

The Communicator

February 2021

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

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From Your Moderator Carolyn Snelling

The Chance of a Lifetime



This is a true story, and I have never grown tired of hearing it. It's worth repeating.

It was a warm, sunny day in the summer of 1941 in Atlanta, Georgia, when life was slower and the days seem so much longer. It was a time slightly before the outbreak of WWII. My husband, George, was 13 years old and with his Jewish friend, Daniel, who was the same age went out for an afternoon adventure. In those days, parents didn't worry about their children. All the kids needed to do was be home by dinner time.

During a long walk, they were getting thirsty. The boys noticed a water fountain in a church as they passed by an opened side door. They went in to get a drink. Suddenly they noticed a group of black boys approaching. One of the boys asked if they'd like to play a few innings of baseball. They agreed and went to play at a nearby field. An hour or so later, a woman brought a pitcher of home-squeezed lemonade for all to enjoy. George remembered it was the best lemonade he'd ever tasted. A "loud-mouth" boy asked George (left-handed), "Lefty, did your mama give you a name?" He replied, "My name is George. What's yours?" He replied, "My friends call me Bud." My dad is Pastor of the Ebenezer Church where you got a drink. My name is Martin Luther King, Jr.

The month of February is Black History Month. We honor the many Black women and men for their achievements in U.S. history and recognize Martin Luther King Jr. as one of the greatest activists for civil rights through non-violence and civil obedience.

Here are excerpts from a memorable speech of Dr. King from "I Have a Dream" 1963.

"I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protests to degenerate into physical violence. We must not lead us to distrust all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny.

I say to you today, my friend, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream today...This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning. "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountain side, let freedom ring." And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So, let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain in Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain in Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi, from every mountain side. Let freedom ring.



When we allow freedom to ring--- when we let it ring from every city and every hamlet, from every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men, white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at Last, Great God Almighty, we are free at last."

Please Pray...



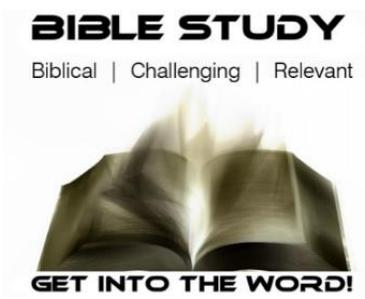
... for Pastor Elvin as he recovers from blood pressure and other physical issues. He has been in the hospital the past week and is looking forward to going home and being back at church. Pray for God’s healing and protection.

Faith, Formation and Action

FFA, formerly called Forum, is held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for 50 minutes in Lawritson Hall. FFA is a thought-provoking, action-oriented discussion for adults. Topics cover current events, issues, and other topics which may be of interest to contemporary Christians.



Please be looking for future information regarding FFA times and topics.



No Bible study during the month of February due to COVID restrictions.

February Birthdays

- February 5 Chuck Mendenhall
- February 21 Alex Sherer



TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 2021

CASH	JAN
Starting	\$19,953.41
+Income	\$12,439.42
-Expenses	<u>\$10,087.15</u>
TOTAL	\$22,305.68

BALANCE ON HAND 1/31/21	\$22,305.68
MONIES IN DESIGNATED FUNDS	<u>\$16,399.56</u>
OPERATING FUNDS AVAILABLE 1/31/21	\$ 5,906.12

DESIGNATED FUNDS FOR JAN	IN	OUT	BALANCE
CCSA	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
DEACON'S FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 142.50
OUTREACH	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 179.74
CHRISTMAS FUND	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ (50.00)
MUSIC	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 61.76
EDUCATION	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 167.81
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,377.00
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$10,846.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 49.15
HOSPITALITY FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 148.51
MISCELLANEOUS (Printer ink)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 154.10
FELLOWSHIP	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 501.00
<u>LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 821.99</u>
	\$ 850.00	\$ 0.00	\$16,399.56

MONTHLY SALARIES FOR PERSONNEL:	\$ 6,500.00
EXPENSES—Utilities	\$ 1,193.00
Custodian	\$ 250.00
Landscape Maint	\$ 650.00
Capital Maint	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies	\$ 33.00
Insurance	\$ 1,129.00
Website	\$ 50.00
<u>Music</u>	<u>\$ 182.00</u>
MONTHLY EXPENSES	\$11,087.00

PLEDGES & LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 1,406.00
BUILDING USE INCOME	\$ 8,933.00 (2 AT&T)
<u>MISCELLANEOUS (AT&T cell site work)</u>	<u>\$ 1,250.00</u>
MONTHLY INCOME	\$11,589.00

February 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 AA 5pm 7pm	5	6
7 Online Worship 10:30 am	8	9	10	11 AA 5pm 7pm	12	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY Online Worship 10:30 am	15	16	17	18 AA 5pm 7pm	19	20
21 LIVE Worship 10:30 am	22	23	24	25 AA 5 pm 7pm	26	27
28 LIVE Worship 10:30 am						



MUSIC

News

From Terry Hendricks

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers these past couple of weeks. I must admit that I have not been this sick for several years. I just knew I had COVID, but the test proved otherwise. Thank God for his great mercy and care for us.

Due to Governor Newsome's lifting the ban on church meetings, we have decided to begin LIVE services in the sanctuary on February 21st. We will postpone our fellowship time for a few more weeks, but look forward to seeing each other after this long separation.

Online Giving

Please note that on line giving is available through Tithely on our church website www.uccpacificbeach.com. Please take a look and follow the simple instructions.



Please Note...

Our church treasurer, Kathy Mendenhall, reports that our giving for January has been lower than usual. This is a gentle reminder to keep sending your pledges and offerings during this time of online worship.

A Note from the Editor:



Please send your submissions for the Communicator by the 20th of each month to administrator@uccpacificbeach.com.

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February is heart awareness month. Here are some facts about the heart:



day.

1. The heart is about the size of your fist. Grab a tennis ball and squeeze it tightly. That's how hard the beating heart works to pump blood. When the body is at rest, it takes only 6 seconds for the blood to go from the heart to the lungs and back; only 8 seconds for it to go to the brain and back; only 16 seconds for it reach the toes and travel all the way back to the heart.

2. It weighs only 11 ounces on average. A healthy heart pumps 2,000 gallons of blood through 60,000 miles of blood vessels each

3. The average adult heart beats 72 times a minute; 100,000 times a day; over 3 ½ million times a year; about 2 ½ billion times during a lifetime.
4. A woman's heart typically beats faster than a man's heart (70/78).
5. When you are a baby, your heart beats about 160 times a minute. When you are a child, your heart beats about 100 to 120 times a minute.
6. Blood is circulated around the body every 45 seconds.
7. If the blood vessels were put end to end, they would circle the world twice.
8. During an average lifetime, the heart will pump nearly 1.5 million barrels of blood. That's enough to fill 200 train tank cars.
9. The heart does the most physical work of any muscle during a lifetime. The power output of the heart ranges from 1 to 5 watts.
10. Plato theorized that passions originated in the fiery heart and emotional thoughts are from the heart.



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Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach (UCC)... is an open and affirming congregation.

- 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.

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