



## Plan to Attend Church Conference May 20

First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto holds a church conference twice a year (and occasionally an extra conference when needed).

This year our spring conference will be held May 20 after the 10:45 a.m. worship service. As always, a light lunch will be served.

The agenda will be to approve Centennial Grants, approve Lay Leaders for the 2018–2019 church year, and approve the compensation of the incoming pastor.

Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert will preside at the conference.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.



In addition to the church conference on May 20, here are other dates of note in May:

- 13 Mother's Day
  - 16 CPK Fundraiser
  - 20 Pentecost
  - 27 Peace with Justice Sunday
  - 28 Memorial Day
- Sign-ups for Hotel de Zink meals, all month



## How LifeMoves Helps Clients Transition to Permanent Housing

by Robert Lasater

Each year in June this church hosts Hotel de Zink. Originally started some 85 years ago in response to the economic devastation of the Great Depression, Hotel de Zink is now one of the programs managed by LifeMoves, an organization that works locally to combat homelessness. Each month a local church provides about 20 guests with shelter and food. This church opens Kohlstedt Hall from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. to provide a safe place to sleep, hot showers and meals brought by members of the congregation.

LifeMoves requires its clients in the Hotel de Zink program to eventually exit, to find permanent housing (and earn the income to pay for that housing). Given the high cost of housing in this area, how do clients exit the program successfully? How do they find permanent homes? To learn more, I met with Samuel Wilborn, a Client Coordinator at LifeMoves, at their Opportunity Center across the street from the Town and Country Shopping Center in Palo Alto.

Samuel confirmed the challenges to finding housing. A basic room with a shared bath costs \$900 or more a month. Samuel told me he pays about \$1600 for his studio.

He explained some of the Hotel de Zink rules. Once accepted into the program, a client can stay for three months and apply for an extension of one additional month. After four months, clients can continue to stay, but they run the risk of having to leave should the program fill up. The maximum is 20 clients.

So how do clients exit successfully from Hotel de Zink? How do they find permanent housing in such a challenging market?

An essential step to finding permanent housing is finding permanent employment. Samuel told me, given the cost of living locally, \$25 per



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With Easter behind us we are reminded that we live post-resurrection lives. One of the things that means is a call for us to find the sacred in our everyday lives. Easter and the resurrection are glorious events and we hope the joy we feel at Easter will continue for weeks and months after Easter.

Now I happen to be one of those “task-oriented” people. Years ago people would pass me in a car or on a street and I would ignore them. I wouldn’t do this intentionally. I would be so involved in thinking about something I needed to do and planning the steps in my brain that I was on automatic pilot to the people around me.

I saw a clip of a speaker and I don’t remember who the speaker was, but I remember hearing something that I have kept in mind ever since. The speaker said: “People don’t care if you know, unless they know that you care.”

For some reason hearing that statement caused me to rethink my task orientation. I started asking people about their families. I started asking people what they did outside work. I started taking time to have a cup of coffee or lunch and having a conversation about anything other than a task that had to be completed.

Then came seminary and this philosophy about caring for people took on a whole new meaning. Caring about people became something that was sacred. Having a conversation with a person became a holy moment. As Christians we are called to be in community. To be in community means listening to others, encouraging others, and supporting others. Being in community means we walk with each other in our journeys of life. It is a privilege and a responsibility to share in community.

Seeing the sacred in our everyday lives goes beyond being in community. Seeing the sacred is also about paying attention to our surroundings and noticing God’s wonderful creation. This time of year as the trees and flowers are blooming, what I see is a work of art as I take a walk along a street. My favorite flower is iris. A number of my neighbors have iris in their yards and when I am out walking I stop to admire (with a little envy) the beauty.

In the last few days I noticed the full moon, the trees shaking from the wind, the soft rain, and the sun sparkling on a puddle. I noticed a smile on my face and I noticed a thank you to God welling up inside me for the beauty of each event.

Now I would like to tell you that I am always noticing the sacred in every moment of every day. I know there are many sacred moments that I miss. I still have a tendency to fall into that task-oriented way of life. Fortunately, when I am thinking about all those tasks on my list of things to do, I have developed a habit to pause and remind myself of what is really important in life: community and relationships.

I invite you to find a way to nurture an attitude of caring and an attitude of gratitude. We can see the sacred every day if we will just take time to pause. There are times when we are grieving or sad with something that has happened. And even in those times a sacred moment comes when someone speaks a word of comfort or gives us a hug. No matter what happens in our lives, God is with us.



Just days after the risen Jesus ascended to heaven, his (Jewish) disciples gathered in Jerusalem

to celebrate Pentecost, a Jewish festival commemorating God’s giving the Law to the Israelites 50 days after they escaped from slavery in Egypt. But God transformed the occasion by giving them the Holy Spirit, as he’d promised. The disciples saw something like flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. The pilgrims in Jerusalem heard about Jesus in their native tongues (see Acts 2:1–12).

In Christian churches, congregations observe Pentecost (May 20 this year), using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit’s power.

# Sign Up to Serve Hotel de Zink Guests

by Collen Crangle

Hotel de Zink returns to First Palo Alto UMC this June. For the whole month, we house a small group of individuals overnight, providing a place to sleep in Kohlstedt Hall, showers, and home-cooked meals. Families, small groups, individuals, and couples are needed every day in June to bring and serve a hot meal, dessert and drinks to 12–15 people.

Hotel de Zink is administered by LifeMoves and hosted at a different church each month. It is designed to provide stability and safety to homeless adults who would otherwise have to sleep in their cars or on the streets, while experienced staff from LifeMoves help the selected men and women move towards self-sufficiency in employment, housing, and mental health.

