



125th Anniversary Fun-Raisers Are Off and Running

First One! We've had our first "fun-raiser" to support the events planned for our 125th anniversary year this year—delicious curry and rice provided by Salome Bikai of our Fijian Fellowship after worship on Feb. 3. She plans to do it again on future first Sundays, so be sure to bring your \$5 donation.

Auction Idea: Do you have something special that might make a good auction item to raise funds for the 125th anniversary activities? One member of our congregation does and wonders if others might want to join him in an auction fun-raiser.

What's your idea for a "fun-raiser"? If you have your own idea or are interested in the auction idea, please send an email to:

125anniversary
@firstpaloalto.com



2019 Lenten Theme

"With All My Heart"

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Ash Wednesday Service March 6, 7:00 p.m.

A brief service of reflection and imposition of ashes will be held Mar. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we enter Lent and the holiest period of the Christian calendar.

Wednesday Nights During Lent

Join us for one hour on Wednesday nights during Lent. Soup will be served from 6:00–6:30 p.m. in the Patio Room. Following the meal, we will have a community time with Bible study, prayer and singing. Rev. Dr. Debra Murray will lead a Bible study based on the Sunday sermon scriptures. An alternative Bible activity will be offered for children who attend. See on page 3 the list of weekly sermon texts and scriptural references.



Holy Week Services

From the triumph of Palm Sunday to an intimate meal with disciples, to betrayal, trial, crucifixion, death and then to the victory of resurrection, Holy Week inspires and challenges us to share the Good News of Jesus! Invite someone to worship with you at any or all of our Holy Week services.

Palm Sunday: April 14 Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 18 Worship with Communion at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday: April 19 Worship and Reflection at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Breakfast, Morning Worship, Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party



Received Jan. 29 in the aftermath of the Camp Fire, which destroyed the home of Angela Mosqueda's mom and step-dad

To all the generous loving hearts . . .

that selflessly gave during such a trying time, I can't express in words how thankful I am. Words actually fail me.

My three wonderful daughters, Allana, Amy, and Angela stepped in and stepped up to help us out immediately. They started collecting clothing, toiletries and household items for us from their churches, friends and our family, who immediately gave generously.

My daughters also requested financial help for me. I am overwhelmed at the outpouring of kindness and generosity so lovingly extended to me that was so desperately needed. Everyone that extended a loving hand has definitely stored up their treasures in Heaven.

I am a firm believer in giving when and where you can financially. This is the only test that God has allowed us to apply to Him. When God says He will give back to us many times over what we donate and tithe to help others, it's true. I am a walking testament to His Word.

When the Camp Fire in Paradise took everything we owned except one vehicle that we just happened to be in, including my regular job, I was literally paralyzed with fear wondering how I was going to take care of my financial obligations. My husband is a wonderful man and takes care of ALL our financial needs. I had my own financial obligations prior to getting married and I totally refuse to burden my husband with my debts. Although I know he would step in if I asked him, it is my responsibility and I am proud to be able to take care of these personal obligations on my own. Again, those of you that stepped in and helped in any way you could, I will never be able to thank you enough. If it wasn't for all of you, I wouldn't have been able to make it these last few months.

Here is information about the fire for those that would like to know what happened to us on Nov. 8, 2018.

