

Pacific Beach Christian Church

The Front Porch

April 22, 2021



“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.” – Proverbs 22:6

One of the things that struck me most about PB Christian Church when I first arrived was the number of people actively serving in leadership who had grown up in this church. We had several second and even third generation members who had seeds of faith planted in them in and through this ministry when they were young. And that is still true today. It is the reason we have identified ministry to our children and youth a high priority, even during a pandemic. It started with creating a job description for a *Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries* last summer. Then last September we hired Debbie Bishop to serve in that that role in a newly expanded half-time position. While it has certainly been a challenge to minister to our children, youth and families remotely during these last several months, Debbie has come up with creative ways to begin to develop relationships with our kids and their families. Now the next step...creating a warm, welcoming and safe place to greet our children and youth when they return to our building. This will involve a renovation of our current classroom configuration. We will be moving the nursery to the classroom immediately adjacent to the fellowship area and opening up the walls between the previous nursery and the adjacent classroom to create a larger open and more flexible space for our K thru 5th graders. The previous classroom we referred to as the Ocean Room will now become a Youth Room for our Middle School and High Schoolers. We will also be removing the carpets to put in a durable hard surface that will be easy to sanitize and clean each week. And finally, closing off the area to the main hallway will also allow us to create a more secure space for our younger children. Why is all of this important? Because what we do for our kids now will have an impact for many years to come. After all, we may just have another Kyle Griffith, Carolyn Hernandez, George Podhorsky, Andi Sanders, Anna May Southworth, Margaret Steinrichter, Laurie Wolford, Kathy Sly, Mike Neal, Steve McHenry or Christian Julian among our current children and youth. May it be so. May it be so.

Brian

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



04/05 Lloyd & Eileen Farrar
04/09 Liz & Jeff Fotheringham
04/22 Alan & Debbie Sehlhorst
04/30 Bill & Andi Sanders

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/09 Susan Linder
04/15 Laurie Wolford
04/18 Laura Frazier
04/22 Dawn Frost
04/23 Chris Moore
04/24 Sylvia Parr
04/27 Doug Trenton
04/30 Susan Ganz



In Memoriam



We were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Lee Higgins last week who apparently died in her sleep. Lee was a long-time member at Torrey Pines Christian Church, but began attending PBCC not long after Brian had officiated at her son's memorial service in 2019. She lived here in the PB community and even after the church was forced to close the doors for in-person worship during the pandemic, Lee would faithfully drive to the church following the on-line service to personally hand-deliver her weekly offering. Please keep her daughter, Diane Haggerty, and the rest of her family and friends in prayer in the days ahead. A private service will be held for Lee at El Camino later this spring.

Leona "Lee" Higgins
November 3, 1939 – April 15, 2021

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Higgins Family: prayers for Lee Higgins' daughter and family following her sudden death last week

Patricia Mann: continued prayers for Patricia as she has grown weaker and has been moved into a residential care center

Kai Widmark: continued prayers for Kai as she seeks treatment for her mental health

Carl & Helen Koiner: prayers for Liz Fotheringham's parents after her mother was recently placed under hospice care

Sussan Johnsen: continued prayers for Sussan as she undergoes additional cancer treatment

Adriana DeLeon: prayers for Brenda and Mac McQueen's neighbor who is being treated for breast cancer

Mauricio Vasquez: continued prayers for Mauricio and his family following the murder of one of his brothers and another brother who was shot and injured

Sherri Adams: prayers for Casey Smith's aunt as she battles cancer

Sarah H.: prayers for Jill McIlwain's friend who is battling ovarian cancer

Fran Shelton: prayers for Susan Linder's friend who had surgery recently to remove a brain tumor

Ian Briski: continued prayers for Ian and his family as Ian remains hospitalized and has a very long road of recovery ahead following a severe brain injury

REMEMBER TO SMILE

Lord, please give me a sign if
you think I'm eating too much



CHURCH RE-OPENING PLANS

The board approved a two-phase re-opening plan at a meeting earlier this week based in part on the results of the Congregational Survey that many of you submitted in recent weeks. The two phases are as follows:

Phase One: we will begin with a limited re-opening beginning May 2nd to include those who will be serving in various volunteer capacities (along with their families) and some who have expressed a strong desire to return to in-person worship. Attendance will be limited to 50% of our sanctuary seating capacity. Those wishing to attend will be encouraged to contact the church office by phone or e-mail so we can plan accordingly. Covid safety protocols will include wearing masks, signing in, use of hand sanitizer, and practicing appropriate physical distancing.

