



2019 is the 125th anniversary for First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto *and* the City of Palo Alto. We are looking for party planners, community organizers, connectors, game designers, and event planners to join our planning committee. Our hopes are to host and join events with the City.

If you like to party and are interested in working on this fun-filled event, please contact Pastor Debra or Jean Cole. A meeting of interested people is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 20.

From Pastor Debra

I hope you have been enjoying our lay speakers during our Finance Campaign. The praise band has been awesome as well. If you haven't submitted your pledge card, you have until Oct. 21 Consecration Sunday to do so.

Celebrate with the World on Oct. 7

by Colleen E. Crangle

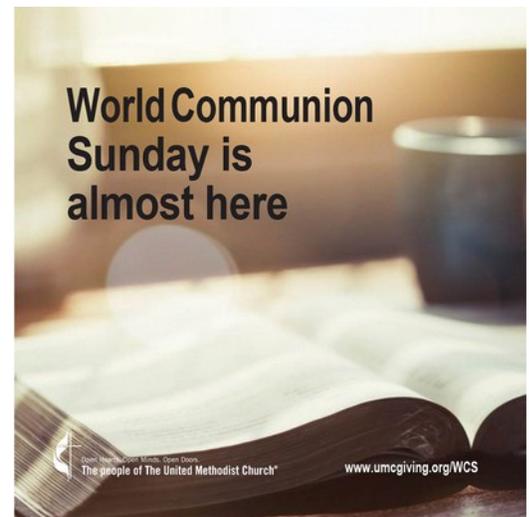
World Communion Sunday is observed on the first Sunday in October. That is Oct. 7 this year. It is celebrated in tandem with churches all over the world. Together, in communion and offering, through different traditions and customs, we remember the Lord's Supper to open our eyes and hearts to the breadth and depth of the Christian family and tradition.

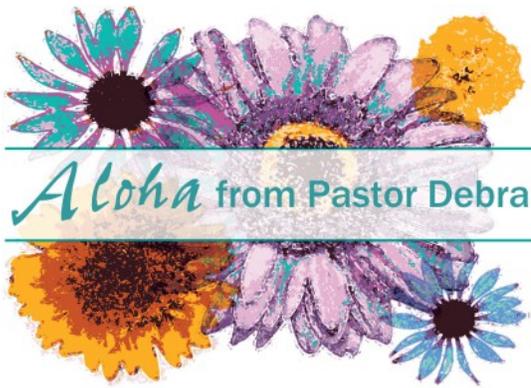
The United Methodist Church collects a special offering that day. At least 50 percent of the offering collected on World Communion Sunday in the United Methodist Church (UMC) is earmarked for ministries outside the United States, disbursed to World Communion Scholars and Ethnic Scholarships and In-Service Training programs.

Over the past five years, UMC churches and individuals have given more than four million dollars to World Communion Sunday offerings.

We are looking for people to bring a loaf of bread on Oct. 7, to share in communion and then as part of a communal bread and soup lunch after worship on the patio. Bring a bread that represents your family's country of origin. See the A-Z of breads from around the world at <https://www.bhf.org.uk/information-support/heart-matters-magazine/nutrition/cooking-skills/dough/a-to-z-of-breads>. Or just bring your favorite bread from the supermarket. We also need a few people to make up a pot of their favorite soup. Contact Pam Cutkosky at pamelareasner@yahoo.com if you can donate bread and/or soup.

As world conflicts arise and divisions appear between people and nations, our World Communion celebration takes on a greater meaning as a unifying force. Join us on World Communion Sunday!





Aloha members and friends,

I want to take this space to thank you for all that you are doing to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for all the good energy, acts of piety and service you are emitting. Our church is being transformed from the inside out. Here are some examples:

- Weekly prayer teams
- New self-directed small groups Bible studies
- Your spontaneous acts of providing clothing and backpacks for the unseen needy children in our midst
- The hands who tirelessly provided for our Sunday School Rally Day to let our children know they are important and to provide space for those who are yet to come
- Those who gave their time and finances to provide for our two Newest Ministries: Sunday evening Youth Group and Sunday Evening Worship
- Agreeing to teach and write curriculum for our New Membership video conference training
- The laity who have been visiting the sick when I have been triple parked
- Your generous giving to provide for the homeless in our midst
- Increased witnessing to your friends and family to return to the church
- Loving and leading our new members in our church
- The seen and unseen hundreds of volunteer, committee, musical and technical service hours you give weekly
- Contributing with ideas and help with outside marketing
- Community and global involvement

For these loving acts I say thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

We're starting an uprising!

