



## Meals Still Needed

Sign ups have been going well, but we have not filled every day in June with a meal – yet. Here’s how you can help:

- ✧ Sign up to provide dinner for 15 guests and one Hotel de Zink (HdZ) staff member. Drop off home-made meals at the church or purchase meals from a local restaurant and arrange delivery.
- ✧ Sign up to provide food items for weekend “take-away” breakfasts.
- ✧ Sign up to be a weekly coordinator. Make reminder phone calls and check in by phone with the HdZ staff.

It’s easy to sign up online and see what others are bringing to ensure variety. Dave and Pat Shelly are Hotel de Zink coordinators this year. Contact them for more information.

Sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/9040f44aeaf2ea3f49-hotel1](https://signupgenius.com/go/9040f44aeaf2ea3f49-hotel1) ❖

## Saying Thank You and Goodbye to Pastor Ann

On May 9, District Superintendent Samuel Hong announced Bishop Carcaño’s decision to appoint Rev. Ann Duncan as senior pastor of Burlingame UMC, beginning July 1.

Pastor Ann has been a wonderful presence in our midst, and under her leadership our ministry to children and youth has expanded – even in the midst of the pandemic. Your Staff Parish Relations Committee and Pastor Debra communicated to DS Hong how much we valued Ann and hoped to keep her in ministry with us in the next appointment year. Though we respect the cabinet’s discernment, we wish the outcome had been different.

We will miss Ann. We will miss the whole Duncan family, too – Nathan, Roan, and Lena. We are so very grateful for all Ann has done at First Palo Alto UMC in the past 18 months. But of course we are excited on her behalf for her new appointment as senior pastor to Burlingame.

Part of easing Ann’s transition is to shower her with our love and thanks. Your Staff Parish Relations Committee encourages you to participate in three ways:

**Send a card.** Write up your appreciative thoughts and best wishes in a card or letter to Ann and mail it to the church office.

**Say goodbye on Zoom.** Join in a Zoom appreciation event on Friday, June 18, from 5 to 6 p.m. Pop in during the Zoom hour to say thank you to Ann personally and bid her and her family a loving farewell. We will send out the Zoom link to the congregation a couple days before.

**Contribute to a “love offering.”** You are invited to contribute towards a monetary gift to Ann from the congregation. If you choose to do so, please make a check out to “Ann Duncan” and write “love



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## Is Virtual Worship Here for Good?

based on a UM News article by Jim Patterson, with additions by Mira Dabrowski and Michele W. Conway

The rise of COVID-19 last March prodded many churches, including our own, to improve or start from scratch what they offered on the Internet.

The Rev. Mark Nakagawa, West District superintendent in the California-Pacific Conference, said the coronavirus offered “a Kairos moment for the church.” *Kairos* is a Greek word meaning a right, critical, or opportune moment.

“For the church, [COVID-19] has brought the future to our doorstep and it has compelled churches to make changes they’ve been meaning to make for decades,” said Nakagawa. “At the same time, it has given churches opportunities to be creative in ways that we never thought we would have to be.”

The Rev. Matthias Fankhauser, who leads the Church Development Department of The United Methodist Church in Switzerland and France, said it’s an important aspect of the pandemic crisis that churches were pushed to bolster their online presence.

Nakagawa said that only a handful of the 80 churches he oversees offered virtual worship before the pandemic. “Now the situation’s reversed,” he said. “I have maybe a handful of churches who aren’t doing some sort of virtual worship. So the majority of the churches, at least in this district, have made the leap from on-site to online worship.”

Rev. Jeff Vanderhoff of Trinity United Methodist Church in McMurray, Pennsylvania, said, “It’s neat to be able to find a new avenue to share the Gospel, and that’s what this has done for us.” The online services at Trinity have attracted former members who have moved away and extended family of church members and staff, Vanderhoff said.

