



THE PETALUMAN

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

AUGUST 2025

AUGUST: MONTH OF LIFE AND GROWTH

Our lectionary sermon of July 20th reads, “Image of the Invisible” or as stated in one of the texts in that Sunday (Colossians 1:15), “Christ is the visible image of the Invisible God,” tells us that Christ was sent to restore the lost image of God on humanity. This Divine glorious image was disfigured, defaced and tarnished by the sin of the first human couple, Adam and Even. This concept of restoration relates well with the Biblical and symbolic meaning of the month of August, as clearly stated in the UMC yearly calendar. It means life, growth and flourishing. When the Divine image is fully restored in human’s life, it means life in its fullness is regained and developed in a healthy and impressive successful way. We can see how significant and indispensable to have the image of God restored in human life. Reflecting the image of God in our everyday life will not only illuminate the darkness around us or in our midst, but it will also give hope and life to many people around us. Bearing together the image of God is something we cannot undergrade its potential to bring us together as one people, renew our connection, and increase our collaboration in all God’s works in and outside the church. Spiritually and socially attaching to each other as bearers of Gods image, our experience of denominational splits in the past will no longer a recurring issue of the present and in the future.

As clearly outlined in the United Methodist Church worship lectionary, the five Sundays of the month of August are known with their various focuses. The First Sunday [August 4] focuses on supporting ministries for older adults, children, families, and hospital pastoral care. The Second Sunday [August 11] focuses on General Commission on Archives and History, the third Sunday [August 18] focuses on the Status and Role of Women, and the fourth Sunday [August 25] focuses on Higher Education and Ministry. I am very positive that all these focuses of each Sunday of the month are achievable for the Petalumens if we are tightly knit together as one in the Body of Christ. But we must make sure that we all allow God to restore His immaculate image into our lives and make this month a good time to refresh our lives and to flourish vibrantly while authentically maintaining the restored image of God in our redeemed life. Amen

Thank you, I wish you all a blessed month of love and joy, as we are reaching the eighth month of the year in our spiritual journey.

Blessings,

Pastor T. Nawaciono



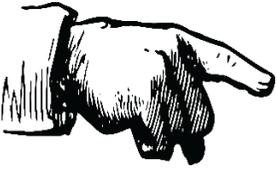
Trustees- Elizabeth Stallinga

Remember: Tasks to be completed around the campus.

I will send out an email list to all the members and post it in the social hall as an opportunity for all church users to help. It seems to me that everyone's schedule is different and has limited availability times that coincide. So, we can do mini work days, put together by various "teams" or you can do a job on the list on your own time. Just text me and I will arrange to open doors and show you. In the meantime, the entrance to the social hall carpet is gross, and the carpet needs to be cleaned. Any Volunteers?
Thank you.

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Office Manager's Report-Olivette Wright



Urgent

Before you vacate a room or building,
please be sure to:

Pick up your trash.

Move tables and chairs back as you found them.

Wipe down tables if you ate food or spilled a drink.

Empty the small trash cans into the larger cans that are housed in the Social Hall or Kitchen.

Close the blinds.

Turn off the lights.

Be sure that water is not running in sinks or toilets.

Lock the doors.

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
Pastor's Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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,.



Finance-Sharon Sibbet

The Finance Committee would like to sincerely thank Adela Hennings for all her years of service to this committee. Adela has stepped down as a counter for more years than most of us can remember. In the past, I believe she has also served as Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and representative from SPRC. Adela, your dedication and common sense wisdom has always been helpful and appreciated. Thank you!

In August we will distribute Love Offering envelopes to be used for Second Mile Offering donations. Please remember that Second Mile refers to giving above and beyond our usual pledge or faith offering. This affords us an additional opportunity to share God's love for us with our church. All donations go to the General Fund to cover day to day expenses. We are grateful for all of your financial support.

Thank You for Your Support!



Worship – Sue Sarno, O. Wright

Next meeting: First Thursday of the month at 11:30 am

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 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.

