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“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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Happy Easter!



He Has Risen!

Blessings,, Pastor Rob

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.Trustees– Lamar Shahbazian

A big focus this month is utility costs. We needed to bring down phone and internet costs, and with help from Olivette, Rob B, Pastor Rob and Elaine we have a plan to transition to Sonic. This should save us \$5,000+ annually and bring us a higher level of internet service.

We are now focused on electricity and gas usage. The water heater in the kitchen has been turned down to vacation” mode so if you expect to need a lot of hot water it will need to be turned up in advance. Thermostats have been found turned up beyond what is needed and for a time when no one was using the social hall. Please help us keep costs down by using utilities responsibly and alert trustees to any concerns.

A recent issue is also a dramatic increase in the water bill. One toilet leak was found and fixed in the education wing, but there may be others. Please alert trustees if you see any standing water anywhere.

We are also investigating an improved solution in the loft to keep the humidity at a proper level for the pipe organ. The existing solution employs a heater that runs full-time and a bucket of water that needs to be filled periodically. We plan to obtain a humidifier and work with the organ tuner to implement it properly. This should be more cost effective and reliable.

Efforts continue to clean up the property and prepare it for rental. Ongoing efforts include the social hall carpet and kitchen cabinet clean-out. Extraneous kitchen supplies will be collected on the back corner counter and will be recycled or donated at the end of April. The rental team needs 2-3 more volunteers to meet with prospects who want to use the building for events. Please contact Lamar if you would like to help in these efforts. If we don't have more help it will be difficult to obtain this important source of revenue.

Rick Shahbazian has taken over lawn care from Ron and Gyann Malone.

Thanks to the Malone's for their many years of service.

Our second “Pop Up Sale” was a success, with 14 tables rented and a good amount of community building. We made \$370 from tables and \$37 from coffee/muffin donations. The coffee funds go to the kitchen fund, and 10% of the **table fees goes to the general fund. This nets \$333 for trustees.**

We are purchasing lawn signs to better publicize future sales, as well as a vacuum for the social hall for use during rental and church usage. In addition to Sharon's great work in the kitchen, Bob Johns provided piano music for the listening pleasure of vendors and attendees.

The **next sale is April 13th**, and will include hot dog meals and “white elephant” rummage for sale in the Annex by the Outreach team.

Flyers are available in the office to help spread the word. If anyone is available to help during the May sale, Lamar could use at least one person.

Thanks for coming out to support your community!

GOD GIVES US
 THINGS TO *share*;
 GOD DOESN'T
 GIVE US THINGS
 TO *hold*

ChristianQuotes.info

Treasurer-Elaine Caldwell

Our Church Financial Report
At-A- Glance
Month of February 2024

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
- ◇ **Drop It off** at the office (if office closed place in the mail slot).

Income	\$ 7,477.33
Expense	\$ 10,174.49
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (2,697.16)

Year to Date

Income	\$ 15,310.83
Expense	\$ 22,358.14
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (7,047.31)
Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$ 61,187.40

Finance– Adela Hennings

The Finance Committee met via zoom on March 20, 2022.

We decided at that point not to pay the Comcast bill until further research was done.

Our present deficit is \$7041.31. We did get a wonderful return on our 2nd mile giving for Easter. It came to over \$6,000.00. Our next meeting will be on May 15.

Temporary Restricted Funds

Outreach Funds	\$ 561.28
Memorial Funds	\$ 253.02
Trustee Funds	\$ 10,388.78
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 6,889.98
TOTAL	\$ 18,093.06

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

Website: www.petalumaumc.org

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.

Kitchen Supplies: For supplies needed in the kitchen please write request on the list located across from the pantry. Or contact the office.

Thank you.

O.E.W.



17 Mark Benzonelli
19 Vesi Vosaki
27 Bob Simison

~ MAKE A DIFFERENCE ~

IN MEMORY OF:

FROM:

IN HONOR OF:

FROM:

Social Hour Hosts 2024

January- Outreach

February- Worship

March- Trustees

April- Book Club

May- Quilt Group

June- Finance

July- Office & Treasurer

August- Fijian Ministry

September- Outreach

October- Finance

November- SPRC

December-



No known April Anniversaries



Worship - Sue Sarno/O. Wright

Worship Committee continues monthly meetings on the first Friday of each month, at 11:00 am. In the Fireside Room. This is an “open” meeting for all/any who wish to attend.