Our volunteers will deliver a hot meal each night, breakfasts and take-away lunches for the mornings, clean towels for showers, and kindness and respect to people who are turning their lives around.

**Volunteer sign-ups begin Sunday, April 29 and continue through May until all slots are filled.** Please sign up early—and often if you are so moved!

Sign-ups sometimes are skimpy during the week when many people are at Family Camp (June 17–23), so sign up for a day that week if you are available.

Church member Arden Wells (ardenawells@gmail.com) has put together a roster of weekly coordinators who will oversee volunteers from FUMCPA. Contact Arden or a coordinator if you have questions.

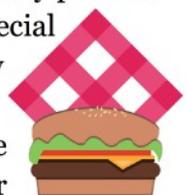


## Take Me Out to the . . . Pizza Place!

First Palo Alto UMC will have another fundraiser May 16 at the Stanford Shopping Center location of California Pizza Kitchen. The fundraiser lasts all day. Show the flyer on page 12 (print or digital version) and 20% of your meal cost will be donated to the church. Bring your friends! Our February CPK event raised nearly \$500 for the church.

## We Are Gearing Up for Summer Picnics

Wanted: Coordinator help. We've reserved the days, times, and place for our annual July picnics. They will be extra-special this summer as a way to get to know our new pastor. But as we say goodbye to Pastor Linda, we also say goodbye to Richard Schramm, who has helped coordinate the picnics the past few years with Pam Cutkosky and Lou Bellardo.



Is this something you could do? Will you be here in mid- to late July? If you could help in this way or if you want to know more, please let Pam or the church office know.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Coordinator(s)</i>	<i>Email</i>
June 1–9	Lou and Patty Bellardo	lou@bellardo.com pbellardo@gmail.com
June 10–16	Dave and Pat Shelly	patricialshelly@gmail.com valleydr1@aol.com
June 17–23 (note: Family Camp week!)	Diane and Rick Allen	askrick@yahoo.com allendianed@gmail.com
June 24–31	Robert Lasater	rlasater@hotmail.com



# PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Your generous gift today encourages living a gospel of peace.



Courtesy Photos: Paul Jeffrey for ACT Alliance

**“(Refugees) want to live their lives peacefully, honestly and quietly. But they need local advocates willing to help them in their transition.”**

**BOB MAY, FORMER UNITED METHODIST MISSIONARY**

Through The United Methodist Church’s observance of Peace with Justice Sunday, we witness to God’s demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. Your generous gifts to the Peace with Justice Sunday offering strengthen ministries like refugee resettlement and other justice ministries in your annual conference and around the world.



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Please make check payable to your local church or give online at [www.umcsgiving.org/givePWJS](http://www.umcsgiving.org/givePWJS)

# Turn Your Passion into Service to the Church

by Pastor Linda Holbrook

Each year there is a committee (Lay Leadership) that meets to discern who to ask to serve as leaders for our church. There are administrative committees like Finance and Trustees that need people to manage our budget and to oversee what is happening in our building. However, the mission of the church is ministry. We are called to be disciples in the world, to help those who need help, and to promote justice in the world. This is the work of the church.

At the last Lay Leadership meeting we decided to reach out to the people of this church and find out what you have passion for. We know there are people who love music and worship. We know there are people who want to help the homeless when we host Hotel de Zink. We know there are many other passions, but we realized we may not know your passion.

Please reflect on the following questions and see if you answer yes to any of these questions.

Do you love worship and music? Do you love the way the sanctuary looks during different seasons of the year? Are you inspired by the fellowship that worship provides?



Are you concerned with how we make people feel welcome as they visit our church? Do you want to make sure that when someone needs a meal they have a meal? Do you care about the people who are no longer able to attend and want to make them feel the connection they have to this church?

Are you interested in your spiritual growth? Do you want to see others become closer to God and to others in our community? Do you like to read and want to know about what to read?



Do you like to help with Rise Against Hunger? Do you get upset when you see an injustice? Do you see a need to reach out to those who don't have as much as you do?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, there is a place for you on one of our ministry teams. If you are not sure, ask Pastor Linda to discuss it with you. If you want to get involved in one of our ministry areas, contact one of the members on the Lay Leadership committee:

Art Hammar

Mary Lu Wood

Linda Grossman

Emily King

Lou Bellardo

Pam Cutkosky

Rick Allen

Rev. Linda Holbrook

Marcia Sterling



by Nancy Olson

While the official Earth Day has passed for 2018, it is good to be reminded that EVERYday is Earth Day and requires our attention to preserve and protect our earth's resources.

. . . And another reason to not use plastic straws: they cannot be recycled. They mess up the sorting machinery, so they should be put into the garbage and go to landfill. Ugh . . .

Did you know . . . 80% of ocean plastic pollution originates on land as street litter, garbage blown out of landfills, or illegally dumped trash? Did you know that 67% of all street litter in the Bay Area comes from single-use disposable food and beverage packaging?\*

Single-use products are the main source of trash in inland and ocean waters. They deplete natural resources and contribute huge quantities of greenhouse gases and pollution to the environment.\*

Myth about hearing loss: As long as you can hear some sound, it is okay to wait to get hearing aids. Truth: The longer you wait, the harder your hearing loss will be to treat. That is because the auditory system in our brain isn't stimulated, so the brain stops recognizing sound. That is why people with hearing loss who

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## LifeMoves, from page 1

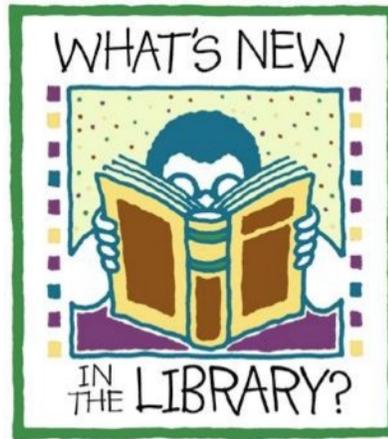
hour is a minimum level of income. Because finding a good paying job or a permanent place to live can be intimidating, LifeMoves encourages their clients to break down big goals into smaller, less intimidating goals. And LifeMoves has specialists that work with clients on preparing resumes and finding permanent housing. Housing specialists typically build relationships with cooperative landlords, giving clients an inside track on available places to live.

