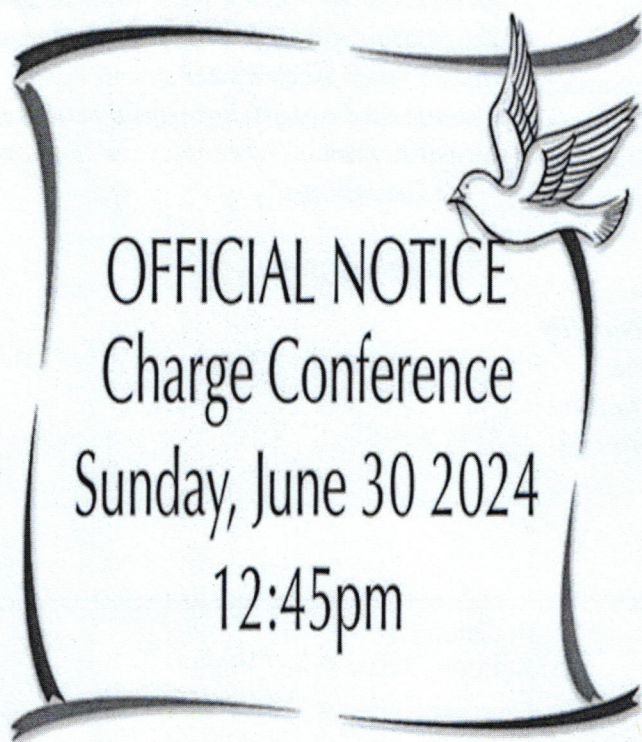


And TODAY, May 1 ... the General Conference of the United Methodist Church voted to remove the hateful language regarding LGBTQ siblings that prevented full participation in the life of the church. The ordination ban has been lifted, mandated punishment for presiding of same sex marriage has been removed, 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*



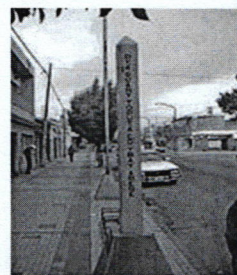
## Trustees – Lamar Shahbazian

Trustees has been busy the last few months with various property issues. They include:

- Meeting the requirements of the fire inspection.
- Replacing phone/internet service. Comcast to Sonic
- Electricity and water usage is also a focus.
- The pop-up sales have raised \$1,184 for trustees, as well as replenished the kitchen fund with coffee donations and netted 10% for the general fund to cover use of building costs.
- Work is progressing on fixing various plumbing issues on campus,
- Efforts continue to clean up the property and prepare it for rental.
- We are asking for approval to add Kalea Wong to trustees. She has years of construction experience and will be asset to the team.
- .We are also investigating an improved solution in the loft to keep the humidity at a proper level for the pipe organ.
- Investigating and budgeting for solutions to the lawn.

## 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.





# 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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*I’m also putting colored Easter egg flyers (my children are helping me) on all Butter & Egg parade people who park on D St. I want them to know what city council wants to do and ask them to write their city council.*

*The final vote on this will not be till 2026 so our focus is now on elections. November will be elections for the 4th, 5th & 6th districts and then the mayor. If we can get three balanced people elected out of those 4 seats then in 2026 the D St proposal for bike lanes would not be voted in as a permanent road change and everything would return to how it is now.*

*We have options.*

*I’ll keep you posted.*

Blessings!  
 Pastor Rob

While I am away I thought for my article space I would update you on the what is going on with the proposed bike lane on D Street. Here I share an email I received from Jill Alofs dated, April 18:

*I reached out to the DSLC - a disability legal nonprofit group for Sonoma and they will be writing a letter to the city attorney. I am in contact with two other groups as well.*

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## 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.



4 Frank Marshall

15 Alisi Yadraca

24 Karen Delue

## ~ MAKE A DIFFERENCE ~

IN MEMORY OF:

FROM:

IN HONOR OF:

FROM:



14 Dave & Joanne Layne

21 Ted & Linda Mills



Treasurer-Elaine Caldwell

**Our Church Financial Report  
At-A- Glance**

Month of April 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).

<b>Income</b>	\$ 9,014.43
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 10,825.79
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	\$ (1,811.36)

**Year to Date**

<b>Income</b>	\$ 42,215.35
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 45,343.91
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	\$ (3,128.56)
<b>Gen. Fund Bank Balance</b>	\$ 63,008.60

**Temporary Restricted Funds**

<b>Outreach Funds</b>	\$ 931.77
<b>Memorial Funds</b>	\$ 253.02
<b>Trustee Funds</b>	\$ 12,311.60
<b>Miscellaneous Funds</b>	\$ 6,649.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 20,146.37

**Finance-Adela Hennings**

Finance is still having to report a deficit of \$3, 128.56 for the year.

We are planning on having a *2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Giving* in July to offset or clear the deficit.

We have another month to pay Comcast because of the date and problem Sonic had when the switchover was completed.

Please **do not** forgot to send your offerings in during the summer. We know it is easy to forget when vacationing and enjoying the summer months.

The **finance** is **hosting** Fellowship Hour for the month of **June**.

**Thank You for Your Support!**

**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**

**Is no longer meeting.**

**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

**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 Shahbazian,  
Gwen Petro, June Hudnall, Audrey Phillips,  
Adella Henning, Sharon Sibbet, Charlotte Peterson*



**Worship Committee-**Sue Sarno, Olivette Wright

Worship Committee meets at 10:00 on the first Friday of each month.

This is an "open" meeting - any interested are invited to attend.

