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# THE PETALUMAN

## MAY 2025



### Pastor's Message

#### May: A Month of Recognition and Retribution

As just few days left to end the month of April with its venerated observation of Lent, the month of May is rising above the horizon with its symbolic significance to offer hope and joy to members of the Petaluma United Methodist Church, who had faithfully gone through a sacred time of contrition, remorse, and penitence during the Holy Week. The regaining of “new life” through our penitential observation of Lent, is what will make descending onto May full of excitement, regeneration and pragmatism. In every new journey, the change of heart and mind is crucial. And that is what will make our journey progressive, effective and successful in this month and months ahead. That is something we should be thankful about our observation; the new life it generates and subsequently leads to the reenergizing and revitalizing of our faith. It makes us more faithful and productive in our faith journey.

Another respectful part of our observation of the month of May, is the celebration of the “Older Adult Recognition Day.” This Day of celebration was brought up and adopted by the United Methodist Church in its 2008 Annual Conference. Following such a pivotal decision, all congregations within the UMC are invited to show appreciation and support for older adults who continue to enrich and strengthen our faith communities. In that regard, the PUMC will celebrate its “Older Adult Recognition Day” on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of this month. Young members of PUMC will find this time a real opportunity to express their gratitude to older adult members, for all the good things they have received from them. For example, their insurmountable contributions to the growing of the PUMC, specifically for taking to heart the need for intergenerational learning to guide and inspire young minds.

To conclude, in Christianity, May is often referred to as the Month of Mary, a time dedicated to the Blessed Mary, the mother of God. Mary is remembered in this month for her role in salvation history and her immaculate heart. In a way, we are proud and glad to belong to a church that is full of mothers who continue to play a vital role in weaving a unique and lasting community fabric, that brings hope to young members with their idealistic lifestyles and firmness in faith. The celebration of the Older Adult Recognition Day will be a good time for young members to render to them an honorable service, in retribution to the great services they had offered and continue offer to the Petaluma United Methodist Church.

Blessings to all members of the Petaluma United Methodist Church in this month of May.

*Blessings Pastor Timoci*



**Trustees-** Lamar Shahbazian for Elizabeth Stallinga

We are making progress on renting Room 11 to Village Network, who requested the extra space to support the activities they have going on. Thanks to Elizabeth Stallinga, Olivette, Mereani, and Rob Bickmore who have helped move items out and clean it up. The new carpet shampooer Trustees purchased last year was used to make the carpet look as good as new! Village Network has requested new blinds and offered to split the cost, so those will be installed in early May. Rob has been instrumental in repairing electrical switches and testing the furnace. Return ducts were blocked which was making our furnace less efficient, so we cautioned Village Network about the importance of furniture placement. Village Network will paint the room once they take occupancy.

Una Vida had a grand opening of the Community Closet on Saturday, April 19th. They gave away kids and adult clothes and books on the lawn and from room 1. They have also made improvements to the space, putting new flooring over the old, painting, stenciling, wallpapering and putting up new blinds and curtains. They even made improvements to the two restrooms! The adult closet (room 1) is completely set up with clothing racks, hangers with the size noted, and shelves and baskets for smaller items. The kid's room (room 2) is still being set up. Una Vida received over 2,000 items of kid's clothing from donations from "Just Between Friends", which is a semi-annual consignment sale of kid's clothes, and is in the midst of processing them. Only new or nearly new items are being kept for distributions, those with any signs of wear are going to local thrift stores or others who can make use of them. Lynne's goal is to give those who need clothes an experience as close to retail as possible. Lynne describes it as "a thrift store where everything is free", but it's even better because the items are so well

curated, everything possible is laundered, and they are displayed so nicely. There are even spaces for jewelry, hats, and handbags. If you have donations, they need to be in very good shape, and we particularly need men's items. Contact Lamar at 707-217-7682 to make arrangements for donations, please do not leave items outside or in the hallway.

The social hall hosted another rental on March 29th, for the birthday of one of the members of NA, a benevolent group who rent space from us on Sunday evenings. She was celebrating her birthday with a "Sweet 16" theme because her birthday marked 16 years of sobriety. What a blessing to be able to provide space for that celebration! They paid \$310 in rent, and \$150 for janitorial service. Thanks to Olivette for your help processing paperwork.

