



## Join Holy Week and Easter Worship Services Online

The **Palm Sunday** worship service will be live-streamed from the sanctuary, on the website and through Facebook, at **10:45 a.m. on April 5**. Join us and celebrate communion.

**Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** services will be pre-recorded. Check your email for the link to these services and watch them at your convenience.

**Easter Sunday** worship will be live-streamed from the sanctuary, on the website and through Facebook, at **10:45 a.m. on April 12**.

Mark your calendar with these important dates and times. Check [firstpaloalto.com](http://firstpaloalto.com) and church e-news for the latest information. Things may change as we plan worship services in our new reality!

## Why Church?

by Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

Grace and peace to you, dear church family and friends. I want to share with you what has been placed upon my heart as direction for our church for the new decade.

In 2019, I prayed about what should be the focus for our church for 2020. The Lord impressed upon my heart that we should focus on the theme of "Why Church?"

At first glance, the theme seemed benign, like a capsicum [pepper]. However, after I had ingested it, I felt as though I had eaten a handful of Scotch bonnets. Its intensity was inescapable, eye blinding, heart racing, and inexorably demanding my full engagement. It will not elude strict attention.

It is with this all-encompassing sense of fiery urgency that I feel we must be able to answer this question, and demonstrate a compelling new relevant way of thinking about God, Christ, and the Church. In order to pursue who Christ compels us to be today, we must change the narrative about how we "do" church responsively and responsibly in the world.

Why Church? Because over the past 10 years we have witnessed monumental demographic shifts in the U.S., catastrophic natural disasters, a new urgency on climate change, and a reckoning on sex abuse among religious groups from the Catholic Church to the Shambhala Buddhist community.

This past decade has seen the re-election of the country's first black President, and the election of the first President to call for an outright ban on Muslims entering the country. It has been marked by world-shaking movements, such as the Arab Spring, Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, and the #MeToo movement.

We've witnessed a President's campaign of terror against immigrants and asylum seekers, resulting in children forcibly separated from



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## Surprised by the Light and the Rain

Just about everything in regards to Jesus was surprising. His teachings were surprising – sometimes in a refreshing way, often in a shocking way. His actions were surprising, evidenced in the people he associated with. His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was surprising – because he rode into town on a young donkey instead of walking. People were thrilled that he had come.

Quickly the Holy Week story turns from celebration to rejection and death. But there was one more surprise to the story: the surprise of the Resurrection, which we'll celebrate on Easter Sunday.

Amidst our Easter celebrations, it is easy to forget that Easter starts in the dark. The Gospel of John begins its Resurrection story: "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark ... ."

The darkness described may be more than physical. Easter starts in death. It starts with Jesus in a tomb. The situation seems final and closed. Then the light shines, and there is life.

Even in the darkest, quietest, most chill hours of the pre-dawn, God is at work making things new. This is the promise of Easter: God's love persists in an undeniable way. We can't keep God from surprising us.

Lukas is a child who suffered a stroke at birth and was expected to have severe disabilities. When Lukas was asked what a miracle is, he responded, "God surprises us." His mom says, "He is so right."

Lukas has received healing in a way that his mother describes as not a lightning bolt kind of miracle but more like a gentle rain, steady and restorative.

She says, "Lukas walks with a limp, has limited use of his right arm, and lives with chronic pain, but he is also holding his own in school, has lots of friends and is endlessly funny and creative. ... I have seen God's love shine through him. I see his joy, and I have come to learn that the miracle is not in the moment, it is in the relationship. Raising Lukas has shown me that miracles are everywhere, constantly reminding of God's unending love."

We are encouraged through Easter to never stop looking for the miracle. Surprise us, God.

This message was compiled from web posts written by Rev. Ryan Dunn at UMC/Rethink Church and Jennifer Rodia, Chief Communications Officer at United Methodist Communications.

