

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

July 2024

## San Diego Pride Is Almost Here!

*By Pastor Lori*

Pride Week in San Diego is almost here and, as always, PB UMC will be actively involved!

Louis, our phenomenal float designer/director, already has a design ready to go for this year's parade: PB UMC will bring the beach to Hillcrest! Help him realize this design that can bring more folks to our church. He has scheduled many dates and times for folks to help bring the float to life!

On Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Light Up the Cathedral Service will take place at 7:00pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. Light Up the Cathedral is an interfaith Pride celebration for people from any tradition. Pastor Lori will speak as part of the clergy and several of our church family will be singing with the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus or the San Diego Women's Chorus, providing music. All are invited!

In addition, we're hoping for great representation at the San Diego Pride Parade. The best way to show San Diego the inclusive, loving nature of PB UMC is to show off our people! Your kind presence makes all the difference in the world! This year we will be organizing rides to and from the parade to minimize the stress of parking and walking to the parade route. If you would like to **ride on the float, walk with the float OR provide transport for others** coming and going to and from the float, please sign up at church and/or reach out to Pastor Lori or Louis Perez.

Need more information about San Diego Pride 2024? Check out their website at [sdpride.org](http://sdpride.org). And last but not least...HAPPY PRIDE!



Don't miss out on being part of an award-winning parade entry: PB UMC's 2018 float won an award from San Diego LGBT Pride!

## Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

I know that some but not all of you have heard that Joe P. and Jesse Hodge will be stepping down from their positions as Director of Tech Arts and Director of Education, respectively. Jess and Joe, along with Aiden and Candace, have commuted from Oceanside to be with us nearly every Sunday for years, serving capably and generously on staff. They have offered their great skills and their kind hearts, supporting the mission and ministry of PB UMC in more ways than can be counted. This new chapter of their lives is leading them into a time of discernment about where they want to raise their family. And while they may be looking at an upcoming move, we hope to see them whenever they make it down our way! They will always have a church home at PB UMC!

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Joe and Jess. Joe, with tremendous skill, has led this congregation in developing a top-notch tech program with an outstanding livestream. With patience and grace, he has navigated every worship "hiccup" and last-minute change of plans. He has truly been the bridge that connects worshippers at home to our Sunday morning service, expanding the circle of fellowship and praise in meaningful and life-giving ways. Jesse, with incredible skill and efficiency has built programs and created processes in Stephen Ministries/ Good Samaritans, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship, Prayer Chain, Sunday School, Children's Choir and more. He has recruited and supported wonderful volunteers in all these areas and has graced us all with his kindness and warmth. We will miss both Joe and Jess on staff but are forever grateful for the ways they have

shared themselves with us.

True to character, they don't want a big fuss as they step down from their positions but they have agreed to let us recognize them in worship on August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will collect cards in a basket that day and say "thank you" in a few other ways. Watch for more details and we hope you can join us that Sunday.

Finally, I want to remind all of us, myself included, that faith communities are by nature fluid. They are ever changing. And as hard as that is sometimes, we can be confident that the Spirit moves amid those changes. Your Church Council and the Staff Parish Focus Group are working diligently to determine our current staffing needs to make sure that our ministries continue to be well supported. I will be taking on some new things, and I invite you to consider, amid this transition, if there are ways that you are being nudged/called/invited to help where there might be an opportunity and a need. Please reach out to me with your ideas and interest...I'd love to hear from you. Again, we pray God's care and guidance for their family, for PB UMC and for all, everywhere who seek to abide in God's love and walk in Christ's ways.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



PB UMC Lay Leader Ken B, Pastor Lori and District Lay Leader Michael M at last month's annual Cal-Pac Conference

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

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## ***Education Department***

By Jesse Hodge, Director of Education

We had a Sunday Funday on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. We considered this our last Sunday of the school year for 2023-2024, so we had fun games and tasty treats. Part of that was getting to decorate our own cookies to eat!

Sunday school is now focusing on social and fun activities now that summer is here, while many are traveling, and a pause from our school year curriculum in preparation for the next school year. There are still many opportunities to get involved for this summer including summer camps and Vacation Bible School. Please see the flyers for more information and let me know if you have any questions.