To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. -Karl Barth

Do you want to be part of an uprising against the disorder of the world?

Join me in starting a prayer room.

Let's start an uprising!

Let's go to war through prayer.

- 1. Get a partner or a team.**
- 2. Commit to a length of prayer and a time.**
- 3. Commit to a place. It can be anywhere.**
- 4. Give your team a name.**
- 5. Register your team and we will pin them on a map.**

And let's watch us and the world change.

“Without food I would be starving and my grades would be lower. Most of us rely on the food served at school to survive; this is the only meal we get for the day. I hope the feeding program will continue.” —Samarah Joachim, a 7th-grader in Haiti



Join us Oct. 21 for our Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. This is a fun and engaging service project with opportunities for all to participate. Come to the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:45

a.m. worship service. We will enjoy lunch together and then get to work. Signups will begin soon. You don't want to miss this event! More than 40 percent of Rise Against Hunger's meals are distributed to school feeding programs around the world. For Samarah



Joachim, and millions of children around the world, school means life and hope for a future. But not just because of the education they get—attending school also means a meal that day. School meals encourage school attendance and help put these children and their families on a path out of poverty.

See <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/> or contact Emily King (emilylindblom@yahoo.com) for more information.

Thanks for the Blessings, Balloons, and Food

On Sept. 9 we kicked off the Sunday School year and Youth Group came back from summer break. Pastor Debra blessed teachers and children—and all those in the broader education field who guide our children—at the 10:45 a.m. service. In the evening, youth and parents from both First Church and the Tongan church met to plan an exciting year for the Youth Group.

Many thanks to the following folks for setting up (and cleaning up) the Sunday School breakfast treats; the kid-friendly patio lunch of hot dogs, chips, grapes and lemonade; and the Youth Group dinner in the evening: Sunday School teachers Pam Cutkosky and Alicia Breen, Sunday School Superintendent Lou Bellardo, Patty Bellardo, Angela Mosqueda, Mira Dabrowski, Lois Hammar, Michele Conway, Pastors Debra and Maile, and Jetaine and Alo Sanft.



Lace up your sneakers! Every Tuesday morning Patty Bellardo and a group of dedicated walkers meet at 9:30 to spend an hour and a half covering three miles along the Bay front. They meet at San Antonio Rd. and Terminal Blvd. in nearby Mountain View. Come and enjoy the fellowship, birds and fresh air. Motion is lotion. Contact Patty at (650) 327-1428 for information.

Come one and all to the

Koinonia

Dinner

Oct. 13 • 6:00 p.m.



RSVP to the Nicholls at
650-321-9039 or
sweetjanet@aol.com

Koinonia is a group of adults who meet monthly for dinner and other activities. All are welcome.

Congregation Hears Many Thanks at Stewardship Luncheon

by Lou Bellardo

On Sunday, Sept. 2, the congregation gathered in Fellowship Hall for a Stewardship “Thank You” Luncheon. More than 100 of us enjoyed a light lunch and heard a number of speakers share stories of how our gifts of time and money support their ministries, including use of our facility.

Nandini Gondhalekar from LifeMoves began by thanking us for supporting Hotel de Zink, Breaking Bread Monday Night Meal and the Annual Benefit Breakfast. She then presented an overview of the unique LifeMoves model which helps individuals and families break the cycle of homelessness through innovative and successful programs.

Their support pyramid encompasses behavioral, housing, career, financial, health and learning. In short, they are not just addressing homelessness, but also its causes. LifeMoves is also using innovative technology including a text messaging tool called “CONNECT” to communicate with clients.

