



## Time for a New Church Directory



Be included in First Palo Alto United Methodist Church's new church photo directory. Lifetouch will be photographing everyone in our church family for a new church directory.

Professional photography sessions are set for Friday, Aug. 23 1:00–8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 24 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. There are no session fees.

View your images after your session and make your selections. You will receive one free 8x10 print and a church directory. 📷

Want your very own 125th anniversary T-shirt? As seen in the May Fête Parade? A limited number of high-quality cotton T-shirts printed with our church name and anniversary logo are available in adult (\$20) and kid (\$15) sizes. When they're gone, they're gone! See Pam Cutkosky.

Persist *Prayer* People *Places* *Truth* *Plain* Real *Music* Current *Culture* GROUPS *Small* Lay *Ministry* *Communication* Mass GO

## Wesley's Methods Still Relevant Today

by Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

O' Magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together, for this is the day that the Lord has made. —Psalm 34:3

Let's rejoice for this new opportunity to enjoy God's presence, God's provision, and being a part of God's adventurous plan. This is an exciting time to be a member of the church. Praise the Lord, First Palo Alto UMC. I know you have been praying for our church because I can see the results!

I have been praying too and listening to God about our church's great future. During this time, God has reminded me of the Church Growth characteristics he gave John Wesley. Roger Ross's *Meet the Goodpeople: Wesley's 7 Ways to Share Faith*, sums up what God has been saying to me. It is a great read for our church today. It describes seven ways John Wesley grew the church. I believe this method is still relevant for ministry and growth today.

Last year I asked our leadership team to read Tod Bolsinger's *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*. If you read it, you will notice how the two dovetail. If you haven't read it, there is a copy in our wonderful church library or it can be purchased online.

These seven practices emerged as the characteristics of the Methodist movement and are yet apropos:

### Devotion in Persistent Prayer

Wesley rediscovered what the church of his day had forgotten: that prayer releases the power of God. He called prayer "the grand means of drawing near to God" and found believing, persistent prayer to be the necessary first step to see God move. Wesley devoted two hours a day to personal prayer and made prayer the hallmark of the Methodist movement. His church followed his lead and instituted prayer times when congregants gathered at the church and their homes and prayed

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In a recent post on CNN, LZ Granderson posed some questions about homelessness in Los Angeles and in cities across the country. Millions of tax dollars are being spent to address the issue, he said, yet the number of people who are homeless is increasing.

“When I lived downtown it was virtually impossible to walk a full block in any direction without seeing a homeless person. In Silver Lake where I live now, there are tent cities. On my drive to work I see people living

underneath the highway overpasses. It’s no longer Skid Row here. The skid is everywhere.”

The same can be said for cities across the nation including San Francisco and the Bay Area.

According to the 2018 General Social Survey, the number of Americans who identify as having “no religion” has been increasing since the 1990’s. In 2018 the number just barely topped Catholic, Evangelical, mainline Protestant and other religious affiliations.

Granderson wonders what religious figures and institutions, many sitting on prime real estate and with tax exempt status, are doing regarding homelessness. And he wonders what he can do.

We all learn to “unsee” people, to make ourselves not care or pretend not to care. Granderson said that if he stops to help, he is admitting there is something he can do.

Homelessness is complicated, he said. There is not a single solution because people are homeless for many reasons. “They’re not all drug addicts. They’re not all lazy. They all didn’t choose to be without a home.”

At First Palo Alto, we have learned about teens who are turned out of their homes because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. One in five California Community College students were homeless in the last year and 22% of students in the Ravenswood City School District were considered homeless in 2017–2018.

Susan Orleans wrote about L.A.’s homeless in *The Library Book*. In researching the book, Orleans learned about ways modern libraries serve their patrons, including the homeless. In a Chicago Review of Books interview, she commented that the homeless are not a single entity but a complicated group. “Among them are a lot of people whose life isn’t so different from the lives of other people you might imagine,” she said.

## What We Can Do

We can ask our elected officials what they are doing and how our tax dollars are being spent to create solutions.

We can ask our religious leaders and institutions to examine what they say and do, and how they manage money and property.