Low income residents do not have many options for getting around the high cost of housing in this area. LifeMoves uses a survey (VI-SPDAT\*) to assess client's eligibility for subsidies and if eligible, they can get a voucher for housing.

Having no home, not even a roof over your head is tough, regardless of where you are but especially in Silicon Valley with the housing market so challenging. Hotel de Zink provides an island of stability for our guests, while they are working hard to get their lives back in order. By your bringing food one night during June, you can make a difference in the fight to end homelessness in our community.

Sign up to provide a meal for Hotel de Zink! See page 3. 🍷

\*Vulnerability Index—  
Service Prioritization Decision  
Assistance Tool



by Charlotte Cutkosky

If you've been following the news, or attended the "How Do We Know What's True Anymore?" seminar and discussion April 9 at Palo Alto High School, you know that social media and how information (and "information") disseminates on the Internet is a hot topic now more than ever. Social media and online networking can be a boon to churches and other nonprofits—see

"Help Your Church Grow With Social Media" on page 7 in this month's Insights. But like many forms of media, it also has the potential to cause harm when used manipulatively. In light of these issues, the library has ordered two new books for anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of social media and media criticism.

The *Rough Guide to Social Media* from Rough Guides is a beginner's guide to sites like Facebook and Twitter for anyone who is curious about joining a social media site, whether in a professional or personal capacity, but doesn't know where to start. The Rough Guide provides a variety of tools and walk-throughs about different aspects of various social media sites, as well as tips and tricks for keeping your online experience fun, safe, and stress-free.

*Post-Truth* by Lee McIntyre is part of MIT's Essential Knowledge series, which produces short overviews of vital current issues related to science, technology, and social science. McIntyre, a research fellow at Boston University and lecturer at Harvard, examines how "fake news" and "alternative facts" (to quote Stephen Fry, "also known as: lies") are passed off as fact and gain traction in the media, and discusses how people's emotional responses often facilitate this cycle. *Post-Truth* serves as a guide, offering tools to help readers of all backgrounds discern news sources and criticize the poor sources they come across.

As always happy reading, FUMCPA, both online and off!

## A Big Easter Shout-Out! For Easter Breakfast...

A thank-you bouquet of hyacinths, daffodils and lilies to all of you who responded to the request for food and helpers and made our Easter breakfast a great success. We served more than 120 members of First Church, the Tongan church, and visitors—and still had lots of food left over for snack 'n' chat after church!

Thank you for the delicious food you shared: Brenda, Stephanie, Tim, Colleen, Lois, Mira, Nancy L, Nancy O, Michele, Janet, Lucy, Orlene, Mary Lu, Pam M, Sandra W, Brian S, Penelope, Linda S, Emily K, Linda G, Caryn, Elinor, Annette, Diane, Bernice, Sandra F, Mary Ann,

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# Help Your Church Grow With Social Media

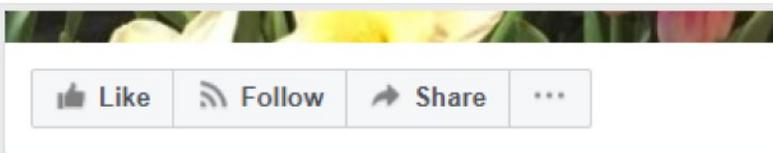
by Charlotte Cutkosky

Now that we've launched our new website, more people than ever will be visiting our social media pages on Facebook and Twitter to learn more about our church. Having an active and positive online presence and community helps promote our church and attract new visitors. New to social media? Here are a few simple things you can do to be an active member on social media and help keep our online presence vibrant.

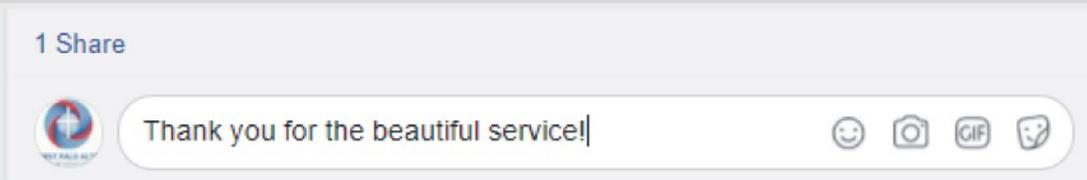
(Already following us? We thank you for your support!

Not a social media person? That's okay too! You can still help by telling those who are interested about our website and social media pages. You can always keep up-to-date on our latest news with monthly Insights and the Noteworthy News section of the Sunday bulletin.)

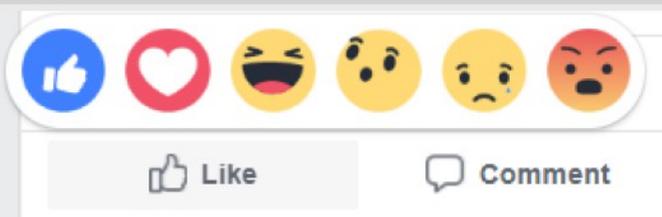
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/firstpaloalto/>



**“Like” our page:** When you like our page, you'll be automatically notified about any news, upcoming events, and photos and videos that we post to our page. You can find the “like” button at the top of our page under the banner.



