



Advent & Christmas Special Services

December 2

Advent Service with Carols
6:00 p.m.

~ Reception following ~

December 16

Morning Worship
with Special Music:
Fiumé and Choirs
10:45 a.m.

December 23

Christmas Cantata
with Brass Quintet
10:45 a.m.

December 24

Christmas Eve
Family Worship Service
5:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols
Worship Service
8:00 p.m.

~ Cookies and Cocoa ~
following both services

December 25

Christmas Day
Worship Service
11:00 a.m.

What Are You Eating for Dinner Tonight?

by Colleen Crangle, Interim Chair of Mission and Service



It's approaching 6:00 p.m. on a weekday and you ask, What should we do for dinner? For many, the answer is simple: Let's eat out! Or, Let's order in—do you want Indian or Chinese? Or, I'm making vegetable lasagna and salad; it will be ready soon.

For many others, in fact for almost five million Californians, the answer is fraught with anxiety. One in eight Californians do not know where their next meal is coming from.* Known as "food insecurity," this lack of consistent access to the food one needs for a healthy active life hurts and harms people. In the summer, low-income students who receive federally-funded free or reduced-price lunches at school, including more than one million California children, go hungry without those meals.

Jesus said he came so that people could have life and have it abundantly. An abundant life excludes hunger and it excludes fear of hunger. But what can we do about it?

Every year at this time, our church conducts a Joy of Giving campaign. We present half a dozen local, regional and global opportunities, inviting you to donate in honor of someone important to you or on your Christmas gift list. This year we are including the Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP).

Located in East Palo Alto, EHP has long provided emergency food, clothing, household essentials, furniture, support programs and referral services to families in need. As affordable housing continues to disappear, the needs grows. And as the weather gets colder and Christmas nears, EHP is reaching out with specific requests. See the EHP holiday wishlists on page 8.

Your Joy of Giving donation to EHP will support its wide-ranging outreach efforts, including annual holiday food boxes, a special distribution of food items for the holidays. These boxes include everything that a family might need to make Christmas dinner with

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*<http://www.cafoodbanks.org/hunger-factsheet>

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The perfect gift

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry said, “Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction.” At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth to look outward with us in the same direction, from our perspective and experience.

Jesus was an ordinary person: He learned to talk and walk like any toddler, learned a trade from his father and acquired the habits of faith from his family. In adulthood, Jesus experienced life as we all do: the challenge of hard work, grief at a loved one’s death, heartache over oppression and the world’s great needs—but also joy in celebration, fellowship with neighbors and deep friendship.

God personally knows our every experience, emotion and need—because Jesus, while fully divine, lived as a full human being. He has gazed at the world, life and even death from our direction, giving us the perfect Christmas gift: love.

Source: The Newsletter Newsletter



by Nancy Olson

Joy to the World! The Lord has come! ’Tis the time of year when we think of gifts, keeping in mind the great gift God has given us—the gift of Jesus.

When thinking of the gifts we can give, let us remember those who have so much less than we do. Giving gifts through organizations such as Heifer International—gifts of chicks or ducklings or bunnies or goats or cows—provide life sustaining opportunities for families struggling to survive. Including your children and grandchildren in these choices gives them the fun of choosing and the knowledge that they have helped make a big difference in another child’s life. (www.heifer.org)

We have opportunities through the Joy of Giving at our church to give gifts in support of other international organizations, as well as some closer to home. Our individual gifts join those of others in our congregation to support groups reaching out into our communities, our region and our world.

We can give opportunities and experiences to those we love by giving tickets to events, membership in classes or organizations, or subscriptions. Or we can give the gift of time, for example: babysitting, running errands, caregiver respite, etc.

Whatever gifts we give, they should come from the heart and should respect our earth. We can avoid gifts that come over-packaged, or were made by underpaid and abused workers, or gifts that promote destruction of habitat or pollute our air and water. We have the gift of choice.

Wishing you a happy, thoughtful Christmas!

Editor’s Note: Find fair trade gifts, gifts made by local artisans, and gifts that support cultural and environmental concerns at pop-up shops, artist co-ops, community centers, churches, schools, visitor centers and local nonprofits around town.



Begin the Advent Season with Readings, Carols and Reception

Invite family and friends to join you at a special Advent church service Dec. 2 at 6:00 p.m. as we begin this season of waiting and anticipating the arrival of Jesus.

