



Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church

NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATION

APRIL 2022

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Happy Easter, PB Pres Family and Friends!

This month, we celebrate the most defining event in our faith and, I believe, in history. Between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we remember the sacrifice of our Lord on the cross. The perfect and sinless Savior took the sin and shame of the world upon himself to be the atoning sacrifice that would offer salvation to all. And, on Easter, we rejoice over the fact that, in the resurrection of Jesus, God proved His power over death and offered us the hope of everlasting life through resurrection with Christ. Easter bunnies, egg hunts, sweet treats and gatherings with loved ones... these are all fun and wonderful symbols and experiences at Easter. But, let's do our part in keeping the heart of Easter at the center of our celebrations and reflections.

When I first started attending youth group as a high schooler, Randy Genau, a volunteer youth group advisor, informally adopted me and gave me a copy of Josh McDowell's bestselling book *More Than a Carpenter*. In the book, McDowell has a chapter called "Who Would Die for a Lie?" that made a lasting impact in my faith journey. He wrote:

"Those who challenge Christianity often overlook one area of evidence: the transformation of Jesus' apostles. The radically changed lives of these men give us solid testimony for the validity of Christ's claims. I can trust the apostles' testimonies because eleven of those men died martyrs' deaths because they stood solid for two truths: Christ's deity and his resurrection. These men were tortured and flogged, and most finally faced death by some of the cruelest methods then known. If the Resurrection had not happened, obviously the disciples would have known it. Therefore, they would not only have died for a lie – here's the catch – but they would have known it was a lie. It would be hard to find a group of men anywhere in history who would die for a lie if they knew it was a lie."

Thankfully, most of us aren't in danger of being tortured or killed for our faith. But, we're all influenced by the increasingly secular culture around us, and that culture can impact our convictions around biblical truths and our focus on the biblical foundations of the upcoming holy days/holidays. Lord willing, as followers of Jesus, we'll set the tone in keeping Holy Week's events rooted to the cross of Christ and the empty tomb.

I look forward to entering your time-honored traditions and experiencing Holy Week for the first time with you as your Pastor. May God's presence and grace renew the joy of being alive in Christ as we gather to worship our resurrected King.

With anticipation and blessing—Bill

UPDATES FROM OUR STAFF

April Worship Arts Notes Esther Jordan, Director of Worship Arts

This year, April 10 begins Holy Week with Palm Sunday, when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His Crucifixion, and ends with Easter Sunday and Christ's resurrection. During this week, we are reminded of the basis of our Christian faith. God's love for us is reflected in every step that Christ took toward the cross, every breath up to the last, and His resurrection.

The music choices for the services will reflect all of this. We join together with Christians around the world, singing the timeless hymns and songs of God's redeeming love and the power of the cross.

For the Palm Sunday and Easter Services, pre-service gathering music will begin at 9:50 a.m. Come early if music lifts your spirit and prepares your heart and mind for worship! We have a lot packed into these two triumphant services.

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday – Palm Branches, Processional and special music by Crusader Bells, trumpet, violin, and Sounds of Worship. Hand made palm crosses will be given to all.

Thursday, April 14 -- Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. – a simple contemplative service with communion and beautiful, worshipful music.

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. – a reflective service led by the ROOTS team.

Easter Sunday, April 17 – 10 a.m.—an extraordinary celebratory service with chamber orchestra, bells, trumpet and Sounds of Worship team.

Sunday, April 24—a special 10 a.m. service led entirely by the ROOTS team with Grant Kay preaching.

Traditionally, early Christians would greet each other on Easter morning with "Alleluia, the Lord is risen!" Jerome, an important leader of the early church who translated the Bible into Latin and died in 420 A.D., wrote that the very ceilings of houses of worship were often shaken with the reverberating "Hallelujahs" when believers sang their praises to God.

May our church be filled with many "Hallelujahs," and may we sing and celebrate with our whole being! Spread the news, "Christ is Risen!"



