



**FIRST PALO ALTO**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# INSIGHTS

NOVEMBER 2019

## Last Chance to Enjoy 125th Anniversary Concert/Tour/Event

by Sandra Wilson

*Date:* Saturday, Nov. 2

*Time:* 1:00-2:00 p.m.

*Place:* Begins in Sanctuary

Hear a concert and talk by organist Diane Keller, featuring both the Spiedel and Dayan organs. See photos of the amazing organ pipes!

Learn about the history of the congregation, formed the same year Palo Alto was incorporated. Tour the church facility (handicap accessible). Learn about the Memorial Garden. View photos from the Palo Alto Historical Association of the two previous church buildings on Hamilton Ave.

View "An Act of Faith," a slide show depicting the construction of the current sanctuary from concept to finished structure. Enjoy refreshments and conversation.

Feedback from previous events indicates you don't want to miss this event. Claim the history of which you, and the community, are the beneficiaries! Bring your friends. Children welcome.



## Special Gathering to Mark Final Celebration of 125th Anniversary

by Pamela Cutkosky

In gratitude for our past and hope for our future, we will gather as a community of faith on Nov. 17 for a special service to celebrate the 125 years that this church has welcomed followers of Jesus Christ and ministered to the community and the world. This Celebration Service is the final event in our 125th Anniversary commemorations.

Past pastors who led us and encouraged us will be there. Local dignitaries and our community partners will be there. You'll be there!

Do you know someone who was an important part of this church at one time? Please invite them! We want to honor and include all who have made a difference in this place.

The service begins at 3 p.m. and will include special music from our own Chancel Choir, Fiumé di Musica, Handbell Choir, Fijian singers, and organist Diane Keller, as well as the First Tongan Church choir and musicians.

Following the service, around 5 p.m., the First Tongan Church invites everyone to a luau in Fellowship Hall.



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## October Was a Month of Celebrations

They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness and will shout joyfully of Your righteousness. Psalm 145:7

Dear Members and Friends,

October was truly a month of celebration. We celebrated by breaking bread and making cards on World Communion Day, rejoiced in the hiring of our interim Children and Youth Director, celebrated our 125th anniversary with dancing with our community partners and

culminated the month with consecrating our tithes and talents before the Lord on Consecration Sunday. That's a lot of celebrating!

I hope you were able to engage in the festivities with us. All of these events have passed, except for one, the opportunity to support our church via consecrating your tithe and talents to the Lord. You can still do this if you were not able to do so on the 20th. It could very well be your pledge that will enable us to create a sound financial future for our church.

I am deeply grateful for the sacrifices you have made to support these and the myriad of other events our church proudly hosts.

—Pastor Debra



## From the New Director of Children and Youth . . .

Hello! I am so excited for the opportunity to be the new Children and Youth Director. I cannot wait to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. I look forward to re-energizing the youth activities and engaging with children both in our church and in the greater community. My goal is to provide a loving, nurturing, and safe environment for exploration, fellowship, and community involvement.

For those of you who do not know me, I grew up in the First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto. I was both baptized and confirmed here, and grew up going to Sunday School and Youth Group in this church. I have fond memories of Vacation Bible School, Christmas Pageants, and the Sierra

Service Project. I have also spent most of my life going to Family Camp and am so grateful for the extended community and best friends it has given me. After 18 years in Palo Alto and graduating from Palo Alto High School, I attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 2018, I graduated with a degree in Exercise and Sport Science, with a minor in Hispanic Studies. Following a summer spent working in upstate New York, I returned to Palo Alto in the Fall of 2018.

I have experience working with children and youth in a variety of environments. I spent four summers employed at various summer camps . . . This past year I was an instructional aide in two different 2nd/3rd grade Palo Alto elementary school classrooms, with an emphasis on cultivating relationships with students with severe behavioral issues and learning limitations. I have coached youth sports teams and also worked with young children at the Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto. I have a passion for working with children and youth, and feel blessed by the opportunity to engage in this here, at FUMCPA. It's been terrific meeting the children and youth. We have some fun and wacky photos from the photo booth, and lots of excitement around Halloween celebrations. Stay tuned for announcements of upcoming events for the Holidays!

—Hope Crockett



# Honoring Those Who've Gone Before

by Colleen Crangle and Pamela Cutkosky

All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows\* Day, is a Christian festival that in the United Methodist Church is celebrated on the first Sunday in November. When you hear "All Hallows Day" you probably think that sounds like Halloween, and you're right. Halloween, celebrated on Oct. 31, is in fact the evening before the traditional Nov. 1 date for All Hallows Day—Hallows' Eve or Halloween.

