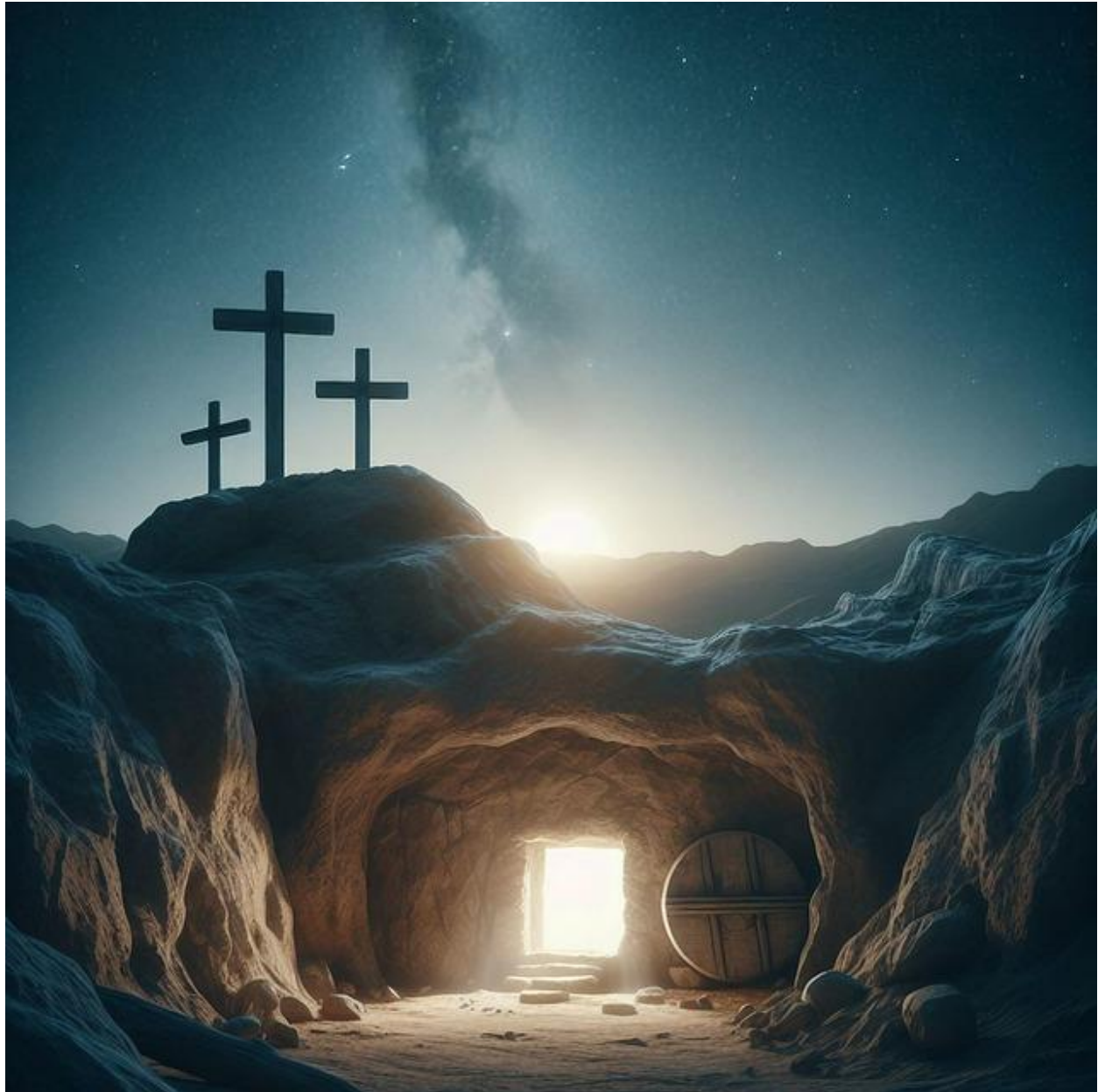

THE PETALUMAN



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

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APRIL 2025



Pastor's Message

April is found to be a month of great significance to Christianity with its Biblical meaning. According to the ancient Hebrew calendar and modern Jewish calendar, this is the beginning of the new year. They call it Nisan. We call it April.

Thanks for the Biblical records that noted important events took place in the month of April. It was in the spring of the year when armies went out to battle, that David didn't go to battle, that Ruth and Naomi arrived in Bethlehem, that Nehemiah felt called to rebuild Jerusalem, that refreshing rains in Israel and plants burst forth picturing new life.

According to Exodus 12:1-6, April is also significant because it was the month in which the Passover occurred. As you may recall, God required that a lamb be killed and its blood smeared on the doorsteps of the Israelite's homes. For us Christians, Nisan is also a month in which Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected and which we commemorate with Easter in our day. Because of the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, all those who believe and trust in God for the forgiveness of their sins will be saved.

For us members of the Petaluma United Methodist Church, we share the same view about Easter. Passover and Easter represent a new beginning and new life. New beginning and new life always start with self-reflection and culminated in the admission, confession and repentance of our sins. The transformation of oneself, as the expected outcome of the process, is something we are all anticipating to happen on Lent season. And the newness of everything, including bonds of relationship with God and others, state of mental and spiritual health, will eventually follow.

Hope you have a blessed and meaningful Easter that will help boost your love for Christ.