**Comment on posts:** We often post photos from events that have just happened and updates on upcoming events. You can comment on these posts to say how much you enjoyed an event or performance, or how much you're looking forward to an upcoming one, to draw attention to what we do and get others excited. Just start typing in the textbox at the bottom of the post, then press the “return” or “enter” keys.

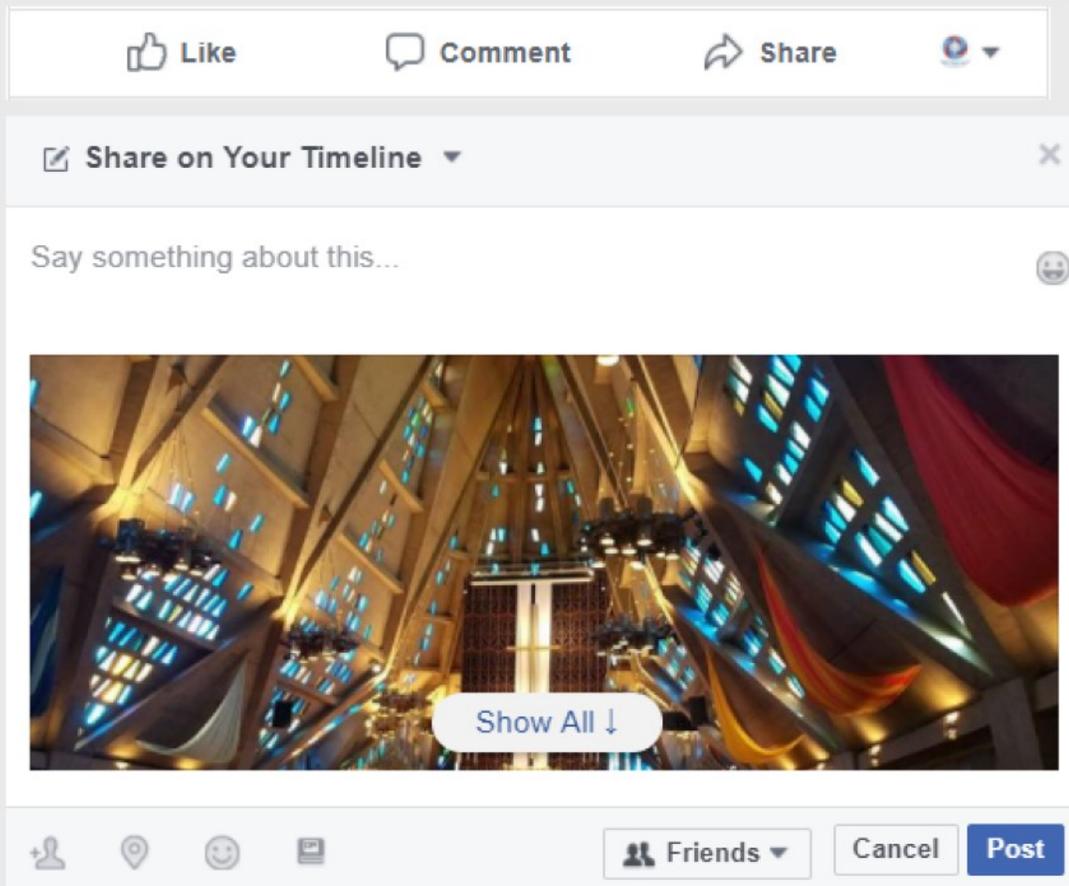


**React to posts:** When you hover over the “like” button on individual posts, there are a variety of emoticons you can react with. (Reactions are great if you want to show your support but don't have time to comment!)

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**RSVP to our events:** Upcoming events have their own sub-pages where you can get information pertaining to the specific event. You can find the RSVP buttons at the top of the page. You can RSVP as “going”, or “interested” if you’re not sure if you can make it. When lots of people RSVP, it shows that many people are interested in what we do.

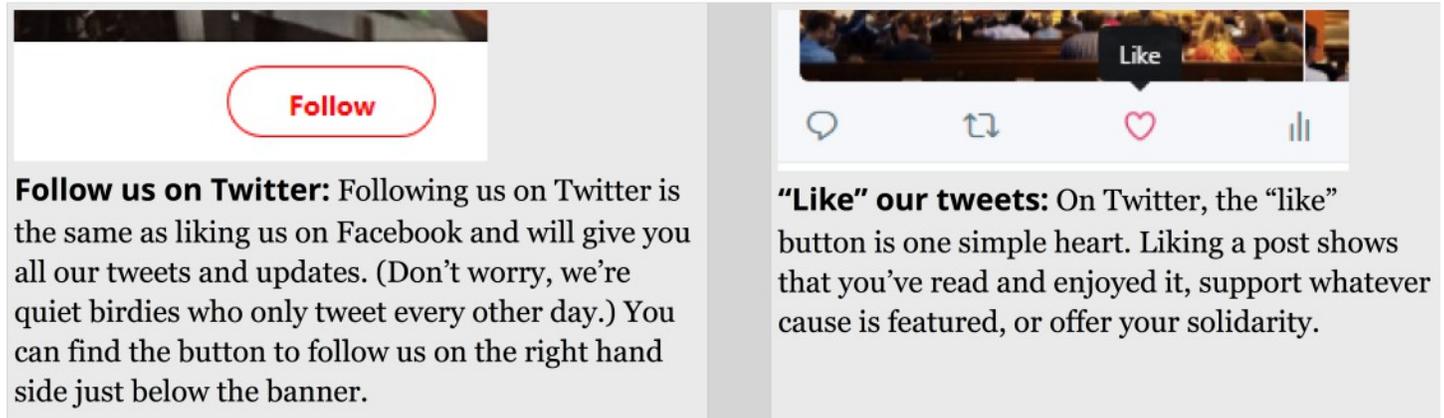


**Share our posts to your Facebook page:** When you share a photo, post, or event from FUMCPA’s page on your Facebook page, you share it with your Facebook friends who follow you, but may not follow or know about FUMCPA. This is a great way to spread the word about what we’ve got going on. After you click “share”, you’ll be given the option to share the post to your timeline (page) and add a comment if you wish.