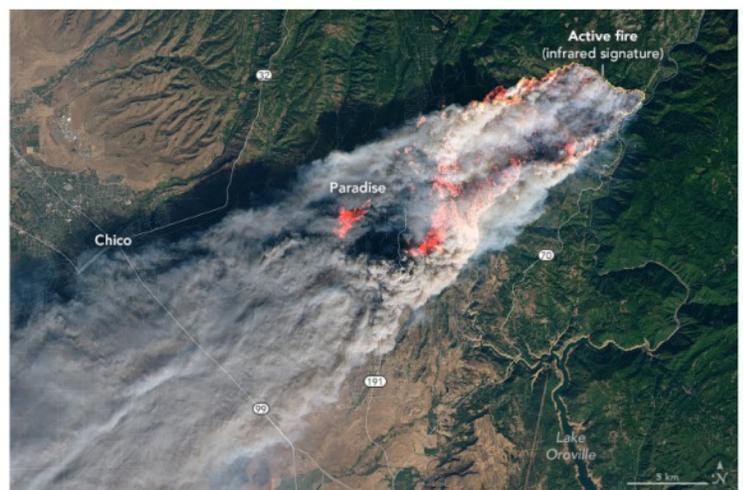
The morning of the Camp Fire, my husband had a dental procedure down in Chico, so we had left our home at 7:15 in the morning. I crated my puppy, Bodie in our master bedroom until we were to return a few hours later. We had the car we were driving, the clothes on our backs, my cell phone and nothing else. My husband left his cell at home because he was going to be put under anesthesia during his dental procedure. He was only wearing sweat pants instead of jeans, and slippers instead of shoes because he wanted to be comfortable.

As we were heading down Skyway towards Chico, we noticed the smoke billowing in the sky behind us. My husband said, "That doesn't look good." We had no idea what was coming. We survived the fire in 2008 so assumed this would be the same. We thought for sure it would be put out quickly, but the winds were way too strong that day.

In the dentist's waiting room was a lady on her cell telling her kids to get out of their home immediately. She was from Pulga where the fire originated. I asked her what was going on and she said they're evacuating Paradise and all surrounding areas. This was only about 30 minutes

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The Camp Fire, named for Camp Creek Road, its place of origin, was the world's costliest natural disaster in 2018 and the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. LANDSAT image



Sermon Texts and Topics for Lent

Week 1.1: Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	March 6	Return to Me
Week 1.2: First Sunday in Lent Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13	March 10	God's Generous Heart
Week 2: Second Sunday in Lent Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1	March 17	Imitating
Week 3: Third Sunday in Lent Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	March 24	Repenting
Week 4: Fourth Sunday in Lent Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	March 31	Coming Together
Week 5: Fifth Sunday in Lent Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14	April 7	Making a New Thing
Week 6: Palm/Passion Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 19:28-40	April 14	Preparing



2018 Joy of Giving Campaign

Where Your Contributions Went

by Colleen Crangle

The people of First Palo Alto UMC responded to the heartbreak and loss of the Camp Fire by giving generously in the year-end Joy of Giving Campaign. A Christmas tradition at First Palo Alto, the campaign offers six local, regional and global organizations to which contributions can be allocated.

This year the campaign raised \$14,875: \$3,660 for UMCOR disaster relief in California-Nevada, \$2,975 for the SEEDS project to support kids living on the streets in our local areas (myseeds.org), \$2,650 for the Ecumenical Hunger Program, an East Palo Alto organization that has for more than 40 years given aid to local people experiencing economic and personal hardship (ehpcare.org); and \$2,555 for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which allows our pastors to confidentially provide small gifts of money to people in crisis who come to our church doors. A further \$2,105 was allocated to the Girls' Equity Program, which provides washable sanitary supplies to girls in some of the poorest countries in the world to keep them in school (odfl.org), and \$930 to United Methodist Church Abundant Health Initiative, a global ministry to improve health (umcabundanthealth.org).

Thank you to everyone who donated!

[See related stories on pages 2, 4].



Emily Allen, a delegate to the United Methodist Church Special Session of the General Conference held in St. Louis Feb. 23-26, spoke to the congregation on Feb. 10 discussing the purpose of the Session and providing perspectives on possible outcomes. Photo by Ben Conway

Camp Fire *from page 2*

after arriving at our appointment. The fire had started around 6:30 that morning.

My husband's procedure was finished quickly and I told him what was happening. I was thankfully able to finally get ahold of our neighbors and they went in through our garage to rescue Bodie, my puppy, that was crated in the bedroom. He would have perished had we not been able to contact them.

