



Pacific Beach

Presbyterian Church

news

DEAR PBPC FAMILY & FRIENDS

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
The Apostle Paul, Colossians 3:14-17

Greetings to you in Christ! I hope you are enjoying a sweet beginning to the holiday season as you read this month’s newsletter. I’m amazed at how fast October went by, and I’m increasingly thankful to be back in the church office full-time. As the season of Thanksgiving approaches, I’m finding it’s pretty easy to follow Paul’s instructions in the passage above about being thankful when I get to enjoy the blessings of working with such an outstanding staff of faithful gospel coworkers.



I’ve heard many leaders over the years suggest that their success could be credited to their ability to surround themselves with people who are more talented, more faithful, or more competent than themselves. I’m experiencing the truth of that leadership lesson in the company of the wonderful and faithful brothers and sisters who share staff positions in the church and preschool offices. Thank you for assembling such a dream team to be my fellow laborers!

There were so many ministry highlights in October. The celebration of Grant’s ministry on October 1 was a powerful testimony to the ways this congregation has partnered with Grant in building one another up for God’s glory. Haley has brought great richness and energy to our music ministries, keeping the talents of the Crusader Bells, PBPC Choir, and Sounds of Worship meaningfully engaged.

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Donna and I enjoyed valuable care visits with the Cornells, Aitchesons, and Melbourns. Our staff meetings have been filled with devotional discussions, collaborative planning, and shared prayer. I enjoyed my first of the Preschool Coffee Cart mornings that Stacey, Tony, Amy, and Rene have been providing, along with the weekly Preschool Chapel gatherings that are helping strengthen the ties between our Preschool families and the PBPC staff. And, our Preschool Harvest Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, Blessing of the Animals Service, and many Youth Group events confirmed the ongoing value of our efforts to connect intergenerationally with our surrounding community. For a small congregation, I continue to see major impact in Jesus' name! Well done, good and faithful servants!

That impact will continue in November, thanks to your faithful support of our mission and ministries. We have a special baptism scheduled for November 5, the installation of Ruling Elder-elect Steve Awe on November 12, and our 2023 Stewardship Dedication Sunday also on the 12th to prepare for a new year of faithful kingdom work. Our sermon series on the Advent Conspiracy will continue through November 19 as we prepare for the Advent season, which will officially begin on Sunday, November 26. I hope you'll be able to engage with many of these events as we continue to experience abundant life together in Christ.

In the meantime, I remain grateful for the privilege of serving as your pastor. As Paul wrote, be thankful! In word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. May November be a month filled with God's blessings as you follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

With gratitude in Christ~ Pastor Bill

UPCOMING SERMON AND SERVICE SCHEDULE

Reformation Sermon Series: The Advent Conspiracy



November 5: "Spend Less" Proverbs 11:28-29; Matthew 6:19-21
Lord's Supper Sunday; Daylight Saving Time (set clocks back an hour)

November 12: "Give More" John 1:1-14; Matthew 1:18-23; Isaiah 7:14

November 19: "Love All" John 3:16-21; Matt. 25:34-40

Advent Sermon Series: Christmas Through the Eyes of...

November 26: "The Angel Gabriel". Luke 1:26-38
Thanksgiving Weekend

December 3: "Mary and Joseph" Luke 2:1-7
Lord's Supper Sunday

OCTOBER REPLAY

GRANT KAY'S FAREWELL LUNCH



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE



Hello PBPC!

October is always a hectic month for us - between incredible Harvest festivals, and stellar trunk or treats, there's been a lot happening! I want to take a moment just to offer a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who stepped up this month, but also the incredible generosity shown by everyone with the candy donations! PBPC made some awesome connections this month, and we couldn't have done it without you!

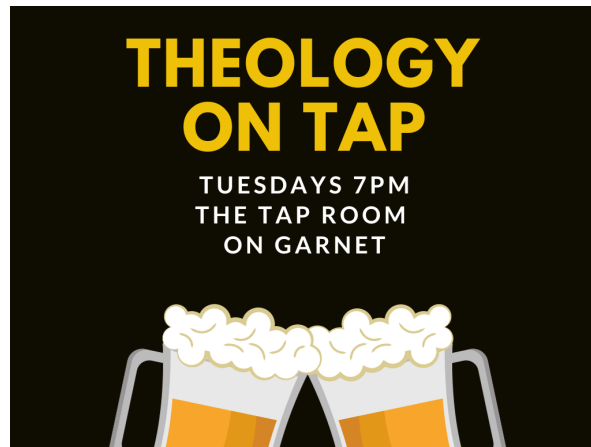
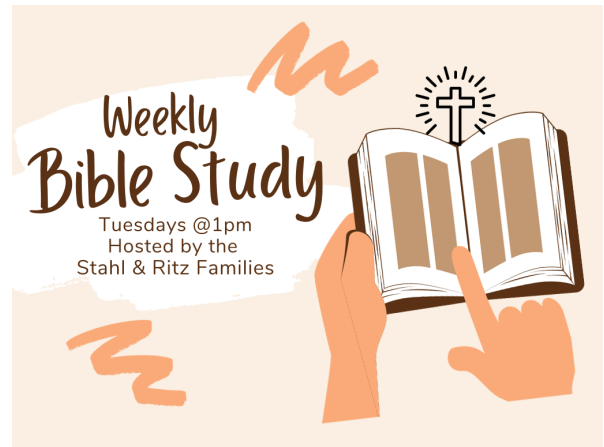
Speaking of awesome connections, I am thrilled to announce a partnership with the youth ministry team at Pacific Life Church! This fall season, they've been hosting their youth group outdoors at Crown Point, and while that's been serviceable, the cold and loss of light is really impacting their students' experience. I am thrilled to share that soon, Pacific Life Church will be able to use our student ministry spaces! It's not JUST a blessing for them though; this partnership has opened doors that will enable us to (hopefully) start ministering on Mission Bay High's campus in collaboration with PLC!