Listen to Bible readings and sing carols that foretell the coming of the Christ Child. Stay for the Reception afterwards. Enjoy treats by the fireplace on the Patio and in the Patio Room.

They Were Living in Paradise



First Palo Alto office manager Angela's mom and step-dad were living in Paradise and lost everything in the Camp Fire. All that is left of their home is a chimney. Tammy's car is an empty hull. Bob and Tammy went for an early morning dental appointment and were never allowed to go back home. All they have left are the clothes they were wearing and Bob's car.

United Methodist Women are reaching out to the First Palo Alto congregation asking for donations to help support Angela's parents through this devastating time in their lives. Please help as you are able. Checks should be made payable to: UMW (United Methodist Women) The memo line should read: Paradise Fire Recovery Checks can be brought or mailed to the church office at: Attention: UMW Fire Recovery, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301 They can be put in the collection plate on Sunday as well.



Annual Koinonia Event

at the Larson's home, 101 Alma Street, Palo Alto

6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 8

Potluck Supper and White Elephant Gift Exchange

RSVP to Nancy Larson 650-326-4856 by Friday, Dec. 7

Greeting Cards Sale



United Methodist Women (UMW) will sell handmade greeting cards Sunday Dec. 2 on the patio from about 9:45 a.m. until after noon. All proceeds support UMW missions.

Holiday Wreath Sale

Boy Scouts from Troop 50, sponsored by First Palo Alto UMC, will sell holiday wreaths on the patio from 11:45 a.m. on Dec. 2.



LifeMoves

The Opportunity Services Center is preparing a Holiday Shopping event for Drop In Center homeless clients. Help supply the Holiday Shop by donating new unwrapped gifts to the collection barrel in the Narthex.

/// 8 Most Wanted Items ///

- ✓ Sleeping Bag
 - ✓ Underwear and socks for men and women
 - ✓ Warm Coats/Heavy Hoodies (adult sizes)
 - ✓ Backpack
 - ✓ Self-inflating Mattress or Mat (for sleeping)
 - ✓ Bus Passes (day tokens for VTA are requested most)
 - ✓ Gift cards for Gas (for a car), Wal-Mart or Meals
 - ✓ Shoes for men and women
- Questions? Alex Mazariegos
amazariegos@lifemoves.org
650-853-8672 x437

Gift Received from Allen E. Smoll Trust

Centennial Endowment Funds (CEF) of FUMCPA received gifts totaling \$149,350 during 2018 from the Smoll Family Trust. Following CEF guidelines, Centennial Endowment Funds has invested \$149,350 in the Unrestricted Account at the United Methodist Foundation bringing the unrestricted total to over \$1.8M.

The total for all eight endowment accounts under management by CEF is now just over \$3.6M. Since 1988, all endowment funds are invested and maintained to provide fund growth and payout in perpetuity.

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plenty of leftovers for the following week.

It is difficult to acknowledge that we have food insecurity here in the United States and even in nearby communities, that it is not only in far away places or in other countries where people go hungry. But so it is.

In December you will see Joy of Giving inserts in your weekly bulletin and you will find the campaign on the church website (<http://firstpaloalto.com/>). In addition to the Ecumenical Hunger Program, there are five additional local, regional and global options available. Note that all donations are tax deductible. We hope you will give as your heart tells you to.

Greetings from Sydney, Australia!

We are about to enter summer here in Australia. We look forward to some visitors in the next few months. A good childhood friend is visiting us in November and our family will be here for Christmas and New Year's. The Sydney harbor fireworks are supposed to be spectacular and we have a good view from the apartment we have leased for 6 months! It will be different to have it blazing hot during Christmas time. But you still see Santa Claus with his red cap and snowflakes and cozy fireplaces in the ads at the malls!

I am keeping busy with some women's social activities through the Sydney Women's International Club. Even playing some golf which I am enjoying. Also exploring the coastlines and bush walks of which there are many in the area. We plan to visit the Northern Territory, Great Barrier Reef and New Zealand before we finally return home.

Rick's company's clinical trials are going slowly but with some success. He is working with the new Australian clinical team of 3 here. He travels quite a bit to Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth.