Representatives from three of the dance groups that use our facility gave an overview of their groups

including some pictures and videos. Justin, Scott, Doug and Dave from the Wednesday Night Hop, Friday Night Waltz and Saturday Contra Dance had very similar messages. They appreciate our facility—one of the best wooden floors in the area—and are happy to use it. In return, we thanked them for being great partners and taking good care of Fellowship Hall and the other rooms they use. Each of the speakers noted that dance is more than just fun, it is important for socialization and relationship building. As a matter of fact several

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The congregation was thanked for their stewardship at a luncheon on Sept. 2. Photos by Ben Conway

CEF Grant Funds Micro-Enterprise in Kenya

by Brenda Birrell, Program Manager, One Dollar For Life

Last year's Joy of Giving campaign helped One Dollar For Life (ODFL) provide reusable sanitary supplies to almost 400 girls in the developing world.

Every year, more than 20 million teenage girls in the developing world drop out of school. Some estimates put the number as high as 50 million. It might be the greatest waste of human potential on the planet. Why does it happen? Because the girls have no way to manage their menstruation. ODFL's Girls' Equality Project (GEP) distributes reusable sanitary supplies in kits to thousands of girls in Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, and Nepal. The kits last three years, long enough in most cases for the girls to be able to finish school.

Last year each kit cost \$9. But at the start of this year, the supplier notified us that the price was going up to \$16! That prompted ODFL to investigate how we could acquire the kits less expensively. We worked with our partner in Kenya, Kiini Sustainable Initiative, and learned we could make the kits in Kenya for about \$5 per kit. We would be able to help more than three times (\$5 vs. \$16) the number of girls.



We applied for a Centennial Endowment Fund grant through the Missions and Service Committee to set up a micro-enterprise in Kenya to make the kits. The grant was approved and the enterprise began producing its first kits this month! In the process, it is employing local seamstresses in well-paying, dignified work that contributes a meaningful service to their community.

The direct (and obvious) benefit of a GEP kit is that it helps a girl stay in school. A side benefit, little appreciated, is that by being in school the girl is protected from the pervasive, relentless sexual predation that is the fate of a 13-year-old girl when she is cast out in the world.



Woman sewing GEP kits in Kenya

It is no hyperbole: by helping a girl stay in school for an additional three years, the \$5 cost of a kit may be one of the most cost-effective liberations of human potential on the planet.

We are now working to set up a similar micro-enterprise with our partner in Nepal, Little Sisters Fund, also funded by the CEF grant. There hundreds of thousands of girls need help in this utterly critical transitional stage of their lives. I will keep you informed of our progress.

A huge "Thank You" to our Missions and Service Committee and the Centennial Endowment Fund Committee for their vision and support. Together, we are literally changing the world.

Girls with GEP kits at Kihuyo School in Kenya





People in the congregation helped symbolically build an altar during Aug. 26 morning worship services. Sanctuary worship, 10:45 (above) and Upstream worship, 8:45 (below).

Photos by Lou Bellardo

Re-Membering Traditions as We Innovate

by Lou Bellardo

Pastor Debra's sermon Aug. 26 was based on Joshua 4:1-7. Those verses tell how Joshua built an altar on the west bank of the Jordan, as commanded by God. The waters of the river were parted as the priests stood in the middle with the Ark of the Covenant. After the Israelite nation had crossed over, one man from each of the 12 tribes collected a stone from the bottom of the river, carried it across and used it to build

an altar. The altar was to remind future generations what the Lord had done and was a memorial to the people of Israel forever.

During the sermon, Pastor Debra named some of our "stones" and had eight members of the congregation (at each service) bring blocks to the front to create our Re-Membering Altar. The First United Methodist blocks represented Traditions that we want to carry forward and innovate upon as we create Church 2.0. Pastor Debra cited many

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First Church Fills School Backpacks

by Janet Nicholls

Pastor Debra announced during worship on Aug. 26 that she had been made aware of 27 children in the community



who had begun school with no school supplies because their families were not able to afford them. After worship, people from our congregation came to the Welcome Center and volunteered to purchase several backpacks and fill them with appropriate age-related school supplies. The children ranged in age from

kindergarten to senior in high school.

Many thanks to Sandra Florstedt, Brian Cole, Jason Fung, Sandra Wilson, Katie Bartholomew, Arden Wells, Mel Smith and Jewels Bailon, and Janet Nicholls who took the names and ages of the children and went shopping. Many thanks to others who gave cash to help with the expenses. By Sunday, Sept. 2 the church office was piled high with backpacks. Sandra Florstedt and Janet Nicholls organized the backpacks and prepared them for delivery to the children. On Labor Day, Sandra Florstedt supervised delivery of the backpacks.



