



Calling All Kids to VBS

Spread the word about our Vacation Bible School to kids and grandkids you know! Ages 3-11, Thursday-Saturday, June 24-26. Join us for story time, games, crafts—all focused on our theme for this year: “Food Truck Party.” Register at our church website firstpaloalto.com.

We’ll be zeroing in on the part of the Lord’s Prayer in the book of Matthew: “Give us today our daily bread.” These words remind us that everything we have comes from God and when we turn to God in prayer, all our daily needs are met.

VBS opens children’s eyes to the countless ways God provides for us, loves us, and cares for us. And children learn how they can join with God in providing, loving, and caring for others.

Read more about VBS on page 2. Or contact Rev. Gerardo García Palacios (Pastor G) at cyfministries@firstpaloalto.com.



Summer Picnics: Dates and New Location

Mark your calendars! This summer we’re planning three Picnics in the Park on Thursday evenings beginning at 6 p.m. July 14, 21, and 28.

The big news is that we are relocating from the Pine Grove picnic area to the East Meadow picnic area of Mitchell Park in Palo Alto.

Why we’re moving: We want the picnics to be as self-sustaining as possible. But the rental fees for the picnic areas have gone up substantially. Pine Grove is the biggest area, with 10 barbecues and seating for 90, and it costs the most. Our group should be able to fit comfortably in East Meadow, with 6 barbecues and seating for 45 at half the rental cost. It’s next to a children’s play area and an open area for Allen Wood’s water rockets, plus it’s a closer walk from parking just off East Meadow Drive.

Bring your friends, neighbors, and visiting relatives for good food and COVID-safe outdoor fellowship.

Picnics begin at 6 p.m. Cost is \$6 per adult, \$3 per child.

Starting in June, Pam Cutkosky will be looking for folks to make salads and desserts and to be the grill chefs for each picnic.

Any questions, please contact Pam Cutkosky at pamelareasner@yahoo.com or 650-328-5208.

Why Vacation Bible School Was So Important to Me Growing Up

by Rev. Gerardo García Palacios

EBDV, EBDV, aquí proclamamos que Cristo es el Rey. Salva a los que le buscan con fe. Es el mensaje del EBDV.

That means: VBS, VBS, here we proclaim that Christ is the King. He saves those who seek him in faith. It is the message of VBS.

That was the theme song of Vacation Bible School in Mexico. My parents always took me to Vacation Bible School in the summer, ever since I was six years old. This time at church was vital to my spiritual growth and knowledge of God's Word. Proverbs 22:6 says: Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old, they won't be lost.

VBS was a lot of fun with my friends from church. It was a time when I shared with friends who were not from my regular school. It was so much fun learning about God with other kids.

VBS was where I accepted Christ into my heart when I was six years old. I knew perfectly well what I was doing. The feeling of being assured of salvation in Christ was something I will never forget.

Because of this great experience, I want to invite all our children to Vacation Bible School in June! ❖

Vacation Bible School

June 23 - 25



This year's theme is "Food Truck Party"!

4 - 6 PM ages 3 - 11

Register online: firstpaloalto.com

Dad Jokes Lift Spirits

During the pandemic, a Maryland man used "dad jokes" to lift neighbors' spirits. Tom Schruben jotted down a joke-of-the-day on a curbside whiteboard. Hearing people chuckle and chat eased the isolation.

Schruben and his wife, Ann, became intentional about seeking joy after two of their children died. They vowed to "find happiness again" and share it. For Father's Day last year, Schruben held a Bad Dad Joke contest, donating entry fees to a local charity. Here are a few of his favorites:

- If two vegans get into an argument, is it still considered a beef?
- I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear. ❖

Discipleship News: Serving Our Community

by Michael McCartney, Discipleship Chair

First UMC Palo Alto members participated in two significant volunteer activities this spring.

The first is English Together—Conversation Partners, an ongoing project led by Stanford Professor Guadalupe Valdes. It helps low-wage Spanish-speaking workers improve their English language skills. Seven volunteers from our congregation—Carol Kumer, Colleen Crangle, Michele Conway, Pamela Cutkosky, Robert Lasater, Ruth Letts, and I—met with Prof. Valdes for online orientations. We have begun a series of eight weekly one-on-one meetings with our assigned Learners. Meetings may be online or in person. The focus is on improving practical everyday conversational English skills that will help our Learners succeed and get ahead in an English-speaking environment.