I have visited a couple of churches here in Sydney. When you google Methodist Church you get the Uniting Church of Australia. This denomination has been active here since the 1970's when Methodist and Presbyterian churches combined to form a new denomination.

In the neighborhood where we lived for 4 months there was a community service center called Wayside Chapel. It is connected with the Uniting Church and has been run there since the 1960's when the area was really a hub within the drug culture. It offers housing referrals, health referrals, safe space and amenities to those living on the streets within the inner city. Also it offers programs for self-help and recovery for those with addictions. I walked by Wayside Chapel quite often and found it a well-used spot for the people who need it.

Sending all good wishes for the Advent and Christmas seasons,
Trish Riley



Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

Why is it summer in Australia in December and winter in the United States?

Answer on page 8.

Cookies Bring Christmas Cheer

Each year the United Methodist Women (UMW) has prepared plates of cookies for those in our church family that are shut-in due to illness, disability or grief. Plates are assembled with a variety of cookies and then delivered within the week.

Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Patio Room. We will be finished by noon. Please bring 2 to 3 dozen cookies to share. We will have coffee and tea available as we fill the plates—and it is okay to munch on a cookie or 2 or 3. This is a fun activity in the spirit of giving for those participating, and the recipients have been greatly appreciative.



The United Methodist Women (UMW) is open to all women of the church. To learn more, contact Nancy Olson: nso2431@icloud.com
If there is an Interest Group that would interest YOU, please share your idea. We welcome fresh ideas for the New Year!

Women's Activities *DECEMBER*

- 2 UMW CHRISTMAS CARD SALE
Before and after church
All monies support missions
- 8 CHRISTMAS COOKIE PLATES
9:30 a.m. to noon, Patio Room
- 11 LUNCH BUNCH
11:30 a.m. at Dinah's Poolside
RSVP to Nancy Olson,
nso2431@icloud.com
- 18 NEEDLEWORKERS
9:30 a.m. at Channing House
Contact Mary Ann Michel,
mamichel@alumni.duke.edu
- 25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

This Holiday Season:

Please join us to experience how Muslims celebrate their holidays.

Annual EID FESTIVAL

A Holiday to build a "Beloved Community."
All faiths encourage their followers to love their neighbors.

To love our neighbors,

"WE MUST KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS"



Sunday Dec 9th, 2018
Time: 3:30 pm – 7:00pm
Location: 625 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301
United Methodist Church
Details: amuslimvoice.org



Complimentary Gourmet Pakistani dinner
Desserts from around the world
Cultural Experience
Mehndi, (Henna) Bangles for girls
Ethnic clothes for dress up
and Children's performances

Sponsor: American Muslim Voice Foundation

Co-Sponsor: City of Palo Alto "Know your neighbors grant" and many more

Host: Samina Sundas, and First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto

"National Know your neighbors" is AMV Foundation's campaign to build a culture of hope, inclusion and peace.

We are encouraging all Americans to move **"From Fear to Friendship."**

Free Event: register: <https://TinyURL.com/EidPA2018>

Donations to AMV Foundation will be greatly appreciated (PayPal on website. www.amuslimvoice.org)

Walkers Raise Nearly \$2500 for Alzheimer's

by Linda Grossman and Robert Lasater

We would like to thank everyone in the FUMCPA community who contributed to the recent Walk to End Alzheimer's. Special thanks to the six members of the team: Colleen Crangle, Art and Lois Hammar, Patty Bellardo, Kathy Rose and Robert Lasater. Together they raised nearly \$2,500.

You may think the money you donated just goes towards research, developing better treatments, reversing its devastating course, finding a cure. But the Alzheimer's Association does a lot more. They hold workshops and education events for caregivers and professionals, facilitate support groups for caregivers and those with memory loss, and staff a 24/7 hotline with professional counselors skilled in problem solving.

We were able to personally thank 26 of the people who made contributions: Alice Loughry, Alicia and Tim Breen, Art and Lois Hammar, Brenda Birrell, Colleen Crangle, Dick Tingey, Emily and Jeff King, Janet and Bill Nicholls, Jerry Johnson, Jill Kispert, Kathy Rose, Linda Grossman, Lou and Patty Bellardo, Mary Beth Train, Mira Dabrowski, Nancy and John

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First Church Packaged 20,000+ Meals in October for Rise Against Hunger

On Oct. 21, about 80 people assembled in Fellowship Hall to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger.

