



An Invitation to the Women of the Church

I am inviting each and all women of the church to join me for lunch in the Patio Room at 12 noon on Sept. 22. It is the first day of autumn and a nice day to establish new friendships.

If we have not yet met, it is a great new opportunity! If we are old acquaintances, but have not chatted for weeks, months, good heavens—*years* of pandemic, it will be good to see you!

I will need to know how many to expect and whether you are vegetarian. Please let me know by Monday, Sept. 19. Please leave your message with the church office: 650-323-6167.

There is no agenda. There are no hidden expectations. This is our church. This is just an opportunity to get to know one another.

I am really looking forward to seeing you.

—Nancy Olson

Let's DO LUNCH



Back to School, Back to Church ...

Our traditional Rally Day kickoff of the program year at First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto is Sunday, Sept. 11.

- We'll launch the Sunday School year.
- We'll welcome back our Chancel Choir with fanfare.
- And it's a great time for all ages to learn about fall activities planned at First UMC Palo Alto.



Sunday School: Teacher Pam and Pastor G are ready to welcome kids aged 3–11 to our one-room Sunday School upstairs in the Rainbow Room. We start promptly at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings. Our 40-minute program includes circle time with a Bible story, activities and crafts, and music.

During worship: The Chancel Choir returns with special music and children's time will have a "back to Sunday School" theme.

After worship: The festivities continue with kid-friendly snacks on the patio, brought to you by Children, Youth and Family Ministries. You can also find out about fall activities at tables and displays on the patio from the Discipleship, Library, and Social Action committees.

Join in the celebration! ❖

Thursday Meditations at First Church

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 15, and each Thursday between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m., First UMC Palo Alto will open our sanctuary for anyone to come and sit quietly for a half-hour. Meditate, quiet the mind, or pray within the spiritual confines of our sanctuary with reflective music from our organ. There is no religious service or ritual and all are welcome. Ultimately, we hope to expand our reach in the community, providing a connection to neighbors who may not identify as active church-goers or even believers, as our gift to the community. Masks, social distancing, and silence will be required. ❖





Photos by Ben Conway

July Picnics in the Park — A Welcome Summer Respite

by Pamela Cutkosky, Seasonal Events

This year’s three Picnics in the Park featured great food, warm fellowship, and Allen Wood’s water rockets. The new East Meadow group area was easier to get to, and close to a great play structure. Attendance was higher than in 2019, before COVID, and up from 2020, our coming-out-of-COVID summer. The first picnic had 29 people, the second 25, and the third a whopping 48.

Thanks, everyone, for coming!

Special thanks to our grill chefs: Mark Cutkosky, Mira Dabrowski, and Rick and Diane Allen. Thank you to our salad and dessert providers: Colleen Crangle, Mary Lu Wood, Phyllis Sherlock, Debbie Krueger, Sandra Florstedt, Michele Conway, Linda Grossman, Carol Kumer, Mike McCartney, Nancy Olson, Pamela Cutkosky, Orlene Fingar, the King family, the Fung family, Nancy Larson, and Penelope Spangler. Thank you, Steve Wood, for bringing homemade grape sparkling water to each picnic. ❖



Members Approve Nominees for Leadership Positions

The Committee on Lay Leadership thanks all those who agreed to serve as committee chairs and ministry leaders, and as board and committee members. Bless you for your service!

- Co-Lay Leaders: Caryn Cranston, Emily King
- Membership Secretary: Linda Grossman
- Lay Members to Annual Conference: Caryn Cranston, Kathy Rose
- Church Council Chair: Stephanie Zeller
- Hospitality & Nurture Chair: Patty Bellardo
- Worship Ministry Chair: Mira Dabrowski
- Discipleship Chair: Mike McCartney
- Social Action Chair: Nancy Glaser
- Technology & Communications Chair: Bill Nicholls
- SPRC Chair: Pamela Cutkosky

- Treasurer/Acting Finance & Stewardship Chair: Lou Bellardo
- Children’s Ministry Rep: Emily King
- UMW/UWF Chairs: Nancy Olson, Vickey Conley
- CEF Chair: Jeff King
- Investment Committee: Alan Cooper
- First School Chair: Judy Buttrill
- Memorial Garden Chair: Nancy Olson
- Library Committee: Shared leadership
- Reopening Task Force Chair: Susan Stephens

Welcome to Doug and Ellie Norris

In early August, your Staff Parish Relations Committee asked Pastor Emeritus Rev. Doug Norris to be our guest preacher on Aug. 21. When he realized that our church would be without pastoral care and leadership for another two months, his response was: "I'll go." Just like the title of his book.

