



THE PETALUMAN

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

OCTOBER 2024

Pastor's Message

October, A Month of Celebration.

October is a month of celebration, both in the secular and religious world. In the secular world, October is packed with meaningful observances, causes, and fun holidays, from Breast Cancer Month and Mental Awareness Week to Make a Difference Day. On the religious side, our Church observes World Communion Day on the first Sunday of the month. We first celebrate in it our ecumenical bond as a Body of all believers trying to work together for the valuing of education and training.

On the second Sunday of October we observe the Clergy Appreciation Day. This special day was created to highlight the ministers' role in the Church and to give thanks for their work, that has to be a strong foundation for the Church. The third Sunday is observed as the Laity Sunday, and is done to honor the work of lay members in showing Christ's love to the community and the world. A Theme for the Laity Sunday is set for a four years (2020-2024) cycle by the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders. The theme for 2024, based on 2 Timothy 1:1-14, is "Rise Up". In many local churches, Laity Sunday is celebrated by having lay people lead the entire worship service.

It's good to keep in memory good things we celebrate in special days, to remind us that we are not disconnected from our past. And making deep reflection on those good things can renew our commitment to the Lord's work, grows enthusiasm in our walk with Him, and add vibrancy into our passion of building good relationship with others. Those who can work together to expand God's kingdom on earth.

May God bless all the good things we are commemorating on this month, and grant us the wisdom and power to make meaningful celebrations in all the Special Days set for us to observe in October.

Blessings,

Pastor T. Nawaciono

Reminder from: Pastor Timoci Nawaciono

Mondays and Fridays the sanctuary will be opened from 11:00 am until 3 pm.

You are encouraged to come to the sanctuary for a few minutes or stay and pray longer.

The four **Prayer Stations** have been setup in the sanctuary. You will see the labels on the side of the four designated pews on the center aisle (2 at the front and 2 at the middle). Each station has a list of 25 prayer requests. There are 10 copies of each prayer list at each of the four stations.

On Saturday, September 28, 2024 five PUMC congregants plus one guest met with Pastor Timoci for the first **Fun & Social Day**.

We had an enjoyable time chatting and planning the upcoming Fun & Social Days while eating our lunches.



Kris & Charlotte donated ten games to play at future events! They look like a lot of fun!

Date and time for the next meetup will be announced in the near future.

Trustees-Rob Bickmore, Lamar Shahbazian

A big **Thank You** to Jim Phillips for building a new planter box that attaches to our front lawn sign.

Maintenance

We are currently utilizing a wireless microphone for the Lectern. Users of the microphone should make sure it is turned off when not in use to conserve batteries. We are investigating the ability to run new wiring to connect the Lectern mike to the sound board. The existing wiring is not usable due to excessive noise. Pastor is utilizing a wired microphone connected to the Pulpit. That wiring is working well. We are working out a process so that recharged batteries are always available for the wireless mike until we can run new wiring.

Trustees have cleaned the social hall carpet using the newly purchased carpet shampooer. In only a few months it had gotten pretty dirty since the last cleaning. We want to keep our space clean for ourselves as well as other tenants and potential rental tours, so please do your part by vacuuming or mopping spaces at the end of your use. Trustees have purchased a carpet shampooer and placed cleaning solution and a bottle of spot cleaner under the sink. If you see spots on the carpet or tile, please clean it up. We will make AA groups aware as well. Our janitorial service does not clean the kitchen, and while they vacuum the social hall it is on Friday or Saturday, so crumbs left on the carpet could potentially be there the rest of the week.

Two blinds have been replaced in the church office. The screen door has been repaired to make it safer and easier to use.

Rentals

We currently have a contract for a prayer breakfast in the social hall the morning of Saturday October 5th. Lamar is arranging janitorial service following the event.

We are discussing use of the social hall (Saturday) and potentially some smaller rooms during fellowship time with an organization that teaches self-defense to teenage girls on October 25-26. They are assessing whether the smaller rooms will work for them.

We have had initial discussions with a non-profit massage group to use the social hall for a few hours on a weekend in November.

Olivette is keeping the church calendar, so please contact her if you need any space(s) reserved. It will be printed and posted in the kitchen for reference.

In terms of “space use” tenants, the Village Network contract is in negotiation for renewal for the coming year. Una Vida is interested in renting rooms 1 and 2 for their clothing storage and giveaway so that contract is underway.

Room 8 is being used to store church items from furnace room (flower arrangements, Christmas decorations, and boxes of music supplies). If there are other items on campus that need storing contact trustees.

Social media and banners on campus are advertising the spaces available for rent and inquiries are starting to come into the office. Please continue to make sure the church calendar contains your meetings to avoid double-booking.

Utilities:

An Energy Star account has been set up with the EPA. Energy Star will track and compare our energy usage to other like facilities. This is a free service provided by the Federal Government.

Office Manager's Report-Olivette Wright

Note: It is **very important** to send me information about your meetings or events so that I can keep the Church Calendar updated. Since we have now opened our buildings for space use to the public; **we can no longer just assume that a space and time will be available.** We want to *avoid* conflicting events and folks being upset and disappointed. **Thank You in advance for your *understanding and cooperation.***

Updated Church Office Hours:

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

Email: umc.petaluma@gmail.com

Website: www.petalumaumc.org

Phone: 707-762-9785

Please contact the office:

to schedule a meeting with the Pastor,

to schedule a Zoom meeting for your committees,

to schedule meeting room use,

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



October

16 Metuisela Laba

24 Richard Hillery

**No known Anniversaries in the
month of **October.****

Finance



You have **options** to pay your pledges **or** to donate.

