



BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

November 2024

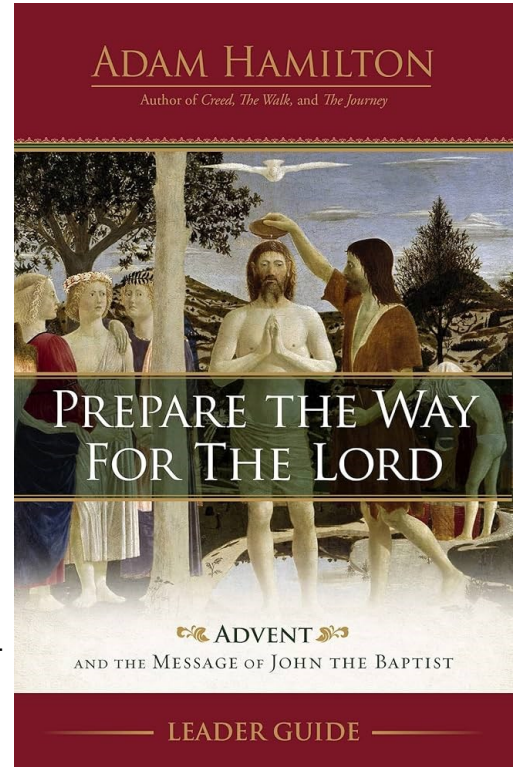
Advent Small Group: Prepare the Way for the Lord!

By Adam M

In the grand scheme of the Christian Faith, John the Baptist may seem like a supporting character. He is named in every gospel, and some Messianic prophecies even include him. The importance of his ministry in modern times, however, might go completely unappreciated.

Advent is the liturgical season in the lead up to Christmas, inviting us to prepare our hearts for the Advent of Christ. Although this traditionally involves reflections on pregnancies and angels and wise men, this year we will be taking a different approach. Led by a four-week video series from Adam Hamilton -- Prepare The Way For the Lord -- we will prepare our hearts for Christ's coming through the life and ministry of John the Baptist.

This small group meets via Zoom on Monday evenings starting December 2nd at 6:30pm. No advance work is necessary since we will watch Adam Hamilton's videos together. You are welcome to explore Adam Hamilton's companion book alongside this small group. To register or ask questions, please email AdamM@pbumc.org. Hope to see you then!



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 ASAP.

Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

There is much that is happening at church during the month of November and I want to highlight several opportunities toward the end of this busy month. I hope you'll mark your calendars now so that you can enjoy and take part in these special events!

On Sunday, November 24th we will celebrate Gratitude Sunday. We'll sing beloved Thanksgiving hymns and have an opportunity to share our reflections on gratitude during worship. For what are you grateful? How have you experienced gratitude in good or hard times this year? For what relationships, hobbies, work, insights, challenges or discoveries are you grateful? Where and how does gratitude show up in your life of faith? I invite you to ponder these questions in preparation for Gratitude Sunday. There will be opportunities to share for those who wish to share. On Gratitude Sunday, we'll also gather our Estimated Giving Cards for 2025. We'll bring them forward during a designated time in the service as a sign of our gratitude to God in whose love and care we are always held.

On Tuesday, November 26th, we'll meet for our Annual Church Conference at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. This annual meeting is part business meeting but it's also deeply spiritual. We'll receive reports from committees. We'll share a video that celebrates our ministries over the last year. And we'll turn our

attention and intention to the year ahead as we ponder where and how God is calling us now. Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Luis Garcia, will preside at this year's meeting. I hope you can join us as we receive Rev. Garcia's wisdom and guidance and share with him the life-giving things that are happening in and through PB UMC.

On Wednesday, November 27th, Project Grace, our meal that supports those who are hungry and/or experiencing homelessness, will be serving up traditional Thanksgiving fare. These meals are still being offered "to go" style but extra hands would be greatly appreciated as we prepare, provide and clean up for "Project Grace Thanksgiving." Please reach out to me if you're interested in being a part of this meaningful ministry on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving or any other Wednesday!

I pray these full, tender and meaningful months ahead bring many opportunities – at church and elsewhere – for our cups to be filled with all that enhances life within and around us. I am grateful for these days ahead and grateful to be in relationship and community with all of you.