Tight Squeeze: Al Moon guides the GenieLift into the chapel. (left)

Changing light bulbs way up high is a challenge, but with the GenieLift it's possible! (top)

Photos by Rick Allen

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marriages have resulted from meetings at dance!

During a short intermission in the program, each attendee was given a token of thanks—a stewardship pin. If you were unable to attend the luncheon, you can get a pin at the church office or from an usher on Sunday.

Colleen Crangle, from the Mission and Service team, spoke to us about Rise Against Hunger. Last year we packed 20,000 meals. [We packed 10,000 in 2015 and 20,000 in 2016.] We have a similar goal this year. The meal packaging is both fun and an important mission outreach program. Rise Against Hunger also responds to natural and man-made crises by delivering aid through in-country partners. A third focus area of Rise Against Hunger is grass roots community empowerment. This includes training and access to quality seeds and fertilizers as well as supporting the establishment of fish and livestock production.

The band from the First Tongan United Methodist Church expressed their appreciation for the joint use of our facility with a resounding rendition of “This Little Light of Mine.”

Pastor Debra closed the program by noting that we demonstrate stewardship by the giving of our time, talents and financial gifts.

When asked to stand in recognition of work on or for a

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Immigrant Stories Highlighted

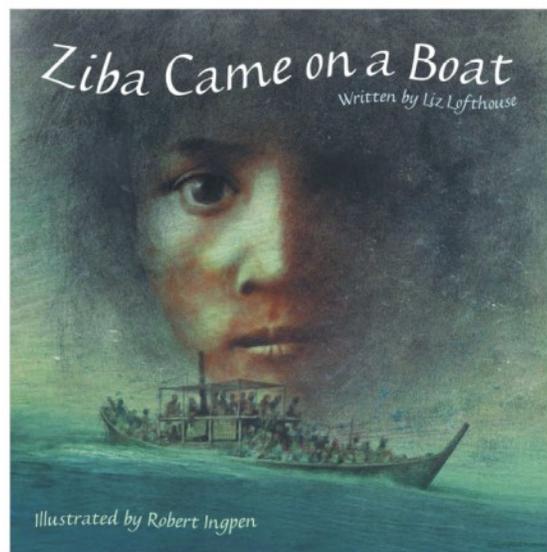
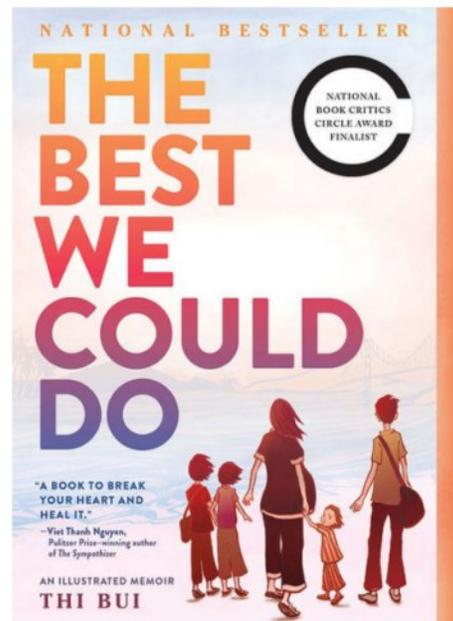
by Charlotte Cutkosky

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading contest! We turned your book review slips into raffle tickets. The winner of the raffle is Colleen Crangle, who won a Books Inc gift card! Congratulations to Colleen and everyone for their summer reading goals!

Thank you also to everyone who joined us for our book give-away on Rally Day, Sept. 9. It was our most successful book give-away yet. We hope you enjoyed our special September display on immigrant stories, and we hope you’ll also keep a lookout for our annual October Halloween display. If you missed the September display, here are some highlights to check out:

The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir is an autobiographical graphic novel for adults by author and artist Thi Bui, chronicling her family’s flight from South Vietnam in the 70’s and the difficulties faced while rebuilding their lives in America. The story goes back and forth between multiple time periods, framed by Thi Bui’s experiences as a first-time mother that prompt her to consider her parents’ own experiences raising children as refugees. It is a national bestseller and 2018 ALA Notable Book.

