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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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Pastor Reflection's

Because the Pastor is away for continuing education at The Walk To Emmaus Retreat; he is without electronics of any kind. In lieu of a message from him, I have chosen the following article from the *United Methodist Church* website *ReThink Church*, on centering prayer.

Centering prayer is a form of contemplative meditation that has ancient roots in Christianity. It is useful in recognizing God's closeness as we begin to identify God's presence in our lives.

Choose a word to be a symbol of your intent to focus on God. This is not a mantra to be repeated over and over. Rather, the word is a reminder to stay open to God. So choose a simple word that reminds you of God: "Jesus, Abba, love, peace, grace, holy..."

Find a quiet space and sit comfortably-- in a way that allows your body to relax, but your mind to stay engaged.

Close your eyes and introduce the word gently to your mind, repeating as necessary.

You need not always use the same word, but do settle on *one word per session*. As a general goal, aim for 20 minutes of centering time.

Your mind will wander. As you feel yourself drifting towards distracted thoughts, return to your word. When it's time to end, say a short prayer of thanks.

Gently notify yourself of the expiration time. Using a soft tone from a timer is recommended.

What do you notice? Some sessions may feel deeper than others, but all sessions are of benefit. Practicing centering prayer two times a day is recommended. Centering prayer does not replace other kinds of prayer, and we should always be aware of ways we can lift up others through prayer.

Sources: <http://www.contemplative.org/contemplative-practice/centeringprayer/>, <http://www.centeringprayer.com/>, <http://prayercenter.upperroom.org/>

I know that Pastor Rob will return refreshed and recharged and sends his Blessings.

O.E. Wright

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Trustees-Richard Hillery

Re-piping of the fresh water around campus is completed. Thanks to the donors that helped with funding.

Boiler in Social Hall needs additional repairs. Waiting for another proposal, new search for funding.

Now the lawn irrigation supply line (which is galvanized pipe) leaks. Will look for proposals from plumbers.

PUMC gave a one-time rebate of \$150.00 to Village Network for the inconvenience of water shut off during March.

A Peace Pole purchase by Outreach Committee was discussed. It would most likely reside in the Peace Garden with the Lion and Lamb after details of how to install it, how many languages would be displayed and if there would be any more costs. No Trustee monies will be used here.

Finally, a response from the City of Petaluma regarding the sewer lateral replacement and monies PUMC is requesting in return. We have made a claim and have heard back that the City of Petaluma will refund PUMC for those unnecessary costs. Now we wait for that check in the mail.

A visit to the Petaluma Museum looking for information on some relics PUMC owns was not fruitful. We will seek guidance from an antique dealer to determine their value.

An estimate came in from our janitorial service provider for Sanctuary carpet cleaning and foyer restroom floor scrubbing. Trustees has decided to handle those tasks in-house to preserve our limited maintenance funds.

There is money in a special foyer restroom improvement fund and Trustees will look at placing tile on the floors. It will improve the looks and be much easier to clean than the current painted floors.

A dump run was scheduled to unload hazardous items and recyclable metal from around campus.

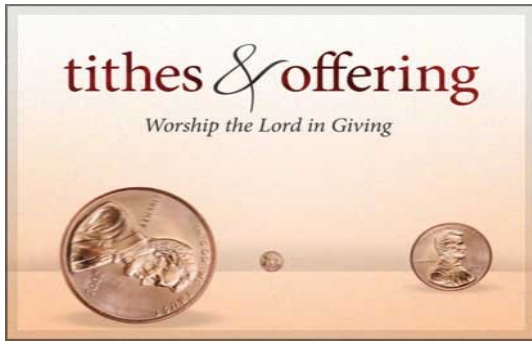
The strip of land along the Post Office parking lot and the Social Hall is in need of weeding.

Trustees will schedule some work days to handle restroom floor cleaning, carpets in the Sanctuary and an expedition up into the church tower to check the lights and the rain drain.

Trustees will help Outreach with some tables for the Butter and Eggs Day parade. It is hoped that foot traffic will stop by to pick up Earth Day information and free cold water. The Quilt Group will display their efforts on that Saturday.

Various other small projects will be attended to as time and man power allow.





**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

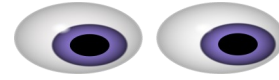
Finance– Sharon Sibbet

Finance Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated to our Easter Second Mile campaign.

To date, \$1045 has been contributed for our General Fund. Donations are still being accepted. Just write “Easter” on your check or cash envelope, please.

Treasurer–Ron Malone

Our Church Financial Report



At - A –Glance

Month of March

Income	\$ 13,325.35
Expense	\$ 11,409.42
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 1,915.93

<i>Year to Date</i>	Income
\$ 27,108.99	

Expense	\$ 34,531.73
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (7,422.74)
Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$60,875.70

Temporary Restricted Funds

Outreach Funds	\$ 3,525.32
Memorial Funds	\$ 2,149.15
Trustee Funds	\$ 5,939.20
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 4,346.39
TOTAL	\$ 15,960.06

Thank You for Your Support

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

Church Office Hours

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

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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.



13 Rusiate Vulakoro
22 Elizabeth Truesdel-Bickmore
22 Joanne Layne
25 Denise Ward

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

*In Memory of:
Doris Davenport*

from family friends, Claudia & Ron Naventi

Sharon and family wish to thank all of their PUMC friends who have offered flowers, cards, calls and condolences in the loss of her mother.

“The love and support of this community means a great deal!”



Happy Anniversary

No known May Anniversaries



Worship - Sue Sarno/O. Wright

The Worship committee continues its work on our weekly services.

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

Events coming up and those past.

