

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

October 2024

September Began With a Party!

After enjoying an outdoor worship service on September 1st, PB UMC ushered in the fall season with a pot luck and picnic in our courtyard.



Clockwise from upper left: Isaac S. assists Ken B. at the grill; one group enjoyed the outdoor table; another group dined under one of the tents; others brought the picnic indoors into Hughes Hall

Photos by Pastor Lori

Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

As we enter into fall, I am aware of so much that is coming our way. I'm already itching to get the Halloween decorations out...the holidays seem right around the corner. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here in no time! In United Methodist Churches, it is also Charge Conference season. This means that loads of forms and reports will be due over the next few weeks prior to our All-Church Conference with our new District Superintendent, Rev. Luis Garcia, on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 in the social hall. The Charge Conference season is busy but it's also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on who we are, where we've been and where God is calling us next. These upcoming months also hold some of my favorite Sundays of the year, including World Communion Sunday (10/6), Blessing of the Animals (10/27) and All Saint's Sunday (11/3). It's a busy time for many people, families, institutions, organizations and faith communities and this year, running through all of it, are yearnings and worries, hopes and concerns regarding our national landscape as well.

All of us are aware of the deep divides in our country and the mounting sense of alienation and hostility. We may be feeling that even more acutely as we approach the upcoming presidential election. For many of us, these last years have been challenging. We have found ourselves in places of conflict with family members, friends, neighbors, even siblings in Christ as we've struggled to hold fast to what we be-

lieve is honest, good and true in and for this nation. This has been hard, confusing and painful, not just for people on "both sides of the aisle" but for everyone in the auditorium! So how are we as Christians called to navigate this time? As followers of Jesus, who are we called to be and what are we called to do?

To help us explore these questions, we're offering a sermon series that begins October 6th and runs through November 5th. The sermon series is called "Do Unto Others" and it comes to us as a collaborative effort between Worship Design Studios and Church of the Resurrection. Each week will feature a different theme including kindness, compassion, humility, respect and love for one another. I came across this statement in the introductory material to this series:

"Caring for one another, as persons not positions, is the core of our faith." I invite all of us to hold these words, to reflect on them and mull them over, to pray about them and then join me for this series that will surely challenge and nurture us as people of faith who are all deeply committed to God and God's whole beloved world.

In Christ,

Pastor Lori



Pastor Lori on Vacation October 7-15

Pastor Lori will be on vacation from Monday, October 7th through Tuesday, October 15th, returning to the office on Wednesday, October 16th. If there is an urgent pastoral care need during that time, Rev. Dan Myer-Abbott has kindly agreed to be available for support. Please contact the church office and/or any member of the Church Council with urgent pastoral care needs between the 7th and the 15th.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering of good souls, enjoying food and fellowship at one of our wonderful local restaurants. On October 17th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Casa Guadalajara in Old Town. Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, October 15th so we can reserve a table big enough for all!

We Care for One Another

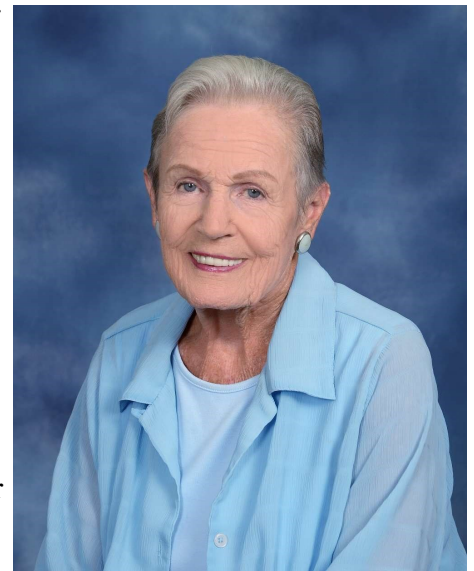
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The fall Sunday School program is underway. We have a small but mighty group, and we are ready to welcome new children whenever they come our way! We lift up loads of gratitude for Mary Margaret R, Heide T and Tami J who regularly provide love and leadership in our Sunday School classroom! If you are interested in volunteering one time per month to work with our amazing kids, please reach out to the Pastor Lori.