The second project was this year's Rebuilding Day, sponsored by Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley. Saturday, April 30, Peter Colby and I joined with a diverse group of volunteers to repair and repaint the home of an elderly couple in Cupertino. Peter removed the old rain gutters (preparation for a re-roofing job) and was one of two people performing a major bathroom rebuild. The work included removing the old flooring, installing new flooring and a new toilet, and related tasks. I led one of four groups of student volunteer house painters from Santa Clara University. Great fun!

We anticipate many varied volunteer opportunities in the near future!

Coming TOGETHER!

About 40 people attended the “Coming Together” workshop May 22. Small groups gathered for lunch outside Kohlstedt Hall on a bright sunny day. Each group discussed key questions regarding their experiences of First UMC Palo Alto and their hopes for its future.

Thanks to Marcia Sterling, Rev. Dr. Debra Murray, Pamela Cutkosky, Mira Dabrowski, Linda Grossman, Emily King, and Mike McCartney for organizing and facilitating this event. Thanks to everyone who attended and shared their thoughts.

Church Council will review and summarize the information collected, and use it to make recommendations and guide future decision-making.



Coming Together workshop after worship May 22

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN → UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

by Nancy Olson

Our local United Women in Faith group prepared Welcome Bags for the Hotel de Zink guests who were with us for the month of June. There were women and men in the program this year. Due to COVID, congregation members could leave prepared dinners with the LifeMoves representative at the door, who then served the meal.

United Women in Faith members prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in educational experiences at “Mission u” events. These events are centered around Mission u curricula that are designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. All studies this year are on the topic “Luke 13: Who Can We Be Together, In the Midst of Changing Times?”

A new model of Mission u curriculum is being introduced. Instead of creating separate studies that examine spiritual growth, justice, national and global social issues, the topics are being integrated into single curricula. This means there will be one curriculum for adults, one for youth, and one for children.

There are two in-person Mission u’s this year. They will be intergenerational experiences with multi-lingual opportunities. The Monte Toyon Camp will be the first opportunity Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 3,4,5. The second opportunity will be

August 5,6,7. Churches are encouraged to send families.

Just like our foremothers, today United Methodist Women—now United Women in Faith—listens, asks, and changes. Change is hard, but it is holy.

While on a family trip in 1979, 10-year-old Edlen Cowley saw a cross burning on the side of the road. When he joined the United Methodist Church in 1992 and saw our logo, he “didn’t think of John Wesley’s heart being strangely warmed.” He didn’t think “of the flaming tongues of fire resting on the Apostles in Acts 2.” Instead, he said in a July 2020 article for United Methodist News, “My mind went back to that burning cross I saw on the side of the freeway—a symbol my mother told me was devised to cause fear in Black people.” Now a United Methodist pastor in Texas, Cowley has proposed that the denomination replace the Cross and Flame.

In September 2021, the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church passed his legislation and submitted it to the United Methodist General Conference for consideration.

“It’s hard to imagine a United Methodist Church without a Cross and Flame. It’s hard to imagine a new name and logo for United Methodist Women, but here we are, daring to listen, ask and change, daring to be better, daring to be United Women in Faith.” —Tara Barnes, *response editor*.



As in years past, UMW (now UWIF) filled “Welcome Bags” with a variety of items including toiletries, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, socks, notebooks and pens for Hotel de Zink guests. Photos by Kathy Rose



More Reflections on Church Unity

In the Book of Discipline, No. 2 on the list of 17 duties of the Staff Parish Relations Committee is: “To promote unity in the church.”

Last month you read reflections from five members of our church community in this space. Here are six more.

“For me, church unity is ... that we never compromise or undermine the support we have for each other, that we respect and participate without obligation. And finally, that we continue to worship and pray together.”

—Sumith Kalas

“Church Unity—Coming together because we want to be together with others in God’s house. Coming together even though we do not agree on every issue, but in respect for differences of opinion. Bringing our differences with us, but knowing God loves us in spite of them, as God collectively loves each of us in our individual opinions and expects us to love one another collectively as children of God. God is the key to unity.”

