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Our Mission Statement



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Worship & Picnic in the Park

This summer's annual "Worship in the Park and Picnic" is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th, at Kate Sessions Park beginning at 10:45am. We invite you to bring a lawn chair or blanket to join us for this special inter-generational worship celebration as we gather under the trees to praise God amidst the beauty that surrounds us.

Following worship we will begin our annual picnic with lots of great food, fellowship, and fun games for all ages. The church will supply the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and drinks. We are asking those whose last names begin with letters A-M to bring a dessert and those beginning with the letters N-Z to bring a salad or side dish. Kate Sessions Park is located on Lamont Street just north of Beryl Street in Pacific Beach. We hope you will join us for this annual tradition of fun and fellowship outside our church walls!



Week of Compassion—Hurricane Harvey

Our neighbors to the South in Texas and Louisiana are suffering through a catastrophic disaster as the effects of Hurricane Harvey linger on this week with continued flooding rain. The impact of this storm will be felt in the hardest hit communities for months and even years. Your gifts to the church designated for "hurricane relief" will be directed through the Week of Compassion in support of the ongoing emergency relief efforts. Simply include a gift in the special WOC envelopes you will find in the sanctuary chairs, mail a gift to the church, or make a gift directly on-line via the www.disciples.org website or the www.weekofcompassion.org website. Thank you!

Our “Daly” Bread

“The wise of heart is called perceptive, and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness.”

Proverbs 16:21

WISDOM—One of the great blessings I have had in ministry these 23 years here at PBCC has been learning from our older ones. It is often said that with age comes wisdom. There is certainly some truth in that. But I am convinced it is even more true for those who have aged with an enduring faith.

Early in my ministry here I made a hospital visit to an older woman from our congregation named Marietta Reynolds. Marietta had been through much in her life, including an earlier bout with breast cancer. When I visited her in the hospital she was suffering the effects of liver cancer. She looked at me with a smile on her face and said rather matter-of-factly, *“Cancer is God’s gift to me.”* I was stunned. I was prepared to defend God...to share with her that if we believe Jesus is the purest lens we have for understanding God, then striking her with cancer (twice!) was not God’s doing, but the result of living in a broken world. She must have seen the consternation on my face and my theological wheels turning, so she followed her first statement with this one: *“So often we go through life just assuming we have tomorrow. I don’t make that assumption anymore. I receive every day as a gift and give thanks for that gift.”* I simply held her hand and smiled. She needed no words of comfort (or defense) from her pastor. She was simply sharing the wisdom of one who had been through some things... things that served to deepen her faith. Wisdom.

I had a similar meaningful exchange with Leona BonDurant a few years ago. Leona is another one of our older ones who has been through a few things, including the deaths of two husbands and a daughter. She had heard me lift up a family in prayer who had just lost a loved one, so after the service she was sitting in a chair and looked at me with a twinkle in her eye and said, *“You know, death isn’t always the enemy. Sometimes it comes as a friend.”* Again, I was silenced. Powerful words. Words born out of the experience of loss. Words of faith. Wisdom.

I thought of those words again recently following the death of Bear’s father. So many of you have reached out to us to offer your love, support and condolences. That means more to us than you know. But truth be told, Leona’s words help to soften the sting of the loss. Life had ceased being meaningful for John some time ago. He suffered from both dementia and Parkinson’s Disease. When death came, I couldn’t help but think it came as a friend.

I have been reminded time and again in our ministry together here at PBCC that life really is temporary...and life really is a gift. We are going through some challenging times right now...as a church, as a nation, and even globally. It is tempting to give into discouragement or despondency. But then we need only look at some of the things our older ones have been through...the Depression, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Civil Rights, Watergate (I could go on, but you get the idea)...and they might suggest that it is often out of our struggles that we learn to live into a better way...and day. If we heed those words then perhaps we can embrace our current turmoil as yet another opportunity to grow forward. Words of experience. Words of faith. Wisdom.

May it be so. May it be so.

Brian

September 2017



Sunday Schedule:

9:00am:

Revelation
(Youth Room)

Women's Study
(Church Library)

10:30am:

Worship and
Children's
Church

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1) 7:15pm RIC	2)
3) Missions Sunday	4) Labor Day: Office Closed 6-7:00pm Prayer Ministry	5) 7:00pm Adult Bible Study (church)	6) 7:00am Heavenly Manna	7) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal 8:00pm AA Big Book Study	8) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	9)
10) 10:45am Worship at Kate Sessions Park 	11) 6pm Prayer Ministry	12) 7:00pm Adult Bible Study (church)	13) 7:00am Heavenly Manna 10:30 CWF	14) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal 8:00pm AA Big Book	15) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ Pastor Gone →	16)
17) →	18) 13th Annual Golf Classic 6pm Prayer Ministry 7pm, Board Meeting	19) 7:00pm Adult Bible Study (church)	20) 7:00am Heavenly Manna	21) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal 8:00pm AA Big Book Study	22) 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	23)
24)	25) 6pm Prayer Ministry 7:00pm Elder's Meeting	26) 7:00pm Adult Bible Study (church)	27) 7:00am Heavenly Manna	28) 6:30pm Worship Rehearsal 8:00pm AA Big Book Study	29) 7:15pm, RIC Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat	30) Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat Loch Leven (to Oct. 1)

NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

As our new PBCC's Children's Ministry Coordinator, Sandy Roberts is primarily responsible for leadership and oversight of the Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings, along with related tasks on Sundays and during the week. Sandy was able to step into her new role quickly thanks to previous ministry experience! Although Sandy comes from a family in ministry (her mother and grandfather were both Assemblies of God pastors), Sandy didn't begin her own path to ministry until 2002 when she joined University Christian Church (UCC) here in San Diego. At that same time, Sandy was also working for SAIC as a military contractor with the US Navy, as web technologist and senior analyst. Serving the church called to Sandy more and more, and "it became impossible to say no!" She served UCC as a deacon and then as an ordained elder, handling pastoral care visits to the church community, hospitals and hospice. Sandy eventually served as Elder Chair. Wanting to know and do more, she experienced her call to ministry so she enrolled in the Certificate of Ministry Studies Program at the Pacific School of Religion, completing the two-year program in 2009. In 2010, Sandy received her first formal call to ministry, serving as a commissioned minister for senior care at UCC. She continued in that role for two years, until she took on more ministerial roles and duties. Among these duties were preaching, memorial services, worship planning and leadership, and children's church within worship. For a short period of time, Sandy was solo pastor on staff and then worked in partnership with an interim senior minister as UCC completed their pastoral search for a new senior minister. "It was definitely a learning experience, and also very formative for my own ministerial skillset," Sandy remembers. "That time period taught me so much, and my colleagues in ministry, both active and retired, gave me a lot of insight into the role of the ministry. But it's the people I served who gave me wisdom of the heart, and I wouldn't trade that for the world!"

In August 2015, Sandy stepped down from her ministry at UCC, but remained active in clergy organizations in San Diego. She joined PBCC in 2016. In addition to taking on the role of Children's Ministry Coordinator, she is also a new elder. Sandy has expressed how wonderful it is to serve PBCC's children, and to be working with Pastor Brian and the staff— "I'm both honored and happy to be here! I'm delighted to be working with everyone involved in our Children's Ministry, especially our fabulous teachers, and grateful to all the work Pastor Sadie did to set up our curriculum. I look forward to our time together as we continue to bring the word of God to our kids in a fun and active way. I can tell already tell that they will be teaching me a thing or two as well!"

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

9/02	Mike & La Donna Dwyer
9/03	Paul & Joyce Mizisin
9/11	Mike & Peggy Neal
9/17	Rick & Marilyn Zanchetta
9/21	Don & Charlene Hill
9/22	Ed & Kathy Sly

Happy Birthday!



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

9/03	Howard Smart
9/05	William Morrison, Jr.
9/08	Pam Deitz
9/09	Brett Daly
	Dick Ganz
9/13	Jan Julian
9/18	Mike Sly
9/21	Art Montoya
	Kay Orsini
	Elizabeth Schmied
9/23	Andi Sanders
9/26	Devin Pelletier
9/27	James Frazier
9/30	Ronnie Calabrese

Welcome New Members

We were grateful to welcome Amber Brown and Kevin Osbourne into our church family last Sunday after they came forward to make their confession of faith and formally place their membership here at PBCC. Amber and Kevin started worshiping with us about a year ago after Amber met RJ Lucchesi at a local Homeless Coalition meeting. In addition to becoming members of our church they will be getting married here on New Year's Day. So join us in welcoming Amber and Kevin and their daughter Raquel the next time you see them!



13th Annual Golf Classic September 18, 2017

The 13th Annual Don Shelton Memorial Golf Classic will be held on Monday, September 18, 2016 at San Dimas Canyon Golf Course. Everyone in the Pacific Southwest Region churches is invited to participate in purchasing tickets for the Opportunity Drawing and the Don Shelton Scholarship Fund. There are wonderful prizes including a cruise! Tickets for the drawing are available for purchase on the table in the fellowship area. You must purchase tickets before September 11th.

~ All proceeds will benefit ministries in our region.

