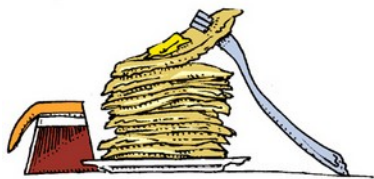




Ash Wednesday

Join us for a pancake supper followed by an Ash Wednesday worship service March 2 at 5 p.m.



Join Us for Worship

In-person worship in the sanctuary resumes Sunday mornings, beginning March 6. Vaccination and masks are required. Services will also be live streamed.

Great Decisions



Discussions continue on Sunday evenings in March and April. See details, page 2.

Get Creative

Pastor Gerardo and artist Ben Conway invite you to unwind and make art Friday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Learn to draw plants – both real and imagined! All ages are welcome. Details on page 5.



Confirmation class starts in March. See page 5.

Connection Café Is Back for 2022

by Colleen Crangle

Connection Café is back, true to its mission of engaging with people and promoting the exchange of ideas. At noon Saturday, March 26, Connection Café will feature live music by Miracle Jones, an acoustic guitar trio performing rock, folk, and country tunes, to celebrate Women’s History Month. Come and enjoy music featuring our own Mira Dabrowski and learn about remarkable women in ancient and recent history. As always, there will be themed activities for children, coffee and snacks.



Connection Café launched its 2022 program on the church patio at noon, Feb. 26, with live music from Jackie Turner & Friends to celebrate the culmination of Black History Month. A talented performer with a voice and personality that warm your heart and make

you want to dance, Jackie Turner is a San Francisco native who is able to tap into her gospel roots and deliver jazz, R&B, and soul. The event also featured activities for kids, coffee and snacks.

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Photos by Dan Conway





Great Decisions Schedule Set for March and April

by Tom Fingar

Unfortunately, our Great Decisions series got off to a rocky start because of technical problems that should not have happened and have been corrected. We apologize for the confusion and disruption but remain excited about upcoming programs, including a second session on the Biden administrations foreign policy that will build on but be different from the disrupted one on Feb. 20.

Owing to caution and uncertainties related to COVID-19, the series will continue to be presented via Zoom. Discussions will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on successive Sunday evenings through April 24 (with a break for Easter on April 17). If you have not already registered, you can do so by contacting Lou Bellardo (lou@bellardo.com) or by following the instructions on the First Church website. When you register, you will receive the Zoom link good for all sessions.

The Great Decisions workbook is available from the Foreign Policy Association website at fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials, but it is not necessary to read the articles in order to benefit from the discussion. We will discuss topics in the following order:

March 6: Biden's Agenda II. The initial talk on this subject was plagued by technical problems. In response to requests to reprise the subject, Tom Fingar will present a second lecture on Biden's foreign policy agenda that will incorporate some of the points made in the Feb. 20 talk, but devote most time to examination of how and why the President's approach to international issues differs from that of his predecessors. Tom Fingar is a Shorenstein APARC fellow at Stanford and a former Assistant Secretary of State and Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

March 13: Myanmar and ASEAN. The situation in Myanmar, including the coup by the military in February 2021 and the ongoing human rights crises, coupled with civil resistance by those opposed to the regime, has led to the chaos in the Southeast Asian country. How are neighboring countries reacting, and what role will ASEAN play? by Hunter Marston. The discussion will be led by Scot Marciel. Marciel is a Visiting Fellow at Stanford's Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center and former ambassador to Myanmar.

March 20: Quad Alliance. As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China. Recently, the Quad countries held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. How effective will the actions of this alliance be? by Kevin Rudd. The discussion will be led by Tom Fingar. Fingar is a Shorenstein APARC fellow at Stanford and a former Assistant Secretary of State and Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

March 27: Climate Change. The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate? by Ron Bee. Discussion leader not yet confirmed.

April 3: Industrial Policy. The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the U.S. implement to deal with trade and the economy? by Jonathan Chanis. Discussion leader not yet confirmed.

