

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

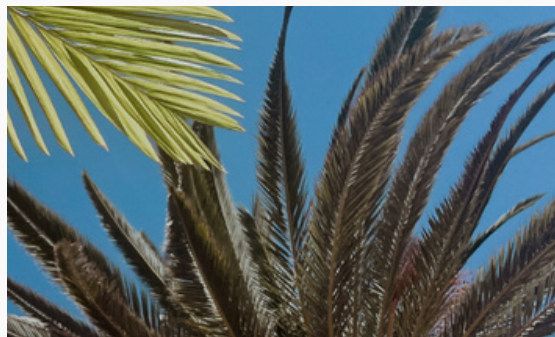
DEAR  
PBPC

Family and Friends~



**BILL SPERRY**  
Pastor

This year, an April shower brought a real WOWer. Or, maybe I should just call it a really surprising conversation in late March. I met someone who never knew that Easter was a religious holiday or that it had anything to do with Jesus. What?! When I explained the origins of Easter and many of the holiday's familiar symbols, like Easter eggs and the Easter bunny, she was enlightened and both of us were amazed she'd gone so long without having someone make the connection between the cute, colorful symbols and the real resurrection that inspired them.



It's still ironic to me that the same symbols meant to help children remember and connect with the Christian history of both Christmas and Easter seem to too often to have hijacked that history and become the central focus of each season. For example, Easter eggs weren't meant to define Easter but instead to focus our minds on the stone that had sealed Jesus' tomb and was rolled away as resurrection life emerged from inside. The Easter bunny is a symbol of life and multiplication, meant to remind us of Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples and share the good news of abundant and eternal life for all who believe.

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As people look at your life, is it clear who and what you're about? If people see your kindness and generosity, do they credit you for being a good person, or do they know that your actions are meant to direct attention to the Savior who has saved and inspired you? As you raise and teach the young people in your life and family, are you using the holidays to connect them to the glorious truths of our faith, or are the holidays just another season for candy, cute symbols, and cultural values? Jesus went to the cross for our salvation. His resurrection offers glory to God and life for us. He deserves the spotlight this season and all year long.

I hope this April is a real WOWER for you as you celebrate the love God has showered on us all in Christ. I look forward to the celebration of Holy Week and the continued sharing of God's ministry and mission for PBPC.

Humbly and gratefully~ Pastor Bill

## SERMON SERIES

**April 2: Palm Sunday**

*"On What Should I Focus?"*

Matthew 6:31-3

Lord's Supper received and One Great Hour of Sharing collected

**April 7: 5:30 PM Good Friday**

Supper and service

Starting in Calvin Hall

A unique experience of the Last Supper through the crucifixion of Christ

**April 9: Easter Sunday**

*"Surprised By Hope"*

Matthew 28:1-10

**April 16: "How Should I Surrender to God?"** Matthew 16:24-27

**April 23: "How Should I Participate in Biblical Community?"**

Acts 2:41-47 Earth Day Sunday

**April 30: "How Should I Engage My Spiritual Gifts?"** Romans 12:3-8

# STAFF UPDATES



STEVE RITZ

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 8

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner. Come join us for this fun event. We will be seeking help putting eggs together, as well as gathering supplies. If you'd like to get involved in church events, this is an easy one, so come join us.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sunday April 2

One of our four special offerings of the year. Each gift supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self- Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

## LIFE PACKS

We continue passing out Life Packs to those in need, pick up your Life Packs in the Narthex today and share with someone in need. Items we would greatly appreciate more of:

- Emergency Blankets (available on Amazon) (Mylar Thermal Blankets)
- Tylenol or Advil sleeve caplets
- Dental Floss
- Sunscreen (travel size)
- Snacks (i.e granola bars, small cookies...)

## HOSPITALITY FOR HEROS DATE NIGHT

Saturday April 29

On Saturday April 29th PBPC will be hosting our first "Hospitality for Hero's Date Night". We will be reaching out to the military families in our area and offering them a safe place to drop off their kids while they go out for a Date Night. It will be hosted in Calvin Hall. We will have yummy dinner, craft's, games, and movies. If this is something you would like to get involved with please let one of the Outreach & Mission Leaders know.



## COME BUILD HOPE

Mexico Mission Trip (Memorial Weekend)

Looking for a meaningful way to serve God and others this Spring? Solana Beach Presbyterian Church is inviting PBPC to partner with them for their annual house- building mission weekend in Tijuana.

We will leave from the SBPC parking lot at 2:00 PM Friday, May 26, and plan to arrive back on Sunday, May 28, in the 7:00 time frame. The cost is \$450 per participant and includes all transportation (from the church), meals and a cozy tent with a fire pit and dirt and sweat along with the fulfillment of being the hands and feet of Jesus for a weekend. For a video slideshow of last year's trip, visit <https://solanabeach.church/come-build-hope>. Talk to Pastor Bill or Steve Ritz for more information.