He and Ellie arrived on Aug. 12 and are here with us through September while Pastor Debra is on extended medical leave. Not only is Doug leading worship and preaching on Sundays, but he and Ellie are meeting with congregants and visiting homes of shut-ins while they are here.

Doug and Ellie are generally at the church on weekday mornings and making visits in the afternoons. You can make an appointment by emailing Pastor Doug at dougnorris@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 650-323-6167.

We are so grateful for their ministry among us!

Rev. Doug Norris served our church as pastor on three different occasions, including as senior pastor. The Norrises now live in a retirement community in Arizona, but Ellie is still a member of our church.

SPRC has been arranging independent accommodation for them while they are here. Many thanks to Lou and Patty Bellardo, Marcia Sterling, and Tom and Orlene Fingar for making their homes available. At press time, SPRC was still looking for an apartment, guest unit or ADU, or the home of someone on vacation for the period of Sept. 15-30. If you can help, let SPRC Chair Pam Cutkosky know. ❖

—Staff Parish Relations Committee

I Like It Here

by Douglas Norris

Here I am again and I still like it here! I am sorry, however, that Pastor Debra is on medical leave. I pray for her recovery and am committed to serving as your pastor during this time of uncertainty. Please feel free to call the church office (650-323-6167) to make an appointment with me at the church or at your home. Ellie and I will be honored to visit you in your home.

One of the first events that happened was the death of Carol Mosher. Carol and Harry were long-time active members. Carol, in particular, was very active serving on committees and an office volunteer.

Harry was an avid hiker who liked to hike in the Sierras where he became enamored with the beauty of bristlecone pines. When he saw a painting of such a tree in our church's Art on the Mezzanine, he said, "I've got to have that." It hung in their home's entry way and later in Carol's room at the Vi.

Carol's children, Janet, Stephen, and Leslie, hoped the painting could "come home" and asked if it could be hung back where it came from. The beautiful painting by Rose Marie Gorman, a local artist, now resides on the wall across from the first floor elevator. Stop by to see it.

I hope to see you in person at the 10:45 morning worship services or learn that you are worshiping with us online. Let me know at dougnorris@gmail.com.



Who is that masked couple? Ellie Norris and Rev. Doug Norris greet church-goers after worship on Aug. 14. Doug and Ellie will be with us through September, during Rev. Dr. Debra Murray's extended medical leave. Photo by Ben Conway

Hungry for More

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. “Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in,” the host said, “so that my house will be full” (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: “This is what God’s kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there’s always room for more.”

We’re all “outcasts and oddballs” in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet—for no reason but that we’re hungry. ❖



Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert presided in worship for eight weeks this summer during Rev. Dr. Debra Murray’s medical leave. Thank you, Pastor Mary Elyn!



Debbie Krueger Is New Weddings and Memorials Coordinator

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the addition of Debbie Krueger to our staff as our new Weddings & Memorials Coordinator.

Most weddings that had been scheduled in our sanctuary during the two years of COVID-19 were cancelled, and our previous Wedding Coordinator, Theresa Barbare, moved to Chicago earlier this year.

Debbie, who has been attending worship services since we reopened in person, stepped in to coordinate a wedding Theresa had scheduled on June 11. Debbie did a wonderful job, and we are delighted she accepted our offer to become our coordinator of weddings and memorial services.

Debbie is the former Community Events Coordinator for the city of Hondo, Texas. She also has extensive experience in preschool and elementary education as a teacher, counselor, program coordinator, and Counseling Services Director for the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas. With her love for working with young children, Debbie has joined the First School Board, in addition to her new position as Weddings & Memorials Coordinator. You’ll also hear her reading scripture during worship.

Please welcome Debbie when you see her in church or on the patio, and send any prospective brides and grooms your way! She gets wedding and memorials emails at info@firstpaloalto.com.