During worship on All Saints Day, Sunday, Nov. 3rd, we will honor and remember the faithful saints of First Palo Alto UMC who have joined God in Heaven this year. We will read their names, light a candle and ring a chime for them. "Behold Your Saints in Glory" by Aaron David Miller will feature our Chancel Choir, accompanied by organist Diane Keller and trumpet soloist Joe Amaral.

As individuals, we also remember the people in our lives who have died and we honor that memory by bringing a photo of the person to share with the congregation. Tables will be set up at the front of the church. There will be a time during the service when you will be invited to come place the photo there, and collect it after the service.

Many people bring pictures of their parents or grandparents, people who so often have taught us the things of God. It is moving to see old black and white portraits from many years back but also photos, sometimes informal, of those who left us recently.

The opening verse of this beloved gospel song reminds us why we celebrate All Saints Day:



We are trav'ling in the footsteps  
Of those who've gone before  
But we'll all be re-united  
On a new and sunlit shore—When the Saints Go Marching In.

Please bring your photos and let us share in your memories.

\*Editor's note: *Hallow* is an archaic word meaning saint or holy person; in modern terms, a hallowed person is someone greatly revered. Where else have you heard *hallow* used?

# Ragazzi Boys Say Thank You

by Nancy Whitecar

Ragazzi Boys Chorus is grateful for the space shared with us to hold rehearsals for one of our entry-level Primary group classes. Thank you, First Palo Alto UMC! Your hospitality is making available to mid- and south-peninsula boys training in vocal music, and participation in a program that encourages cooperation, leadership, sensitivity and tenacity for boys who love to sing.

Our December recital will be held at First United Methodist Church in Palo Alto at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14. This concert features more than 120 of our youngest singers sharing their music. The concert closes with an audience sing-along of traditional carols. Tickets can be purchased at [ragazzi.org/performances](http://ragazzi.org/performances).

If you have any questions about the Ragazzi program, or know a young boy who loves to sing, contact our office at 650-342-8785 or visit our website: [ragazzi.org](http://ragazzi.org).



Do you remember the "good news" story from May? The

## UM Student Day is Nov. 24

commencement speaker at Morehouse College, billionaire Robert F. Smith, pledged that his family would pay off the \$40 million student loans of all 396 graduating seniors.

What if we, as a church family, could relieve some of the burden of debt that college students face? We can—on Nov. 24, United Methodist Student Day. Student Day was first celebrated in 1940 when a

college education cost about \$450 a year. Today,

that education costs on average \$23,000 a year. Your contribution on UM Student Day will be joined with those of other United Methodists to provide scholarships to deserving recipients. Many of the young people in our congregation over the years have benefited from a UMC scholarship. Please give generously as part of our offering on Nov. 24 or online at [umcgiving.org/giveUMSD](http://umcgiving.org/giveUMSD).





Thank you to all who participated in our **Rise Against Hunger** food packaging event Sept. 29. We had about 60 volunteers working a variety of jobs and we reached our goal of packaging 20,000 meals! In several weeks, we should receive word regarding the destination of the meals we packaged. What a wonderful intergenerational event where the hard work was balanced with joyful service and fellowship! Special thanks to Emily King for organizing and leading this important Mission and Service event.

Photos by Emily King





## UMW Christmas Card SALE Sunday After Church November 10, 24 & Dec 1

All income from the November sale  
of our handmade Christmas cards  
will be used to support United  
Methodist Women service projects.



**Contact: Ruthie Waters**

650-520-4036 voicemail. Please leave  
return phone number or email

# CONCERT NOTES

**New Century Chamber Orchestra's** first concert of the season in our Sanctuary will feature pianist Simone Dinnerstein as leader and soloist in an all Bach program on Friday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. She will be joined by Christina Jennings, flute and Candace Guirao, violin. The program will conclude with a performance of the Fifth Brandenburg Concerto. Tickets are available online or at the door.

**Ragazzi Boys Chorus** will perform Celebrations of the Season: Stories of Our Immigrant Heritage, a concert that features the upper-level performance groups, on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 p.m. (The youngest Ragazzi singers perform in our Sanctuary on Dec. 14 at 2:00 p.m. See related story, page 3.) Tickets for these events are available online or at the door.





