

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

June 2024

## “HORNSWOGGLE” In Concert

*By Ron Jessee*

Imagine riding through the rolling hills and verdant countryside of England in your vintage Range Rover, your Welsh Corgies at your side as you cruise the winding road. You come up over a hill, and off in the distance, you catch a glimpse of someone familiar standing on a rise playing a French Horn.

As you get closer, that lonely piper looks strikingly like PB UMC’s own Liesl Hansen. Once you crest another ridge you find her surrounded by 20 to 30 other players piping melodious tunes among the fragrance of Thyme, Heather and Summer Grass ... and ... as if by magic, you are transported to PB UMC’s lush lawn. It’s **June 9<sup>th</sup>**, and you are wrapped in the warmth of neighbors and friends listening to “Hornswoggle.”

Allow yourself to be transported. Attend church that day at 10:00 am, then take a long, leisurely lunch or pack a picnic for the church lawn. At 1:00 pm, Hornswoggle will appear, in the misty clover of the English countryside. Conducted by Liesl, they will play a lovely concert on the PB UMC lawn. Chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair, blankets, snacks and libation. You don’t want to miss this magical gathering of magnificent musical melody making ... right here at PB UMC.



# Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

I cannot say a truer thing about this faith community than to say that it is full to the brim with caring people. What I have witnessed and experienced here at PB UMC in these last (almost) four years is folks caring for one another in good times and bad, coming alongside one another, whether friend, acquaintance or stranger, to offer a helping hand, a kind word or an encouraging smile. But what I've been more and more aware of over this last year is that while we have an abundance of kind and generous people, we don't have solid systems within which we organize all that caring. Many needs get covered organically but inevitably some needs fall through the cracks. It has been on my mind and heart for quite some time to extend the invitation to others to pray and dream and collaborate with me to create some structure around how we live out our calling to extend Christ's care to others.

For this reason, Director of Education, Jesse Hodge and I will host a Caring Ministries Gathering on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> after church. *If you are currently involved in an existing caring ministry, if you have the gift of caring or interest in caring, if you have ideas*

*about how we might offer care and support to members, friends, Sunday morning visitors, neighbors or folks in need, **YOU ARE INVITED!***

We would love your ideas, your input and your support to build up these ministries in a way that doesn't burden one or two or three people but that creates opportunities for many to share their gifts of caring, bringing joy and meaning to givers and receivers alike! (And the truth is, all of us have been or will be both of those things at some point in our lives.) We're bringing special snacks for coffee hour that Sunday. So please grab some coffee and treats and head into the social hall after worship for this time of brainstorming and planning. Ideas? Thoughts? Questions? Already itching to volunteer? I would love to hear from you! May God inspire our vision, courage and commitment as we seek to grow in the ways we extend love and care to one another and into God's beloved world.

In Christ,  
Pastor Lori



## June Communion Offering Community Christian Service Agency

The mission of the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA), an ecumenical Christian agency, is “to provide emergency services to individuals and families in need in San Diego County, including food, clothing, and referrals, and where practicable, counseling to assist in their transition to self-reliance.”

CCSA was founded in 1972 by seven churches in the local ministerial association and obtained its nonprofit 501C-3 status in 1973. During 50 years of service, CCSA has grown to include 31 member churches in the Clairemont, Pacific Beach, La Jolla, and University City areas of San Diego. CCSA currently has three paid staff members and has utilized hundreds of volunteers to deliver its services. The agency is supported by its member churches, hundreds of individual donors, businesses, small grants, and various fundraising efforts.

PB UMC has a longstanding relationship with this worthwhile organization, so we are happy to direct our June offering towards its important ministries.

For more information: [www.ccsasandiego.org](http://www.ccsasandiego.org)

# ***We Care for One Another***

***Kidz  
Korner***

## ***Education Department***

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

As we prepare for the summer, Children's Sunday School will be focusing on socialization and fun activities during Sunday School. We're also preparing for summer camps and Vacation Bible School (VBS). It's not too late to sign up for either of these.

We look forward to celebrating our graduates. We will be celebrating those promoting from middle school to high school and those graduating from high school and college on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mental Health Awareness Continues**

Mental Health Awareness Month was held in May. We had weekly speakers talk about how we can incorporate mental health into our daily lives. Judi held a poetry workshop in honor of mental health. Our May Communion Offering went to support mental health awareness and if you didn't have an opportunity to give, you still can! We intend to host a Mental Health First Aid course for our church and community. The initial set-up for this is \$2,000; any donations are welcome as we work towards mental health awareness and well-being.

### ***Pastor Lori's Vacation***

Pastor Lori will be on vacation from Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> through Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to the Church Office and/or Director of Education, Jesse Hodge for any urgent needs during that time.