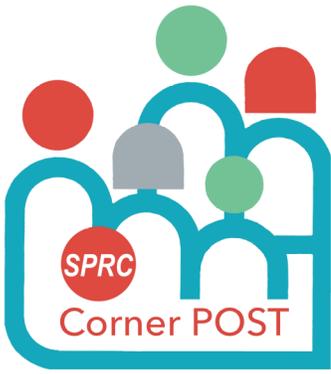


Jerry Johnson Retires as Concert Coordinator

After 11 years as our incomparable Concert Coordinator, Jerry Johnson is passing the baton. Jerry’s music experience and contacts in the music community brought a succession of wonderful concerts to our sanctuary over the years—San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Ragazzi Boys Chorus, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Baroque Choral Guild, Cantabile, to name a few.

SPRC thanks Jerry profusely for years of dedication in establishing First Palo Alto United Methodist Church as a premier concert venue in our community.

SPRC has launched a search for Jerry’s successor. If you know someone who might be interested in the position of Concert Coordinator, or if you have an idea about where to advertise and help us get the word out, please contact SPRC Chair Pamela Cutkosky at 650-328-5208 or pamelareasner@yahoo.com. ❖



The Guidance of Paul

by Pamela Cutkosky, SPRC Chair

In his Aug. 14 sermon, Pastor Doug Norris pointed out how many of Paul’s letters to the new churches he started dealt with conflict and division. They are full of advice and guidance on how to be the body of Christ together.

The fledgling churches of Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonika, and so on didn’t have experienced clergy or rules for how to operate a church. They just had each other, and disagreed frequently. It was rarely smooth sailing for the early churches. But they also had Paul.

We Methodists have plenty of rules for operating a church—we call it the Book of Discipline. We also have plenty of educated, experienced, respected clergy to guide us in making disciples of Jesus Christ and transforming the world. Yet it’s not always smooth sailing 2,000 years later. But we, too, have Paul.

We are all volunteers in this faith community, giving our time and talents to further the work of God through this church. We all want to grow in faith and live a Christ-centered life.

Pastor Doug highlighted Paul’s letter to the Ephesians 4:32: “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

I find myself returning to an earlier passage, Ephesians 4:29: “Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up faith, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.”

- When I speak and write, do my words build up someone’s faith?
- Do my words give grace to someone working hard to discern the will of God and act accordingly in this place?

- Can I resist the urge to say, “You should have...” or “Why didn’t you...”?
- Instead, can I say, “How can I help?” or simply, “Thank you for your hard work.”
- Can I celebrate what we have done and focus less on what we might have done?

When I taught middle school, I was given a “Think Before You Speak” poster to display in my classroom. Each time I passed it, I was reminded of Paul and his letter to the Ephesians. ❖



Kick Off to Fun Sept. 3 with Stanford Football!

Join your First UMC Palo Alto church family for an evening of fellowship as we cheer on Stanford’s football team at their season opener. Children, Youth and Family Ministries has a block of tickets for the Stanford game against Colgate, which starts at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Stanford Stadium.

All ages and families are welcome—from single seniors to teens to parents with toddlers—but tickets in our block are limited. Contact Pastor Gerardo at cyfministries@firstpaloalto.com or call him through the church office at 650-323-6167 for tickets and more information.

Added bonus: That Saturday is Cardinal Kids Day and the Fan Fest opens two hours before the game. The Kid Zone at Fan Fest includes interactive games, face painting, poster art, and food vendors.

Walk to End Alzheimer's



The local Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held in San Jose on Oct. 15. You can make a difference by making a donation to support the First UMC Palo Alto team or by joining the team and soliciting sponsors to support you. All funds raised through the Walk to End Alzheimer's advance the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

The walk is always on a gorgeous Saturday morning. It's great fun to walk in the middle of the streets in San Jose with hundreds of others all dressed in purple shirts, all walking to raise awareness and money for research for a cure for Alzheimer's. In addition to supporting critical research, the Alzheimer's Association provides 24/7 care and support.

This disease touches so many families, in our church and around the world. Currently, there is no cure. The disease takes an unimaginable toll on the physical and emotional health as well as the finances of the families who care for those with the disease.

