

Pacific Beach Christian Church

The Front Porch



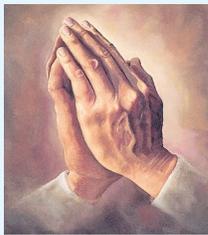
JUNE 11, 2020

Over 100 people gathered last Sunday evening at Kate Sessions Park for a Prayer Vigil sponsored by the PB Interfaith Coalition. Several were there from our congregation and from many other congregations in our community. We even had some who were already in the park walk over to join the circle. It started with silent reflection for 8 minutes 46 seconds, the amount of time it took to kill George Floyd while a knee was lodged in his neck. That seemed like an incredibly long period of time. An instrumental song of lament followed on a unique instrument that sounded like a bagpipe. It helped all of us to feel the full weight of why we were there. It was about George Floyd, yes. But it was bigger than that. We knew it. We felt it. We prayed it. A police officer was also present. One from our circle walked over to thank the officer for being present. The officer in turn thanked her for the service and commented on how moving it was. Connection. We humans can be a fickle lot. How often have we been moved to honor and thank our first responders for their heroism following a mass shooting, terrorist attack, or responding to a natural disaster. Now many are calling to disband or defund the police. We have short memories. Emotions rule the day. It reminds me of the crowds that greeted Jesus with songs of “Hosanna” on Palm Sunday, only to then shout “crucify him” a few days later. But just as we have felt the need to distinguish between peaceful demonstrators and criminal activity, we also need to distinguish between good and bad cops. Individual men and women wear those badges, not robots. They are affected by all that is going on much like we are and in some ways even more so. Their jobs just got a lot harder. So by all means let us cry out for and work toward justice for all. And let us remember that there are still many wearing a uniform and a badge that will join us in that work. *“Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all” – Romans 12:16-18.*

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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This Sunday at 12 pm

All active members were mailed this year's ballot and budget earlier this week in advance of Sunday's annual Congregational Meeting. But everyone, members and non-members alike, are invited to join us for Sunday's on-line meeting when the ballots and budget will be discussed in more detail and our board of directors will be available to answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be live-streamed on Facebook Live beginning at 12pm. We will be monitoring the Facebook feed throughout the meeting should you want to send us your questions or comments. Those participating in the vote will then be asked to mail their ballots to the church by Friday, June 19th, using the self-addressed stamped envelope provided. Results will be announced the week after. Thank you for adapting to the changes necessitated this year by the pandemic.

A Splash of Inspiration

Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of human freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

-Viktor Frankl

THE ROAD TO TRANSFORMATION Begins 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.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Shane Brunberg: we are happy to report that the growth on Shane's lip is not cancerous and will need no further treatment...praise God!

Don Hill: has a scan this week and will begin radiation treatment shortly thereafter for a recurrence of prostate cancer

Baylee Bolton: has been on our prayer list throughout her pregnancy because of previous problem pregnancies... but we are happy to report that she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy this week and both mother and baby are doing great...praise God! (see the birth announcement on page 4)

Newsome-Sanders Family: prayers of comfort and peace following the death of Andi's aunt, Pat Newsome

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

REFLECTION

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

The free bird leaps
On the back of the wind
And floats downstream
Till the current ends
And dips his wings
In the orange sun rays
And dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage
Can seldom see through
His bars of rage
His wings are clipped and
His feet are tied
So he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
With fearful trill
Of the things unknown
But longed for still
And his tune is heard
On the distant hill for the caged bird
Sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
And the trade winds soft through the
sighing trees
And the fat worms waiting on a
dawn-bright lawn
And he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
His shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
His wings are clipped and his feet are tied
So he opens his throat to sing

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-Maya Angelou





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

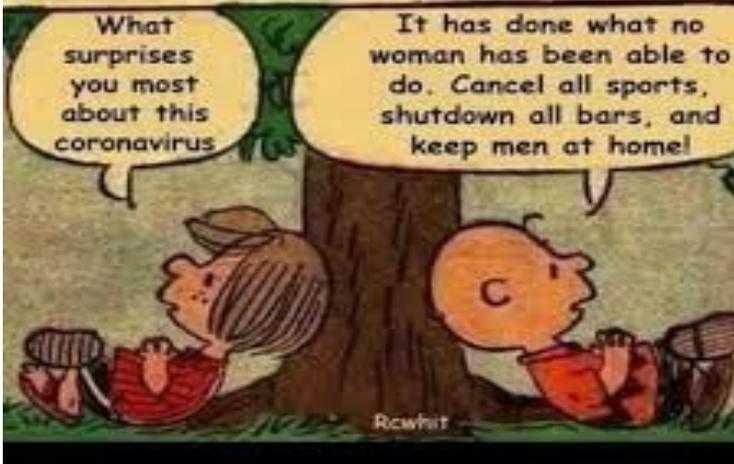
Wednesday Evening (7pm): Bible study on the book of Exodus.

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

PEANUTS



NEW BABY

Doug and Sylvia Trenton are proud grandparents for the first time after their son and daughter-in-law, Brant and Baylee Bolton, welcomed little Bryce Bradlee Jesse Bolton into the world. Bryce was born on June 8th and weighed in at 5 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Baylee worshiped with us frequently before moving up to Lake Arrowhead following her marriage to Brant. So we celebrate this long-awaited addition to the family with Brant and Baylee, as well as with Doug and Sylvia. Congratulations to the Bolton-Trenton family!

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."

-Matthew 25

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.

