



THE PETALUMAN

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

JULY 2025

At the time this newsletter is being written, Pastor Tim is away at:

The 177th Session of the California-Nevada Annual Conference will take place from June 27 - 30, 2025 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention in Sacramento, California.

The annual conference is the basic body in The United Methodist Church and sessions of the annual conference have historically been a time for the people called Methodists to gather, give account to God of the work they have done and their stewardship of the resources God has given them since they last met. It has also been a holy time to discern God's will for their future, a time when persons called to ordained ministry are commissioned and ordained, and both clergy and lay personnel and financial resources are deployed for ministry. Above all, annual conference sessions have been connectional gatherings where the gathered have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and have been revived for God's holy work.

The Annual Conference session will consider legislation, recognize retiring clergy, hold a Memorial service to honor clergy and clergy spouses that have passed during the previous year, and fix the appointments of pastors to the various charges.



Trustees- Elizabeth Stallinga

Greetings Church Family,

This is an update on the Church property. There is much to share and updates that most likely only Council members have heard about. Most pressing is the Boiler in the Social Hall. It leaked and flooded the area under the stage. It's hard to visualize but the location of this mammoth sized piece of equipment resides on the stage perch above the left-hand side, right of the stairs. It was concluded that we needed a new boiler after Small Jobs came out to look at the "damages". It's 40 years old; it's a good one but this is NOT the first time we have had Problems. About six years ago it was having problems, we got it fixed to bide us some time.

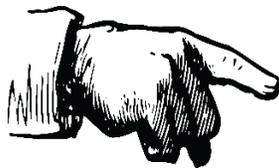
I have had one estimate at \$15,000. for a much more efficient one that we will see savings on our PG&E bill. The Plan is to do an "envelope fundraiser" like the church Finance has done in the past. You will see that in the next few weeks. There is also a church member that has contributed a startup amount and will help more in time. The boiler is primarily to heat the social hall wing. And we typically do not need to heat this time of year so our goal is to have the money raised by August to then start the work.

One more caveat to this is I spoke to Rob Bickmore (on another topic) and he says this is what he does (sells boilers on a much bigger scale) noted a few things to think about like it really is only used a few brief times a week. He wants to look at it. It's my understanding that it has a hole in it. So, a further look is necessary and a second opinion/estimate will be done.

On another note, I am almost done with a master list of maintenance for the church to look good a run properly. 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.

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

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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,.



July Birthdays

12 Lucy Koroinasau
24 Judy Hillery
28 Pat Cercos
31 Lamar Shahbazian



Finance-Sharon Sibbet

Many thanks to all who donated to the Easter Second Mile fundraiser. The total amount donated was \$1,075. We budgeted \$5,000 for the year so that is a good start. Next Second Mile will be a Love Offering in August. All of your generous gifts go to the General Fund.

Our first quarter report from our bookkeeper showed that we had a profit of \$200 not counting the \$30,000 raised by the Fijian crab feed. Our April expenses were much higher. According to our projected budget, we need an income of \$10,000-\$11,000 per month to break even. Our income for April was \$7,430. Please keep the financial viability of our church community in your prayers.

Sharon Sibbet, Finance Committee Chair

Thank You for Your Support!



Worship – Sue Sarno, O. Wright

Next meeting: To Be Determined

Seni will provide the names of our greeters/ushers for July 1st (1st Sunday of the month).

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.



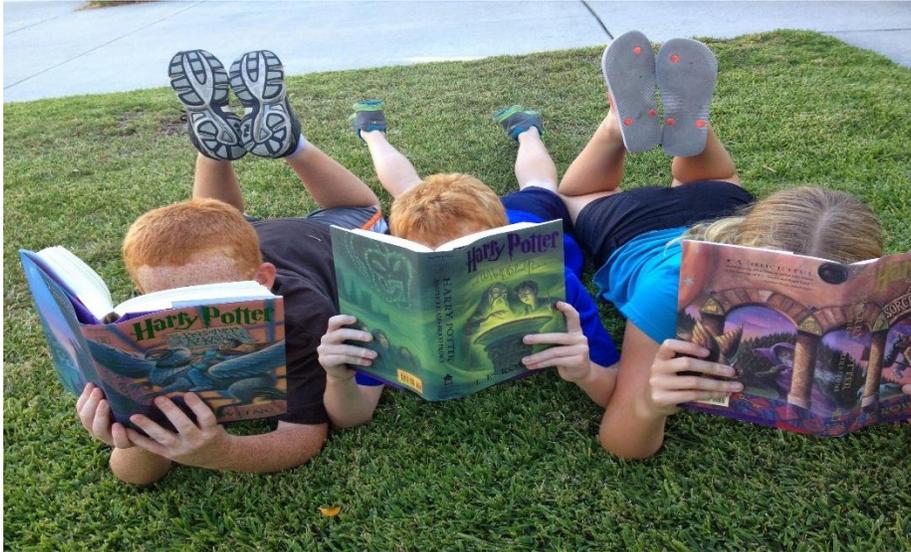
Outreach-Carol Anderson

Our Dine and Donate that was held at Don Pancho's on June 18, brought in \$258.93. A big thank you to all that participated!

Don't Forget!

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

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

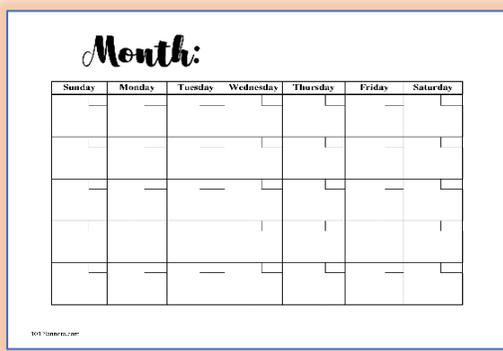
The New Quilt is Ready

Raffle tickets are now on sale for our new quilt.

\$1 for one ticket

\$5 for 6 tickets.

You can buy tickets at our upcoming craft fair or from the craft group. Or, the office. If you have any questions, contact Nora.



Monthly Calendar for July 2025

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07/0 **Trustees** to be determined

07/0 **Worship** to be determined

07/0 **Ad. Council** to be determined

* **Finance** *

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

* These meetings are not open due to confidentiality issues.



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