*See notes about privacy on page 10. Learn about Twitter on pages 9–10.*

## Twitter: <https://twitter.com/firstpaloalto>

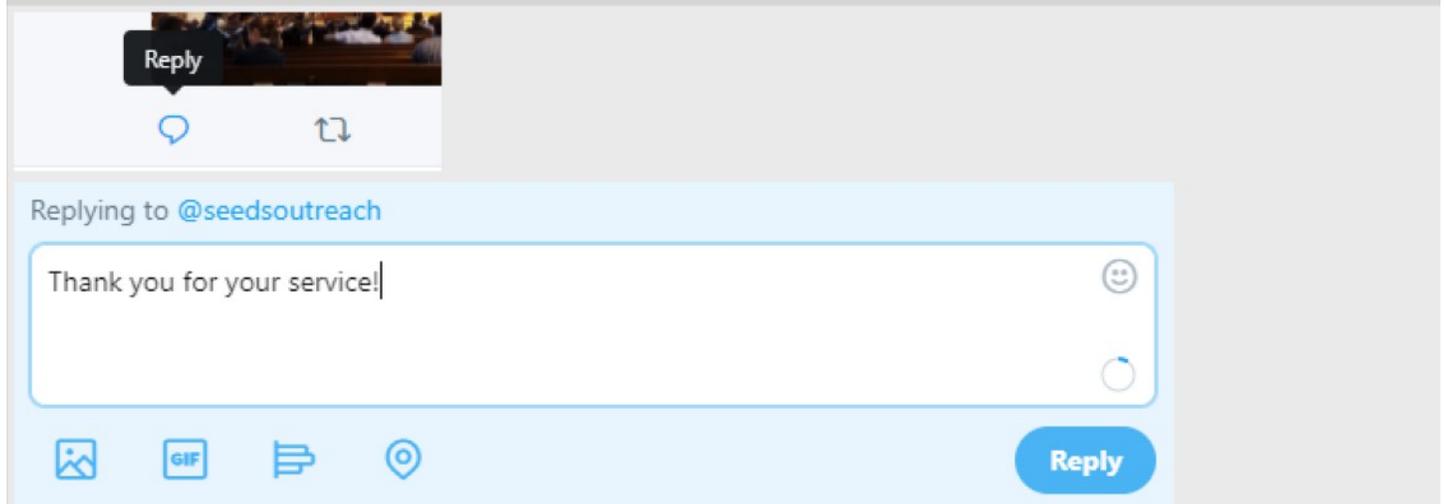
A “tweet” is a post on Twitter; they work similarly to Facebook.



The image shows two parts of a Twitter profile. On the left, a red-outlined button labeled "Follow" is positioned below a banner image. On the right, a row of interaction icons is shown: a speech bubble, a retweet symbol, a heart icon labeled "Like", and a bar chart icon.

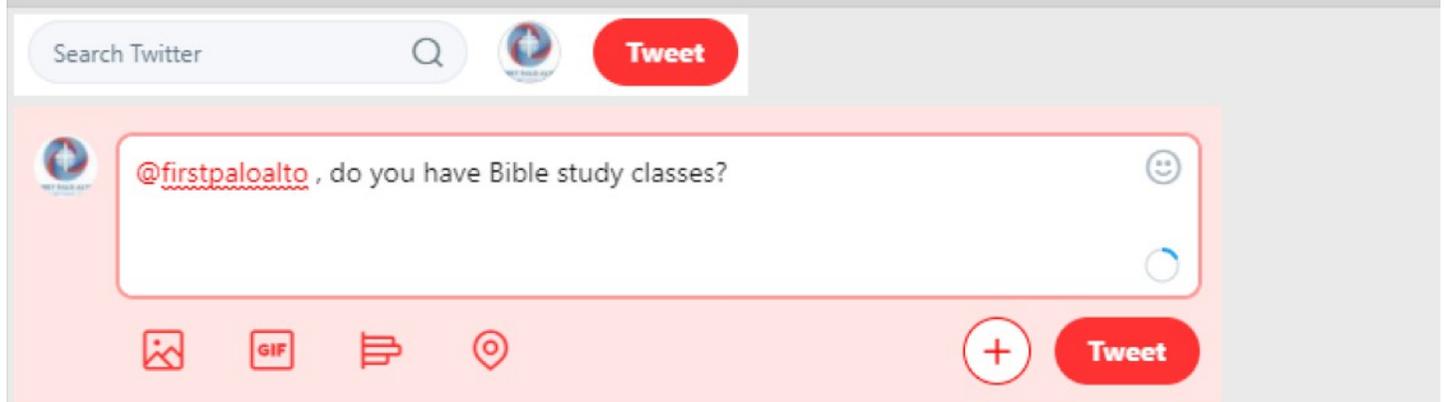
**Follow us on Twitter:** Following us on Twitter is the same as liking us on Facebook and will give you all our tweets and updates. (Don't worry, we're quiet birdies who only tweet every other day.) You can find the button to follow us on the right hand side just below the banner.

**“Like” our tweets:** On Twitter, the “like” button is one simple heart. Liking a post shows that you've read and enjoyed it, support whatever cause is featured, or offer your solidarity.