And each of us can ask ourselves to see *people*, and find ways to help. 🍷

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*Palo Alto Weekly*, May 10, 2019

*The Mercury News*, Dec. 9-12, 2018

Hosting Hotel de Zink in June provided the people of First Palo Alto UMC one opportunity to provide some help and support to people who are in the process of transitioning to self-sufficiency.

We had 20 clients this year, more than in the past, and we did some things differently. We opened our doors at 7 p.m. (formerly at 9). Clients were very happy to have more time to shower, rest, hang out and then to eat early. A volunteer from one of the other Hotel de Zink host churches, who works with the Hotel de Zink clients long term, came almost every night for a few hours to provide company and guidance to the guests. Some meal providers stayed to interact and help serve food.

Thank you to everyone who contributed meals, laundered towels, provided organizational skills, and represented the caring heart of First Palo Alto United Methodist Church.



Photo by Mary Ann Michel

### *A Time for Every Season*

## **Bidding Farewell and Welcome to Our United Methodist Missionaries**

St. Andrew's UMC hosted retiring UMC missionary Rev. Paul Jeffrey in Palo Alto on May 22. Many people from First Palo Alto welcomed the opportunity to spend the evening with Paul (second from right in photo), sharing a potluck supper and hearing/seeing his presentation. First Palo Alto UMC has had a covenant relationship with Paul for many years, supporting his work as a photojournalist documenting the stories of people around the world. The United Methodist Women (UMW) have a special connection to Paul because of his work reporting for *RESPONSE*, the magazine of the UMW.



First Palo Alto's new UMC missionary partner is Katherine Parker, a fifth generation UMC missionary. She will speak here at our church on Aug. 4 at 6:00 p.m. Her presentation will be preceded by a soup and bread potluck at 5:30.

Come and meet Katherine and learn about her work with the ecumenical United Mission to Nepal.

For more information about this event, contact Nancy Glaser: [glasernancy@gmail.com](mailto:glasernancy@gmail.com) or 650-400-2417. 🐾

## **Proclaim Peace with Picnic and Prayer**

by Mary Ann Michel

First Palo Alto UMC is co-sponsoring with other area religious groups the Multifaith Peace Picnic and Prayers on Sept. 11. Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice (MVPJ) once again is planning this annual gathering for our community. The event takes place at King Plaza in Palo Alto from 7-8:30 p.m. As co-sponsors, we hope to have good representation from our church.

The Peace Picnic begins at 7 p.m. and includes food, friendship, and a short program including children singing and messages of hope and inclusion.



Multifaith Peace Prayers is at 8 p.m. This brief service will include prayers, music and rituals from diverse faith communities, marking the end of the Jewish Holy Day of Rosh Hashanah at 8:11 p.m., and concluding with a candlelight vigil by 8:30 p.m. 🕯️

## **Rally 'Round on Sept. 8 as We Kick Off a New Year of Sunday School**

Mark your calendar to join with your church family in celebrating the new year of Sunday School that begins on Sunday morning, Sept. 8.

The Rally Day fun gets under way at 9:45 a.m. Kids age 3 through 5th grade will meet in the Patio Room for singing, Sunday School registration, and breakfast treats. Then it's off to our first morning of Sunday School together. Teachers Pam Cutkosky and Alicia Breen, childcare attendants Angela Shaw and Natassa Steck, and Sunday School Superintendent Lou Bellardo can't wait to welcome everyone back!

At the 10:45 a.m. service, Pastor Debra will recognize and bless our children and their teachers.

The celebration continues on the Patio after the worship service with a kid-themed Snack 'n' Chat and a chance for everyone to reconnect with those who were away over the summer.

It promises to be a fun and busy morning. See you there!

## Thank You, Picnic Chefs!



Our Thursday Night picnic tradition continued with

picnics on July 11, 18 and 25.

Thank you to all who contributed food and joined in the fellowship. These are really special gatherings and keep us connected throughout the summer vacation season.

Special thanks to grill chefs Diane and Rick Allen, Lucy Tompkin and Scott Thomas, and Pam and Mark Cutkosky, and to Steve Wood for his one-of-a-kind pomegranate soda.

For delicious salads we thank:

Lois Hammar, Orlene Fingar, Sandra Wilson, Michele Conway, Lucy Tompkin, Sandra Florstedt, and Phyllis Sherlock.

