



# THE PETALUMAN

**“PUMC WELCOMES ALL TO WALK WITH US AS WE REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY WITH OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS”**

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## Pastor’s Reflections



Bishop Dyck and the Reverend Robert Herrmann

At 7:00pm on Saturday, June 17th Interim Bishop Sally Dycke presided over the Services for the Ordering of Ministry at 175th Session of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church. As you know I was one of the 7 to be ordained elders. During the service, we ordinands were told:

*An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church: to preach and teach the Word of God and faithfully administer the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion;*

*To lead the people of God in worship and prayer;*

*to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ; to exercise pastoral supervision, to order the life of the congregation and the connection, to counsel the troubled, and declare the forgiveness of sin; to lead the people of God in obedience to Christ’s mission in the world; to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people; and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church and in service in and to the community.*

*This is the rule of life and work of an elder. We were then asked, “Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?”*

I replied, “I do so believe”

***Peace and Blessings!***

***Pastor Rob***

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## Trustees-Richard Hillery

Mark Benzonelli suggested looking at cushions for the pews. We had gotten rid of all the pew cushions in the opening of the covid lockdown. Mark will check around to get some prices for our church.

Backflow prevention device was repaired by our contracted service and testing provider for under \$200.00. A quote from Small Jobs Plumbing indicated these devices are not repairable and replacement would be \$1,345.00. We saved quite a bit.

Called City Wide Facility Solutions after receiving an unsolicited mailing to the office to learn if PUMC is ready for outside assistance to keep up our property. They are primarily a janitorial service that can look out for maintenance needs, recommend service providers. No hard numbers were given by them, but they are higher than our current janitorial service provider.

Called JB Tile and Marble for estimate to tile foyer men's and women's restrooms. Priced at \$7,520.00 for both. Women's room is \$3,600.00. Women's only service was approved.

A donated hanging lamp was installed in the women's restroom to give better lighting and improve the appearance some.

A GFI duplex is needed in the women's restroom. Estimate from John Owens Plumbing for sprinkler irrigation supply (over the kitchen roof) replacement from our well (broken line in current galvanized plumbing underground) is 18,300.00. Earlier estimate from Small Jobs Plumbing was \$15,000.00. We could have some of the needed monies available after CD account matures from the PPP (Federal Government). Then all lawns, evergreen trees, bushes and roses would be controlled by timers using our well water. We are currently hand watering by a long hose from the janitors closet the evergreen trees, bushes and roses.

It was noted that surveyors were locating monuments or markers around the house at the edge of our parking lot. As we did not request this service, when questioned why this work was happening, they replied the City of Petaluma was confirming property lines in the neighborhood. Our parking lot was not part of the original land purchase when PUMC opened in 1941. We will need to find out more information to possibly protect our deed from encroachment.

We need to consider improving our parking lot, possible striping to show designated parking spots. Peter Howley will contact some paving companies to get estimates.

Many thanks to Trustees that helped out before and after the recent rummage sale.

## Under Old Business

Paperwork for 1980 with appraisals of relics at PUMC. Still accurate? Jim Phillips suggested the archeology department at SSU. Richard is trying to contact Butterfields in San Francisco

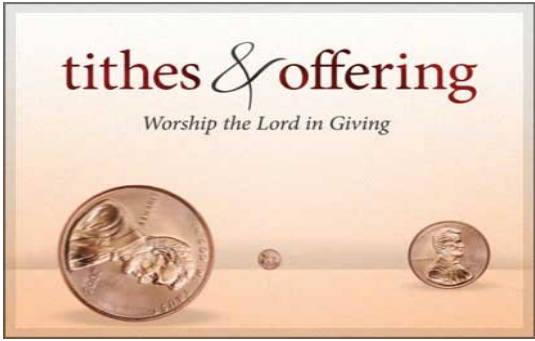
Exit out of education wing needs door closer and panic bar.

Lawn sign electrical upgrades.

Duplex at vestry sink cannot be converted to GFI, no ground wire present.

Need to organize a work party to ascend the tower, check lights and drain.