—Nancy Olson

“Unity for a church lies in the words from 1 Corinthians 12:18-27: “God arranged the members in the body, each one of them ... there are many parts, yet one body. ... The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you’. On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ... God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.”

The newcomer and the longtime member are equally important.

All gifts are important; the church is not a club with tiers of membership based on monetary dues paid.

Everyone’s service is important—those who serve on multiple committees and those who serve quietly in their own way.

Unity in FUMCPA is possible when everyone is equally respected and valued.”

—Colleen Crangle

“To me, church unity means stronger, together. I imagine a church community, bound together by God, that aims to build something bigger than ourselves. I imagine a church community that values our

differences, a community that listens, challenges, and supports each other in our unique journeys so that we, individually and collectively, may grow.”

—Jill Kispert

“I feel church unity in our weekly Upstream meeting as we decode the Bible verses, pray together and support each other in times of joy and sorrow. I also recognize unity in the church class that I’ve been too busy to attend but where classmates still have a sense of and care about what’s going on in my life. If I were to define unity, it would be everyone pulling together to help our church survive as a place of hospitality and grace, focusing on what we can do for our local community—moving forward while still looking back but being amenable to change.”

—Mira Dabrowski

“Church unity means that we support each other on our spiritual journeys and actively support through this church our common mission—to share God’s love, to teach and live by the example of Jesus, and to love and serve our neighbors.

People are drawn to this place for many reasons: These are the people with whom we choose to go on our spiritual journey, united in our belief in Jesus Christ.”

—Pamela Cutkosky



Connection Café: Earth Day Every Day



The theme of Connection Café, May 15, was Earth Day Every Day. Danielle Parish, a pastor of Sparks Church, was the featured speaker. Parish attended the United Nations Climate Conference in Glasgow in 2021. She shared her experiences and takeaways. spark.church/eyewitnesstocop26

The afternoon also included a challenging climate change quiz (created by Nancy Olson), a luncheon of fruit and “more-climate-friendly-than-meat” sandwiches of egg and tuna, educational activities for children, music with environmental messages, and the sale of responsibly and sustainably produced fair trade food items from Equal Exchange. shop.equalexchange.coop

Winners of the climate change quiz were Peter Colby, who was awarded a Green Bible, Mike McCartney and Michele and Dan Conway, who received fair trade items.

Thanks to Colleen Crangle, Nancy Olson, Carol Kumer, Pamela Cutkosky, Charlotte Cutkosky, and Pastor Debra Murray for organizing this fun and informative event. Photos by Pamela Cutkosky





Greening Our Closets

by Nancy Olson

The contents of our wardrobes create unfashionable environmental issues. The apparel industry is responsible for about 8 percent of carbon emissions and more than a third of the primary micro plastic pollution junking up our oceans. Clothing manufacturing also gobbles up enough freshwater to fill 32 million Olympic-sized pools every year.

More than two dozen major brands have signed a UN pledge to cut carbon emissions by 30 percent by 2030. Laws can also encourage better behavior. For example, France now requires brands to reuse or recycle unsold inventory. Still, consumers hold a lot of power.

The majority of retailers base their business on getting trendy looks in stores quickly. The focus is on speed and low prices. Fast fashion means products do not last long—falling apart due to poor construction or being tossed when trends pass. Alternative: Buy from green companies like the ones found on [GreenPages.org](https://www.greenpages.org).

The average American family throws out 70 pounds of clothing each year. Unsustainable fashion is causing waste to pile up and contribute to climate change. Here are five tips to reduce clothing waste:

1. Buy less and keep clothes longer. The most sustainable garment is the one that is already in your closet—resist buying clothes you won't wear often and take care of your wardrobe to make it last longer. (Actually, I could win a blue ribbon for this one. My closet is home to clothes I wore to work, until I retired 22 years ago, and am still wearing.)
2. Buy secondhand. Instead of buying new clothes, save some clothing from a landfill by buying secondhand. Giving clothes a second life contributes to a less wasteful economy. Plus, many thrift,



3. Invest in sustainable brands, if you can. When you do buy new clothes, try to buy clothing from a sustainable brand, made from sustainable materials that will last for years.
4. Stay away from oil industry's fabrics. Many fast fashion fabrics are actually made from fossil fuels. As much as you can, try not to buy new garments that contain synthetic fabrics like nylon, polyester, acrylic, and spandex. These fabrics contribute to the oil industry's pocketbooks.
5. Repurpose old clothes. After going through your closet, sell or donate wearable clothes instead of throwing them away. Instead of tossing tattered garments, get creative. Some sewing skills can turn t-shirts into cleaning rags, masks, or headbands. Old sweaters can be repurposed to create blankets or socks.