UPDATES FROM OUR STAFF

Grant Kay, Director of Christian Education

Two years and one month ago, our community life at PBPC changed. When COVID-19 first began to make news, I warned Pastor Steve Locke that I thought this was likely to be a big deal, and we should be prepared for crazy times ahead. I may have been right in seeing that COVID-19 would be a major problem, but there was no way I could predict the way these past two years have played out. It has been a wild ride for all of us personally, and for us as a church family.

Back in March of 2020, after the decision was made to move our church services online for what we thought would only be a few weeks, Pastor Steve called me up and asked if I would put together a group of people to think about what we might need to do to reopen safely, a COVID-19 task force. No one, myself included, thought that the group we put together two years ago would still be an active and necessary part of our church life here in 2022. Yet for the past two years, my faithful co-members and I have been doing our best to keep up with a rapidly changing disease and its impacts on our community.

Over the course of two years, everyone had to make sacrifices and changes on a dime; we all had to learn a new definition of flexibility as the virus forced last-minute changes, and setbacks would arrive just when we thought the future looked bright. Yet, in that time we have managed to go from a church only online, to meeting on the patio, then back to the sanctuary with masks, then without masks, then with masks again, then outdoors again... all of which has finally led to where we are now: mask free and relatively free of COVID-19-related restrictions.

I say all of this for a reason: we have reached a moment where many of us who have served on the task force for the past two years have decided to step away from this role. The work of the task force continues: for as long as COVID-19 is still lingering, as long as new variants lurk out there, we will need to be prepared as a congregation to move quickly to keep everyone safe and healthy. However, that task force will have new leadership and new members as time goes on. At this juncture, I have decided to step down as the chair of the task force so that I can focus my attention on the many good things happening at ROOTS, Kingdom Kids and Youth Group, among other ministries.

I want to take a moment in this article to say a heartfelt thank you to Judi Hauser, Joy Phillips, Carol Sorenson, and Chris Woodruff for their dedicated service since March of 2020! Some of them will be stepping away from their role on the task force, and others will stay on for the time being. I am also grateful to Italia Avila, who served briefly on the task force in 2020 and is now returning to take on the role of chair of the task force. Finally, I will say thank you to all of you in the congregation who have been gracious to me during my time leading this task force. It has not always been easy to know the right choice to make, and I will not argue that we always made the perfect choices, but this church always embraced the changes we had to make with grace and love.

I encourage you to reach out to Italia, Joy, or other members of the task force with COVID-19 related questions in the future. My prayer is that God continues to keep us safe and bring us through whatever comes next with this pandemic. God has brought us safe thus far, so may this transition be an Ebenezer of God's mercy and love.

In Christ, Grant Kay

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Tony Daskalakis, Director of Youth Ministry

Hello PB Pres family!

Since I have begun serving as your Director of Youth Ministry nearly two years ago, I've had the unique blessing of engaging with the legacy past youth ministers and students have left behind in our youth rooms. Things like the small crack in the window from when Levi learned how NOT to play pool in 2009, or an art project from summer camps long ago. Whether or not our students realize it, they all leave behind some kind of mark on our space!

When we started the project of renovating and refreshing our youth rooms, we knew we wanted our students to be intentional and excited about creating a legacy that would bless others for years to come. This month, I'm highlighting the work of Charlie Cowell who designed, built, and programmed a classic style "Arcade Deck" with the help of his brother Shane! Charlie's Arcade Deck became an instant hit among our students, as they gleefully take turns trying out games Charlie prepared!

I can honestly say, in all the churches I've served or supported, none of them have something quite like this. While many youth ministries have taken to using video games as a tool to engage the youth, this is the first time I've seen a youth use video games to bless their youth group! With the addition of Charlie's Arcade Deck, our youth group can now boast a modern, high-quality game room that is fit for all generations.

