

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

September 2023

Upcoming Belonging Class

In this day and age, our hearts yearn to connect in places of belovedness and belonging. PB UMC offers a three week “Belonging Class” for those who are interested in church membership and for others who seek deeper involvement in the life of the church. Here's what's coming up:

9/10: What's a United Methodist?

9/17: Connected and Involved

9/24: Next Steps to Church Membership

Those interested in becoming members of Pacific Beach UMC are encouraged to attend all three. Those who would like to get more involved in the life of the church are welcome to attend just the 2nd session, Connected and Involved. The class will meet after church in the social hall, approximately 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. A light lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, able to provide one of the lunches, or have other questions, please contact Pastor Lori or the church office.

Good Samaritan Ministry

We are looking for individuals that would be willing to do small tasks such as picking up something at the store, taking the person to an appointment, taking them a meal, or doing something else for those that need help and support. It may be a small task for us, but it makes a big impact, and is a big deal to those that we help. Please contact Jesse H. if this is something that you may be interested in or if you'd like more information.



Church Office Hours

Late August/ Early September



Since we are looking for rest and renewal, PB UMC's office hours for the end of August and the first week of September will be flexible. Please call ahead to assure someone is there.

The Labor Day Holiday is Monday, September 4th, and the office is closed that day.

The office administrator will be gone on vacation August 28th-September 5th, returning September 6th.

A very happy and safe holiday to all!

A Message From Pastor Lori

Beloveds in Christ,

Fall makes me feel like a kid going back to school. There's a part of me that doesn't want summer to end and another part that is excited for all that this new season will bring. There will be familiar, beloved things that "begin again" and there will be other things that are brand new. I hope we've all had some time to rest in body and spirit over these summer months and that we feel refreshed as we turn into this new season as individuals, families, and as a faith community.

As we greet this new season in the life of the church, I invite you to join me in thinking particularly about how we tend to the community that is already here and how we reach out to the community around us. Our mission as a church is twofold, and always a balancing act. We create and nurture safe, meaningful space for the existing community to grow in faith/friendship *and* we extend compassion, care, and service out into the world. We continually welcome others to know what we know...Christ's peace-making, justice-seeking, life-giving grace. And we "make room at the table," inviting others to be a part of this fellowship that deeply values shared belonging and belovedness in God.

How might we lean into this during the fall season? I'm glad you asked! I have two invitations. One, let's continue to be thoughtful about making newcomers feel welcome when they visit in worship. We've made some strides toward that this summer. Wanting to call old and new friends by name, we've reintroduced nametags on Sunday morning. (Thanks to the efforts of Mark B!) If you don't have one yet, there's a table outside of the sanctuary with everything you need to make one. We've also added some "additional information" at the end of our worship service about our tradition of singing "Eagle's

Wings." Honoring the fact that not all people are comfortable holding hands, especially with a stranger, we're giving folks "other options" during the closing ritual, like holding their hands over their heart or by their side. Thank you for all you're doing to respect the comfort level of others, especially our guests.

The second invitation is to attend PB UMC's first annual Block Party. Instead of our traditional Church Picnic, we are doing something new this year in order to connect with the community right around us. On Sunday, October 8th, we're hosting a Block Party, inviting our neighbors to join us for any or all of the fun, including outdoor church, hot dogs on the grill, potluck lunch, bounce house for the kids, face painting, blessing of the courtyard tree, afternoon movie and more! There will be many small jobs and I hope that you'll be able to help as we plan and implement this new event. But more than anything, I hope you'll be there – with wonderful you – to extend a warm welcome, a kind smile and a listening ear as we engage our neighbors with the love and care we know to be so abundant at PB UMC.

So happy fall, y'all. (Almost!) May it be a season of cherishing the familiar and living into the brand new, knowing that God holds and loves it all.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



We Care for One Another

Children's Ministry

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a success! We partnered up with La Jolla United Methodist Church. VBS was hosted at La Jolla UMC, and we could not be more thankful. We had nine children and six volunteers (total from different days) from both congregations. The days were filled with games, crafts, music, lessons, and puppet shows! We may partner up with another church next year, and there is talk of us hosting next year's event at PB UMC! Stay tuned because VBS 2024 will be here before we know it!

Children and Youth Volunteers Needed

We took the summer to focus on fun activities and socializing. With August, our month of rest, behind us, it's time to focus on our lessons. The curriculum that we plan to use this year is Whirl. We've used this curriculum in the past with success, and our Sunday School teachers enjoy using it. The children enjoy the videos, activities, and lessons that come from it. We are still in need of volunteers for children and youth Sunday School programs so that we have enough support for all our educational ministries, including the nursery. Please contact Jesse H. if you are interested in helping.



Backpack Success!

By Pam R.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to contribute nine backpacks, complete with the needed school supplies, to Community Christian Services Agency (CCSA) back-to-school backpack drive for low-income families. It is wonderful to be able to help such a worthy cause.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

3rd Thursday Hymn Sing and Dessert Potluck

We are having so much fun gathering for a sweet time of fellowship and singing!

Thanks to all who joined us for the expanded summer BBQ potlucks in July and August. In September, we'll return to our regular schedule.