## Thank You First Palo Alto for Your Generous and Heartfelt Support

by Linda Grossman, photo supplied by Nancy Glaser

As you may know, Oct. 12 was the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Our church sent 12 Walkers to San Jose's Arena Green and we had a most enjoyable morning.

Our FUMCPA Team's intent was to raise awareness as well as funds for the Alzheimer's Association. We more than met our goal of \$10,000. At press time our total was \$11,070. Our team is in the top 12 in overall fundraising. Go Team!

Thank you to all who walked and raised money for the cause and for those who gave so generously to the Walk.

Our team of 12 walkers: Robert Lasater (team captain), Patricia Bellardo, Colleen Crangle, Hope Crockett, Tim Crockett, Nancy Glaser, Linda Grossman, Debra Murray, Kathy Rose, Scott Thomas, Faith Veenker, Vicki Veenker. Ellen Haffner accompanied the team to San Jose.

The many donors: Pastor Debra, the Nicholls, Craytons, Bellardos, Buttrills, Larsons, Hammars, the Crockett-Veenkers, the Tompkin family, Julianne Stafford, Alan Cooper, Robert Lasater, Brenda Birrell, the Coles, Jerry Johnson, Nancy Glaser, Kasey Phillips, Brian Steen and Sandra Wilson, Nancy Olson, the Shellys, Kings, Marcia Sterling, Holly Lifke, Kathleen Branyon and David Goodman, Jim Van Horne, Pamela Reasner, Ruthie Waters, Kathy Rose, Pam McKee, Stephanie Zeller, Jean Aitchison, Kay Jacobs, Linda Suzuki, Linda Grossman, Ellen Haffner, the Fingars, and Bill Davidson and Sandra Florstedt. Anonymous, too, donated generously and often. I (Linda) am baking 16 dozen "from-scratch killer brownies" for those in the congregation who donated \$200 or more to the Walk.

Funds donated to the Alzheimer's Association are used to advance research, provide and enhance care and support for those affected (including caregivers), and promote brain health for the prevention of dementia.





by Charlotte Cutkosky

Hello First Palo Alto readers! We've recently acquired a stack of books on Reconciling Ministries, as well as books for young readers centered around LGBTQ+ issues. Read below for picks for all ages!

*Rainbow: A First Book of Pride* by Dr. Michael Genhart is designed for very young children with beautiful, appropriately

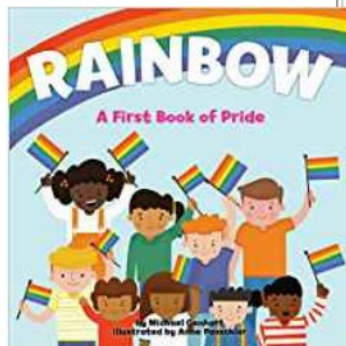
colorful illustrations by Anne Passchier. The book details the positive concepts that all of the rainbow colors in the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag, which was originally designed by artist and activist Gilbert Baker, individually symbolize. Though intended for young readers, adults may learn something too!

*George* by Alex Gino is a middle-grade chapter book centered on a transgender girl in junior high. "When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl." When George's school puts on a play of "Charlotte's Web," George knows she would be perfect for the lead role of Charlotte, but her teacher insists the part is "only for girls." George and her best friend Kelly see an opportunity to finally show George's parents and teachers who she really is. Parents may be interested in the interview with Alex Gino in the back of the book, which gives advice on how to support LGBTQ+ and questioning kids.

*The Prom* by Saundra Mitchell is a YA novelization of the hit Broadway musical, based on a true story. High schoolers Emma and Alyssa want to attend their senior prom as a couple, but meet homophobic backlash from their town and community—including Alyssa's mother. Things only get more fraught when a pair of out-of-work Broadway actors decide to take up Emma and Alyssa's cause, but inadvertently create more problems in their attempts for publicity—until the groups finally come together to fight for what's truly important.

We also have a variety of books for adults if you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a Reconciling Congregation. All the new books in this special focus will be on display over the book return—come check it out!

As always, happy reading FUMCPA, and Happy Thanksgiving. We are very thankful to be part of of such a loving and open congregation!



## Soup + Bread = Fun + Fellowship

by Pamela Cutkosky



Many thanks to all who contributed to our World Communion Sunday tradition of soup and bread after the service. People marveled at the variety of soups and came back for seconds! Kids had fun dressing up and taking pictures at the impromptu photo booth set up by Hope Crockett and Joe Murray.