Churches in Zimbabwe have gone online and response has been positive, said Kudzai Chingwe, a communicator for the Zimbabwe East Conference of The United Methodist Church in Africa. “Zimbabweans are worldwide, and they attend virtual services,” Chingwe said. “They are ... rekindling their memories. They also see their relatives during livestreaming.”

Measuring the effectiveness of online services is best done by looking at engagements instead of views, Vanderhoff said. “We find that views can be deceiving. “You can have hundreds of views, but it’s basically that somebody scrolled past. If you get an engagement, that means somebody liked it or shared it or commented or something like that.” The next step is to reach out to the folks who have engaged with the website, “and maybe make a personal connection beyond online with some of those folks,” Vanderhoff said. “That’s been a real blessing, to extend the reach.”

The question of whether online church alone can constitute a United Methodist’s worship experience hasn’t been resolved yet. “I don’t think there’s a ‘one size fits all’ there,” Rev. Amy Wilson Feltz, pastor of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in El Paso, Texas, said. “If they’re growing in their faith, they’re growing in their spiritual development and their ability to turn outward and serve in the community, ... I don’t see why that would be a problem.”

It is “out of the question” to stop online efforts after the pandemic passes, Fankhauser said. “But it is also clear that we need both formats, online and on-site,” he said. ... We are eager to push what we call a hybrid church, face-to-face and digital formats.”

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# Saving the Good Old Days for Days to Come

by Pamela Cutkosky

Are you a history buff? Got some tech skills? Are you organized?

FUMC's history dates back to 1894 and our archive holds 127 years of our dreams and accomplishments. Our longtime archivist Dan Conway and assistant Beth Bunnenberg are looking to pass the baton and introduce some new folks to this wealth of material and the steps for maintaining it. Could that be you? It's quite a treasure trove!

Dan succeeded Sandy Shafer as archivist more than a dozen years ago. He says the most fun part of the job is learning odd facts about the church – like the Patio Room is labeled “Church Parlor” in the blueprints of the Education Building – and discovering amazing pictures – like views of the sanctuary before the stained glass was added and sanctuary designs that were never built.

He is most proud of a slide show he and son Ben put together from transparencies about the construction of the sanctuary. It was shown at a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the building.

What does it take to be an archivist? Good organization skills are helpful. Some of our files are in piles.

Space for storing our archives at church is limited, but time marches on. Important documents accumulate. What to keep? What to discard?

These are key questions for the archiving team. Some of the material could and should be digitized. The archiving team would decide what to keep in paper form and what to scan to preserve it and make it more accessible. Then, the team would need to identify a secure place for storing non-digital material.



Interested in learning more? For questions on archiving, contact Dan Conway. For more on the position of archivist, contact someone on the Committee on Lay Leadership – Pastor Debra, Pamela Cutkosky, Lucy Tompkin, Emily King, Carol Kumer, Linda Grossman, Nancy Olson, Mira Dabrowski. ❖



All congregants are invited to a church conference on Sunday, June 13, 3:00 p.m., presided over by Pastor Randy Smith of Wesley Methodist Church in Palo Alto.

The main business of this conference is for church members to vote on nominations by the Council on Lay Leadership to fill church volunteer leadership and committee positions for the upcoming church year beginning July 1.

Watch your email inbox for Zoom information to join the conference. ❖



## FUMCPA Will Host La Comida Meal Pick-Up This Summer

Our church will look a bit more lively Monday through Friday from 11 to 1 p.m. this summer. First Palo Alto has offered our patio as a pick-up location for La Comida meals during the summer months.

La Comida de California is a nonprofit dedicated to serving Palo Alto area seniors a delicious, warm meal each weekday. What had been a sit-down, communal experience is now a meal pick-up operation due to the pandemic. You can learn more about this invaluable nutrition program at [lacomida.org](http://lacomida.org). ❖



Teacher Pam



Teacher Pam and Sunday School kids on Zoom make goggles with their hands as part of a lesson on giving second chances and seeing people differently. Photo by Ann Duncan

# COMPASSION KITCHEN

where gardening & sharing  
create abundance

Saturday, June 19  
10am to 2pm

Gardening,  
games,  
music, stories,  
crafts, lunch, &  
a petting zoo!

