

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church



(A word from your Pastor)

Dear PB Pres Friends and Family~

Wow! It's August. As I bask in the glow of our July 31 celebration of our first full year in ministry partnership, I'm so thankful for God's providence and plan in bringing us together for such a time as this. Thank you again for all of the ways you have welcomed our family and helped me feel loved and supported as your new pastor. And, thanks to Leslie Ritz for baking so many super-yummy cupcakes to help us "taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8)

I appreciate a three-part cupcake even more than I appreciate a three-part sermon, which is a big thing for a preacher to say. The right combination of paper cup, cake, and frosting brings finger-licking, lip-smacking delight. And lately, I've been thinking about three elements that I think will be especially valuable for PB Pres as we move forward into my second year as your pastor. Those elements spell out the word

SIP: Simplicity, Integration, and Partnership. I think the right combination of those three elements could help make this next year of our mission and ministry partnership even more delightful than the first year. So, how do we SIP?



First, we SIP with **simplicity**. Back in mid-July, Rev. Rosalind Ziccardi preached about “Knowing Your Boundaries,” a sermon inspired by the story of Moses and his father-in-law, Jethro, from Exodus 18. As Moses sought to lead and make judgments for the Israelite community, Jethro wisely saw that Moses was doing too much and exhausting both himself and the people. Moses needed to recognize his limits and simplify his workload through delegation. Similarly, I believe we are in a season of scaling back. This will allow us to *be* with God and one another more while we *do* fewer things together but do those things with greater quality and overall engagement.

Second, we SIP with **integration**. The idea here is to do more together as a congregation so that we can strengthen our relationships and the sense of community and love among our generations. Part of that happens by involving worshipers from all generations in our gatherings. It’s what the Apostle Paul recommended as a model for orderly worship in his first letter to the Corinthian Christians: “When you come together, *each one* has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.” (1 Cor. 14:26, italics added for emphasis). This integrated approach may not mean that we’re getting rid of age-specific ministries like Kingdom Kids and Youth Group. But, it does mean that we’ll be looking for more regular opportunities to bring our generations together, rather than keeping us siloed and separate.

Third, we SIP with **partnership**. I believe our congregation should be joining together with other congregations and community groups to enjoy and strengthen events already being hosted, along with making sure we’re hosting some outstanding events to which we can invite others. Jesus said that people who believe in him will do even greater things than the things he did, because he was going to the Father. I believe that promise is fulfilled when Christ’s body – the Church – works together in partnership to make the most of our collective strengths and resources. That takes a Kingdom focus and a humility to remember that, ultimately, we are called to build Christ’s body and God’s kingdom beyond just growing PB Pres numerically.

SIP:
SIMPLICITY
INTEGRATION
PARTNERSHIP

So, will you join me in SIPing in this year ahead? If so, what ideas do you have for how we can SIP most faithfully and fruitfully? I’d love to hear your ideas, and I look forward to sharing the journey with you.

Blessings to you! Pastor Bill Sperry



STAFF UPDATES



Esther Jordan
Director of Worship Arts



The month of July brought many changes to the music ministry at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church. We bade our beloved organist, Anne Bay, farewell after 16 ½ years of faithful service. I miss her lovely spirit and organ playing but hope that she may join us on occasion to play a hymn and postlude when she is able. During this time of transition, various guest musicians will join us for our worship services.



As part of our transition in July, Mike Hom played saxophone and percussion, Lily Bodor played organ, and Nancy Wagner joined us on violin. Our former music intern, Alexandra Rodrick - now a career opera singer - joined the music team July 24. Dr. Phil Tyler, string professor at PLNU, played violin on July 31. These musicians were in addition to our “regular” music team of vocalists, guitarists, trumpet, percussion, keyboard and Crusader Bell ensemble. We were also blessed to be able to put together two excellent choral vocal ensembles for offertories during July.

During the month of August, Heidi Fleischbein will play harp on August 7, and Phil Dannels, pianist extraordinaire who was also one of our past college music interns, will join us for most of August. We are excited to have the multi-talented Roa join with the music team on August 14 while Steve Ritz, guitar, is on vacation. Some great special music is in the works too!