Next time you are shopping for clothing, think twice about what you need and whether you can go without the item or purchase a more sustainable version. By keeping these tips in mind, we can build more eco-friendly wardrobes. ❖

CONCERT NOTES

San Francisco Chamber Orchestra's annual New Year's Day concert was postponed due to COVID concerns in January. The event was rescheduled and will take place June 25 at 7:30 p.m. in our church sanctuary.

The program is "Beethoven Four plus Four." It kicks off with Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel's Overture in C Major. Composed in the 1820's it was rediscovered and finally published in 1994. Following this charming gem, pianist extraordinaire Hilda Huang returns to perform Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto, paired with his least-known—but still wonderful!—Fourth Symphony.

Admission is free, so come early to find your place in line. Sponsors can enter first and sit in the reserved section in front. Vaccination and masks are required. See details at thesfco.org. ❖

A Star Wars Thank You!

Thanks to Kyle and Christina Bellardo, Pamela Cutkosky, Mira Dabrowski, Ana Espinoza, and Pastor Debra Murray for help with food and decorations for the Star Wars celebration. Fun, it was—and we learned how not to go over to the Dark Side. Thank you to David for sharing his terrific collection of Star Wars Lego creations and toys. ❖

Hello, First Palo Alto Readers!

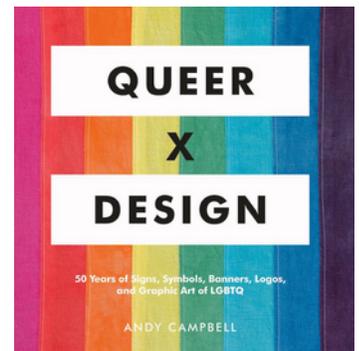
by Charlotte Cutkosky

For Pride Month this June, we have a selection of LGBTQ+ fiction and nonfiction books for all ages. Be sure to check out our display in the library! Here are just a few of our recent acquisitions:

For young kids: *Rainbow: A First Book of Pride* by Michael Genhart, illustrated by Anne Passchier, follows in the tradition of books like *Baby's First Christmas* and *Baby's First Thanksgiving*. *Rainbow* introduces young children to the concept of Pride Month and the symbolism in the colors of the rainbow flag. Passchier's illustrations feature diverse families of all sizes and kinds celebrating together.

For older kids: *Rainbow Revolutionaries: Fifty LGBTQ+ People Who Made History* by Sarah Prager, illustrated by Sarah Papworth, is packed with historical information about famous LGBTQ+ artists, scientists, inventors, performers, and trailblazers from ancient through modern history.

For adults: *Queer X Design: 50 Years of Signs, Symbols, Banners, Logos, and Graphic Art of LGBTQ* by Andy Campbell is an "illustrated history of the iconic designs, symbols, and graphic art representing more than five decades of LGBTQ pride and activism." *Queer X Design* highlights the contributions of LGBTQ+ graphic designers who created and continue to create pins, pride banners, educational materials, and so much more for the LGBTQ+ rights movement.



Don't know where to find the church library? It's in the Education Building next to Pastor G's office. We're open after Sunday services, and if you'd like to drop in during the week, just ask Char in the office to unlock it.

Enjoy your summer reading, First Palo Alto UMC! ❖



How to Organize an Event at the Church

by Susan Stephens and Pamela Cutkosky

Rentals of spaces in our facility are picking up again. That's good news for our budget, which relies heavily on "facility use" income. But it may mean that a particular room in the church is not available when your ministry area, committee, or small group wants to use it. Here are the steps to follow when organizing a church event, large or small:

1. Get it on the calendar. Check with Susan Stephens or Charlotte Cutkosky in the office to find out if the date, time, and room(s) you want are available. Have Susan or Charlotte book your event or meeting in the master church calendar. (The church calendar is viewable on our website under "Community.")