Ziba Came on a Boat is an illustrated children’s book with words by Liz Lofthouse and pictures by Robert Ingpen. The book describes the flight of a refugee family from Afghanistan, based on interviews with Afghan refugees who immigrated to Perth, Australia. The book explains in a manner accessible for small children what it is to be a refugee and what it means to create an atmosphere welcoming to refugees and immigrants. Happy reading, First Palo Alto. We hope to see you in the library soon!



Stanford Seed Companies Prepare for Investment Pitches

by Nancy Glaser, Seed Coach, Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies

Sept. 10, Kenya—Imara Mediplus is a multispeciality healthcare facility, founded and managed by doctors, and focused on providing holistic care under one roof. This company’s services target low- and middle-income earners who seek professional, affordable, and quality-assured medical services.

The company seeks to provide client-focused care in a friendly yet professional, clean, and aesthetically-beautiful environment. There is a large market for low-cost healthcare services, and the company believes it has found the perfect balance between affordability and high standards of service. Utilizing a mobile app (SIHA) they offer doctor consultations. They offer customized health credit services which work like a micro-health insurance to employers seeking to provide medical benefits to their staff who cannot afford conventional health insurance.



Dr. Thomas Kirengo, founder/CEO of Imara Mediplus, Embu, Kenya

Dr. Kirengo recently graduated from the Stanford Seed six-month program to improve how founders manage and grow their businesses. I was the business coach who was assigned to meet with Dr. Kirengo almost a year ago when he applied to the Stanford Seed program. I immediately liked him and his business model and suggested he be accepted to the program. After he attended the program, he has flourished.

Later this week, Stanford Seed is offering five companies the opportunity to “pitch” to investors for expansion capital at the first International Stanford Seed Summit being held in Nairobi, Kenya for the graduates of the program from West, East, Southern Africa and India. There will be an audience of more than 200 program business alum, 50 invited investors, and the five Pitch presenters who competed

with their colleagues for this opportunity.

As a former investor in the U.S. (as a general partner with U.S. Partners), I realized that our Seed businesses were not “investor ready.” The businesses and entrepreneurs here do not have access to funding nor how qualifying for investment works. Over the past six months I have met and spoken with the active investors here in East Africa, identified the type and size of businesses that fit their criteria, and have engaged them with the Stanford Seed program in various ways. Currently I am developing an investor readiness workshop that helps our companies understand and prepare for their introduction to investors.

Over the past six weeks during the competition to make their pitch to this audience, the companies completed detailed applications and answered questions investors would want to know. Then I coached the five finalist company leaders to develop a six-minute pitch and delivery much as you would experience in Silicon Valley. On Sept. 14, the Pitch Event will take place, followed by questions from the investor panel and then a networking event for all participants. My goal was that the five companies make their presentations well enough that investors attending the event will

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

- 9 LUNCH BUNCH
11:30 a.m. PASTA MARKET
San Antonio Road, just west
of El Camino Real
(across the street from Chef
Chu)
RSVP with Nancy Olson,
nso2431@icloud.com
- 16 NEEDLEWORKERS
9:30 a.m. at Channing House
Contact Mary Ann Michel,
mamichel@alumni.duke.edu
- 22 MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE
1:30 p.m. in Patio Room
Contact Nancy Olson,
nso2431@icloud.com
- 31 BOO



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be interested to follow up and meet with them, that the Stanford Seed audience of 200+ companies will learn from their colleagues how to make a professional pitch, and also get to interact with the 50+ investors attending. Finally, my hope is that Stanford Seed program will become a feeder to the active funders in Africa.

Next month I will let you all know how it worked out.

The United Methodist Women (UMW) is open to all women of the church. For more information contact Nancy Olson, nso2431@icloud.com

Some thoughts from the editor of *RESPONSE: The Magazine of Women in Mission*:

“For those of us called by our faith to work for justice, it’s been a hard summer. A hard year. There are days I’m afraid to read the news or unclasp my hands from prayer. The volume of worry and anger can leave me nonfunctional or, worse, numb. Don’t let anyone tell you your worry is your own failure at positive thinking—very real harm is and has been happening to God’s children and creation. We know we can’t ignore these injustices or the aches of our heads and hearts. But we also know as Christians it’s our job to spread the good news.

