Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church April 2025

PB UMC members and friends created different items of comfort for needy and unhoused folks last month.

At left, David P. models one of the home-made beanies created by his wife Teri (daughter of the late Al Herman) for those who need them.

Below, from left to right, Adam M., Barbara C. and Tami J. display the waterproof mats they created from plastic bags under the tutelage of LJ UMC member Seth Cosford on March 23rd.

All photos by Pastor Lori

Pastor Lori's Monthly Message

Beloveds in Christ,

Thank you for your wonderful engagement with our Lenten theme "Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes." These days we often find ourselves pulled toward positions and camps, opinions and polarities. It is a joy navigating the messy middle places with you as we look for God, ourselves and one another in new and life-giving ways this Lenten season.

Lent moves us with intention toward Easter and Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter), which will soon be here! I invite you to mark your calendars now and join us for our Holy Week offerings. These services are designed to help us move physically, emotionally and spiritually through Holy Week in a way that opens our hearts and spirits to the Good News of Easter.

On Thursday, April 17th, our Maundy Thursday service will be at La Jolla UMC at 6:30 p.m. Maundy is a Latin word that means "mandate" and on Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' mandate to us at the last supper to love one another as God loves us.

On Good Friday, April 18th, we'll offer a service at PB UMC at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday marks the day of Christ's crucifixion, not "good" in any traditional sense but we ponder God's goodness in the midst of the direst of life's moments and circumstances.

On Easter Sunday, we'll greet the dawn and the risen Christ at our Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on Mission Bay. This is a casual, bundle up, bring your own chair and your family and friends to celebrate Easter morn with communion, song and friendship on our beautiful bay. And at 10:00 a.m. we'll celebrate together in our sanctuary with beautiful music, the Word, prayer, Easter lilies and the glory of God's light and life shining among us.

Easter shapes who we are as Christ's representatives, what we do and how we go about doing it in a complex world that pulls us in so many different directions. To hear this good news, to receive it deep down in our bodies and hearts and bones is to lean into the redemptive work of God that goes on within and around us every single day. I hope and pray amid all that is going on in your life this spring that you give yourself the gift of "Easter," making time and space to be touched by its grace, filled with its light and renewed by its spirit for the living of these days.

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 April 24th we'll meet at noon for a no host lunch at Mr. Peabody's, 6110 Friars Road (peabodysburgers.com). Please note that parking around this restaurant is limited, so plan accordingly.

Planning to attend? Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, April 22ne so we can reserve a table big enough for all!

Mr. Peabody's
BURGERS & ALE

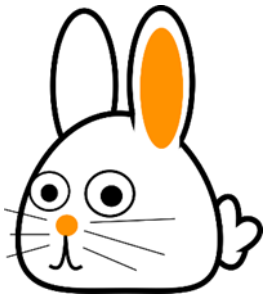
We Care for One Another

The Easter Bunny Needs You!

We are looking forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after worship. Can you lend a hand by donating plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy or other goodies? You'll find a donation box in the church entryway where you can drop off your Easter treats.

Please reach out to Pastor Lori if you're able to help with the Easter Egg Hunt (tons of fun!) and don't forget to invite friends and family to join us for Easter Sunday worship and the festivities to follow!

Exciting, breaking news…we'll have an extra special guest at the Easter Egg Hunt…you won't want to miss it!



"Going Away" Party in Honor of Phyllis Tachco

By Pastor Lori

The family of Phyllis Tachco invites PB UMC family and friends to join in a celebration of Phyllis' life on Saturday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Anna, Phyllis' daughter. (Please contact Pastor Lori or the Church office for the address. Anna lives in Pacific Beach.)

All are welcome to celebrate Phyllis and her loving, gracious life in a way that would bring her joy!

The *Beach Breeze* is a monthly publication of the Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Please visit our website at www.myPBchurch.org.

Beach Breeze Editor: Craig Roberts

We Grow in Grace & Faith

April Game Day

By Hope A.

Here's a great chance to meet friends who don't all attend worship. We'll gather in the social hall at about 11:30 to noon on Sunday, April 6th, and play Chinese mahjong (and other games if you like to bring them) for about 2-3 hours or till we are tired.

Bring your lunch or pick one up at a nearby food place—and a snack to share if you like. Families and newcomers are always encouraged—we love to teach!

If you have questions, please talk to Kathy W. or me.

The End Time: Truth Or Consequences

By Adam M.

Save the date! On Sunday May 18th, Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott will be teaching a one-session class on the end times, exploring the book of Revelation and more. It will be held from 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. after church in the sanctuary. More details to come in next month's *Beach Breeze*.

Former US Bank Parking Lot No Longer Has Free Parking

PB UMC no longer has permission to park at this lot (NE corner of Grand and Ingraham) for free—please plan accordingly! If you are comfortable walking for a block or two, please look for street parking—this allows visitors to easily find a spot in our lot.

We Reach Out to Others

April Communion Offering

Project Grace Meal Service

For almost 30 years, PB UMC has been providing meals and a range of other services to those in need on Wednesday nights. While this effort has had other names in the past, for the last decade it's been known as Project Grace.

The April communion offering will go towards the church's expenses regarding this important outreach.

