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Our Mission Statement



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Please join us for the following
Easter services:

April 24th – Easter Sunday

- 6:15am – Sunrise Service at Kate Sessions Park
- 8:30am – Worship Service at Church
- 9:30am – Continental Breakfast
- 10am – Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30am – Worship Service at Church

Your gift to this year's 2011 Easter Offering shares the message of resurrection through missionaries touching lives around the globe...ministerial relief and assistance for our retired clergy...Disciples Women's and Men's ministries... Leadership Development...Evangelism Training... Hands-on Mission Work...and so much more. We encourage you to give generously in support of our denomination's mission and ministry throughout our nation and world.



The board has appointed a Nominating Committee to begin identifying new leaders for the upcoming 2011-12 year. In addition to the nominations of new elders and deacons, the committee will be trying to identify candidates who have an interest in serving on the board. Nominees are needed for the following board positions: President, Secretary and two Members-at-large. Those wishing to submit the name of a potential nominee are asked to submit them in writing to one of the following Nominating Committee members by May 15th:



Nominations

Anna May Southworth, Craig Johnson or Eileen Farrar

EASTER—It was only Palm Sunday, but more than one person at church was wearing a butterfly pin on their blouse or jacket. I commented to one of them, “Aren’t you wearing the butterfly a week early?” Without hesitation she responded, “Every Sunday is Easter Sunday!” Of course, she was right. In Christian tradition the 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays for that very reason. The early church leaders understood that an important part of gathering for worship each Sunday was celebrating Jesus’ triumphal resurrection, even during the more somber and sacrificial season of Lent.

We need those reminders that Easter isn’t simply a one-day spring-time celebration. For Christians, Easter is a year-round belief and experience in God’s power to raise up new life. It isn’t relegated to an annual celebration of what God did in Jesus some 2,000 years ago. For we continue to see God raising up new life in all kinds of ways and places!

I was reminded of this powerful truth a few months ago while visiting some ministries in Tijuana as part of the Borders Conference sponsored by the Global Ministries office of our larger Church. One of the ministries we visited was called the Las Memorias Center in a very impoverished community of Tijuana called La Morita. This church and center was established in 1999 to house and care for dozens of men, women and children who have been infected/affected by HIV/AIDS and/or alcohol or drug dependency. The director, Antonio Granillo, is himself an Easter miracle. He was a homeless drug addict living on the streets of Tijuana when God began a work in him that has led not only to sobriety, but to his leadership of this life-saving and life-giving ministry. Those of us listening to his powerful story experienced Easter in February!

We’ve experienced similar kinds of Easter stories in our own church, families and community. Time and again we have had the privilege of witnessing God’s resurrection power in the hearts and lives of those who were hurting and/or lost. Every time we are privileged to share in that experience, we celebrate the gift of Easter.

For many years there was a large butterfly that hung just above the cross in our original sanctuary. It started out a part of our annual Easter décor, but one year it was left there even after Easter and came to stand as a permanent reminder that God is still in the resurrection business. May we continue to don our butterfly pins and apparel even after Easter Sunday has faded away as our reminder that we are an Easter people...in all seasons!

He is Risen, Brian

Sitting in my office watching the humming birds and the slow blooming of the lilies, roses and lavender I am invited to remember the joy of Resurrection Sunday. Now you are invited to remember the celebrations of Easter Sunday and live fully into that memory and promise!

Fifty Robins

January rain, fine spray from a celestial hose, blows across the yard,
beads on the bare branches of the neighbor’s walnut tree.

The first robins of winter descend like drunken paratroopers;
I imagine they’ve been feasting on fermented pyracantha berries
the way they drop, woozy and chortling, to the ground,
gleefully snagging drowning worms from the saturated soil.

Beneath the dripping camellia bush my cats tremble with desire
outnumbered, they know it is futile to attack.

Caught between mind and year, yearnings like so many baited hooks
drifting into deep water, I surface, summoned back
to this moment by the raucous delight of fifty robins,
their tangerine breasts small hearths in the grey morning.

- Amber Coverdale Sumrall

The Christ is Risen—Risen indeed! - Amen

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Sharon , student of divinity