I know many children and youth are traveling at this time, so sending everyone prayers for safe travels and an exciting summer!



## ***After-Church Lunch Bunch***

By Hope A

Not all of us are free on Thursdays to share lunch with the pastor . . . so let's have brunch on a Sunday.

Please join us Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> after worship (11:30 -ish) at the Broken Yolk, 1851 Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach, less than a mile away from PB UMC. The café has two parking lots off the alley between Hornblend and Garnet, as well as on-street parking. In order that we can request enough seats, please let the office or me know if you plan to join us. Or if it's a last-minute decision, just come anyway!



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Craig Roberts

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

## ***Foot Loose Fridays Back By Popular Demand!***

By “Doc”

Just when you thought it was time to chill for the summer... Foot Loose Fridays are back at PB UMC!

This year the summer is heating up with line dances and country couples' dances! We're gonna do things a bit differently this year, too. Instead of every week being lessons, we'll take the fourth week off from learning each dance style and hit the dance floor to try out our new moves.

For July, we'll learn the evolution of line dances and start with some of the first to catch on. We'll move on to more currently popular dances, and finally wrap up the lessons with some good old fashion Country & Western classics. Then, for the final week we're inviting everyone (even if you didn't take the lessons) to join us for a Line Dance Night!

Get Foot Loose!

### **July Schedule: 7:00-8:30pm**

Week #1 Jul 5<sup>th</sup> – Origins of Line Dances from South Africa to the U.S.

Week #2 Jul 12<sup>th</sup> – Popular (Current) Line Dances You Know and Love

Week #3 Jul 26<sup>th</sup> – Doc's Favorite Country Western Line Dances \*

Week #4 Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Ever Line Dance Night at PBUMC!

*\* Nope, it's not a typo. July 19<sup>th</sup> we're taking a break for Pride Parade prep.*

## ***Game Day Returns in July***

By Hope A

Meet for Chinese mahjong and other games if you like to bring them. We'll gather in the social hall at noon on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> and play for about two hours or until we are tired. Families and newcomers are always encouraged—we love to teach! Bring snacks or other games if you like. If you have questions or suggestions for other days and times, please talk to Kathy W or me.



## ***July Communion Offering*** ***Reconciling Ministries Network.***

Reconciling congregations, communities and campus ministries (reconciling ministries) who affiliate with the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) embrace RMN's commitment to achieving LGBTQ+ justice and full inclusion in the life and leadership of the United Methodist Church, both in policy and in practice.

PB UMC has been a reconciling church for over 30 years. We're pleased to support this ministry with our July offering.

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





# We Reach Out to Others



## CCSA's 2024 Back to School Program



It is already time to be gathering backpacks & school supplies for CCSA to distribute to low income families. Our church is changing how we collect & contribute completed backpacks. Here are simple step-by-step directions:

- 1) Purchase a backpack
- 2) Choose which age group to fill it for...
- 3) Use the lists for your selected age group to purchase needed items.
- 4) Load the backpack. Once done, attach a note indicating which age group
- 5) Deliver the completed backpacks to PB UMC between July 14 & August 3!

Funds may also be donated through the church online or via check & cash. Please note "CCSA Backpacks" online, on your check or envelope.

Thank you!

### K through 2nd Grade List

- 2—spiral notebooks
- 1—pencil box
- 1—pack of 10 pencils
- 1—box of crayons
- 1—pencil sharpener
- 1—pack of 6 erasers
- 1—box of magic markers
- 1—glue stick
- 1—glue bottle
- 1—scissors

### 3rd through 9th Grade List

- 1— binder
- 2—spiral notebooks
- 2— notebook paper packages
- 1—pencil holder
- 1—pack of 10 pens
- 1—pack of 10 pencils
- 1—box of colored pencils
- 1—pencil sharpener
- 1—eraser
- 1—highlighter
- 1—glue stick
- 1—glue bottle
- 1—ruler
- 1—scissors

# Circle of Support

## May 2024 Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
<b>Activity in April</b>		
Giving	\$ 22,447	\$ 21,540
Other Income	\$ 9,828	\$ 7,948
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 32,275	\$ 29,488
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 40,880	\$ 35,799
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 8,605)	(\$ 6,311)
<b>2024 Year-To-Date</b>		
Giving	\$ 105,780	\$ 107,700
Other Income	\$ 58,109	\$ 53,400
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 163,889	\$ 161,100
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 186,264	\$ 178,995
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 22,375)	(\$ 17,895)

### Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T

Giving was generous for May, thank you for your faithful dedication! 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 July 18<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Tender Greens in Liberty Station. Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> so we can reserve a table big enough for all!