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/god-surprises-us>

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/what-is-palm-sunday>

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/easter-starts-in-the-dark>

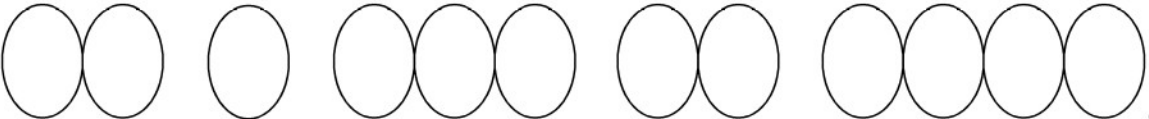


## Easter Egg Hunt

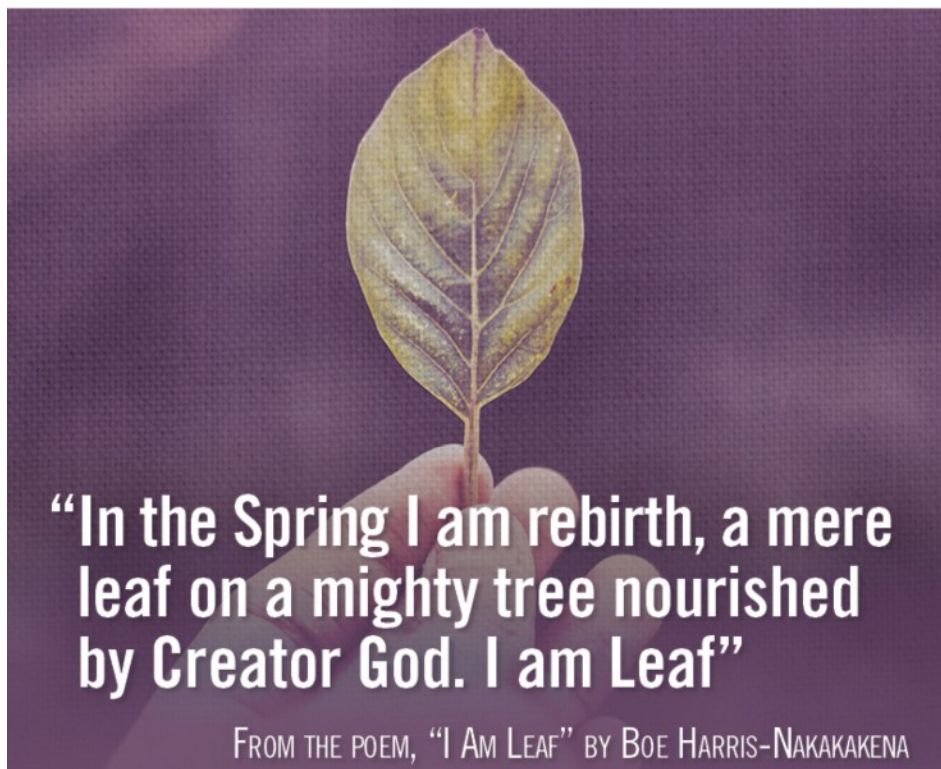
Episcopal priest Fr. Michael Moore tells us that Easter is more than a day of celebration.

Find the dozen Easter eggs hidden in this issue of Insights! Each egg includes a letter. Jot down the letters.

Unscramble the letters to form the words that complete Fr. Moore's Easter message below. Then reflect on what it means for you.

Easter 






# LifeMoves

## Hotel de Zink Returns in June

by Chuck Hebel

Our Social Justice committee at First UMC Palo Alto will be reaching out to the congregation during April and May to enlist your participation in providing evening meals this coming June for clients of Hotel de Zink, a LifeMoves program for homeless men and women in Palo Alto and surrounding neighborhoods.

Hotel de Zink provides nightly beds and management services that help its participants become self-sufficient and free from homelessness. The program is hosted at a different church each month. Volunteers from the congregation serve home-cooked meals for the clients daily.

First UMC Palo Alto has been a Hotel de Zink host congregation for several decades. In recent years we have been hosting 12 to 18 clients each night. Each client may stay at LifeMoves Hotel de Zink up to 90 days, which provides them stability, safety, and a team of experienced staff working to help them as they transition to self-sufficiency. 

