



THE PETALUMAN

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

JANUARY 2026



Announcement-Effective January 1, 2026, Pastor Timoci Nawaciono will become a "Quarter Time" Pastor.

A **quarter-time pastor** in the United Methodist Church is required to:

- Preach and lead worship
- Provide *some* pastoral care (such as weddings and funerals)
- Perform *some* administrative tasks (such as moderating session meetings and paperwork/correspondence).

Blessings, Pastor Timoci Nawaciono



Trustees- Elizabeth Stallinga

Trustees report:

This will be my last report as the Trustee chairperson. Both Mark Benzonelli and I have timed out after 4 yrs on the board. I will help with the transition for 2 months with the oncoming board. Not sure who that is. I am glad I was able to serve the church this way but honestly came at a time where I already have a big load. I need to continue to spend my time working towards a career that can sustain me until I can retire. This is paramount in my life as I am starting over. I would appreciate your prayers. This church has been a blessing to my family's life and I want to give back and I will continue in a different, less time-consuming way.

Boiler - I think we all can agree it's great to have heat again. I have not been able to program it. I am not sure what I am doing wrong. However, when the boiler was replaced, the plumber suggested it is more efficient to keep at a similar lower temp at all times. Let's not turn it off. We will put a hold at 60 and people can turn up to 65 when needed (yoga class a little higher) and it will go back down to 60 after 2hrs. If someone else knows how to program I would like a walk thru.

Repairs-There has been some repairs done by Mishka the coach (and retired contractor) whose athletes are staying in our social hall this week. Lamar has details of repairs but he will fix the windows in the Ed wing in the Village Network office if the council approves the expense of materials totaling \$700 for all 4 windows to rebuild.

He has fixed the leak in the Women's bathroom already among several other repair items we had given him. Mark from the Village Network will continue to help us as well and will be weatherstripping our doors throughout the property.

The Wednesday Westsiders has created a Sign-Up Genius (that I still need to update) website for cleaning jobs etc around the church. Their members are willing to help us maintain some of the building. There is a QR Code posted in social hall on the tack board for anybody interested in helping around the church.

I checked the balcony last week for leaking from the roof during the wind and rain. It did leak somewhat. I cleaned and laid a tarp and bowls to catch rain.

There are a few unfinished items that I was working on that I will finish up with. 1) finding a rodent battlement co. 2) the cleaning list update. 3) Bricks being laid and mobile hung (art installation, gift from Pastor Betty Paget in honor of Bob Johns)

Thank You for all who have stepped up to help this last 4 years.

In gratitude Elizabeth

December rentals:

- **Doreen Saidora** rented the social hall on December 6th for a Christmas party. Payment of **\$300** was received along with the completed forms.
- **Village Network** is renting the social hall on December 18th from 3-5. They pay a small hourly rate. I met them there to test the sound system and we got it working fine. I think everything went smoothly, except for the sink water issue in the Women's Room in the Social Hall. That has since been fixed.
- The social hall and kitchen are currently being used for a group of young men and their chaperones who are in town for a **kayaking clinic**. Their coach, Mishka, is a retired contractor and is exchanging his services for rent. He also plans to make a donation to help cover utilities since he realizes they are using more light, heat, and gas than we typically would. So far, he has fixed the leak in the Woman's Room sink, and is working on the light switch in the men's room and the toilet in the nursery. Once council approval is obtained, he will replace the lower half of the four windows in Room 12. The windows are south facing and the wood is completely dry rotted and they leak rain water and cannot be opened for AC in the summer. I also plan to ask him to fix the doorknobs into room 6 from the rose patio and to rekey the locks to room 1 and 2 in the education wing so we need less keys to use that space. As he is using the space he is noting other issues and fixing them, for instance he said the fan over the stove cannot be used on "high" so he plans to fix that.
- Mishka is extremely happy with our facilities and says it's going really well. Apparently, the church they used in the past didn't have heat!!! And the kitchen was half the size of ours. I am very happy with our arrangement so far, and will continue to keep in touch with him. We will see how much help he is willing to provide throughout the year, I believe he will continue to do work as he has time. I will work with trustees to continue to prioritize the list of repairs needed.

Future rentals:

- **Valerie Burgoyne** has rented the social hall for a COL for her husband. She originally scheduled November but has decided to put it off until she is emotionally ready. Tentatively scheduled for February 28, 2026. Most of the paperwork is in place and she has paid already, \$460 including the \$150 janitor fee.

