



FIRST PALO ALTO
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Announcements for the week of July 2, 2023



Sunday July 2, 2023
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: *Psalm 30*

Preaching: Reverend Burke Owens

Message: *The Grace and Blessing of God's House*

Worship is Sundays at 10:45 AM

Sunday School will resume in September.



Parking

Parking is available in our back lot, on the street,
and in the city garage off Webster Street.



The church office is **closed Monday July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th**. Happy Fourth of July!



Rev. Burke Owens
Senior Pastor



Rev. Gerardo García Palacios
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries

[Main Website](#)

[Church Calendar](#)



Church News:



Welcoming Our New Pastor

Pastor Burke Owens becomes our new pastor on July 1. Here are 3 ways to welcome him and his wife Caroline:

Get to know the Owenses. SPRC is organizing small group get-togethers at members' homes in July and August.

Would you like to attend a get-together? Look for a signup sheet on the patio or contact Pamela Cutkosky pamelareasner@yahoo.com or Carol Kumer carolkumer@sbcglobal.net.

Welcome them to the neighborhood. Share your favorite restaurant, local hike, business, coffee shop, free activity. Look for a box in the narthex or on the patio where you can write your recommendations for our two newcomers to the area.

Attend worship THIS SUNDAY (July 2) and bring a salad or dessert for the potluck. July 2 is Pastor Burke's first Sunday leading worship and SPRC is organizing a potluck lunch on the patio after the service.

Questions? Contact SPRC Chair Pamela Cutkosky pamelareasoner@yahoo.com.

There are more suggestions in the summer Insights!

Picnics in the Park

JULY 13, 20, 27

**6 PM at East Meadow Group Picnic Area,
Mitchell Park (3700 Middlefield Road)**

Good food and fellowship, with a buffet-style picnic of grilled entree, salads, dessert and beverage.

All are welcome. Bring your friends, neighbors and visiting relatives!

Suggested Donation:

We ask a donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children to keep the picnics self-supporting.



Picnics in the Park July 13, 20, 27 at 6 PM East Meadow Picnic Area (Mitchell Park)

Save the dates for Picnics in the Park! Come for fellowship and good BBQ food, all outdoors, and don't forget to invite friends and visiting relatives! Suggested donation is \$6 adults and \$3 children to keep the picnics self-supporting.

Contact Pamela Reasner pamelareasoner@yahoo.com to sign up to be a grill chef, salad chef or dessert chef.



Call to Prayer

Everyone is invited to pray for our church every **Thursday at 1:00pm** in the Wesley Room: to pray for the worship service, church leaders and committees, mission and ministries of the church, those who have left the church and have not yet returned, for the sick, including those listed on the weekly Prayer List in E-News and the requests on submitted pew cards—the list goes on and on. Participants can pray out loud or in silence. Come with expectation, come in faith, come open to the Holy Spirit.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2023

HERO HOTLINE!

Saturday July 8 | 10 - 3 PM

Ages 4 - 11 Registration deadline: June 18

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CYFMINISTRIES@FIRSTPALOALTO.COM

Vacation Bible School: Hero Hotline July 8, 10 AM - 3 PM

This year's theme is "Hero Hotline: Called together to serve God." All kids ages 4-11 are welcome!

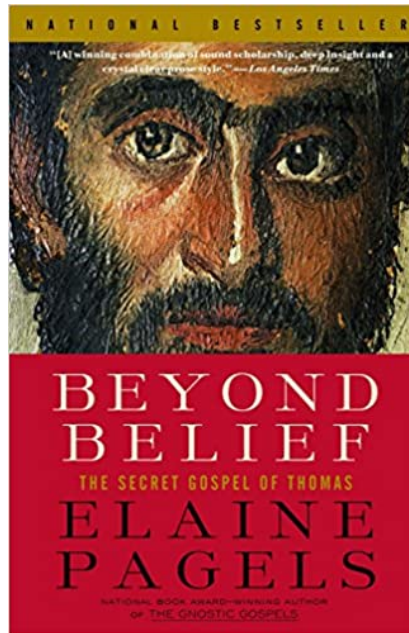
The registration deadline has passed, so if you missed it, please contact Pastor Gerardo ASAP.

We're still looking for volunteers to help staff our one-day VBS experience. If you're interested in helping out, email Pastor Gerardo at cyfministries@firstpaloalto.com.

RSVP for
VBS!

Thursday Meditations is on summer holiday.

Book Study:



Covenant Class **Sundays, 6 PM on Zoom**

The Covenant Class is reading **Beyond Belief, the Secret Gospel of Thomas**, by Elaine Pagels. In examining this early religious writing, Pagels reveals how faith allows for diversity of interpretations, and that the “rogue” voices of Christianity encourage and sustain “the recognition of the light within us all.”

If you'd like to join the class, please contact Linda Grossman at 650-814-8779 or planaap@aol.com.