Rising K - 6th

Based on  
the stories  
"Stone  
Soup"  
& Jesus  
feeding the  
5,000



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## Hello, First Palo Alto Readers

by Charlotte Cutkosky

We can now announce that the church library will be officially re-opening in July, with more details to come in the e-news as the date approaches. We can't wait to see you again!

While we wait, we encourage you to check out *Hyphen American* by local East Palo Alto author and community organizer Tonga Victoria! *Hyphen American* is Victoria's first novel, a Young Adult espionage-adventure story inspired by Victoria's own experience as a first generation Polynesian-American. It's the first book in a series, so keep a lookout for her second book *Tinsley* coming soon!

Preorder *Hyphen American* from Victoria's website here: [www.tongavictoriabooks.com](http://www.tongavictoriabooks.com)

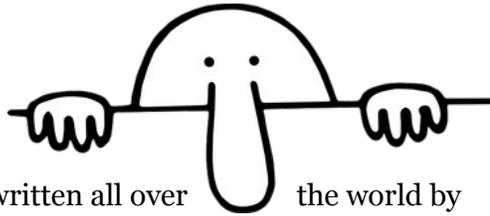
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# Pam Was Here!

by Mira Dabrowski

As a child, I learned the phrase “Kilroy was here” – something written all over the world by WWII soldiers and others. I understood it to mean Kilroy had been everywhere. And this has been my experience with First Palo Alto’s outgoing Lay Leader, Pamela (Pam) Cutkosky.



If you’ve attended a First UMC Palo Alto summer picnic, admired our holiday decorations, been invited to fulfill a volunteer position, wondered who transformed that hard to reach planted area above the First Workspace patio, enjoyed the annual October in-person soup and bread meal after church, heard an in-person or recorded announcement about church events delivered with a smile in an engaging and friendly tone, read articles in the Insights newsletter, or had your children attend in-person or virtual Sunday school with “Teacher Pam,” then you’ve likely been enriched by Pam as she performed her many volunteer roles.

Our church has been blessed with hard-working pastors and volunteers over the years, but as Pam steps out of the Lay Leader role, I wanted to share my appreciation for her many contributions that have enhanced the life of our church, especially during this difficult year in our community, nation, and world.

After two consecutive three-year terms as volunteer Lay Leader, when the pandemic hit, Pam generously agreed to stay on for a seventh year, in which she served alongside Pastor Debra, who was beginning her second year at our church, and Pastor Ann, who had recently joined the church as Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Pam helped provide stability and experience as we navigated the unknowns of virtual church.

Pam’s devotion to Christ is evident in the caring approach she takes with her responsibilities and the cheer and humor she shares with her fellow volunteers. I’ve learned quite a bit from her this past year and I will miss her being “everywhere.” But Pam will still be here with us, she’s just reducing the number of hats she wears, somewhat because a possible rescheduling of last year’s canceled semester in Italy could pull her away this fall.

Please extend your thanks to Pam for all that she has done to help the pastors keep our church life thriving. ❖



We hope to fire up the grill and welcome you back to Thursday Picnics in the Park in July at the Pine Grove group site in Mitchell Park. Mark your calendars for July 8, 15, 22, and 29.

We had to cancel our picnics last year. Will our picnics be back to “normal” this summer? Not sure.

At this writing, the city’s picnic rules do not seem to have caught up with state and CDC guidance about outdoor gatherings. Grilling and serving food seem to be permitted. (We may want to alter our buffet style.) But the city is currently requiring masks when not eating and social distancing between households, and limits gatherings to 50.

Restrictions may change when the state reopens on June 15. Depending on the restrictions, we may schedule fewer picnics.

We’re monitoring the changing rules. If you have any suggestions, contact Pamela Cutkosky or Hope Crockett. Watch your email inbox for updates!



