

Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach
United Church of Christ
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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- We welcome all people who are sincere in their desire to know and serve God and God's people.
- Since we are all called to love God and each other, in the spirit of openness we welcome all of God's people.
- People of every age, ethnicity, economic status, ability, gender, and sexual orientation are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the life and work of our community.
- We welcome and celebrate all who sincerely seek the experience of God's unconditional love and care.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Choir Practice: Thursday 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary
Prayer Time: Tuesday 10 a.m. in Lawritson Hall
Bible Study: Tuesday 10:30 a.m. in Lawritson Hall

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Plus seven "12-Step" groups during the week ~ Lawritson Hall

December 1, 2019
Communion Sunday
1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome to
Community
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Church of
Pacific Beach

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Forums: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

*"No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here."*

Sunday
Please silence all electronic devices

December 1, 2019 10:30 a.m.
*All who are able please stand

Welcome to all who worship here this morning. We hope you will feel a warm welcome and you will return and worship with us again.

MEDITATION: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
Lamentations 3: 21-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REGISTRATION

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ADVENT INTROIT *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* #116, vs. 1

***ADVENT CANDLE**

Gracious God, as the Advent season begins, we cry out to you. We come to you looking for hope. When everything else we rely on fails us, our only hope is in you. When we do not understand what has happened, we hope in you. We can hope for better days because we trust you. We know you and we know you are here with us no matter what we are facing. Some of us see only darkness this time of year. Some of us find life overwhelming. Some of us are filled with Advent joy. Wherever we find ourselves today, Loving God, remind us that our hope is in you. Be with us on this journey. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"* #18

***LITANY FOR ADVENT WEEK #1**

We enter into this first Sunday of the Advent season, turning our attention to You, God. We acknowledge the darkness that is within us, and that permeates the world.

God, forgive us.

We acknowledge the suffering, tragedy, and pain by which humanity is afflicted, which seems at times to overwhelm us.

Draw near to us, Oh God.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank all who helped decorate the sanctuary and Lawritson Hall last Sunday. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and team work within our church family.

GIRL SCOUT TROUP 4894 TOY AND BLOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday, December 4, from 10am to 2pm, the Girl Scouts will be hosting a toy and blood drive in the parking lot of Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach. You can make an appointment at MYSDBB.org/schedule or call 800-4MYSDBB. Please bring an unwrapped new toy for Rady's Children's Hospital.



SPECIAL GUEST FROM THE SAN DIEGO RESCUE



MISSION – SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, December 8th, we will have a special guest speaker from the San Diego Rescue Mission address us during our Service at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Michelle Moomaw Le Beau is responsible for organizing the giving partners like ourselves, and comes with many years of experience in church partnership programs. Please make plans to join us on 12/08 to hear what Michelle has to say.

GRIEF WORKSHOP- December 6, 12-1pm

At this workshop we are going to explore a few things to include: You aren't consciously deciding to be irritable, aloof or stressed! After the lecture we will have an art activity run by Expressive Arts Therapist Jamie Harris Rosen. Bring a picture or photocopy of someone you are missing this holiday season... Get ready to be led in a fun art activity... making a beautiful, personalized ornament to take home! Learn about other art activities you can do with your family this holiday season as well!

Light refreshments provided.

A poster for a grief workshop. The background is red with white polka dots. In the center, there is a white circle containing the text "Holiday Stress? Unresolved Grief may be the real problem." Above the circle is a photograph of a wrapped gift box with a gold ribbon. Text at the top left of the poster reads: "THERA STORM, LCSW, ADVANCED GRIEF RECOVERY SPECIALIST & JAMIE HARRIS ROSEN, EXPRESSIVE ARTS THERAPIST PRESENT:". At the bottom right, it says "DEC. 6, 2019 • NOON-1PM 2088 BERYL ST. SAN DIEGO" and "INFORMATIVE LECTURE, ART ACTIVITY & REFRESHMENTS".

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RSVP Eventbrite / Limited space 858-829-0060

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STEWARDSHIP

It's time for us as a congregation to begin thinking about what God would have us financially contribute during the next fiscal year. With careful consideration and prayer, we ask that you fill out a pledge card and bring it to the church by December 16th. The expected income from your pledge will assist the church council in planning the church budget for 2019.



