
THE PETALUMAN

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

MARCH 2025

Pastor's Message



We cannot begin to express our gratitude to the Fijian Ministries. On February 28, 2025, the Fijian Ministries hosted a Crab Feed that raised the amazing amount of \$30,000.00! The total amount was donated to P.U.M.C. The food was delicious! The entertainment portion of the evening was wonderful! The décor beautiful! Their hard work and generosity is greatly appreciated; truly, the work of the Lord.

Blessings,

Pastor Timcci Navacione **and** the entire P.U.M.C. Congregation



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

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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.

March Birthdays



5 Charlotte Peterson
5 Peter Howley
8 Wati Waisale
17 Elizabeth Stallinga
20 Adela Henning
21 Sammy Bickmore
25 Sue Sarno
28 Pauliasi Ikanivere
31 Sekuri Yadraca

Finance – Sharon Sibbet

FINANCE COMMITTEE for Petaluman

Abbreviated minutes from our January 11 meeting.

WELCOME KRIS NELSON, ELENOA NAITAKA, JUNE HUDNALL - Kris is treasurer, Elenoa is a member at large, June represents SPRC

THANK YOU ELAINE CALDWELL, RON AND GYANN MALONE, AND ADELA HENNINGS - For serving the finance needs of our church for so many years

MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JANUARY

FINANCIAL SECRETARY-Gwen Petro- End of year giving statements were distributed in January.

TREASURER- Kris Nelson- no end of month report has been received yet from Cumulus Bookkeeping.

OLD BUSINESS:

2025 GENERAL BUDGET - Sharon-Projected 2025 deficit is -\$42,204. We have \$35,927 in the bank for our general fund expenses.

FUNDRAISERS - We as finance committee members should encourage all committees and groups to hold at least one fundraiser this year. Kris offered to make gumbo for a fall fundraiser. We very much appreciate the upcoming crab feed being hosted by our Fijian brothers and sisters.

SECOND MILE OFFERINGS - We agreed to continue this traditional Finance Committee Fundraiser for Easter, Love Offering in July or August, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. These donations are meant to be above and beyond our usual tithe or faith based giving. The name comes from the concept of “walking the second mile”.

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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.

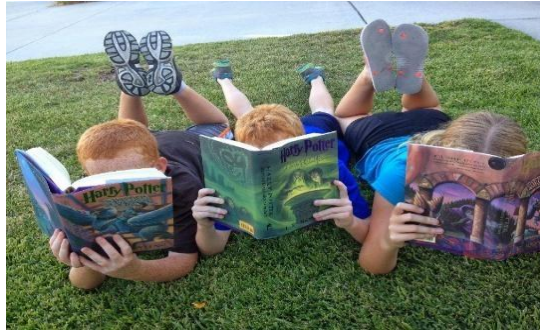
Very Important Reminder:

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

Men's Breakfast

Meet 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30am with the St. John's UMC alternate Henny Penny's in Petaluma or Marvin's in Cotati.

Contact Kris Nelson for additional information

Quilt Group

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

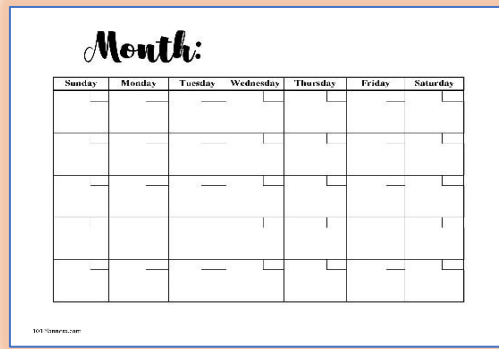
For additional information please **contact** Nora Tallent

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.



Monthly Calendar for **March 2025**

03/ tbd **Trustees.**

03/06 **Worship** 10:00 am via Zoom

03/09 **Ad./Church Council** 1pm in Fireside Room

* **Finance** *

* **S.P.R.C.** *

* Meetings are not open due to confidentiality issues.

Dates to Remember

March 2nd Lou Strohmeyer Memorial 2pm in the Sanctuary.

March 5th Ash Wednesday service at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary.

March 5th Lent Begins (ends April 19th).

March 9th Daylight Savings Begins.

March 30th Memorial for Bob Johns, Pastor Betty Paget to officiate, as part of the Sunday Service.*

* Bob's memorial reception.

We no longer have a Memorial Committee. After the service, we are planning on serving coffee and cookies in the Social Hall. If you can donate cookies it would be greatly appreciated.

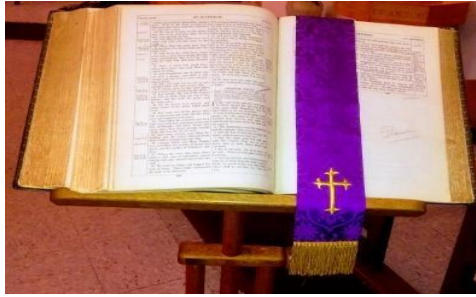
Please contact: Sue Sarno or the office if you can help out.



A Big Thank You

A big thanks to all for the many cards, calls, visits and wonderful food we received from the church community. I'm doing much better, but I'm learning to slow down and appreciate life and family. The dinners were especially helpful to Richard who has been the cook, housekeeper, and homecare provider.

Judy Hillery



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