April 10: Outer Space. The launch of Sputnik 1 in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China, and commercial companies such as

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Women's Lectionary Study Begins

by Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

Did you know that the Bible mentions more than 100 women? Can you name them? Our traditional androcentric lectionaries don't tell their stories. What would these women's stories say to us today if they were told? Would they strengthen our viewpoint of women, (trans, and binary individuals) and their divinity, leadership, and agency? Rev. Wilda Gafney, author of *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*, believes so and poignantly addresses these points in her text.

Rev. Gafney states in her introduction:

“Androcentrism, sexism, and misogyny in the scriptures, and in their translation and in their preaching and liturgical use, hurts men and boys and nonbinary children and adults as much as it does women and girls. Exclusively masculine language constructs and reinforces the notion that men are the proper image of God and women are secondary and distant. Further, the simple reality that men and boys have always heard their gender identified with God cannot be overlooked as a source of power and authority in security in terms of their place in the divine household and economy. Many, if not most, women and girls have not heard themselves identified by their gender as and with the divine, and for those who have had that experience it has been profoundly moving, rare, and even sometimes profoundly disturbing.”

Journey with Gafney as we see the biblical narrative through a matrilineal genealogy and translation where God's name and references in the original Hebrew translations are both male and female.

Join me from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays, via Zoom, for *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*, Year W by Wilda Gafney. You'll be glad you did, and don't forget to invite your friends! Zoom registration is required. The Zoom link will be published in our Friday e-news for you to share.

This study begins March 9, during Lent, and continues throughout the remainder of 2022. Purchase a copy of the book—be sure to get Year W—from your favorite bookseller. ❖



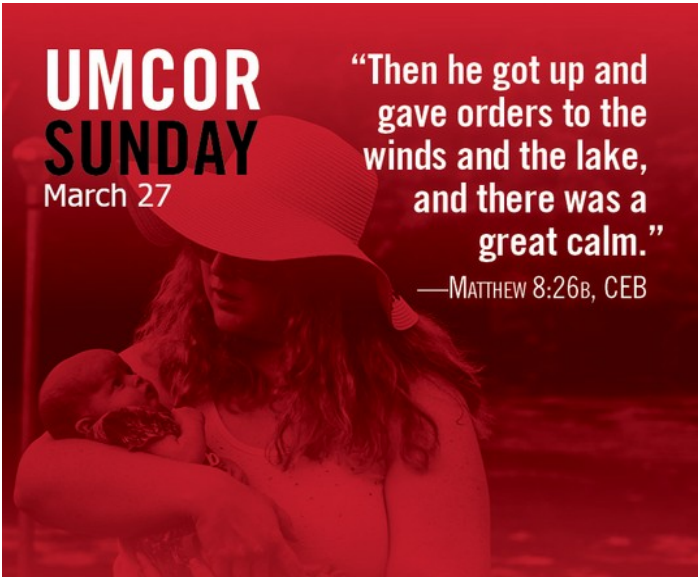
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**UMCOR
SUNDAY**
March 27

“Then he got up and
gave orders to the
winds and the lake,
and there was a
great calm.”
—MATTHEW 8:26B, CEB

Great Decisions *from page 2*

SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space? by Eric Berger. The discussion will be led by Jay Santee. Santee is a retired Air Force Major General and vice president for Strategic Space Operations at Aerospace Corporation.

April 24: Drug Policy in Latin America. The issue of migration to the United States from Latin America has overshadowed the war on drugs, which has been underway for decades with little signs of progress. What are the roots and the bureaucratic logic behind today's dominant drug policies in Latin America? Is it time to reconsider punitive drug policies that disrupt supply chains and punish drug possession? by Mónica Serrano. Discussion leader not yet confirmed. ❖

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

by Nancy Olson

The National United Methodist Women organization has had a Charter for Racial Justice for many years. Our organization has historically welcomed *all* women and this continues today.