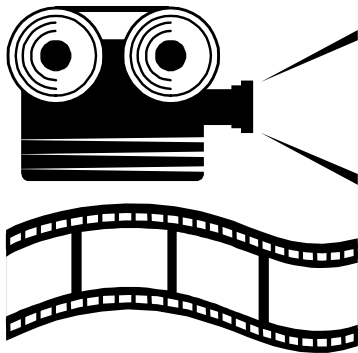
**Sunday
Schedule**

9:00am
Bible Study

10:30am
Worship &
Children's Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1) Missions Sunday 12pm Nominating Cmte 6:30pm Pastor's  Book Club	2) 6pm Prayer Ministry	3) 9:30am Tai Chi	4)	5) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal	6) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	7) 8am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
8)  Mother's Day Blanket Sunday	9) 6pm Prayer Ministry 7pm Board Mtg	10) 9:30am Tai Chi	11)	12) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal	13) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	14)  Movie Night 5:30pm BYO-Dinner 6:30pm Movie
15) Nominations Due Today	16) 6pm Prayer Ministry	17) 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30pm WISH	18) <i>-Newsletter-</i> 10:30am CWF	19) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal	20) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	21) 6am Tijuana House Build Church Yard Sale  7am-1pm
22)	23) 6pm Prayer Ministry	24) 9:30am Tai Chi	25) 10am-Noon Games Day	26) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal	27) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	28)
29)	30) Memorial Day  -Office Closed- 6pm Prayer Ministry	31) 9:30am Tai Chi				



Movie Nite

May 14th

Next month we will be launching our first Movie Nite on Saturday, May 14th, featuring the movie “Up”. The doors will open at 5:30pm for those who want to bring their own dinner and enjoy some fellowship before the movie, then the movie will begin at 6:30pm. This Disney-Pixar animated movie has captivated audiences across generational lines, so make plans to join us for a fun evening of fellowship together!

Small Groups

Games Day:

Wednesday, April 27th, 10am–noon
at Clairemont Christian Church.

Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study:

Saturday, May 7th, 8:00am

Women In Sisterhood (WISH):

Tuesday, May 17th, 6:30pm

CWF:

Wednesday, May 18th, 10:30am

Prayer Ministry:

“Hour of Prayer” Monday nights, 6:00pm

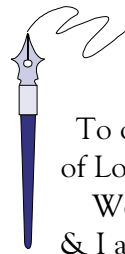
Tai Chi:

Tuesday mornings 9:30am

Recovery in Christ:

Friday evenings, 7:15pm

Sunday Morning Adult Study: The Chronological Bible – read through the Bible in a year in chronological order.
Sunday mornings, 9:00am



A Word of Thanks

To our much loved family at the corner of Loring and Dawes,

Wow! Can you guys and gals pray! Ed & I are both kept lifted up into God’s armor all the time. And not only that, but your calls and visits, cards, and messages sent verbally on Sundays, are truly the wind beneath our wings.

To mix metaphors, it’s a bumpy road, but the ruts aren’t nearly so deep with your loving support. You all are our family. May God bless you real good, as we have been blessed by you.

Ed & Leona BonDurant

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

05/03 Steve & Kathleen McHenry

05/10 Ed & Leona BonDurant



05/08 Meg Deitz

05/09 Elaine Hawkins

05/10 Pamela Pelletier

05/11 Sylvia Trenton

05/11 Joseph Podhorsky

05/12 Katharine Markland

05/19 Marilyn Webb

05/25 Eileen Farrar

05/26 George Podhorsky

05/29 John Tohm

Youth News

Our thanks to those high school youth who participated in the recent Interfaith Shelter Network dinner...Katie Tedford, Ronnie Calabrese, Lauren Nordholm, Nikki Zanchetta, James Bishop, Merrick Butler and Eric Browne. You guys did an awesome job (with a little help from your parents!). We're also grateful to Kyle Griffith, Aurora Bishop and Pastor Brian for hosting the Youth All-Nighter last week. Next up for our youth...the middle schoolers will be meeting on Good Friday at 5pm for an egg-stuffing party in advance of the Easter Egg Hunt...and both groups are invited to participate in the upcoming Loch Leven Work Weekend on May 14-15. Anyone interested should contact Debbie Tedford asap. And finally, we already have some youth signed up for the Tijuana House Build on May 21st, so if you would like to join them please contact Pastor Brian asap. Thanks for all you're doing to share the love of Christ in our community and world!

This year's Summer Camp schedule at Loch Leven Christian Camp appears below. Pick up your registration forms on the youth bulletin board or go on-line to www.lochleven.org. As always, the church offers half-scholarships for all of our kids who attend summer camp... so register now!



Mini Camp, July 6th-9th

For those entering 2nd-3rd grade.
\$250, Postmark on/before June 6th

Junior Camp, June 26th—July 2nd

For those entering 4th-6th grade.
\$340, Postmark on/before May 26th

Chi Rho Camp, July 17th-23rd

For those entering 7th-8th grade.
\$340, Postmark on/before June 17th

CYF I, July 24th—30th

For those entering 9th-10th grade.
\$340, Postmark on/before June 24th

CYF II, July 31st—August 6th

For those entering 11th-12th grade.
\$340, Postmark on/before July 1st



Church Parking Lot Sale

**Saturday
May 21st
7am-1pm**

We will be having a "Parking Lot Sale" at church on Saturday, May 21st, from 7am to 1pm. If you're interested in participating, you will receive two parking spaces. One space for your vehicle and one space for your sale items. We are asking a 10% tithe of your profits to go to the church. If you are interested in signing up, please see George Podhorsky.

