

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

May 2024

Guatemala Project at PB UMC Next Sunday

We are honored to have representatives from the Guatemala Project with us next Sunday, May 5th. 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!



Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

While the weather is still a bit chilly, I can't help but anticipate summer which is right around the corner. It's hard to believe that Lent and Easter have come and gone, and that it won't be long until we turn into the second half of this year. I find myself looking at the calendar and making plans for the months to come.

Over the last few summers, we have offered a short-term summer sermon series in worship. Remember any of these? We did, "I've Been Meaning to Ask," "Faces of our Faith," and then last year's series on Sabbath Rest. A common refrain I've heard over the last few years is, "I've always wanted to hear a sermon on this...or that!" Taking that sentiment to heart, I'm reaching out to you to help in the planning of our summer sermon series! I already have one idea in the hopper related to our closing song ("On Eagle's Wings") and the power of holding hands. Thank you to the giver of that suggestion! What

does your heart, mind or spirit long to hear about in worship? Is there a particular subject that interests you greatly? That connects with a need in your life or in the world? Is there a scripture passage you've always wanted to explore further? One that has stumped you or one that you cherish?

Please know I'm soliciting your input throughout the month of May. Please call, write, e-mail, text me to let me know your suggestions. I can't promise to highlight all of them, but I'll do my best! Blessings to you and yours as we begin to turn into these summer months that bring abundance and possibility.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



At its April 20th Celestial Nights fundraiser, the Interfaith Shelter Network honored PB UMC Lay Leader Ken B.

Photo Credit: Pastor Lori



The April 21st worship service celebrated Earth Day and featured a visit from Miss Smarty Plants, flanked above by Les and Pastor Lori.

Photo Credit: Doc

We Care for One Another

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Korner**

Education Department

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

We had a successful fifth Sunday service where the God Squad Children's Choir sang two songs and also did Eagle's Wings using ASL.

As the school year comes to an end, we prepare for summer. This summer, we have camp offerings at Lazy W and Camp Cedar Glen. We have also been invited to attend Vacation Bible School (VBS) at La Jolla United Methodist Church. For Sunday School this summer, our plan is to focus on social and fun activities as we have these other exciting events taking place and as people travel during this time.

Good Samaritan Ministry and Care Notes

During this time, please remember Good Samaritan Ministry, an extension of pastoral care using trained individuals to extend love and offer a friendly face during times of need.

I also want to let everyone know that the Good Samaritan ministry has purchased more CareNotes, found in the narthex on the table by the restroom. CareNotes share thoughts of comfort and peace for many different life circumstances.

We're always looking for Good Samaritans that would just be willing to take a meal, give a ride to a doctor's appointment, or send a card to someone in need. Please contact me for more details.

Memory Verses

Psalm 104:33 & 34 NIV:

I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering of good souls, enjoying food and fellowship at one of our wonderful local restaurants. On May 9th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Broken Yolk Café in Pacific Beach. Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, May 7th so we can reserve a table big enough for all!

Flower Committee Needs Vases!

The Flower Committee endeavors to use vases that have been previously used or have been donated by PB UMC members. This dramatically reduces the costs of our flower ministry.

Currently, we are running low on our vase inventory and need more. Vases can be left in the kitchen. Thanks for your donations in advance.

New Guidelines Regarding Animals in Worship

We love your pups!

But after receiving concerns related to folks who are allergic to animals as well as those who are not as comfortable around dogs, your Church Council has decided to ask folks to leave their furry friends who are not therapy dogs at home on Sunday morning. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we seek to honor our differences and ensure that worship is a comfortable space for all our humans. Because we love them too!

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Lori or a member of your Church Council.

May Communion Offering ***Mental Health Awareness***

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. With that in mind, PB UMC is dedicated to mental health and mental health awareness throughout the year. Mental health is vital to a vibrant life and is something that we should tend to and make it a point to reach out and help others in this area as well. Mental health is just as important as our physical selves, and we all want to work to continue to share this.

For PB UMC, one of the ways that we would like to give back is by hosting a Mental Health First Aid course to our church and community. The initial set-up for this is \$2000; any and all donations are welcome.

For questions or details on how you can be part of Mental Health Awareness Month or mental health awareness in general, please see Jesse H.



We Reach Out to Others

PACIFIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL'S 14TH ANNUAL
GRAFFITI CLEAN UP

HELP REMOVE HUNDREDS OF GRAFFITI TAGS AROUND PB!



