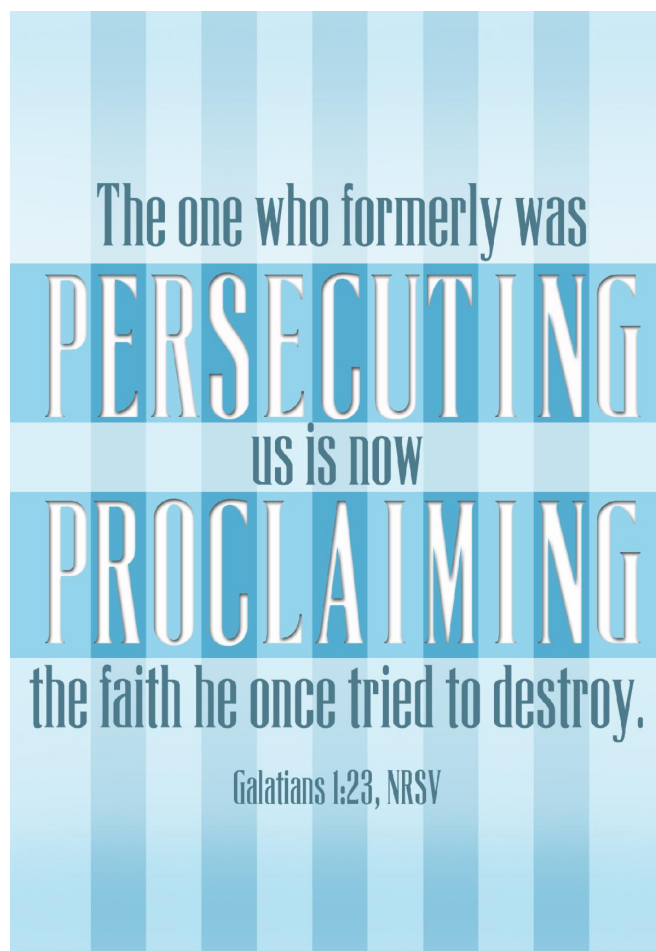




**FIRST PALO ALTO**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Announcements for the week of October 27, 2024



**Sunday October 27, 2024**  
**Reformation Sunday**

Scripture: Galatians 1: 13-24

Message: *Giving Our Lives*

*Consecration of 2025 Estimates of Giving*

**Worship is Sundays at 10:45 AM**



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

**Reminder:** Do not park in the lot behind 550 Hamilton Ave. Your car will be towed. Thank you!



**Rev. Burke Owens**  
Senior Pastor



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

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**Church News:**

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**Trunk-n-Treat – October 27, 3:30 PM**  
**Twilight Organ Concert – October 27, 5:15 PM**

Join us for Trunk-n-Treat in the church parking lot! All kids are invited to come in costume, visit the decorated car trunks, paint pumpkins, decorate cookies, and more. Then, stay for “Twilight: A Haunted Concert and Spooky Tales” in the sanctuary, starring Diane Keller and Pastor Burke. Invite your friends and neighbors!



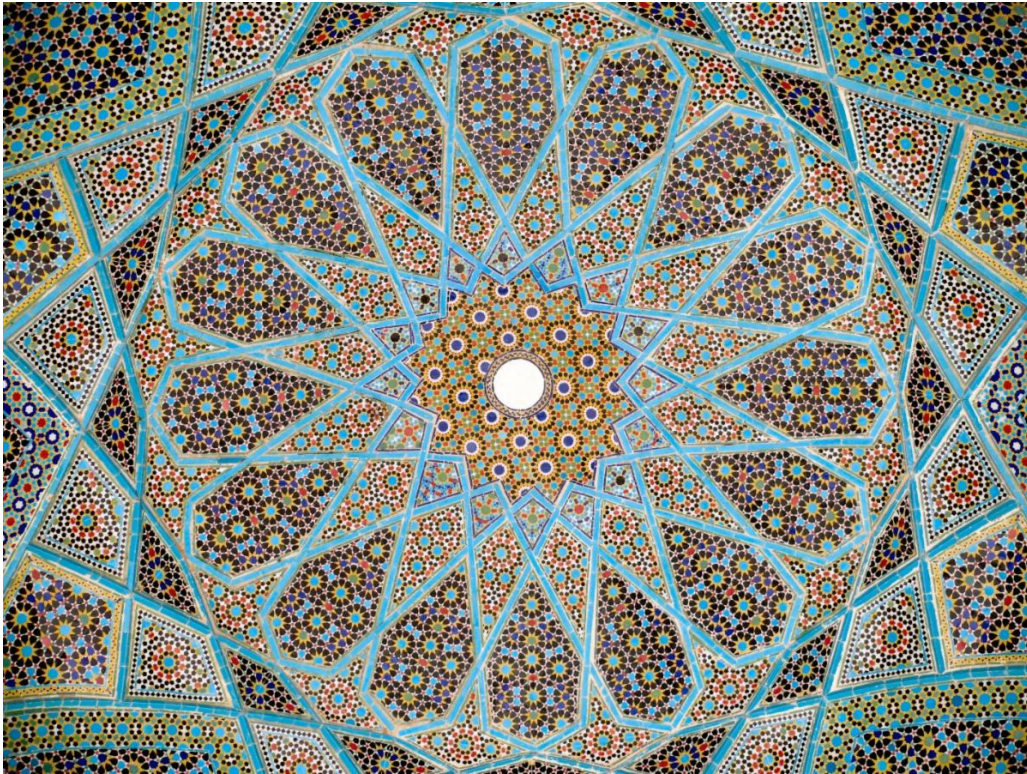
## Koinonia Jig-Saw Puzzle-thon November 9, 6:45 AM

