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As you know our United Methodist General Conference has been meeting in Charlotte North Carolina since last Tuesday, April 23. It has been a long eight years since our last gathering. The 2020 General Conference was postponed due to Covid. A lot can (and does!) happen in eight years in our personal lives, our communities and in the world beyond our personal scopes.

By all reports there was a heightened sense of hopefulness and a deeply felt absence of aggression between conflicting parties.

Some attribute this to the absence of the uber-conservatives who left the denomination during the disaffiliation window.

There is a history of groups like Good News, the Wesleyan Covenant Association and IRD using dishonest methods to sway voters. I often say that “the world” is hell bent on I often say that “the world” is hell bent on keeping us from seeing and responding to God’s goodness. We are constantly being distracted and lured away from loving and compassionate engagement with each other. The dishonest practices and attitudes that these movements embraced acted as a barrier to loving and understanding each other.

Over the past week votes on important issues moved through committees and onto the plenary floor with relative ease and strong majorities. Five of the six petitions related to the updated Social Principles have (as of my writing this) have passed. The plan to restructure the geography of our denomination and “fix” emphasis on the US versus the rest of the world.

A plan to enter into full communion with our siblings in the Episcopal Church was approved! Now the ball is in their court to vote at their next denominational

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And TODAY, May 1 ... the General Conference of the United Methodist Church voted to remove the hateful language regarding LGBTQ siblings that prevented full participation in the life of the church. The ordination ban has been lifted, mandated punishment for presiding of same sex marriage has been removed, the restriction on budgeting funds for LGBTQ related was approved! Now the ball is in their court to vote at their next denominational conference in 2027.

Beloveds, please join me in celebrating the movement of our church nearer to the heart of God! AMEN!

Blessings,

Pastor Rob

Trustees— O.E. Wright for Rob Bickmore

The Trustees have currently been focused on the various Annual inspections. They are working on clearing a few minor items from the Fire Prevention Inspection.

As a cost savings measure our internet service has been switched from Comcast to Sonic.

The next POP-UP sale is slated for May 11, 2024.

The cost to rent a tables is \$25 to \$30.

See the Flyer on page 8; or contact Lamar Shahbazian [lamar.shahbazian @ gmail.com](mailto:lamar.shahbazian@gmail.com) for more details.

Peace Pole Installation—June Hudnall

Sunday, June 2, at the close of worship we will dedicate a Peace Pole on the front lawn of the church. Several years after the United States WWII bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in retaliation for the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor; a Japanese businessman, Masahisa Goi, chose to spread the message of peace by erecting a Peace Pole with the prayer, MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH, inscribed upon it.

The project is now overseen by the World Peace Prayer Society in Japan. More than 200,000 Peace Poles in 400+ languages have been planted in nearly every country in the world. A flag ceremony featuring flags of the countries is held annually at the United Nations. Our Pole will have four languages: English Fijian, Hebrew and Spanish, which will be read aloud during the dedication.

The Trustees will plant the Pole in advance at the intersection of the sidewalks near the front door, where it can be seen and read by all who enter the buildings. After the benediction on June 2 we will exit together and arrange ourselves around the Pole for the dedication ceremony, which will end with the singing of: "Let There Peace On Earth" We hope that you all will attend to help present this gift to the community!

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

ChristianQuotes.info

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).

Finance– Adela Hennings

Did not meet in the month April.

Treasurer–Elaine Caldwell

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

Income	\$ 17,890.09
Expense	\$ 12,159.98
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (5,730.11)

Year to Date

Income	\$ 33,200.92
Expense	\$ 34,518.12
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (1,317.20)
Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$ 63,008.60

Temporary Restricted Funds

Outreach Funds	\$ 896.80
Memorial Funds	\$ 253.02
Trustee Funds	\$ 1,441.90
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 6,649.98
TOTAL	\$ 19,241.70

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.

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.



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~ 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 May Anniversaries



Worship - Sue Sarno/O. Wright

Worship Committee meets Friday May 3, at 11:00 am (following Coffee With The Pastor at 10:00 am.). This is an “open” meeting for all/any who wish to attend.

Worship Committee is looking to fill the Communion Steward position- if you have questions or interest, please contact Sue Sarno or Olivette Wright. We thank you in advance for your consideration of service.

Reminder:

Pentecost is May 19.

On that day, be sure to wear **Red** to Sunday Service .

Quilt Group:

Please see any of the Quilt Group ladies to purchase an opportunity to take home the beautiful 2024 quilt.

Tickets:

- ◆ \$1.00 each
- ◆ \$5.00 for Six



Outreach –Judy Hillery

Thanks to all for feasting with us and socializing at Don Poncho’s! We will schedule another **Dine and Donate** the later this year. The date to be announced soon.

Outreach participated in one of the monthly **Pop Up’s** with a table selling ”White Elephant” items. It provided us another opportunity to sell some of the “special donations” we have received.

April 7, we enjoyed a wonderful travel video of Jerusalem, thanks to our Fijian Ministries and a big thanks to the Book Club for all the tasty eats that afternoon.

July 20 - Rummage Sale coming soon- Set your calendars because we will need help and shoppers.

November 16- The Annual Holiday Craft Faire. 10:00am to 4:00pm

Tell all your neighbors and friends. This is a great place to sell your crafts and a great place to buy those special Christmas gifts.

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

Reading:

May 31—"The Good Earth"

June 28—"The Women"

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

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 Shabazian,
Gwen Petro, June Hudnall, Audrey Phillips,
Adell 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.

Sunday Service-Sunday 11:30 am

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

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

Book Club—last Friday of the month

Coffee with Pastor Rob - first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Fire Side room at P.U.M.C. 10:00am

Ladies Lunch/Discussion -11:30 am at Mary's Pizza
2nd Friday of the month

Men's Breakfast /Discussion-2nd Saturday of the month at Henny Penny's

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

POP-Up Sale-2nd Saturday of the month 10 am to 2pm

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

(see also pg. 6)

Kitchen Supplies:

For supplies needed in the kitchen please write request on the list located on the wall across from the pantry. *Or*, contact Olivette in the office. The list is checked weekly.

Please Note: We are transitioning back to sustainable, compostible, recyclable, supplies. Please do not bring in supplies made of plastic (single use) and styrofoam.

Thank you in advance!

Olivette

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

The *Peace Pole* will be planted in the indentation to your left above the Peace garden.