The image shows a Twitter reply interface. At the top, a "Reply" button is visible. Below it, a text input field contains the text "Thank you for your service!". To the right of the input field are icons for emojis and a retweet symbol. At the bottom, there are icons for adding a photo, GIF, video, and location, along with a blue "Reply" button.

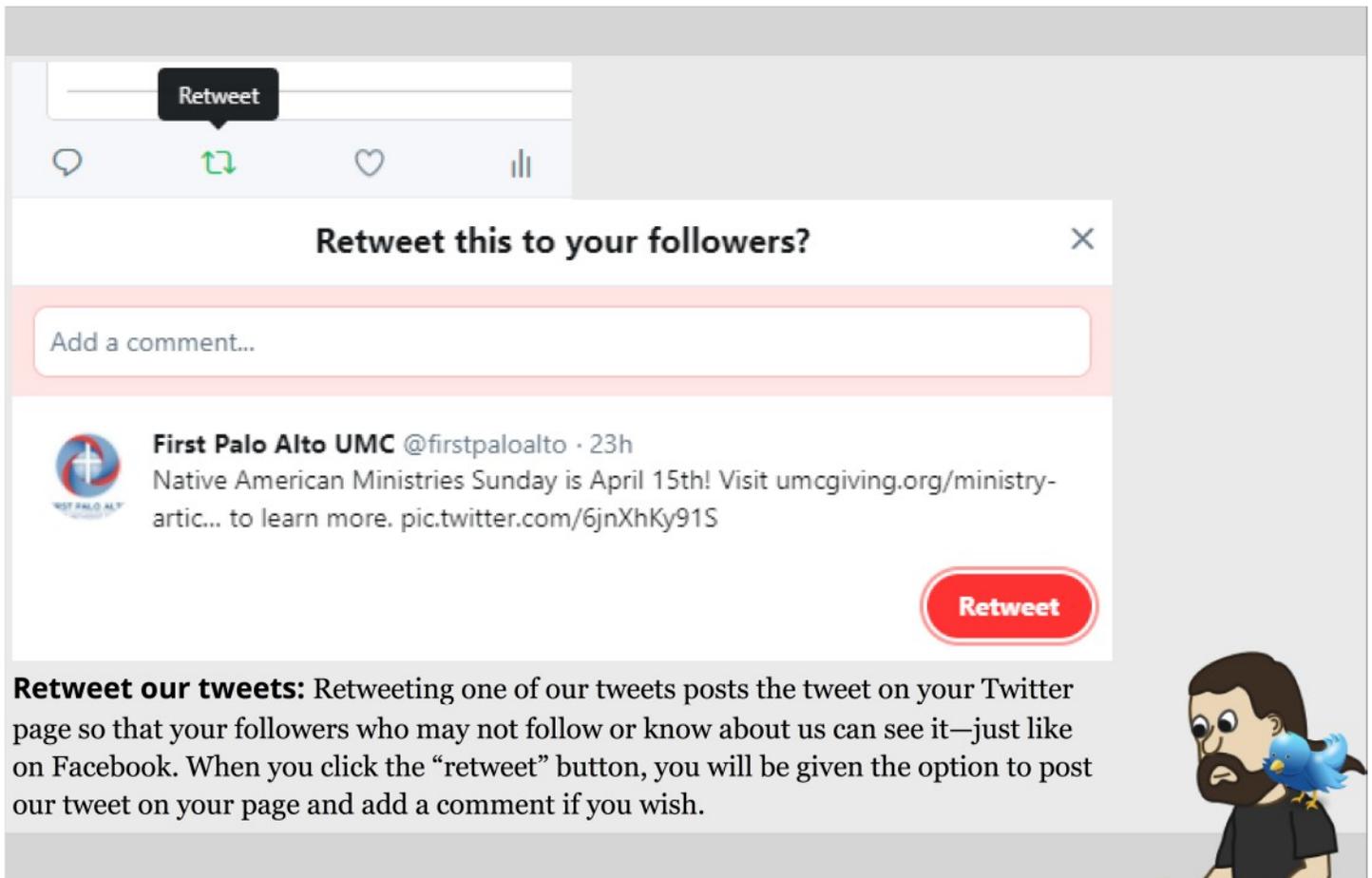
**Respond to our tweets:** On Twitter you can reply to our tweets just like you can to posts on Facebook.



The image shows a Twitter tweet composition interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "Search Twitter" and a red "Tweet" button. Below this, a text input field contains the text "@firstpaloalto, do you have Bible study classes?". To the right of the input field are icons for emojis and a retweet symbol. At the bottom, there are icons for adding a photo, GIF, video, and location, along with a red "Tweet" button.

**“@” us:** “@-ing” is a way of getting a page or user's attention. When you tweet on your own page and type “@firstpaloalto”, we'll be notified about what you posted. @-ing is great if you've uploaded a photo or video you took at FUMCPA that you want us and our followers to see, or have a question for us. We might even retweet you! The button to make your own tweet is in the top right corner of the page.

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**Retweet our tweets:** Retweeting one of our tweets posts the tweet on your Twitter page so that your followers who may not follow or know about us can see it—just like on Facebook. When you click the “retweet” button, you will be given the option to post our tweet on your page and add a comment if you wish.

## A few last words . . .

**Always Remember:** With Facebook and Twitter’s automatic settings, the replies you post on FUMCPA’s Twitter and Facebook pages can be viewed by anyone who searches the pages, not just your friends and followers—unlike your own pages, which can be private.

On Twitter (but not Facebook!) you can adjust your settings to make your tweets and replies private if you would prefer only your followers see posts, but it is not the default setting. You can privatize your tweets by clicking on your personal icon in the top right corner, then clicking on “Settings and Privacy” and from there “Privacy and Safety”.

**Want these emojis?** 😊 You can search and copy and paste them from [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org)!