## UMC Celebrates Native American Ministries

Throughout the U.S., Native Americans—with many unique languages and cultures—honor their heritage and live as Jesus-followers led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.

Please designate your support for Native American Ministries in April at [UMC special offering](#) to equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries and empower Native American congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

## Small Groups Are Starting Up

At a kick-off event in March, four small groups were formed. *Groups will not meet in person while the shelter-in-place order is in effect. Some groups may meet via Zoom. Check the church e-news or with the group facilitator for information.* Times and places below indicate when groups plan to meet after the shelter-in-place order is lifted.

**Additional Bible Study Opportunity** plans to meet Monday Nights at 7 p.m. Facilitated by Jerry Johnson, Janet Nicholls, and Noel Castorillo. The first study is the Book of Acts.

**Over 50 Singles** plans to meet in Pat's Place on Sundays at 12 p.m. Facilitated by Barbara Kurth.

**Women's Aging Issues** plans to meet in Pat's Place once per month on a Friday at 11:30 a.m. Facilitated by Lucy Tompkins.

**Current Affairs** plans to meet in the church library on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Facilitated by Scott Thomas. Each person is to read a newspaper that week and come ready to report on one interesting article to the group.



## Light One Candle

On Good Friday 2017, Jeannie Gaffigan, a writer and producer, wife of comedian Jim Gaffigan and a mother of five, learned she had an apple-sized tumor on her brain stem. As a Christian, she knew she needed God's help to face the ordeal — and knew she still had “a lot of work” to do for him. On Easter Monday, the benign mass was removed during a nine-hour operation.

A year earlier, the Gaffigans won a Christopher Award for positive contributions to media. The award's inscription — “Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness” — now has new meaning for Jeannie. “There's an urgency to do things that may be smaller, like lighting one candle, [rather] than these ambitious, huge goals of doing major shows in order to change the world,” she says. “We all want to light a thousand candles, but there's that one candle that's right in front of you that God is presenting for you. Open up your eyes and look at it and light it.”

Reprinted from *The Newsletter Newsletter*, July 2018.

## Conduct a Love Feast During Holy Week

According to Cynthia Wilson, writing for UMC Discipleship Ministries, a Love Feast, “is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the *koinonia* (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.”

She says, “Although its origins in the early church are closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord's Supper, the two services became quite distinct and should not be confused with each other. While the Lord's Supper has been practically universal among Christians throughout church history, the Love Feast has appeared only at certain times and among certain denominations.

The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later.

Love Feasts quickly became a regular part of Methodist society meetings in Great Britain and throughout the English-speaking world. As Methodists immigrated to North America, they made Love Feasts an important part of early American Methodism. While Love Feasts became less frequent in the years that followed, they continued to be held in some places; and in recent years the Love Feast has been revived.”

Holy Week is a fitting occasion for a Love Feast and any Christian may conduct it. Prayer, praise, scripture, and testimony are essential parts of the experience, and the Love Feast usually involves sharing food. Gather with those around you to share a simple meal. Say familiar prayers together (such as a table grace, the Lord's Prayer), read scripture and sing hymns of praise (see page 5 for ideas), and take turns testifying to God's grace at work in your life or the lives of others. For families, especially encourage children to take part.



Source: Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church, March 25, 2020.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/the-love-feast>

Those were the days: When Lent began, Roan Duncan (pictured) and others enjoyed a pancake dinner live and in-person at church before the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 26.

Photo by Ann Duncan



# TIMTOWTDI (Say: TimToady)

by Michele Conway, photo of miner's lettuce by Ben Conway

TIMTOWTDI stands for **There Is More Than One Way To Do It**. It is a Perl programming language motto. The language was designed with the idea that it doesn't try to tell the programmer how to program. There is more than one way to write a programming statement in Perl.

During March, we have been learning, or at least reminded, that there is more than one way to do church. (TIMTOWTDC!) Many churches, including ours, have been putting together their worship service and streaming it at a time when people can view it together. Our church has been meeting in small groups and sharing community through Zoom, and checking in with each other by email and phone.