In assembly line fashion, we filled, weighed, and sealed 3,334 meal packets and packed them tightly into 93 boxes for shipment. Each packet contains six meals. Cheers arose from the team as our team leader from Rise Against Hunger announced we had packed 1,000 ... then 5,000 ... 9,000 ... 15,000 ... 20,000+ meals!

Meal packets are made up of rice, soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, and a vitamin and mineral supplement. Recipients of the meals need only add water, but may also add spices or other ingredients for local flavor.

We'll find out after the first of the year where our meals were sent.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this rewarding team effort and important mission to end hunger. Special thanks to Emily King for organizing the event.

A grant from the Centennial Endowment Funds covered the cost of the meals and lunch for the volunteers.



Photos by Ben Conway



Update on the Kibera Slum in Kenya

by Nancy Glaser

This photo was taken at my last visit to the Kibera Slum in early November. Every time I make a visit to this approximately one million population urban slum, I learn/see something new. I am happy to say that all my visitors want to take a personal tour with Abdul Hussein, the “chief” do-gooder I know here. So, happily I organize the day for all and off we go.

This last time, we met a group of 20-something young men who have created their community here and are cleaning, fixing, and volunteering to make the community a bit more livable. They do not know how to access jobs outside the slum. They are uneducated, untrained and just live day to day to support themselves and their young families.

We were impressed with these men, because most AID agencies miss them at every turn. They took it upon themselves to self-organize and support the group effort with hosting hip-hop events, filming life in the slum for grant givers, cleaning up the filthy stream that flows through the area. We asked what they would need to make their work go better and they are now creating a list (rakes, pails, shovels). Abdul will work with them to create a proposal for visitors to the Slum.

The Kenyan government does not offer any support in the slum. No water, electricity,

sanitation, police, buildings. Therefore, NGO’s (mostly international) bring in these essentials, although not always reliably.

How children manage to escape this nightmare of a place to live a more productive life is amazing to us outsiders. However, it is *their* community and *their* families. People like Abdul deserve a huge medal for all he does working with the community leaders to improve it. I have been making donations for Abdul’s soccer teams for the children and teens, both boys and girls. One day on a visit we watched them practice, the girls in dresses, not soccer clothes. At least that day we brought soccer shoes and a group from Sweden brought soccer shirts and shorts for the girls.

Nancy Glaser is a member of First UMC Palo Alto who has recently returned from work as a business coach with Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies (SEED) in Africa.



Families struggle to secure everyday essentials. Personal hygiene is the first step to good health! EHP has a Personal Care Closet used to offer hygiene items to our families.

EHP Food, Clothing, Furniture & So much more

650.323.7781

Donate Today!
www.ehpcares.org

Every holiday season EHP encounters the same problem – our teens are overstressed, overworked and often overlooked by giving programs. The majority of these youth are at home in a caretaker role, looking after younger siblings, filling in for working parents who cannot afford childcare. They are children given adult responsibilities. Help make their holidays happier by donating gifts or gift cards.

NonFood Wishlist

- Baby Wipes
- Bar soap
- Deodorants for men & women
- Dish Soap
- Disposable diapers (sizes 3,4,5)
- Face Wash Cloths and Face Towels
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Gas Cards
- Laundry Detergent
- Lotion
- Nail Clippers
- Powder
- Cotton Swabs (Q-tips)
- Razors (disposable) and Shaving Cream for men & women
- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper
- Dental Hygiene (toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash for children & adults)

Food Wishlist

- Turkey/Ham
- Canned Milk (evaporated, condensed)
- Nuts (cashews, peanuts, almonds, etc.)
- Canned soups
- Cooking Oil
- Cup-a-Noodles/Top Ramen
- Low Sodium Foods
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Mayonnaise/Miracle Whip
- Seasonings/Spices (garlic, onion, pepper, seasoned salt)
- Flour and Sugar
- Hearty Foods
- Jelly, Jam
- Juice
- Tea



Teen Wishlist

- Digital Cameras
- Amazon Dot/Echo Bluetooth Speakers
- Jewelry
- Movie Passes
- MP3 Players
- New Shoes
- Purses/Wallets
- Sports Apparel