Thank you for helping us spread the word! ❤️

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) is open to all women of the church. There is something for you in UMW. For more information contact Nancy Olson, nso2431@icloud.com.

McCurdy School in Española, New Mexico was founded by the Methodist Church and supported by the UMW since its inception. The school addressed the educational needs of Native American children.

Over the years McCurdy has responded to the needs of the community, first adding childcare and after school care. Local non-profit groups pressed for space to hold community meetings. As programs were added the name changed to McCurdy Ministries Community Center.

McCurdy Ministries touches the lives of more than 550 students every school day and with their expansion into Adult Education with childcare they impact even more lives every day. They are committed to "being the hands of feet of Christ in the Española Valley." Some of the programs, like the High School Equivalency Program, are not faith-based but are ways McCurdy Ministry helps folks transform their lives. They are expanding their program areas to include early childhood education, adult education, community based mental health services and after school programs.

Our UMW and congregation members have supported McCurdy by collecting Campbell's labels. Campbell's has ended the program so they can no longer accept these labels. Thank you to all the contributors to this effort over the years.

However McCurdy still needs and wants BoxTops for Education coupons. Tyson has established Tyson Project A+ labels that are very generous to McCurdy. So if you use products with these labels, please save them and bring them to church for the UMW to process and send off to benefit McCurdy Ministries projects. We have a collection jar in the church library.

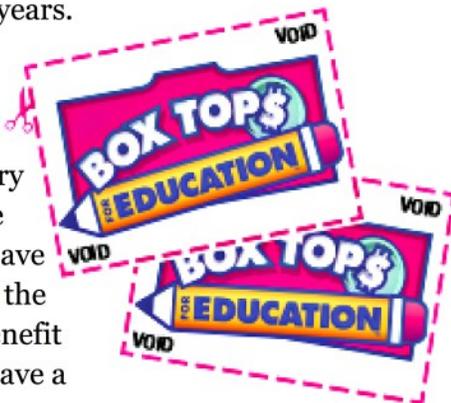
Again, many thanks for previously bringing in Campbell's labels.

McCurdy Ministries Community Center is now on social media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mccurdyministries/>

Twitter: [@McCurdyMinistry](https://twitter.com/McCurdyMinistry)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mccurdyministries/>  
(@mccurdyministries)



## WOMEN'S ACTIVITY CALENDAR



- 3 UMW WALKING GROUP  
9:30 a.m.  
Contact Mary Lu Wood,  
admlwood@gmail.com
- 8 LUNCH BUNCH  
12 noon at Hobee's on  
El Camino Real  
RSVP to Nancy Olson so we  
can all sit together
- 13 Mother's Day
- 15 NEEDLEWORKERS  
9:30 a.m. at Channing House  
Contact Mary Ann Michel,  
mamichel@alumni.duke.edu



- 19 Potluck lunch  
To honor our pastors  
ALL WOMEN OF THE  
CHURCH ARE INVITED  
11:30 a.m. in the Patio Room  
Contact Nancy Olson,  
nso2431@icloud.com

There will not be a Circle meeting this month. Meetings will resume in September.

We hope to see you in June at Family Camp and in July at Picnics in the Park.

No children? No problem!  
 Pastor Linda shared children's  
 time with the young at heart on  
 April 15 during 10:45 a.m.  
 worship. The post-resurrection  
 message: What does Jesus look  
 like? Jesus looks like all of us  
 because Jesus lives in us; see  
 Jesus in others. (There's a kid in  
 there somewhere too.)  
 Photo by Ben Conway



**Green Notes**, from page 5  
 wait to get hearing aids  
 sometimes find they don't help as  
 much as expected. Practically  
 speaking you have to teach your  
 brain to hear again, by wearing  
 the hearing aids regularly.  
 Now I know that isn't a "green"  
 note, but being very hard of  
 hearing, I just had to throw that  
 into the hopper to see if you were  
 paying attention.

When I was growing up we had a  
 motto that we lived by:  
 "Use it up — wear it out — make  
 it do — or do without."

I was reminded of this when  
 checking out the *31 Ways to  
 Change the World* written by  
 4,386 children, which listed:

- Love your stuff:
- New stuff comes in nice  
 packaging.
- It smells good and has fancy tags.
- Old stuff doesn't. It's flat from  
 being at the bottom of your bed.
- Or smelly from being your  
 favorite soccer shirt.
- It's full of holes—and you've  
 earned every one of them.
- Love your stuff. To bits. 🍷

\*ReThink Disposable/Clean Water  
 Fund (working with City of Palo Alto)

# Pizza with a purpose

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server  
 and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed  
 below. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and  
 all beverages.

**Fundraiser in support of:**  
**First Methodist Church of Palo Alto**  
Wednesday, May 16, 2018  
 (all day)

**Valid at the following location:**  
**California Pizza Kitchen**  
 136 Stanford Shopping  
 Palo Alto, CA 94304  
 650-325-2753

Join the **Pizza Dough® Rewards** program and receive  
 a **free Small Plate** on your next visit after registering.  
 Register today at [cpk.com](http://cpk.com) or download our new app today!

**california**  
PIZZA KITCHEN

Fundraiser offer valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location identified on the flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for third-party delivery. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly.



**Easter, from page 6**

Ken, Fran, Lynn, Pat and Dave, Cheryl, Lou and Patty, and Arden.

Thank you for monitoring tables and replenishing trays: Brenda, Stephanie, Tim, Lois, Colleen, Mark C, and Mira.

And thank you for helping with cleanup: Mark C, Nancy O, Michele and Conrado Jr.

The breakfast is a success every year because so many people contribute to making it so. We were truly a place of hospitality and grace on Easter!