Blessings Pastor Timoci



Trustees- Lamar Shahbazian

**Petaluman Article
Rental Update
Lamar Shahbazian
March 25, 2025**

Rentals

- Karen Brody rented the sanctuary and social hall for her father, Lou Strohmeyer, memorial service on 3/2/25. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the property after the crab feed.
- Positive feedback on the property and how easy it was to work with us. At my request she provided a positive review which was posted on our website.
- There was a lot of sentimental emotion involved since the family had been long-term members. About 100 people attended. We waived the rental fees due to their long-term membership, so they paid for the refundable deposit and a cleaning fee only.
- They had a prior Methodist organist who noticed the piano was out of tune, so they paid to have it tuned. Apparently, there is a device under the piano to keep it warm, we need to make sure it works and to keep it plugged in.
- Our sanctuary and social hall were also used for a funeral for Josece Sigavelvola on March 13-14. All users of the space need to take care to leave the area clean and to return furniture to its original place.
- The social hall will be rented Saturday, March 29th for a birthday party for our NA liaison (Nicole). Paperwork and COI is filed, the space will be rented from 5:30-10 p.m. Fees should = \$310 (plus refundable deposit and cleaning fee of \$150.)

- There is potential interest from Petaluma Chorale to rent our sanctuary for performances. They currently have another space but are outgrowing it. It is yet to be determined if our space will meet their needs.

Una Vida Community Closet :

- Flooring work is done and the painting nearly finished in rooms 1 and 2 of the education wing. Set-up of clothing racks was begun on 3/5, and many clothes are being hung or prepared for distribution. Clothes are being freshly laundered and highly curated before being selected for the closet. It should be opening soon. There are plans to have a book rack and clothing rack outside to catch people's attention and allow them to begin shopping before gaining access to the rooms inside.
- Lynne Moquette is asking her painter to patch and paint the small restroom in the education wing, to freshen them up and repair the walls after the inner wall was removed (by Mark and Lamar) and soap dispensers were removed (they were broken).
- The congregation is invited to make donations but keep in mind that the clothing needs to be in excellent shape, near new with no stains or tears. Also, do not leave bags of clothing in the hallway unattended as that causes a tripping hazard and doesn't look so great to the public. Freshly washed clothes should be labeled as such, otherwise all donations will be laundered before distribution.

Village Network :

- VN expressed interest in renting room 11. They need to get their board approval; in the meantime, the room has been emptied and materials for potential use in Sunday School moved to the Annex. Thanks to Olivette for all her work here. Mark has demolished the large cabinet that was not in good shape. Other furniture will be moved or stored. New blinds and lights will be installed, as well as a thorough cleaning performed before rental, once VN has confirmed their interest.
- Monthly rent has been quoted at 227.80, based on proportionate space and current fees paid. The contract will be updated once we have a confirmed start date.



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. In addition, there are eleven groups that use our rooms. PUMC, Fijian Ministries, Village Network, C.O.T.S., Una Vida, Twelve-For-Twelve (AA- afternoon), Wednesday Westsiders (AA- evening), Alanon- afternoon, Alanon- evening, Narcotics Anon.- evening, Reiki-one 3rd Saturday per month. **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.

April Birthdays

17 Mark Benzonelli
19 Vesi Vosaki
27 Bob Simison



**Happy, Happy Birthday
Bob Simison!!**



Finance – Sharon Sibbet

Once again, a huge debt of gratitude goes to our Fijian Ministry for the \$30,001 donation to our General Fund from the very successful crab feed. We can't thank you enough!

The finance team will be handing out Easter Second Mile envelopes at worship service in April. The concept of Second Mile is that we donate above and beyond our usual pledge or faith giving in order to “walk the second mile”. All donations will go to our General Fund. Thank you in advance for any contribution you are able to make. We are slowly inching forward to balance our budget for this year.



Worship – Sue Sarno

Next meeting: in person, **Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 11:30 am.** We will meet in the Pastor's office. We will be planning our Easter services.

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 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 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 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.

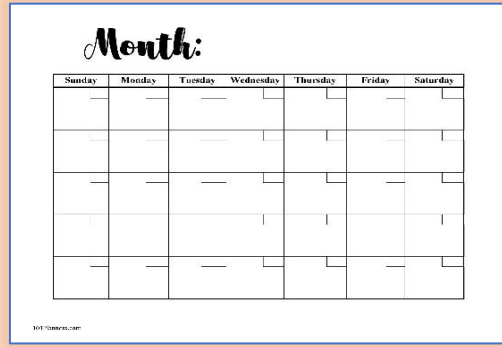
For additional information please **contact** Nora Tallent

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 April 2025

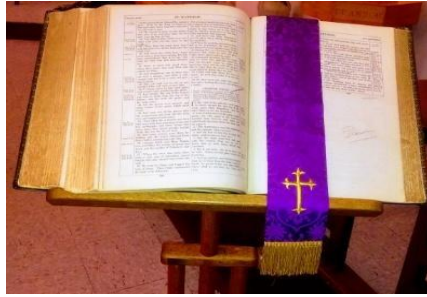
04/06 **Trustees.** 10:15 am in person
 04/03 **Worship** 11:30 am in person
 04/07 **Ad./Church Council** 1pm in Fireside Room
 04/25 **Book Club** in person last Friday of the Month

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

* Due to confidential issues, these meetings are for committee members only.

Dates to Remember in April

13th Palm Sunday
 17th Maundy Thursday
 18th Good Friday
 19th Lent ends
 20th Easter Sunday



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Ring Out Violence

You are invited: to join us, our neighbors, and other churches.

Where: on the front lawn of PUMC.

When: on the first Friday of the month at 9:30 am until 9:35 am

What: to *Ring Out Violence*.

Why: to bring awareness to and stop the many forms of violence that happens on a daily basis.

Resources:

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