And for a sweet end to every picnic, we thank: Janet Nicholls, Barbara Kurth, Colleen Crangle and Patty Bellardo. 🍷



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our regular meetings are taking a vacation during August while many members are away. In September activities will resume with opportunities for all women of the church to come together. Nancy Glaser spoke to UMW and friends in May about her recent work in Africa. Representatives from First Palo Alto will attend UMW's "Mission U" in Santa Rosa this month.



July 18 picnic at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto. Photo by Pam Cutkosky

## Anniversary Tour/Concert Are Big Success

by Pam Cutkosky with Sandra Wilson

Our second church tour and organ concert, held on June 15, was a big success and drew 68 people—many more than we anticipated! All but a few were first-time visitors. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tour greatly, including the tour guides.

Visitors and First Palo Alto UMC members learned about the origin and history of our church buildings, the current sanctuary and chapel, and the organs. They viewed historical photos of the two previous church buildings and a slide show chronicling the present sanctuary's construction. The group also got acquainted with the many spaces in and around our buildings that make us a valuable community resource. Even long-time members learned something new!

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Why not explore our church library this summer? You'll find many selections, including books from the UMW Reading Program.

For decades, United Methodist Women has been reading as part of our commitment to learning about the world, deepening our spirituality and mission connection, and hearing the voices of women whom we might never meet or know. Books and magazines are ways that we broaden our awareness beyond our study of history and focus on what current events in newspapers and magazines can offer. Books are a great way to learn more about yourself and the world.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go," wrote Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss. 🍷

# Join the Annual Fundraiser and Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease



by Robert Lasater

The annual San Jose Alzheimer's Walk and Fundraiser is coming up in October. We plan to organize a team!

Our Team Statement:

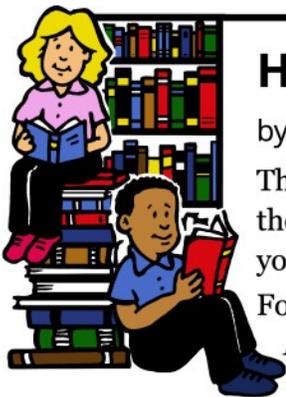
This Alzheimer's Walk is a huge priority. I have seen Alzheimer's destroy the once-brilliant minds of people who made substantive contributions in their fields. It breaks my heart to see someone who used to be sharp and engaging reduced to the capabilities of a child because of Alzheimer's. It breaks my heart to see the frustration of someone with Alzheimer's incapable of expressing the simplest thoughts, even while they still know once they had that capability. It breaks my heart to have someone tell me Alzheimer's cost them their best friend.

This is why recruiting donations is a top priority, and why we want others to join our team. The funds we raise go to research to find a cure for Alzheimer's and to provide activities and support to people who have this form of dementia and to their families.

Please note that joining our team does not mean you are obliged to walk on Oct. 12. Rather, think of that Saturday morning as a fringe benefit. For if you do choose to walk with us on Oct. 12, expect to have

a wonderful experience in Downtown San Jose with thousands of others. Expect to have an uplifting and energizing experience walking with all those other people united to bring an end to the scourge of Alzheimer's.

To join the First Palo Alto UMC team, please contact Linda Grossman (planaap@aol.com) or Robert Lasater (rlasater@hotmail.com). 🐾



## Hello First Palo Alto Readers!

by Charlotte Cutkosky

This August we have a ton of new books, with a theme of stories set in foreign countries, to help you vacation from your living room!

For young children, the picture book *This Is Our Baby Born Today* by Varsha Bajaj describes the birth of a baby elephant to a wild herd in

India. The book gives a glimpse of some of India's beautiful scenery and the lives and habits of these rare and majestic animals.

For middle-grade readers, we have three new books:

*Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Wargo tells the story of young Jude, who immigrates from Syria to Cincinnati in America, leaving behind her brother and father, to live with distant family.

*The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandami is set in 1947 in a newly independent India, written as the diary entries that twelve-year-old

Nisha writes to feel closer to her deceased mother.

*All the Ways Home* by Elsie Chapman starts in America with middle-schooler Kaede, who has been acting out at school since his mother passed, but is given the chance to raise his grades with a school assignment that will take him back to his estranged father's birthplace in Tokyo.