Ruth Benson (June 3, 1923-Sept. 7, 2024)

Ruth Carkeek Benson passed away on September 7, 2024, at the age of 101. She was with family in her home at Wesley Palms Retirement Community in San Diego when she passed peacefully following a recent stroke.

Ruth was born in Pasadena, California in 1923, the third of four children of Ruth Russell Carkeek and Charles Burton Carkeek. She was previously married to Andrew A. Benson, PhD, with whom she had four children, Christopher, Claudia (Matthews), Linnea, and Bonnie (Kumar). Ruth was predeceased by her brothers Charles and Stephen, her sister Carol, as well as by her four children, her niece Stephanie Carkeek Bovio, and her nephews, Bruce Murray Carkeek and Charles Bailey Carkeek. She is survived by her loving nieces, Carolyn Carkeek Cramoy, Lesley Carkeek Miner and niece-in-law Lynn Sager Carkeek, and by many grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.



Ruth was an active member of PB UMC for many decades. She will be remembered for her kind disposition, her beautiful smile and her bright, twinkling blue eyes.

October Memory Verses

Philippians 4:4-5 (NRSVUE): Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

Caring Ministry Need for October: Reception Coordinators

Over the last months, we've been exploring our needs related to Caring Ministries. We want to match the interests and talents of each person to a ministry where they can let their light shine AND be involved to the extent they desire and are able. Each month we will feature a caring ministry need in the Beach Breeze and weekly church e-mail. Last month we put out a call for assistance with rides. Thank you to those who offered to be contacted if and when someone needs help getting to and from church or an appointment.

The need for October is **RECEPTION COORDINATORS**. While we don't have memorial services frequently, it is so important when we do to be able to offer warm and caring gathering space following the service. In addition, we occasionally have the need for a reception following other special services, such as a wedding, the Blue Christmas Service or Christmas Eve. Rather than asking one person to take on the full load of coordinating receptions, we decided to break it down into smaller parts. We're asking people to sign up to be "on call" for a month or two during the year. If the need for a reception arises during your month, you would be contacted to coordinate. We will provide a description of the needs as well as a list of others who can assist in all different ways from baking cookies to helping with clean up. Do you have the gift of hospitality? Would you be willing to look over your calendar and sign up for a month or two to be on call as a reception coordinator? If you would, please add your name to the list on the table in the entryway of church or respond via the "sign up" button in the weekly church e-mail. If you don't feel able to coordinate, would you be willing to be contacted to bring cookies or to help with set up or clean up? Let us know that too! And if this isn't quite the right fit for you, is there something else that might suit your time and interest? Give it some prayerful consideration and reach out to Pastor Lori with your ideas!



The first "Prayers, Pastries and Polish" occurred on Thursday, September 19th.

Mary Margaret R (left) and Ray M joined Pastor Lori to scour the church's campus.

Photo by Susie Virgilio



We Reach Out to Others

New Tech Arts Team!

By Pastor Lori

We are overjoyed to announce that we have two new members of our PB UMC team! Michael Beu is our new Director of Technical Arts and Brian Kaplan joins us as the Assistant Director of Technical Arts. Michael lives in Orange County and will be working remotely to create the slide deck for our weekly services and to update our website and social media content. Michael will oversee the tech operations at PB UMC and work closely with Brian who will be with us in the tech booth each Sunday to run the livestream and coordinate technology on site. We are so thankful that we found them and they found us! Thank you to Mark, Craig, Adam and Doc for filling in and keeping us going in this interim time. Please thank each one of them when you see them and give a warm welcome to Michael and Brian!



From left, PB UMC's new Director of Technical Arts, Michael Beu,
and our new Assistant Director of Technical Arts, Brian Kaplan
Photo by Pastor Lori

Circle of Support

July/August 2024 Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in July		
Giving	\$ 18,021	\$ 21,540
Other Income	\$ 357	\$ 7,948
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 18,377	\$ 29,488
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 45,583	\$ 35,799
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 25,206)	(\$ 6,311)
Activity in August		
Giving	\$ 20,796	\$ 21,540
Other Income	\$ 13,235	\$ 7,948
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 34,031	\$ 29,488
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 31,403	\$ 35,799
Income Minus Expenses	\$ 2,627	(\$ 6,311)
2024 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$162,182	\$172,320
Other Income	\$103,801	\$ 94,708
Total Available for Ministry	\$265,983	\$267,028
Total Expended for Ministry	\$299,927	\$288,392
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 33,945)	(\$ 21,364)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T

Both Pledged and Unpledged giving were below budget for July with a timing adjustment in August to balance back out. The Capital Repair restructure that will be implemented closer to the end of the year will bring our year-to-date actual bottom line into better balance with the y-t-d budget. 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!