I am eager to see all of the fruit of this partnership, but I think it's always a cause for celebration when we get to use our resources (in this case, our youth ministry rooms) to bless our community. PLC and their students are immensely grateful for the opportunity to worship in a more comfortable space, and I am grateful to be a part of a church where we can help promote ministry alongside our entire Kingdom community. If you have any questions about the partnership, or have any other ideas about ways we can link up with ministry partners, don't hesitate to let me know!

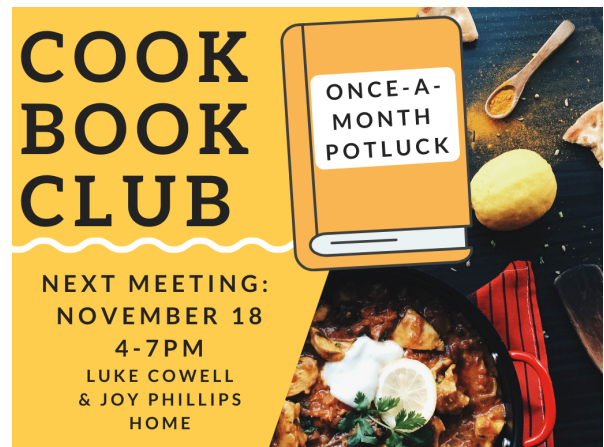
With Love and Prayer, Tony Daskalakis

LIFE GROUPS

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - TRUNK OR TREAT

Our Trunk or Treat event was a ton of fun, with decked out cars, fun and silly and amazing costumes, Preschool families, neighborhood families, and community partner, Sauced Pizzeria. Thank you to all who helped with candy donations and hosting a trunk!



Stacey Kay

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool hosted its annual Harvest Festival on October 5th and it was attended by families, friends and a few people from the community. We had two bounce houses, pony rides, a petting zoo, a dance floor, games and stations for hair braiding, tattoos and face painting! We also had a dunk bucket, soccer games and a taco truck which provided delicious Mexican food! Thank you to Haley Pettersen, Steve and Leslie Ritz, Chris and Marsha Woodruff, Rene Cruz and Tony Daskalakis for helping with set up, break down, manning stations and running games!



Orange Day was on October 13 and we'll have our Halloween parties and celebrations on October 31! Picture Day will be November 7. We've been learning about pumpkins and planting and will be caring for our fruit, veggies and flowers in our new raised planter beds. We've learned about people in the Bible and all about God's love each week in the church with Ms. Stacey and Mr. Tony!

Amy Jones

MUSIC MINISTRY

Hello everyone at PB Presbyterian!

My name is Haley Pettersen and I am so excited to officially be a part of the team at PBPC as Director of Worship Music. I want to start by sharing my sincerest thanks for the amazing welcome I've received so far. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share my love of God and music with you all. It is a blessing to get to use my gifts for the worship of God. I have many ideas to grow the music program and am looking forward to what is to come!

Rehearsals resumed on Thursday, September 28, for both the Sounds of Worship (5:45 – 6:45) and the Chancel Choir (7 – 8). If you are interested in joining either group, now is a great time! Sounds of Worship (SOW) is a contemporary praise band consisting of singers, guitar, bass and drums that leads the contemporary music for Sunday worship. The Chancel Choir is a traditional 4-part choir that leads hymns and sings larger choral anthems during Sunday worship. Singers and instrumentalists of any kind are invited to join either group! For more information, please email me at haley@pbpres.org. Experience in worship music is not required, all you need is an open heart, a passion for music and a desire to praise God with that music.

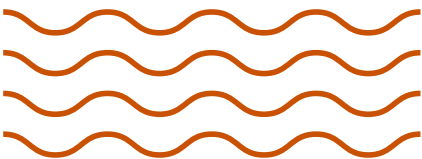
Thank you all so much for welcoming my husband, Eric, and I into your community. It has been such a joy to begin my work with the musicians of PBPC. I truly believe that music can impact all areas of a person's life and is especially impactful within the context of worship. Music brings people together, creating a community with the common goal of creating something beautiful. Whether you join the choir or SOW or sing along in the congregation your contribution to worship is invaluable!