We hope you enjoy all your vacations and staycations. Travel helps us connect with our world family, just the same as reading—so as always, happy reading. 🐾

**Wesley** from page 1  
for one another and the  
movement of the Holy Spirit in  
their community.

### **Went Where the People Are**

Wesley had experienced a deep  
abiding love of Christ that made  
his heart ablaze with love and  
devotion. He wanted everyone to  
experience the comforting,  
wonderful power of the Holy  
Spirit. Yet, he knew there were  
people who would never darken  
the doorsteps of the church.

Wesley believed that ministry  
within the stained-glass walls  
was the answer, however church  
attendance had dwindled and  
there were fewer and fewer  
people attending church.

Through much prayer, albeit  
reluctantly, Wesley followed the  
Holy Spirit's prompting and  
decided to take the gospel to the  
people. He decided to go to  
places that were highly visible  
and share Christ's love.

Sometimes, 3, 5 or 10, 000  
people would gather to hear the  
message and have their hearts  
"warmed by the Holy Spirit."  
These meetings began the great  
revival in England.

### **Spoke Plain Truth**

During Wesley's time, the Church  
of England was not connecting  
with the lives of real people.  
Wesley yearned for a way to  
bridge the gap between real faith  
and real people.

Although he was a highly  
educated Oxford gentleman, he  
refused to parade his scholarship,  
but rather spoke in common  
words so that all could hear. He

imitated Christ's teaching by using parables that all could easily  
identify with.

### **Used Music of the Culture**

Gregorian chants and German music were common during Wesley's  
time. Although the music was beautiful, he noticed that the music did  
not connect with the hearts of the people. Through his travels he  
learned that pre-Christian people connected most with songs from  
their culture. He instructed his brother Charles to write gospel words  
in the popular tune of the day. Speaking in a language that people  
could relate to was part of breaking the cultural code and the second  
way was providing modern music that touched the soul.

### **Placed Everyone in Small Groups**

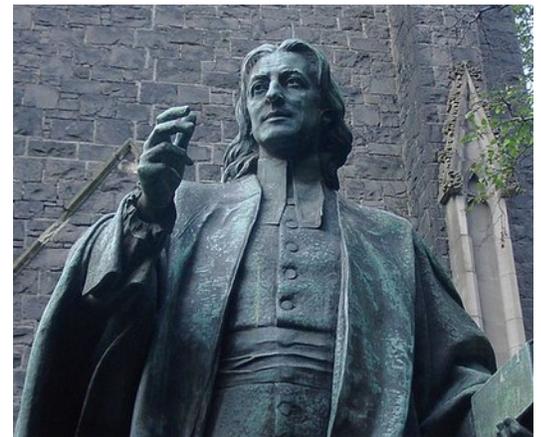
Wesley quickly noticed that  
the people who were having  
conversion experiences in his  
meetings were falling away.

There was no intentional  
encouragement or spiritual  
support to help their  
development. "To provide  
responsible spiritual care,  
Wesley would only preach in  
venues where spiritually-  
awakened people could be  
placed in small groups or  
"classes." His goal was not to  
see people have a single

encounter with God but to have them experience real, lasting life  
change through faith in Christ. Such transformation of heart and life  
happens best when people do life together with a handful of others  
who become a spiritual family." Become a missionary with your friends  
and neighborhood.

### **Gave the Ministry to the Laity**

Exodus 18:1-27 relates the story of how Moses' father-in-law Jethro  
sees that there is too much work for Moses to do alone. Jethro advises  
Moses to appoint overseers over small groups to help with their care  
and administration. John Wesley's mother gave him the same advice.  
She advised him to allow laypersons, both men and women, to oversee  
classes (small groups) and preach in the society meetings (large  
groups). When Wesley released the energies of the laity, the ministry  
multiplied even faster. This allowed Wesley to develop leadership,  
write sermons, books and tracts, and to develop processes for the  
ministry. Wesley also conducted pastoral care, but the laity oversaw  
the day to day care of each other, informing him of those who needed  
his attention.



Statue of John Wesley by Paul Raphael  
Montford, in Melbourne. Photo by  
Adam Carr, Wikimedia Commons

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by Nancy Olson

### Make your gas money go farther



With the price of gasoline climbing, I looked up tips on how to get better mileage. The ideas have been around for a long time, but a reminder might come in handy about now.

