

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

Explore Sonoma County with Sacred Ground!

Sacred Ground is a newly-launched, GPS-activated audio tour on the FREE Otocast app. It takes you to 17 of Sonoma County's beautiful scenic vistas, parks and trails, and provides information about how climate change has impacted these fragile ecosystems-- then suggests faithful actions we all can take to preserve and protect them, along with an invitation to a mindful spiritual practice. Download Otocast on the App Store or Google Play, and if you are in or near Sonoma County, Sacred Ground will appear at the top of the list of available tours.

Sacred Ground is the brainchild of Pastor Laurie Bayen of Windsor Community UMC, who serves on the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement's worship working group and who received a Los Rios District Union grant to launch the project. It is intended to be a sort of "church without walls," engaging tourists and outdoors enthusiasts who connect with the Holy in nature and who might never enter the doors of a church building. Several clergy and laity have contributed their voices, writing, research

and photography to the project, and Pastor Laurie hopes to expand to other regions by connecting with creation justice-minded Methodists in other circuits, as well as garnering financial support from local mission-aligned businesses and organizations. She can especially use help in contacting local hotels, chambers of commerce, and other tourist-serving entities to post flyers about the app.

Another feature of the project is monthly "Sacred Ground field trips" which take church members and friends to the various locations featured on the app. Over the past few months, people from six sister congregations have participated, bringing a sack lunch and engaging in conversation and spiritual reflection, with some folks spending time afterwards taking a walk. It's proven to be a great way to make new friends! The next Sacred Ground field trip will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 29 at Bayer Farm, a beautiful park and community garden in the Roseland neighborhood of Santa Rosa. Coordination of carpools is encouraged. To be added to Pastor Laurie's email list to receive updates on Sacred Ground field trips, or to learn more about the project and how you can help, drop her a line at pastorlaurieumc@gmail.com.

Blessings, Pastor Rob

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Trustees-Richard Hillery

Space use reimbursement agreements; are we fair at current donation suggestion? Are we leaving dollars on the table? Only one query so far this year for space use from the outside community. Signed a space use reimbursement agreement with an Al-Anon group for Sunday evenings in the Fire-side Room.

Recent campers on property in the early hours. Going forward, if you come across a camper (sleeping or lounging on benches or at doorways), do not connect with them. Instead, call the Safe Team at 707-765-8488 and they will send someone to our address. This is a City of Petaluma, COTS and Petaluma People Services team effort to better help those experiencing un-housed living conditions.

Our sanctuary audio system is likely older than most of us. Rob Bickmore, Pastor and myself have a current work around using the portable speakers from the Social Hall. This is temporary. I have recently identified funds that will be needed for upgrading our audio while Rob B researches our options. Everyone will be updated when more is known.

A machine was researched and priced – available at Cal West. Pricing to rent a walk behind machine to stripe the parking lot is \$15.00 per day and the can of paint is about \$16.00. We would need to do some heavy sweeping before painting to remove debris and dirt in the area where the stripe is intended. The excess swept up dirt could go in the alley near the well as there are low spots. This would be a quick fix for keeping our lot organized until funds can be identified for a proper full resurface.

Recently ordered 2 named bricks from McNear Brick and Block in San Rafael. One is for Ken Shafer and the other is for Dorothy Dale, at the request of Pastor Eric Dale.

In lieu of looking further into pew cushion replacements, Mark Benzonelli has purchased 20 loose chair pads for use during Sunday service. Thanks to Mark for this generous donation.

The antiquities owned by PUMC can be valued, for a fee, and there may not be much income generated for the church. To sell these type things involves specialists and they charge up to 40% commission.

Please be thinking about who you would nominate for the position of Chair, Co-Chair and recording secretary of Trustees. Richard will be terming out, and so will our Co-Chair, Jim Phillips at the January 7, 2024 meeting. Trustees' elect their own officers.

Lamar talked to Allan Webb at St. Johns – Need Zoom for Christmas Eve. Allan will send instructions, Lamar to work with Pastor and Rob B. and prepare to provide streaming of live service for people that cannot attend in person if needed.

We have someone who will start funding for water line replacement. \$15,000 needed, unspecified amount (partial) offered. Need to identify additional funds. Are there additional dedicated funds that should be freed up? Jim P. to check.

Women's rest room duplex has not been taken off line, but will be soon.

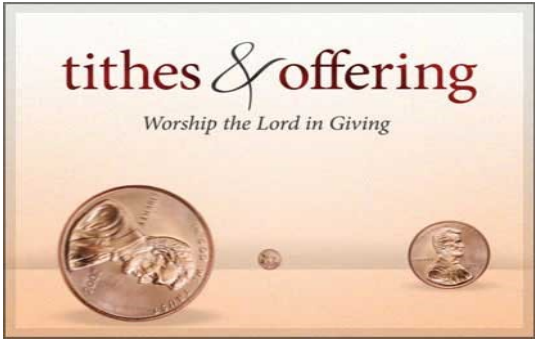
Tree in the big lawn. Some folks are hand watering it. We are not aware of the donor or if they specified that a tree be planted somewhere on campus for Dorothy Dale. There was no paper trail, plaque or announcements about this effort. Should this tree be donated, and if so, where?

Exit out of education wing needs door closer, panic bar installed.

