



# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

January 2023

## *We Are Grateful for Your Service*

Just prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, PB UMC adopted a new model for leadership. We streamlined our committee structure and created a “Simple Board” with members who specialize in different areas of church leadership. Ken B. is our faithful and skilled Lay Leader who chairs our board, aka the Church Council.

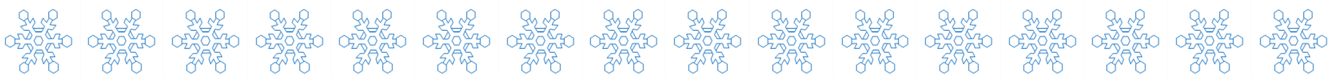
# Thank you!

The Church Council has three members who focus on finance, three members who focus on employee management (Staff Parish) and three members who focus on property issues (Trustees). Living into this new model, especially during the pandemic, has been an interesting ride! The members of your Church Council have weathered the challenges and given their time and talent in extraordinary ways. Generally, folks serve in a position for three years. We are so grateful for the service of each one, those continuing on the Council in 2023 and those rotating off. They have all gone above and beyond, providing leadership for this congregation that means so much to so many.

This year we want to say a special thank you to David McC., Terre F., Susie V., and Chris N., who are rotating off the Church Council at the end of 2022. We also want to thank Adam M.-L. for his wise and kind leadership as he completes his term on the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. We will celebrate the ministry and service of those leaving their positions on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, thanking them for all they have shared and done. I encourage you to reach out individually to say thank you as well. These faithful siblings have labored on behalf of the love of God, and they have given each one of us a gift through their leadership.

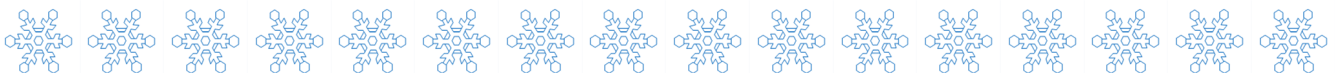
On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, we will also welcome new folks into leadership at PB UMC. We are thrilled to have Craig R. coming onto the Church Council in the area of the Trustees and Malea S. joining Church Council in the Staff Parish focus group. We are also extremely glad to have Karen R.-S. join our Finance Team as “Treasurer-in-Training,” working with Hope A. to learn the ins and outs of that critical position. There are still several positions that we are working to fill. Your Nominating and Leadership Development Committee is tasked with this responsibility, and we are working diligently to match individuals with service areas where they can not only share their unique gifts but do that in a way that brings them meaning and joy! If you have questions about church leadership or would like to discuss ways you might serve, please reach out to Pastor Lori to set up a conversation.

We hope to see you on the 15<sup>th</sup> as we say a special thank you to all of our remarkable leaders!



Pastor Lori will be on vacation from Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> through Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

For urgent pastoral care needs during that time, please contact  
Jesse Hodge and/or the Church Office.



# A Message From Pastor Lori

Beloveds in Christ,

Blessings for the New Year! I pray that the Advent and Christmas seasons have brought moments of reflection, friendship, hope, comfort, grace, and peace. May the light of God's love sustain and inspire us as we turn into a new year, reminded that God is with us in the midst of all that was, all that is, and all that is yet to come. There are many ways to greet a new year, and no one way is best! Some of us make resolutions. Some of us set intentions. Some of us adopt new practices. All of these are wonderful ways to mark the moment as we cross the threshold into a new year.

In talking about "new things" for PB UMC in 2023, Les and I wanted to offer a place and space to enjoy two of the things that PB UMC does best: music and fellowship. Moved by our District Superintendent's reflections at our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we were mindful of how life-changing it can be to learn, to know, and to spend time with the hymns of our faith. They shape us in ways that bring comfort and meaning to our lives. They inspire us in our lives of faith as they weave their way through our hearts, minds, and spirits.

As a "new practice" for 2023, we've decided to offer a Third Thursday Dessert Potluck and Hymn Sing at the parsonage. Our first "Third Thursday" will be on January 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll gather from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, share some dessert and sing our favorite songs. Les will play the guitar. We'll have hymnals. Feel free to bring a favorite tune of your own. Singers of all ages, abilities, and styles are welcome! And if you're not a singer, we'll need some listeners too! Join us in being community with and for one another, and in "singing our faith" together.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



## Youth and Adult Ministry

With the new year, there are also opportunities for new things, including getting involved in a ministry. We have several areas of ministry that can use volunteers as we grow in our ability to serve others in 2023. There is something for everyone.

At this time, I would like to highlight the Good Samaritan Ministry, Card Ministry, and Youth Ministry, to name a few. **The Good Samaritans** is simply a group of individuals willing to do small tasks such as picking up something at the store for someone, taking them to an appointment, taking them a meal, or something else of need for those that can use this help and support. It may be a small task for us, but it makes a big impact, and is a big deal to those we help. **Card Ministry** sends a card of encouragement (we supply all the material) to someone who may be homebound or simply need some loving words. **Youth Ministry** is looking for volunteers to be a part of the youth devotional time that will take place during worship on Sundays. Each person can volunteer for one to four Sundays, and can be as involved as they are comfortable, from simply being there as support, to being active in the conversations. Please pray and ask where God can use you with your time and heart in 2023!

