



Pacific Beach

Presbyterian Church

news

Dear PBPC Family & Friends,

As many of you are aware, in early August, Molly, the boys, and I traveled to Washington and Oregon to reconnect with family, church friends from that area, and neighbors from our former neighborhood. It was a soul-filling trip with lots of great conversations, connections, and experiences, including the baptism I was privileged to officiate in Gee Creek off of the Columbia River.



The central event motivating us to travel was a family reunion in Ashland, OR, with folks connected through my mom, Tory, and step-dad, Dick. Twelve years have passed since our previous reunion, and we all had a lot of life to catch up on with each other.

One of the most noticeable things was the way our family group has changed. Obviously, everyone who was present at the last reunion has aged twelve years. The membership of the family has changed, with divorces, deaths, and births, including our son, Will, who hadn't been born yet at our last reunion. Some who were there last time didn't attend this time; while other people, like my nephew's girlfriend, attended for the first time. Everyone was loved and embraced, and we had a great time with those who chose to participate. New or old, regardless of connection, everyone was family.

Church is family. Each Sunday when we gather for our weekly reunion, I'm surprised by the familiar faces, new faces, and connections I see. It's never the same group twice, and yet PBPC feels like family each time. And, from what I can see, everyone who joins is welcomed to our family with open arms and a joyful reception of hospitality and Christ-centered love. And, of course, family changes from time to time.

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On October 1, Grant will conclude his ministry with PBPC having grown up in our congregation and having spent more than nine years on our staff. That's a huge shift in our family, and we want to honor and celebrate Grant's ministry, leadership, and influence on the first Sunday in October. So, please plan to join us for that Sunday's reunion and celebration. I'm thrilled to have Tony back in the family as a staff member, and I look forward to welcoming our incoming Director of Worship Music sometime in September as well.

Who would you like to invite to our next family reunion? Each Sunday and each Life Group gathering is a wonderful chance to include a new friend to experience the love of the PBPC family. I hope you'll share the love and be proactive in helping to welcome folks you know to both the church family and family of God. There's plenty of room for all!

Blessings to you~ Pastor Bill



Upcoming Sermon Schedule

September 3:	"Keep the Sabbath" Lord's Supper Sunday	Deut. 5:12-15
September 10:	"Honor Father and Mother"	Deut. 5:16
September 17:	"Value Life"	Deut. 5:17
September 24:	"Steal Nothing"	Deut. 5:18-19
October 1:	Grant Kay preaching Lord's Supper Sunday; Grant's ministry celebration	



YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello PB Presbyteri-friends!

August is typically a quieter month for our youth ministries, but this wasn't a typical August for PB Pres! Just this month, we've had a new staff member return to the scene (that's me!), our weekly youth groups, paddle boarding (BIG thank you to Steve and Leslie Ritz!), an attempted-summer-camp, and a senior send off for three students who've been a part of our youth group since middle school, or longer!

It has certainly been an August to remember and I am thrilled to have been able to do ministry with the awesome students of PB Pres! Before we close out our Summer season and start thinking about what's to come in the Fall, I wanted to make special mention of just how resilient our youth group is. After losing much of their high school years to COVID-19, losing their last winter camp due to a once-in-a-century snow storm, and losing their last summer camp to a once-in-a-century hurricane (seriously, find me another youth group in San Diego to lose to two camps to extreme weather back-to-back), they consistently pivot to alternative plans with joy and grace.

Whether it was years of "Zoom youth group" during COVID-19, or trading out their summer camp for a day at Dave and Busters at the end of August, our youth have always shown up with eagerness to fellowship with each other and our amazing volunteers. We had originally planned a series of lessons at summer camp about adapting to change in the various seasons of our faith... but if there's any group of students who can afford to skip that lesson, this group proved last weekend that it's them.

Further, it is with equal parts joy and sadness that this year three students formally graduate from the Youth Group, but we know we'll see them again. I invite you to keep Charlie, Kimmy, and Caleb in your prayers as they navigate life after high school. The positive impacts they've had on our leaders and their fellow students rivals the impact we hope we had on them.

Youth Group will start once again in the fall, on September 6! Do you know any students who have started 5th grade? If they love making friends, eating pizza, and playing games (we're really narrowing it down here, huh?) let them know that PB Pres would love to invite them to join our Youth Group! Are you a grown up who loves making friends, eating pizza, and playing games? We have room for you too as a volunteer! Come find me on Sunday, or reach out via text/email for more information!

With joy and eagerness to serve God,
Tony Daskalakis
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Tony Daskalakis

Goodbye, but HELLO!

Or

"When one door closes, another door opens."

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When the Kingdom Kids leadership team sat down to reflect on our previous year of ministry and begin to look at what would happen for the next year, we realized that our regular volunteer base would be dwindling significantly - to the point that we felt that we would no longer be able to provide a quality program with our current resources.