Suggested stores for gift cards:
Amazon, Wal-Mart, Costco
Target, Ross, K-Mart

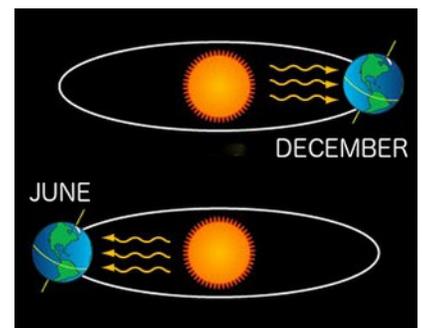
Please donate Wishlist items directly to EHP

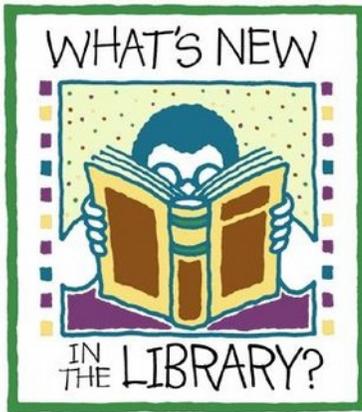
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Many people believe that Earth is closer to the sun in the summer and that is why it is hotter. And, likewise, they think Earth is farthest from the sun in the winter. It is true that sometimes Earth is closer to the sun than at other times. However, in the Northern Hemisphere we are having winter when Earth is closest to the sun and summer when it is farthest away! Compared with how far away the sun is, this change in Earth's distance from the sun does not make much difference to our weather.

There is a different reason for Earth's seasons. Earth has seasons because its axis is tilted. As Earth orbits the sun, its tilted axis always points in the same direction. So, throughout the year different parts of Earth get the sun's direct rays.

In December it's Summer south of the equator, winter north of the equator. The sun shines directly on the Southern Hemisphere and indirectly on the Northern Hemisphere. In June it's Winter south of the equator, summer north of the equator. The shines directly on the Northern Hemisphere and indirectly on the Southern Hemisphere. Excerpt from NASA SpacePlace: <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/seasons/en/>



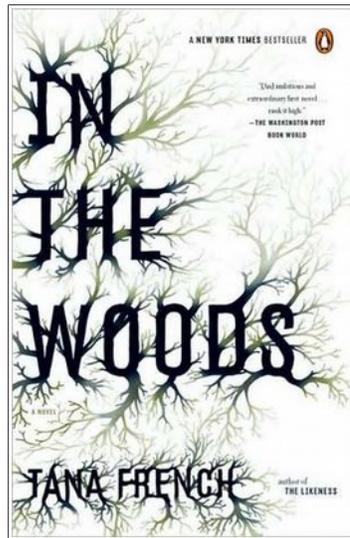


by Charlotte Cutkosky

Hello First Palo Alto Readers! Happy Christmas season to you and yours. We hope you are experiencing the wonder and joy of Advent and looking forward to the coming of our Savior's birth. Be sure to drop by the library this month, as we have many Christmas and Advent books for children, teens and adults that we love to display!

We also have new fiction and nonfiction acquisitions for older readers to curl up with on a gloomy day, so be sure to grab your hot chocolate or wassail.

We have the first two books in Irish author Tana French's series of mysteries set in and around present-day Dublin: *In the Woods* (Book 1) and *The Likeness* (Book 2). The series follows a homicide squadron in the Dublin Police Department, with each book focusing on a different member. *In the Woods* sees Detective Rob Ryan confronting a disappearance from his childhood when another child disappears in the same woods and *The Likeness* follows his partner and best friend Cassie Maddox as she untangles a mystery



surrounding a woman who assumed her undercover identity. Both books feature a recurring cast of characters in each. If you like French's books or any other series on our shelves, let us know and we'll be sure to get more of the books for you!

The Library Book (we love the title) by Susan Orlean, a nonfiction, true crime book, examines the case of a 1986 fire that raged through the Los Angeles Public Library and the ongoing questions of whether the fire was an accident or arson. Orlean looks at not only the events leading up to the fire, the aftermath, and the key players in the investigation, but uses the topic as a means to examine the history of libraries and the place of libraries in modern society. As always, happy reading, First UMC Palo Alto and happy holidays!