In Christ,
Pastor Lori



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering of good souls, enjoying food and fellowship at one of our wonderful local restaurants. On November 21st we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Richard Walker's Pancake House in La Jolla. Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, November 19th so we can reserve a table big enough for all!

Time for Another Game Day!

By Hope A

For those who enjoy mahjong or wish to bring other games, we will gather in the social hall on Sunday, November 10th, at 11:30 a.m. to play games until about 3:00 p.m. or when we get tired. ;-) Bring your lunch and perhaps a snack or beverage to share. If you want to learn Chinese style mahjong, please know that we love to teach. For more information, talk to Kathy W or Hope A. It's helpful to know if you plan to come so we can set up enough tables.

We Care for One Another

**Kidz
Korner**

Thank you to our Sunday School team for offering a wonderful Fall Festival that was a gift to the neighborhood and great fun for all! Please pray for our Sunday School children and our kind, caring Sunday School workers and volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. If you are interested in volunteering one time per month to work with our Sunday School kids, please reach out to the Pastor Lori.

Caring Ministry Need for November: Greeters

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 receptions. Thank you to those who volunteered.

The need for November is **GREETERS**. While we have lots of friendly, caring people at PB UMC, it is ideal to have a designated "greeter" each Sunday. That person would greet folks as they arrive, assist visitors as needed and generally be the face and hands and heart of PB UMC to all who come through the door. Greeters would arrive between 9:30 and 9:40, welcome folks as they arrive and then take their seat in worship shortly after the service begins. If this sounds like a ministry that would suit your gifts and interests, 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. 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!



November Communion Offering Interfaith Shelter Network

PB UMC has participated in San Diego's Interfaith Shelter Network (ISN) for decades. Our November communion offering will benefit that worthy organization.

Their website (www.interfaithshelter.org) states that ISN is "Empowering connections between congregations and social service agencies in order to provide shelter and hope to the unhoused in San Diego."

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We Grow in Grace & Faith



PB UMC celebrated the baptism of Nikolai and received Tess and Linda into membership into the church last month.

Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott, aka grandfather of Nikolai, baptized Nikolai and was a central part of this special day.

Photo by Liesl H



Clockwise from upper left: 1) Pastor Lori joins the costumed kids during Outdoor Church's Children's Time; 2) Drew D and Cat T staff a table at the first PB UMC Fall Festival; 3) Pastor Lori, Hope A and Pat and Lea Ann W also greet Fall Festival guests.

Photos 1 and 2 by Mary Margaret R
Photo 3 by Pastor Lori

We Reach Out to Others

New Member Spotlight: Karen F and Catherine S

By Les B

In early August I was welcomed to Karen and Catherine's home for a delicious breakfast and shared in a "Welcome to PB UMC" conversation. Here's a window into our time together:

Karen F and Catherine S began attending PB UMC this past December. Karen attended First UMC and transferred her membership chiefly because she, "appreciates our traditional style of worship, enjoys the wonderful sermons and loves the music. Catherine was raised as a Catholic and has not attended church since she was in her 20's. She says she feels "comfortably at home" in our congregation.

Both retired teachers, Karen is an elementary teacher and Catherine taught African History at Iona University for 47 years. They met on the Appalachian Trail in 2011 and continue to hike on the trail several times a year. Catherine moved to San Diego in 2019 to join Karen. A lover of music, Karen's favorite scripture is Psalm 150 and Cathryn's favorite scripture is Isaiah 6:8, "Here I am. Send me!"

After being treated to a most amazing breakfast, I heard a couple of phrases echoing as I drove home: "Music matters so much to my faith, and it is wonderful here," and "I'm looking forward to seeing the places I will fit in here."

How lovely is that?



Catherine S and Karen F (with Cindy B in back) staff a booth at this year's first PB UMC Fall Festival.