As the country celebrated Black History Month in February, the names of Black women that have made significant contributions throughout history were highlighted. These are names that should have a prominent place in our history books; names that should be known by our children, e.g., [Ida B. Wells](#) and [Fannie Lou Hamar](#), early leaders in civil and voting rights.

The UMW supports voting rights, equal education rights, healthcare rights, civil rights—basic human rights specifically for women, children, and families. We come together in small groups across our country to act together in mission to help those in need – just as Jesus taught us to do.

As United Methodist, our covenant with God calls us to steward, protect, and defend God's creation. Climate can't wait. Our climate, our communities, our faith compel us to call for bold and just action. We have a moral responsibility as a nation, and a sacred task as people of faith, to care for our climate and to leave a safe and thriving world for future generations.

The UMW, Interfaith Power and Light, and other faith and environmental justice communities issued an invitation to sign a petition to President Biden to take meaningful action on climate justice. The goal was to collect 100,000 signatures from around the country from UMW and other partners by the end of February. Of course, I signed.

Because of newsletter deadlines, there was no time to get the request to each of you by the petition deadline. But I am putting this 'Green Note' here to impress UMW members that our organization is involved in work to protect our health, advance environmental justice, and support our faith.

I am proud to be a UMW member.

Norwegian theologian Ole Hallesby described prayer as simply letting God into our lives. God "knocks," he said, "not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer" but "in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily grind ... when you need [God] most."

Prayer, added Hallesby, is as essential to life as air. "As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon," he said. "Let your prayers ascend to [God] constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit."

Confirmation Starts in March

by Rev. Gerardo García Palacios

Confirmation is an important time in the life of a youth. It is the time when they choose to publicly acknowledge their faith in the Triune God. Confirmation is the time when a person claims the faith for themselves. The word *confirmation* means “to make firm.”

Our confirmation program is designed to pull together the essentials of the Christian faith. This is a significant moment and a great opportunity for the church to integrate young people into the Body of Christ. It is part of a process and provides a spiritual marker for youth along their spiritual journey. It should also be a time to develop a meaningful relationship with God, parents, and other adults in our faith community. This relationship can be an enriching resource for youth as they struggle with faith issues that impact their lives.

We invite you to participate in this time of confirmation. You can communicate directly with me through my email account: CYFministries@firstpaloalto.com. I will give you times and dates, and the registration card. ❖



Create Art!

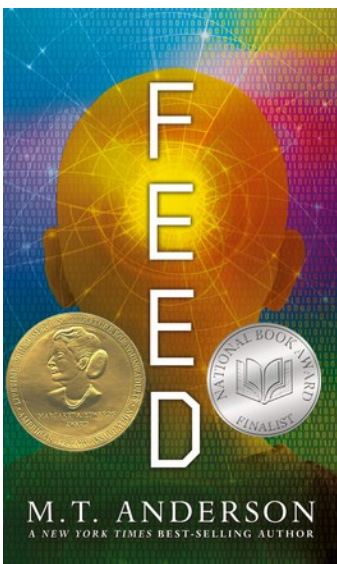
Take an hour to unwind from your week by getting creative. Join Pastor Gerardo and artist Ben Conway for an art class Friday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Have fun drawing plants – both real and imagined!

Children, youth, and adults are welcome. Find the Zoom link in the Friday e-news. Be sure to have your favorite art-making materials on hand – or just paper and pencil.

Library News: Award-Winning Science Fiction Books Suggested

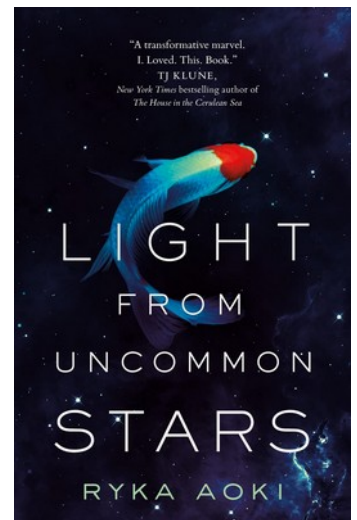
by Charlotte Cutkosky

Thank you to Lucy Tompkin for these fantastic recommendations for the library! If there's a book you would like to see in the library or featured in our Insights column, email Charlotte at charlotte@firstpaloalto.com.