My neighbors took their cats and Bodie to Bille Park about ¼ mile from our homes because as they tried to leave, they were already surrounded by flames and couldn't get out. They were trapped at the park for about 3 hours, constantly in contact with 911, until Cal-Fire was able to rescue them by clearing a path for them and a bunch of other residents to drive out. The only thing next to the park is a cliff that goes into the canyon. They literally had no other way out. Thank God they were all saved.

A lady that works at the dental office texted me and told us her husband was a police officer. She asked him that same evening to drive by our property to check on it for us. He was able to take pictures of the property, which was all ashes along with our burned vehicles. It was devastating to see what was left, but on the other hand a relief because we didn't have to wait as long as most residents to find out the fate of the property.



Beth Bunnenberg and Pam Cutkosky at the conclusion of the Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Walk community event on Jan. 21. They began with prayer at Crossroads Community Church, then walked to the Baylands athletic center, stopping to read prayers by Dr. King along the way.

The fire was so hot, the metal from the cars literally formed a river running down the driveway. We have holes several feet deep on our property where some of our 100 foot or taller pine trees burned all the way down to the tip of the roots

We spent the first month moving from hotel to hotel. Although the first week we were graciously gifted a full week at a timeshare in Clear Lake by someone we didn't even know. That was amazing.

We have settled for the next year or so in Canyon Dam, which is the Lake Almanor area in NE California. We will be staying here until we decide what we're going to do next. We aren't sure if we're going to rebuild on our property or possibly move out of state. Last week was the first time I went to our property when I didn't cry.

This has been one of the most stressful times in my life I have ever experienced. It has tested our marriage also, but we are stronger than ever. It's amazing when the tables are turned and your children step in to help take care of you. I am so blessed to have amazing daughters and son-in-laws. I love them so much.

We still have a long road ahead of us but there is light there. Again, thank you so much to everyone and may God Bless you all the rest of your lives.

*Tammy Dibble
(Angela Mosqueda's mom)*

Farewell and Godspeed, Angela

by Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Photo by Lou Bellardo

Like LeBron (James) and Condi (Rice), Angela Mosqueda is so well known to members and friends of First Church that no one asks “Angela who” when talking about the Church office. For 16 years, “Angela” has been a synonym for “the Church office,” and the indispensable source of support to pastors and information about anything and everything connected to our church community. Her commitment and competence have enabled us to do more than would otherwise have been possible, and her friendly demeanor has made every member and visitor feel welcomed. We all hoped that she would be with us forever, but all things have their season and the time has come for Angela to pursue new opportunities made possible by the imminent completion of her Associate of Arts degree. We celebrate her achievement of this milestone accomplishment and wish her success and joy in her new position with the Palo Alto school system. We will miss Angela but are deeply and forever thankful for all that she has done for our Church and community.

We will honor Angela at our 10:45 a.m. worship service on March 3 with specially selected music and a reception after the service. You are invited to contribute to a “love offering” for



Angela to help her on her way. If you choose to do so, please make a check payable to Angela Mosqueda with “love offering” in the memo line and deposit in the offering or send it to the church office. The gifts are not tax deductible. Checks will be deposited as a group; individual names and amounts will not be listed.



Great Decisions 2019 Discussion Schedule for 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.

All sessions are on Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Kohlstedt Hall (on the lower level). The schedule for March is:

March 3: Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?

Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and the Trump administration has brought a new urgency, if not a new approach, to dealing with them. The President has met with Vladimir Putin as the New Start Treaty with Russia comes up for renewal in 2021, the first presidential summit ever with Kim Jong-un occurred to discuss denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, and President Trump has decertified the Obama nuclear deal with Iran. To what degree should past nuclear talks guide future U.S. nuclear arms control negotiations? Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future?

Speaker: Scott Sagan, Caroline S.G. Munro Professor of Political Science and Senior Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford.