The City of Petaluma hired a tree service to reduce root impaction on one of the trees on 5th street and they were doing the work on April 23rd. They also fertilized and watered the tree nicely.

Daily Acts entertained the idea of helping us replace the lawn with native plants and perennials, but ended up declining due to "too many hurdles", namely the fact that we don't have irrigation to the current sprinkler manifolds. Thanks to Elizabeth Stallinga for her continual efforts to improve our property and carbon footprint. Rick Shahbazian has taken over mowing from Ron and Gyann, and mows weekly during the growing season.

The plants surrounding the office and in front of the sanctuary will need watering by hand again this summer, until the time that we can get the sprinklers repaired. If anyone has time to take on this task, contact Olivette.



### 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](mailto:umc.petaluma@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.petalumaumc.org](http://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.

## May Birthdays



13 Rusiate Vulakoro  
22 Elizabeth Truesdell  
22 Joane Layne



**Finance** – Sharon Sibbet

Finance is still waiting on reports from Cumulus Bookkeeping.



### **Worship** – Sue Sarno

We will **not** meet on Thursday, May 1st. If there is anything related to Worship that needs immediate attention, please let me know. We will resume our monthly meeting in June.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank everyone for the beautiful flower displays we had for Easter, and thank you to Olivette for securing the palm fronds for Palm Sunday. I, personally, thought our music for Easter was so inspirational! Thanks to Lori for introducing the soloist, Andi, to us - it was magnificent!

#### **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.

## **Social Groups**

### **Book Club-Sharon Sibbet**

Meet on the last 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

### **Reading:**

April 25 Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver

May 30 The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

### **Ladies Monthly Brunch/Lunch**

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

**Contact:** Sue Sarno

### **Men's Breakfast**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:30am with the St. John's UMC alternate at 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 **May** 2025

05/tbd **Trustees.**

05/00 **Worship** 1:00 am via Zoom (not meeting in May)

05/04 **Ad./Church Council** 1pm in Fireside Room

05/30 **Book Club**

\* **Finance**

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

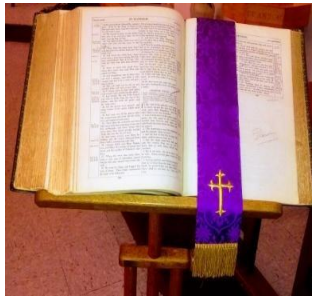
\* Due to confidentiality issues, these meetings are for committees only.

## **Dates to Remember in May**

05/01 National Day of Prayer

05/11 Mother's Day

05/26 Memorial Day



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**The article deadline for the June issue is: May 23, 2025**

Join us on the first Friday of each month  
at 9:30 am to Ring Out Violence!

Help us to bring attention to ending gun violence



**Sue Sarno, Neighbors (center), Carol Anderson**

This may be helpful for those needing to get rid of bulky/large items.

## Bulky Item Pick-up *Recoleccion De Artículos*

Petaluma residents can schedule a bulky item pick-up at / *Las residentes de Petaluma pueden programar una recolección de artículos grandes en: 800.243.0291 or/o RecologySonomaMarin@Recology.com.*

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2 free bulky item pick-ups per year for residents.  
*2 recolecciones gratuitas de artículos grandes por año para residentes.*



Set out 1 bulky item and up to 7 bags of refuse. *Ponga 1 artículo grande y hasta 7 bolsas de basura.*



No liquid waste or hazardous materials. *No desechos líquidos ni materiales peligrosos.*



### WHAT ABOUT REPAIR?

Before taking your item to the curb, could it be fixed instead? Find a Repair Fair in your area at [ReuseAlliance.org](https://www.reusealliance.org).

  
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Here is the URL address: (not a link)

[https://www.recolgy.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Newsletter\\_Spring-2025\\_Petaluma\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.recolgy.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Newsletter_Spring-2025_Petaluma_WEB.pdf)



*Happy Mother's Day!*

*Thank You!*

**Thank you to Ian Shahbazian and Rob Bickmore for valet parking our vehicles in our parking lot on April 27, 2025. This was a huge help, due to the Petaluma Antiques Street Faire.**

**Resources:**

Photos-online free art./Ring out violence-Carol Anderson