



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

At the time the Petaluman was published, the Pastor was ill with the Covid virus.

Have a blessed Fall Season. Enjoy nature enjoy God's abundant beauty in the changing leaves.



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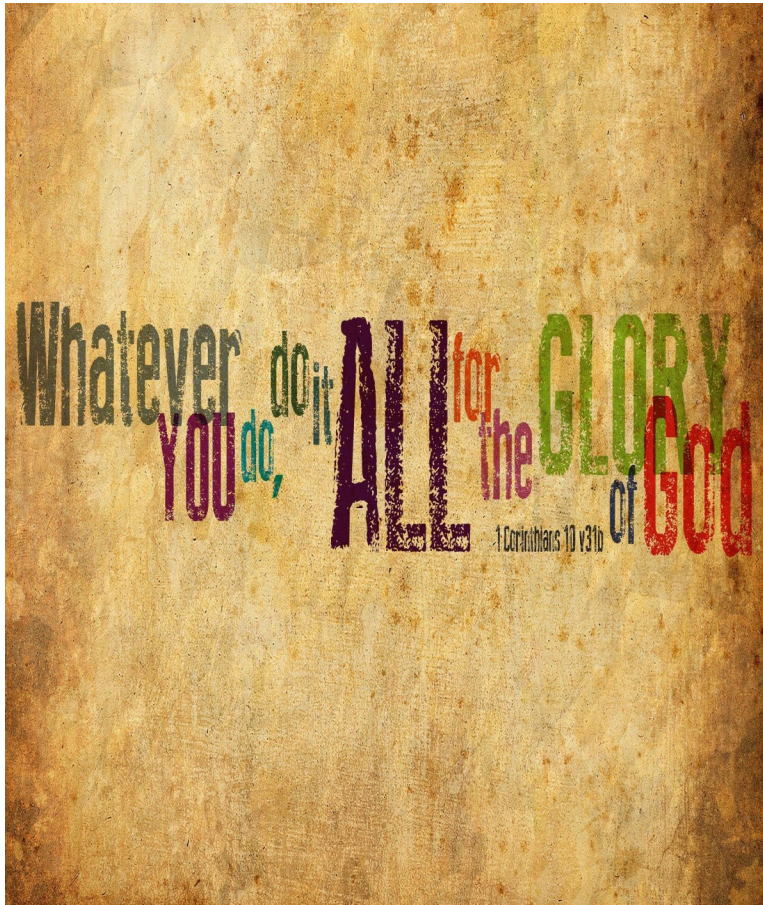
Trustees-Richard Hillery

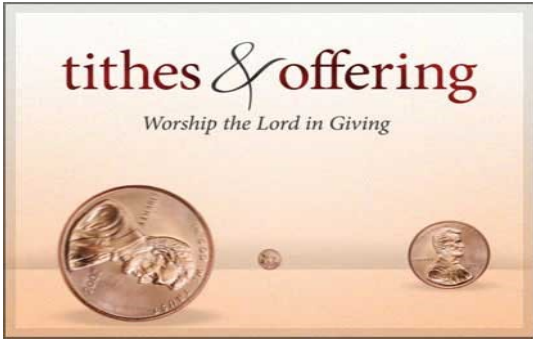
Trustees did not meet in September, but we are keeping busy with small tasks around campus. On August 26th there were a number of volunteers weeding and trimming and sweeping our grounds, with another group going up into the tower to check the up lights and storm drain.

By the time you read this report, the foyer ladies' restroom will have a new tile floor. It will be much easier to keep clean than the painted surface that has been in place for several years. The window curtains have been washed and ironed also. Monies for this improvement have been in a dedicated account and there will be no effect on our operating budget.

Trustees' asks everyone to be alert to things that look "out of place" around campus; doors unlocked, blinds up in windows, lights left on, unauthorized people in buildings or around the grounds. You are encouraged to call the Petaluma Safe Team if there is someone camping on property. If you find someone sleeping on church property, do not disturb them. Call the Safe Team at 707-781-1234 and provide them with the address of the church. They will come and offer the help and support needed.

Next Trustee meeting will be Sunday, October 1st.





**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

The theme for our annual Stewardship or Pledge Campaign will be “Excel in the Grace of Giving”. An introductory letter from the pastor, a pledge form and a return envelope will be distributed at worship service on October 1. The theme will be used during our worship services on October 8, 15, and 22. Pledge forms may be returned at any time. Many thanks in advance for your ongoing generosity in either pledge or faith giving!

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 25.

Treasurer-Ron Malone

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

Income	\$ 9,831.50
Expense	\$ 10,061.02
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 229.52

Year to Date

Income	\$ 85,742.06
Expense	\$ 113,166.53
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 27,424.47
Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$ 63,321.68

Temporary Restricted Funds

Outreach Funds	\$ 1,311.45
Memorial Funds	\$ 2,020.07
Trustee Funds	\$ 1,376.60
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 5,376.34
TOTAL	\$ 20,084.46

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.

Thank you



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Community Volunteer Opportunities

Just to name a few:

PPSC- 707-765-8488

Una Vida- 707-364-0867

COTS-707-765-6530

Village Network- 707-776-6055

Salvation Army-707-769- 0716

Most all organizations welcome volunteers and most all can use donations and service. Call ahead and see where you might help.



Worship - Sue Sarno/O. Wright

Worship Committee hosted September social hour refreshments. Thanks to all for your assistance.

We had a guest speaker on September 24th - Elice Hempel, CEO, of Petaluma People Services Center.

October 4th is scheduled for our "blessing of the animals". Congregants are encouraged to bring pictures of their animal(s) they wished to have blessed. Hoping to post these in Narthex for all to see .

Continuing to work on Fall, Advent & Christmas programs.

Worship, along with congregation, will be holding a "Tea" following service on Sunday, December 10th. All are welcome and invited to assist with this gathering.

Pastor Rob will be in Pittsburg October 16-19 for *extended education*, and then from October 20-26 on vacation on East Coast. We will have a guest speaker on Sunday, October 22nd.

Next Worship Committee meeting: Friday, October 6th, 11:00 am - via Zoom.

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

Our committee met in August but not September. On Sunday, October 1 we are planning a little presentation and treats for Pastor Appreciation Month .



Outreach -Judy Hillery/ Elizabeth Bickmore

Fall is here and it's time to Dine at **Don Pancho's** ! **Oct. 4th** all day, any time. Come and eat, come and socialize. (Don Pancho's will donate a % of the days total income to us!)

Fall also means **Halloween**. Come and enjoy the families that pass by our church and enjoy our apple cider and candy. Please donate a bag or two of Halloween candy to pass out. (Candy can be dropped off at the office.) Come on down and enjoy the fun! **Oct. 31st from 4:00 to 7:00pm**.

Don't forget the annual **Craft Faire** is coming up, **November 18th**. Tell your friends to come and shop for that special, one-of-a-kind, Christmas gift. Volunteer to help with the preparation, bake cookies for the cookie table, etc. Call Lamar regarding the many opportunities to help.

Rummage Sale items are coming in for our annual sale. *Please* call the office to let us know that you are dropping off items. Call Sharon or Judy if you have questions or need help with your items. Please place your donated items in center isleway. It makes sorting easier.

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 6-7pm in Person.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

- **10/01 Trustees Mtg.** **12:45** **p.m.**
- **10/08 Worship Committee** **11:00** **a.m.**
- ******* Finance *** **10:30** **a.m.**
- **10/15 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.



Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”



Gyann Malone

Sally Pyne with quilt

Mark Benzonelli

**Quilt Group
Annual Quilt Raffle Winner**

Sally Pyne