That's not all though, Charlie's gift keeps on giving - some of our more artistically minded students have excitedly volunteered to paint the wooden housing and design a mural for it! I look forward to continually sharing the joy that is seeing our student's legacy take shape here at PB Pres!

With Gladness,
Tony Daskalakis, Director of Youth Ministry



OUTREACH & MISSIONS REPORT

Here are a few of the Outreach & Missions Events we want to share:

Life Packs: We now have handed out over 100 Life Packs and we have more than enough supplies to last for a while. Many thanks for all of your donations. We would love to hear any of your experiences with handing the Life Packs out.

Souper Bowl of Caring – In total, we gave a check of \$816 to San Diego Rescue Mission through your Souper Bowl of Caring donations. Quite an awesome gift in one day of caring.

Fools & Foodies (pictures below) – April 1 was our first Fools & Foodies event. The event was a great outreach to the community. We had families attend from PBPC, from PLC and also many just from the local neighborhood. We will try this again soon I'm sure.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 16, 10:00am at Kate Session's Park. Fun for the whole family, and invite friends too.

Graffiti Clean Up Day – Another save-the-date event, is Saturday, May 14. We could use some help manning Calvin Hall between 8am—1pm. Shifts for as little as one hour will be available. You would be handing out cleaning buckets or taking them back in when teams are done. Or perhaps you want to grab family and friends and actually go out and clean up some graffiti? We will train you how and provide you the supplies needed and a map of graffiti to be cleared.

Sunday Night Ministries – It's looking like COVID-19 restrictions are coming down enough we might be able to get SNM going again. If interested in helping out, let Neil or the office know. We are looking at a possible reopening in May.

Summer plans – Outreach and Missions are looking at several events these next few months. How about offering to babysit for a military family while they enjoy an evening out without the kids? Or how about a "Sandy Eggos Beach Clean Up" event to share waffle fellowship on the sand with our neighbors and serve the community? Maybe using our patio to host community live music nights, like "PBjams" or "PBjazz?"

Got an idea of something we should be doing for Outreach? Let one of us know and we can look into it. - Steve Ritz, Ty Smith, Luke Cowell, Grant Kay, Ben Lukowski



APRIL PRAYER CONCERNS

IN HOSPITAL:

- **Larry Patterson** is in the ICU due to an infection that sent his blood disorder into overdrive and is destroying his red blood cells and platelets. Please keep Larry in your strong prayers for God's healing powers along with His strength and comfort to be with him. Also keep the medical team lifted in prayer as they work to find the cure for his condition. Any blood donations in his name would be welcomed and very helpful. Please keep his wife, Sandi, and his family in prayer for their strength and comfort.

AT HOME:

- **Charlie Cowell** will be having surgery on Tuesday, April 12, to repair his broken clavicle. Please keep Charlie in your prayers for a safe and successful surgery and rapid healing.
- **Dick Wohletz'** continues to need our prayer support for his strength and healing.
- **Donna Pierce:** At her follow up, her doctor said he was pleased with the outcome of the surgery. He informed her of the expected time frame; 6 months of recovery before she can begin P.T. She is grateful for all of your prayers for her healing.
- **Gerry Ritz's** daughter, **Lori**, remains in need of our strong prayer support as she continues to battle cancer. Please pray that her treatment will give her healing and continued strength.
- **Joy Phillips** needs our prayer support as she recovers from a fractured tibia. Please pray for her comfort and complete healing.
- **Karen Lampard** is seeing improvement in her condition. Her seizures have almost gone completely and her short term memory is improving slightly. We praise God for this improvement and continue to lift Karen up in prayer for her complete healing.
- **Karl Schmid** anticipated getting results of his test on April 7. Please keep Karl in strong prayer as the doctors diagnose and treat him. Also keep his medical team in prayer for their wisdom in treating Karl.
- **Marlee Chapman** is in needs of our prayers as she navigates Alzheimer's. Please keep her in prayer for her peace and comfort and strength for her family.
- **Neil Charette** will meet with his doctor on Thursday, April 14, to discuss the results of his tests. Please keep Neil in strong prayer for God's healing blessings to be with him. May he feel God's love and presence surrounding him. Also keep his medical team lifted in prayer for their wisdom in treating Neil.
- **Robin Mayo's** friend, **Shirley Woodson**, the organist at Trinity Pres, had surgery on April 6 for an infected gallbladder. The doctors are concerned the infection may have spread to her pancreas. Please keep Shirley lifted up in prayer for her complete healing.

