



# THE PETALUMAN

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

## NOVEMBER 2025



### The Pastor's Message

NOVEMBER: The Month of Gratitude and Remembrance

The month of November is associated with two intrinsic themes known as "gratitude" and "remembrance." There are things of fundamental importance happening in the church that call us to revisit with deep and reverential reflection, for example the remembering of Church members who have passed away. Therefore, the celebration of All-Saint's Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> was initially designated to invite us to reflect on the lives of those who have died in faith. And as we ponder over it, we love to share the condolences with family members of the passing of Bob Simison and Joanne Layne recently, and other members like Kathy McDonald, Bob Johns, and Lou Strohmeyer. We give thanks for them and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them one day. To remember them on the month of November gives meaning because the eleventh month, the end of the year period makes us think of the end of life and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life into God's heavenly reality.

November is also a time for giving thanks for the blessings we received through abundant harvests. The Petalumen are deemed to be proud of the peak of successful works some members have done, like the feeding of the homeless, the grooming of young members in faith, the training of adult members to become lay servants, and the elevation of music during worship. We also observe the month of November as the *Global Biblical Month*, in which we are all invited to remember and honor the influence of the Bible in the lives of many people. In the same note, we honor the ceaseless work of encouraging further Bible studies by some members. Another theme that is observed on November is *Spiritual Transformation* along with *Divine Intervention*. As we come closer to the end of the year, the transformation of our lives is always crucial before entering the Christmas season; a time in which we celebrate the intervention of God through His Son to save the world.

Have blessed and meaningful celebrations for the month of November.

Pastor Timoci Nawaciono



**Trustees-** Elizabeth Stallinga

A big Thank You to Mark Benzonelli for filling the cracks in the cement on D Street and the front of PUMC.

We are diligently working on the new boiler for our heating system (social hall). The new boiler will be smaller in size and far more efficient than our old boiler.

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### 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

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

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**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.



23 Sharon Sibbet  
25 Ron Malone



27 Alisi and Sekuri Yadraca



**Finance**-Sharon Sibbet

**Our “A Leap of Faith” pledge campaign is ongoing. We urge all of you to make your 2026 financial commitment to your church as soon as feasible so that we can prepare an estimated general fund budget for next year. If you did not receive or need another pledge form, please see Gwen Petro, Sharon Sibbet or Olivette Wright. Thank you to the families and individuals who have already submitted pledge forms.**

**Second Mile Thanksgiving envelopes will be distributed on Sunday, November 9 at worship service. If you do not receive one then and would like to have one, please see Gwen, Olivette or Sharon. The four Second Mile Offering opportunities that we have each year support our general fund and everyday expenses. For the past 5 years, these additional donations have helped enormously. Thus far this year we have received \$1900 from the Easter and Love offerings.**

**Submitted by Sharon Sibbet, Finance Chair**

**Next Meeting:** December 16, 2025 at 10:00 am

**Thank You for Your Support!**



**Worship** – Sue Sarno, O. Wright

**Next meeting:** First Thursday of the month at 11:30 am. Meet in Pastor's Office.

**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* event that was held at Don Poncho's on October 8, 2025, brought in **\$158.48**; with the additional donation of \$5.00 giving us a grand total of \$163.48.

**Don't Forget!**

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





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



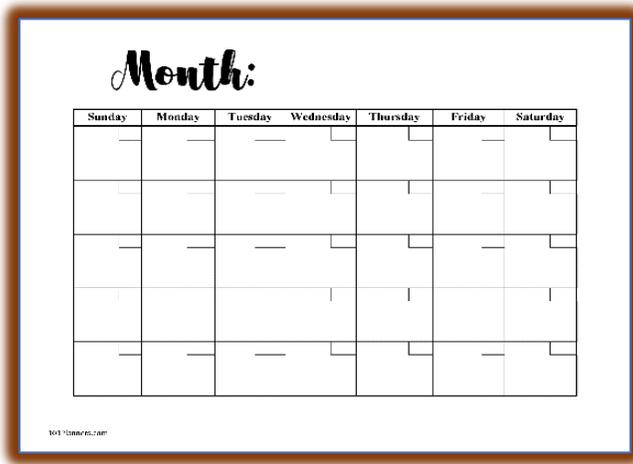
### **Quilt Group**

Meet Thursday 10:00 am in Room 5 at P.U.M.C.  
For additional information please **contact** Nora Tallent.

### **The Quilt Raffle**

**Another beautiful quilt, loving sewed by our Quilt Group, was raffled.**

**Congratulations to Karen Delue!**



**Monthly Calendar for November 2025**

- 11/0 **Trustees** to be determined
- 11/6 **Worship** 11:30 am Pastor Office
- 11/2 **Ad. Council** not meeting month of November  
will if needed via email.
- \* **Finance** \*
- \* **S.P.R.C.** \*

\* These meetings are not “open” due to confidentiality issues.



**November 27, 2025**



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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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**Do Not Be Late for Sunday Service!**

Be sure to set your clocks **back 1** hour on Saturday night. Daylight savings time ends on November 2, 2025.

