

PACIFIC BEACH PRESBYTERIAN **JUNE NEWSLETTER**



(A message from your Pastor, Bill Sperry)

Dear PB Pres Family and Friends~

“How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, ‘Violence!’ but you do not save?” Habakkuk 1:2, New International Version

In the 7th Century BC, the prophet Habakkuk wrote, complained, and lamented over the visions God gave him of the suffering of God’s people at the hands of the Babylonians. To correct their wayward ways, God was going to use a godless nation to punish a godly nation, and that didn’t make sense to Habakkuk. And so, he spoke the words we all feel each time there is another act of senseless violence. “How long, Lord?”

Habakkuk didn’t have the benefit of seeing God’s salvation in Christ. We may not have the benefit during our lifetime of seeing how God redeems the horrific and tragic consequences of ongoing sin in our world, the sin that created the circumstances leading to the recent shootings in Buffalo and Orange County and Uvalde. But, with faith, we can trust and know that God redeems and saves. We have seen the evidence at the cross, through the empty tomb, and in the lives of billions of people transformed by God’s loving and graceful Spirit.

Though it may not always feel like God is listening to our calls for help, I believe the violence in our world grieves God even more than it grieves us. I believe God is always listening to us and always hoping that we will likewise listen to Him and to His prophets. Though the Lord does not always save people from tragic violence in this life, he was willing to endure tragic violence against his own flesh to show us the saving power of sacrificial love. And, I believe God continues to hope that we, the body of Christ for this generation, will also endure and sacrifice so that violence will be overcome by peace and brokenness will be healed by love.

Broken, violent, hurting, lonely people like Salvador Ramos, the Uvalde gunman, are in our world, in our communities. We have the challenge, the opportunity, and the privilege of being Christ in the flesh to them and to one another. It may take extra attention to see and hear them. It will take extra love and sacrifice to



embrace and walk with them. But, if we can make a difference that transforms and saves lives, it will be worth it. And, when we do God's will and speak God's truth in love, we have the strength of God on our side. Habakkuk knew that, and I believe it's why his opening words of complaint were completed with closing words of faith.

"... yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights." Habakkuk 3:18-19, New International Version

May the strength of God our Savior lead us in love so that mourning will turn to dancing and sorrow give way to joy.

In Christ~ Bill





Esther Jordan

Director of Worship Arts

UPDATES FROM OUR STAFF

May brought interesting challenges as well as blessings to our morning service Worship Arts Teams. Illness and Covid brought last minute changes every Sunday, but God blessed the talents and efforts and creativity of those available to step in and fill the gaps. Each week, a different combination of singers led the music. Harp, Trumpet, Violin and Bells augmented our usual musical set up of keyboard, piano, organ, guitars, percussion and vocals. Our church is blessed to have so many different combinations of musicians who joyously and reverently lead us in worshipping the Lord through song! Lily Bodor (sixth grade) provided the postlude on organ for Mother's Day as well as May 29 when Anne was ill. She was selected by the San Diego Chapter of the American Guild of Organists to play at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on June 5. We are grateful for our young musicians. Lauren Bodor played bells on Mother's Day as part of a hymn accompaniment with organ and bell ensemble. In June, look for a couple of young percussionists joining the music team for a song or two!

Many thanks go to Steve Ritz who spent hours with the sound experts working on challenging issues relating to our sound system. Martin Jordan, Mac McEuen, Leslie Ritz and Shane and Charlie Cowell also spent extra time working with sound and media settings, record keeping and basic set-up. Luke Cowell and Tony Daskalakis stepped in to assist with video recording as needed. We are grateful for all of the volunteers who faithfully gift their time and talent to help the services run smoothly.

We look forward to the month of June, beginning with Pentecost Sunday. Crusader Bells will play with "spirit," and we encourage people to wear the colors of fire: Red, Yellow, Orange! The congregation singing will focus on the Holy Spirit.

One of the songs "Spirit of the Living God" #322 in the Presbyterian Hymnal, was composed by Daniel Iverson after hearing a sermon on the Holy Spirit during an evangelism crusade in Orlando, Florida, 1926. The lyrics call upon the Spirit of the Living God to "fall fresh on me." May this be our daily prayer.

*Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me - Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me
Melt me mold me, fill me use me - Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me*

2 Corinthians 3:3 — (NIV) "You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."





Tony Daskalakis
Director of Youth Ministry

UPDATES FROM OUR STAFF

It's that time of the year again, where we get to celebrate the amazing work God has done through Kingdom Kids! Since our re-launch this past Fall, we've had the blessed opportunity to minister to familiar and new faces alike. From Pumpkin Drops at Halloween, to indoor Snow Storms at Christmas, to an Ice Cream food fight at our LAST week of Kingdom Kids before we start anew next fall, there's been no shortage of fun at PB Pres on Wednesday nights!

We are so grateful for the generous support of our congregation and are thrilled with the ministry that has been performed these past eight months. Not only have we had fun, but we were able to provide gospel centered lessons that had our young students thinking, questioning, and engaging with scripture every week! To see the faith journey of our young ones has been both inspirational, and invigorating as we start our plans and preparation for an even better year next fall!

All this to say, while Kingdom Kid's weekly programming may be ending, Children's Ministry is not! Throughout the summer, we have several AWESOME events so that we can maintain our relationships with our Kingdom Kids families and make some new ones along the way. If you are either interested in taking part in the amazing work of showing love to our youngest disciples, or know of any young children who want to check us out, don't hesitate to let us know!

Thank you so much, and enjoy some pictures of our last Kingdom Kids memory before the summer - our Ice Cream fight!





Stacey Kay
*Community Connections
Administrator*

UPDATES FROM OUR STAFF

What, Exactly, Do You Do?

It has been two months since I began my job as your Community Connections Administrator, and it has been a joy to re-connect with so many familiar people and to have a chance to meet others new to me. I have also been enjoying getting to know the rest of the church staff. We have been quick to establish a joyful, respectful, and cooperative relationship.

New job, new people, new staff relationships, new job title.....but, what, exactly, does the Community Connections Administrator do? I know you've thought the question, even if you haven't said it out loud. Truthfully, I did too. I'm here to give you a brief, but hopefully helpful, explanation of what my job entails:

Community – I am here for the staff community, the PBPC leaders and congregant community, and for the Pacific Beach community that we already partner with as well as those we hope to partner with in the future.

Connections – Think of me as the liaison between those three communities mentioned above. As the office is the information hub, I am here to connect the information to the appropriate people. I will also be maintaining and building relationships so that PBPC can continue, and enhance, its presence in the neighborhood so that there will be opportunities to share the gospel through our words and deeds.

Administrator – This is the office management part of the job. Answering the phone, office and volunteer management, maintaining the master calendar, creating and printing bulletins, directories and other print material, and more.

So, if you are reading this it means you are part of our community and I encourage you to reach out to me through my email or by phone call at the office and let me know how I can connect and/or help you. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to having the opportunity to do so.

Stacey Kay





Amy Jones
PreSchool Director

UPDATES FROM OUR STAFF

The children have been busy learning about metamorphosis by watching their caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies. Not only did each classroom have five caterpillars to watch grow, but many monarch butterflies have laid eggs on our milkweed plants in the courtyard which harden into the most gorgeous jade colored chrysalides before emerging as delicate butterflies...God's amazing handiwork!

The children are also learning about bees and their many jobs! We picked out a new parakeet named Cookie Monster and some new fish as well! The children just finished celebrating Mother's Day by honoring them with gifts and words of love in their specially made cards.

We are looking forward to a new wooden storage cabinet and outdoor blocks arriving in about three weeks! The shade sails across the playground should all be up in the next few weeks, just in time for summer! The Pre-K class is about to graduate on to higher learning but not before we celebrate with the families at Kate Sessions park! Lots of exciting things happening right now at preschool!



PBPC OFFICER TRANSITIONS

At our Special Congregational Meeting on May 22, we joyfully received the nominations for incoming Elders, Deacons, and Committee Chairs presented by the hard-working Nominating Committee. Many thanks to our Nominating Committee for their dedicated work over the past year.