2. Calculate the time. When you reserve a room or space, remember to include set up and clean up time in your total time. For example, if the event is from noon to 1:30 p.m., but you need an hour to set up tables and chairs and set out food and another hour to clean up and put everything back, you should reserve the space from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



3. Do you need assistance?

Equipment help? Indicate if you need tables or chairs—how many, what arrangement—or other church equipment. It is most helpful if you can provide a diagram or map of what you want. Discuss whether you need help to actually set up tables and chairs.



Technology help? If you need audio and/or video support—such as microphones, projector and screen, recording devices (especially in the sanctuary)—contact Bill Nicholls at billtv59@yahoo.com to discuss your technology needs.



Custodial help? Discuss custodial needs with Susan and let her know which church account to charge for custodial time.



Be aware that we only have one regularly scheduled custodian. We may not always have a custodian available or may run into overtime costs.

4. Put it back the way you found it. The expectation is that church groups will clean up after themselves and return rooms to their original state. If you use dishes, wash, dry, and return them to their proper storage space; do not leave dishes drying in the dish drainer, assuming that others will put them away for you. Wipe down countertops and return any church items you borrow to their proper storage space. ❖



A Bee's Eye View of Unity

Bees live in a cooperative way described as "eusociality," or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church's health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul's words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts "but the same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:4)

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect "living illustration of how to walk in unity." He wrote, "Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ."



Rev. Dr. Samuel Hong, superintendent of the El Camino Real District, UMC California Nevada Annual Conference, preached May 29 at First UMC Palo Alto. Photo by Dan Conway

Sunday School Wraps Up for School Year

Our one-room Sunday School for ages 3-11 ended for the year May 29. We'll take a break in the summer and be back in the fall on Rally Day.

Pastor G and Teacher Pam say thank you to our youngest Christians, who attended faithfully over Zoom and finally in-person! ❖



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.

April 2022 Income and Expense Summary	April 2022 Actual	Actual YTD 2022	Budget YTD 2022	Budget Annual 2022
Income				
Total Member Giving	27,449	192,204	67,190	311,588
Total Income All Other Sources	10,129	35,747	53,367	231,800
	37,578	227,951	120,557	543,388
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	3,714	21,957	18,913	48,000
Council on Ministries	1,491	3,628	17,466	56,670
Staff Parish Relations	29,959	114,931	134,626	401,378
Office and Finance	1,211	4,878	7,417	24,250
Board of Trustees	7,104	57,241	79,914	203,500
Total Expenses	43,479	202,635	258,336	733,798
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	-5,901	25,316	-137,780	-190,410

PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Support funding for peace with justice efforts and programs

GIVE NOW



SPECIAL SUNDAY
Peace With Justice

Peace with Justice Sunday Is June 12

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference, and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip, and mobilize actions in support of identified economic, health, and gender justice priorities. Each Annual Conference has a Peace with Justice Coordinator developing local social justice ministries. Fifty percent of the offering remains in our annual conference to support this ministry.

Donate online, by mail, or in-person on Sunday morning. ❖



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SATURDAY JUNE 11,
2022
10 AM - 4 PM
DC GROUNDS KIBRA

Join us for an event filled day packed full with health and wellness services and activities that the whole family and community will enjoy!



Flyer for the Health Fair in Kibera, the largest slum in Africa. The slum is located in Nairobi and the community organization, Wayo Wayo Kibra, is co-sponsoring the health fair with the Kenyan Ministry of Health. This event is supported by a **Centennial Endowment Funds** grant. Thank you to everyone who made it possible! —Nancy Glaser, Advisor, Wayo Wayo Kibra



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 Joshua Hibdon-
 Malkenson
 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 Newman
 6.28 Heather Perry
 6.28 Arden Wells

July

7.8 Owen Keep
 7.9 Michael Reddick
 7.9 Ruthie Waters
 7.9 Ellen Haffner
 7.10 Laisana Delai
 7.11 Lucy Newton
 7.13 Vaiola Herrera
 7.13 Ross Trammell
 7.14 Betsy Van Nuys
 7.15 Mykala Curtis
 7.15 Jeff King
 7.15 Dustin Thomas
 7.15 John Nimmo
 7.16 Bill Nichols
 7.17 Marilyn Bauriedel
 7.18 Andy Clifford
 7.18 Molly Riley
 7.21 Bud Buttrill
 7.22 Makeleta Stepp
 7.22 Angela Mosqueda