Holy week was busy with wonderful services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday at Saint John’s, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We celebrated Easter with special music from our Fijian Choir, Kris Nelson, Bob Johns, Marilyn Lee, and of course Lori Sikorski our new pianist/organist.

We will have a guest minister on April 14th, as Pastor Rob will be on vacation.



Outreach - Judy Hillery/ Elizabeth Bickmore

March 13- Dine and Donate at Don Pancho's brought in **\$325.52**. We hope all enjoyed. Socialization and food go together.!

April 7- Travel video of Jerusalem after church, thanks to our Fijian members. The Book Club will furnish the refreshments. Come and enjoy. Come and learn.

April 13- Outreach will have a White Elephant table at the pop up sale. Come visit and buy.

April 20- Butter and Eggs Parade. Outreach and all volunteers will display our care and love of the environment on the front lawn. We will have chickens, bees and other available animals. We will also hand out information regarding church activities and possibly sell cookies.

November 16- Craft Faire. Extended hours this year 10:00 to 4:00pm

July 20- Rummage Sale. It will be huge. Come and help. Come and shop.



Book Club-Sharon Sibbet

The **Book Club** meets

on the last Friday of the month at 10:30 am.

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

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

Books for the month of:

March-*The Secret Life of Sunflowers (re: Van Gogh)*
April-*Killers of the Flowermoon (re: Native Americans)*

Coffee with the Pastor

Meet first Friday of the month 10 am
Fireside room or Rose Garden

Discipleship Group-Pastor Rob

Meets via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm

Please contact the office for the Zoom Link.

Ladies Monthly Brunch/Lunch Discussion

Meet 2nd Friday of the month 11:30 am

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

Contact: Sue Sarno or Elaine Caldwell

Men's Group- Don Broadbent

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

Quilt Group-Sue Rice & Nora Tallent

Meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am
PUMC in person

Recap Bible Study-Mark Benzonelli

Read the entire bible in a year
Thursday Evenings
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Meet in Fireside Room weekly

Recap New Testament Study-Mark Benzonelli

Thursday, 5:30 pm at PUMC
(Wednesday, 5:30 pm at St. John's in Rohnert Park)

Ring Out Gun Violence-Pastor Rob

Meet in front of PUMC at 9:30 am
to ring bells in opposition to gun violence.
First Friday of the Month

**Ladies who Lunch and Discuss**

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

.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 5:30 pm-
in person at PUMC. New Testament
Wednesday evenings 5:30 pm in person St. John's R.P.

Sunday Service-Sunday 11:30 am

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

0407	Trustees Mtg.	12:45	p.m.
04/05	Worship Committee	11:00	a.m.
*	Finance *	10:30	a.m.
04/?	Outreach	10:00	a.m.
04/21	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.

Ring Out Gun Violence—first Friday of the month
At 9:30 am *in front of PUMC.*

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

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

Men's Breakfast /Discussion-2nd Saturday of the month.

POP-Up Sale—2nd Saturday of the month

Book Club—last Friday of the month

Kitchen Supplies:

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Thank you in advance!

United Women in Faith-Mereani Ikanivere

This year the Western Jurisdiction Conference is going to be held in Anchorage, Alaska.

15 have signed up so far. All women are welcome.

A fund raiser *Prayer Breakfast* will be held on April 20 - 7am to 11am.

Please contact Mereani for information

Easter -March 31

We celebrated with a glorious service! In attendance were 64 adults and three children. We enjoyed music provided by Marilyn Lee, Bob Johns, Kris Nelson, Lori Sikorski, and the Fijian Choir. Easter eggs, filled by the Worship Committee, and Pastor Rob were handed out after service by Diamo Ikanivere, Andicuvu and Fiona.