### Sunday Prayer Circle Takes Summer Break

Our wonderful Prayer Circle has been meeting on Sunday mornings for over a year, praying for one another, for us, for the church and for people and places around the world. They are taking a break from gathering on Sunday mornings but (of course) will NOT be taking a break from prayer! They encourage us all to continue to pray, inviting God's healing, grace, peace and mercy into our lives and our world. Watch for details for when the Prayer Circle will resume in the fall.

#### 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

Mon, July 1 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, July 2 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares  
 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
 7:00 pm, District Monthly Prayer Group  
 Wed, July 3 7:00 am, AA  
 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  
 Fri, July 5 7:00 pm, Footloose Friday! (p. 4)  
 Sat, July 6 10:00 am, Al-Anon

## Week 2

Sun, July 7 10:00 am, Worship and Communion  
 11:30 am, Sunday Lunch Bunch, Pacific Beach Broken Yolk (p. 3)  
 Mon, July 8 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, July 9 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
 Wed, July 10 7:00 am, AA  
 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
 Thurs, July 11 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
 Fri, July 12 3:00 pm, Finance Focus group  
 7:00 pm, Footloose Friday (p.4)  
 Sat, July 13 10:00 am, Al-Anon

## Week 3

Sun, July 14 10:00 am, Worship  
 1:00 pm, Movie: "Forrest Gump" (1994), starring Tom Hanks, Robin Wright and Sally Field (p. 8)  
 Mon, July 15 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, July 16 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilt Group  
 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
 7:00 pm, Church Council  
 Wed, July 17 7:00 am, AA  
 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
 7:00 pm, Light Up the Cathedral Interfaith Service  
 St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue (p. 1)  
 Thurs, July 18 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 6)  
 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
 Sat, July 20 10:00 am, Al-Anon  
 San Diego Pride Parade (p. 1)

## Week 4

Sun, July 21 Pride Sunday  
 10:00 am, Worship  
 Noon, Game Day—Hughes Hall  
 Mon, July 22 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, July 23 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
 Wed, July 24 7:00 am, AA  
 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
 4:00 pm, SD Project Grace  
 5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries  
 Thurs, July 25 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due  
 7:00 pm, Narc Anon  
 Fri, July 26 7:00 pm, Footloose Friday (p. 4)  
 Sat, July 27 10:00 am, Al-Anon

## Week 5

Sun, July 28 10:00 am, Worship  
 11:30 am, Growing in Faith  
 1:00 pm, Movie: "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" (2004), starring Will Farrell, Christina Applegate, Steve Carrell and Paul Rudd (p. 8)  
 Mon, July 29 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
 Tues, July 30 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilt Group  
 6:00 pm, Choir Practice  
 Wed, July 31 7:00 am, AA  
 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study



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

## *July Scriptures*

- July 7** Communion Sunday, Baptism  
Mark 6:1-13
- July 14** Mark 6:14-29
- July 21** Pride Sunday  
Mark 3:20-35
- July 28** John 6:1-21

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**ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED**

## ***Two Classic Movies for July***

By Craig Roberts

Our July movies feature a Best Picture winner from 30 years ago and the most popular movie ever made that takes place in San Diego.

On Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Best Picture winner from 1994: "Forrest Gump." The film won five other Academy Awards, including Best Director and Best Actor for star Tom Hanks.

Two weeks later, on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the hilarious "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," starring Will Farrell, Christina Applegate, Steve Carrell and Paul Rudd. The movie tells the "legend" of a 1970s chauvinistic San Diego newscaster (Farrell) who's forced to work with a new female co-anchor (Applegate).



All movies screen at 1:00 pm in Hughes Hall. 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)!