Mail to: 410 D Street Petaluma, CA 94952

Bring it: to Sunday service and place it into the offering plate

Drop it: off at the office (during office hours or use the door mail slot.)

Take A Leap of Faith

Ten for Ten

Today many of us take a leap of faith as we begin to tithe. Giving ten percent of our incomes off the top to the work of the Lord gives evidence of our faith ... faith that God will provide for our needs. Tithing acknowledges God's ownership of all things and his grace in providing us with all we need to support our bodies and lives.

Why ten percent? We are not commanded to give 10%, but the tithe is a helpful biblical bench mark, a level of giving to attain and perhaps even to surpass. Only by God's grace can we even attempt to tithe. As we meditate on that grace that provides all we need in this world and the next, we are compelled to respond in generous giving and to grow daily in the desire to return to God what he has first given us.

Many have made your commitment. Thanks for taking a leap of faith in your giving! If you are among those who have not yet completed a commitment form for the **Tithing: A Leap of Faith!** program, please do so. Your timely response will save our mailing you a reminder. The commitment forms are available in the office. You may place the completed form in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thanks for your participation and commitment to the mission and ministry of our church. When we give faithfully and generously, not only is our church blessed but we as givers are blessed and God is honored and glorified.

Finance At- A- Glance
Month of August

Income	\$ 9,105.57
Expense	\$ 9,626.63
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (521.06)

Year To Date

Income	\$ 81,371.48
Expense	\$ 86,941.13
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (5,569.65)
Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$59,846.09

Temporary Restricted Funds

Outreach Funds	\$ 1,923.97
Memorial funds	\$ 283.89
Trustee Funds	\$ 10,753.95
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 7,189.98
Total	\$ 20,151.79

Thank You For Your Support!



Worship – Sue Sarno, O. Wright

Worship Committee, will meet via Zoom for their monthly meetings.

Our next scheduled meeting: Thursday, October 3rd at 2:00 pm.

The committee has been discussing the upcoming preparations for the Holidays.

Note:

We are requesting that you please email the office if you have any ideas, or suggestions for the service or the church as opposed to approaching someone 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 pertaining to service outside of church regarding ideas and suggestions.

Note:

Please help the Worship Committee keep our sanctuary neat and tidy by **disposing** the bulletins, water bottles, used tissues, and doodles/drawing into the **recycle bin** when you are exiting the sanctuary. The bin is located in the narthex to your left as you exit out the front of the church.

Very Important:

The pipe organ and piano in our sanctuary are very expensive instruments.

In addition, they are very expensive to tune up and repair.

Only our current Organist and Pianist is to play them. If there is a need for someone else to play them you **must** contact the Office. Olivette, will then notify the appropriate persons for permission for you.



Outreach-Judy Hillery, Elizabeth Truesdell

October 22- Dine and Donate at Don Pancho's Mexican Restaurant

285 N. McDowell Blvd. Come and socialize. Bring your friends. Great music and delicious food.

Note: We have just learned, on September 28, that Trick or Treating **on D Street** may be **canceled**; due to all of the recent street changes. There is fear that these changes may endanger the children. So the Outreach Committee has decided to err on the side of caution and cancel PUMC participation in the Halloween festivities.

October 31- Halloween on our Lawn has been canceled.

November 16- Christmas Craft Faire, 10:00 to 4:00pm. Come and help set up. Bake some cookies that we can sell at the faire. Questions? Call June regarding cookies and call Lamar if you can help with set up, etc. But do come and shop, eat and socialize.



Social Groups

Book Club-Sharon Sibbet

Meet on the First Friday of the month at 10:30 am to noon.
Anyone interested in joining or would like more information:

please contact: Sharon Sibbet or Karen DeLue

Book Club Reading Schedule:

October 25 **James** by Percival Everett

November 22 **Tiny Beautiful Things** by Cheryl Strayed

December 20 **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt

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

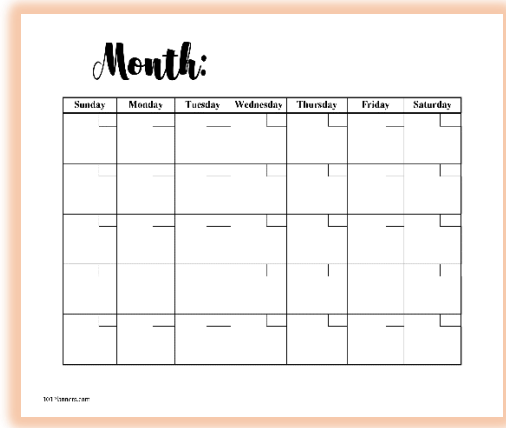
Meet 2nd Friday of the month 11:30 am at Mary's Pizza in Petaluma.

Contact: Sue Sarno or Elaine Caldwell

Quilt Group

Meet at 10:00 am in Room 5 at P.U.M.C.

For additional information please **contact** Nora Tallent



Monthly Calendar for October

- 10/06 **Trustees** 1 pm – 2 pm
- 10/07 **Open Mic** 6:30 pm-9:00 pm
- 10/00 **Outreach** not meeting in Oct.
- 10/03 **Worship** 2 pm via Zoom
- * **Finance** *
- * **S.P.R.C.**
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- 10/20 **Ad/Council** 1 pm -2 pm

* meetings are not open due to confidentiality issues.



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The grass withers and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord endures forever. (1 Peter 1:24, 25)