John Wesley Never Published a Christmas Sermon

by Joe Iovino, United Methodist Communications

If you search for Christmas sermons by John Wesley, [the founder of Methodism], you won't find any. He never published one.

One reason may be that when the Puritans rose to power in mid-1600's England, Christmas fell out of favor. Authorities passed laws attempting to prohibit the celebration of Christmas. On Christmas Eve, some towns even sent criers to call out, "No Christmas! No Christmas!"

It wasn't until the mid-1800's that Christmas had a resurgence in England. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were of German background and popularized the Christmas tree tradition in England. The popularity of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" published in 1843 may also account for the holiday's resurgence.

John Wesley's Methodist movement began in England during those 200 years of Christmas suppression. As a result, there is no evidence they celebrated Christmas other than with a special worship service.

Many of the English emigrants to America at this time were also Puritans who were suspicious of Christmas celebrations. In 1600's Boston they passed a law under which people were to be fined 5 shillings for not working on Christmas. It was not until 1870 that Christmas became a national holiday in the U.S.



excerpt from
<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/five-things-you-may-not-know-about-christmas>

Plan to Attend Church Conference Dec. 2

A Church Conference will be held Dec. 2 at 3:15 p.m. (note time change) in Kohlstedt Hall. Several business matters are on the agenda. All members have a vote.

Alzheimer's from page 6

Larson, Pam Cutkosky, Robert Lasater, and Tom and Orlene Fingar. However, to the 10 kind-hearted anonymous folks who made gifts on the website, we want to send a special thank you.

The walk itself, this year on Oct. 14, is a wonderful event. One of our team said afterwards, "I had a barrel of fun!"



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

Oct 2018 Income and Expense Summary-- DRAFT	Oct 2018 Actual	Actual YTD 2018	Budget YTD 2018	Budget Annual 2018
Income				
Total Member Giving	35,654	405,400	355,154	453,707
Total Income All Other Sources	19,271	223,185	252,470	299,214
Total Income	54,925	628,585	607,624	752,921
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	4,815	53,173	55,593	66,712
Council on Ministries	1,907	18,070	30,417	35,300
Staff Parish Relations	24,962	345,940	387,476	457,959
Office and Finance	2,645	13,388	15,733	18,400
Board of Trustees	25,551	153,906	143,171	174,550
Total Expenses	59,880	584,477	632,390	752,921
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	-4,955	44,108	-24,766	0



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 12/23 Emily King
 12/23 Susy Carman
 12/25 Carol Kumer
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 12/29 Maeva Herbert-Paz
 12/31 Jo Zimmerman
 12/31 Catherine Boyle



12/31/1943 Orin & Jo Zimmerman
 12/28/1968 Tom & Orlene Fingar
 12/9/1981 Ruthie Waters & Craig Laughton
 12/26/1987 Linéa Stewart & Gary Ahlberg
 12/4/2010 Jose & Sally Irizarry



~ DECEMBER ~

- 2 First Sunday of Advent
UMW Greeting Card Sale, 9:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Boy Scout Wreath Sale, 11:45 a.m.
Couples Group, 12:15 p.m.
Church Conference, 3:15 p.m.
Advent Service with Carols, 6:00 p.m.
Reception, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Staff Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Koinonia Annual Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m.,
off-site
- 9 Second Sunday of Advent
EID Festival, 3:30 p.m. Reception following
- 10 **Insights deadline** for January issue
- 11 Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Third Sunday of Advent
Couples Group, 12:15 p.m.
- 18 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Cantata, 10:45 a.m.
- 24 **Christmas Eve**
Family Service, 5:00 p.m.
Lessons and Carols Service, 8:00 p.m.
Cookies and cocoa after both services
- 25 **Christmas**
Christmas Day Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Church office closed
- 26 Church office closed

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!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

- 8:45 a.m. Upstream Worship, Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Book Study, Wesley room
Children's Sunday School:
Preschool–K, Butterfly room
1st–5th Grade, Rainbow room
- 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Broadcast live online at
firstpaloalto.com/live-webcast/
- 11:45 p.m. Snack and Chat

Childcare is available during worship
and Sunday School (8:00 a.m.–12:00
p.m.) in Noah's Ark room

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- 10:00 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

- 6:30 p.m. Handbell rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Upstream Community Band
practice

Information for the next edition of the Insights newsletter is due December 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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