Regional Gathering—Oct. 21, 2017

“Faithful in the Tension” from James 1:2-4 will be the focus of the Pacific Southwest Regional Gathering 2017. The gathering will hone in on staying reverent to God through the stressful and pressure-filled moments in our daily lives. A special offering will be collected during worship to support Week of Compassion. Read more about The Congo Initiative on the Global Ministries website. If you are interested in attending the Regional Gathering on **Saturday**, October 21st at the **First Christian Church, Pomona**, located at 1751 N. Park Ave., Pomona, CA. Register today at www.DisciplesPSWR.org/rg2017.

See Brian for details/questions.

CCSA

Missions Sunday- Sept. 3rd

CCSA's *most needed* items are:

Clothes:

Clean **Socks**; gently used or new

Men's Underwear waist M (34-36)

Shorts/Pants: all waist sizes

Children's Clothing/Shoes

Shoes in any condition (tennis, flip-flops, sandals)

Hats.

Food: granola Bars, cereal, peanut butter, pop-top Soups, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, fruit cups and water or Capri Sun fruit drinks.

Hygiene items: shampoo, body wash, lotion, razors, toothpaste/brushes and **sunscreen.**

Volunteers are much needed at the *Joyce Snyder Center*. For *volunteer opportunities* call Connie at (858) 274-2271 (10:00am-4:00pm).

CCSA Backpack Update

The annual “Back-to-School” program was a huge success! Our thanks to everyone who contributed stocked backpacks, supplies, and shoes, and socks toward this effort to give children an excellent start to a new school year.



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BY OUR PRAYERS



Congregation

Cameron Allen
Daly-McCain Family
Bishop Family
Art Montoya
Butler-Beattie Family
Sylvia Parr
Andi Sanders
Margaret McQueen
Liz Fotheringham
Bill Sanders
Misty Fusco
Ken McCartney
Grace Gelseh
Dan Owens
Kai Widmark
Alice Roth
Lyn Beattie
Jill McIlwain
William Dudas
Calabrese Family
Leona BonDurant
Laura Southworth

Friends and Family

Phillip Berry
Kinsley Maria Roduner
Peggy Neal
Gansana
Alice Ryan
Pankoski Family
Florence Hill
Rachel McHenry
Tom Suiter
Bob BonDurant
Glenn Harris
Bethany Sanders
Frank & Betty Caro
Aurora Magale
Martha Walker
Patricia Tierny
Dan Sehlhorst
Eddie Mejia
Teri Clarke
Katie Harris

Tabitha Kuehn
Gary Bowers
Laurie Patrick
Madeline McGehee
Michael Hairston
Crystal Forsell
Ernie Becerril
Mayorga Family
Heilsburg Family
Yani Davis
Marilyn Saenz
Tom Cooper
Cindy Crawford
Vince Von Dahlen
Felice Goddard
Bob Vincent
Roland Joe Arnold
Rena Yachad
Monica Farrar
Aidan Good
Linda Weinstein
Jim Weatherly
Liz Redloff
Trudi Craven &
Daughter
Chris Lynch
Bill & Joyce Ferguson
Mark LaMura
Amber & Michelle
Kevin Mawhinney
Brenda & Ethan Allen
Lindsay Strack
Marion Meyer
Megan Fuller
Maria McGuire
Dan & Fay Moore
Brandon Myers
Mandy Mendoza
Duke Carolina
Andrew Gunther
Mattie Carter
Bruce Horncastle
Branch Family
Penny Juday
Scott Brown

Cassidy Woodard
David & Sondra
Morgan & Kevin Pinegar
Ameret Budihis
Karen Harrison
Garrett Baumann
Ginny Murphy
Meghan Haber
Kurt Vasbinder
Shelly McKittrick
Alyssa Montalbano
Christopher Harris
Paula & Noel Stuart
Chris Mischle
Chris Barker
Robert Fuller
Ken & Nancy McMaster
Frank Ortez
TJ
Jo Cox
Susan P.
Jill Cobb
Ted Sitek
Eric Moth
Jeff Danko
Joe Bailon
Iris Puente
Zach Frost
Rob Baxter
Alan Casey
Gene Sykes
David Sudo
Neil Corbin
Mary Julian
Gail Depew
Julie Parnell
Alisha Perry
Frank Fasula
Dusty Miller
Andrea Cross
Henry Torres
Bette Pegram
Michelle Faust
Chekela Turner
Roger & Cuma Wickerd

Janet
TUMI
Cody Beattie- Navy
Boyd - MAF
Farrars - Philip.
Eubanks- Thai.
Recovery In Christ
Kairos Prison Ministry
Free the Oppressed

BY OUR ATTENDANCE

07/30/17	105
08/13/17	85
08/20/17	85
08/27/17	86

BY OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Weekly Need: \$3576	
07/30/16	\$1,786
08/06/16	\$3,443
08/13/16	\$1,194
08/20/17	\$2,850
08/27/17	\$NA
