PACIFIC BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### 2023

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

**DEAR PBPC** 

Family and Friends~



BILL SPERRY

Pastor

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV"

The last month of Spring is springing, and there is abundant life at PBPC and all around us. Are you looking for the ways God's Spirit is at work? This past May 13 provided a great example to me of what the author of Hebrews described above - God's presence spurring His people toward good love. deeds. mutual encouragement, and time together. In partnership with Pacific Beach Town Council. Pacific Life Church. Aloha Church, and some other great community organizations, we hosted a really fun, fruitful Graffiti Cleanup. We enjoyed time with one another at great church campus, our and collaborated in loving our neighbors through community service. As Luke Cowell faithfully shared in his followup report, there were about 110 volunteers and 20 host-coordinators who worked together to clear over 700 tags around PB. That's awesome! courtyard was full The of life, laughter, and good conversations as we enjoyed great refreshments and provoked each other toward love and good deeds.

I was particularly excited to see our unique contributions to this event. Our church campus became a treasured resource for parking. gathering. connecting. and training. Our people - including many of you - were great sources of presence and participation, both here on the campus and out cleaning in the community. I was pleased to see some Sailors from my active duty command respond promotions to my event and invitations by showing up and joining in. All in all, I think we responded to God's Spirit and embodied the spirit of Hebrews 10:24-25.

ILet's do that all the more as we see the Day of our Lord approaching. What God is doina in our community is already blessed, so let's look for the signs of His activity and move with His Spirit. June will offer lots of other ways to faithfully live lives worthy of our calling. I'm excited to share those experiences together as we embrace the abundance of life God has for us all in Christ.

### **SERMON SERIES**

May 28:

"Being Loving Like the Spirit" 1 John 4:7-17 Pentecost Sunday; Pentecost Offering

June 4: "Being Joyful" John 15:7-17 Lord's Supper Sunday

June 11: "Being Peaceful" Ephesians 2:12-22 Grant Kay preaching; Graduate Recognition

June 18: "How the Holy Spirit Helps Me Grow in Self-Control" Galatians 5:22-23; Psalm 119:1, 32, 45, 105 John Moser preaching; Father's Day

June 25: "Being Hopeful" Hebrews 6:10-20 Congregational Meeting

Thanks for the privilege of serving as your pastor!

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# **STAFF UPDATES**





It is hard to believe, but Kingdom Kids has wrapped up another year of fun and learning and connection. Grant and I would like to thank the faithful volunteers who helped each week: Italia Avila, Nessy Kipuw, Leslie & Steve Ritz, and Ty Smith. And a big shout out to those who made dinner once a month throughout the year: Italia Avila, Barbara McDonald, Carol Sorenson, and Helen & Jim Stahl.

Preschool Chapels are also wrapping up before taking a break during the summer. We've been talking about the fruits of the Spirit, focusing on one each week and learning hand motions and a fun song to help remember them all. We will end our time talking about self-control.

-Stacey Kay

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GRANT KAY

It's been a busy few months at PBPC! Thanks to all of you for your generous support and kind words as I continue to try and fill Esther's unfillable shoes while we await the hiring of our new Director of Music Worship. And thanks to the many of you who have started or participated in one of our many Life Groups that we have begun over the past couple of months. With so much going on, it seems best to give you all a quick rundown of each thing individually:

### **SUNDAY EVENING**

A bit more than 2 months ago, we changed up the time of our Sunday night outreach dinner and our evening service (Roots) to bring them closer together, with the hope of encouraging more members of our church to help at the dinner and more of those who come to dinner to attend the service. Though it took a few weeks, we are beginning to see the fruit of that connection! Over the past month we have made many new friends at the dinner, and have had no fewer than 4 of those from the dinner come attend the service each week for the past month. While we recently said goodbye to two young adult women who had been attending Roots regularly as they leave town for career opportunities, it appears that our evening service is headed in the right direction as we heed the example of Jesus.

#### **YOUTH GROUPS**

Our youth group continues to flourish as we near the end of the school year! We have 3 seniors graduating in a few weeks, as well as several middle school promotions. Members of our youth group continue to invite their friends, and we are seeing a steady growth of kids we can consider part of our youth group! We recently lost one of consistent most our volunteers, who moved away, but thanks to Nessy and Italia for stepping up and being part of the volunteer team. If you are looking for ways to get involved at PBPC, there few thinas are more rewarding and fun than helping out at youth group on Wednesday nights!

#### LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are up and running, and they are a great way to connect with other members of PBPC! Right now there are 6 active groups that meet either weekly or monthly, with more on the way soon! I want to thank The Ritz's and the Stahl's for hosting our midweek Bible study each Tuesday at 1pm, and Sue Cornell for spearheading the monthly Lunch Bunch gathering! Remember that you can always reach out to me at <u>grant@pbpres.org</u> if vou're looking to get connected or to start another life group.

Our next Men's breakfast will be Sat. 6/3 at 8:00am at Broken Yolk

Our next Lunch Bunch will be Wed. 6/14 at 12:00pm in Calvin Hall

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AMY JONES

### **PRE-SCHOOL**

We are so excited to show you these beautiful lofts that we had built in the 3 and 4 year old rooms during Easter Break! The children love playing "upstairs!"

We have been busy at the preschool, planting flowers, raising caterpillars that will turn into butterflies, and learning new things! We learned about how Jesus is alive in our hearts and celebrated with Easter egg hunts!





The Preschool hosted Purple Up Day for the military child on April 14th. Our military Dads including Pastor Bill came and spoke to us about the sacrifices of the military child. Two of our Dads read stories, Pastor Bill special prayer and we all said a celebrated with purple cupcakes. The front entrance of the preschool finally got relandscaped after the fire and it looks beautiful! Along with new doors!

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