This year we will be observing Holy Week and celebrating Easter at home, alone or with family members. Many of us will have opportunities to join others via phone and Internet. We are learning new ways to be the church together.

Of course, Easter is a *season* of the church; it does not happen on a particular day, though traditionally a date for our celebration of Easter has been pre-determined on the calendar.\*

Mark Burrows, a UMC director of children's ministries in Texas, recalls "When I was a kid, one of the coolest things after Easter was to find that one chocolate egg that had gone unnoticed. It was like a little bit of Easter had snuck into the following week."

So maybe as a church, we keep a few Easter eggs hidden away to discover later. Maybe we'll sing some Hallelujahs in July or have breakfast together in September.

In the meantime, here are some ideas to make Holy Week and Easter at home more meaningful or more fun.

- Watch the First UMC Palo Alto worship services online. (See page 1.)
- Have a Love Feast. (See page 4.)
- Open your Bible! Read a scripture a day. (See suggested readings in Matthew, at right. See also Mark 11-16, Luke 19-24, John 12-20.)
- Sing or hum a hymn a day. Here are some [youtube videos you can sing along with](#), compiled by Peterborough UMC in New Hampshire.
- Say or sing the Lord's Prayer or recite the 23rd Psalm while you are washing your hands for 20 seconds.
- Take the [UMC Holy Week](#) quiz. **F**
- It's spring! Make a journal of new life. When taking a walk or looking out your window, find signs of new life. Every day from Palm Sunday to Easter, take a photo, draw a picture, or write a few words about a sign of new life that you see.



- Commit to a prayer vigil on Good Friday – pray on the hour, at sunrise and sundown, or whenever you decide. Invite friends to pray at the same times in their homes.

- Bake hot cross buns (traditionally served on Good Friday). Find recipes on the web.

- Eggs for decorating may be in short supply. Try your hand at [Easter origami!](#)

Happy Easter!

## Bible Readings for Holy Week



*Palm Sunday* Matthew 21:1-11

*Monday* Matthew 21:12-22

*Tuesday* Matthew 21:23-27

*Wednesday* Matthew 26:14-16

*Maundy Thursday* Matthew 26:17-75

*Good Friday* Matthew 27:32-61

*Saturday* Mathew 27:57-66

*Easter Sunday* Matthew 28:1-20

\*On the Christian calendar, Easter is celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon that is on or after March 21. Easter is the longest season of the church, lasting seven weeks (50 days), ending on Pentecost.



## A Special Message for the Kids ...

from Rev. Ann Duncan

Hi Kids!

I hope you are doing well. By the time you read or hear this, you will have been out of school for over two weeks. I imagine you have good days and bad days.

I hope you are finding ways to connect with your teacher and classmates and are enjoying some activities at home. I hope you aren't fighting too much with your siblings and are enjoying spending extra time with your parents.

Find time each day to step outside in the sunshine and see the beauty of nature. Find time each day to talk to God; there's no special way to do it, just simply start talking: God is listening!

And finally remember each day that you are loved. You are loved by your teachers and school. You are loved by your families. You are loved by the people of First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto. And we at church can't wait to see you again soon! You are loved!

—Pastor Ann



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### Thank You, Stay Healthy, Be All You Can Be

by Nancy Olson

A Big THANK YOU to Ruthie Waters for the fun and educational program at our recent United Methodist Women (UMW) Circle meeting. Ruthie brought her creative talent and loads of art supplies which she used to demonstrate different techniques and possibilities and encouraged us to try everything. Fun!



In compliance with the Santa Clara County shelter-in-place order, UMW activities at the church are suspended until further notice. I have to admit the 'no touching' (hand shakes, hugs, kisses, keeping arms length away) instructions would be very difficult if surrounded by our dear church friends. When UMW activities resume, every woman in the church is invited to join an activity to make new friends and to support mission projects.

Remember the healthy practices that are essential right now are all-time healthy practices we should be using daily: washing hands before and after our activities and especially around food preparation; sneezing or coughing into our elbows; keeping our work surfaces clean and sanitized. We can be good examples for the children in our families all the time.