Pastor's Book Club—May 1st



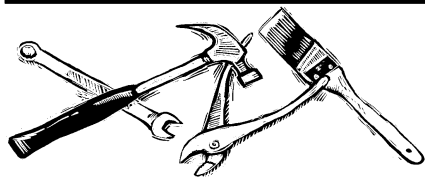
After our first meeting of the new Pastor's Book Club the consensus of the group was to read Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson for our next discussion. In a recent story on "60 Minutes" both the book and the work being done by Mortenson are being called into question for their veracity. Our discussion will certainly incorporate some of this criticism, but we will also focus our discussion on the theory put forth by Mortenson that education, especially of girls, is critical in creating dramatic and lasting change in previously uneducated and impoverished communities. So join us on Sunday, May 1st, at 6:30pm for what promises to be a lively discussion.



Blankets for Mother's Day

Are you racking your brain for a perfect way to honor Mom on Mother's Day? The Global Ministries **Blankets Plus** program gives the warmth of blankets worldwide to those in need. Envelopes and cards will be available with your donation at the 'Blankets Table' May 1st and May 8th. Mom will be honored with a gift chosen with thoughtfulness and compassion in mind.

Tijuana House Build



Church of the Valley has invited us to join them for another Tijuana House Build through Project Mercy on Saturday, May 21st. We will meet at the church at 6am and carpool to the border where we will meet the COV group at 7am. We will return to PBCC later that evening. Both skilled and unskilled builders are welcome, so please signup on the bulletin board if you would like to join us!

CCSA Hunger Walk

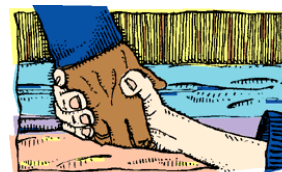
On Saturday, April 9th, about 200 volunteers from various area churches assembled at Mission Bay Park for the 4.2 mile "Hunger Walk". Thanks to our 12 spry walkers and the generosity of PBCC members and friends, over \$1200 dollars was raised from our congregation. The walk is CCSA's largest fund-raiser of the year. These dollars help the homeless and less fortunate people in Clairemont and Pacific Beach. As these numbers are ever increasing, your efforts will help with food, clothing, bus passes and transportation, as well as directing people toward help and available resources. Go team PBCC!



Week of Compassion Update

Many of you have given gifts in support of the Japanese relief efforts following the devastating earthquake and tsunami there last month. To date we have received \$1,200 in support of those in need in Japan. Thank you for your generosity and compassion for those in such great need.

Interfaith Shelter Network



Our church partnered with PB United Methodist Church again this year in providing shelter to 10 homeless men and women as part of the Interfaith Shelter Network beach area rotation. Our high school youth group provided a wonderful dinner under the leadership of Janice Calabrese and Debbie Tedford, and meals were also provided by George Podhorsky, Doug & Lucie Sovinsky and Liz Smith & Greg Peake. We also had five overnight supervisors: Jay Williams, Brian Daly, Annie Kelley, Dan Aughinbaugh and Sharon Mann. So a big "thank you" to each and every one of you for your support of this ministry to those in need!

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BY OUR ATTENDANCE

03/27/11	100
04/03/11	113
04/10/11	114
04/17/11	112

BY OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Weekly Need: \$3,106

03/27/11	\$2,046
04/03/11	\$2,310
04/10/11	\$7,671
04/17/11	\$2,526

BY OUR PRAYERS

Congregation

Bill Bostick
Nathan Corey
The Norton Family
Alice Roth
Ed & Leona BonDurant
Bob Jones
Wilma Emmons
Glen MacPherson
Fusco Family
William Dudas
Recovery In Christ

Friends & Family

Kaely Buckel
Daniel BonDurant
Dick Minor
Corryne Biesman
Robert Kurosky
Brooke Strong
Rose Eckerman
Tom Charleston
Eileen Kelley
Reeves Family
Alica Langford Straley
Bob & Grace Marr

Frank Ortez
Colleen Silva
Mary Podhorsky
Wendy Grace
Dixie Baker
Martha Fernandez
Leon Cuervo
Pattie Jo Kaczala
Kathy Ralls
Sonya Norton
Joan Lomberto
Rosalie Capp
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Chris Barker
Ron Spiewak
Kerrie Morfitt
Terry & Dora Rinke

Silas Zeeh
Bernard Crosby
Shane O'Connell
Doris Larsen
Marie Julian
Nicole Luongo
Bruce Smith
Micki McQueen
Jean Neal
Patricia Spathes
Christine Miller
Joe Bailon
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Karen Liss
James Birts
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