**You have options!  
for your pledge or offering:**

- ◇ Bring it Sundays when you come to service.
- ◇ Mail your check to the church: 410 D St.,  
◇ Petaluma, CA 94952

**Finance-Sharon Sibbet**

Bear with me, please. Articles like this with mostly numbers and projections aren't fun to write or read but I believe it is important as a congregation that we all be informed as to where we stand financially.

Some of you may remember that in 2020 we qualified for a Payroll Protection Plan( PPP) loan from the federal government for \$16,000.

We met the criteria to have that loan forgiven and have been able until this year to keep it in certificates of deposit. That amount has now grown to a little over \$16,700.

In June the first of two certificates matured. We split the \$10,060 two ways. \$6,000 went into the Trustee Projects dedicated fund to cover a negative balance. \$4,060 went into our General Fund to help reduce our projected deficit for this year.

When the second certificate matures, we will place that approximately \$6,700 in the General Fund also.

As of May 31, 2023 we were showing a General Fund loss for this year-to-date of\$9,777.

We are hopeful that the addition of the PPP funds, your ongoing generous pledge and faith-giving donations, and reduced expenses expected for a couple of months later in the year will help us to avoid a major deficit at the end of the year.

**Our Church Financial Report**

*Month of May*

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,346.47</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$ 10,555.26</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 3,208.79)</b>

*Year to Date*

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 45,377.98</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$ 55,155.17</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (9,777.19)</b>
<b>Gen. Fund Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$53,014.95</b>

*Temporary Restricted Funds*

<b>Outreach Funds</b>	<b>\$ 3,441.75</b>
<b>Memorial Funds</b>	<b>\$ 2,127.36</b>
<b>Trustee Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,109.82</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,272.39</b>

**TOTAL** **\$ 15,951.32**

*Thank You for Your Support*

## OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Email:** umc.petaluma@gmail.com

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**Phone:** 707-762-9785

Please contact the office:

- to schedule a Zoom meeting for your committee.
- to schedule an appointment with the pastor.
- to schedule meeting room use.

**Please contact the office *before* volunteering the use of our campus. We want to *avoid* conflicting events and appointments.**



12 Lucy Koroinasu  
24 Judy Hillery  
28 Pat Cercos

~MAKE A DIFFERENCE ~  
DONATE  
IN HONOR OF, IN MEMORY OF , IN  
CELEBRATION OF SOMEONE SPECIAL  
IN YOUR LIFE

**IN MEMORY OF:  
DORIS DAVENPORT**

**FROM:  
PUMC BOOK CLUB  
AND  
MIKE & JEAN ARCLOSKI**



There are not any known anniversaries for the  
Month of July



## **Worship** - Sue Sarno/O. Wright

Worship will meet on Friday, July 7th, at 11:00 am in the Fireside Room for our monthly meeting. We will be discussing worship plans for the summer, and reviewing and working on requested job descriptions for our committee.

## **S.P.R.C.** - Gyann Malone /June Hudnall

SPRC met on June 22. We talked about our Church Vision with the bottom line being that we would like to grow our church.

We will brainstorm and pray about this goal. We discussed goals to be accomplished by our Pastor as well as our committee.

We also started planning for Pastor Rob's Ordination party to be held after church on July 9. Submitted by Gyann Malone, Co-Chair

## **Quilt Group** - Nora Tallent

Tickets are on sale for the next Quilt drawing. Please see any Quilt Group member or the Office.



## **Outreach** -Judy Hillery/ Elizabeth Bickmore

Our Rummage sale was great and thanks to all for your donations of clothes, furniture and treasures. We also want to thank you for your purchases and your help working the sale. The sale brought in \$1,359.00.

With the help of events like the Rummage Sale and the Holiday Craft Faire we are now able to purchase 21, 8' commercial grade tables for \$2,940.00 that can be handled by our congregation. 12 of our old 8' tables were sold to folks for \$1.00 per table. We have 8 more tables that would like to find good homes. Please contact Trustees if you are interested.