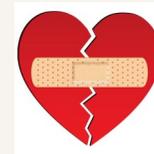
Phase Two: we plan to re-open the sanctuary to the entire congregation and community beginning on June 20th provided the State continues with its plan to re-open all businesses without restrictions beginning June 15th. We will still practice appropriate safety protocols at that time until it is no longer recommended to do so.

If you have any questions we encourage you to contact the church office. We are grateful to those of you who took the time to fill out the Congregational Survey. We received surveys from 54 households and the following is a summary of the results.

- 59% would like to return to in-person worship (22%-maybe and 19%-no)
- 31% prefer to worship on-line (34%-maybe and 35%-no)
- 78% are vaccinated (11%-soon and 11%-no)
- 70% are comfortable with the safety protocol in place (19%-can improve and 11% maybe can improve)
- 44% children and youth will like to return to Sunday School (50%-no and 6%-maybe)
- 33% willing to volunteer to help with re-entry (38%-no and 29%-maybe)

REFLECTION

Before you hurt someone, take a piece of paper and crumple it up. Have you done it already? Good, now try to make it the way it was before... you can't, right? Peoples' hearts are like this piece of paper, once you have hurt them it is difficult to leave them the way you found them to start with...so before you hurt someone, THINK HARD about what you are doing....



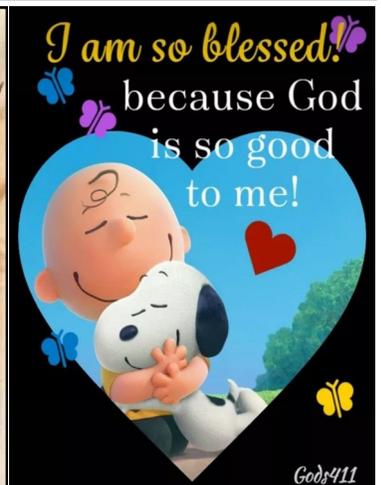
KIDS AND YOUTH EVENTS

THIS SUNDAY

ZOOM BAKING PARTY!

1:00pm

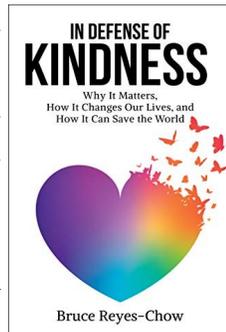
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PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

May 16th

Our next Book Club will feature a book entitled In Defense of Kindness by Bruce Reyes-Chow. In a world that is so often fragmented and even hostile, can kindness really make a difference? In this recently published book Pastor Reyes-Chow argues it can change our lives and even save our world. The author is a Presbyterian pastor, leadership coach, spouse and parent to three children. He has also spent 25 years working with individuals and organizations helping them to work through conflict and change having to do with technology, race, relationships, religion, leadership and change. You can find the book via Chalice Press or on Amazon.



EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

We will continue to receive any gifts for the Easter Special Offering through the end of April. The Easter Special Offering is a way for us to support the missions and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) throughout the country and world. This year's theme, "Deep and Wide", serves as a reminder of the limitless power of the risen Christ to develop Disciples, form new faith communities, and connect us to ministry partners around the world who are serving God's people in need. Just send your gifts to the church or via PayPal and designate them "Easter Special Offering". On behalf of those who will be blessed by your generosity...thank you!



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

As most of you know our San Diego Convention Center has become a transitional shelter for young girls, boys, and teenagers who are unaccompanied minors entering the asylum-seeking process and waiting to be transported to a family member or sponsor here in the United States. While here in San Diego they have some basic needs that we can help with. Anyone wishing to help meet some of those needs is encouraged to bring any of the following donations to the church. We will in turn direct them to the Convention Center. Feel free to contact the church office should you have any questions. Thank you!

LIST OF NEEDS:

- New blankets (twin size)
- Hygiene products (shampoo/conditioner, tooth paste/toothbrush, deodorant, soap/body wash, cleansing wipes, body lotion, feminine products, Kleenex, slippers, shower sandals)
- Bath towels and washcloths (white)
- Gently used books/board games/crayons/coloring books
- Backpacks, duffle bags (boys and girls)
- School supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks and paper)

CLOTHING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Boys (ages 5-12)

- Tennis shoes (sizes 11 boys-size 8 men)
- Socks and undergarments
- New clothing- shirts, t-shirts, sweatpants, jeans (sizes for boys ages 5-12)

Girls (ages 5-17)

- Tennis shoes & sandals (sizes 8 girls-8 women)
- Socks and Undergarments (ages 5-17)
- New clothing (long-sleeved, short-sleeved tops, sweatpants, jeans in sizes for young girls and teens including XXS/XS/S/M)