K Stone, President of the El Camino District UMW sends this message in our Mission Link:

"Happy New Year!

Typically this phrase represents new beginnings and optimism. There are those that predict 2020 will be a year of renewal, a year of change. At the same time there are those who have some uncertainty of the changes ahead.

In all times we need each other, but this is especially true when there seems to be change and even division everywhere.

Even more so, we know whatever we're doing, wherever we go, whatever we face, we know Jesus is just ahead of us, leading, guiding and empowering us to move forward, to "Widen our Circle." Together let us be part of this journey.

Let us set a goal for 2020, to band together, find our passion in bold actions for missions, meet new sisters and ask them to join our activities. Let us enjoy all opportunities that will enable us to become all we can possibly be.

We Need Each Other – we are United Methodist Women!"





## Great Decisions Discussions Postponed

by Lou Bellardo

In response to the Coronavirus health situation, the Great Decisions series was suspended after four sessions. The four topics already discussed were timely, the presenters were knowledgeable and engaging, and attendees included many from the community. The remaining four sessions in the 2020 series will be rescheduled later in the year when this health situation is resolved.

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Many people contribute to the success of the Great Decisions program. This year, we acknowledge and thank these people for their contributions:

- Tom Fingar, for recruiting superb discussion leaders and leading two of the sessions.
- Charlotte Cutkosky and Robert Lasater, for publicizing the series in the community. (Their efforts boosted attendance.)
- Patty & Lou Bellardo, Lois & Art Hammer, Alice Loughry, and Janet & Bill Nicholls for providing logistical support for the meetings.

Thanks to all of you who have attended and invited friends to join the discussions so far. We hope you will join us again when the discussions resume.



by Nancy Olson

April is a very “green” month this year: We celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day and Easter. Each is a time of renewal in our lives.

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church state: “All creation is the Lord’s and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God’s creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect.”

Being aware of the impact of our actions is a good start to meeting our stewardship duties. Our impact can be harmful or positive. Planting and sustaining trees is a positive act.

Trees give us beauty and wood for homes, habitats for wildlife, clean air, and drinking water for millions of us. But they are being destroyed as never before by insects, disease, and devastating fires. You know trees are one of our most precious resources, to be cherished, protected, and replenished. But too many people don’t ...

While I cannot personally plant a tree, I can support the Arbor Day organization as they replace the trees that have been lost in our national forests and are helping in the work to preserve the world’s threatened rainforests.

I can plant flowers and plants that attract butterflies and bees –

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## Why Church *from page 1*

parents and sleeping in cages in freezing rooms, so traumatized they no longer speak.

We witnessed the legalization of same-sex marriage matched by a revolution in the way Americans think about gender and sexuality, alongside the lethal killing of Osama bin Laden. The Islamic State group rose and fell; U.S. terrorist attacks, school shootings as hate crimes, and white-supremacy-inspired murders at African American churches and Jewish and Muslim temples increased.

We experienced the movement on the legalization of marijuana, without the release and reconstitution of many of the thousands behind bars for marijuana use or sale.

We experienced the beginning of the Syrian civil war, controversial hearings on American Muslim radicalization, and the Supreme Court rule to release \$2.5 million to build a wall. There was a maximum Chinese breach of security of the personal data of four million government employees, foreign interference in our elections, and local

companies refusing to stop it. We encountered facial recognition as a means of racial profiling and the recognition of systemic masked racism in the industrial prison complex.

Deceit, lies and fake news are now the new normal, as evangelical religious nationalism rises and human rights and decency decreases. And at the close of the decade we experienced the impeachment of the 45th President for abuse of powers and obstruction of the Congress.

We have been bombarded with continuous unchecked invective speech targeting ethnic and religious minorities, spewing homophobic and xenophobic rhetoric which incites violence and sews discord, confusion and chaos.

Our self-absorption in media addiction and inability to put the cellphone down, has cultivated social alienation and social irresponsibility.

