Love and Serve God, Joshua 24:1-3, 13-15, 21-24
- December 16, Love and Worship God, Psalm 103:1-17, 21-22
- December 23, Jesus: God's Loving Promise, Luke 1:26-31; 2:22, 25-35
- December 30, Modeling God's Love, Matthew 25:31-46

We Reach Out to Others

Christmas Cards Needed

by Kathleen M.

Hello Friends! Can You believe it's almost Christmas? We will be having our Project Grace Christmas dinner on Wednesday December 19th this year. As is our new tradition, we pass out Christmas cards in stamped envelopes to those folks that want to send or share with their family and friends! So, we are asking for card donations and stamps to hand out at their Christmas dinner. There will be a basket available in the narthex, or you can give them to me. Do plan to come down and serve, and celebrate our Savior's birth with truly a special group! Dinner starts at 5:30 pm, but there will be lots of prep and socializing before hand, so come Early. We would love to have you celebrating with us!

Christmas Caring

We would like for each of our guests at the Wednesday night Project Grace Christmas dinner to be able to leave with some useful gifts. We ask you for donations of the following items: plastic soap dishes, socks (men's crew type), backpacks/sturdy carry bags, small-sized plastic tarps, new men's underwear (larger sizes), travel size toiletries, jackets, or serviceable warm clothing. If you have any questions about donations, please contact Dee Baraw (deeb@pbumc.org) or Beth R. (bethr@pbumc.org). Thank you!

"It's Right Neighborly!"

by: Lynn N.

When I was young, certainly younger than now, my folks sent my brother and me out in the neighborhood to sing carols to our neighbors. We had moved to the city from a small mountain community where we knew all 504 residents. I didn't realize the wisdom in their decision until many years later. I was not comfortable meeting new people, but was so excited to sing Christmas carols I didn't think about it.

So began a life-long tradition for me—it just doesn't feel like Christmas without going caroling. Now you know why I started this tradition at PB UMC 12 years ago. But what about the real reason my folks sent us out? You see, they knew if we gave the gift of Christmas carols to our new neighbors, they would know us and have warm, welcome feelings toward us sooner. That way, we were *part* of a community, not just a piece of it.

This year, again, we will give the gift of Christmas carols to our closest. Be part of this gift and help PB UMC become even more a part of the community! Here are the details:

Sunday, Dec. 16th at 5pm.

Meet in the church parking lot; wear comfy, weather appropriate clothing.

We carol on foot for a few blocks at a time, doing loops so you can walk as much as you want, and sit out a loop or two if need be. It is accessible for mobility devices.

Then... we head up to the Rhodes' house (parsonage) for the after festivities, including refreshments and fellowship.

TIP: Help us celebrate by bringing holiday goodies to the church that morning so Beth doesn't have to bake/make *everything!*

Contact Doc for any questions: 619-938-5533. **Happy Holidays!**



Circle of Support

October 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
October giving	\$22,284	\$19,595
October other sources of income	\$8,691	\$8,145
October total available for ministry	\$30,975	\$27,740
October expended in ministry	\$34,507	\$39,656
October income minus expenses	(\$3,532)	(\$11,916)
YTD giving	\$228,927	\$208,456
YTD other sources of income	\$113,626	\$116,826
YTD total available for ministry	\$342,553	\$325,282
YTD expended in ministry	\$348,068	\$332,188
YTD income minus expenses	(\$5,515)	(\$6,906)
Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

We are projecting to close the year with a loss of about \$5,000, though this may improve with generous December giving. High expenses this month include above-budget custodial and gardening, instrument tuning, and a planned catch-up in salaries. Thanks to lower than expected insurance costs, we were able to restore the 5% cut in staff salaries that was imposed in January.

At this writing, we plan to present to the November 27 charge conference a draft budget for 2019 that includes significant expense increases. Trustees request increases for property maintenance and gardening. Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) asks for restoration of salaries to 2017 levels and some well-earned modest raises. (Note that salaries are still budgeted at a 5% cut for all of 2018 although we've restored paychecks for the rest of the year.) How much we can fund depends on our estimated giving.

Please remember to turn in your 2019 pledge cards if you haven't done so already. These cards help us to set an accurate budget for the coming year.

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

Nov 4 – 127 persons
Nov 11 – 141 persons
Nov 18 – 128 persons
Nov 25 – 123 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 140 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

Oct 31 – 130 persons
Nov 7 – 150 persons
Nov 14 – 140 persons
Nov 21 – 175 persons

December Communion Offering *UM Student Day*

The purpose of United Methodist Student Day is to call upon the denomination to support students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students to serve the world God loves.