Thank you to soup makers Michele C, Emily K, Carol K, Mira D, Pastor Debra, Pamela C, and Caryn C and to Sandra W, Mary Lu W and Caryn, who brought bread. A special thank you, Karen P, for the festive cupcakes, and Gladys S for the fritters. What a beautiful day we had for enjoying our lunch and good company. Your church family appreciates all of you!





# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER

- 5 TUESDAY TREKKERS  
Each Tuesday at 10 A.M.  
Contact Patty Bellardo,  
pbellardo@gmail.com
- 10 UMW GREETING CARD SALE  
On Patio before and after  
10:45 a.m. service  
Proceeds support UMW  
mission projects
- 12 LUNCH BUNCH  
11:30 A.M. at Mike's Cafe  
RSVP to Nancy Olson,  
nso2431@icloud.com
- 19 NEEDLEWORKERS  
9:30 a.m. at Channing House  
Contact Mary Ann Michael,  
mamichel@alumni.duke.edu
- 19 MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE\*  
1:30 p.m. in Patio Room  
Contact Mary Lu Wood,  
admlwood@gmail.com  
\*NOTE DATE CHANGE TO  
AVOID THANKSGIVING  
PREPARATIONS
- 24 UMW GREETING CARD SALE.  
See Nov. 10.

The United Methodist Women (UMW) welcomes all women of the church. For more information contact Nancy Olson, nso2431@icloud.com

### Remembering Women of the Bible

The recent *RESPONSE* magazine highlights some women of the Bible. Do you remember the stories?

According to the Bible, Rahab was a liar and a prostitute. The same Bible also names her so beloved of God as to be part of the lineage of Christ. (Book of Joshua).

Dorcas, also called Tabitha, is named in Acts 9 as a disciple, one of the few women officially afforded the title. Her story is given only seven verses in the Bible, but with those seven verses she has inspired generations of women with her faithful living in service to God.

The Samaritan woman at the well, is not named, but her story in John 4, recounts her conversation with Jesus and her belief and her testimony to her community.

The Bible's Hannah may be best known for her sorrow and her sacrifice—but she is more than just an example of asking of and receiving from God. (1 Samuel)

United Methodist Women members are reflected in Hannah's faith in God, in her praise of God and in her support and preparation of the next generation, knowing the importance of education, the power to lead and the supportive community necessary for both to happen.



### Deck the Halls!

Come one, come all!  
Mark your calendar  
for Nov. 30 to help  
decorate the church  
for Advent. Watch  
for details in the bulletin and the  
weekly e-news.



About 100 people attended the 125th Anniversary Dance Oct. 19. FUMC folks, some Tongans, and members of the four dance groups that use Fellowship Hall—Friday Night Waltz, Scandi Dance, Contra Dance, Wednesday Lindy Hop. Everyone had a chance to try out different types of dancing. Photo provided by Pastor Debra Murray



# Looking at ODFL Projects for the Next Year

by Brenda Birrell, Program Director, One Dollar For Life (ODFL)

I had finished my intended work in Kenya this summer. The classroom was built. The water catchment system was installed. But unintended work kept finding me. Most important was deciding what might be our next project.

The candidates are legion, but our resources are limited. The challenge was to find where we could make the greatest impact. The needs in Kenya are effectively infinite.

One of our student volunteers has collected 500 AYSO uniforms for distribution to children in the Kibera slum in Nairobi, along with soccer balls, cleats, and other supplies. Kibera is the largest slum in Africa, with more than 1,000,000 residents. Uniforms will bring a sense of dignity to the budding student athletes. Our own Nancy Glaser is helping get them delivered. So far, we've distributed over 1,000 used American uniforms to children in Africa.

One of my favorite projects is providing bee hives to increase pollination of local crops. The people in Kirinyaga are subsistence farmers. They grow banana, mango, macadamia, and avocado trees, along with coffee, tea, cabbages, beans, potatoes and maize. Last year, a set of five hives more than doubled food production in the surrounding community! They were so successful that this year we committed to providing an additional 12 hives, to pollinate crops at two other nearby communities.

The hives cost \$80 each. They are managed by the students at the schools as part of certification for national exams in animal husbandry and environmental sciences. They help students grow food at the school to feed themselves. They also produce money that the schools use to buy supplies and fund lunches for indigent students. Most important, they dramatically boost food production that is supporting all of local residents.