### ***Did You Know the Church Has a QR Code?***

Scan the QR code at right to access the church's website via your cell phone. Bookmark the link and you can have all the church's latest information at your fingertips!



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Craig Roberts

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

## ***Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Youth Choir to Perform***

Arizona's Paradise Valley United Methodist Church (PV UMC) Youth Music program includes choir and handbell ensembles of 22 kids ranging from grades 6-12. They ring and sing varied repertoire about once a month during services and perform a combined spring musical with PV UMC's children's musical theatre program. At the end of the season the children go on a three-day tour, usually to southern California, where they share their musical gifts with local assisted living facilities and help lead worship as a guest ensemble. And, for the first time in years, one of their stops will be at PB UMC on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**!

The choir is led by Dr. Ashley Strawser and accompanist Dr. Joshua Hillmann. Dr. Strawser has been the Music Director at PV UMC since 2015. She holds a DMA in Organ Performance from Arizona State University and a BS in Music Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She loves getting to work with the youth as well as adult and children's choirs and handbells!

PV UMC offers a place of belonging to a multi-generational, diverse community of individuals interested in making our world a better place. Their vision is to be a diverse, inclusive, and spiritually-thriving congregation committed to being God's Love in Action. Like PB UMC, PV UMC embraces all people as part of its faith family, regardless of age, race, gender identity, ethnicity, economic status, or sexual orientation.



### ***New Handrail Installed in Sanctuary***

Thanks to the generosity of Ron Jessee's sister Sandi and brother-in-law Boyd, we now have a handrail to assist folks navigate the stairs in the sanctuary. Also, much appreciation to Ron and partner Louis P. for handling the installation.

At right, from lower left clockwise: Diesel, Ron, Boyd and Sandi.

Photo Credit: Pastor Lori



Worshippers share names of their mother figures during Mother's Day service.  
Photo by David DeBus



# We Reach Out to Others

## Drawing and Doodling for Jesus' Sake

By Ron Jessee

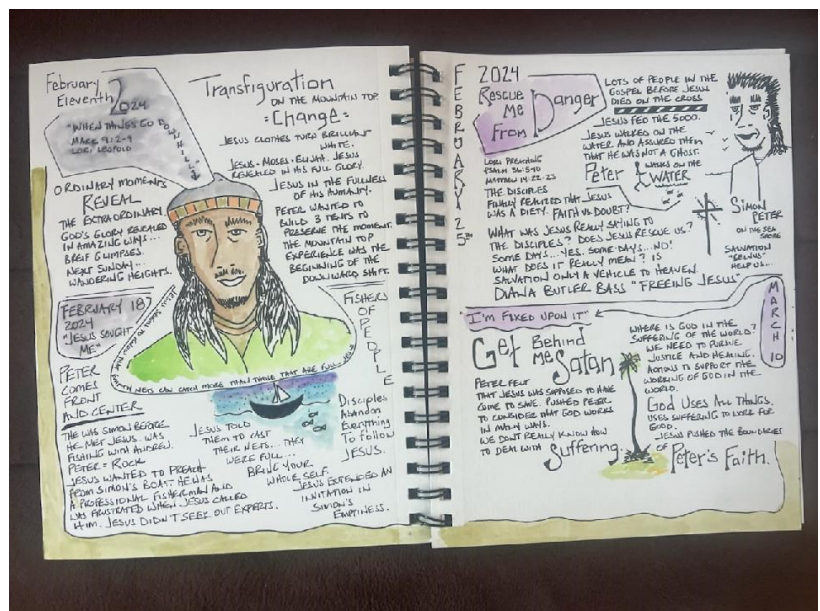
Do you remember being a little kid in church? That hour of worship seemed like a million years and, actually, there is a mathematical reason for the slow progression of that hour. When you're five years old, an hour passes more slowly because you have less time since your birth to compare against that one hour. That's why, at 71 years of age (my current age), time seems to be fly by. That said, as a child, to make the time go more quickly, I loved to doodle. Especially when the pastor began the sermon. I'd doodle on offering envelopes, welcome cards and occasionally in the hymnal, a practice my mother brought to an immediate halt.

When I was about 7, my parents said, "No more drawing, Ronnie, you need to listen to the sermon!" So the utensils went away and along with them, so did my comprehension of the sermon content. Funny thing is, unbeknownst to me, the doodling was a tool to remain focused on the spoken word. Without it, my mind wandered to the cross, the brick façade, Mrs. Thompson's rather large hair-do, Wilber's rumpled suit and various choir members with dour facial expressions. The sermon was, subsequently, relegated to an afterthought and I commonly walked away from church wondering what the man up front had actually been saying.