Photo by Mary Margaret R

Circle of Support

September 2024

Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in September		
Giving	\$ 24,692	\$ 21,540
Other Income	\$ 17,068	\$ 20,632
Total Available for Ministry	\$ 41,760	\$ 42,172
Total Expended for Ministry	\$ 29,287	\$ 35,799
Income Minus Expenses	\$ 12,473	\$ 6,373
2024 Year-To-Date		
Giving	\$187,302	\$193,860
Other Income	\$120,869	\$115,340
Total Available for Ministry	\$308,171	\$309,200
Total Expended for Ministry	\$329,316	\$324,191
Income Minus Expenses	(\$ 21,146)	(\$ 14,991)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T

Giving was generous for September, thank you for your faithful dedication! 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!

November Memory Verses

Colossians 3:15 (NRSVUE): And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.
And be thankful.

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

Fri, Nov. 1 Church Office Closed
Sat, Nov. 2 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 2

Sun, Nov. 3 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship and Communion
11:30 am, Growing in Faith
1:00 pm, Movie: "My Fair Lady"
(1984), starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison (p. 8)
Mon, Nov. 4 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov. 5 ELECTION DAY: If you're not registered to vote, you can register and vote at your polling place (sdvote.com)
9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Nov. 6 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov. 7 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Nov. 8 Church Office Closed
Sat, Nov. 9 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 3

Sun, Nov. 10 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Game Day (p. 2)
Mon, Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY
Church Office Closed
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov. 12 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Nov. 13 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov. 14 7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Nov. 15 Church Office Closed
3:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)
Sat, Nov. 16 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 4

Sun, Nov. 17 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie: "Steel Magnolias"
(1989), starring Shirley MacLaine, Sally Field, Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis, Daryl Hannah and Dolly Parton (p. 8)
Mon, Nov. 18 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov. 19 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
6:00 pm, Nominating and Leadership Development (via Zoom)
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)
Wed, Nov. 20 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov. 21 *Beach Breeze* Materials Due
Noon, Lunch Bunch (p. 2)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Nov. 22 Church Office Closed
Sat, Nov. 23 10:00 am, Al-Anon

Week 5

Sun, Nov. 24 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
12:00 pm, Growing in Faith
Mon, Nov. 25 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov. 26 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Annual PB UMC Charge Conference, Hughes Hall
Wed, Nov. 27 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministries
THANKSGIVING DAY
Church Office Closed
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Nov. 29 Church Office Closed
Sat, Nov. 30 10:00 am, Al-Anon
TBD, Hanging of the Greens



We Love and Worship God

November Worship/ Scriptures

- November 3** Do Unto Others: Love
All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion
Matthew 22:34-40
- November 10** Veteran’s Day
Mark 12:38-44
- November 17** Mark 13:1-8
- November 24** Gratitude Sunday
Psalm 126
Matthew 6:25-33

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November Movies Spotlight Fantastic Actresses

By Craig Roberts

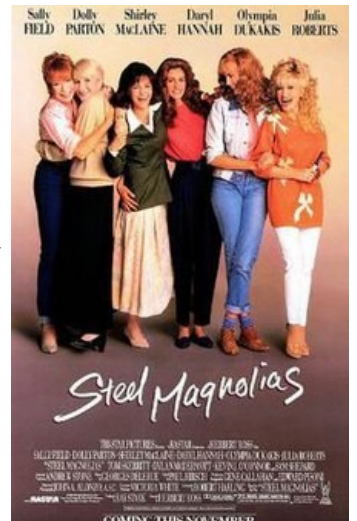
Movie comedies are always a great way to induce some laughter into our lives—and who doesn’t need more of that? November’s movies feature many of film’s greatest actresses.



On Sunday November 3rd, we’ll celebrate the 60th anniversary of 1964’s Oscar winner for Best Picture, “My Fair Lady,” starring the great Audrey Hepburn. This classic movie musical won a total of eight Academy Awards and is a “must see” picture. Please note: like most movie musicals of its era, this film runs rather long by today’s standards—almost three hours— and we will have a mid-film break.

Two weeks later, on Sunday November 17^h, we’ll celebrate the 35th anniversary of the 1989 classic “Steel Magnolias.” This comedy/drama stars six scene-stealing actresses: Daryl Hannah, Dolly Parton and Oscar-winners Olympia Dukakis, Shirley MacLaine, Sally Field and Julia Roberts (in one her earliest film roles).

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)!