Performed at the Lincoln Performing Arts Center, 4777 Imperial Ave., SD 92113

Dates and Times:

Friday, Dec. 13 @ 7pm
Saturday, Dec. 14 @ 2pm & 7pm
Saturday, Dec. 21 @ 2pm & 7pm
Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 4pm
Sunday, Dec. 22 @ 4pm
Friday, Dec. 20 @ 7pm



You can purchase tickets for \$25 at Terry's reseller site at this link:
<https://www.cytsandiego.org/reseller/c0f510098f0a5d941df9807aac6f449c>

JOYMAKERS SENIOR CHOIR & CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 22

We will host the Joymakers Choir in our Sunday morning worship on December 22. The choir is facilitated by Del Cerro Baptist Church and consists of singers from all over San Diego. Immediately following the service, we will have a Christmas Party in Lawritson Hall.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Cheryl Prince on December 11th

We consider the mystery of your ways, that you might choose to send our Savior as an innocent baby and not as a warrior or a king; as one who humbly accepted suffering and humiliation and called it glory.

Our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

We choose in this moment to focus our attention on HOPE; the hope of Jesus Christ and all his coming represents for suffering people, the hope for restoration of all that is broken in the world, the hope of new life and resurrection.

Hope is the light we wish to see by.

Grant, Oh God, that when he comes, Christ may find us waiting in expectation, our souls quieted, our hearts soft and open.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

In Christ all things are made new, and we look forward to the day our hope is fulfilled, each heart reconciled, the work of Christ completed in all the earth.

Our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

#759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen. Amen.

HYMN OF PROCLAMATION "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#116

PASTORAL PRAYER: Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

ANTHEM

"Christmas Joy!"

Arr. Emerson

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON

"Waiting and Hoping"

Rev. Elvin Harrison

OFFERTORY

Piano: Peggy Goings, Cello: Martha Kennedy

*DOXOLOGY

#780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION

Invitation

(The celebration of Holy Communion in the United Church of Christ is open to all who seek a relationship with Jesus Christ. As we share the bread and the cup, we pray for a deepening sense of Christ's presence among us. The elements will be passed among the congregation.)

Prayer

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" #330

Partaking of the Elements

Special Music Piano: Peggy Goings, Cello: Martha Kennedy

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" #122

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Piano: Peggy Goings, Cello: Martha Kennedy

~ Our worship has ended; our service now begins. ~



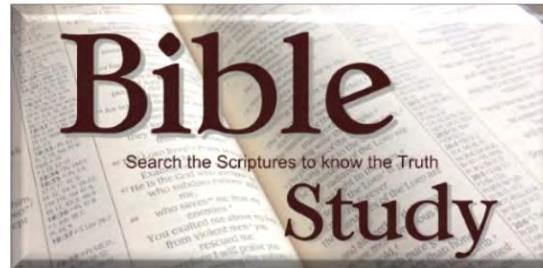
ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY – Outside Patio

You are invited to stay for our Fellowship time immediately following the worship service on the patio. It is a wonderful time for fellowship while enjoying some wonderful snacks and refreshments. We are thankful for those who serve in this way each Sunday.



FAITH, FORMATION AND ACTION, PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY – Lawritson Hall



On December 8th Pastor Elvin will host a discussion of the book "Femicide in Global Perspective" edited by Diana Russell and Roberta Harnes. This anthology presents knowledge on the international scope of femicide - the killing of females because they are females - and creates awareness and understanding of the politics of global

femicide. Prayer and Bible study are on Tuesday mornings, prayer at 10 AM followed by Bible study at 10:30 AM.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING SUNDAY – December 23

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a tangible expression of God's love and light in the world for over 115 years. One of the four Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ, the Christmas fund provides UCC congregations and members an opportunity to reach out in kindheartedness to those who have faithfully shepherded our Church and now find themselves facing worrisome financial needs. The Pension Boards, on behalf of the whole church, passes on this direct support so that real needs may be met and support may be felt.