After a lot of conversation, deliberation and prayer, we made the difficult decision to not offer our mid-week elementary Kingdom Kids program this Fall.

At the same time that we realized that door was closing, we recognized that another door was opening. So, we are shifting our focus to a more personal, relationship-building model and we are starting with the Preschool parents, children and teachers.

Twice a month, we will be serving coffee and donuts during morning drop off time. We already kicked this off on the first day of the new school year and we are excited about the opportunity it created to begin conversations and get to know the parents – and them us.

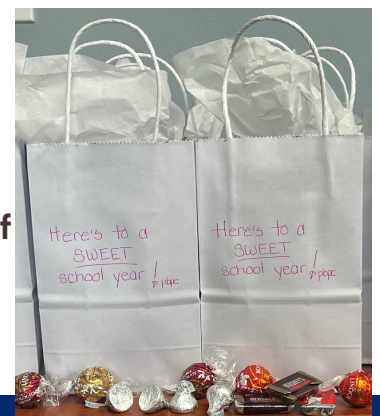
At the end of September, we will host a dinner that will be open to all of the Preschool families. They will be able to come and enjoy a free meal for their family, conversation with other preschool parents and fun games for their children. This will also be an opportunity for us to connect in a deeper way with the parents and children. If this is received well, we will do the dinner on a monthly basis.

We will continue the weekly Chapels with the Preschool children, blessing the Preschool staff with small gifts on a quarterly basis and host fun events throughout the year, starting with the Trunk or Treat event on Monday, October 30.

The quote above from Alexander Graham Bell is not complete. It is said that the full quote goes like this, "When one door closes another door opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."

We know that shutting the door and saying goodbye to a long-standing, cherished program can be hard, but we are excited about the many opportunities we will have to say "Hello," and are choosing to keep our eyes open to see all the new doors that get opened.

**The first Preschool staff
gift of the year**



PRESCHOOL NEWS

The new school year started on Aug. 21 and the children were thrilled to return to school and see that a new, sunken sandbox had been built over the weekend! Our new mud kitchen for the sandbox should be delivered on Monday.



We also installed new flooring and baseboards in the preschool office, hallway and staff bathroom. What a difference it makes! Thank you to StevE Ritz for hooking all of the electronics back up in the preschool office!

Ms. Stacey, Mr. Tony and Mr. Grant greeted the preschool parents and staff with an amazing coffee cart and donut bar on the first day of school. Everyone was so appreciative and enjoyed the caffeine and sugar! 😊

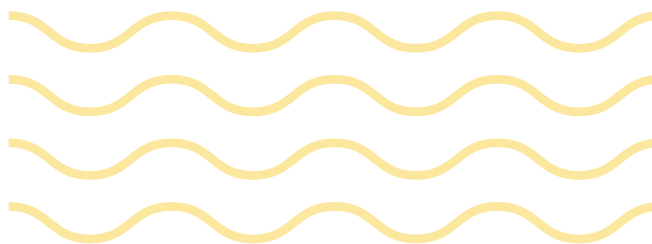
We hired a new teacher for our pre-k classroom and she is wonderful and child centered! Ms. Nancy has been a great addition to the staff.

The children enjoyed sports day, water play days, mismatched shoes day, pajama day, hat day and end of the year parties last month!

We're excited to start chapel time back up on Friday mornings with Ms. Stacey and Mr. Tony as well as Playball with Coach Heather on Wednesdays and dance class with Ms. Emily on Thursdays.

The preschool continues to maintain a healthy wait list and financials.

Amy Jones



September Birthdays

20th - Shane Cowell

22nd - Ruby Adams

23rd -

Marilyn Deitrich, Andrea Hollenbeck, Elizabeth Stead

26th - Ty Smith



Some of the donations Deacons have received for CCSA



Deacons Calendar

The next Deacon's meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17, following the morning worship service in Founders Hall

The Fall Deacons' Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 15 following the worship service

