



THE PETALUMAN

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

FEBRUARY 2025

Pastor's Message

FEBRUARY: A TIME OF PURIFICATION, REBIRTH AND HOPE

As year 2025 is still in its prime stage of inchoation, now reaching the second month that is so much infused with symbolic meanings, makes us see our spiritual journey as members of the Petaluma United Methodist Church full of optimism and ebullience. February is associated with purification, rebirth and hope. The month's name comes from the Latin word februum, which means purification. The iris flower, a February birth flower, symbolizes connection, communication and spirituality. Having this idea of connection in mind, we see the United Methodist Church observes every year the history of the month that recognized and appreciate the way women and people of general different races and culture have contributed to the richness of its common life. Adorning a versatile character, members of the PUMC had demonstrated strength in their interracial relation and savors their communal gatherings and social interaction with love, honor and respect. Though the ramification of LGBTQ issue is still lingering, as manifested in the segregation and disunity that was verging on last year, it is quickly vanishing as members are upholding the significance of purification, rebirth and hope in their individual life of members. And the ramification is expected to erode completely as the symbolic meanings of the month keep reminding us of what to do.

On the spiritual side of the spectrum, February's definition reminds us of the significance of purification in the antecedence of our spiritual journey this year. When we are well cleansed and purified in the beginning of our journey, we expect to end up well. Purification serves as a clincher to everything else we do in the church, and success is very much determined by how well we are purified and transformed. When life is well purified in the church we will hear more mellifluous music reverberating in our ears, echoing hope of unity and mutual connection of members. We will be closely knitted together as one people. We will be able to stand together all the time and shoulder the workloads in the church, whether it is financial, maintenance of property, witnessing, serving others and many more. Moreover, the ministering tasks of the Word of God is an indispensable task for all members. We all enjoy the opportunities granted to us by God to share the Holy Word in our time of worship. Alongside, we also share the same sentiment of building the PUMC to grow strong and survive the tests of time. Financial growth in the church can happen if we reflect and delve deeply into the ministry of stewardship in months ahead. Only then, we will see our church not only growing in all aspects, but also as more of a

family than an organization, where everyone can have a sense of belonging and see in every task a notion of responsibility incumbent upon all of us to account for. In the same note, we will see ourselves as one people intended and designed by God to be an integral part of the Body of Christ, fully enjoying our membership. Hope the message will illuminate the path laid before us in our spiritual journey for this month.

May God bless you all and keep you safe and secure under the protection of His mighty arms. Amen!

Blessings Pastor Timcci Navaciono

Trustees- Lamar Shahbazian

Trustees are in the process of re-forming the committee and electing officers. We still have a need for 3-4 more members, especially someone who can serve as recording secretary. Please let the Pastor know if you might be able to serve.

They will be taking stock of the church facilities and where things are, like circuit breaker boxes, thermostats, light controls, etc. A maintenance list will be updated and prioritized.

We have two new space users, Una Vida is renting rooms 1 and 2 and Narcotics Anonymous meets in the social hall on Sundays from 5-6:30. There have been some issues with the way spaces were left (blinds open, lights on, etc.) so closing checklists will be created and hung where needed as a reminder.

Pauliasi will be making a dump run soon, hauling the pile of metal that has been on the kitchen patio, the old shelving removed from room 2, and the non-working vacuums from the janitor closet.

The next trustee meeting will be held Sunday, February 2 at 10:15 a.m. If you have anything that needs trustee attention, please let Elizabeth Stallinga know.

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.***

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 disappointments.

February Birthdays



03 Cherry Palacios

17 Nora Tallent

19 Dick Sibbet

24 Elaine Caldwell

Treasurer-Kris Nelson

Report submitted by Gyann Malone

Finance At- A- Glance

Month of December

Income	\$ 10,695.13
Expense	\$ 12,269.94
Surplus/Deficit	(\$ 1,574.81)

Year To Date

Income	\$ 119,049.89
Expense	\$ 128,387.64
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (9,337.75)
Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$ 52,449.67

Temporary Restricted Funds

Outreach Funds	\$ 1,314.50
Memorial funds	\$ 283.89
Trustee Funds	\$ 11,462.841
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 3,462.27
Total	\$ 16,523.47

Thank You for Your Support!



Worship – Sue Sarno

Worship Committee will not meet in February. We will meet on March 6th, at 1:00 p.m via Zoom (thank you, Olivette, for sending out the Zoom link). Our March agenda will be preparation for Palm Sunday (April 13th) and Easter (April 20).

Church Council will meet on Sunday, Feb. 2nd in the Fireside Room, following Worship and Fellowship time. All are invited to attend.

Note:

We are requesting that you please email the office if you have any ideas, or suggestions for the service or the church. This way any issues/ideas can be accurately conveyed to appropriate person(s).

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.