The book can be purchased from Amazon and is available on Amazon Kindle.

Monday Evening Bible Study is on summer holiday.

In-Person Fellowship:

Tuesday Walking Group will not meet July 4th.

Online Worship:

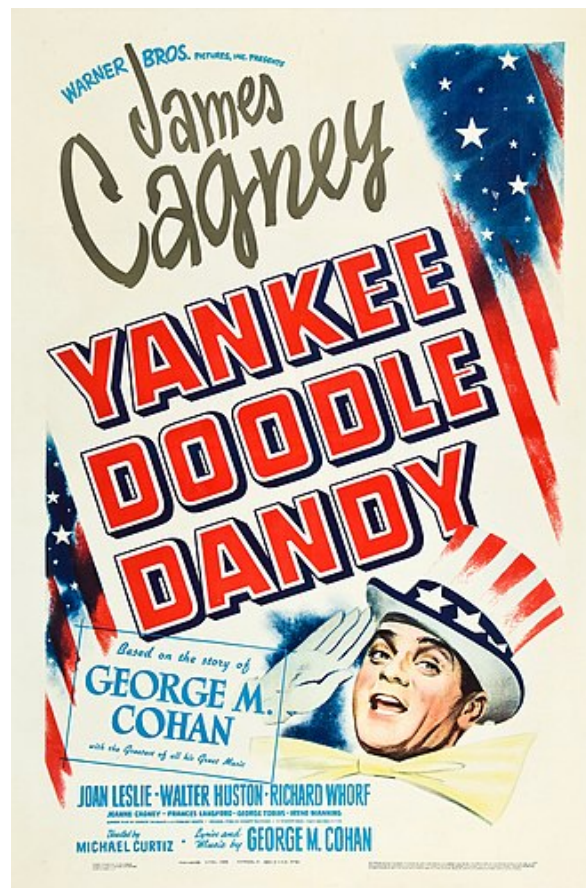


Upstream Wednesday Contemporary Worship is on summer break July 5 - August 2.

Sunday Morning - 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary
Livestream on our YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuwcySOuQakKQfC7B1ZEBSw/videos>

Online Fellowship:



Social Action Movie Night - Monday at 7:00 PM

This week's movie is *Yankee Doodle Dandy* (1942), available on [Prime](#).

Watch the movie at your leisure, then join the discussion on Monday. Email Nancy Glaser at glasernancy@gmail.com for Zoom details.

Filmed in 1942, James Cagney danced and sang his way to a well-deserved

Oscar for his outstanding portrayal of vaudeville composer and performer George M. Cohan in this Oscar-nominated biography.

Current Affairs Fellowship Group - Tue at 12 PM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83859750584?pwd=SHVJU3pPM2tPS0x4TXdGOFlwYmhrUT09>

Password: 672549

All are welcome to join this online group! Each person is encouraged to bring one topic to the meeting and speak for two or three minutes. Find articles in the paper or journals, or summarize a significant event by bringing together several sources.

COVID Safety Policy:

FUMCPA lifted its indoor mask requirement in March, and has aligned its COVID-19 safety policies with those of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the California Department of Public Health in strongly recommending that individuals continue to wear masks in all indoor public spaces, especially those in high risk groups.

The task force will meet again in the fall to evaluate circumstances at that time (with some experts predicting a "Covid season"); or, should there be significant changes in Covid hospitalizations, new variants, or new interventions by the City, County or State in the interim.

Thank you for keeping our congregation, employees, volunteers, vendors, First School students, and community safe and healthy over the course of the pandemic.

Prayer List

We lift the names of those asking for prayer, with thanksgiving for the healing already being received:

Amanda (Debbie Krueger's daughter), Artemas, Don & Jennifer (Janet Nicholls' friends), Julie Ashton, Patty Bellardo, Mona Blackburn, Pamela Burnham (friend of Patty Bellardo's), Daisy and Mary, Candelaria Castaneda (friend of Bill Davidson), Paige Finn, Kirstin Glaser-Noll, Don Grant, Ellen Haffner, Jacqueline Harding, Will Haynes, Jerry Johnson, Diya Kumari and her children, Phebe L. and her family, Ruth Letts, Maiko Masuda-Stephens (Susan's sister-in-law), Diane Mazuera's father, Mehri Namdarian, Nancy Olson, Joanne Perry, Rodko family, Susil Sadanandam, Sheeba Shahid, Richard Singleton, Blake Stafford, Emilie Sweet, Janni Yuen, Jo Zimmerman, the Zocatelli family

Click here: <http://www.firstpaloalto.com/prayers.shtml> to add your name to this list and view our "ongoing prayer list" (for persons who are homebound, battling long-term illness, or serving overseas), or contact the church office.

Our electronic giving page is open!

Whether you are a long time member, or just joined us, you can give with just a few clicks. As always, your generosity makes our mission possible! Thank you!

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