



THE PETALUMAN

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

SEPTEMBER 2025



The Pastor's Message

Rejoice in September Harvest

As September represents the idea of harvest, it's a good time to reflect on the progression or declines in our spiritual journey and see from there better ways to move us forward. In the midst of our limitations, such as age factor, less time to spend in the church due to work busy schedules, language barriers, lack of communication skills, gender or race barriers, lack of resources and more, we can still move forward within the bounds of our limitations. We believe in a God who makes things happen out of nothing or uses scanty resources to produce greater things beyond our imagination. And the beauty of it, He likes to involve us in every bit of the outworking of His bigger plan for the growing of His church. So, our reception of God's help or the offer of His gracious work of care for us is dependent upon, first and foremost, of the acknowledgment of our limitation and understanding of His greatness and unfathomable love, and thirdly, to be able to trust Him that He can change and improve our life's situation for better. From this perspective, we can see that the best place to start is to start with ourselves individually. We should seek innovation from within that will reach a wholistic renewal of self, and subsequently it can renew everything we do in our surroundings and people we get in touch with. People with the same heart, renewed heart, will always find it easier to live and work together for a greater cause; for God and His Church.

May God bless each one of us, the Petaluman, as we continue to tread upon our path of holy living and enjoy the abundant reaping of its fruits.

Blessings,

Pastor T. Nawaciono



Trustees- Elizabeth Stallinga

Remember Folks-*Winter is coming*

Winter is coming, is a somber reminder that one should always be prepared for winter, that no matter how nice and warm it is outside, winter is always just around the corner. (Wikipedia) submitted by the Petaluman Editor

The Giving Tree

The giving tree has been set up as a fund raiser to raise money for a boiler for the social hall wing of the church. The boiler we have now is 45 yrs old and needs to be replaced. It started to leak and damage the area under the stage (and beyond). The trustees have had an estimate of \$15,057.00. We will get another estimate but I feel good About this estimate and company that gave this estimate. We need to move on this before fall and the colder weather, and want to try and get installed by middle of September. This is a large amount of money but there really isn't a choice. The Trustees and Finance will be fund raising until the end of August. WE will update status in 2 weeks. THANK YOU for your prayers and whatever your gift maybe.

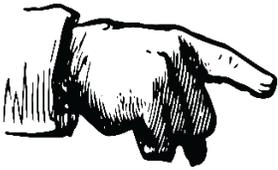
In Gratitude,

Elizabeth Stallinga

Trustee's Chairperson

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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,.



04 June Hudnall

07 Sue Rice 95th!

22 Theva Jepsen

27 Dorothy Pazamickas



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05 Jim & Audrey Phillips



Finance-Sharon Sibbet

Second Mile Love Offering envelopes were distributed in early August. Thus far we have received \$535.00. Many thanks to all of you who have made this extra donation to our General Fund. If you did not receive an envelope and would like to participate, there are additional envelopes in the Narthex.

The very generous \$8,000 bequest from Kathleen MacDonald has been placed in our Memorial Fund to be used at the discretion of Church Council.

Our annual Stewardship Campaign will be held in October as usual. Pledge envelopes for 2026 donations will be distributed on October 5. It's not too soon to begin thinking about how you might participate in stewardship by offering your time, your talents and/or your financial resources to your church next year.

Submitted by Sharon Sibbet, Finance Chair

Thank You for Your Support!



Worship – Sue Sarno, O. Wright

Next meeting: First Thursday of October 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.

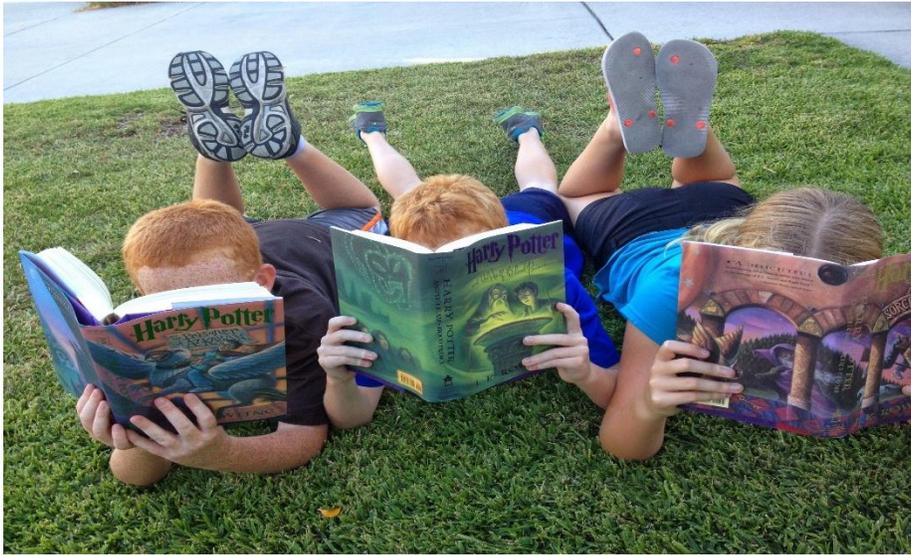
Please do not move the piano. It has been reported that the sanctuary piano has been moved out of place a number of times in the past several months. It is my understanding that by moving it messes up the “tuning”. The cost to tune the piano is \$500.00.



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!



Book Club-Sharon Sibbet

Meets on the Last Friday of the month at 10:00am.

All are Welcome

Anyone interested in joining or would like more information:

Contact: Sharon Sibbet or Karen DeLue

August 29-Master Slave Husband Wife by Ilyon Woo-slave couple that escapes to the North before the Civil War and their lives afterward.

September 26-Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn-female Russian sharpshooter who serves in WWII and becomes friends with Eleanor Roosevelt, during a Russian delegation goodwill visit to America in 1941.

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 September 2025

09/0 **Trustees** to be determined
 09/0 **Worship** not meeting month of September
 08/0 **Ad. Council** will meet Sept.7 in Fireside Rm. At 1:00 pm,
 * **Finance** *
 * **S.P.R.C.** *

* These meetings are not open due to confidentiality issues.



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