The lawn sign is now dark., due to a needed electrical safety upgrade.

A separate ground wire for a duplex at the vestry sink.

Information from Daily Acts for low maintenance landscape at PUMC.



**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

Our Treasurer has been working on the 2024 budget as our Finance Secretary receives and totals pledge amounts. On November 5th, we will be distributing Thanksgiving Second Mile Offering envelopes for those who would like to share God's gift of abundance with their church.

Treasurer-Ron Malone entered 10/8 ok

**Our Church Financial Report
At-A- Glance
Month of September**

Income	\$ 10,635.50
Expense	\$ 9,441.81
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 1,193.69

Year to Date

Income	\$ 79,341.12
Expense	\$ 92,508.59
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 12,964.97
Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$ 62,118.15

Temporary Restricted Funds

Outreach Funds	\$ 1,175.58
Memorial Funds	\$ 2,020.07
Trustee Funds	\$ 9,016.21
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 5,475.38
TOTAL	\$ 17,682.24

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.

Thank you



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17 Alisi Diaki
23 Sharon Sibbet
25 Ron Malone
29 Marilyn Lee

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Worship - Sue Sarno/O. Wright

Resuming Social Hour, following service, in November. November hosts: SPRC

Annual Charge Conference: following worship service on Sunday, 11/5. All attendees are encouraged to bring a "brown bag" lunch. Refreshments will be provided by November hosts: SPRC

Due to healthcare concerns, mask wearing is optional - not mandated at this time. Masks and hand sanitizer are available in our Narthex. Please check with our ushers for either of these.

Preparations ongoing for Advent and Christmas. Christmas decorating will be done on the Sunday following service on November 26th. Olivette will appreciate all assistance.

Christmas Tea: following worship service on Sunday, December 10th. All are welcome!

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

This month has been a busy month working on reports for Conference.

The Pastor's Compensation Package was submitted to Conference after being approved by members of SPRC and Church Council.

We are meeting October 26 and November 2 to work on the Evaluation Form to send to Conference.



Outreach -Judy Hillery/ Elizabeth Bickmore

Come and join us Halloween, Oct. 31st from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Enjoy the costumes of the kids, the parents and yes, even the dogs. Pass out candy, pour some apple cider and take some pics.

The annual Craft Faire is November 18th. Come and enjoy. Come and do your Christmas shopping. Bake some cookies so we can sell them at Santa's cookie table. Bring them into the office Wed. Nov. 15 or Thur. Nov. 16. We will bag them. Questions, call June Hudnell at 440-382-0604 or the office. Call Lamar regarding the many opportunities to help set up and take down. See you there!

Rummage sale donations: Please call Sharon or Judy if you drop off donations for the sale. This helps us sell these unique items and helps us set the price if we have some knowledge of the item. Things are looking like we're going to have a **huge** sale this coming spring. Thanks for all the donations.

Quilt Group

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

Read the entire bible in a year

Thursday Evenings

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Meet in Fireside Room weekly

New Testament in Year

Meet via Zoom

contact the office for the link



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

PUMC Ladies Who Brunch/Lunch



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-6:30 pm in person at PUMC.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

- 11/05 Trustees Mtg. 12:45 p.m.
- 11/03 Worship Committee 11:00 a.m.
- ***** Finance * 10:30 a.m.
- 11/19 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.*

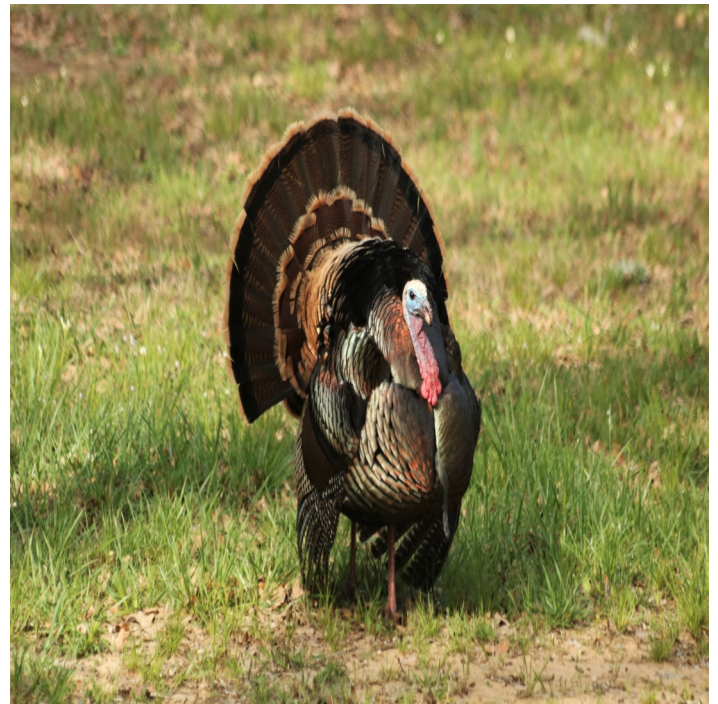
Open Mic Nite – the first Monday of the month
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

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



give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



ALL ARE INVITED!



**PLEASE JOIN US AT P.U.M.C.
FOR CHRISTMAS TEA**

**AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2023**

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY DECEMBER 6, 2023 TO
UMC.PETALUMA@GMAIL.COM**