

Having trouble viewing images? Download this email as a PDF:  
<https://files.constantcontact.com/6dfdc1fe001/df1fda2b-e572-48d2-8b72-2ebe9c00571b.pdf>



**FIRST PALO ALTO**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Announcements for the week of June 11, 2023



Thank you to Orlene Fingar for this week's nature pic!  
Have a nature pic you'd like featured in the enews? Email Char at [charlotte@firstpaloalto.com](mailto:charlotte@firstpaloalto.com)

### **Sunday June 11, 2023** **Second Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture: *Matthew 9:18-26*

Preaching: Reverend Doug Norris

Message: *When You Need a Doctor*

**Worship is Sundays at 10:45 AM**  
**Sunday School for ages 3-11 is Sundays at 10 AM.**

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



**Parking**



**Rev. Douglas Norris**  
Interim Pastor

[Main Website](#)



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

[Church Calendar](#)



**Church News:**



## Call to Prayer

Everyone is invited to pray for our church every **Thursday at 1:00pm** in the Wesley Room, beginning June 8: 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.





## Saying Farewell and Thank You to Rev. Doug and Ellie Norris

June 25 is the last Sunday that Pastor Doug will lead worship with us. Here are three ways to appreciate their time with us:

- **Write a Thank-You Card** Look for the basket in the narthex or drop off your card of gratitude in the office.
- **Stay for lunch on June 25** SPRC will host a light lunch on the patio after worship on their last Sunday
- **Contribute to the Norris Seminary Scholarship** Honor their time with us by writing a check to Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and put "Douglas and Eleanor Norris Scholarship Fund" in the memo line. Put your check in a sealed, unstamped envelope marked "Garrett" with your return address and bring it to the church. We will do a bulk mailing.



### Hotel de Zink

We need 5 more signups to provide meals for Hotel de Zink in June. Sign up online by clicking the green button below.

During the month of June, we serve a hot meal each night to **20 people** enrolled in this LifeMoves program that helps people towards employment, housing, and mental health. Learn more [here](#).

Please arrive in the parking lot at **7:15-7:30 PM** with your complete meal (entree, side, beverage, dessert) ready to serve.

HdZ Sign-up



## **Look for the Bookmobile! On the patio June 18**

Our church library comes to you after worship on June 18. Enjoy snack 'n' chat and peruse our latest acquisitions on the Bookmobile cart. Check out a book or two for your summer reading. Includes the latest United Women of Faith recommendations that the Library Committee has purchased. Children's, middle school and high school books too. Come check it out!



## **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 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](mailto:pamelareasner@yahoo.com) or Carol Kumer  
[carolkumer@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 where you can write your recommendations for our two newcomers to the area.

**Attend worship 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 lunch potluck lunch on the patio after the service.

Questions? Contact SPRC Chair Pamela Cutkosky  
[pamelareasoner@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelareasoner@yahoo.com).

**There are more suggestions in the summer Insights!**





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](mailto: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!

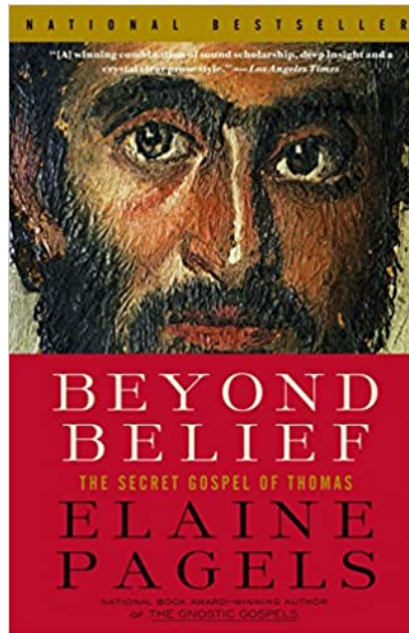
Tell your kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids about VBS! Register a child by clicking the red button below.

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](mailto:cyfministries@firstpaloalto.com).

RSVP for  
VBS!

**Thursday Meditations is on summer holiday.**

**Book Study:**

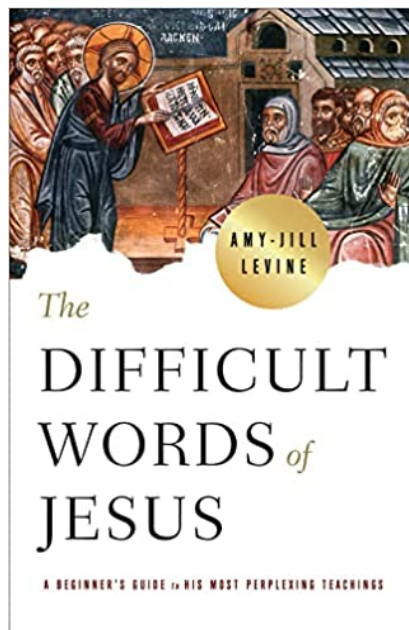


## Covenant Class Sundays, 6 PM on Zoom

The Covenant Class will begin 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](mailto:planaap@aol.com).

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





# Monday Evening Bible Study

## Mondays, 7:15 PM on Zoom

We welcome newcomers to our Monday Night Bible Study. We are now starting at 7:15 PM with sharing our week, and the class begins at 7:30 PM and is over at 9 PM. We are reading *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Let Janet Nicholls know if you would like to join us and she will arrange to get you a book and the Zoom site for the class, as we are continuing to meet online. Contact Janet Nicholls at 650 814 0278 or [sweetjanet@aol.com](mailto:sweetjanet@aol.com).

## In-Person Fellowship:

**Tuesday Walking Group** - 9:50 AM

November's starting locations is the [Geng Road Athletic Field](#). The walking group covers about 3 miles in 90 minutes.

## Online Worship:

**Wednesday Contemporary Worship** - 6:45 PM

Register for

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/up0vfu2hrTouBEIsjwfK9uPi46HwHORVkw>

**Sunday Morning** - 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

Livestream on our YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuwcycSOuQakKQfC7B1ZEBSw/videos>

## Online Fellowship:



### **Social Action Movie Night - Monday at 7:00 PM**

This week's movie is *20 Feet From Stardom*, available on [Prime](#). Watch the movie at your leisure, then join the discussion on Monday. Email Nancy Glaser at [glasernancy@gmail.com](mailto:glasernancy@gmail.com) for Zoom details.

*20 Feet From Stardom* shines a light on the backup singers behind some of the greatest hits of all time.

### **Current Affairs Fellowship Group - Tue at 12 PM**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83859750584?pwd=SHVJU3pPM2tPS0x4TXdGOFwYmhrUT09>

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:**

### **Masks Strongly Recommended**

The ReOpening Task Force met on March 16 and voted to:

1. Change the indoor mask requirement to a recommendation: "Masks are strongly recommended for indoor in-person FUMCPA activities, including worship."
2. Allow small groups meeting at church to establish their own

- policies for mask use within the group.
3. Strongly recommend, but no longer require, masks during office hours Monday - Friday 9AM - 4PM, for visitors, vendors, and others who enter the facility.

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, Tim Breen, Cheryl & Kevin Brunk, 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!

First United Methodist Church Palo Alto | 625 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301

[Unsubscribe info@firstpaloalto.com](mailto:info@firstpaloalto.com)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [info@firstpaloalto.com](mailto:info@firstpaloalto.com) powered by





Try email marketing for free today!