**For the Egg Hunt and Party...**

Thank you to Charlotte, who hid 250 eggs; Rohan, who wore the bunny ears and got all the eggs back; Emma, Emily K, Angela S and Mike M, who kept kids safe during the hunt; and everyone who helped the kids decorate their egg candles and collect their “joy” bags. Twenty kids—six of them visitors—joined the egg hunt and made candles.

Thank you all! from your Lay Leader, Pam Cutkosky 🐰

Lower right photo by Stephanie Zeller; others by Ben Conway



5/27/1973 Annette & Frank Rahn  
 5/23/1981 Kathleen Branyon & David Goodman  
 5/5/1984 Sheila Gholson & John Duhring  
 5/4/1986 Linda Grossman & Richard Pike  
 5/27/1989 Marty & Joan Crayton  
 5/19/1997 Mark Bui-Ford & David Bui  
 5/3/2003 Ron Fredlund & Mary Martin



5/1 Ewan Keller  
 5/2 Alan Cooper  
 5/2 Mark Iglehart  
 5/3 Madeline Buxton  
 5/5 Gary Ahlberg  
 5/8 Michael Bellardo  
 5/8 Nancy Stowe  
 5/8 Jordan Fung  
 5/10 Barbara Brandt  
 5/11 Donald Iglehart  
 5/11 Irene McReynolds  
 5/11 Sandra Florstedt  
 5/13 Doris Lippitt  
 5/13 Ruth Letts  
 5/14 Mo Olson

5/15 Karl Laughton  
 5/16 Brenda Birrell  
 5/16 Jeremiah Fung  
 5/18 Robert Medearis  
 5/19 Charles Bliss  
 5/21 Rudy Spangenberg  
 5/21 Annabelle Fisk  
 5/22 Laura Cutkosky  
 5/22 Anna Jungermann Morris  
 5/22 Kathy Haffner-Zoccatelli  
 5/23 Barbie Brannon  
 5/23 Keira Martin  
 5/24 Courtney Duhring  
 5/25 Tate Julian  
 5/26 Simone Bikai  
 5/26 Ray Crump  
 5/27 Sinai Latu  
 5/27 Benjamin Conway  
 5/28 Carol Olmstead  
 5/31 Patricia May



## Finance Update

The Finance Committee thanks you for your generous and gracious support and requests that you continue to keep your pledges current. Please direct inquiries to Lou Bellardo: [lou@bellardo.com](mailto:lou@bellardo.com)

March 2018 DRAFT Income and Expense Summary	Mar 2018 Actual	Actual YTD 2018	Budget YTD 2018	Budget Annual 2018
Income				
Total Member Giving	50,507	152,337	125,664	453,707
Total Income All Other Sources	19,058	77,173	89,803	299,214
Total Income	69,565	229,510	215,467	752,921
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	6,088	18,410	16,678	66,712
Council on Ministries	367	5,602	7,325	35,300
Staff Parish Relations	31,247	106,587	114,490	457,959
Office and Finance	975	4,950	5,775	18,400
Board of Trustees	15,163	45,452	51,657	174,550
Total Expenses	53,840	181,001	195,925	752,921
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	15,725	48,509	19,542	0



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sundays

- 8:45 a.m. Upstream Worship, Chapel  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 Adult Class  
 Bible and Book Study with Pastor Beth, Wesley Room  
 Children's Classes  
 Infants & Toddlers, Noah's Ark  
 Preschool-K, Butterfly Room  
 1st-5th Grade, Rainbow Room  
 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
 Live online at [firstpaloalto.com/live](http://firstpaloalto.com/live)  
 11:45 a.m. Snack and Chat  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group:  
 Middle and High School

### Mondays

- 5:00 p.m. Breaking Bread  
 7:00 p.m. Fiume di Musica rehearsal

### Tuesdays

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Trekkers, call 650-327-1428 for location

### Wednesdays

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Channing House, 5th floor lounge

### Thursdays

- 6:45 p.m. Handbells rehearsal  
 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal  
 8:00 p.m. Community Band rehearsal (alternate weeks)

- Hotel de Zink sign-ups (for June), all month  
 1 Staff Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
 5 May Fête Parade (street closures in our area)  
 8 Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.  
 9 Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
 10 **Insights deadline**  
 Community Band Practice, 8:00 p.m.  
 13 **Mother's Day**  
 Couples Fellowship Group, 12:15 p.m.  
 15 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.  
 16 California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser, all day  
 20 **Pentecost** (Wear red!)  
 All Church Conference, 12:30 p.m.  
 22 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.  
 23 Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.  
 24 Community Band Practice, 8:00 p.m.  
 27 **UMC Peace with Justice Sunday** (special offering)  
 28 **Memorial Day**  
 Church office closed

### May TO DO:

- \* Sign up to bring a meal for Hotel de Zink.
- \* Eat at California Pizza Kitchen in Stanford Shopping Center on May 16. Bring friends! (Also bring the Fundraiser Flyer on page 12.)
- \* Wear red for Pentecost, May 20.
- \* Attend the Church Conference on May 20.
- \* Bring a special offering for Peace with Justice Sunday, May 27.
- \* Pause to "smell the roses."

Our electronic giving page is always open! Give with a few clicks at <http://www.firstpaloalto.com/give> As always, your generosity makes our mission possible. Thank you!



**Information for the next edition of the Insights newsletter is due May 10.** All articles are subject to editing. Articles submitted late may be included as space allows. Please send your submissions via email to [insightsfirstpa@gmail.com](mailto:insightsfirstpa@gmail.com) or bring them to the church office. Thank you!



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**Next INSIGHTS deadline: May 10**



If we live by the  
**SPIRIT**,  
let us also keep  
in step with the  
**SPIRIT**.

GALATIANS 5:25, ESV