

Pacific Beach Christian Church

The Front Porch

May 27, 2021



*“A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.”
Psalm 33:16-17*

War is a dirty business. We have been reminded of that yet again this last week in the exchanges of missiles and rockets between Hamas and Israel. Many lives lost and many homes and businesses destroyed. And as is often the case in war, often it is innocent civilians and children who lose their lives and carry the permanent scars of injury, both physically and emotionally. We've grown used to seeing horrifying images of the destruction there and in other places like Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. David Eubank has also been sending out similar pictures of destruction from the jungles of Burma as the military there continues in their attacks on ethnic groups they see as enemies of the State. Similar ugly and tragic wars are taking place in parts of Africa. And certainly our own country has suffered the effects of war for generations in both the number of lives lost and in the wreckage of those who survived but whose minds and hearts have been permanently scarred. Too many of our veterans have returned home from war only to find themselves living on our streets. And so as we approach Memorial Day this weekend I can't help but think of the tremendous human toll of war. While certainly it is a day to honor those who have served and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our nation, it is also a time to grieve so much loss and destruction. Perhaps war is inevitable, a necessary evil in our broken world. But it doesn't mean we don't grieve its many victims. And so may this Memorial Day weekend invite some somber reflection, prayer, and an expression of appreciation and support, both for those who have left loved ones behind and for those still suffering. -Brian

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



05/31	Jeff & Elizabeth Schmied
06/01	Mac & Brenda McQueen
06/08	Roger & Susana Clark
06/17	Robbie & Laura Frazier
06/25	Jack & Kelley Dapra
06/28	Dieter and Margaret Steinrichter
06/29	RJ & Andrea Lucchesi

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

05/26	George Podhorsky
06/06	Siri Starker
06/09	Christian Julian
06/10	Sadie Cullumber
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
06/25	Rick Thornberry
06/26	Steve Butler
06/27	Brendan Daly
06/28	Darwin Mann
06/28	James Carroll
06/29	Nolan Julian
06/30	Marjorie Swailes



A Prayer for today...

Lord Jesus,
I know that You take care of the slightest details
of my life.
I need Your help, come and guide me, light my
way.
In faith I listen as You speak to my heart.
Thank you for Your loving Presence in my life.
Amen

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jeff Fotheringham: prayers of thanks that Jeff had successful eye surgery this week

Michael Hairston: prayers for Charlene Hill's brother who was hospitalized this week

Will Clint: prayers for Laura Southworth's son as he goes into surgery today after suffering multiple fractures in his leg in a motorcycle accident

Kurt Allen: prayers for Cameron's brother as he undergoes treatment for cancer

Will McHenry: prayers for Will as he undergoes continued treatment for cancer

David Smith's Family: prayers for David's brother and family as they do battle with Covid-19

Eddie Howard: continued prayers for Janice Calabrese's brother who has been hospitalized again

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

Sherri Adams: prayers for Casey Smith's aunt as she transitions to hospice care at home

Dayna Marin: prayers for a friend of the Bishops and her family as they navigate some significant challenges

Clay Buntrock: prayers for Ginny Buntrock's ex-husband as he battles leukemia

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

Bikini season is just around the corner...



But so is the Taco Truck!



2021-22 Board Nominees

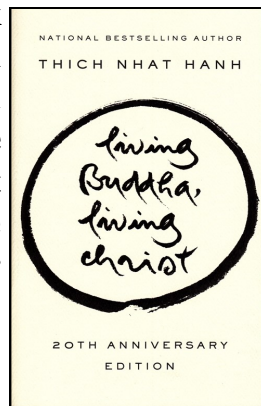
There has been a change in the slate of nominees posted in last week's Front Porch. The following people have graciously agreed to serve in leadership roles for the next two years if elected:

- President – Sandy Roberts
- Secretary – Pamela Pelletier (2nd term)
- Upward – Laurie Wolford
- Outward – Jan Julian
- At-Large – Christine Johnson

Our bylaws also allow for write-in candidates should you want to submit the name(s) of other potential nominees. You simply need approval from the potential write-in candidate and the signature of five other members of the church. Write-in candidates must be submitted in writing by May 30th. Once the final slate of nominees is confirmed, we will send out mail-in ballots to all active members prior to the Congregational Meeting on June 13th, which will be conducted via Facebook Live again this year. Questions about nominees can be directed to our Nominating Committee: Howard Williams, Jan Julian and Lyn Beattie. We thank you Howard, Jan and Lyn for all of your hard work!

PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

The next book in our Book Club series is an Interfaith classic from 1995: **Living Buddha, Living Christ** by Thich Nhat Hanh. Hanh is a Vietnamese Buddhist monk who has also spent a great deal of time with Christian leaders. In this beautiful book he explores the common ground between Buddhism and Christianity, and in the process, demonstrates a genuine and meaningful grasp of Christianity. The book offers simple yet meaningful ways to enhance our spiritual journey. Our discussion of the book will take place on July 11 at 6pm. So join us as we explore ways to expand our understanding while also deepening our faith.



REFLECTION

You can become blind by seeing each day as a similar one. Each day is a different one, each day brings a miracle of its own. It's just a matter of paying attention to this miracle.

Paulo Coelho

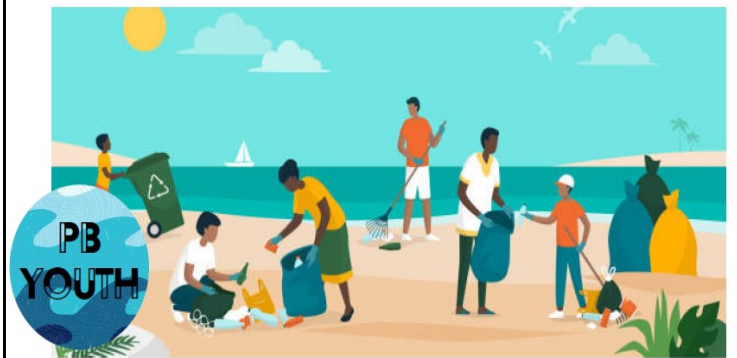
THIS SUNDAY



PB YOUTH
BEACH CLEAN UP!

MAY 30 - 2PM

EMAIL DBISHOP@PBCHRISTIAN.COM



PB KIDS & YOUTH

June 6

11:30am PB Kids Outdoor Family Baking Party

June 13

1:00pm PB Kids & Youth Bay Day

June 27

1:00pm PB Youth Beach Day

CHURCH RE-OPENING

PHASE ONE

Phase One Re-Opening of the sanctuary for partial in-person worship continues. This first phase allows for 50% of our current worshiping capacity. Those wishing to attend are being asked to contact us in the church office either by phone or e-mail so we can plan accordingly. The following Covid-19 safety protocols will be in place:

Any pre-service or post-service fellowship will take place outside

The doors will open at 10:15am

A check-in procedure will include a contact tracing sign-in sheet, temperature check, and use of hand sanitizer

Masks will be required throughout the service

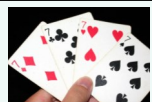
Ushers will help to insure appropriate physical distancing while in the sanctuary

Individual communion baggies will be provided at check-in

We would ask that congregants refrain from congregational singing during the service

Offering plates will be placed at the door rather than passed

The service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page and website for those who prefer to worship from home. Please call or e-mail us asap if you plan on attending this Sunday. And thank you for helping us to keep one another safe!



BRAIN TEASER

Card Question?



A small number of cards has been lost from a complete deck. If I deal among four people, three cards remain. If I deal among three people, two remain and if I deal among five people, two cards remain. How many cards are there?

***Answer to Brain Teaser...(search page 2)**

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 or website for all the videos of our previous morning devotions and worship services.

2021 PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

For those still wanting to give a gift in support of this year's Pentecost Special Offering we will continue to receive your gifts through May 31st. The Pentecost Special Offering will be used in support of the New Church movement in our Region and across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We currently have 19 new churches under care in the PSW Region, including three churches right here in San Diego. Your gifts will help to support these congregations as they seek to share and be the Good News in their communities. Thank you for helping to expand our Disciples of Christ witness *"from our doorstep to the ends of the earth."*



MEMORIAL DAY COMMUNITY POPUP COVID 19 CLINIC

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC DAY!



Scan QR Code for details!



A Beach Community Partnership with Live Well San Diego Mobile Vaccination Clinic

MEMORIAL DAY



MAY 31 - 9:30AM - 3:30PM
AGES 12 YRS TO ADULTS

SAINT BRIGID PARKING LOT
4735 CASS STREET, 92109

CHILDREN AGES 12-17 NOW ELIGIBLE FOR PFIZER COVID VACCINE!



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

Saint Brigid will be hosting a popup COVID Clinic on May 31 from **9:30am-3:30pm**. No appointment is necessary, and anyone aged 12 or older is eligible. Please spread the good news that vaccines are easily available in the community. For questions or if you'd like to volunteer the day of the clinic, go to: lee@saintbrigidparish.org.