You are invited to the parsonage on Thursday, September 21st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for our hymn sing/dessert potluck. All ages are welcome, and no singing is required! Please bring a dessert to share. Coffee, tea, and cold drinks will be provided. RSVP to Pastor Lori or the church office.



Summer 2023 Hymn Sing and Potluck

Photos by Pastor Lori



God Squad Children's Choir

Be on the lookout as we start planning the music for our children's choir! Our goal for this year is to continue with popular songs that we'd like all our children to know to stay inspired and uplifted.

We Reach Out to Others

PB UMC Council Notes

Finance

By Heide T.

As we continue into our third quarter we are operating within our plan, and we continue to improve against our anticipated deficit. Thank you for your faithfulness and support for the mission and ministries of PB UMC!

Staff-Parish Relations Focus Group (SPRC)

By Ray McC.

Paul Nickerson, a Methodist minister based in Massachusetts, has been in consultation with members at our church and six other churches in our region. Each month, he encourages with ideas to engage new followers of Christ to show up to worship with us at PB UMC. His challenge is to go out where the people are in Pacific Beach. His caveat is to avoid expecting that our ministries traditionally offered, will engage folks in joining in with us. As a result, look for a PBUMC Block Party, in the planning stage for October.



Photo by Mark B..

The podocarpus tree in our courtyard has new, lightly colored leaves, so we are seeing new growth! The watering schedule remains at 3 times a week for 5 minutes, for this young tree. If you feel excited to take on a regular watering day with others, give a call to Susie in the church office!

September Lunch Bunch

Join us on Thursday, September 14th for lunch at Café Athena in Pacific Beach. 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. Due to changes in Café Athena's policies, we are not able to do more than a few separate checks. If you're able to pay with cash, please plan ahead to do so!

Save the date for next month...October 12th.

Circle of Support

July 2023 Record of Generosity

	Actual	
Activity in July		
July Giving	\$24,936.73	\$21,080.61
July Other Income	\$8,992.10	\$8,569.50
Total Available for Ministry	\$33,928.83	\$29,650.11
Total Expended for Ministry	\$36,323.85	\$39,083.70
Income Minus Expenses	(\$2,395.02)	(\$9,433.59)
2023 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$166,309.63	\$170,639.27
Other Income	\$58,188.31	\$59,986.50
Total Available for Ministry	\$224,497.94	\$230,625.77
Total Expended for Ministry	\$247,785.93	\$261,598.90
Income Minus Expenses	(\$23,287.99)	(\$30,973.13)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Giving was generous for July. Thank you for your faithful dedication! We continue to improve against our anticipated deficit.

Thank you for the many ways you support all our ministries!

September Communion Offering Project Grace

The September communion offering will benefit our weekly Project Grace ministry hosted by PB UMC. Project Grace serves healthy meals to hundreds of our unsheltered or economically challenged neighbors each week. We also offer medical and dental clinic services in collaboration with UCSD, and education about the wide range of other services to help members of our community avoid or escape homelessness. Your contributions will allow us to continue this important ministry in our community.

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold
Music Director: Ron Jessee

Director of Education: Jesse Hodge
Office Administrator: Susie Virgilio

Church Office: www.pbumc.org/who-we-are/contact/ phone: 858-274-6573

Calendar of Events

Worship Times

10:00 am, Worship Celebration
Child Care Available

Week 1

Fri, Sept 1
Sat, Sept 2 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 2

Sun, Sept 3 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, **Outdoor Church** Worship
Mon, Sept 4 **Labor Day** (Church Office Closed)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Sept 5 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group
Wed, Sept 6 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Sept 7 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sept 9 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Footloose Fridays
August 2023

Photo by Pastor Lori

Week 3

Sun, Sept 10 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
11:15 am, Belonging Class (p. 1)
5:00 pm, Movie Night, "Grease" (p. 8)
Mon, Sept 11 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Sept 12 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Sept 13 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Sept 14 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 5)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sept 16 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 4

Sun, Sept 17 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:15 am, Belonging Class (p. 1)
Mon, Sept 18 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Sept 19 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting
Wed, Sept 20 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Sept 21 6:30 pm, Hymn Sing and Potluck (p. 4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Sept 22 Sat, Sept 23 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Our New Courtyard Tree
August, 2023



Week 5

Sun, Sept 24 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:15 am, Belonging Class (p. 1)
5:00 pm, Movie Night,
"Auntie Mame" (p.8)
Mon, Sept 25 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Sept 26 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Sept 27 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Sept 28 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Sept 30 10:00 am, Al-Anon



We Love and Worship God

September Scriptures

- September 3** Labor Day Weekend
Outdoor Church
Exodus 16:1-5; Psalm 62:5-8
- September 10** Holy Communion
Exodus 3:1-15
- September 17** Matthew 18:21-35
- September 24** Matthew 20:1-16

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

September Movies Spotlight Two Classics!

By Craig R.

On September 10th, slick back your hair and don your poodle skirts: we're going to sing along to "Grease" (1978)! This will be a special edition of the movie where the lyrics appear on screen whenever a song begins.



On September 24th, we'll celebrate the 65th anniversary of the hilarious "Auntie Mame" (1958), starring Rosalind Russell

The movies begin at 5:00 pm in Hughes Hall. We usually offer punch and popcorn, but feel free to bring whatever you like to snack on—see you there!