April 12 th was great. Everyone that came to the Dine and Donate enjoyed themselves. We made

\$339.49. Thank you all.

Butter and Eggs Parade was wonderful as usual, but there were very few that stopped by for information regarding Earth Day. We did pass out water to a few which was appreciated.

June 3 is our Rummage Sale and I do believe it will be the biggest ever. We will need everyone's

help. We're still taking items. Remember, if you're item is large, please give a call so arrangements can be made.

Craft Faire date to be determined.

Addendum: O.E. Wright

.Two lovely gentlemen and their ladies stopped on their way back from the parade, and helped put the tables used for the Biutter & Eggs day displays, back into the Social Hall.

Thanks and blessings to them.

Una Vida /Salvation Army-Lamar Shahbazian/
Nora Tallent

Containers for our on going Collection Drive, for both Una Vida and The Salvation Army, can be found in the narthex and the office.

Thanks to all who participate.!

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.

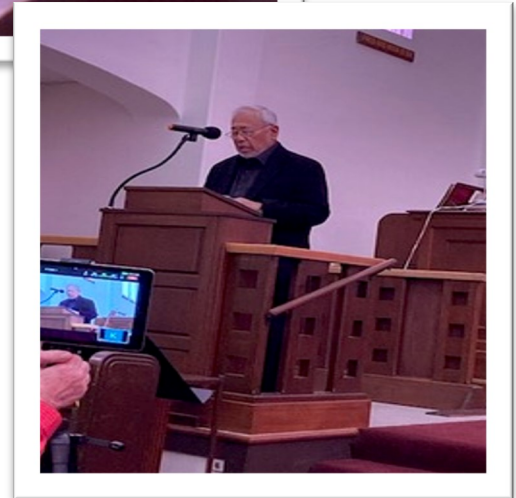
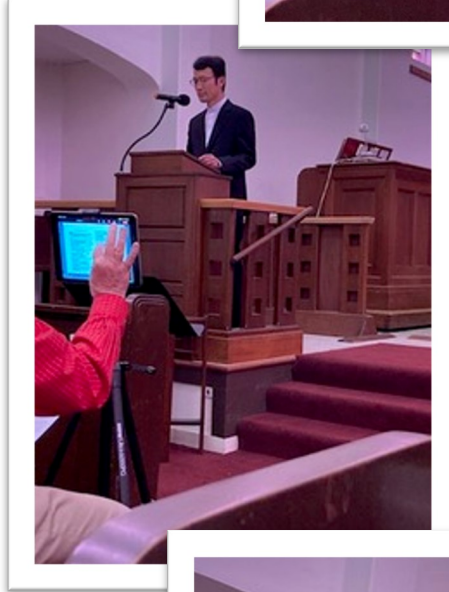
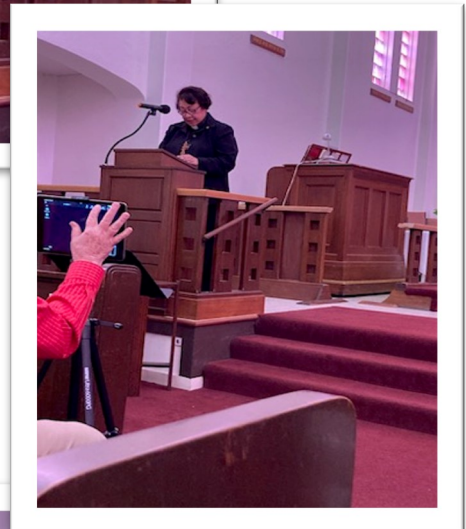
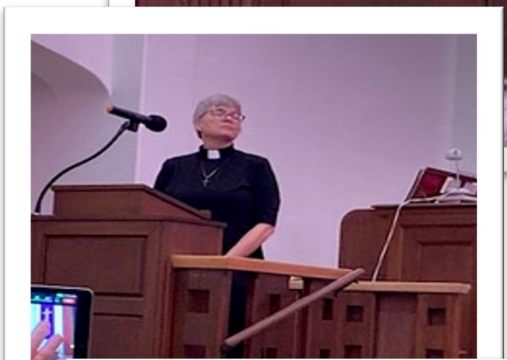
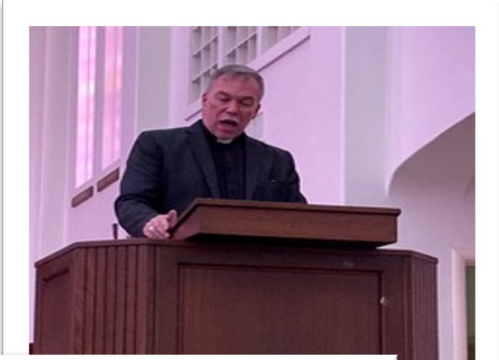
Recap Bible Study-Mark Benzoneli

Thursday May 4, 2023
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Meet in Fireside Room weekly

Leader-Mark Benzonelli.



Good Friday Service Pastors





WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Podcast:

www.petalumaumc.org or 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.

- **05/05 Worship Committee** **11:00** **a.m.**
- **05/07 Trustees Mtg.** **12:45** **p.m.**
- **05/17 Finance *** **10:30** **a.m.**
- **05/21 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.

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..

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Photos of the Pastors from the following churches:

Christ UMC Santa Rosa
First UMC Santa Rosa

Forestville UMC
Saint John's UMC, Rohnert Park
Sebastopol UMC
Sonoma UMC
Windsor UMC

The 3rd photo down in the first column.

Sonoma Circuit Good Friday Choir

"Thy Will Be Done" Craig Courtney