Donate or join our team at the Alzheimer's Association website: https://bit.ly/FUMCPA-Alz-Walk_2022

All donations are tax-deductible.

If you have questions, contact Linda Grossman or Robert Lasater. ❖



by Nancy Olson

Accessing Redwoods “With towering trees and fresh air, redwood forests have the power to inspire and enhance the well-being of all people. That’s why it is so important to strive for good access to these amazing places. From camping to scenic drives to trails that address a variety of issues disabled people [sic] and our companions may face, there are many awe-inspiring, humbling, and accessible redwood parks experiences. Nothing compares to spending time with the world’s tallest trees, driving through mile after mile of ancient forest, and exploring a trail by touch.”

The Save The Redwoods League has released “A Disabled Hiker’s Guide to the Redwoods.” This guide provides an accessibility overview of redwood and giant sequoia parks. The guide is free to download and is divided into individual sections, by park, so you can select a specific park you have been interested in visiting.

Ending Plastic Pollution in Parks In mid-June the Department of the Interior committed to phasing out the sale of single-use plastic products in national parks and other public lands. Ending plastic pollution in national parks will have a big impact. Single-use plastics make up half of all trash in Yellowstone National Park, and the National Park Service currently manages nearly 70 million pounds of trash every year. This is a good first step in the right direction.

In response to a petition filed by the Center for Biological Diversity and 180 other groups, the U.S. government’s procurement arm announced in July it will study ways to purchase fewer single-use plastic products. The United States uses about 100 billion plastic bags every year. Since the U.S. government is the world’s single-largest consumer of goods and services, its purchasing power can make an enormous difference.

Requiring Responsibility for Plastic Pollution In July California became home to the nation’s most ambitious effort to stop plastic pollution. This is a really big deal—not just for California, but also for the country.

Here’s what the Plastic Pollution Product Responsibility Act does:

1. It mandates that companies in California use less plastic in their foodware and packaging.

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Follow-Up from *Coming* **TOGETHER** Workshop

by Marcia Sterling

Thanks to so many of you at First Church who attended the Coming Together Workshop in May or who otherwise submitted responses to our questionnaire. We had 44 attendees at the workshop and have pulled together notes from each of the table discussions and the questionnaires.

The thoughtfulness of input was inspiring. Just to give you a taste, people are motivated to participate in the life of this church for many reasons:

“The rituals, symbols, music.”

“Wanting to feel part of a community with values like mine.”

“Opportunities for meaningful fellowship and service.”

“I like the quiet and learning new things.”

“It’s a place of safety and renewal. I forget everything once I’m here.”

“Getting to know people in small groups.”

“Learning to think unselfishly.”

A small task force will be sorting through ideas that came out of the workshop and bringing specific proposals back to church council designed to strengthen our church, serve our members, serve the community, ensure our financial future, and do good in the world.

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2. It requires that all single-use foodware and packaging be recyclable or compostable by 2032.
3. It holds major plastic producers financially responsible for the waste their products are designed to become.

That’s fantastic news for California and the wildlife that call it home.

So how is it also great news for the country? California has a really big economy. When California prods companies into changing how they make or package their products, the changes tend to spill across state borders. California is now the fourth—and by far the largest—state to pass a producer responsibility law, joining Maine, Oregon, and Colorado. That means more producers will be financially responsible for managing the waste their products make.

The law requires plastic producers and plastic resin manufacturers to pay \$500 million a year toward environmental cleanup, too.

We still have along way to go toward elevating our society’s priorities and to requiring greater accountability for the waste that too often causes illness and harms or kills wild creatures.

Caring for Oceans July was Ocean Month. From Genesis 1:20 (NRSV): ... God said, “Let the waters bring both swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

As God’s stewards, we are called not only to enjoy the ocean, but also to care for it as a sacred gift from God. Because we are people of God, we are to maintain the bounty of the ocean’s waters and the integrity of oceanic systems that contain beauty and support an abundance of life.

Giving Thanks As we begin September, headed into the last quarter of this year, it is time to give thanks for our many blessings, to say prayers for resolution of differences, whether personal or national, to look for ways to help those who need help, and to accept help when we are in need. God bless us all. ❖



Hello First Palo Alto Readers!

by Charlotte Cutkosky

Thinking about “back to school” reminded me of one of my favorite back-to-school themed books, an oldie but a goodie.



Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate, illustrated by Ashley Wolff, follows a border collie teacher preparing to welcome a class full of animals to her new kindergarten classroom. As the animal kids get ready and process their nerves and excitement for the first day of school, Miss Bindergarten and her cockatoo sidekick clean, stock, and decorate the classroom. Miss Bindergarten is a great way to get kids excited for the start of the school year, and one its most charming aspects is the beautiful illustrations and attention to detail in the backgrounds. It’s hard not to feel excited to start the school year when every page is brimming with educational toys, crafts supplies, and schoolyard games.

The final page lists the class’s animal species, and you might find a few animals you hadn’t heard of before, like the quokka (a smaller cousin of the kangaroo and wallaby).

As always, happy reading First UMC Palo Alto, and happy first day of school to all our returning students! ❖

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

by Nancy Olson

At the national level, United Methodist Women have changed our name to United Women in Faith. Our logo has changed, we have a new website (UWFaith.org), and there are many new programs and options within the organization including a national membership option. These changes were made so that we can better meet the needs of our existing members, appeal to new and younger members, and broaden our appeal to women of color. Please visit the new website to see all of the exciting changes. The El Camino Real District website (elcaminorealumw.org) is also being updated.

Our purpose remains unchanged: To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Women of Willow Glen, Wesley, and Marina churches in San Jose have been working with Santa Cruz Dress-A-Girl Around the World organization, whose mission: “We endeavor to raise the esteem of girls living in poverty around the world by providing them with a made-with-lots-of-love, well-constructed, beautiful dress.” Church women have completed 43 dresses, including 14 infant dresses from kits and have expressed a wish to continue to participate. We are encouraged to participate.

Black Educator Mary McLeod Bethune Is Honored in Statuary Hall in U.S. Capitol

Mary McLeod Bethune’s faith enabled her to create a legacy that speaks through time and space into today’s culture. On July 13, this legacy was elevated. A monument to this United Methodist civil rights leader and educator was installed in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The 11-foot, 6,129-pound marble statue represents the state of Florida. Bethune will be the first Black woman to represent any of the states in this collection. Engraved on the base will be her words: “Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it may be a diamond in the rough.”

On July 10, people whose lives have been touched by Bethune’s legacy gathered for worship at Asbury UMC in Washington, D.C. to launch a weeklong celebration of the statue’s installation. Bethune joined Asbury Church in 1937, said the Rev. Ianther Mills, and was an active member of the congregation.

Editor’s Note: Each state contributes two statues for display in Statuary Hall. The Bethune statue replaces a statue of a Confederate general that was removed in 2021. ❖

CEF Grant Funds Health Fair in Kenya

by Nancy Glaser, Advisor of Wayo Wayo Kibra

The Centennial Endowment Funds (CEF) awarded this past year to Wayo Wayo Kibra were spent on a health fair in the Kibera Slum in Nairobi, held June 11. Our CEF grant provided free quality health services to over 400 people, including children, many for the first time. Thank you to our Centennial Endowment Funds program!

Kibera is the largest urban slum in Africa. It is home to between 500,000 and one million residents. Some families claim they are the seventh generation living there. What started out as temporary housing has become permanent homes to the residents living in poverty. With no government services (no electricity, sanitation facilities, garbage service, clean water), the residents must fend for themselves. Understandably, the health care and health services are very poor.

Wayo Wayo Kibra is a local community organization run by an all-volunteer leader and team. It began as a free soccer program for the boys and girls living there. When COVID-19 hit and soccer could not be played, the organization added local small health programs. A prior CEF grant provided funds to train young adults to be qualified as community health workers (started by Dr. Paul Farmer). This year, Wayo Wayo Kibra used the CEF grant to offer the free health fair to the residents of Kibera in conjunction with the Kenyan Ministry of Health and participation of other INGOs.

Wayo Wayo Kibra oversaw the planning of the health fair. They requested medications and volunteer doctors and nurses from the sponsors along with the Ministry of Health. Over 400 Kibera Slum residents attended the fair on June 11. They were diagnosed by the medical volunteers, vaccinated for COVID-19, children were inoculated, and all were given free medications based on their diagnoses. For many, this is the only opportunity for them to receive medical care all year.