First Palo Alto UMC, with the help of a generous friend who is gathering and fixing up second-hand bikes in good condition, will be providing bikes to some of our Hotel de Zink guests, as well as to several children and youth in the community, during a bike giveaway event Saturday, June 26. Watch for details in the church e-news. ❖

## Stronger Together

First Palo Alto UMC members – both human and canine! – participated in the interfaith Prayer Vigil at Palo Alto City Hall on Saturday, May 22. The theme of the event was Stronger Together. Mira Dabrowski (below, with red sleeves), who sings with our church's Upstream Band, joined the musicians. Pastor Debra (at right) graciously filled in for a speaker who, at the last minute, was unable to attend. Jeremy Lin of the Golden State Warriors was a featured speaker at the event. Photos by Ann Duncan



### Virtual Worship from page 2

Feltz agrees. “Even when the restrictions are lifted, we’ll continue to work hard on our online presence as well, because it’s a valid way for people to connect,” she said.

“It really isn’t the strong who survive,” Feltz said, quoting an axiom she first heard from the Rev. Donita Lea of St. James United Methodist Church in Abilene, Texas. “It’s really those who adapt.”

First Palo Alto United Methodist Church is grateful to our own

pastors for their leadership in helping our church “pivot” from traditional in-person activities to an active online presence that helped keep our church community connected and inspired for the past year.

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray had already wanted us to start using Zoom and we had tested some, but when the pandemic restrictions began, she sprang into action making sure to have some sort of Zoom gathering scheduled every day of the week. We did not miss a church service. Pastor Debra has been a cheerleader throughout the pandemic for online and safe in-person activities, such as Black Lives Matter, donations to fire victims, in-person parking lot events, and more.

Rev. Ann Duncan adapted children and youth programs excellently, finding creative and fun ways to engage kids both online and safely in-person, including outdoor game days, a Christmas pageant, Easter activities, Zoom Sunday School, Zoom art classes, and more. ❖

[www.umnews.org/en/news/virtual-worship-is-here-for-good](http://www.umnews.org/en/news/virtual-worship-is-here-for-good)



by Nancy Olson

It does look like we are seeing the end, or at least the easing, of pandemic restrictions – fewer places where face masks are required, for example.

Vaccines were developed in record time to combat COVID-19. Litter in the time of the pandemic, it turns out, frustratingly defies solution.

A year ago, the idea that disposable face masks, gloves, and wipes could become global environmental pollutants was not a pressing concern. Personal protective equipment, PPE for short, was seen as essential for preventing the spread of COVID-19. No one imagined just how much of it would be needed, for so long. Then production exploded – and now the litter is inescapable.

You are out for your daily walk. You see a face mask on the ground. Few want to touch what has shielded someone's potentially virus-laden breath. So there it lies until it blows away – and that elemental problem is rapidly changing the landscape around the world, from grocery store parking lots to beaches on uninhabited islands.

Scientists are collecting information that documents the use and disposal of PPE on a global scale – i.e. face masks or face shields that are discarded every day – 1.8 billion plus daily.

All may be called disposable, because they are cheap enough to be used once and then thrown away. But they don't actually go away.

Face masks, gloves, and wipes are made from multiple plastic fibers, primarily polypropylene, that will remain in the environment for decades, fragmenting into smaller and smaller micro-plastics and nano-plastics. Their litter is blown into rivers and streams which carry them to seas. Scientists are recording their presence on South American beaches, river outlets in Bangladesh, on the coast of Kenya, and on uninhabited islands in Hong Kong.

Discarded PPE has clogged street drains from New York City to Nairobi, and gummed up machinery in the municipal sewage system in Vancouver.

PPE are not recyclable and should not be added to any household recycling bin. They can contain a mix of paper and polymers that

cannot be separated into pure streams of single materials for recycling. They also get caught in recycling machinery, causing breakdowns. PPE used in medical facilities is disposed of as hazardous medical waste.