- Don't idle. It uses gas but gets you nowhere. Turn off your motor when stopped for trains, traffic gridlock, etc.
- Inflate your tires. Keep tires inflated to the maximum recommended pounds per square inch. For every few PSI your tires are below the manufacturer's recommendation, you increase fuel use substantially.
- Don't speed. For every 5 mph you drive over 60, you lose about 7% fuel efficiency, largely due to wind resistance.
- Easy on the brakes. Braking is inefficient because it kills your car's momentum. Start-and-stop driving can increase your fuel consumption by 37%. Coast to a stop. Take alternative routes to avoid traffic, and time your driving to roll through green lights.

### Why buy trash?



While recycling is better than landfill, reducing our consumption and eliminating single-use items is simply easier and better for the environment. Palo Alto is setting a good example by banning the use of single use plastic items by food providers—grocers and restaurants.

Individually we should be looking for ways to reduce our use of single-use plastic items. We hate that our ocean and wildlife are so impacted by plastic trash, but often do not realize the trash starts with us. Until we can get the manufacturers to stop making the items, we can strongly influence their actions by not buying and using the potential "trash" items in the first place.

*Editor's Note:* In 2020, First Palo Alto UMC will be moving away from single-use plastics for church events, thanks to the efforts of Pam Cutkosky who organizes many events including the summer picnics.

### How much glyphosate is too much?



Glyphosate is the chemical pesticide/herbicide that is the active ingredient in the world's most popular weed killer, Roundup. Glyphosate is being found in unexpected places. It has infiltrated nearly every type of food tested by the Food and Drug Administration. We know researchers are finding glyphosate in honey, cereal, ice cream, rainwater and now beverages. What we don't know is the cumulative effect of all this glyphosate on a person over a lifetime.

A California court found Roundup a "substantial factor" in causing a plaintiff's terminal cancer, and that its producer, Monsanto, also was at fault for not warning about the risks. A federal jury reached the same conclusion in March, the first case against Monsanto to be tried in federal court.

The public has a right to know what exists in everyday products. Without that knowledge consumers are prevented from making informed decisions about what they want to eat and drink.

Two years ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture dropped plans to examine glyphosate in food. It would have been a good first step, and it still needs to be done. The EPA has increased the legal limit of

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The UMC California-Nevada Annual Conference Session met June 19–22 in Modesto. Pastor Debra (top, second from right), Emily Allen (below), and Kathy Rose (bottom, second from left) attended. The theme of the Conference was “With Jesus in the Boat” (Matthew 8:23–27) reflecting the stormy waters the UMC is navigating following the Special Session of the General Conference in February. Photos from the Conference Photo Gallery



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glyphosate levels on oats 300-fold in the past 25 years alone. That is why glyphosate is showing up in General Mills oat products—Cheerios and Nature Valley granola bars—at levels experts consider prohibitive . . . which has spurred a ground swell of protests by individuals and families to demand General Mills get glyphosate out of its supply chain, and out of our cereal bowls.

*Editor’s Note:* Monsanto’s patent on glyphosate expired in 2000, now other weed killers also contain the chemical. 🍀

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Everyone was treated to a brief concert by Diane Keller on our spectacular organs. Refreshments were served.



Sandra Wilson, Tour Team leader, said many visitors found out about the tour online (e.g., the Palo Alto Weekly’s Community Events Calendar and Weekend Express eNewsletter). Some saw the sign we posted on Hamilton Ave. Others learned of the event from local churches that share our long history.

Thanks to Sandra and the rest of the Tour Team—Beth Bunnenberg, Linda Grossman, Diane Keller, Carol Kumer, Nancy Olson, Karen Paulsen, Kathy Rose, and Allen and Mary Lu Wood—for being great resources, tour guides, and refreshment hosts.

**The next two 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary tours will be held:**

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 1 p.m.      Saturday, Nov. 2, 1 p.m.**

Come see First Palo Alto UMC through a new lens, and invite your friends and neighbors to join you! 🍀

# God Does Not Discriminate

by Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

On Sunday, June 30, the San Francisco Pride March experienced a new kind of Pop Up Business. It was a United Methodist Church Pop Up “Holy Business” in the form of communion. Behind a wooden table, upon which a blue goblet filled with grape juice and a loaf of broken bread were placed, stood California-Nevada Conference Bishop Minerva Carcaño and Bay District Superintendent Staci Current. The two wore t-shirts showing the UMC cross and flame logo and the words “Rise and Resist, God Does Not Discriminate.”