Feed by M.T. Anderson introduces us to a future where everyone's brain is connected to a massive “feed” of constant posts and content. Teenage Titus winds up in the hospital after he and his friends have their brain-feeds hacked. Left in the hospital with no feed and seemingly nothing to do, Titus meets a fellow patient, a rebellious girl named Violet, who suggests to him that perhaps the worldwide feed is more sinister than it appears. *Feed* was a silver medal finalist for the National Book Award.

Light from Uncommon Stars by Ryka Aoki draws on Aoki's experiences as a transgender Japanese-American woman with a story that takes place in a mind-bending science fiction setting. Katrina Nguyen, a young transgender woman living on the streets, is a struggling violinist. She falls in with Shizuka Satomi, a mysterious woman on the hunt for violin proteges—unbeknownst to Katrina, with the intention of trading Katrina's soul to fulfill her own infernal bargain. Fortunately, Shizuka meets Lan, a friendly starship captain who just might bring her back to the side of good. *Uncommon Stars* won the 2022 Stonewall Award. ❖



Café from page 1

Connection Café aims to be an inclusive, accepting, and welcoming space for everybody, no matter what their spiritual path; a space for open discussion and creativity that revolves around hospitality and grace, social and environmental justice.

Connection Café launched last fall, celebrating World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3. A second event on a sunny Saturday, Oct. 30, featured live music by the Left Bank ensemble, pumpkin painting for kids, coffee and snacks. These outdoor events were a welcome opportunity to gather in person.

After some twists and turns with COVID-19 closures that interrupted earlier plans, Connection Café is back and we expect to have events about once a month. Some of the events that are planned are listed on page 8. If you are intrigued and want to be part of Connection Café or if you have an idea you'd like to pitch, contact Colleen Crangle at colleencrangle@gmail.com. Let's make space in our lives for new conversations and new ways of gathering. ❖



Daylight savings time begins March 13.



CEF Grant is Changing Lives in Nepal

by Brenda Birrell, Program Director at The Global Uplift Project

Jubilant High School in Kalimati, a busy area of Kathmandu, has 690 students and 45 dedicated teachers. They had classrooms that could be used as science labs and qualified science teachers, but didn't have the resources to equip the rooms for practical work. So, the students could only learn from their books.

A 2021 Centennial Endowment Funds (CEF) grant was given to The Global Uplift Project (TGUP) to purchase equipment and supplies so the students could do world-class laboratory work in biology, chemistry, and physics. That means that they will now be able to apply to the country's best universities, something they were unable to do before.

TGUP's Science Lab in a Box (SLaB) was developed in conjunction with the science faculty of Los Altos High School. SLaB not only provides the physical devices to populate a lab, it comes with the curriculum to do 10 of the top experiments in each of the three disciplines. The labs have been set up over the last month, and the students are excited and motivated by their new, real-world opportunities.

The Global Uplift Project has completed 215 projects in 22 of the poorest countries in the world. Science labs are among our favorite projects because they elevate the educational trajectories of thousands of young people, an effect that echoes for generations.

A huge "Thank You" to First UMC Palo Alto's Social Action Team and the Centennial Endowment Funds Committee for their vision and support. ❖



8 Tips for Effective and Efficient Emails

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee, charged with promoting church unity and respect among congregation and staff, understands that good communication has been a lot harder during these two pandemic years.

We used to have in-person conversations after worship, at church events, or in meetings. Remember when you'd end a good chat with: "Great! I'll send you the details in an email"? Then came COVID-19, and we tried to put whole conversations in emails.

But email has limitations as a conversation. You can't see the writer's facial expressions, you can't nod to show you follow, you can't interrupt to ask for clarification along the way, and it's difficult to assess the emotion a writer attaches to their words.

