



THE PETALUMAN

"PUMC WELCOMES ALL TO WALK WITH US AS WE REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY WITH
"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

AUGUST 2024



Pastor Timoci Nawaciono

Pastor's Message

August is a month of feast and celebration. We actually celebrate it in our ongoing feasting on the Bread of Life or the Word of God, as we've been doing so in previous weeks. The newness of life we get from listening alternatively to the Divine Words makes us happy and recognize our strength to move on more vigorously in our faith journey.

August is biblically defined as a time to focus on God's attributes. A month that also represents regeneration or new beginnings because it is the eighth month of the Roman calendar. The name August comes from the Latin word Augustus which means "consecrated" or "venerable". The number eight symbolizes new beginning, and August serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness in ushering us into a fresh season of fresh starts and blessings. It signifies perseverance, preparation and stepping into God's promise with faith and strength.

I find my appointment to the Petaluma United Methodist Church a renewing experience, an outcome of consecration that serially took place during the time of waiting. And as the time of waiting finally elapsed, the plan to renew my pastoral call finds its full accomplishment to the appointment of the Petaluma church; the same church I received advice from Rev. Schuyler Rhodes.

Back in 2020 I had asked Rev. Rhodes what I needed to do to become a pastor in the United Methodist Church in California and Nevada.

Tying together all of these events into the month of August and its meaning makes my appointment to Petaluma more meaningful. Honor and praise to the of God Almighty for this faithfulness and love in renewing my call. Amen!

Blessings,

Pastor Timoci

Trustees-Lamar Shahbazian

Pop Up Sales

Held monthly on the Second Saturday from February through July. Thanks to trustees for help setting up and breaking down, Sharon, Elizabeth B. and June for their help making attendees comfortable by serving food and coffee and Olivette for overall administrative support.

Successful relationships were built with many artists, some who participated in previous craft faires and many who were new to PUMC.

Table fees charged raised funds to cover purchase of several new appliances (vacuum, carpet cleaner, cleaning solutions) as well as two air conditioners to make our space more comfortable.

10% of income was paid to general fund to cover operating costs, and donations to the kitchen fund covered coffee supplies.

While we were successful at “building community” and many shoppers supported our artists, the sales dwindled over time.

Rentals

The website has been updated and campus has been cleaned and refreshed.

First rental was held on July 20, a celebration of life for someone in the Wednesday Westsiders.

The social hall was rented for a half day, for \$310 rent. \$150 cleaning fee was also charged, and will be paid to KW Cleaning (janitorial service that has been servicing the campus for years).

\$500 security deposit was paid and will be refunded.

Renter needed to use the screen and projector to do a photo slide show. When the old projector couldn't be located, Mereani agreed to lend hers.

This was much appreciated!

The electrical load was too much for the social hall outlets, and they quit working as the renter was setting up. The short-term and permanent solution is still under investigation. There will be more issues and learning as we get more usage of the campus.

The next priority is to advertise the space for rent. Options include word of mouth, social media, the newspaper, and signage on campus or the lawn. Who would like to work with Trustees on this? Who needs to approve the wording and images used? At a minimum I would like to add the website URL (<https://petalumaumc.org/rent-our-rooms/>) to our lawn sign or a separate yard sign asap.

Other updates

Plumbing repairs complete - thanks to Lemeki of the Fijian community and Small Jobs Plumbing.

New office computer purchased and set-up.

Village Network complained of heat in their office and community room with these hot summer temperatures. They will use Fireside room as needed (when it is not otherwise occupied) while Trustees works on solutions to cool their space.



Finance-Adela Hennings

Our current year-to-date deficit was discussed. As of June 30, 2024 our deficit is \$4,884.03. We are anticipating that with the 2nd Mile Giving and the reduction in internet (going from Comcast to Sonic) we will start seeing some savings that will help to reduce the deficit.

We will revisit our financial health at the end of September and discuss what can be done to improve our numbers.

**YOU HAVE OPTIONS!
FOR YOUR PLEDGE OR OFFERING**

Bring it Sundays when you come to service

Mail it to or drop it off at the church: 410 D St. Petaluma, CA 94952.

Our Church Financial Report **At A Glance** **Month of June**

Income	\$ 10, 554.00
Expense	\$ 10, 103.40
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 450.60

Year to Date

Income	\$ 61,618.31
Expense	\$ 66,502.43
Surplus/Deficit	(\$ 4,884.03)
Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$59,511.70

Temporary Restricted Funds

Outreach Funds	\$ 360.77
Memorial Funds	\$ 253.02
Trustee Funds	\$ 11,498.01
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 7,019.98
Total	\$19,131.78

Thank You for Your Support

Office Manager's Report-Olivette Wright

Updated Church Office Hours:

9:30 am to 12:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Email: umc.petaluma@gmail.com

Website: www.petalumaumc.org

Phone: 707-762-9785

Please contact the office:

1. to schedule a meeting with the Pastor.
2. to schedule a Zoom meeting for your committees.
3. to schedule meeting room use.

before volunteering the use of our campus. We want to *avoid* conflicting events and appointments.



Happy
Anniversary

Happy Birthday!