A final candidate for a project in Kenya is latrines for the girls at the Ngungu school. The boys enjoy clean, modern facilities while the girls have to do their business in squalor. See photos below. Our female student volunteers were indignant at the disparity and committed on the spot to raising funds to help the girls have equal facilities. They've raised \$2,000 of the \$4,000 needed and I think

they are not going to stop until they've succeeded in provisioning their Kenyan sisters with dignified facilities.

ODFL works in 15 other countries, so we have to think of them, too, when we make our decisions about where to invest. ODFL sewing centers in Kenya and Nepal (both funded by FUMC grants) produce our Girls' Equality Project (GEP) sanitary kits. The GEP is going full-out, providing thousands of girls with washable, re-usable sanitary pads so they can stay in school. The kits cost \$5 to make, but are provided free of charge to the girls. The kits last three years, usually long enough for the girls to finish school. A recent event in Kenya was especially notable.

In September, a 14-year old girl in Kenya killed herself after being "period shamed." She had been mocked for having menstrual blood on her school uniform and went home and hung herself. In response, ODFL committed to providing an extra 1,000 GEP kits to girls in Kenya. They will be completed and distributed before the end of the year.

We plan to build a playground at

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the Olmoti school in Tanzania which has 480 students but no play facilities. Similarly, we would like to build a playground in the Favelinha slum in Rio de Janeiro. Friends of Nancy Larson contributed to both of these at her 80th birthday party. Thank you friends! (And Happy Birthday, Nancy!)

ODFL is evaluating new GEP sewing centers in Tanzania, Ivory Coast, and Morocco. They cost so little (about \$2,000) yet give thousands of adolescent girls the chance for a dignified life. And we've committed to a new Birthing Center in Nepal. We've completed 14 of these so far. They are reducing the number of mothers dying in childbirth by over 90% and the number of babies dying by more than 95%! Thank you to the Centennial Endowment Committee for its support of this project.

I hope this is interesting. I feel grateful and blessed to be a set of eyes and ears into the world for this work on behalf of FUMC and its members. We are commanded to "serve the least of those among us" and these are some of the poorest people in the world. I wish I could convey the real impact our support is making. It is literally saving lives, and changing many, many thousands more. Thank you for your support.

Let's start taking this to other churches—imagine what we could do if we had hundreds of churches doing what we are!



by Nancy Olson

The World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention consider antibiotic resistance to be one of our planet's biggest health threats.

Today, nearly two-thirds of the drugs that are important to human medicine get sold not to treat people—but for animals like cows and pigs in factory farms. These precious medicines are often given to animals that aren't even sick. They are receiving drugs on a routine basis to ward off problems created by stressful, crowded conditions in which they are raised. This overuse leads to the creation of "superbugs," which can make people sick from infections that are harder or sometimes impossible to treat.

Eating less meat is the best way to protect our planet and our health. But we can also demand that meat be produced with more sustainable practices. It is our responsibility to read food labels to know what we are eating and providing for our families.

We have become aware of the plastic pollution of our oceans, but our oceans are also impacted by our direct actions. Runoff from lawns, farms, streets, parking lots, and construction sites is a major source of ocean pollution. In the bays and estuaries around nearly every populated area, chemicals and fertilizer from lawns, gardens and farm fields are creating "dead zones" where nothing can live. Runoff—silt, nitrogen, and phosphorous—rob ocean waters of light and oxygen and are especially harmful to coral reef ecosystems.

We can use less fertilizer by mulching our lawns and creating a compost pile to provide natural nutrients for our gardens. We can wash our cars on the grass, and not the driveway, that way harmful chemicals will be filtered by grass and soil before reaching local waterways. And we can plant more trees that contribute to clean water. Sweep walks and driveways rather than hosing them down. Water picks up chemicals and transports them to the nearest storm drain, creek, or waterway. Often, these hard surfaces contain oil, antifreeze, lawn chemicals, and other substances.

Our individual actions matter . . .

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 3. Fall back.







# WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Peace and Simplicity of Heart*

*Led by Liz Lawhead Stewart*

VILLA MARIA DEL MAR, SANTA CRUZ ♥ JANUARY 17 – 19

*“Do what you can reasonably do with great peace and simplicity of heart.”*

—St. Julie Billiart, SDN

We will explore in our own lives: Our deepest desire and Interior movements:  
Exhaustion to Rest • Distraction to Peace • Letting Go into Freedom • Beginning Anew

Scripture, poetry and storytelling will be our doorways to explore these and  
live into great peace and simplicity of heart.