March 10: Decoding U.S.-China Trade

Though arguably the most advanced economy in the world, the United States still uses centuries-old numbers to measure trade. These antique numbers mangle understanding of the U.S.-China trade relationship, shrinking America’s true economic size and competitiveness, while swelling China’s. Bad numbers give rise to bad policies that ultimately kill U.S. jobs and cede market share

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CEF Grant Funds New Sewing Center in Nepal

by Brenda Birrell, Program Director, One Dollar For Life

In October *Insights* you heard about the micro-enterprise that One Dollar For Life (ODFL) had set up in Kenya through a generous Centennial Endowment Funds (CEF) grant. The micro-enterprise is making washable sanitary supplies so that girls can manage their period and stay in school. We have already distributed 700 of the kits to local girls. The girls also received feminine hygiene education from trained matrons, part of the kit distribution process. But the CEF grant was to establish two sewing centers. I am happy to report that the Nepal center has opened and is in production! As in Kenya, the local seamstresses have meaningful, well-paying jobs producing the kits, and ODFL is already distributing the kits throughout Nepal.

At only \$5 per kit (because we're making them ourselves), it is a tremendous boon to the girls/ young women of Nepal. They can stay in school three more years (the life of the kit), better able to realize their potential. Also, while in school they avoid the sexual predation they would otherwise encounter.

Thank you to our Missions and Service Committee and the Centennial Endowment Funds for their compassion and support of these girls at a critical stage in their lives. Because of this program, we can transform thousands of lives.



Sewing Center in Nepal started with CEF Funds

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to China. What other tools can the United States employ to counter China's unfair trade practices? There are several available, yet they remain mostly unused.

Speaker: David M. Lampton, Oksenberg-Rohlen Senior Fellow at Stanford's Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center and former professor of Chinese politics at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

March 17: Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics

Cyber conflict is a new and continually developing threat, which can include foreign interference in elections, industrial sabotage and attacks on infrastructure. Russia has been accused of interfering in the 2016 presidential elections in the United States and China is highly committed to using cyberspace as a tool of national policy. Dealing with cyber conflict will require new ways of looking at 21st century warfare. Is the United States prepared to respond to such threats?

Speaker: Herbert Lin, senior research scholar for cyber policy and security at the Center for International Security and Cooperation and Hank J. Holland Fellow in Cyber Policy and Security at the Hoover Institution.

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by Nancy Olson

The new year has brought many changes, one that directly impacts us here at First Palo Alto UMC. We are no longer able to dispose of our unneeded or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs here at the church. More community drop-off locations are available. Some locations that might be convenient for you are listed below. Phone locations prior to visiting to confirm hours available.

East Palo Alto:

Drew Pharmacy 650-321-1449

Mountain View:

CVS Pharmacy California St. 650-691-4004

CVS Pharmacy El Monte Ave. 650-961-5560

CVS Pharmacy Miramonte Ave. 650-969-6297

Walgreens E. El Camino Real 650-961-7555

Palo Alto:

CVS Pharmacy Middlefield Rd. 650-330-0132

CVS Pharmacy University Ave. 650-324-3248

Maximart Pharmacy Cambridge Ave. 650-327-3922

Stanford Healthcare Pharmacy Wilbur Dr. 650-736-3800

Walgreens University Ave. 650-326-3404

Please remember that tossing unwanted medicine in the trash poses an accidental poisoning threat to children and pets. Disposal down sinks or toilets can cause pharmaceutical pollution in San Francisco Bay because wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove these chemicals.

There are also some changes—actually refinements—in our recycling procedures. Please keep alert to notices that we must remove foods and liquids from all containers before they are put into recycling bins. Brokers who purchase our recycled materials will no longer accept containers containing food stuff. These items will end up in the landfill, defeating all our efforts. It comes down to us!

Do remember that we can still **recycle printer ink cartridges** and **household batteries** in our church office. We also **recycle eye glasses, hearing aids** and **cell phones**.