# We Care for One Another

**Kidz  
Korner**

Hi my friends. Happy New Year to you and yours!

I trust you had a blessed Christmas. Are you sad that Christmas is over? No need to be. Christmas is not over. We are in the 12 Days of Christmas until Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. You can celebrate the spirit of the season for another week, or more.

One thing I've been thinking about a lot lately is prayer. I want to focus on prayer as the new year starts. I plan to "pray in the new year" at midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and that's just the beginning. I invite you to pray with all your heart in 2023. Our world needs it, and I believe we will be blessed, as well. One way to remember who to pray for is the Five Finger Method. Why not give it a try?



I hope you will be blessed with health and happiness in the new year. God loves you and I love you.

Your church loves you, too. I hope to see you in Sunday School. We have a lot of great things planned for you next year.

Love,  
Dart—One of God's Favorites (just like you).

## January Memory Scripture Verse

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over, – Psalm 23:5*



Candace Decorating the Sunday School Christmas Tree

Photo by Jesse H.



Dick Getting Ready for Hanging of the Greens

Photo by  
Pastor Lori Leopold.

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

## ***PB UMC Council Notes***

### ***Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)***

by Patty R..

SPRC is excited about the addition of its newest member starting in January: Malea S. Malea is well familiar with PB UMC; she was the Sunday School Coordinator for many years. Susie V. had been on SPRC until she was hired as our Office Administrator the beginning of September. Starting January 2023, SPRC members will be Ray McC., Patty R. and Malea S.

We are delighted to announce that the PB UMC Church Council and the Church Conference unanimously recommended Jesse H., our Director of Education, as a candidate for ministry. Jesse will now go on to meet with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. We rejoice in Jesse's many gifts for ministry and pray for him as he continues to discern his call.

### ***Finance***

by Hope A.

We struggle with the reality that our expenses exceed income in recent years. It's a problem faced by many congregations. Fortunately, through the generosity of bequests to the church, we are not short of cash. But we have a responsibility to maintain these endowments for the future of the church, and not spend them down. The 2023 draft budget has a large deficit, and Council will do our best to pare expenses to a reasonable number.

For the long term, Council plans to consider how we might reimagine our congregation and use of the church campus to put us on a stable financial footing. If you have ideas or would like to be part of this conversation, please speak with Lay Leader Ken B., Pastor Lori, or any member of Church Council.

## ***Stephen Ministry***

Stephen Ministry is still going strong. We have Stephen Ministers available to provide comfort and support to those that may need a listening ear during a time of need. If you know of someone that would benefit from this ministry, please contact Jesse H. or the church office.

## ***January Lunch Bunch***

Join us on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, for lunch at Mandarin House in La Jolla. We will meet at noon for a time of good food and fellowship! If you plan to join us, please contact the Church Office and/or Pastor Lori so we know how many to anticipate!

Do you have a favorite spot for lunch? Let us know, and we'll schedule a future Lunch Bunch in your neck of the woods!

***Save the date for next month:*** February 9<sup>th</sup>.



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

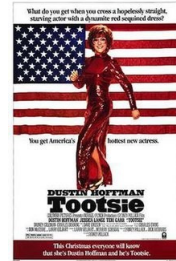
## ***January Movies "Tootsie" and "Enchanted"***

by Craig R.

Fellow PBUMC Folk:

It has been a real pleasure to share my love of movies with you throughout 2022, and I am looking forward to sharing more excellent films with you in the New Year.

We'll kick off 2023 celebrating the 40th anniversary of 1982's "Tootsie," starring Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange, Teri Garr, and Bill Murray. We will screen this movie on January 8<sup>th</sup>.



Beginning in January, thanks the suggestion of Youth Ministry Coordinator Jesse H., at least one movie presented each month will truly be a film for ALL ages. This will generally be the last film shown each month. Our January family film is "Enchanted" (2007) featuring Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden, and Susan Sarandon. We'll screen this on January 22nd.

We kick off each movie night in Hughes Hall with trailers for upcoming attractions at 6:00 pm, followed by that night's movie. All are welcome. Feel free to bring any snacks or dinner (and we usually have popcorn and other treats).

Happy New Year!



By Pam R.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to contribute eight completed Christmas food baskets, each with a gift card, to the CCSA campaign to help low-income families. It is rewarding to be a part of this city-wide effort to share with these families. The recipients are very appreciative for this assistance.

# Circle of Support

## November 2022 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
November giving	\$19,330	\$21,054
November other sources of income	\$10,285	\$22,298
November total available for ministry	\$29,615	\$43,353
November expended in ministry	\$37,593	\$58,956
November income minus expenses	(\$7,978)	(\$15,604)
YTD giving	\$212,026	\$193,129
YTD other sources of income	\$164,029	\$180,856
YTD total available for ministry	\$376,055	\$373,985
YTD expended in ministry	\$405,264	\$421,819
YTD income minus expenses	(\$29,209)	(\$47,834)
Year 2022 budget	\$437,898	

### Reflections From the Finance Team

Apologies from your treasurer: we included a \$13,597 restitution check in the September numbers that understated our expenses. In November we returned \$13,084, keeping only our \$500 deductible plus interest, to the insurance company. This money was for a 2019 embezzlement expense that was covered by our insurance.