NEEDING ONGOING PRAYER:

- **Betty Durst** needs continued prayers for her strength and comfort.
- **Ed Martin** remains in need of our ongoing prayers for his comfort and continued strength.
- **John Wehbring** needs prayers for his comfort and peace.
- **Marguerite**, Terry Schmid's friend, needs our prayers for her comfort and strength with her battle with cancer.
- **Terry**, Betty Zanders' daughter-in-law, needs our continued prayers for strength and healing as she continues receiving chemo to treat her cancer.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

BUILDING CHRIST'S CHURCH: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

April 24:	"Engage the mission!"	Acts 1:1-11
May 1:	"Signs and wonders, here in plain view"	Acts 2:14-36
May 8:	"Never underestimate a woman" (Mother's Day)	Acts 16:11-15
May 15:	"Live as a community"	Acts 4:32-37
May 22:	"Perform prestigious works"	Acts 3:1-10; 5:12-16
May 22:	"Be honest with God"	Acts 5:1-11
June 5:	"Move with the Spirit" (Pentecost Sunday)	Acts 2:1-13
June 12:	"Teach, reprove, correct and train"	Acts 18:24-28
June 19:	"Welcome persecution (Father's Day)"	Acts 5:17-42
June 26:	"Prayer Changes Things"	Acts 4:13-31
July 3:	"Expect God to stretch your comfort zones"	Acts 10 & 11



WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER:

My name is Teroa Paselio (Roa) and I am blessed to be the new Communications and Database Manager here at PB Pres. I also have the privilege of being the Worship Director for ROOTS, our Sunday night Young Adult gathering. I grew up on the island of O'ahu, Hawai'i with two parents and one older brother. I attended Point Loma Nazarene University and graduated with a Theology degree in 2019. I am so blessed to be a part of this community and look forward to connecting with you all.

Peace and Blessings, Teroa Paselio

COMING SOON....



SATURDAY, MAY 14—GRAFFITI CLEAN UP DAY

Our church is hosting the PB Town Council's Graffiti Clean Up Day taking place on May 14. Opportunities to help will include handing out and receiving supplies. Or, you can participate by joining a clean up crew.

SUNDAY, MAY 15—DEACON LUNCH:

The annual Deacons' Brunch for the congregation is back! Join us on May 15 in Calvin Hall immediately after the 10am service.



APRIL DATES / EVENTS



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

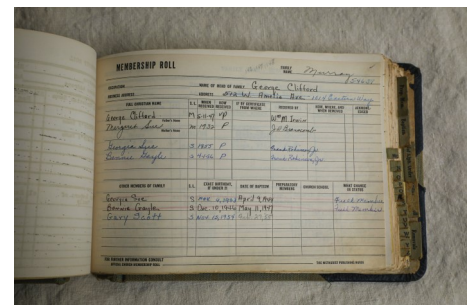
- April 10 - Palm Sunday, services at 10 AM & 7 PM
- April 14 - Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- April 15 - Good Friday service at 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- April 16 - Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10 AM at Kate Sessions Park
- April 17 - Easter Sunday, services at 10 AM & 7 PM

SPRING NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, April 30: 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Founders' Hall at PB Pres.

Snacks and beverages provided; child care available by request



APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- April 4—Fiona Larmour
- April 10—Leslie Ritz
- April 14—Bridgette Cota
- April 19—Marie Keinath