INSIGHTS March 2019

Hello First Palo Alto Readers!



by Charlotte Cutkosky

Thank you to all who joined in our Valentine's Day Guessing Game!

Now spring is coming, and it's natural to think about the natural world. *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker is a fantastic book for middle grade readers branching out into novels, as Pennypacker's prose is punctuated with Jon Klassen's (best known as the author and illustrator behind *I Want My Hat Back*) atmospheric ink illustrations that capture the textures and contrasts of the natural world. The story follows young Peter and Pax, a fox he has hand-reared. After enlisting as a soldier, Peter's father forces Peter to release Pax and go to live with his grandfather, but both boy and fox set out on their own journeys to be reunited.

The Little Rabbit, written and illustrated by Nicola Killen, is a picture book for 4–8 year olds that follows a little girl Ollie and her own animal companion—a beloved stuffed bunny. Ollie cares for the rabbit as if it were alive, wrapping it in a scarf to ensure it stays warm when they go out to play in the spring rain. A magical breeze and a bit of imagination bring Ollie's favorite playmate to life so the two can enjoy the outdoors together.

Lastly, a gentle reminder: overdue notices will be going out this spring. Remember to check which church library books you have out. There are no overdue fees, but we like to know where all our books are. :)

As always, happy reading, First Palo Alto UMC!

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March 24: The U.S. and Mexico: Partnership Tested

The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other's politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership?

Speaker: Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Senior Fellow at Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and director of the Center for US-Mexico studies at UC San Diego.

March 31: Refugees and Global Migration

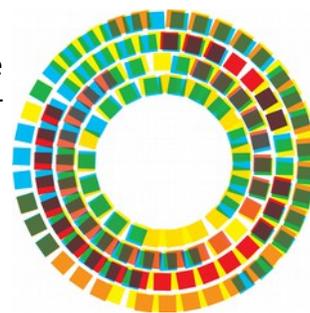
Today, no countries have open borders. Every state in today's global system has its own laws and policies about who is permitted to cross its borders, and how they will do so. Who determines whether someone is a refugee or a migrant? How have different countries, including the United States, reacted to migration? How effective are the international laws, policies and organizations that have evolved to assist and protect refugees and migrants?

Speaker: Thomas Fingar, Shorenstein APARC Fellow in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford. Previous positions include Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research and Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analysis.



The graphic features a black and white photograph of volunteers wearing white caps with 'UMCOR' and 'SC-ERT UMWIM' logos. A circular badge in the top right corner reads 'UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY MARCH 31'. The main text 'UMCOR SUNDAY' is in large white letters on a red background, with '(Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)' below it. A quote from Matt Brodie is included: '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.' and 'The homeowners are really excited, and that makes us feel very happy and blessed.' The UMCOR logo and 'Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church' are at the bottom. A red banner at the very bottom contains the text: 'Please make check payable to your local church or give online at www.umcsgiving.org/giveUMCOR Text "UMCORSUNDAY" to 91999.'

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.



That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) is open to ALL women of the church. To learn more, contact Nancy Olson: nso2431@icloud.com

School-to-Prison Pipeline Is Mission Initiative

The school-to-prison pipeline is a term used to describe how children and youth of color are rerouted away from educational success and toward the criminal justice system. African-American students are three times more likely than white students to be suspended and expelled. Twelve percent of African-American girls are suspended, compared to two percent of white girls. Native American students are less than one percent of the student population but comprise three percent of students expelled and two percent of students suspended. And Native American youth are held in juvenile detention facilities at three times the rate of white youth.