All this happened while the mainline churches have continued to sing and shout amongst themselves in their “ivory towers,” as attendance dwindled, doors closed, and denominations split. In many places, the church has been slow to respond.

Why Church? Because religion will be front and center in the 2020 election cycle. For Christians, I fear that our faith will be further distorted and weaponized to condemn and divide. Yet, I am reminded that the prophet Ezekiel lived through a similar time.

When shown the valley of dry bones and asked by God, “Can these dry bones live?” the prophet looked with despair and said, “Master God, only you know that.” [God] then said to him, “Prophesy over these bones: ‘Dry bones, listen to the Message of God!’” (Ezekiel 37:1-4)

God, the Master, told the dry bones, “Watch this: I’m bringing the breath of life to you and you’ll come to life. I’ll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You’ll come alive and you’ll realize that I am God!” (5-6)

I, [Ezekiel] prophesied just as I’d been commanded. As I prophesied, there was a sound and, oh, rustling! The bones moved and came together, bone to bone. I kept watching. Sinews formed, then muscles on the bones, then skin stretched over them. But they had no breath in them. (7-8)

He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath. Prophesy, son of man. Tell the breath, ‘God, the Master, says, Come from the four winds. Come, breath. Breathe on these slain bodies. Breathe life!’” (9)

So I prophesied, just as he commanded me. The breath entered them, and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army. (10)

And it is for this reason, I believe the church is relevant for today.





# What's New in the Library?

by Charlotte Cutkosky

Hello First Palo Alto readers! As spring springs into April, we at the library have two new acquisitions for adults and older readers, both fresh off the bestseller lists.

New York Times bestselling *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keene is a family drama set in New York City. It starts with two young cops, Francis and Brian, who are neighbors as well as coworkers. Their children, Kate and Peter, grow up as friends, but their loyalty to each other is tested through the increasing conflicts of their parents, which have far-reaching consequences, following Kate and Peter over 40 years into the future.

*Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips is a National Book Award nominated mystery centered around the disappearance of two young girls in Kamchatka, Russia. As the police fail to discover any leads, the novel examines how the disappearances affect the small town in which they took place, with emotion and intrigue set against Kamchatka's atmospheric landscapes, which are as beautiful as they are bleak.

This spring and summer, keep an eye out for monthly special interest displays for both children and adults, including Pride Month/Reconciling Ministries, Asian Heritage Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month.



The church building is closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope you'll drop by the library when it re-opens to check out our special interest displays and our selection of new books and older favorites. In the meantime, happy reading at home, First UMC Palo Alto!



"How did God hear your prayers in the old days ... before they were beamed via satellite?"

## Green Notes from page 7

both affected by diminished habitat.

I can avoid harmful pesticide use.

Many local communities will offer ways to celebrate Earth Day virtually, joining with celebrations across our country. It will be good to involve our children in group activities to build a sense of community and positive activity, as well as stewardship.

Remember that computer ink cartridges and household batteries can be recycled in our church office. We also collect eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones (clear out personal information), and the plastic tags on bakery packages. You can't bring them to the office right now, but save them and bring them when it re-opens.



## Finance Update

## APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/2 Andrew Owen  
4/2 Mary Kiki Wilcox  
4/3 Orin Zimmerman  
4/3 Elinor Ovenshine  
4/3 Vicki Wolfenbarger  
4/3 Warren Yowell  
4/5 Marty Crayton  
4/5 Meg Ferguson  
4/6 Hope Crockett  
4/6 Valorie Hamachek  
4/7 Susan Harris  
4/8 James Thomas  
4/8 Daniel Fifita  
4/8 Melvin Arterberry  
4/8 Joe Murray  
4/9 Sean Huston  
4/9 Phillip Salsbury  
4/9 Blair Crangle-Hall  
4/10 Joshua Salsbury  
4/10 Angela Shaw  
4/11 Ann Duncan  
4/11 Alex Johnson  
4/12 Al Lee  
4/12 Julie Blackburn  
4/13 Ann Reddick  
4/13 Catherine Blackburn

4/14 Sarymai Bapa  
4/15 Nathan Duncan  
4/16 Christian Fernandez  
4/16 Curt Gleason  
4/16 Harold Jones  
4/18 Orlene Fingar  
4/18 Rohan Sharma  
4/20 Samie Lee  
4/22 Everett Gee  
4/22 Rob Stuart  
4/22 Grace Stafford  
4/22 Catherine Cerny  
4/22 Douglas Norris  
4/24 Nancy Glaser  
4/25 Alec Martin  
4/27 Megan Ealy  
4/28 Aidash Kombou  
4/28 Michele Hollar  
4/28 Mary Ann Michel  
4/29 Kathy Rose  
4/30 Craig Laughton  
  
4/30/1989 Dan & Michele Conway  
4/11/1992 Charles Bliss & Caroline Bowker  
4/24/1994 Tim & Alicia Breen  
4/16/2016 Ruwan Kiringoda & Sarah Kwon

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)

Feb 2020 Income and Expense Summary—DRAFT	Feb 2020 Actual	Actual YTD 2020	Budget YTD 2020	Budget Annual 2020
Income				
Total Member Giving	31,047	86,738	88,012	415,728
Total Income All Other Sources	13,777	46,866	53,728	230,870
Total Income	44,824	133,604	141,740	646,598
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	4,266	11,257	9,583	57,500
Council on Ministries	607	575	6,054	42,325
Staff Parish Relations	29,289	71,417	68,753	389,382
Office and Finance	1,376	2,766	3,075	19,200
Board of Trustees	8,478	29,183	40,196	182,000
Total Expenses	44,016	115,198	127,661	690,407
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	808	18,406	14,079	-43,809





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- 2 Lenten Thursday Book Study, noon  
**CANCELLED**  
Worship meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Community-Wide Egg Hunt at Johnson Park,  
1:00–3:00 p.m. **CANCELLED**
- 5 **Palm Sunday** *Celebrated online, see page 1.*
- 7 Staff Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 **Maundy Thursday** *Service available online.  
See website for details.*
- 10 **Good Friday** *Service available online.  
See website for details.*
- 12 **Easter** *Celebrated online, see page 1.*  
Breakfast 8:30–10:30 a.m. **CANCELLED**  
Children's Egg Hunt and Party, noon  
**CANCELLED**
- 13 Church office closed
- 14 Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 *Insights deadline for May issue*
- 21 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 California Pizza Kitchen fundraising event  
**POSTPONED**
- 25 San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.  
**CANCELLED**
- 28 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.

Our electronic giving page is always open! Give with a few clicks at <http://www.firstpaloalto.com/give> or text Give to 1-650-376-6784 for a link with instructions. Your generosity makes our mission possible. Thank you!



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*All weekly activities at the church, including worship services, will not meet in person until further notice. Sunday worship will be celebrated online at the link below and on our Facebook page. See [firstpaloalto.com](http://firstpaloalto.com) and the church e-news for information about online events.*

### Sundays

9:35 a.m. Sunday morning Bible Study,  
*meeting online via Zoom*

10:45 a.m. Worship from the Sanctuary  
*Streamed live online at:*  
[firstpaloalto.com/live-webcast/](http://firstpaloalto.com/live-webcast/)

### Mondays

7 p.m. Social Justice team hosts movie discussions, *meeting online via Zoom*. See the church e-news for movie details.

### Tuesdays

Noon Community Chats, *meeting online via Zoom*

### Wednesdays

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Channing House,  
*meeting online via Zoom*  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Contemporary  
Worship Service, *meeting online via Zoom*

### Thursdays

Noon Community Chats, *meeting online via Zoom*

**Information for the next edition of the Insights newsletter is due April 20. *Note date change.*** Photos of church events are accepted at any time. Include photographer's name, date of the photo and a brief description of the event. Everything is subject to editing. Please send your submissions via email to Insights editor Michele W. Conway: [insightsfirstpa@gmail.com](mailto:insightsfirstpa@gmail.com)



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