The pandemic has also seen increased production of disposable packaging, as consumers have bought more takeout food, and as bans of single-use plastics, including shopping bags, were suspended because of fears that reusables would spread the virus. At the same time, in part due to cuts in cash-strapped municipal budgets, a third of the recycling companies in the United States have been partially or completely shuttered.

### **What You Can Do**

- Don't be a litterbug!
- Where face masks are required, wear washable cloth masks when possible.
- Pack used PPE into a plastic bag, seal it, and put it in the trash (*NOT* with recyclables).

I hope we will see the end of the need for PPE in our near future since we have vaccines available. Not so for some other countries.

But the need to be aware of how we dispose of our garbage and unwanted items will remain. Litter is an ongoing problem. It is unsightly, unhealthy, and expensive. We can contribute greatly to controlling litter by caring about our environment and by being individually aware. ❖



# SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



## JUNE

- 6/1 Griffin Larson
- 6/2 Aidan Keller
- 6/3 Art Hammar
- 6/3 Janet Nicholls
- 6/4 Steve Smith
- 6/6 Eileen Johnson
- 6/6 Penelope Spangler
- 6/8 Joshuel Hibdon-  
Malkinson
- 6/9 Gayle Perry
- 6/9 Claire Duhring
- 6/10 Mark Bateman
- 6/10 Nervin Hall
- 6/10 Aaron Wells
- 6/11 Yannick Hall
- 6/11 Kasey Phillips
- 6/13 Lou Bellardo
- 6/14 Mele Teu-Fifita
- 6/16 Caety Chong
- 6/17 Julian Bliss
- 6/17 William Bliss
- 6/17 Sumith Kalas
- 6/17 Debra Murray
- 6/20 Peter Colby
- 6/20 Ainsley Newberry
- 6/21 Mona Blackburn
- 6/21 Julia Kispert
- 6/22 Dave Gee
- 6/23 Carol Mosher
- 6/23 Theo Newberry
- 6/24 Karen Breen
- 6/25 Christina Bellardo
- 6/25 David Carman
- 6/26 Lisa Newton
- 6/28 Heather Perry
- 6/28 Arden Wells
- 6/29 Sebastian Cherng
- 6/29 Junior Basco

## JULY

- 7/2 Ellie Norris
- 7/2 Mark Hollar
- 7/2 Rick Allen
- 7/2 Chloe Iglehart
- 7/4 Bill Davidson
- 7/4 Nathalie Camens
- 7/5 Jewels Bailon
- 7/6 Barbara Bayha
- 7/6 Tom McHugh
- 7/7 Lois Hammar
- 7/7 Eliana Rao
- 7/8 Owen Keep
- 7/9 Ellen Haffner
- 7/9 Ruthie Waters
- 7/9 Michael Reddick
- 7/10 Sunia Sanft
- 7/10 Laisiana Delai
- 7/11 Lucy Newton
- 7/13 Ross Trammell
- 7/13 Vaiola Herrera
- 7/14 Betty Lumpkin
- 7/14 Betsy Van Nuys
- 7/15 John Nimmo
- 7/15 Dustin Thomas
- 7/15 Jeff King
- 7/15 Mykala Curtis
- 7/16 Bill Nicholls
- 7/17 Marilyn Bauriedel
- 7/18 Molly Riley
- 7/18 Andy Clifford
- 7/21 Bud Buttril
- 7/22 Angela Mosqueda
- 7/22 Makeleta Stepp
- 7/25 Linda Jordan
- 7/25 Atu Vosailagi
- 7/26 Bob Olmstead
- 7/27 Dana Gleason
- 7/28 Faith Veenker
- 7/30 Felice Swapp
- 7/31 Vicki Veenker