The school-to-prison pipeline is not the result of any one single action but of many factors coming together, including racial and gender biases, excessive suspensions and expulsions, zero-tolerance policies and status offenses, or behaviors that would not be crimes if committed by adults, like running away from home, skipping school, missing curfew or underage drinking. We can prevent gifted, cherished young people from disappearing into the school-to-prison pipeline.*

One of the Initiatives of the UMW for 2019 is “Criminalization of communities of color and mass incarceration.” We will focus on interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline that places children on an adversarial path with law enforcement. With 2020 as the goal, we will work for a 25 percent decrease in school arrests in the most impacted areas and to redesign schools’ zero tolerance policies to protect rather than criminalize children.

What is happening in our schools and our community? It is time to educate ourselves.

**RESPONSE: The Magazine of Women in Mission*

Women’s Activities

March

- 5 TUESDAY TREKKERS
9:30 a.m.
Contact Patty Bellardo,
pbellardo@gmail.com
- 12 LUNCH BUNCH
11:30 a.m. at Celia’s
Restaurant
RSVP to Nancy Olson,
nso2431@icloud.com
- 18 UMW READING GROUP
11:30 a.m.
Contact Bernice Smoll,
smolla@svpal.org
- 19 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
An introduction to the UMW
spirituality study:
“Practicing Resurrection: The
Gospel of Mark and Radical
Discipleship”
Contact Nancy Olson,
nso2431@icloud.com



Scenes from the Women’s Retreat, Jan. 25–27 in Santa Cruz. Photos from/by Diane Allen and Emily Allen



3/4 David Perry
 3/8 Wesley Rose
 3/8 Ane Dauster
 3/9 Miles Keep
 3/9 Steve Wood
 3/9 Christina Fifita-Fakalata
 3/10 George Carpenter
 3/10 Julie Lopez
 3/12 Diane Allen
 3/13 John Fifita

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 3/14 Katie Webb
 3/14 Stacy Paz
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 3/24 Amanda Fifita
 3/24 Andrew Salsbury
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 3/28 Pete Webb
 3/28 Ken Clifford

3/29 Jean Cole
 3/29 Colleen Crangle
 3/30 Kathleen Branyon
 3/31 Shannon Perry



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 3/4/1985 Daniel & Asotolu Fifita
 3/28/1998 Vilitati & Mere Bikai
 3/31/2001 Jeff & Emily King



Finance Update

March 10



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

Jan 2019 Income and Expense Summary-- DRAFT	Jan 2019 Actual	Actual YTD 2019	Budget YTD 2019	Budget Annual 2019
Income				
Total Member Giving	90,009	90,009	87,008	450,170
Total Income All Other Sources	31,998	31,998	33,655	214,857
Total Income	122,007	122,007	120,663	665,027
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	9,001	9,001	5,000	60,000
Council on Ministries	652	652	2,816	39,790
Staff Parish Relations	22,061	22,061	36,059	368,862
Office and Finance	1,089	1,089	1,258	19,200
Board of Trustees	19,199	19,199	21,164	177,175
Total Expenses	52,002	52,002	66,297	665,027
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	70,005	70,005	54,366	0



- 3 Honoring Angela Mosqueda in Worship, 10:45 a.m. and at a Reception following 125th Anniversary Sanctuary Tour, 12:00 p.m. Couples Group, 12:15 p.m. Great Decisions, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 First Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time begins
Great Decisions, 6:00 p.m.
Insights deadline for April issue
- 12 Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Wednesday Nights During Lent, 6:00 p.m.
(See pages 1 and 3 for details.)
- 15 **Centennial Endowment Grant Applications due by 4:00 p.m.**
- 17 Second Sunday in Lent
Couples Group, 12:15 p.m.
Great Decisions, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Wednesday Nights During Lent, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Third Sunday in Lent
Great Decisions, 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Wednesday Nights During Lent, 6:00 p.m.
- 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday (special offering)
Great Decisions, 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!



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

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 March edition of the Insights newsletter is due March 10.

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 Conway: insightsfirstpa@gmail.com or bring them to the church office. Thank you!



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Says the
LORD,



return to me
with all your **heart**

JOEL 2:12, NRSV

Next INSIGHTS deadline: March 10