Our Holiday Craft Faire is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>. Get your knitting needles going and pass the info to your friends. More info about that later. Our next Dine and Donate will be in October. We will announce that date later so you can put it on the calendar.

## **Una Vida Update** -Lamar Shahbazian

### Una Vida Clothing Giveaway

Una Vida will be holding their next clothing giveaway on Saturday, August 12th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 825 Middlefield Road. Spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested.

If you have clothing or shoes to donate, you can drop them off at 1769 Pine Avenue any time before July 31st. Alternatively, contact Lamar Shahbazian at [lamar.shahbazian@gmail.com](mailto:lamar.shahbazian@gmail.com) or 707-217-7682 to arrange for pick-up.

All sizes of clothing and shoes are welcome, from babies through adult. If you can label the bags by gender and size that would be most helpful.

This is your chance to clean out your closets! Thank you.

**Book Club**-Sharon Sibbet

The **Book Club** meets  
on the last Friday of the month  
at 10:30 a.m.

Anyone that is interested in joining or would like more  
information should contact:

Karen DeLue 707-774-6661 *or*  
Sharon Sibbet 707-775-4005

**Women's Discussion Group**-Sue Sarno

Meet via Zoom on *1st Monday* of the month at 7:00 p.m.

*Please contact the office for the Zoom Link.*

**Men's Group**- Don Broadbent

Meet 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at Henny  
Penny's on Petaluma Blvd. North

**Quilt Group**-Sue Rice & Nora Tallent

Meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

**Ladies Monthly Brunch/Lunch**

Meet monthly:

2nd Friday of the month 11:30 a.m.

(currently) At Mary's Pizza on the East side

**Contact: Sue Sarno or Elaine Caldwell**

**Discipleship Group**-Pastor Rob

Meets via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

*Please contact the office for the Zoom Link.*

**Recap Bible Study**-Mark Benzonelli

Thursday Evenings  
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Meet in Fireside Room weekly



*Elaine Caldwell, Sue Sarno, Lamar Shahbazian,  
Gwen Petro, June Hudnall, Audrey Phillips,  
Adella Henning, Sharon Sibbet, Charlotte Peterson*

***PUMC Ladies Who Brunch/Lunch***



*Father Almighty (Almighty God), pour upon  
(Name the Holy Spirit) for the office and work  
of an elder in Christ's holy church.  
Robert Herrmann, take authority as an elder to  
preach the Word of God, to administer the Holy  
Sacraments and to order the life of the Church;  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit.*

***Congratulations to  
the Reverend Robert Herrmann!!***





## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday Podcast:

[www.petalumaumc.org](http://www.petalumaumc.org) or [petalumaumc.podbean.com](http://petalumaumc.podbean.com)  
 Currently, Sunday Services are being taped live and will be posted later in the afternoon on the day of the service.

**Discipleship** – Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.  
 Contact the office for the Zoom link

**Quilt group** -Thursday mornings 10:00 a.m. in person at PUMC.

**Recap Bible Study**-Thursday evenings 6-7pm in person

## MONTHLY CALENDAR

We encourage all groups to meet: via conference call, email, Zoom, Facebook, or in person.

- **07/02 Trustees Mtg.**                      **12:45 p.m.**
- **07/07 Worship Committee**        **11:00 a.m.**
- **07/19 Finance \***                        **10:30 a.m.**
- **07/16 Church Council**                **1:00 p.m.**

\* Committee only. Due to confidential information, Finance and S.P.R.C. meetings are *Not* open to the general congregation.

**Coffee with Pastor Rob** - first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Rose Garden *or* Fire Side room at P.U.M.C.

**Open Mic Nite** – the first Sunday of the month  
**7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Social Hall**

**Women's Discussion Group** - now 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
 Contact the office for the Zoom link

Third Sunday of the month is “Bring Your Own Lunch” Sunday. Hosted each month by a different committee or group as they choose..

Pastor Rob's



## ORDINATION CELEBRATIONS

**Sunday July 9 12:45 pm**

**Petaluma UMC**

**410 D Street, Petaluma, CA**