Stay informed, but don’t let news alerts be a constant disruption. Avoid articles with headlines telling you how to feel, or articles that exist only to upset you. Focus on what those in power are doing and on what those most affected are saying. Prioritize issues you know are important and on which you can act.

Take breaks for hobbies, humor, family, music, worship. Resting is not quitting.

Stay connected; you are not alone. You are a member of the United Methodist Women, part of hundreds of thousands of women organized for mission. Stay tuned in to our website and social media: unitedmethodistwomen.org/news

Stay strong. Find strength in your church, family, friends and partners. Find strength in your fellow UMW members, and in turn provide spaces for fellowship, discernment, conversation, support and joy as well as education and action.”

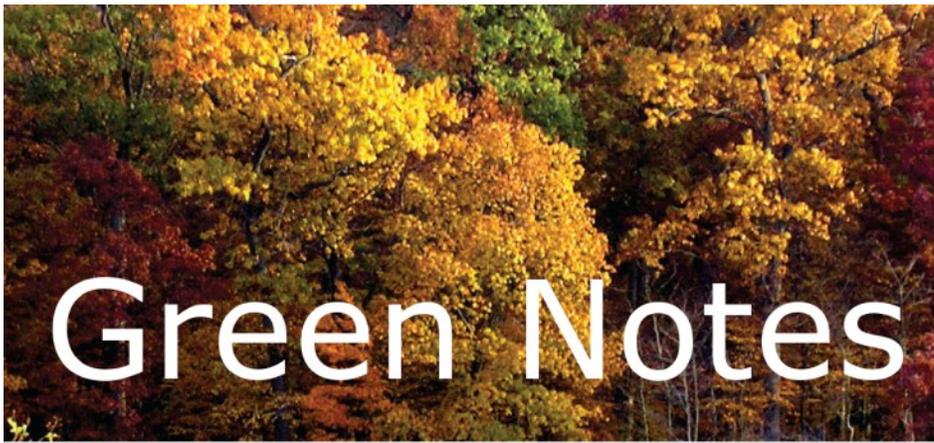
Sometimes those of us who are called to action get frustrated. These comments from Tara Barnes were very helpful for me.

—Nancy Olson



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including Baptism, Communion, Community Outreach, Discipleship, Christian Education, Worship, Preaching, Music, Missions, Equity and Parity, Stewardship Unity, Communication (digital, social, multimedia, print), Marketing, Crowd Sourcing, Activism and Advocacy. We were invited to imagine other “stones” and work together for the future of First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto.



by Nancy Olson

School has begun for another year. Rally Day has welcomed in a new Sunday School year. This is a time of renewal, a time of opportunities and challenges, a time for learning new things and remembering those new habits we are trying to make part of our daily lives. Now is a good time to remember our precious environment, too.

Thousands of political leaders, environmental activists, scientists, journalists, business leaders, United Nations dignitaries and others convened in San Francisco in September for a global climate action summit. Their goal is to secure pledges from companies, corporations, cities, states, and countries to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions. They will concentrate on healthy energy systems, inclusive economic growth, sustainable communities, land and ocean stewardship and transformative climate investments: climate, jobs, and justice.

Wow! All that energy to reduce polluting energy! While they concentrate on policy issues, we can be practicing our actions that will actually help reduce pollution:

- Turning off lights when we leave the room
- Turning off our computers at the end of the day
- Recycling/composting appropriately to reduce material going to landfill
- Reducing the miles traveled in our vehicles
- Considering replacing gasoline engines with alternatives
- Walking/biking as often as possible
- Carpooling
- Checking the settings on our thermostats and on our automatic sprinklers
- Also shopping for our neighbors and friends to cut down on additional car trips
- Remembering to take reusable shopping bags every place we shop, not just for groceries

There are many little things each of us can do that add up to big changes—especially with each of us doing them.

From Pastor Debra

Oh, please let me know what you think of the sermon series I have been preaching on “Shiny Gods, Freedom From the Things That Distract Us.”

I hope you are using the sermon notes to create a small group bible study. (See <http://firstpaloalto.com/small-group-bible-study-guidelines/>)

The sermons and the notes have been adapted from Mike Slaughter’s book *Shiny Gods*.

Here is my email address if you want to give me feedback or would like to schedule an appointment with me.