## AUGUST

- 8/1 Jennifer Blackburn
- 8/1 Alice Peterson
- 8/1 Axel Larson
- 8/1 Mere Bikai
- 8/2 Carol Aterberry
- 8/2 Sherry Bender
- 8/5 Gabriella Herbart-Paz
- 8/6 Jim Van Horne
- 8/8 David Marshall
- 8/9 Kitty Baggot
- 8/10 Lin Stewart
- 8/11 Elizabeth Center
- 8/11 Frank Rahn
- 8/12 Robert Lee Day
- 8/12 Tim Breen
- 8/13 Griffen Camens
- 8/14 Sara Perry
- 8/16 Allen Wood
- 8/17 Mike McCartney
- 8/18 Shirley Stewart
- 8/20 Deb Martin
- 8/22 Carol Gleason
- 8/22 Denise Blase
- 8/23 Kathleen Martin
- 8/24 Justin Leong
- 8/27 Jean Ohls
- 8/27 Debbie Anderes
- 8/28 John Duhring
- 8/28 Louisa King
- 8/29 Sue Clifford
- 8/29 Jeff Perry
- 8/30 Vickey Conley
- 8/31 Alice Jensen

Find summer anniversaries on page 10.

FIRST WorkSpace is ready to open once a Leasing and Property Management Company is hired. If anyone can make a recommendation and introduction, it will be appreciated. Please contact Nancy Glaser.



# UMW CONNECTIONS

by Nancy Olson

Activities organized by or for United Methodist Women (UMW) usually take a break during summer months so members can spend time with family activities while children are not in school. But how very different our schedules have been this past year!

I hope that by September we can meet in person to share pandemic experiences, lunch, a hug, and make some plans for future activities.

In the meantime, our church has activities planned to keep life interesting and fun and connected through God. Our UMW organization has many online programs to keep us educated and involved in mission projects around our country and around the world.

Faith Talks are conversations hosted by UMW on mission, advocacy, and spiritual growth topics. Faith Talks are live conversations and also a podcast you can listen to anytime. Recent topics include church and politics, faith in the midst of uncertainty, and caring for the body. Join in the live conversations and listen to past talks at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks), and subscribe to Faith Talks podcasts.

UMW's Mission-U events are great opportunities to study current issues impacting society, grow spiritually, and be in community with fellow United Methodists working to put faith, hope, and love into action. Hosted throughout the country by United Methodist conferences, these events offer opportunities to grow spiritually and learn more about issues facing our church and world. The 2021 mission studies are: Finding Peace in an Anxious World,

Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in School, and Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship. Children and youth studies are also offered. The theme for this year's Mission-U is: "There's Far More Here" based on 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. This year's program will again be virtual gatherings to keep one another safe during the COVID-19 health crisis. Maybe we can once again meet in person next year.

We gathered in person in the church parking lot to assemble Welcome Bags for our Hotel de Zink guests. This local mission gave us an opportunity to actually see each other and to enjoy the busy time together.

Our annual pledge is our participation in UMW mission projects to support women, children, and families.

Remember to send your pledge to our Treasurer, Lucy Tompkin. ❖



Kids Art Zoom group, led by Pastor Ann and local artist Ben Conway, met May 25. Kids drew pictures of summer fun. Lemonade, anyone? Photos by Ann Duncan

**Ann** from page 1

offering” in the memo line. It is important that these checks be made out to Ann and *NOT* to FUMC-PA. This gift is not tax-deductible and is separate from gifts to support the church. Mail the check for Ann to the church office by June 20. The checks will be deposited as a group. Individual names and amounts will not be listed.

The church address for mailing cards or checks is:

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Palo Alto, CA 94301 ❖



## Finance Update



## SUMMER ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY

7/1 Nathan & Ann Duncan  
7/6 Peter & Robin Michel  
7/13 David & Gayle Perry  
7/15 Donald & Sheralee Iglehart  
7/18 Stephen & Karen Black  
7/18 Matt & Shannon Newberry  
7/27 Steve Hickman & Karen Garrison  
7/27 Sumith & Gladys Kalas  
7/29 Art & Lois Hammar