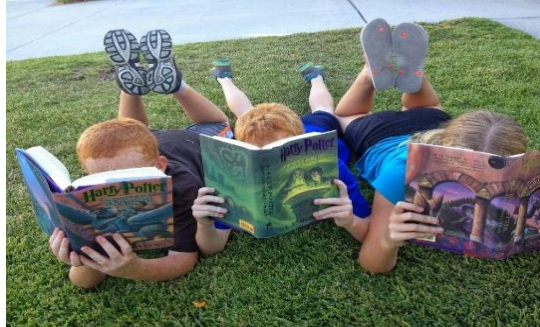
Very Important Reminder:

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 to play the instruments.

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:

Contact: Sharon Sibbet or Karen DeLue

Ladies Monthly Brunch/Lunch

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

Contact: Sue Sarno

Quilt Group

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

The New Quilt is Ready

Raffle tickets are now on sale for our new quilt.

\$1 for one ticket

\$5 for 6 tickets.

You can buy tickets from the Quilters,
or, the office. If you have any questions, contact Nora Tallent.

Month:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

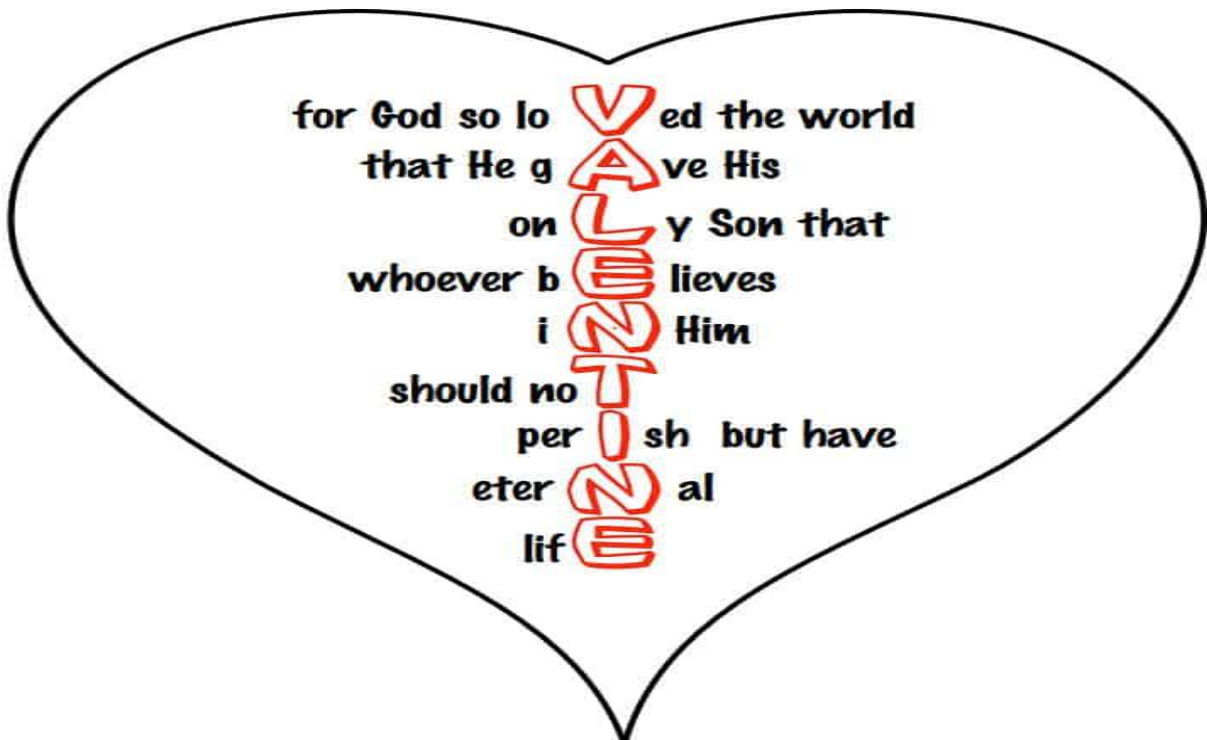
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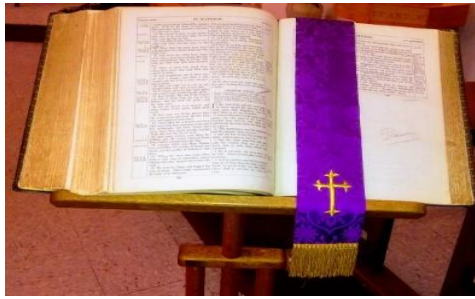
Monthly Calendar for **February** 2025

- 02/ Trustees t.b.d.
- 02/ **Worship** not meeting February
- 02/02 **Ad./Church Council** 1pm in Fireside Room
- * **Finance** *
- * **S.P.R.C.** *

* Meetings are not open due to confidentiality issues.

John 3:16





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Una Vida Semi- Annual Clothing Give Away

January 18, 2025