Here are eight tips for writing efficient and effective emails to your church family:

- ✎ Use standard spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. ALL CAPS and multiple punctuation marks (!!! or ???) come across as shouting.
- ✎ Write clear, short paragraphs and sentences that are direct and to the point. Long emails that you may view as conversational waste the recipient's time and may fall into the category of TLDR (too long, didn't read).
- ✎ Don't email angry. Expressing anger, reprimanding someone, disparaging others in an email—all of these are traps. If you compose a message when you are angry or upset, save it as a draft and give yourself 24 hours to calm down. (Save your draft with the "To" field blank to avoid an accidental send.) Then review your email—or ask a trusted friend to do so—before sending it.
- ✎ Write a brief subject line that matches your message. Using an old subject line unconnected to the new email is misleading and annoying for the recipients. Avoid the trap of calling up an old email to get a recipient's address and thereby keeping an old, unrelated subject line (and sometimes old content you may not have intended to share).
- ✎ Double check your recipient(s) fields before you hit send. Be especially careful with "reply all" – replying to the sender is frequently sufficient. Consider whether cc's are really necessary. If you are replying to one person in a group email, make that clear to your recipient.

- ✎ Avoid jokes and witty remarks. These often come off as inappropriate or insensitive in emails.
- ✎ Trim older emails from the bottom of a conversation to keep your file from getting too long.
- ✎ Respect confidentiality by putting the word *Confidential* in the subject line.

Remember that email is never really private. Your recipient(s) can forward your email, copy and paste parts of it, or use it out of context. Email deliberations among church members may become part of a committee's public minutes and records.

Sometimes it's better to pick up the phone. When a topic has lots of details that need to be explained or negotiated and will generate too many questions and confusion, consider sending an email message that says: "Can I call you about ..." and then discussing the matter on the phone.

SPRC is committed to fostering good communication! Send us feedback at sprc@firstpaloalto.com

—Pamela Cutkosky, Chair, on behalf of SPRC: Colleen Crangle, Caryn Cranston, Tom Fingar, Linda Grossman, Sumith Kalas, Carol Kumer, and Rev. Dr. Debra Murray ❖



CONNECTION CAFE

Here are some of the things you can look forward to for First Connection Café on the patio in the coming months.

- **Guided conversations.** Tired of small talk? Let's have big conversations about things that matter. Following guidelines laid out by organizations such as conversationcafe.org/ we will explore a topic and share our thoughts.
- **Story slams** are open-mic storytelling events, open to anyone with a five-minute story to share on the night's theme. See, for example, <https://themoth.org/share-your-story/at-a-live-event>. We set the theme, solicit your stories and help you shape them for presentation on the patio.
- **Live music and coffee on the patio** - from jazz to string quartets, a time to enjoy music and company
- **Post-pandemic coping and thriving.** Workshops to heal, inspire and equip us for the future
- **Let the pen do the talking.** Together we write letters to those in need of love and support - or to change public opinion.
- **Virtual choir coaching.** VirtuAll Voices will hold a workshop and practice session for anyone who wants to learn how to use simple technology to record their singing for participation in a virtual song.
- **Trivia Nights**, also now known as Connection Quizzes, return! Alone or as part of a group, see how much you think you know.
- **Sharing awareness.** Black History Month, Earth Day, Pride Month, UN World Mental Health Day... We enrich such times when we learn from each other. What is important to you?

**Do you have an idea of an activity you'd like to see at First Connection Cafe?
Or would you like to help organize an event?**

**Contact Mira at miraski@pacbell.net, Colleen at crangle@stanfordalumni.org
or Pastor Debra at seniorpastor@firstpaloalto.com**

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by Nancy Olson

There are thousands of municipal and private recycling programs in the United States. Because the programs cannot exist without a market for their products, these programs vary a lot from place to place. Yep, that stuff we call garbage/trash/waste is actually a commodity/resource/stock for another business.