(debra@firstpaloalto.com)

feedback

Getting to Know You . . .

Many thanks to the following people in the congregation who offered to host a meet-n-greet for our new pastors: Marcia and Nate Sterling, Emily Allen and Katie Bartholomew, the Cutkosky family, Mary Ann Michel, Lois and Art Hammar and Nancy Larson. These get-togethers really helped the pastors put names to faces!

Thank You!

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specific program or committee, all the attendees were on their feet.

Again, thanks to all of you for your generous stewardship.

If you would like to learn more about any of the organizations mentioned, here are the links:

- <https://lifemoves.org/>
- <https://wednesdaynighthop.com/>
- <http://www.fridaynightwaltz.com>
- http://www.bacds.org/series/contra/palo_alto/
- <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>



- 10/1 Chuck Hebel
- 10/4 Kaitlin Medeiros
- 10/5 Olivia Gee
- 10/5 Emilie R. Sweet
- 10/6 Keith Ferguson
- 10/6 Sean Kurian
- 10/7 John Jordan
- 10/7 Brian Cole
- 10/9 Mary Lu Wood
- 10/9 Eliana Herbert-Paz
- 10/13 Kristy Larson
- 10/14 Kim Venaas
- 10/14 Ashley Owen
- 10/16 Christopher Martin
- 10/17 Trish Riley
- 10/20 George Merritt-Calvin, III
- 10/22 John Baglin

- 10/23 Nancy Larson
- 10/24 Dan Conway
- 10/24 Dail Koehler
- 10/24 Margaret Branyon-Goodman
- 10/24 Alyssa Gee
- 10/25 Emily Wise
- 10/25 Tim Crockett
- 10/26 Lynn Gibbons
- 10/27 Cathy Dolton
- 10/28 Julianne Stafford
- 10/28 Ilona Sparks
- 10/29 Patrick Riley
- 10/31 Eric Spangenberg



- 10/06/1958 Harold & Lela Jones
- 10/21/1995 Dave Gee & Angela Chen



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

July 2018 Income and Expense Summary-- DRAFT	Aug 2018 Actual	Actual YTD 2018	Budget YTD 2018	Budget Annual 2018
Income				
Total Member Giving	43,223	332,132	285,450	453,707
Total Income All Other Sources	33,658	191,515	205,726	299,214
Total Income	76,881	523,647	491,176	752,921
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	4,922	41,714	44,475	66,712
Council on Ministries	1,430	15,187	22,033	35,300
Staff Parish Relations	28,033	286,727	308,228	457,959
Office and Finance	1,055	9,969	13,067	18,400
Board of Trustees	5,219	112,867	118,534	174,550
Total Expenses	40,659	466,464	506,337	752,921
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	36,222	57,183	-15,161	0

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:45 a.m. Upstream Worship, Chapel

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Adult Class

Bible or Book Study, Wesley Room

Children's Classes

Preschool–K, Butterfly Room

1st–5th Grade, Rainbow Room

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Also broadcast live online at

firstpaloalto.com/live-webcast/

11:45 p.m. Snack and Chat

Childcare is available during worship and Sunday School (8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) in Noah's Ark

6:00 p.m. Youth Group: Middle and High School

Mondays

5:00 p.m. Breaking Bread

7:00 p.m. Fiume di Musica

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Trekkers, San Antonio Rd. and Terminal Blvd. Call 650-327-1428 for information

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

8:00 p.m. Community Band rehearsal (alternate weeks)

Information for the next edition of the Insights newsletter is due October 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 or bring them to the church office. Thank you!



- 2 Staff Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 World Communion Sunday (special offering)
Soup and Bread Lunch, after worship
- 9 Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Chapel repairs, through Oct. 12
- 10 **Insights deadline** for November issue
- 11 Community Band Practice, 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Walk to End Alzheimer's, 8:00 a.m. (off-site)
Koinonia Dinner, 6:00 p.m. (off-site, details on p. 3)
- 15 Sanctuary balcony carpet replacement, through Oct. 19
- 16 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 125th Anniversary Planning meeting (time TBD)
- 21 Consecration Sunday
Rise Against Hunger, after 10:45 a.m. worship
- 23 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Community Band Practice, 8:00 p.m.
- 30 CEF John Wesley Society Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

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!

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