For more information: projectgracesd.org

Circle of Support

February 2025

Record of Generosity

	Actual	Budget
Activity in February		
Giving	$ 26,016	$ 22,040
Other Income	($ 4,340)	$ 14,735
Total Available for Ministry	$ 21,675	$ 30,748
Total Expended for Ministry	$ 31,488	$ 39,862
Income Minus Expenses	($ 9,813)	($ 9,113)

	Actual	Budget
2025 Year-To-Date		
Giving	$ 47,634	$ 44,080
Other Income	$ 22,753	$ 23,444
Total Available for Ministry	$ 70,388	$ 67,524
Total Expended for Ministry	$ 67,387	$ 79,723
Income Minus Expenses	$ 3,001	($ 12,199)

Reflections From the Finance Team

By Heide T.

Giving was generous for February, with pledged giving above budget. Other income is still balancing as are expenses (some February expenses did not post until March). We will stabilize as we move further into the year. 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 Offices Hours Now Intermittent

Church office hours are now variable — please call in advance to ensure that it's open.

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, Apr. 1 — 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Apr. 2 — 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Apr. 3 — 6:00 pm, Lenten Study (via Zoom)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Apr. 4 — Church Office Closed
Sat, Apr. 5 — 10:00 am, Al-Anon
1:00 pm, "Going Away" Party in Honor of Phyllis Tachco (p. 3) (Contact Pastor Lori or Church Office for location)
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 2

Sun, Apr. 6 — 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship (Communion Sunday)
12:00 pm, Game Day! (p.4)
Mon, Apr. 7 — 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Apr. 8 — 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Apr. 9 — 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Apr. 10 — 6:00 pm, Lenten Study (via Zoom)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Apr. 11 — Church Office Closed
3:00 pm, Finance Focus (via Zoom)
Sat, Apr. 12 — 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

Sun, Apr. 13 — Palm Sunday
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
1:00 pm, Movie: "Desperately Seeking Susan," starring Rosanna Arquette, Aiden Quinn and Madonna (1985) (p. 8)
Mon, Apr. 14 — 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Apr. 15 — 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
7:00 pm, Church Council (via Zoom)
Wed, Apr. 16 — 4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Apr. 17 — Maundy Thursday
6:30 pm, Service at LJ UMC (p. 2)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Apr. 18 — Good Friday
Church Office Closed
6:30 pm, Good Friday Service (p. 2)
Sat, Apr. 19 — 10:00 am, Al-Anon
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 4

Sun, Apr. 20 — EASTER SUNDAY
6:00 am, Sunrise Service at Crown Point (p. 2)
9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:00 am, Annual PB UMC Easter Egg Hunt (p. 3)
Mon, Apr. 21 — 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Apr. 22 — 9:30 am, Prayers and Squares Quilters
6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Apr. 23 — 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront
Thurs, Apr. 24 — *Beach Breeze* Materials Due
12:00 pm, Lunch Bunch (p. 2)
7:00 pm, Narc Anon
Fri, Apr. 25 — Church Office Closed
6:00 pm, Black Tie Bingo: Fundraiser for Shoreline Community Services—Catamaran Resort, Hotel and Spa (p. 5)
Sat, Apr. 26 — 10:00 am, Al-Anon
4:00 pm, Celestial Nights: Annual Fundraiser for the Interfaith Shelter Network—Coronado Yacht Club (p. 5)
5:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 5

Sun, Apr. 27 — 9:30 am, Prayer Circle
10:00 am, Worship
11:30 am, Growing in Faith
1:00 pm, Movie: "Date Night." starring Tina Fey and Steve Carrell (2010) (p. 8)
Mon, Apr. 28 — 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Apr. 29 — 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
Wed, Apr. 30 — 11:30 am, Scripture and Sermon Study
4:00 pm, SD Project Grace

We Love and Worship God

April Worship/Scriptures

April 6 Holy Communion
Luke 19: 1-10

April 13 Palm Sunday
Luke 19:29-40

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service
LJ UMC (6:30 p.m.)

April 18 Good Friday Service (6:30 p.m.)
Luke 23:32-49

April 20 Easter Sunday
Sunrise service at Crown Point Park (6:00 a.m.)
Easter Sunday Service (10:00 a.m.)
Luke 24:1-12

April 27 John 20:19-31
Guest Preacher:
Rev. Lesley Brogan

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Mistaken Identities Abound in April's Movies

By Craig Roberts

April's movies demonstrate how mistaken identity can result in a great story.

On Sunday April 13th, we'll celebrate the 40th anniversary of 1985's "Desperately Seeking Susan," starring Rosanna Arquette, Aiden Quinn and the one and only Madonna. But just who IS Susan? Come watch what some movie critics have designated the "most 80s movie ever."

On Sunday April 27th, we'll celebrate the 15th anniversary of 2010's "Date Night," the only pairing to date of the very funny Tina Fey and Steve Carrell. What would happen if your typical night out wound up like something out of a spy movie? Taraji P. Henson, Mark Wahlberg and Common also star with many, many other actors making hilarious cameo appearances.

All movies screen at 1:00 pm in Hughes Hall. Popcorn and other snacks are always available but please 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)!