## SUMMER IN THE USA (JULY 23)

We have a great opportunity for you to reach out to new Christians as well as build relationships with fellow believers from Basque, Spain. Twelve High School kids will be coming to San Diego on the 29th of June and are planned to stay with Host families through the month of July. Host families are encouraged to do things one would normally do on a summer vacation. One could take a trip to the Zoo or even to Parks, Museums. Days in front of TV watching movies, video games, bon fires are just some examples of fun things one could do.

We as a church want to partner with SUSA and participate either as a Host family or giving monetarily to assist host families. Pastor Bill is offering up his Ski Boat and help with Passes to certain experiences. Steve is providing Paddleboard events as well as hosting a soccer game. These are examples of what you could do to help support this program. More information will be coming out on SUSA event in the coming months, but please take the time to look at the website for more information (<https://www.summerintheusa.com/en/>)

If you think you might be interested in Hosting a guest, or may have tickets or discounts for places in San Diego, please get hold of Steve Ritz at (858) 382-7885.

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GRANT KAY

## LIFE GROUPS

April will see the launch of our new Life Groups here at PBPC! Life Groups are intended for Christians of all ages (and spiritual ages!) to connect with others, deepen their faith, and do something fun at the same time! These groups will launch in the weeks after Easter, but I hope you'll consider signing up over the next couple of weeks. Being part of a Life Group is a really valuable way for you to build community with other members of our church, and it works best if we're all involved! And if none of these Life Groups look interesting to you, then please talk to me and we'll try to start another one that is!

## WEEKLY LIFE GROUPS

### Midweek Home Bible Study

(Time TBD) - Looking to go deeper on the topic from the Sunday sermon? Seeking community centered on God's word? Find both at this laid-back, intimate study hosted by the Stahl and Ritz families each week

Who to contact - Steve Ritz, [steve@pbpres.org](mailto:steve@pbpres.org)

### Wednesday Work Crew

(Wed 10am @ Church Office)- Build community with other men by working together to maintain, restore and repair our church campus

Who to contact - Jim Stahl, [hmsstahl@yahoo.com](mailto:hmsstahl@yahoo.com)

### Theology on Tap

(Thurs 7pm @ The Tap Room) - Have a beer, some food, and talk about faith, God, and life! Open to all, from non-believers to theology nerds and everyone in between.

Who to contact - Grant Kay, [grant@pbpres.org](mailto:grant@pbpres.org)



## MONTHLY LIFE GROUPS

### Lunch Bunch

\*First Meeting - May 10\* - Bring your lunch and enjoy some company in a welcoming, relaxing environment!

Who to contact - Sue Cornell, dandscornell@att.net

### A word from Sue...

*THE LUNCH BUNCH FELLOWSHIP will kick off the first of its monthly gatherings on Wednesday, May 10, 11:30, in Calvin Hall. All those who consider themselves "older" or "getting older" are invited to bring their lunch and beverage (coffee will be provided) and enjoy a time of visiting with members of our church family. There will not be a meeting nor any agenda, just time to get better acquainted with each other. Hope to see many of you there.*

### Men's Breakfast

(1st Sat 8am @ Broken Yolk) \*First Meeting - May 6\* - Build community around the table with the men of PBPC

Who to contact - Rev. Bill Sperry, pastor@pbpres.org

More Life Groups are sure to be started in the coming months, and I will be sure to let you all know what other opportunities arise, but for now, I encourage you to sign up for one of these Life Groups and dive deeper into community and fellowship here at PBPC!



CONTACT: [CHURCH@PBPRES.ORG](mailto:CHURCH@PBPRES.ORG)

JOIN US FOR

# Holy Week

AT PACIFIC BEACH PRESBYTERIAN

## **PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2**

10:00 AM MORNING SERVICE

5:30 PM DINNER - 6:30PM SERVICE

## **GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 7**

5:30 PM IN CALVIN HALL

DINNER WILL BE SERVED

## **EASTER EGG HUNT | APRIL 8**

10:00 AM @ KATE SESSION PARK

[BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED]

## **EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9**

10:00 AM MORNING SERVICE

5:30 PM DINNER - 6:30PM SERVICE



# COMING UP...

## EASTER

### WORD SEARCH



BUNNY  
EGGS  
CHICK  
JELLYBEAN

BASKET  
SPRING  
FLOWER  
EASTER

GRASS  
CANDY  
HUNT  
DYE

BONNET  
SUNDAY  
PEEPS  
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