Bishop Carcaño, Superintendent Current, and other United Methodists and affiliates shared communion in an expression of solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ siblings.

After communion I began to greet the hundreds of people around me. I noticed that people were extending their hands to each other, saying, “Happy Pride.” I also noticed the glee on each face at the extended hand and greeting. So I decided to try it.

I extended my hand and said “Happy Pride.” And I was met with a smile as wide as ears would allow. As I added, “My name is Rev. Debra and I came to tell you that I love you and so does God,” tears came to people’s eyes. Some



people looked at my clergy collar and said, “I thought all of you hated us; thank you.” Others grabbed my outreached hand and hugged me.

As I walked from person to person telling them I loved them, people began running towards me so that I could shake their hands and bless them. The word was being spread that there is a preacher out there saying she loves us. Some ran toward me shouting “Reverend, Reverend, Bless me; Reverend, Bless me.”

It was after 7 p.m. when I arrived at home. I sat down and wept and wept. I asked God to show us how we can extend more healing to this hurting population. I also thanked God for First Palo Alto UMC’s willingness to acknowledge everyone’s right to be able to feast at Christ’s table and receive reconciliation, redemption, salvation and love. 🍓

Pastor Debra wore the UMC California-Nevada Conference’s Rise and Resist t-shirt at the gay Pride March in San Francisco on June 30.

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**Wesley**, from page 6

## Used Mass Communications to Get the Word Out

During Wesley’s time, the printing press was the means of mass communication. Wesley wrote tracts, sermons, treatises, etc., and printed them en masse. His use of the printing press allowed him to reach people he would never meet. Now we also have the Internet and social media to reach people.

Please pray and reflect upon these seven characteristics. Let’s see what God is saying to you about how we can adapt them and make them relevant for our church life in 2019. I believe this foundation will help us with a strategy for implementing our New and Existing Membership and Congregational Plan to grow us numerically, spiritually and

financially. Stay tuned because the best is yet to come.

This is a New Season and God is doing a great thing in our midst. —Isaiah 43:19

Thank you for all that you have done for our church. May many generations enjoy the blessings you have provided for them. I pray that you feel you are receiving the blessings of the generation that preceded you. 🍓

8/16/1958 Douglas & Ellie Norris  
 8/8/1970 John & Coral Baglin  
 8/13/1977 John & Elsa Nimmo  
 8/5/1978 John & Louise Pencavel  
 8/14/1982 Pamela & Mark Cutkosky  
 8/22/1992 Eric & Eve Nelson  
 8/5/2000 Mo Olson & Chris Friesen  
 8/23/2003 Christopher & Deb Martin  
 8/15/2004 Stacy Paz & Carl Herbert  
 8/7/2010 Kyle & Christina Harland  
 8/16/2014 Jesse Fifita & Mele Teu-Fifita  
 8/25/2018 Marshall & Barbie Serkes

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

8/1 Jennifer Blackburn  
 8/1 David Blackburn  
 8/1 Alice Peterson  
 8/1 Axel Larson  
 8/1 Mere Bikai  
 8/2 Sherry Bender  
 8/2 Carol Arterberry  
 8/4 Chuck Carman  
 8/5 Gabriella Herbert-Paz  
 8/6 Jim Van Horne  
 8/8 David Marshall  
 8/9 Kitty Baggott  
 8/10 Linéa Stewart  
 8/10 Benjamin Salsbury  
 8/11 Frank Rahn  
 8/11 Elizabeth Center  
 8/12 Robert Lee Day  
 8/12 Tim Breen  
 8/13 Griffin Camens  
 8/13 Lela Jones  
 8/14 Sarah Perry  
 8/16 Allen Wood  
 8/17 Mike McCartney  
 8/18 Shirley Stewart  
 8/20 Deb Martin  
 8/21 Challen Yee  
 8/21 B.J. Coleman  
 8/22 Carol Gleason  
 8/22 Denise Blase  
 8/23 Kathleen Martin  
 8/27 Jean Ohls  
 8/28 John Duhring  
 8/28 Louisa King  
 8/29 Jeff Perry  
 8/29 Sue Clifford  
 8/30 Fred English  
 8/30 Vickey Conley  
 8/31 Alice Jensen