Una Vida Community Closet:

- The Community Closet is open every Thursday and Saturday from 3-6 p.m. They will be changing their hours to 2-5 to capture more daylight. Things are going well; we are ramping up on both volunteers and "customers". They would like more space if it could be made available. I plan to work with trustees to clean out Room 6 as there are shelves and closets that potentially could provide more storage space for them. If we had another room available, they could use it for teen clothes and shoes.
- They would like to renew their contract for another year. After our last meeting, we have raised the price to \$100/mo. to cover added utility costs. They accepted the raise in rent and are following up on contracts and COI.

Other:

- Rental contracts have been scanned and uploaded to google drive; hardcopies are filed in the copy room file cabinet. We have three main types of contracts, filed under the alphabetic letter: B – Benevolent groups, R – Rentals, S – Space Users.
- I have sent emails to all our benevolent groups and space users and will follow up for signature and filing. I will also create a spreadsheet to document all the users we have, for future reference.

General rental updates

- The water heater has been turned on now that the kitchen is getting more usage.
- Efforts to trap the mice are still underway. Please let me know if you see droppings or any other signs of active rodents.
- I created a simpler rental form for church members to use to reduce the amount of paperwork. It also eliminates extra language about training needed, security, ending times, etc. It is available from Olivette (not posting it on our website as it isn't for public use).

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.**

Announcement-Effective January 2026 -The Petaluman will be a quarterly publication. The next edition will be available April 2026.

Church Office Hours:

9:30 am to 12:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Pastor's Office Hours

Friday's 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.

Best Wishes for a Blessed, Healthy & Happy 2026!



Finance-Sharon Sibbet

We received \$1,000 contribution from John Thayer of Lancaster, PA in memory of his mother, Isabelle Thayer. Isabelle was a member of PUMC from about 1995 to 2002. John writes " Isabelle passed away this past January after a good long life filled with love and compassion. We miss her but are cheered when we remember the hugs and blessings so liberally distributed to her family and friends, and really anyone who needed some. Thank you for including her in your worshipping congregation".

We are sharing this note from John with the congregation in the hope that some of you may remember Isabelle with a smile. And, of course, we are very grateful for the donation and will send appropriate thanks to John.

Thank You for Your Support!

Announcements:

Church Council Changes

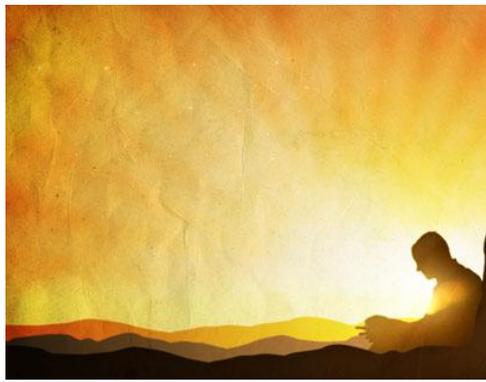
Effective- January 2026

Church Council has voted to conduct their meetings quarterly. They will meet on January 2026. The next meeting after, will be April 2026.

Happy Trails

Effective-January 2026

Nora Tallent who for many years was our Lay Leader and held many other jobs in our congregation is relocating to Livermore, CA. We wish her well and many blessings in this new phase of life!



Worship – Sue Sarno

Next meeting: To Be Determined.

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

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



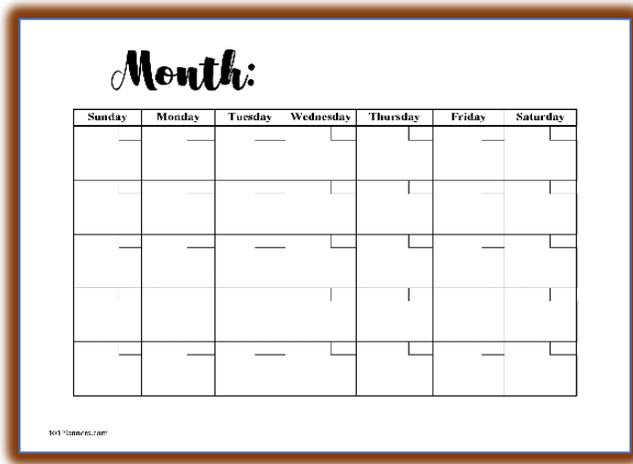
Ladies Monthly Brunch/Lunch

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** Lamar Shahbazian



Monthly Calendar for January 2026

01/04 **Trustees** to be determined
 01/0 **Worship** to be determined
 01/04 **Ad. Council** 1pm Fireside Room
 * **Finance** *
 * **S.P.R.C.** *

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



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