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Lori Leopold
Music Director: Ron Jessee
Director of Technical Arts: Michael Beu

Office Administrator: Susie Virgilio
Assistant Director of Technical Arts: Brian Kaplan
Campus Maintenance Coordinator: Troy McGarrity

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

Tues, Oct. 1 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, South District Prayer Zoom
Wed, Oct. 2 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct. 3 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct. 4 Church Office Closed

Week 2

Sun, Oct. 6 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
1:00 pm, Movie: "Gremlins" (1984),
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Mon, Oct. 7 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
7:00 pm, "Dreams and Spiritual
Imagination" Class
Tues, Oct. 8 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Oct. 9 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct. 10 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct. 11 Church Office Closed
Sat, Oct. 11 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 3

Sun, Oct. 13 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
2:00 pm, The Tritones in concert
Mon, Oct. 14 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct. 15 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Church Council
Wed, Oct. 16 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct. 17 Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 2)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct. 18 Church Office Closed
3:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)
Sat, Oct. 19 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 4

Sun, Oct. 20 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie: "Ghostbusters"
(1984), starring Bill Murray,
Dan Ackroyd and Sigourney
Weaver (p. 8)
Mon, Oct. 21 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
7:00 pm, "Dreams and Spiritual
Imagination" Class
Tues, Oct. 22 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Nominating and Leadership
Development (via Zoom)
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)
Wed, Oct. 23 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
Thurs, Oct. 24 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Oct. 25 Church Office Closed
Sat, Oct. 26 10:00 am, Al-Anon
Shoreline Community Services
Family Fall Festival
at LJ UMC (p. 4)

Week 5

Sun, Oct. 27 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
OUTDOOR CHURCH
Blessing of the Animals
12:00 pm, Growing in Faith
Mon, Oct. 28 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Oct. 29 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Oct. 30 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Oct. 31 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



All Saints' Sunday: November 3rd

On Sunday, November 3rd we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday, a time when we remember those within our faith community and beyond who have died in the last year. We will read each name, light a candle and share in a communal time of honoring and reflecting on the saints who have gone before us. If you would like to include the name of a family member or friend who has died in the last year, please email their name and relation to you to the church office on or before October 27th.

We Love and Worship God

October Worship/ Scriptures

- October 6** World Communion Sunday
Holy Communion
Do Unto Others: Kindness
Luke 6:31-36
- October 13** Do Unto Others: Compassion
Guest Preacher: Adam Marshall
Isaiah 11:6-9
- October 20** Do Unto Others: Humility
The Sacrament of Baptism
Ephesians 4:1-6
- October 27** OUTDOOR CHURCH
Blessing of the Animals
Do Unto Others: Respect
1 Corinthians 12:1-26

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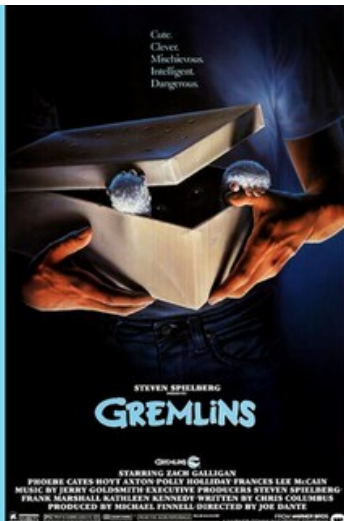
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October Movies Are More Silly Than Scary

By Craig Roberts



Movie comedies are always a great way to induce some laughter into our lives—and who doesn't need more of that? October's movies were both released 40 years ago in 1984—and while they are a bit spooky, they aren't very scary at all.

On Sunday October 6^h, we'll screen "Gremlins," a movie that serves as a great example about always following instructions.

Two weeks later, on Sunday October 20^h, we'll go back to "OG" paranormal fighting force, "Ghostbusters," starring Dan Ackroyd, Bill Murray and Sigourney Weaver.

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)!