I first met the leader of Wayo Wayo Kibra, Abdul Hussein, while I was living and working in Nairobi with the Stanford Seed program. I met Abdul through local friends I made in Nairobi. I asked who could take me on a tour

and tell me about the Kibera Slum. Through Abdul, I learned firsthand the life the residents were destined to, and I became involved with the program.

I was in Kenya the week leading up to the health fair to participate in the readiness of the fair, then stayed to meet with potential partners for Wayo Wayo Kibra on future projects. ❖



Kibera residents lining up to register at the health fair in June (top); Wayo Wayo Kibra community health workers volunteering at the health fair





- 2 Bud & Judy Buttrill,
56 years
- 4 Rick & Trish Riley,
39 years
- 6 Patty & Lou Bellardo,
46 years
- 8 Ann & Michael Reddick,
8 years
- 12 Simone & Salome Bikai,
50 years
- 14 Chuck Roberts & Tyler Badgley,
2 years
- 15 Rick & Diane Allen,
42 years
- 15 Patrick & Coreen Riley,
3 years

- 1 Elsa Nimmo
- 1 Tanya Buxton
- 2 Caroline Bowker
- 3 Jill Perry
- 3 Graeme Crangle-Hall
- 4 Chuck Roberts
- 5 Annie Edwards
- 6 Annette Rahn
- 8 Bernice Smoll
- 8 Jill Kispert
- 11 Stephen Black
- 12 Kate Newton
- 14 Will Buxton
- 15 Richard Schramm
- 16 Mark Cutkosky
- 16 Linda Suzuki

- 19 Jim Gibbons
- 19 William Hickman
- 20 Emma Keep
- 21 Patricia Collman
- 21 Sally Irizarry
- 23 Ben Hickman
- 23 Lino Bailon
- 26 Sara Salsbury
- 27 Brian Hamachek
- 28 Peter Michel
- 28 Sandra Wilson
- 28 Karen Paulsen
- 29 Ellery Price
- 29 Owen Price
- 30 Bob Chatfield



Finance Update

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

July 2022 Income and Expense Summary - DRAFT	July 2022 Actual	Actual YTD 2022	Budget YTD 2022	Budget Annual 2022
Income				
Total Member Giving	24,304	248,079	146,643	311,588
Total Income All Other Sources	12,545	70,861	92,392	231,800
	36,849	318,940	239,035	543,388
Expenses				
Conference Tithe	3,666	30,733	28,413	48,000
Council on Ministries	665	7,911	32,466	56,670
Staff Parish Relations	27,083	202,019	234,971	401,378
Office and Finance	1,014	8,488	14,478	24,250
Board of Trustees	9,045	95,383	125,780	203,500
Total Expenses	41,473	344,534	436,108	733,798
Excess (Deficit) of Income over Expense	-4,624	-25,594	-197,074	-190,410



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

→ In-person worship has resumed. Worship also is live streamed. **Vaccination and face masks are required in person.** Many activities continue to meet online via Zoom, as 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

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, ages 3–11 (begins Sept. 11)
- 10:45 a.m. Worship in person and live streamed
Check firstpaloalto.com
or Friday e-news for the link.
Snack-n-Chat, after worship

Mondays

- 7 p.m. Social Justice movie discussions
(Zoom) See e-news for details.
- 7 p.m. Fiume di Musica Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesdays

- 2 p.m. Bible Study, Channing House
- Noon Current Affairs Fellowship Group

Wednesdays

- 6:45 p.m. Upstream Bible Study and
Contemporary Worship Service

Thursdays

- 12:30 p.m. Meditation in the Sanctuary
(begins Sept. 15)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Information for the next issue of the Insights newsletter is due Sept. 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!

- 3 Stanford football, 5 p.m. (offsite, see page 5)
- 5 Church office closed for Labor Day
- 6 SPRC, 7 p.m. (Zoom)
- 11 Rally Day, 10:00 /10:45 a.m.
- 13 Trustees, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- 20 Insights deadline for October issue
Finance, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- 22 Women's Lunch, noon (see page 1)
- 27 Church Council, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)



"And with prayer, you can contact God 24 hours everyday, including weekends ... and there are NO roaming charges!"

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