Most of all, I hope that the songs and hymns that we sing each week fill your heart with joy and help to imprint God’s word in your heart!

STAFF UPDATES

Grant Kay

Director of Christian Education



In ministry, it is easy to get wrapped up in planning for the future, and miss some of the joys happening in the present. So while it is the dog days of summer now, my mind is already on the Fall, when our Kingdom Kids and Youth Group will return to their normal weekly rhythm at the church. But instead of focusing completely on what's coming, I want to practice appreciation and gratitude for the present, too. And thankfully, there is much to celebrate in what has happened in the life of our community this summer!

Our Kingdom Kids are on summer hiatus from the weekly program, but we are still finding ways to connect with our youth and their families. In July, we rented out a private theater for a screening of *Lightyear*, and several families from our church and preschool attended! Meanwhile, we are busy preparing for the Kingdom Kids Launch Party on Wednesday 8/24, which will be full of games, food and fun in our parking lot!

Over on the Youth Group side, we spent our Wednesdays in July at the beach, hosting youth group around a bonfire and playing games on the sand! We also held our youth camp, a wonderful weekend where students were able to connect with their identity and value as ones who were made in the image of God, who God valued so much that Jesus died for, and who then learn to share their unique gifts and treasures with others. Thank you to everyone who participated in the bake sale, which raised over \$400 for camp and made so much of that weekend possible!

Before I go, I do want to turn our focus back to the future (great scott!). Thanks to God's grace and the amazing team of leaders we have, our kids and youth ministries are growing! In order to provide the best possible discipleship and love that we can for these younger disciples, we would love additional volunteers to help with our Wednesday programs. Kingdom Kids in particular is in need of several teachers, crafts leaders, dinner providers, etc., so please take this as your sign to consider prayerfully joining us on Wednesday evenings! If you are even slightly called to help in this season, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at grant@pbpres.org or 858-401-2119.

Thank you all for your incredible support and prayer as God's work continues at PBPC. God bless!
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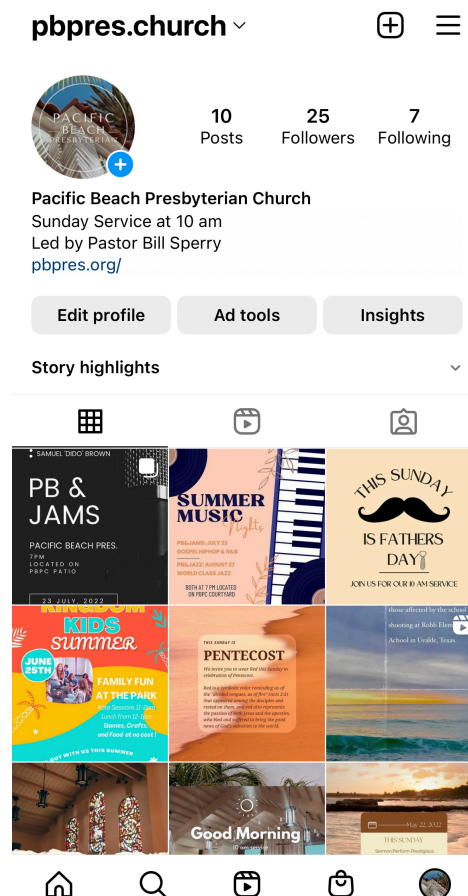
Communications and Database Manager



We've got an Instagram!

If you are interested at all in creating an instagram or following our Instagram page, I'm here to help! We are easing our way into using this app and I am so excited to share all the features it has to offer. We will have little encouraging snippet videos from your Pastor and staff members as well as week to week updates on what's going on at PBPC.

We will still be communicating through Facebook/Website. Instagram gives us a little more creativity in releasing information and updates about our church and all events that we will be promoting and participating in. If you are interested in following us on Instagram please feel free to email me at roa@pbpres.org for help!



CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

In Rehab: Dick Wohletz was transferred to a rehab facility on Sunday night. He is seeing improvements. Physical therapy has been working with him twice a day. This is the strongest he has been in 3 months. Please keep Dick lifted in prayer for his strength and healing to continue to progress.

At Home: Fiona Larmour had a successful surgical removal of the melanoma on her back last Thursday. The pathology report showed that it was in a very early stage. No further treatment is needed. Fiona will see her doctor every three months for two years. Fiona is grateful for the prayers and concern she received. **Gerry Ritz's** daughter, **Lori**, remains in need of our strong prayer support as she continues her battle with cancer. Please pray for her healing, comfort and strength and comfort for her family. **Helen Melbourn** is seeing some improvement but remains in need of our prayers for her complete healing and continued strength.

Ken Stahl remains in need of our strong prayers for his strength and healing from his cancer. **Marlee Chapman** had her cast removed last week and her wrist has healed. Please keep Marlee and her family lifted in prayer for their strength and comfort as they navigate through this difficult time. **Rick Bodor's** father, **Ed**, is now back at home and recovered from his injuries. Please keep Ed in your prayers for his peace and comfort. **Robin**, Neil's friend, remains in need of our prayers as she prepares for her surgery on August 12th to remove the cancerous tumor in her breast. **Tom Bashham** will be seeing the wound care specialist and podiatrist tomorrow. Please keep Tom in your prayers for his complete healing. His wife **Darah** continues to experience a lot of pain in her wrist. Please keep her lifted in prayer for pain relief and quick and complete healing.

Needing Ongoing Prayer: Anthony Zarra needs our prayers for his safety as he serves in Syria. **Betty Durst** needs continued prayers for her strength and comfort. **Donna Pierce**; continued prayers for healing and a full recovery. **Ed Martin** remains in need of our ongoing prayers for his comfort and continued strength. **John Wehbring** needs prayers for his comfort and peace. **Joy Byars**, Robin Mayo's friend, needs our continued prayers for her vision. **Karen Lampard** remains in need of our strong prayers for her continued healing. **Robert Keller** needs our prayers for his healing and comfort

My prayers remain with all of you!
Donna Pierce

it was so fun

PB&JAMS

Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church



SEE YOU FOR OUR
NEXT EVENT
PB & JAZZ



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Summer Music on the Courtyard – PB&Jazz!

The PB&Jams Music Night in July was a fantastic event. You won't want to miss PB&Jazz. Invite someone you love. Grab a lawn chair and your favorite board game. Get ready to meet some new friends. And, join us on the church courtyard for some refreshments and outstanding, world-renowned jazz talent.

Saturday, August 27 @ 7 PM – Featuring:

The Peter Sprague Ensemble: Peter Sprague, guitar; Tripp Sprague, sax and flute; Justin Grinnell, bass; Leonard Patton, vocals; and Duncan Moore, drums.



Peter Sprague



Tripp Sprague



The Mike Parks Quartet

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Special Sunday Worship Service Events

- **Youth Retreat Sunday**

On August 14, our Youth Group leaders and students will lead the 10 AM worship service to share highlights and lessons from the Summer Youth Group Retreat

- **Elected Officer Ordinations and Installations**

On August 21, the following incoming, elected Ruling Elders and Deacons will be ordained or installed at the 10 AM worship service:

- Ordinations: Italia Avila, Pat Hom, and Martin Jordan (Ruling Elders); Chris Woodruff (Deacon)
- Installations: Mac McEuen (Ruling Elder); Molly Sperry (Deacon)

August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our August Birthday folks!

August 7 – Elijah Gray
 August 8 – David Sanders
 August 10 – Van Cooke
 August 21 – Virginia Lennox
 August 22 – Leo Alexander Phillips
 August 26 – Chris Woodruff

KINGDOM KIDS summer

AUG 24

LAUNCH PARTY FUN

Wednesday 4:30-6:30
 Church Parking Lot
 Food-Games-Craft-AND MORE
 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

PASTOR BILL'S WEEKDAY OFFICE HOURS

Mondays – By appointment
 Tuesdays – 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
 Wednesdays – 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
 Thursdays – 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM