



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:45 a.m. Upstream (Casual) and 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary worship services will celebrate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palms to wave, music and the message will all reflect the processional of the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, March 29

At 7 p.m. we will gather to commemorate the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples. We will hear words from the disciples and celebrate Holy Communion.

Good Friday, March 30

At 7 p.m. we will hold a Tenebrae service with Scripture readings and music to remember the day of Jesus's crucifixion.

Easter! April 1

Sunrise service at 7 a.m. led by the Youth of First Palo Alto. 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. celebrations of Jesus's resurrection. Alleluia!
Easter Breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. **Easter Egg Hunt** for children at 9:45.

Joy of Giving Donations Help Kenyan Girls Stay in School

by Brenda Birrell, Program Manager at One Dollar For Life

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 menstruation. They stay home, sitting on dry leaves or corn husks or old rags to try to deal with the flow. They miss a week of school, then another week every month. Soon they are so far behind they drop out. They become second-class citizens for life because they will never have as much education as the boys.

Our church's Joy of Giving campaign raised funds to enable One Dollar for Life's Girls' Equality Project (GEP) to provide reusable sanitary pads to girls in the developing world. A kit of eight pads costs \$9 and lasts three years, usually long enough for the girls to finish school.



Our amazingly generous Church members donated \$3,431, making it possible for almost 400 of the poorest girls in the world to be able to stay in school. One side benefit is that while in school the girls avoid becoming prey to sexual predators, which is what often happens when they drop out.

The accompanying photographs show Kenyan girls who recently received the kits that were funded by girls at Immaculate Conception Academy in San Francisco. In a future issue of Insights you will be able to see pictures of the girls you helped!

In addition to Kenya, ODFL is providing GEP kits to girls in Zambia, South Africa and Nepal. I have written an article about the issue and

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On March 1st I am flying to Tampa, Florida to attend a 50th anniversary of the founding of my sorority on the campus of University of South Florida. I was a charter member and a few of the people who were also charter members will be attending. I am excited to see many of my college sorority sisters.

Some of you may have negative impressions of fraternities and sororities. I am the first to admit that members of fraternal organizations have done terrible things and need to be held accountable. I am currently a member of the House Corporation Board for the Delta Gamma chapter at Santa Clara University. None of the fraternities or sororities are recognized by the school administration. Before I arrived in California there were inappropriate behaviors by at least some of the fraternities and/or sororities.

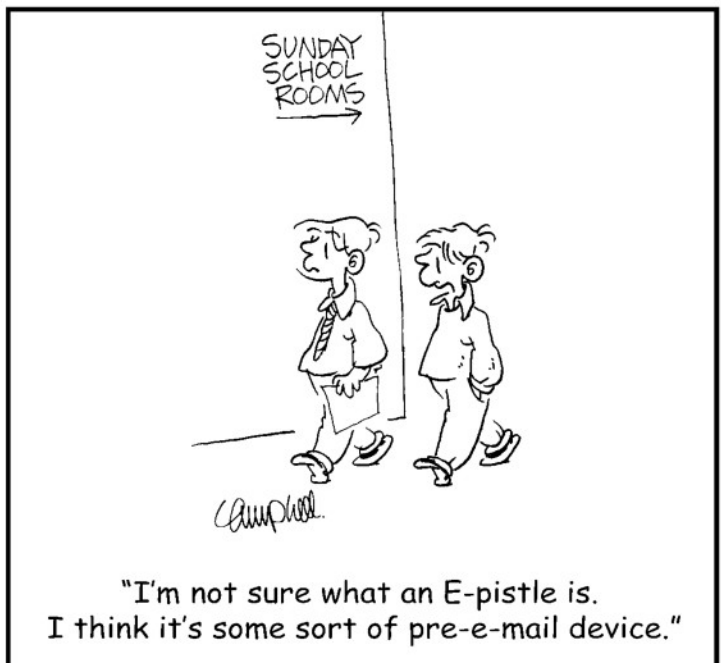
As you might imagine my experience is different. I joined my sorority and in college I found good friends and a home when my biological home was pretty dysfunctional. I found acceptance for who I was and encouragement to continue to grow. I learned leadership as I held offices within the chapter and learned about teamwork as we worked together on projects.

One of the things that attracted me to Delta Gamma was their dedication to service. They set up a Foundation and give millions of hours in service and millions of dollars to people in need. Delta Gamma's emphasis is Sight. Delta Gamma has helped schools for the blind, screen preschoolers for vision problems, and has participated in training service dogs. One of the additional programs recently started is Sisters Helping Sisters. Grants are given to sorority sisters with great need. A few years ago one of the people injured in the Boston Marathon bombing was a Delta Gamma and the sorority helped in her recovery.

My personal experience after college began three years after I graduated when I was asked to serve as an adviser and I accepted. I was surprised when I went to a chapter function and one of the collegiate members asked how old I was and commented, "WOW! That's old." Since then I have served as an adviser in a couple of different chapters, served at a national level as a consultant, and helped wherever I could.

In the last few years since I became a pastor, I have thought about the similarity between the church and the sorority. Both are about building community where people within the community support and encourage one another. The constitution of Delta Gamma says that we help each member become the best person they can be. The church does the same.

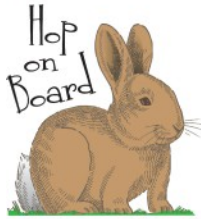
The similarity also is seen in the commitment to service. Our mission in the church is to follow Jesus's command and help those in need. Delta Gamma helps individuals through its Foundation. Personally, I continue to find that by helping others, I receive more than I give. Both the church and the sorority add to my life. Both make my heart warm with seeing the results of the good works that are done. Both bring a smile to my face. After my retirement at the end of June I am looking forward to continuing to be part of both my sorority and my church. I love them both.



Looking for Some Easter Breakfast Helpers—No Foolin'!

Easter is on April Fools Day this year, but no kidding, we need your help for our annual breakfast. This great First Palo Alto UMC tradition works because EVERYONE helps! The breakfast is scheduled for 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Kohlstedt Hall on Easter morning.

We need folks to:



- Volunteer to monitor the food and tables for a 45-minute shift (9 people)
- Contribute muffins, bagels, fruit and egg dishes (many chefs needed!)
- Help clean up afterwards (2 people)

We want to be a place of hospitality and grace for:

Those attending the 7 a.m. sunrise service

Our choir and musicians before they rehearse

Those attending Upstream at 8:45 a.m.

Church members and visitors attending 10:45 a.m. worship

AND... Our brothers and sisters in the Tongan congregation and Fijian Fellowship will be worshipping with us Easter Sunday too!

You can sign up for a breakfast shift or to bring food items at

<http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/EasterBreakfast2018>

or contact Pam Cutkosky by phone or email: 650-328-5208 or pamelareasner@yahoo.com

Help SEEDS Plant Hope, Change Lives

SEEDS Homeless Youth Ministry is expanding to serve Palo Alto, Redwood City and Menlo Park this spring. The next phase of implementation includes street outreach in these local communities as well as opening the doors of our outreach center here at First Church.

If you are interested in what's happening next for SEEDS Youth Ministry and/or you want to find out the many ways you can get involved, please attend:



**SEEDS Homeless Youth Ministry
Organizational & Volunteer Information**

Sunday, March 25

12:15 p.m. in SEEDS Outreach Center
(second floor in Education Building)

A light lunch will be provided.

There is still so much work to be done. SEEDS needs you here at FUMCPA to make it happen.

For more information, visit www.myseeds.org.

Questions? Contact Caryn Cranston: info@myseeds.org



I Spy . . .

Lots of Colored Eggs!

**Egg Hunt is On for 9:45 a.m.
Easter Sunday**

Calling all kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, kids of friends!

If you have a child 10 and under—or know one—bring them to our annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled at 9:45 a.m. Easter morning, April 1, during Sunday School time. Children can bring their own basket to collect eggs in or borrow one of ours.

Come a little early and enjoy breakfast in Kohlstedt Hall, hunt for eggs at 9:45, then stay for the 10:45 Easter service and the Children's Moment with Pastor Beth.

Easter at First Palo Alto promises to be a memorable one for kids.

Questions? Contact: Pastor Beth at beth@firstpaloalto.com or Pam Cutkosky at pamelareasner@yahoo.com



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11

CONCERT NOTES

On Sunday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m., we have a timely opportunity to see J.S. Bach's intensely vivid and dramatic portrayal of the passion of Christ, the **St. John Passion**, performed in our Sanctuary.

The **Bay Choral Guild** singers will be accompanied by the renowned **Jubilate Orchestra** and a cast of the Bay Area's finest vocal soloists, with Corey Head as the Evangelist and Jeff Fields as Jesus. The arias will be sung by Tonia d'Amelio, soprano, Heidi Waterman, alto, Michael Desnoyers, tenor, and Nikolas Nackley, baritone.

Conductor Sandford Dole will present a pre-concert lecture 30 minutes before the performance.

Purchase tickets online at <http://baychoralguild.org/tickets> or at the door.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

to the Centennial Endowment Funds for granting funds for the Kohlstedt Hall Kitchen renovation which is now complete; to Trustees for authorizing use of income from the Walker Trust to fund the new dishwasher, hot water heater, spray unit, and garbage disposal; and to Kavanaugh Construction for doing the work!

Holy Week Enables True Easter Joy

Submitted by Pastor Linda Holbrook

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, the week immediately preceding Easter Sunday. It is observed in many Christian churches as a time to commemorate and enact the suffering (Passion) and death of Jesus through various observances and services of worship.

The United Methodist Church and other Protestant churches started recognizing Holy Week some 40 years ago. Increasingly, observances of Holy Week recognize the value of Holy Week services, especially on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. This has a solid theological basis both in Scripture and in the traditions of the Faith. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was executed by the Nazis, wrote of the Cost of Discipleship and warned of "cheap grace" that did not take seriously either the gravity of sin or the radical call to servanthood: "When Jesus bids a man come, he bids him come and die."



It is this dimension that is well served by Holy Week observances, as they call us to move behind the joyful celebrations of Palm Sunday and Easter, and focus on the suffering, humiliation, and death that is part of Holy Week. It is important to place the hope of the Resurrection, the promise of newness and life, against the background of death and endings. It is only in walking through the shadows and darkness of Holy Week and Good Friday, and its consequences in the world incarnated in the dying Jesus on the cross, only in contemplating the ending and despair that the disciples felt on Holy Saturday, that we can truly understand the light and hope of Sunday morning!

In observing this truth, that new beginnings come from endings, many people are able to draw a parable of their own lives and faith journey from the observances of Holy Week. In providing people with the opportunity to experience this truth in liturgy and symbol, the services become a powerful proclamation of the transformative power of the Gospel and God at work in the lives of people.

This year Holy Week begins on March 25 and ends with Easter on April 1.

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself. —John Ruskin

Great Decisions Continues Through March

Please join us for the continuation of this year's foreign policy discussion series. You need not be a foreign policy expert to attend. Just bring an open and eager mind; newcomers and guests are welcome! If you have general questions, please contact Tom Fingar. (tom@fingar.net)



The discussion is richer when attendees have read the background article in the Great Decisions book published by the Foreign Policy Association. You can get yours for \$25 on Sunday mornings after church or at any of the evening sessions.

The schedule for the remaining sessions is as follows:

- 3/4 **Turkey: A Partner in Crisis**—Scott Kilner (Former U.S. Consul General, Ankara, Turkey)
- 3/11 **U.S. Military Role at Home and Abroad** (note that this replaces the title on the article in the book)—Karl Eikenberry (Director of the U.S.-Asia Security Initiative at the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center)
- 3/18 **South Africa's Fragile Democracy**—Steve Stedman (Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies)
- 3/25 **Global Health: Progress and Challenges**—Karen Eggleston (Director of the Asia Health Policy Program, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center)

All sessions are in Kohlstedt Hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

High School Students Present Benefit Concert

A group of music students from Palo Alto High School, in coordination with our Mission and Service Committee, will present a benefit concert in Kohlstedt Hall on Sunday, March 25 at 2:30 p.m. The students have formed a partnership with East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy (grades 6–12) and are raising money to buy instruments for the school's music classes. Most, if not all of Phoenix Academy's students have no other means of musical training outside of school. There is a \$10 donation per person and the students have a goal of raising \$1,500.



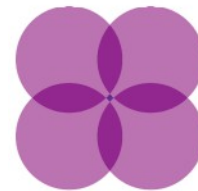
The concert program will feature performers on piano, violin, flute, cello, clarinet, voice, and the guzheng, a Chinese string instrument.

It is highly unusual for a group of high school students, especially those who spend hours each day practicing, to see a need and find a way to help.

Checks should be written to FUMC Palo Alto and cash donations are also possible. This is a very enjoyable way to be in mission to our neighbors in East Palo Alto.

Pastor Beth Will Speak at Koinonia in March

The Koinonia Fellowship Group will meet at 6 p.m. March 10 in Kohlstedt Hall for a potluck dinner and talk by Pastor Beth. Please bring an entrée OR dessert OR salad/vegetable for eight to share.



Pastor Beth's talk is entitled, "The history of the Church and Science:

Exploring conflict and intersection of the two."

Please RSVP to Patty or Lou Bellardo. 650-327-1428 or pbellardo@gmail.com or lou@bellardo.com

SMALL things you can do to make a BIG difference on Sunday mornings

Bring snacks for Snack and Chat fellowship after worship. Choose a date and sign up on the Snack and Chat board on Sundays.

Provide flowers for worship. Sign up in the Education Building (bulletin board) or online <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/FlowersforWorship2018> (It's not really a potluck, just a convenient way to sign up online.)



Greet someone you don't know. Just say, "Hi. I don't think we have met before. I am"

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how it is related to the #MeToo movement here in the U.S.

(<https://tinyurl.com/GEP-article>)

It is timely and relevant. I hope you will read it.

If you would like to know more, watch this two-minute video

(<https://tinyurl.com/GEP-video>)

about the campaign or look at this detailed document

(<https://tinyurl.com/GEP-document>) explaining the project. And if you were away

during the Joy of Giving campaign

you can still

donate by going to

the One Dollar For Life website

(www.odfl.org) and clicking on

the GEP banner.

Thank you to everyone who donated. You not only made the world a better place. You also made yourself a bigger person. 🐼

Students in Kenya with their kits.

At Gikumbo School (below). At

Sunrise Tetu School, page 1.



by Pastor Linda Holbrook

The congregational town hall meeting was held Feb. 11. Thank you for those who were able to attend. We discussed the need for a vision to help the church decide what activities to do

and what not to do, the decline in membership and the ages of the current members, the financial state of the church, and a request from our District Superintendent, Rev. Shinya Goto, to commit to having an associate pastor for the next five years.

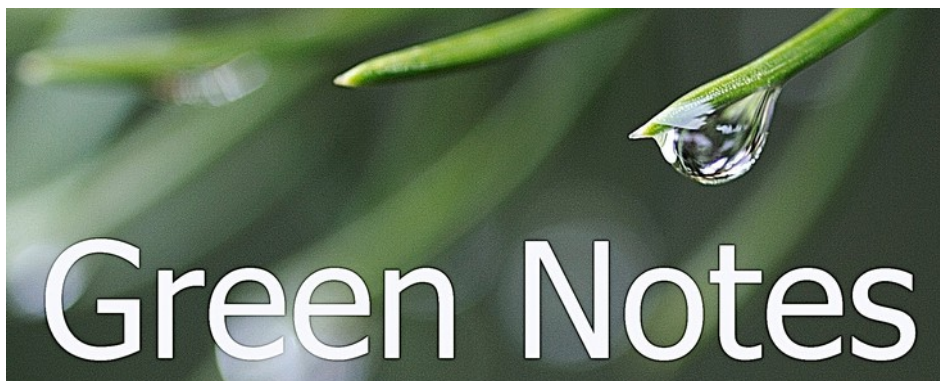
It is clear from the meeting that people love the church and are willing to support the church with time and resources to help the church continue to be an influence in the lives of individuals and the community. The tone of the meeting was serious and still hopeful. We have the people with spiritual gifts to solve the challenges we face and the willingness of people to commit to this church.

Some of the outcomes of the meeting include actions and ideas.

- The church needs everyone to grow the church. It is not the responsibility of the pastor or just a few people. It takes everyone.
- There will be a method set up for people to submit suggestions so that everyone can participate in leading the church.
- We need to make a decision on how many pastors the church will support in the next five years.
- We need to consider having fewer people on committees and inviting more people to be involved.

If you would like a copy of the slides presented at the meeting, please contact Angela in the church office and she will send you an electronic copy. (Angela@firstpaloalto.com)





by Nancy Olson

Let's think about what we use, how we use it, and where it goes when we're done. Actually this is a great rule to use when thinking about our environment.

The decaf mocha you or your parents like to take out from your favorite coffee place is probably served in a paper cup that used up a lot of energy to get from the tree into your hand. What about bringing in your own ceramic or travel mug with a lid? It would save the earth 77.42 pounds of CO₂ over the entire life of the mug.

Your toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels are more than likely made from pulp that came from old-growth forests. Last year one major paper products company used more than 2.7 million tons of virgin timber to make its tissues, toilet paper and paper towels, and destroyed hundreds of acres of Canada's ancient boreal forest in the process. There are companies that use recycled fiber in nearly all of

their pulp products. When you are at the store, check out the packages. You want to buy paper goods that say they are made from 30% or more post-consumer waste. Forty percent of the fiber in the world's toilet paper and tissues comes from trees never before touched by human hands. Should we be using ancient forests to wipe our ... noses?

Another commonly used item, wrapping paper, is almost never made from recycled material. Until there is recycled wrapping paper, you can use newspaper, discarded drawings and artwork, old magazines, even fabric remnants to wrap presents.

There are many ways to recycle paper; these are just a few. Can you come up with your own ideas and then pass them along to someone else? That's recycling. ♻️



Three New Books to Share

by Charlotte Cutkosky

Hello First Palo Alto readers! We hope you all enjoyed our Valentine's Day guessing contest—we had some eerily close guesses this year! Winners for each category were

determined and contacted in late February, and you can find out the final tallies in next month's Insights.

This month we have some new books to share with you.

For kids, *Dream Big Dreams* is a photography-driven biography of former president Barack Obama's time in office, featuring pictures and commentary by Pete Souza who served as the Chief Official White House Photographer during Obama's terms. Souza particularly focuses on Obama's engagement with the youth of the nation and how the former president sought to inspire young people to enact positive changes in their local and global communities.

For adults, Viet Thanh Nguyen's *The Sympathizer* was the winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize, combining the action of a fast-paced spy

thriller with beautifully crafted prose to tell the story of a half French, half Vietnamese double-agent who infiltrates a group of Vietnamese refugees in 1970's Los Angeles.



Last but not least, *The Portable Veblen* by Elizabeth McKenzie, winner of the 2016 National Book Award, offers many

familiar locations and situations set in more-or-less present day Palo Alto "amid the culture clash

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MARCH 11 UMCOR SUNDAY

(FORMERLY ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)

YOUR GIFTS TO THE UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING LAY THE
FOUNDATION FOR THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE
ON RELIEF (UMCOR) TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH
COMMUNITIES EVERYWHERE.



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Laurie Felder

Cyclone Dineo roared through Mozambique in early 2017
and left destruction in its wake.



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

Statement on U.S. Jerusalem Embassy Decision

The World Methodist Council expressed “dismay” at the unilateral action of the U.S. president. See the full statement at: <http://worldmethodistcouncil.org/statement-on-president-trumps-recognition-of-jerusalem-as-capital-of-israel>

The Council, Global Ministries and the Methodist Church of Britain jointly sponsor the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem.

“In this first week of Advent, as Christians around the world turn our hearts towards Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, we reject any notion that God is on one side. Rather we remember and celebrate the coming of Emmanuel, God with us—all of us—as we seek the things that make for just peace for all.”

—Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of Global Ministries.

—The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church

A Personal Reflection from Nancy Olson

I particularly liked Tara Barnes’s (editor) article in a recent *RESPONSE* magazine. She said one of her favorite words to become popular in recent years is “humblebrag.” The term describes a brag masked in humility, or boasting in a manner that seems self-deprecating. “I’m so bad at remembering to dust my Oscar,” would be an example. We’ve all been guilty of humble bragging at one time or another, and most of the time it is harmless, even if cringeworthy. A term she is less a fan of is “#blessed.” The use of “#” here is intentional; in the age of social media this symbol is called a hashtag, and putting a hashtag in front of a word or phrase indicates you are speaking on that topic. “#blessed” often gets used next to a photo of a new car, or vacation spot, or news of a promotion, or a great haircut. Better terms in these instances would be #grateful, #hardwork, #privileged, or #luck. We’ve come to call ourselves blessed when we’re really humblebragging.

But what does it mean to be blessed? Jesus had some thoughts: Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake. Blessed are the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers.

Take time to reflect on the times when you felt closest to God and so were blessed—it was likely in a time of need, not necessarily after a

Women’s Activity Calendar



13 LUNCH BUNCH

12 noon

What restaurant would YOU like to try for lunch?

Contact Nancy Olson,
nso2431@icloud.com

19 UMW READING GROUP

11:30 a.m.

Contact Bernice Smoll for
location and to RSVP,
smolla@svpal.org

20 NEEDLEWORKERS

9:30 a.m. at Channing House

Contact Mary Ann Michel,
mamichel@alumni.duke.edu

26 MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE

1:30 p.m. in Patio Room

Contact Nancy Olson,
nso2431@icloud.com

great vacation or haircut. And when we find ourselves counting our privilege and access as blessings, let us double our efforts to ensure our lives don't harm others.

Tara's article resonated with me as I go through the mourning process in my own life and have felt tremendously blessed by the comforting words and actions of the members of our church. I thank each of you and am sincerely grateful. 🌸

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of new money and old (anti-establishment) values.” The story follows Veblen and her neurologist fiancé Paul, now working for the Dept. of Defense, as they navigate the widening culture and income gap of Silicon Valley and attempt to salvage their struggling engagement, with unexpected twists and turns along the way. Check out the acknowledgements and you’ll find a thank-you to late FUMCPA member Bart Cox, who advised the author and helped bring much of the local flavor to life.

As always, happy reading,
FUMCPA! 🐼



March BIRTHDAYS

3/4	David Perry	3/18	Peni Savou
3/8	Wesley Rose	3/18	Siosifa Isamau
3/9	Steve Wood	3/19	Simone Bikai
3/9	Miles Keep	3/21	Kai Larson
3/9	Christina Fifita	3/21	Martha Branner
3/10	George Carpenter	3/22	Beth Bunnenberg
3/10	Julie Lopez	3/23	Joe Buxton
3/12	Diane Allen	3/24	Andrew Salsbury
3/13	Nelson Stafford	3/24	Amanda Fifita
3/13	John Fifita	3/25	Roxanne Reeves
3/13	Emily Allen	3/25	Tom Ovenshine
3/14	Stacy Paz	3/26	Chris Friesen
3/14	Katie Webb	3/27	Pam McKee
3/15	Nancy Olson	3/28	Pete Webb
		3/28	Ken Clifford
		3/29	Jean Cole
		3/29	Colleen Crangle
		3/30	Kathleen Branyon
		3/31	Shannon Perry



Finance Update

3/19/1954	Jim & Lynn Gibbons	
3/4/1985	Daniel & Asotolu Fifita	
3/28/1998	Vilitati & Mere Bikai	
3/22/1999	Emily & Ronnie Lee Wise	
3/31/2001	Jeff & Emily King	
3/11/2005	Richard Schramm & Linda Holbrook	

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

January 2018 DRAFT Income and Expense Summary	Jan 2018 Actual	Actual YTD 2018	Budget YTD 2018	Budget Annual 2018
Income				
Total Member Giving	67,111	67,111	62,773	453,707
Total Income All Other Sources	40,444	40,444	43,060	299,214
Total Income	107,555	107,555	105,833	752,921
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	7,899	7,899	5,559	66,712
Council on Ministries	532	532	2,442	35,300
Staff Parish Relations	45,142	45,142	44,007	457,959
Office and Finance	1,398	1,398	1,258	18,400
Board of Trustees	14,189	14,189	20,372	174,550
Total Expenses	69,160	69,160	73,638	752,921
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	38,395	38,395	32,195	0

MARCH

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
 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)

- Patio Waterproofing Project, until completed
 1 Investment Committee, 7:00 p.m.
 4 **3rd Sunday in Lent**
 Lenten Study with Pastor Beth, 9:45 a.m.
 Stephen Ministry Supervision, 12:15 p.m.
 Communications Committee, 12:30 p.m.
 Great Decisions, 7:00 p.m.
 6 Staff Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
 7 Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m. (Channing House)
 Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m.
 8 Community Band Practice, 8:00 p.m.
 10 **Insights deadline**
 Koinonia Fellowship Group, 6:00 p.m.
 11 **4th Sunday in Lent**
 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 UMCOR Special Offering
 Lenten Study with Pastor Beth, 9:45 a.m.
 Couples Fellowship Group, 12:15 p.m.
 Great Decisions, 7:00 p.m.
 13 Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
 14 Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m. (Channing House)
 Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m.
 Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
 16 **CEF Grant Applications due by 4:00 p.m.**
 18 **5th Sunday in Lent**
 Lenten Study with Pastor Beth, 9:45 a.m.
 Great Decisions, 7:00 p.m.
 20 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
 21 Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m. (Channing House)
 Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m.
 22 Community Band Practice, 8:00 p.m.
 25 **Palm Sunday**
 Lenten Study with Pastor Beth, 9:45 a.m.
 Couples Fellowship Group, 12:15 p.m.
 SEEDS Ministry meeting, 12:15 p.m.
 Benefit Concert for Phoenix Academy, 2:30 p.m.
 Great Decisions, 7:00 p.m.
 27 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.
 28 Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m. (Channing House)
 Lenten Study, 7:00 p.m.
 Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
 29 **Maundy Thursday** Worship, 7:00 p.m.
 30 **Good Friday** Worship, 7:00 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!

Information for the next edition of the Insights newsletter is due March 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!



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