Fast forward to PB UMC. We have, fortunately, been blessed with four great sermonizers in the time I've been at this church. Still, it's easy for me to be distracted when the pastor stands up to speak. Years ago, I decided to hone my concentration skills by taking "Graphic Notes." That is, notes with doodles, drawings and key words and concepts from the sermon. Wow!!! What a difference a pen and paper can make. My mind no longer wanders, my focus is sharp and I get a lot of positive reinforcement from the spoken word.

Beach Breeze Editor Craig Roberts asked me to share some of my sermon entries. Disregard spelling and/or punctuation. Everything in a Graphic Notetaking Journal is done "on the fly" with no editing. Give it a whirl ... it's loads of fun.

Post Script: My journal lives on the front pew over by the organ. You are free to come up to look at it any time. No permission needed. My journal is an open book.



# Circle of Support

## April 2024 Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
<b>Activity in April</b>		
Giving	\$ 14,473	\$ 18,113
Other Income	\$ 13,485	\$ 11,375
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 27,958	\$ 29,488
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 37,015	\$ 35,799
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 9,057)	(\$ 6,311)
<b>2024 Year-To-Date</b>		
Giving	\$ 69,135	\$ 72,452
Other Income	\$ 62,479	\$ 59,160
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 131,613	\$ 131,612
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 145,384	\$ 143,196
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 13,771)	(\$ 11,584)

### Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Both Pledged and Unpledged giving were below budget for April. Some expenses are somewhat overstated due to March items paid in early April. We will continue to use and plan our resources wisely and trust in God who provides.

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity in prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. 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 June 20<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Olive Garden on Sports Arena Boulevard. Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> so we can reserve a table big enough for all!

#### CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold

Music Director: Ron Jessee

Campus Maintenance Coordinator: Troy McGarrity

Director of Education: Jesse Hodge

Office Administrator: Susie Virgilio

Church Office: [www.pbumc.org/who-we-are/contact/](http://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, June 2 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship and Communion  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott  
Guest Choir: Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Youth Choir (p.4)
- Mon, June 3 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, June 4 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilt Group  
7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group
- Wed, June 5 7:00 am, AA  
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, June 6 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Sat, June 8 10:00 am, Al-Anon

## Week 2

- Sun, June 9 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott  
1:00 pm, Hornswoggle in concert (p. 1)
- Mon, June 10 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, June 11 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, June 12 Annual Cal-Pac Conference Begins  
7:00 am, AA  
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, June 13 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Fri, June 14 3:00 pm, Finance Focus group
- Sat, June 15 Annual Cal-Pac Conference Concludes  
10:00 am, Al-Anon

## Week 3

- Sun, June 16 Fathers Day  
9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
1:00 pm, Movie: "For Pete's Sake" (1974), starring Barbra Streisand and Michael Sarrazin (p. 8)
- Mon, June 17 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, June 18 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilt Group  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
7:00 pm, Church Council
- Wed, June 19 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, June 20 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due  
Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 6)  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Sat, June 21 10:00 am, Al-Anon

## Week 4

- Sun, June 23 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship  
11:30 am, Growing in Faith
- Mon, June 24 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, June 25 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, June 26 7:00 am, AA  
11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
- Thurs, June 27 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Sat, June 28 10:00 am, Al-Anon

## Week 5

- Sun, June 30 9:30 am, Prayer Circle  
10:00 am, Worship (5th Sunday)  
Guest Preacher: PB UMC Lay Leader Ken Brown  
11:30 am, Caring Ministries Gathering  
1:00 pm, Movie: "The Main Event" (1979), starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal (p. 8)
- Mon, July 1 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, July 2 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares  
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
- Wed, July 3 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, July 4 Independence Day (PB UMC Office Closed)  
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
- Sat, July 6 10:00 am, Al-Anon



Illustrations by Ron Jessee (p. 5)

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

## ***June Scriptures***

- June 2** Communion Sunday  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott  
Isaiah 55:1-3
- June 9** Guest Preacher: Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott  
Psalm 8:1-9
- June 16** Father's Day  
Graduation Sunday  
Mark 4:26-34
- June 23** Annual Conference Updates  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41
- June 30** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship  
Guest Speaker: Ken Brown  
Mark 5:21-43

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## ***In June, Barbra Gets Her Men***

By Craig Roberts

The June movies celebrate two 1970s romantic comedies from the singular Barbra Streisand.



On Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate the 50th anniversary of the romantic comedy "For Pete's Sake," starring Streisand and Michael Sarrazin.

Two weeks later, on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll move forward five years and celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the second pairing of Streisand and Ryan O'Neal: "The Main Event" (you may remember that Streisand had a major disco-themed hit with the title song).

All movies screen at 1:00 pm in Hughes Hall. And as June begins, we will have a new projector and new window blinds to help enhance our viewing pleasure!

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 (or if you didn't)!