### AUGUST

8/5 John & Louise Pencavel  
8/7 Kyle Trammell & Christina Bellardo

### JUNE

6/5 Jean & Brian Cole  
6/6 Bill & Terri Michel  
6/9 Tim Crockett & Vicki Veenker  
6/12 Patricia & James Collman  
6/12 Sandra Wilson & Brian Steen  
6/16 Allen & Mary Lu Wood  
6/17 Denise & Brian Blase  
6/17 Chrissie Blair & Miles Keep  
6/20 Kurt & Carol Gleason  
6/23 Mark & Michelle Hollar  
6/24 Joe & Tanya Buxton  
6/27 Keith & Meg Ferguson

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)

April 2021 Income and Expense Summary FINAL	April 2021 Actual	Actual YTD 2021	Budget YTD 2021	Budget Annual 2021
Income				
Total Member Giving	22,009	163,562	186,000	409,000
Total Income All Other Sources	7,700	87,326	34,367	197,800
Total Income	29,709	250,888	220,367	606,800
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	2,952	19,092	19,000	54,000
Council on Ministries	931	2,761	11,759	38,930
Staff Parish Relations	27,503	113,561	131,588	394,860
Office and Finance	1,101	4,503	5,725	19,975
Board of Trustees	6,826	51,942	60,385	158,582
Total Expenses	39,314	191,859	228,457	666,347
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	-9,605	59,029	-8,090	-59,547
March Actual and YTD Actual results are skewed as a result of PPP loan forgiveness in the amount of \$55,700.				

## JUNE

Hotel de Zink lower level 5 p.m. – 9 a.m. daily

- 1 SPRC, Zoom meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Trustees, Zoom meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Worship Planning Team, Zoom meeting, 5 p.m.
- 13 Charge Conference, Zoom meeting, 3 p.m.
- 15 Finance, Zoom meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Pastor Ann Thank You/Farewell, Zoom, 5 p.m.
- 19 Compassion Kitchen, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 22 Church Council, Zoom meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 Worship Planning Team, Zoom meeting, 5 p.m.
- 26 Bike Giveaway

## JULY

- 4 Independence Day. Church office closed.
- 6 SPRC, Zoom meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Worship Planning Team, Zoom meeting, 5 p.m.  
Picnic in the Park (tentative), 6 p.m.
- 13 Trustees, Zoom meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Picnic in the Park (tentative), 6 p.m.
- 20 Finance, Zoom meeting, 7:30 p.m.
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Picnic in the Park (tentative), 6 p.m.
- 27 Church Council, Zoom meeting, 7 p.m.
- 29 Picnic in the Park (tentative), 6 p.m.

## AUGUST

- 3 SPRC, Zoom meeting, 7 p.m.
- 5 Worship Planning Team, Zoom meeting, 5 p.m.
- 10 Trustees, Zoom meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Finance, Zoom meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Worship Planning Team, Zoom meeting, 5 p.m.
- 20 Insights deadline for September issue
- 24 Church Council, Zoom meeting, 7 p.m.

Our electronic giving page is always open! Give with a few clicks at [firstpaloalto.com/giving](https://firstpaloalto.com/giving) or text Give to 1-650-376-6784 for a link with instructions.

Your generosity makes our mission possible. Thank you!



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

→ All activities are online via Zoom or as noted until further notice. Check the website for updates.  
→ The church office is operating remotely and can be contacted by phone or email.

### Sundays

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Worship, on our website and YouTube. Find links at: [firstpaloalto.com](https://firstpaloalto.com)  
Virtual Coffee & Chat, after worship
- 10 a.m. Children's Sunday School (see also, Wednesdays)
- Noon Children's Church (YouTube)
- 12:30 p.m. Community Affairs discussion

### Mondays

- 7 p.m. Social Justice team hosts movie discussions. See the church e-news for movie details.
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

### Tuesdays

- Noon Community Chats & Check In
- 2 p.m. Bible Study, Channing House

### Wednesdays

- 4 p.m. Children's Sunday School (see also, Sundays)
- 7 p.m. Upstream Bible Study and Contemporary Worship Service

### Thursdays

- Noon Community Chats & Check In
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Information for the September edition of the Insights newsletter is due August 20.

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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