Books for Project Grace Guests

Our Books for Project Grace Guests program has been a success! We would love for more of our church family to donate books. There are no special book types desired, but we want books for both adults and children. If you have any questions please contact Marcia (marciam@pbumc.org).

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes
Sojourning Pastor: The Rev Christopher Carter, PhD
Office Administrator: Aimee Kay

Music Director: Ron Jessee
Sunday School Coordinator: Malea Sandstrom
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Dee Baraw

Calendar of Events

Worship Times:

9:00 am, **Worship Celebration**

10:30 am, **Worship Celebration**

Sunday Music Rehearsals:

8 am, **Voices of Praise**

(Adults & Youth)

10 am, **Grace Notes**

Week 1

Sat, Dec 1 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
1:00 pm, Steve Frank Memorial Service

Week 2

Sun, Dec 2 Worship and Communion
Christmas Boutique
4:00 pm Advent Kick-off & potluck,
(p.1)
Mon, Dec 3 5:30 pm, Bible Study
(Scripture & Sermon)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, Dec 5 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Dec 6 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Dec 7 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Dec 8 Noon, Ladies' (p.3)

Week 4

Sun, Dec 16 Worship
5:00 pm, Caroling (p.5)
Mon, Dec 17 January *Beach Breeze* Deadline
5:30 pm, Bible Study (Scripture & Sermon)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Wed, Dec 19 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace Christmas
Dinner
Thurs, Dec 20 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Dec 21 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 5

Sun, Dec 23 Worship
3:00 pm, Youth & Best Group Party (p.4)
Mon, Dec 24 Church Office Closed (Through Jan 2)
Christmas Eve Services (p.1)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Dec 25 Christmas Day
Wed, Dec 26 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
Thurs, Dec 27 10:00 pm District Youth Lock-in (p.4)
Fri, Dec 28 7:30 pm, Narc Anon



Decorating the
Courtyard Tree — 2018

Photo by Aimee Kay

Week 3

Sun, Dec 9 Worship—"Two From Galilee" (p.1)
Assemble CCSA Baskets
6:00 pm, Christmas Concert (p.1)
Mon, Dec 10 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Dec 11 6:00 pm, Staff - Parish meeting
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
7:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, Dec 12 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Dec 13 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Dec 14 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Dec 15 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Week 6

Sun, Dec 30 Worship
Youth Activity TBA (p.4)
Mon, Dec 31 New Year's Eve
6:00 pm, Al-Anon

We Love and Worship God

December Scriptures

Not a Silent Night Sermon Series

December 2, 2018

“Beginning With the End: Mary’s Story”
Acts 1:8-14

December 9, 2018

“Two From Galilee” (Musical)
Luke 2:25-35

December 16, 2018

“Amazed, Astounded and Astonished”
Luke 2:41-51

December 23, 2018

“Mary, Full of Grace” Luke 1:26-33

December 24, 2018

“It Was Not a Silent Night” Luke 2:1-7

December 30, 2018

1 Samuel 2:18-20;
Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Meet Our Wesley Intern: Jayna B.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

This month we are getting to know Jayna B., our current Wesley intern. She has been coming to PB UMC for a number of years, as this is the church of her family (parents Amy and Rodger, and sister Lauryn). Recently, she totally accepted PB UMC as her church, and she started working on a project as our Wesley intern.

Jayna told me she applied for the Wesley intern position in early August. “In my application, I detailed the project I would do as an intern. I was accepted and assigned to PB UMC because the project I proposed would work best here.”

Her project is centered on bringing a new audience into our fold, and increasing our understanding of others. “It includes conducting interviews of those who have felt hurt by religion because of their differences, like I once did. I want to know how they found a home at PB UMC, and how it has helped them accept their differences. I am excited about the internship and getting to know more about these folks and, hopefully, getting them more involved in our church.”

Some time ago, Jayna told the congregation about her sexual orientation. She expanded on the subject to me. “When I was younger, I struggled to accept religion and God in my life, because I’m not straight. I am pansexual. To me, pansexual means that I love someone regardless of their gender. It’s more about their heart. I got more involved in the church when I finally learned that I could accept myself as I am, and still believe in a higher power.”

Jayna lives at home with her family and is attending Mesa Community College, working toward a degree in psychology. “I plan on transferring in 2020 to either University of Arizona or Chapman University in Orange county to pursue a career as a therapist.”

I told Jayna I heard from her mom that she learned to play the guitar years ago. I asked if she played other instruments now. “Not really. I play the guitar on and off, but not near as often I should.”

I really enjoyed getting to know Jayna, and I learned a lot from her. I hope you enjoyed getting to know her, too. I know we all wish her best of luck with her intern project.