And, just like we are choosy about what we buy, so are these companies. That is why we are asked to be particular about what we recycle. When our own Palo Alto program asks us to empty food containers and not leave residue peanut butter, jam, sauce, oil, grease, etc., it is because their vendor doesn't want and will not buy those containers.

What is very important to remember is that your improper container in the truck for recycling can keep the entire truck load from being purchased. So all your neighbors and friends who diligently rinsed and or wiped out containers have not actually recycled anything because you contaminated the product. Oh, woe! This load goes to the landfill. If enough people contaminate the bins, the program will not make enough income to pay expenses, therefore taxes have to go up or other city programs have to be cut to cover.

We truly are blessed to have such a comprehensive garbage/recycling/composting program. Locally, we have been a leader in adding composting to our weekly curbside pickups. Beginning in 2022, the state of California now requires that all municipal programs add an organic composting program.

Oh yes, we are still struggling to remember what gets composted and what gets recycled, and what (very little) should be left over to go to the landfill. We do have a responsibility to understand where the waste we individually produce ends up. It is part of being good stewards of our environment, good citizens, and good role models for kids.

Editor's Note: To learn about composting and recycling guidelines for your locality, check your city's website. For Palo Alto, see the sorting guides at [cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Public-Works/Zero-Waste/What-Goes-Where/Toolkit](https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Public-Works/Zero-Waste/What-Goes-Where/Toolkit). ❖

CONCERT NOTES

Music from Versailles to the English Court

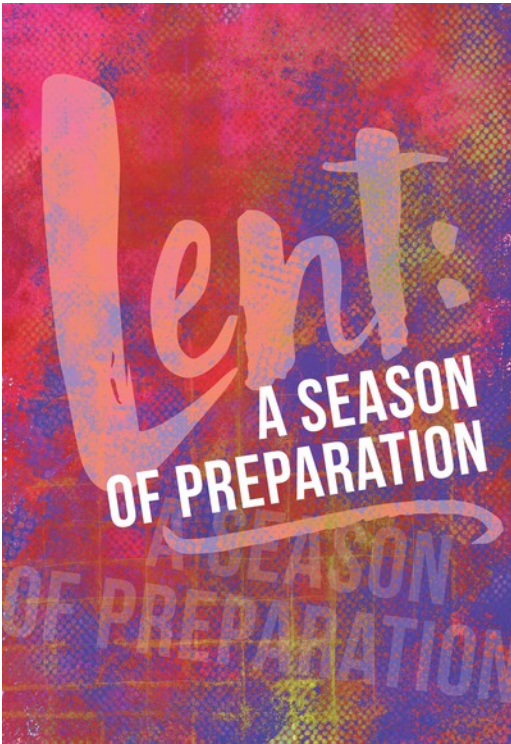
Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra (PBO) will present a concert March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. The concert showcases distinct musical traditions from France (Lully – actually Italian!, Couperin, and Marais), England (Muffat and Purcell), and Italy (Albinoni). We welcome another PBO debutant, conductor Skip Sempé, for these performances.

Tickets can be obtained from the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra website (philharmonia.org) or at the door. Vaccination, boosters, and masks are required. See website for more information.

The Art of the Violin: Vivaldi, Geminiani, and Handel

On Friday, March 25, Voices of Music, an ensemble new to First UMC Palo Alto, will perform 18th century solo and ensemble concertos, including Vivaldi's Grosso Mogul RV 208 performed by Augusta McKay Lodge and Il Favorito in E Minor RV 277 performed by Chloe Kim.