7.25 Atu Vosailagi
 7.25 Linda Jordan
 7.26 Bob Olmstead
 7.27 Dana Gleason
 7.28 Faith Veenker
 7.30 Felice Swapp
 7.31 Vicki Veenker

August

8.1 Mere Bikai
 8.1 Axel Larson
 8.1 Alice Peterson
 8.1 David Blackburn III
 8.1 Jennifer Blackburn
 8.2 Carol Atterberry
 8.5 Gabriella Herbert-Paz
 8.6 Jim Van Horne
 8.8 David Marshall
 8.10 Lin Stewart
 8.11 Frank Rahn
 8.12 Tim Breen
 8.12 Robert Lee Day
 8.13 Griffin Camens
 8.14 Sarah Perry
 8.16 Allen Wood
 8.17 Mike McCartney
 8.18 Shirley Stewart
 8.20 Deb Martin
 8.22 Denise Blase
 8.22 Carol Gleason



Summer Anniversaries

June

6.5.1971 Jean Cole, Brian Cole
 6.6.1987 Bill Michel Jr., Terri Michel
 6.9.1990 Tim Crockett, Vicki Veenker
 6.12.2004 Sandra Wilson, Brian Steen
 6.16.1957 Allen Wood, Mary Lu Wood
 6.17.2006 Denise Blase, Brian Blase
 6.17.1995 Chrissie Blair, Miles Keep
 6.2.1957 Curt Gleason, Carol Gleason
 6.23.1990 Mark Hollar, Michelle Hollar
 6.24.1995 Joe Buxton, Tanya Buxton
 6.27.1982 Keith Ferguson, Meg Ferguson

July

7.1.2007 Nathan Duncan, Ann Duncan
 7.6.1996 Peter Michel, Robin Michel
 7.13.1996 David Perry, Gayle Perry

7.15.1961 Donald Iglehart, Sheralee Iglehart
 7.18.1998 Stephen Black, Karen Black
 7.18.2009 Matt Newberry, Shannon Newberry
 7.27.1983 Steve Hickman, Karen Garrison
 7.27.2017 Sumith Kalas, Gladys Kalas
 7.29.1961 Art Hammar, Lois Hammar

August

8.5.1978 John Pencavel, Louise Pencavel
 8.7.2010 Kyle Trammell, Christina Bellardo
 8.8.1970 John Baglin, Coral Baglin
 8.13.1977 John Nimmo, Elisa Nimmo
 8.14.1982 Mark Cutkosky, Pamela Cutkosky
 8.15.2004 Stacy Paz, Carl Herbert
 8.16.2014 Jesse Fifita, Mele Teu-Fifita
 8.16.1958 Doug Norris, Ellie Norris

JUNE

- Hotel de Zink, all month (in person)
- 7 SPRC, 7 p.m.
 - 12 Peace with Justice Sunday (special offering)
 - 14 Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
 - 17 Church office closed for Juneteenth
 - 19 Father's Day
 - 21 Finance, 7:30 p.m.
 - 23 Vacation Bible School, 4-6 p.m. (in person, pre-register online)
 - 24 Vacation Bible School, 4-6 p.m.
 - 25 Vacation Bible School, 4-6 p.m.
 - 28 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.

JULY

- 4 Church office closed for Independence Day
- 5 SPRC, 7 p.m.
- 12 Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Picnic in the Park (off-site, in person), 6 p.m.
- 19 Finance, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Picnic in the Park (off-site, in person), 6 p.m.
- 26 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Picnic in the Park (off-site, in person), 6 p.m.

AUGUST

- 2 SPRC, 7 p.m.
- 9 Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Finance, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Insights deadline for September issue
- 23 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.

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

Your generosity makes our mission possible. Thank you!

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

→ In-person worship has resumed. Worship also is 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

10:45 a.m. Worship in person and 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

2 p.m. Bible Study, Channing House

Wednesdays

Noon Community Affairs discussion
6:45 p.m. Upstream Bible Study and Contemporary Worship Service



**Remember
Your Pledge
This Summer**

Information for the next issue 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 or bring them to the church office. Thank you!



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