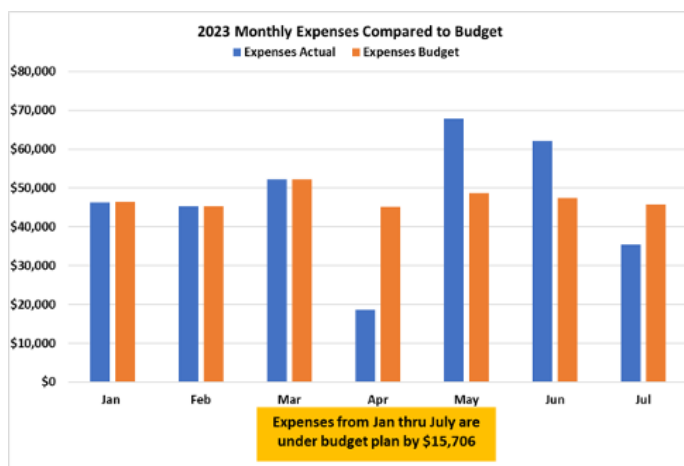
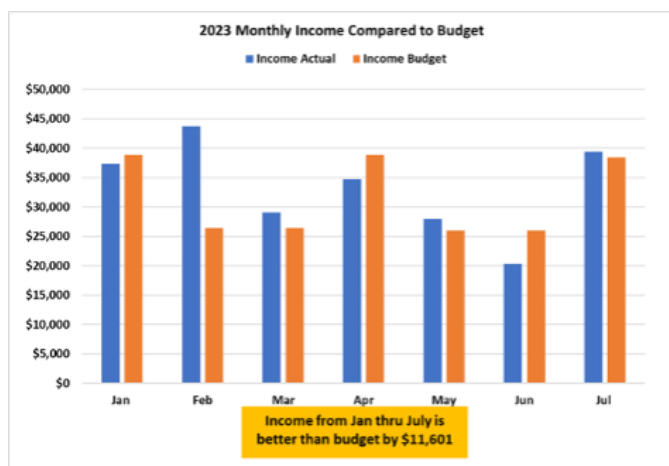
The Deacons continue to request donations from the congregation for CCSA through the month of September

The Congregation, as always, are in the Deacons' prayers!

UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

Our income and expenses through July 2023 have both been better than we had planned with higher income and lower expenses in total as shown below. However, per our budget in faith in God's good provisions we will be spending over our income and on a cumulative basis our net income is (\$72,450) through July. This is a smaller deficit than we had planned for this time in the year by over \$15,706. Per our budget we have been withdrawing \$14,000 per month from our LPL Financial reserves (see below) to manage our cashflow. It is worth noting that our first half expenses have included important improvements to our church campus for security purposes. Hopefully, you have noticed the new windows and doors on the office and education buildings. These improvements are costing us about \$75,000 but we will be receiving a check for this amount from the security grant that we were awarded last year. In order to cover the costs for these expenses we have withdrawn an additional \$40,000 from LPL Financial. So as of the end of July, we have made the payments but have not received the reimbursement and we will get a large credit to help us for the 2nd half of the year. In addition, we also applied for an ERTC (Employee Retention Tax Credit) and expect to receive approximately \$223,000.00 in the next few months. God's blessings are abundant! Big shout out to Pat Hom, Stacey Kaye, Chris Woodruff, and B&G for completing the applications and executing the Security Grant and the ERTC.

	Jul 31, 23	Dec 31, 22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
LPL-OWM Endowment Fund	586,827.89	559,536.39
LPL Financial	68,905.42	199,186.29
The Loan Company	770,000.00	770,000.00
USBank Checking 8510	21,078.37	13,383.11
USBank Savings 3800	909.06	14,953.04
Total Checking/Savings	1,447,720.74	1,557,058.83
Total Current Assets	1,447,720.74	1,557,058.83



Finally, your Finance Team would like you to reconsider using Vanco to give on-line. Logistically it is easier to manage. But we only want you to make this transition if you comfortable with it. We would be happy to discuss with you individually.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Welcome and a big shout out to all of you who have helped at any of our Outreach events this past summer, you are what keeps our sharing of God's love going in our community.

Upcoming Events:

Well, by the time you get this we will have completed our third and final Sandy Eggos Street to Beach cleanup. We hosted three of these this past summer, and they were all well received. When combined with our annual Graffiti Cleanup event in May, we are really making a difference in PB.

We are planning another Animal Blessing Service Sunday October 8. It will be held in conjunction with our 6:30pm evening service. Many of us have pets who are a major part of our family, this is a service aimed at just these types of families, so come and join us, and bring a friend or neighbor.

We are planning on hosting another "Hospitality for Hero's Date" night event in September, a way to support military and first responder families in our community, so look for the announcement. In fact, Outreach & Missions has decided to really hone our focus in 2024 towards military and first responder families, along with a deeper connection with our preschool families. We want to offer up our love and assistance, so if you have any ideas on how we can assist these families please share with us.

God's calling you to help?

Our Outreach & Missions team has lost two longtime members; Ty Smith, who has served our O&M team for many, many years, and Grant Kay, who is leaving us to pursue his next adventure in life. That being said, the team now consists of Pastor Bill, Luke Cowell, and myself. So we could sure use some help on the committee. If you ever felt God calling you to get involved in planning, this is the Holy Spirit using this newsletter item to say, yep, this is the job I planned on you getting involved in, so come join us. We meet via Zoom once a month (2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm). And God doesn't have age limits for sharing in His ministries, teenager or elder, God can be touching your heart to get involved, so listen closely, and join in the fun.

Blessings.