There will be no ticket sales at the door, so please plan ahead, and obtain your tickets by calling ahead to Voices of Music, at 415-377-4444. The adult ticket price is \$55 and \$50 for seniors. The concert is at 7:00 p.m. ❖



MARCH Birthdays

- 3/4 David Perry
- 3/8 Wesley Rose
- 3/8 Ane Dauster
- 3/8 Zuriel Bailon
- 3/9 Steve Wood
- 3/9 Christina Fifita-Fakalata
- 3/9 Miles Keep
- 3/10 George Carpenter
- 3/10 Julie Lopez
- 3/12 Diane Allen
- 3/13 Nelson Stafford
- 3/13 John Fifita
- 3/14 Katie Webb
- 3/14 Stacy Paz
- 3/15 Nancy Olson
- 3/17 Pat Shelly
- 3/18 Emma Newton
- 3/18 Peni Savou
- 3/19 Simone Bikai
- 3/21 Matthew Branner
- 3/21 Kai Larson

- 3/22 Beth Bunnenberg
- 3/22 Cody Wiebe
- 3/23 Joe Buxton
- 3/24 Amanda Fifita
- 3/26 Chris Friesen
- 3/27 Pam McKee
- 3/28 Ken Clifford
- 3/28 Pete Webb
- 3/29 Jean Cole
- 3/29 Colleen Crangle
- 3/30 Kathleen Cranyon
- 3/30 Gregory Owen
- 3/30 Roan Duncan
- 3/31 Shannon Perry

MARCH Anniversaries

- 3/19/1954 Jim Gibbons, Lynn Gibbons
- 3/4/1985 Daniel Fifita, Asotolu Fifita
- 3/31/2001 Jeff King, Emily King



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

| January 2022 Income and Expense Summary | January 2022 Actual | Actual YTD 2022 | Budget YTD 2022 | Budget Annual 2022 |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Total Member Giving | 123698 | 123698 | 27,167 | 311,588 |
| Total Income All Other Sources | 8545 | 8545 | 10,341 | 231,800 |
| | 132,243 | 132,243 | 37,508 | 543,388 |
| Conference Tithe | 12,912 | 12,912 | 12,913 | 48,000 |
| Council on Ministries | 0 | 0 | 4,366 | 56,670 |
| Staff Parish Relations | 28,202 | 28,202 | 34,281 | 401,378 |
| Office and Finance | 1,038 | 1,038 | 1,854 | 24,250 |
| Board of Trustees | 18,281 | 18,281 | 21,890 | 203,500 |
| Total Expenses | 60,433 | 60,433 | 75,304 | 733,798 |
| Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense | 71,810 | 71,810 | -37,796 | -190,410 |



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

→ In-person worship has resumed, and also will be live streamed. **Vaccination and face masks are required in person.** All other activities continue online via Zoom, unless noted.

→ The church office is open, but the doors are locked. Please phone the office—or ring the electronic door bell—to be admitted. **Masks are required.** Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sundays

- 9 a.m. Women’s Lectionary Study (begins March 9)
- 9 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship, in person or live streamed. Check firstpaloalto.com or Friday e-news for the link. Coffee & Chat, after worship

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- Noon Community Affairs discussion
- 7 p.m. Upstream Bible Study and Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays

- Noon Community Chats & Check In
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Information for the next issue of the Insights newsletter is due March 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 or send them to the church office. Thank you!

- 1 SPRC, 7 p.m.
- 2 **Ash Wednesday**, Lent begins
Pancake supper and worship service, 5 p.m. (in person)
- 6 In-person worship resumes
Women’s Lectionary Study begins, 9 a.m.
Great Decisions, 7 p.m.
- 8 Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Inspiring You to Rest meditation, 9 p.m. (phone)
- 11 Create Art! class, 6 p.m.
- 13 **Daylight Savings Time begins**
Great Decisions, 7 p.m.
- 15 Finance, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Inspiring You to Rest meditation, 9 p.m. (phone)
- 20 Great Decisions, 7 p.m.
Insights deadline for April issue
- 22 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Inspiring You to Rest meditation, 9 p.m. (phone)
- 26 Connection Café, noon, featuring music by Miracle Jones, children’s activities, coffee and snacks (in person)
- 27 UMCOR Sunday (special offering)
Great Decisions, 7 p.m.
- 30 Inspiring You to Rest meditation, 9 p.m. (phone)

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