God bless,

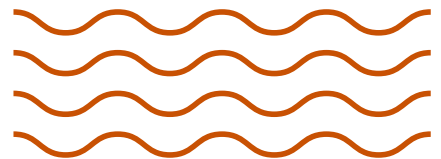
Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Psalm 95:1

Haley Pettersen

November Birthdays



9th - Betsy Martin
9th - Leslie McEuen
14th - Charlie Cowell
19th - Lauren Bodor
23rd - Neil Charette
28th - Terry Schmid
29th - Nussy Kipuw





From their October Newsletter:

Dear Good Neighbor,

Fall is in full swing and we are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season! We continue to raise funds for our 50th Anniversary Campaign. As a reminder every dollar you contribute will be matched, effectively doubling the value of your donation. Your participation in this matching fund initiative is a crucial step towards achieving our shared goals. To find out more on how you can contribute and make a difference visit our website.

CCSA MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT

CCSA has seen an increase in the individuals and families needing our services on a monthly basis. For the month of September in our Clairemont office alone, we had 1534 individuals come in. This is a 20.3% increase just from the month of September last year. At our Pacific Beach location we served a total of 1001 individuals. This is a 12.09% increase from this time last year. By donating to our 50th-anniversary campaign, you are helping to make sure that we can provide food and resources to every single man, woman, and child who comes to us in need of help.

Community Christian Service Agency

2023 Holiday Gift Baskets & Gift bags program

Sponsor a Family with a Holiday Gift Basket or provide a homeless individual with a gift bag

Sign up TODAY & become a Sponsor

Gift Bags may be dropped off at our Clairemont Center Starting Monday, November 6

Holiday Baskets drop off date will be Thursday, December 14th between 8am to 5pm

For program guidelines please visit our website: www.ccsasandiego.org or call us at 858-274-2271

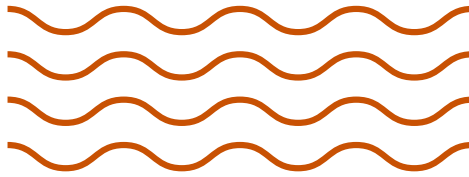
It's time for Christmas Gift Baskets! Last year, we had a wonderful Christmas Gift Basket Program that provided over 250 baskets to families in need. This year we plan to bring joy to even more families!

Help us reach our goal of delivering 275 Christmas baskets to our neighbors in need! You can support this program by creating your own gift basket, donating items for the baskets, or making a monetary donation for us to purchase items.

Each family that is sponsored will receive a festive Christmas food basket which has been created for them OR you can donate a Christmas basket, if you do not wish to adopt a specific family. These baskets will be given out to families that come for assistance before Christmas.

2023 Stewardship Sunday – November 12

Sunday, November 12 will be our Stewardship Sunday to dedicate our pledges for 2024. Watch your postal mail and email for your Stewardship Letter, pledge cards, and information about pledge envelopes for those of you who have opted to receive them.



Join the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) in the



Main Event: "God Loves You" Frontera Tour with Franklin Graham
Saturday, March 9 – 5:00 PM
North Island Credit Union Amphitheater, Chula Vista, CA
Website: <https://godlovesyoutour.com/en/>

Interested in volunteering? The BGEA welcomes able-bodied men and women to serve on both their On-Site Team and Prayer Team. Some training is required in advance for the Prayer Team (visit <https://godlovesyoutour.com/en/volunteer/> for more information).

Volunteers interested in the Prayer Team will need to complete a Church Life and Witness Class, offered at various locations on various dates between November and March. The November dates and locations are:

- Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 PM at City View Church (San Diego)
- Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 AM at Horizon Church (Rancho Santa Fe)

Visit <https://godlovesyoutour.com/en/clwc/> for more information about Church Life and Witness Classes.

AROUND THE TABLE BLESSING



A Blessing For Around The Table (for Thanksgiving....or any day)

God, awaken us to the everyday miracle of a simple meal.
Whether it is take-out that took a phone call,
or a recipe that took an entire afternoon,
or the cereal-for-dinner again feeling this meal creates,
bless it all.

So blessed are we, sharing a meal today.
May we recognize God's goodness
 in the thoughtful preparation,
 in the delivering,
 in the eating together,
 savoring something that tastes like love.

May our time around the table be a gift.

May we be present to one another,
engaging all our senses as an act of thankful worship
for the nourishment that's before us
with the people we love. Or are trying to.

God, bless the hands that prepared this,
those with us now,
and the ones we wish were.

Bless us, oh God.

In all of our eating and cooking and gathering and sharing,
 our jokes, talking-with-our-mouths full,
 and elbows on the table,
 may we taste and see the love that multiplies.

Amen.

*Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie
from "The Lives We Actually Have"*