SPECIAL THANKS TO:
• MOTSENBOCKER'S LIFT OFF
• PB PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
• PACIFIC LIFE CHURCH
• FITNESS WEST PB



Join the PB
GRAFFITI-BUSTERS!
SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024

9 am to 12 noon, Rain or Shine!
PACIFIC BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- 1675 Garnet Avenue on the corner of Jewell Street -
Free parking available around the corner on Hornblend

Materials and Training will be provided on site
Minors must have a safety waiver signed by legal guardian
For waiver forms or more information, go to: www.PBTownCouncil.org



Lazy W Ranch



SUMMER CAMP



1ST-3RD GRADE: JULY 14-17, 2024 (\$345)
3RD-6TH GRADE: JULY 14-19, 2024 (\$425)
6TH-9TH GRADE: JULY 21-27, 2024 (\$510)
9TH GRADE-GRADS: JULY 21-27, 2024 (\$510)
San Juan Capistrano, CA

WORSHIP - FELLOWSHIP - GAMES - CRAFTS - ARCHERY -
ROCK WALL - POOL - FRIENDSHIP - OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

REGISTER AT WWW.LAZYWRANCH.ORG

Contact Kimmie at KStradling@calpacumc.org or (858)247-1110 for more information.

Pastor Lori at Festival of Homiletics Course

Pastor Lori will be taking part in the Festival of Homiletics from Monday, May 13th through Thursday, May 16th.

While the conference is in Pittsburgh, Pastor Lori will be participating on-line. She'll have limited time and availability that week but will check and respond to e-mails once a day. Please know responses may be slower than usual but she'll get back to you ASAP!



The God Squad performs at the April 7th worship service as part of the youth ministry's quarterly church service.

Photo Credit: Denny H.

Circle of Support

March 2024 Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in March		
Giving	\$21,452.93	\$18,113.00
Other Income	\$22,944.80	\$24,400.00
Total Available for Ministry	\$44,397.73	\$42,513.00
Total Expended for Ministry	\$30,237.49	\$35,799.00
Income Minus Expenses	\$14,160.24	\$6,714.00
2024 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$54,661.45	\$54,339.00
Other Income	\$48,993.68	\$51,542.00
Total Available for Ministry	\$103,655.13	\$105,881.00
Total Expended for Ministry	\$108,368.59	\$107,397.00
Income Minus Expenses	(\$4,713.46)	(\$1,516.00)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Giving was generous for March, including our full-house attendance on Easter Sunday! As a result of these kind gifts, we have cut our year-to-date deficit by 75%! Thank you for your faithful dedication!

Some expenses are somewhat understated due to March items paid in early April, but even with that adjustment we are still under-budget for the month. We will continue to use and plan our resources wisely and trust in God who provides.

Thank you for your help in sustaining the mission and ministries of PB UMC. We are grateful for your ongoing and generous support. You make a difference!

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

Every Sunday: **10:00 am, Worship Celebration**
Child Care Available

Week 1

Sun, May 5 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
1:00 pm, Movie: "Sixteen
Candles" (1984), starring
Molly Ringwald (p. 8)
Mon, May 6 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 7 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares
Quilt Group
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group
Wed, May 8 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 9 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 4)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Week 2

Sat, May 11 10:00 am, Al-Anon
Sun, May 12 Mother's Day
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, May 13 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 14 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, May 15 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 16 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, May 17 3:00 pm, Finance Focus group
Sat, May 18 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 3

Sun, May 19 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie: "The Unsinkable
Molly Brown" (1964) (p. 8)
Mon, May 20 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 21 9:30am, Prayers and Squares
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Church Council
Wed, May 22 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, May 23 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, May 25 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 4

Sun, May 26 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
Mon, May 27 Memorial Day (PB UMC Office
Closed)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, May 28 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, May 29 7:00 am, AA
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, May 30 7:00 pm, Narc Anon

Deadline for June Beach Breeze Earlier Than Usual

Please note that the deadline for the June *Beach Breeze* will be Thursday, May 16th. This is about a week earlier than usual!

Also, the BB deadline will be shifting a bit earlier to Thursdays rather than Mondays going forward. Watch this page for exact details each month!

We Love and Worship God

May Scriptures

- May 5** Communion Sunday and Guatemala Project
Acts 10:44-48
John 15:9-17
- May 12** Mother's Day
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
John 17:6-19
- May 19** Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- May 26** John 3:1-17

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A Birthday and a Bouyant Beauty

By Craig Roberts

May movies will spotlight two comedies celebrating their 40th and 60th anniversaries, respectively.

On Sunday May 5th, we'll screen 1984's "Sixteen Candles," the directorial debut of John Hughes, who would go on to helm some of the most famous and iconic films of the 1980s. It was also the first starring role for actress Molly Ringwald.



On Sunday May 19th, we'll enjoy the classic 1964 movie musical "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," starring the irrepressible Debbie Reynolds in the title role, joined by Harve Presnell, Ed Begley and Hermione Baddeley. The rousing score was written by Meredith Wilson ("The Music Man"). It's a tuneful tale based on the life of Colorado's most famous woman.

All movies typically screen at 1:00 pm in Hughes Hall but "Sixteen Candles" will screen in Room 105 ("The Cave") due to a projector issue currently being resolved.

Popcorn and other snacks are always available but feel free to bring anything you like!

And if you can't attend in person, consider putting these films on your personal watchlist and let me know if you enjoyed them!