Please do not move the piano. It has been reported that the sanctuary piano has been moved out of place a number of times in the past several months. It is my understanding that by moving it messes up the “tuning”. The cost to tune the piano is \$500.00.



Outreach-Carol Anderson

Don't Forget!

At 9:30 am on the first Friday of each month,
come on down to PUMC and help Ring Out Violence!

Una Vida Update -Lamar Shahbazian

Una Vida Community Closet Opens!

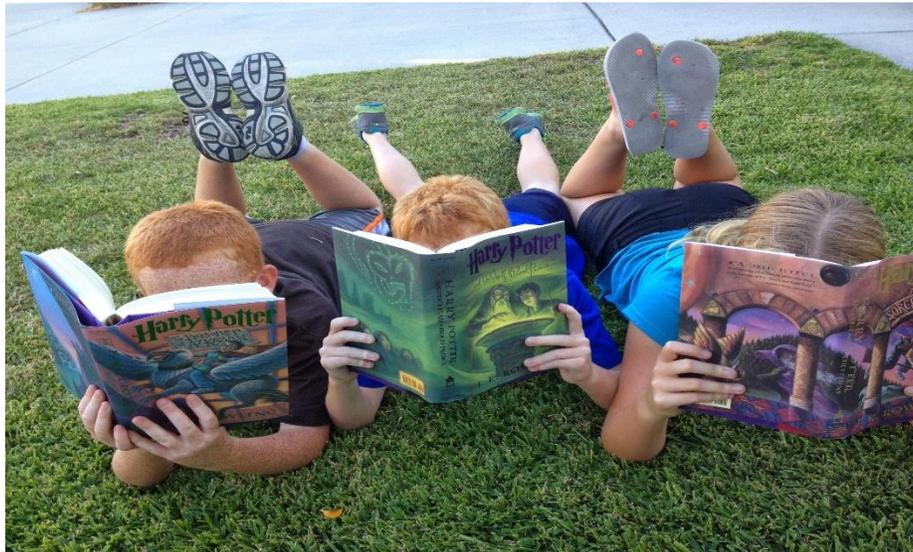
After extensive clean-up and set-up in Rooms 1 and 2, the Community Closet is open! Currently, the hours are Thursday and Saturday from 3-6 p.m. So far, approximately 80 families have been able to pick up clothes and shoes for themselves or their children. The donations have been laundered and curated to keep those that are in "near new" condition, and the recipients really appreciate it! Everything is free, which is a huge help for families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Una Vida also held their bi-annual clothing giveaway on our church lawn on Saturday, June 28th. Hundreds of families were able to shop for free from tables loaded with clothing of all sizes. Petaluma is such a generous community, and it's great to see donated items go to someone in need.

Una Vida is partnering with the church community on giving away books. Books are stored in Room 6 and used to fill the Little Free Library, or there is a rack of children's books that can be browsed during Community Closet hours.

Last but not least, our Quilt Group is offering handmade baby blankets to those with small children, and so far, 3 recipients have delightedly picked one for their child. Next up, we plan to offer free bean bags to older kids to take home as a flexible, portable "toy".

If you are interested in volunteering for a shift at the closet, the sign-up is [here](#). If you have donations of clothes or shoes, contact Lamar at 707-217-7682. Children are allowed to pick one toy from those that have been donated, so if you have any small toys you think would be suitable, you can donate those as well. Finally, it's rare to get socks and under garments donated, so if you would like to purchase new items, they can be left in the barrel in the narthex or given to Lamar.



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.

Quilt Group

Meet Thursday 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 Quilt Group, 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 August 2025

- 08/0 **Trustees** to be determined
- 08/7 **Worship** 11:30 am Pastor Office
- 08/0 **Ad. Council** not meeting month of August
- * **Finance** *
- * **S.P.R.C.** *

* These meetings are not open due to confidentiality issues.



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