**June Meeting-**Due to the Annual Conference will *not* meet Friday, June 7th,.

We are still looking for a Communion Steward -- if interested or want more information, please contact Olivette Wright or Sue Sarno.



**Outreach** -Judy Hillery, Elizabeth Truesdel

**Note:** The Rummage Sale date has been changed to: July 27 10am to 1pm.

Many hands are needed to help setup and cleanup. Please contact Judy Hillery for details.



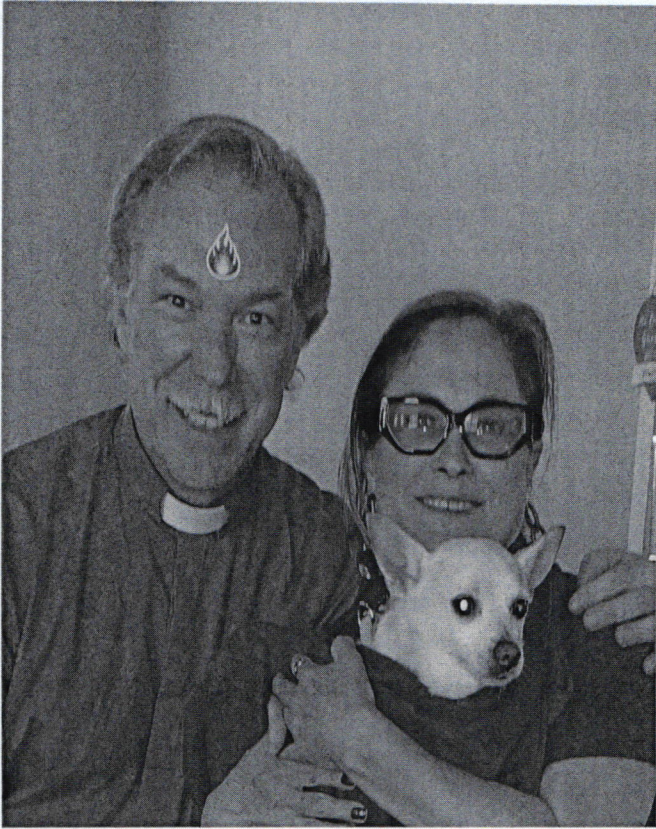
We have tentative plans for another Dine & Donate at Don Ponchos in the August.

Details to follow as they become available.

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



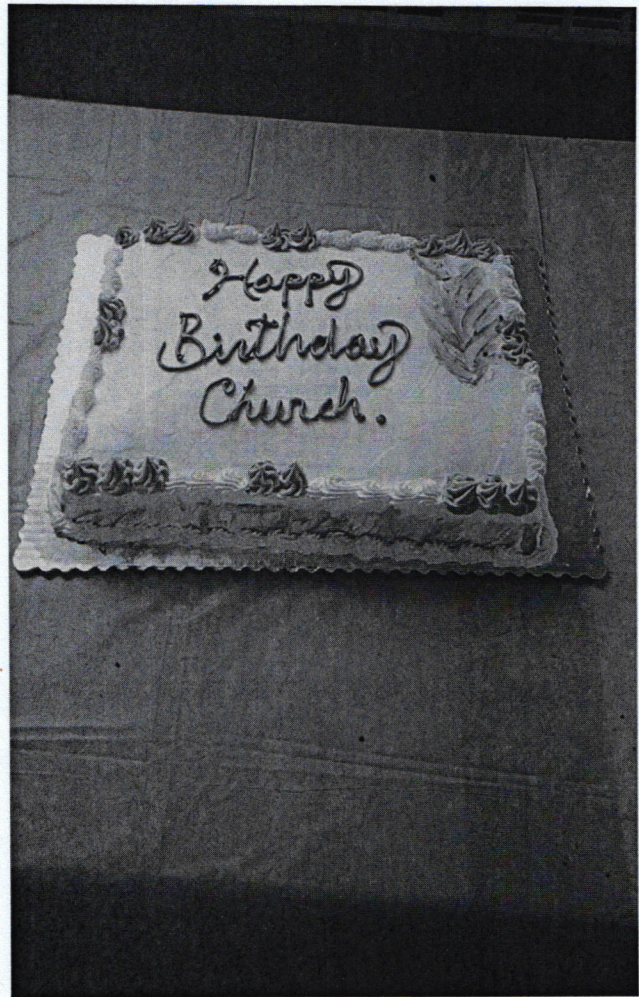
**Tell all your neighbors and friends. This is a great place to sell your crafts and a great place to buy those special Christmas gifts.**



*Welcome  
Ellen and Elvis!  
(Pastor Rob, Ellen & Elvis)*

Happy Birthday! To the Church

A fun celebration of Pentecost.





## 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.

06/02	Trustees Mtg.	10:30 a.m.
06/07	Worship Committee	11:00 a.m.
*	Finance *	10:30 a.m.
06/tbd	Outreach	10:00 a.m.
	Church Council	1:00 p.m.
06/30	Charge Conference	12:45 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** - is no longer meeting.

**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.*

## 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, compostable, recyclable, supplies. Please **do not** bring in supplies made of plastic (single use) or styrofoam.

Thank you in advance!

Olivette



## Fellowship 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-?**

The church coffee hour is not the afterthought of the worship service.

At the coffee hour we either extend the hospitality we proclaim or we withhold it. We either feel the grace we have acknowledged or we do not. We either extend the Eucharist of the holy meal to the little meal or we do not.

Many people judge a congregation by its coffee hour hospitality—especially newcomers.