In previous years we removed such extraordinary items from our tables. Because I overlooked this step, the September expenses and net revenue numbers in last two issues of the Beach Breeze were misleadingly rosy. This month, November expenses look higher than they really were, and the year to date numbers are accurate.



PB UMC Crew, and Float,  
Designed by Louis for the  
Pacific Beach  
Holiday Parade 12/10/22

Photo by  
Pastor Lori Leopold.

## January Communion Offering Human Relations Day

Human Relations Day is a denomination-wide Special Sunday designed to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach.

Funds received support community developer programs that strive to build, maintain, promote, and strengthen racial-ethnic minority congregations through local UMC congregations.

In addition, funds received support the United Methodist Voluntary Services (UMVS) that serves as a resource to congregations, volunteer-based groups, and programs that challenge unjust political, social, and economic systems which threaten the livelihoods of people.

Another portion of the funds received support rehabilitation. These programs work to strengthen youth empowerment programs that provide positive avenues for youth participation in their communities through churches, mentoring programs, and boys/girls clubs.

Thank you for your generous gift to Human Relations Day.



### CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold  
Music Director: Ron Jessee  
Office Administrator: Susie Virgilio

Director of Education: Jesse Hodge  
Sunday School Coordinator: Dart Rhoades

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# Calendar of Events

## Worship Times

10:00 am, Worship Celebration  
Child Care Available

### Week 1

Sun, Jan 1 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship & Communion  
Mon, Jan 2 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 3 9:00 am, Prayers and Squares  
Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
7:00 pm, So District Prayer Meeting  
Wed, Jan 4 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Jan 5 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Jan 7 10:00 am, Al-Anon

### Week 2

Sun, Jan 8 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
6:00 pm, Movie Night, "Tootsie" (p. 5)  
Mon, Jan 9 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 10 6:00 pm, Choir  
Wed, Jan 11 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Jan 12 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 4)  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Jan 14 10:00 am, Al-Anon

### Week 4

Sun, Jan 22 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
11:30 am, Growing In Faith  
6:00 pm, Movie Night, "Enchanted" (p. 5)  
Mon, Jan 23 *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 24 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
Wed, Jan 25 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Thurs, Jan 26 10:00 am, Al-Anon  
Sat, Jan 28 Interfaith Shelter Guests Arrive



Sanctuary Decorated by  
Louis for Christmas Eve

Photo by Ron Jessee.

### Week 3

Sun, Jan 15 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
Mon, Jan 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 17 9:00 am, Prayers and Squares  
Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting  
Wed, Jan 18 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
Thurs, Jan 19 6:30 pm, 3rd Thurs Sing & Dessert (p. 2)  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
Sat, Jan 21 10:00 am, Al-Anon

### Week 5

Sun, Jan 29 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
Mon, Jan 30 *Beach Breeze* Posted Online  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
Tues, Jan 31 6:00 pm, Choir Practice

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

## ***January Scriptures***

- January 1** Epiphany  
Matthew 2:1-23;
- January 8** John 8:42-58;  
John 3:1-21  
Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Dale Blackford
- January 15** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- January 22** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- January 29** 5th Sunday Worship  
Ephesians 4:32  
Guest Speaker: Dart Rhoades,  
Sunday School Coordinator

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## ***Festival of Christmas in Review***

By Patty R.

PB UMC's Voices of Praise certainly outdid themselves on Sunday, December 11, 2022! They presented a Christmas concert, "Festival of Christmas," by Mary McDonald, during the 10:00 am church service, and again at 6:00 pm. Amazing Leisel H. not only organized a splendid group of musicians to accompany the singers, she also multitasked her way through the concert by conducting both the orchestra and singers! PB UMC's principal pianist, Laura W., who had patiently accompanied all choir rehearsals, also played piano during the concert. Steve S. helped Music Director and Organist Ron Jesse rehearse the choir, and during the concert, quietly dashed between singing and playing percussion. Lea Ann and Patrick W. prepared practice tapes for the choir. Narrators were Pastor Lori Leopold and Shannon P. After an orchestral overture, the choir joined the orchestra in six songs. They accompanied soloist Stephanie J. in "O Come, Emmanuel." The concert was rounded out by Louis P., Stephanie J., and Michelle Gallardo-Arias singing solos during the finale, "O Holy Night." Overall, the concert raised goose bumps and brought tears to eyes. The Voices of Praise and musical staff were thrilled to present this lovely concert after several Christmases of Covid lockdown.

The beautiful church decorations, made possible by many hours of hard work by Louis P. and a cadre of volunteers, set the perfect atmosphere for this amazing concert. Thank you to all the vocal and instrumental musicians, the technicians, and the volunteers who made this delightful event happen.

Happily, you can listen again to this concert due to the technology efforts of Joseph P., Bruce T., and Craig R. Go to the PB UMC website and click on "Festival of Christmas."