05 Sereima Laba
19 Dave Layne
24 Audrey Phillips
31 Sharon Graham

02 Ron & Gyann Malone
03 Steve & Karen Delue
05 Rob & Elizabeth Bickmore



Worship-Sue Sarno and Olivette Wright

Worship Team met 7/26/24. We will continue our monthly meetings via Zoom. Unless change is needed, we will meet on the first Thursday of the month, at 2:00, via Zoom. Our next scheduled meeting will be August 15th, at 2:00 pm (due to our late meeting in July).

Church Council-Sue Sarno

The Administrative Church Council met on July 21. Our next meeting will be held on September 15, 2024. Minutes of the meeting are available, via email upon request.

Note:

We are requesting that you please email the office if you have any ideas, suggestions for the service or the church...as opposed to approaching before or after service in the sanctuary or social hall with all of the distractions. This way any issues/ideas can be accurately conveyed to appropriate person(s). The same holds true for conversations outside of church regarding ideas and suggestions.

Thank you,

Olivette Wright and Sue Sarno



Outreach-Judy Hillery and Elizabeth Truesdell

Redwood Missions will pick up the left over “rummage” after the **Rummage Sale** that will be held on July 27. Room 1 will be locked. Item donations will not be accepted until further notice. The Outreach Committee is debating if they will continue with Rummage Sales in the future.

A **Dine & Donate** at Don Ponchos in Petaluma is slated for the 31st of July.



Social Groups

Book Club-Sharon Sibbet

Meet on the First Friday of the month at 10:30 am
Anyone interested in joining or would like more information;
please contact: Sharon Sibbet or Karen DeLue

Open Mic Night

Meet the first Monday night 6:30pm to 9:00 pm in the Social Hall at PUMC.
For more information **contact:** Bob Johns

Ladies Monthly Brunch/Lunch -Sue Sarno or Elaine Caldwell

Meet 2nd Friday of the month 11:30 am at Mary's Pizza in Petaluma.
Contact: Sue Sarno or Elaine Caldwell

Men's Breakfast – Don Broadbent

Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month 8:30 am at Henny Penny's in Petaluma.
Contact: Don Broadbent for more details.

Quilt Group-Nora Tallent

Meet at 10:00 am in Room 5 at P.U.M.C.
For additional information please **contact** Nora Tallent

Monthly Calendar for August

08/04 Trustees after service
08/06 Outreach 10am -12pm
08/15 Worship 2:00pm Zoom
* Finance *
* S.P.R.C. *

Ad/Council will meet in September

* meetings are not open due to confidentiality issues.

Fellowship/Social/Coffee Hour Hosts 2024

August-Churchwide
September-Outreach
October-Finance
November-SPRC
December-? (still open)



Starting in the month of September, Pastor Timoci would like to start a:

SOCIAL AND FUN NIGHT!
EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

7 PM – 9:30 PM

ACTIVITIES:

MUSIC

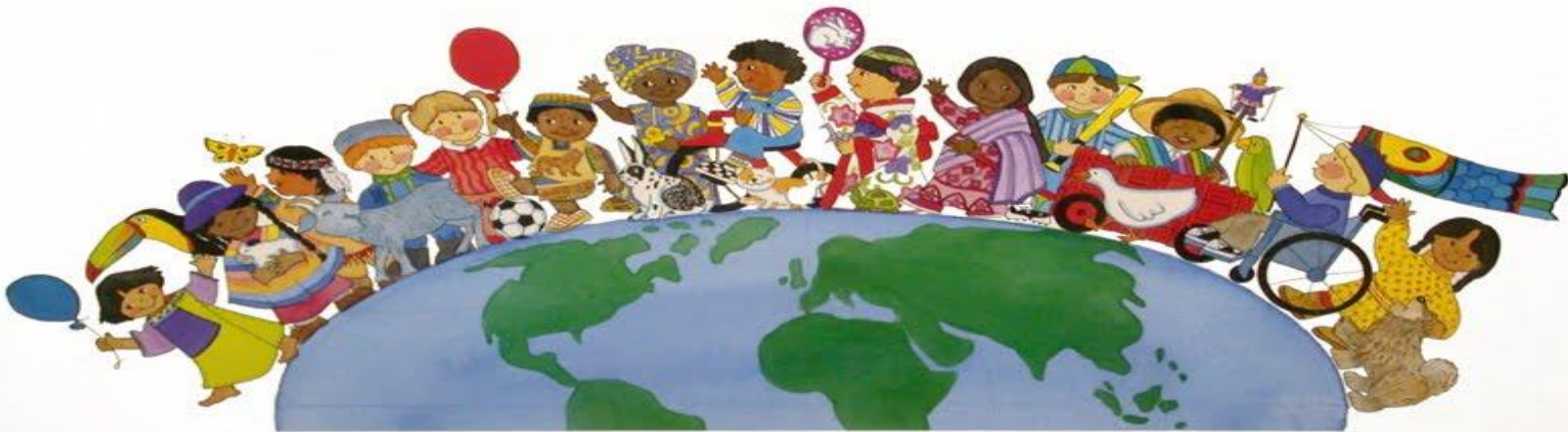
CULTURAL DANCE

ACTION SONGS

MOVIES

SHARING STORIES

REFRESHMENTS



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Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!