Nominating Committee

- Rubyanna Staunton – outgoing Chair
- Martin Jordan – incoming Chair
- Larry Cox – incoming electee
- Andy McEuen – outgoing member
- Tammy McEuen – incoming electee
- Helen Melbourn – outgoing member
- Karl Schmid – continuing member
- Terry Schmid – continuing member
- Tod Williams – continuing member
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With gratitude for God's calling and the faithful response of those who have stepped forward to serve and to lead, here are the officer transitions taking place:

Newly elected Ruling Elders

- Italia Avila – Personnel
- Geof Hollenbeck – Clerk of Session
- Pat Hom – Finance
- Martin Jordan – Nominating
- Mac McEuen – Stewardship
- Jim Stahl – Buildings & Grounds

Returning Ruling Elders

- Nessy Kipuw – Preschool Board
- Steve Ritz – Outreach & Mission
- Ty Smith – Christian Education
- Carol Sorenson – Worship & Music

Outgoing Elders completing terms

- Luke Cowell – Finance
- Rubyanna Staunton – Nominating
- John Teeling – Personnel
- Chris Woodruff – Clerk of Session

Newly elected Deacons

- Molly Sperry
- Chris Woodruff

Returning Deacons

- Neil Charette
- Bridgette Cota
- Sue Cornell (completing term as Moderator)
- Polly Imus
- Barbara McDonald
- Marsha Woodruff (beginning term as Moderator)
- Jan Miner

Newly elected Church Historian:

Clio McEuen

COMING UP...

o**Music on the Patio**- PB Jams/PB Jazz on the patio! We are looking to host music nights in June-July for some musical fun! Stay tuned for some dates and flyers!

o**Sandy Eggos Beach Clean Up Day**- We will provide waffles to gather all who are eager to participate in our beach clean up. Details coming soon.

o**This Summer** Paddle Board events for Youth! More info about that coming soon as we get closer to the summer season.

o**Summer plans** – Outreach and Missions are looking at several events these next few months. How about babysitting for a military family while they enjoy an evening out without the kids? Or an outreach event that lends a hand to those in need?

o*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



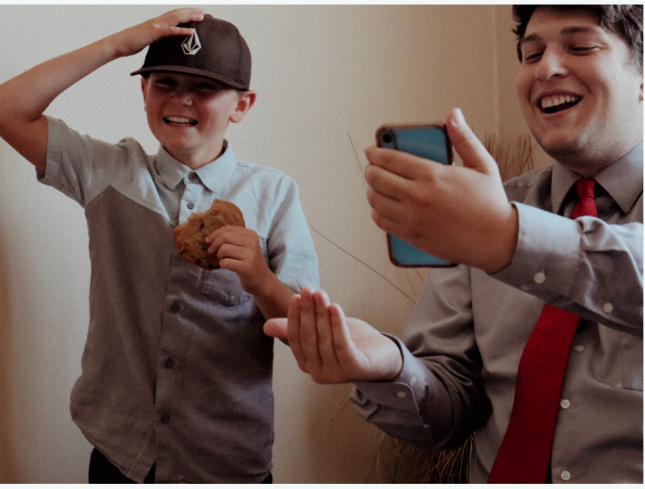
MEMORIAL SERVICES

Pat McCoy: A celebration of life memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on **June 11th at 11 a.m.** with a reception to follow in Calvin Hall. Please keep Barbara, Pat's daughter, and her family in prayer as they mourn her passing. Donations can be made in Pat's name to the Sharp Memorial Hospital Cancer Institute or Alzheimer's San Diego.

Larry Patterson: A celebration of life memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on **June 18th at 11a.m.** A reception in Calvin Hall will follow. Please keep Sandi, Larry's wife, and his family lifted up in prayer during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Larry's name to PBPC.

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
Fridays – By appointment



EMAILS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Every week:
Congregational Care Email & Prayer Chain Emails from Donna Pierce: These emails hold great importance to us. It lets you in on all that is happening in our church family.

Virtual Worship Service: Watch our previous Sunday service and join us in worship virtually.

Midweek Message: Check-in with Pastor Bill over his video link via email.

(If you are having trouble acquiring emails from staff, please check your spam folders. We have been having a problem with our system we use and are in communication with our provider. We will update you when changes are made.)



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1 – Italia Avila
June 2 – Will Sperry
June 3 – Judi Hauser
June 6 – Mavis Qualsett
June 7 – Pat Hom
June 11 – Molly Sperry
June 17 – John Melbourn
June 22 – Geof Hollenbeck
June 25 – Lisa Schnabel
June 26 – Todd Williams