

Pacific Beach Christian Church

The Front Porch



JUNE 18, 2020

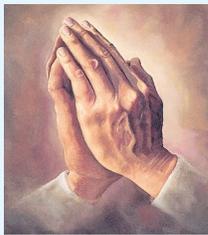
It is human nature to size people up and to categorize and group them accordingly. Black. White. Latino. Asian. Rich. Poor. Homeless. Cop. Criminal. Successful. Lazy. Old. Young. Muslim. Jew. Catholic. Mormon. Christian. Atheist. Republican. Democrat. Independent. White collar. Blue collar. Gay. Straight. Trans. I could go on and on, but you get the point. We are human, therefore we are all guilty of judging. We don't always see people for who they really are. Perhaps that is why the story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well in John 4 is so striking. He was Jewish and she was a Samaritan. Strike one. He was a man alone and she was a woman alone and they encountered each other in a public setting. Strike two. He was unmarried and she had been married five times and was living with a man not her husband. Strike three. But in this case it was not three strikes and you're out. Jesus saw something more. He saw a woman who needed to be reminded she was a child of God and highly valued. That encounter changed her. One of our biggest challenges as disciples of Jesus is to follow his lead. To resist the temptation to categorize and judge. To see the people we encounter as a child of God...beloved...and highly valued. Janice Calabrese and her family lost a dear friend last week to suicide. Their friend was Transgender. Kevin had become Secret. Kevin was a successful attorney with a family who loved him. Secret was fired from her job and exiled from her family. Kevin was a Christian. Secret suffered the rejection of many Christians. The Calabreses saw her as a child of God and highly valued. That was a gift to her, but unfortunately it was a very rare gift. The pain she carried was greater than the love she received. I pray that she now knows that she really is a child of God and highly valued. I also pray that others will not have to wait until they die to know that truth.



-Brian

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 06/06 Tony & Jennifer Osorio
06/08 Roger & Susana Clark
06/17 Robbie & Laura Frazier
06/25 Jack & Kelley Dapra
06/28 Deiter & Margaret Steinrichter
06/29 RJ & Andrea Lucchesi



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 06/06 Siri Starker
06/09 Christian Julian
06/10 Katherine Levy
06/11 Lance Johnson
06/12 Ron Calabrese
06/14 Addison Griffith
06/20 Shane Brunberg
06/22 Rip Rippetoe
06/24 Tiffany Gilmore
06/25 Ben Frazier
Rick Thornberry
06/26 Steve Butler
06/26 Jennifer Osorio
06/27 Brendan Daly
06/28 James Carroll
06/28 Darwin Mann
06/30 Marjorie Swailes



MORNING DEVOTIONS

Pastors Brian and Rip continue to take turns sharing morning devotions via Facebook Live on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8am. We invite you to visit the church's Facebook page for all the videos of our previous morning devotions and worship services.

WORSHIP SERVICE NOW LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE

We are happy to announce that our worship services are now available on our website for those of you not on Facebook. Simply visit our website at www.pbchristian.com and click the "View" menu option on our homepage on Sundays at 10:30am. The services will then be posted for viewing later under the "Previous Services" menu option. This option will be in addition to Facebook Live for those who are not on Facebook or would prefer using the website. Our thanks to Rip for making this new option possible!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Don Hill: had a scan this week and will begin radiation treatment later this month for a recurrence of prostate cancer

Jeff McDowell: prayers for strength and travel safety has he prepares to return to the U.S. next week for further medical support and treatment

Calabrese Family: please hold the Calabrese family in prayer following the loss of a close family friend to suicide

Rippetoe Family: please also hold the Rippetoe family in prayer following the loss of Rip's cousin to suicide

Joyce Rooks: we give thanks that Melba's daughter has been released from the hospital and rehab and is regaining her strength after a recent fall

Joanne Robbins: Laura Frazier has requested prayer for her mother as she undergoes tests on a mass found in her lung

Glenn Clarke: Debbie Sehlhorst has requested prayer for her father as he undergoes treatment for heart-related issues.

THE ROAD TO TRANSFORMATION Begins this Saturday June 20th

One of the primary goals for us as people of faith is to experience transformation in our hearts, minds and lives. The Apostle Paul describes it as becoming a 'new creation'...***“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new”*** (2 Corinthians 5:17). But truth be told, we don't always feel like a 'new creation'. Sometimes old habits, hurts and hang-ups still have their way with us. So how do we experience transformation that is real and also lasting? If that's a question you would like answers to then come join us on Saturday mornings beginning June 20th for an outdoor summer series that will meet in our prayer garden from 10-11am. Bring a chair, a hat, some sunscreen, sun glasses, a bible, a note pad, a pen, and an open mind and heart. We will also practice social distancing, so please also bring a mask. If you have been longing for some personal connection and interaction with your church family, this group might help to satisfy that longing. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Brian.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Our board of directors made a decision at Monday's board meeting to continue keeping the sanctuary closed for worship for at least another month given the restrictive nature of the current State and County guidelines for churches. In the interim we will be sending an informational letter and congregational survey to give you an opportunity to share your thoughts, suggestions, concerns and questions. We will also continue to explore creative options to allow for some form of in-person worship in the future while also honoring the guidelines and doing our part to minimize the risk of exposure to the virus. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this challenging time.

REFLECTION

“Together in Solitude: The Challenge”

If you're anxious that all have been asked to stay home,

Take comfort in knowing you are not alone.

Tonight at 8, wherever you are,
Gaze up at the sky and pick out a star.

A Moment alone or with people you love,
We all share the beautiful sky high above.

Take 30 seconds, be still in your mind;
Reflect on a happy, most memorable time.

The littlest things can give hearts a lift;
If we pause, take a moment, and cherish
our gifts.

-Jennifer N. Evensen

(March 27, 2020)



INSPIRATION

The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.

-Helen Keller



STAYING CONNECTED

Our **worship services** will continue to be live streamed on Sunday mornings at 10:30am via our Facebook page, and **now** also on our website (click on LIVE) to view. The services are then posted on the page thereafter for anyone who would like to access them later or share them with a friend or family member.

We are also grateful to those of you who have been posting on the **Pacific Beach Christian Church Social page**. This is a separate Facebook page that allows you to share pictures and videos with your church family. And finally, our **small groups** continue to meet during the week via Zoom. We encourage you to stay connected by joining any of the following groups:

Tuesday Evenings (6pm): Sermon-based small group discussion

Wednesday Evening (7pm): Bible study on the book of Exodus.

Friday Evening (7:15pm): Recovery in Christ
If you are interested in joining one of these groups, simply call the church office and we will help get you set up.

REMEMBER TO SMILE



On average, a panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic"!

PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

The next book in our Pastor's Book Club series is entitled The Book of Forgiving by Desmond and Mpho Tutu. Brian will be doing a sermon series inspired by the book beginning this month. Those wishing to participate in a discussion of the book can join us for a Zoom meeting on Sunday, June 28th, at 5pm.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



"If there is any immortality to be had among us human beings, it is certainly only in the love that we leave behind. Fathers like mine don't ever die."

LEO BUSCAGLIA

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saint Brigid, in partnership with Catholic Charities and the San Diego Food Bank is distributing free food each week. You can request a food package for pick-up or home delivery by ordering online at ccdsd.org/efdn or by calling 619-323-2841. Food packages can also be picked up as a drive through service in the Saint Brigid church parking lot each week. Registration is required, and allows recipients to identify a distribution site most convenient for them. If you show up on distribution day, you can also register onsite. Register online at: ccdsd.org/efdn.

There is plenty food available and it is available to anyone in the county.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food."