The deadline to register is **Jan. 2**. We need to have your registration, along with a check before you can be registered. *If you cancel after Jan. 2, VMDM will charge a \$50.00 cancellation fee.*  
*Please note: The age limit for guests at Villa Maria del Mar is 21 years or older.*

**Make checks payable to:** First United Methodist Church/Women's Retreat

**Mail to:** FUMCPA, c/o RUTH LETTS, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301

*Please print clearly, especially your email address:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Room (\$398) \_\_\_\_\_ Double Room (\$283) per person \_\_\_\_\_

This cost includes *Simplicity of Heart*, a booklet that we will be working with.

Donation enclosed for scholarships \$\_\_\_\_\_ (**Please write a separate check stating “Retreat Donation.”**) Scholarships (full/partial) are available. Contact Ruth Letts for more information.

Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Please talk to the woman you want to room with first. We want to make sure you both plan on attending the retreat and are requesting to room with each other.

**Additional registration forms will be available in the narthex at the Welcome Center, at the church office and on the church website ([firstpaloalto.com](http://firstpaloalto.com)) through Jan. 2.**





## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/30/1963 Carol & George Carpenter  
 11/11/1989 Lucy Tompkin & Scott Thomas  
 11/05/1999 Jill & John Kispert  
 11/11/2001 Bill & Janet Nicholls



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/2	Amiyah Huston	11/10	Justin Fung
11/3	Paula McKinney	11/12	John Pencavel
11/4	Blair Helu	11/14	Frankie Campos
11/7	Alicia Breen	11/15	Ron Fredlund
11/7	Cathy Raneri	11/16	John John Kispert
11/8	Rick Branner	11/16	Michael Riley
11/10	Michele Conway	11/17	Marion Hollar
11/10	Linda Grossman	11/18	Patty Bellardo
11/10	Annie King	11/18	Steve Hickman
		11/19	Bill Michel
		11/19	Al Moon
		11/20	Sydney Keller
		11/20	Kevin Keller
		11/20	Mina Kiringoda
		11/21	Gladys Kalas
		11/22	Raymond Bailon
		11/22	Joseph W. Rahn
		11/22	Alex Riley
		11/23	Brynn Iglehart
		11/24	David Blackburn
		11/25	Jerry Johnson
		11/25	Caryn Cranston
		11/27	Alice Loughry
		11/30	Margaret Blackburn



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)

Sep 2019 Income and Expense Summary-- DRAFT	Sep 2019 Actual	Actual YTD 2019	Budget YTD 2019	Budget Annual 2019
Income				
Total Member Giving	34,031	329,273	335,349	450,170
Total Income All Other Sources	14,790	168,090	171,968	223,657
Total Income	48,821	497,363	507,317	673,827
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	7,247	43,973	45,000	60,000
Council on Ministries	441	15,539	27,842	39,790
Staff Parish Relations	22,612	230,775	276,646	368,862
Office and Finance	1,070	14,339	15,200	19,200
Board of Trustees	13,173	178,261	138,800	185,975
Total Expenses	44,543	482,887	503,489	673,827
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	4,278	14,476	3,829	0





# November 2019

- 2 Final 125th Anniversary Tour and Organ Concert, 1:00 p.m.
- 3 All Saints Day. Special service at 10:45 a.m. Daylight Savings Time ends. Fall back. Couples Group, 11:45 a.m.
- 5 Election Day. Vote! Staff-Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Insights deadline** for December-January issue  
UMW Holiday Card Sale, noon
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Koinonia, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Couples Group, 11:45 a.m.  
125th Anniversary Celebration, 3:00 p.m., followed by Luau
- 19 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 United Methodist Student Day (special offering)  
UMW Holiday Card Sale, noon
- 26 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Thanksgiving  
Church office closed
- 29 Church office closed
- 30 Deck the Halls, 8:00 a.m.

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



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sundays

- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Age 3 through 5th grade)
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
Broadcast live online at: [firstpaloalto.com/live-webcast/](http://firstpaloalto.com/live-webcast/)
- 12:00 noon Snack 'n' Chat

Childcare is available from 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Noah's Ark room

### Mondays

- 12:00 noon Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Fiumé di Musica

### 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
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 8:00 p.m. Upstream Community Band

### Fridays

- 12:00 noon Prayer

#### Information for the next edition of the Insights newsletter is due November 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 W. Conway: [insightsfirstpa@gmail.com](mailto:insightsfirstpa@gmail.com) or bring them to the church office. Thank you!





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