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)

| JUN 2019 Income and Expense Summary--<br>DRAFT | JUN 2019<br>Actual | Actual<br>YTD 2019 | Budget<br>YTD 2019 | Budget Annual<br>2019 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Income   |                    |                    |                    |                       |
| Total Member Giving                            | 27,137             | 253,332            | 240,057            | 450,170               |
| Total Income All Other Sources                 | 12,970             | 106,946            | 120,678            | 214,857               |
| Total Income                                   | 40,107             | 360,278            | 360,735            | 665,027               |
| Expenses                                       |                    |                    |                    |                       |
| Conference Tithe                               | 3,664              | 30,302             | 30,000             | 60,000                |
| Council on Ministries                          | 4,476              | 9,297              | 16,895             | 39,790                |
| Staff Parish Relations                         | 23,610             | 151,798            | 184,431            | 368,862               |
| Office and Finance                             | 3,094              | 10,567             | 11,350             | 19,200                |
| Board of Trustees                              | 37,789             | 141,801            | 100,611            | 177,175               |
| Total Expenses                                 | 72,633             | 343,765            | 343,287            | 665,027               |
| Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense        | -32,526            | 16,512             | 17,448             | 0                     |



- 4 Missionary Katherine Parker,  
Soup and bread potluck, 5:30 p.m.  
Program, 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Insights deadline** for September issue
- 12 Breaking Bread, FUMC servers, 5:00 p.m.
- 13 Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Church Directory Photos, 1:00–8:30 p.m.
- 24 Church Directory Photos, 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- 27 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.

*Save the Date! Rally Day, Sept. 8*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sundays

- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir  
Impromptu choir meets to prepare an anthem for 10:45. Everyone welcome.
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
Broadcast live online at [firstpaloalto.com/live-webcast/](http://firstpaloalto.com/live-webcast/)
- 11:45 a.m. Snack and Chat

Childcare is available during worship in Noah's Ark room. A new Sunday School year begins in September. See you at Rally Day on Sept. 8.

### Mondays

- 12:00 noon Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. Breaking Bread

### Tuesdays

- 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Trekkers, call 650-327-1428 for information
- 12:00 noon Prayer

### Wednesdays

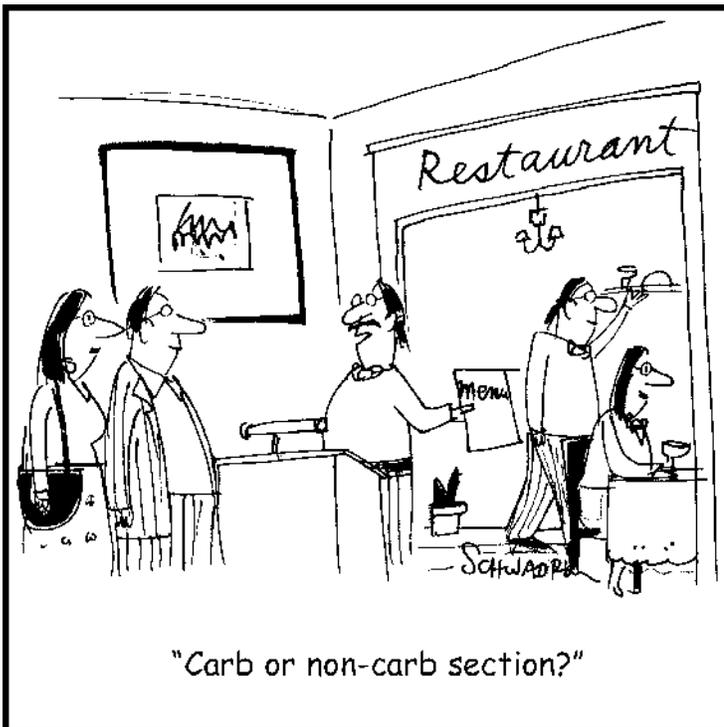
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Channing House, 5th floor lounge
- 12:00 noon Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Upstream Community Meal
- 7:00 p.m. Upstream Worship

### Thursdays

- 12:00 noon Prayer
- 8:00 p.m. Upstream Community Band

### Fridays

- 12:00 noon Prayer



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