Come for dessert (provided) and a jig-saw puzzle competition! Team up to assemble a bird puzzle and make the bird sing, with other puzzles to assemble, too. RSVP to Curtis or Carol Gleason at 650 494 2340 or [curtglea@pacbell.net](mailto:curtglea@pacbell.net).



## All Saints Day Observed November 10 Sunday November 10, 10:45 AM worship

The Chancel Choir will present Bob Chilcott's *Requiem*. We will honor the saints we have known in our lives and those from our church who have joined God in heaven in 2024. You are encouraged to bring pictures of loved ones who have passed on to display in the sanctuary Nov. 10.



**Mystic Poetry and Music Salon featuring  
the poetry of Shamsuddin Hafiz  
Friday November 22, 7 PM in the Sanctuary**

featuring Fiume di Musica and readings by Pastor Burke

Classical medieval poetry from the Middle East, is often known as mystical or Sufi verse for its evocative wordplay concerning beauty, change, love, life, death, and God. Shamsuddin Hafiz, the magnificent and beloved court poet known as the Persian Shakespeare will be the focus. As music is the perfect friend to poetry, an assortment of musical selections will be offered by Fiume di Musica. The salon will last about an hour.

**Volunteer & Giving Opportunities:**



## Ways to Help Those Impacted by Hurricanes

As the devastation from Hurricanes Helene and Milton continues in the Southeast United States, we have compiled a list of ways to help those impacted, as well as updates from the United Methodist Annual Conferences in the areas of the storms. Donating to UMCOR or to one of the regional southern UMC Annual Conferences can be a big help! Click below for more information on how to make a difference!

<https://www.cnumc.org/newsdetails/ways-to-help-those-impacted-by-hurricane-helene-18669043>



## How to Sign Up for Snack-n-Chat and Altar Flowers

These two opportunities enhance our worship and fellowship:

1) Birthday or anniversary coming up? Celebrate with your church family by providing snacks on the patio after worship. You can now sign up online (link below), or find the sign-up board on the patio after worship. Questions? Contact Debbie Krueger at [debbiesgoals@yahoo.com](mailto:debbiesgoals@yahoo.com).

2) Donate altar flowers. Altar flower sign-up is electronic. The cost is \$80. Click the link below to claim your Sunday and write your dedication.

**Snack-n-Chat Sign-  
Up**

**Altar Flower Sign-  
Up**

## **In-Person Fellowship:**



**Bible Study with Pastor Burke**

**2nd and 4th Sundays after worship**

**12:15 in person in Kohlstedt Hall**

**Next meeting: October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Beginning with Genesis, Led by Pastor Burke Owens**

The Bible is at the heart of our beliefs, traditions, and organization as a religious

community. Yet we live in a time where few people read the good book, and fewer still know many of its stories and teachings. This Bible study will offer a chance to read together and reflect upon the Old and New Testaments, as we look and listen for meaning, inspiration and support in our daily lives. Please bring your own Bible if you like. Questions? Ask Pastor Burke!



## Tuesday Walking Group Tuesdays 8:50 AM

Email Karen [retirekp12@gmail.com](mailto:retirekp12@gmail.com) or Patty [pbellardo@gmail.com](mailto:pbellardo@gmail.com) for information about October's walks.

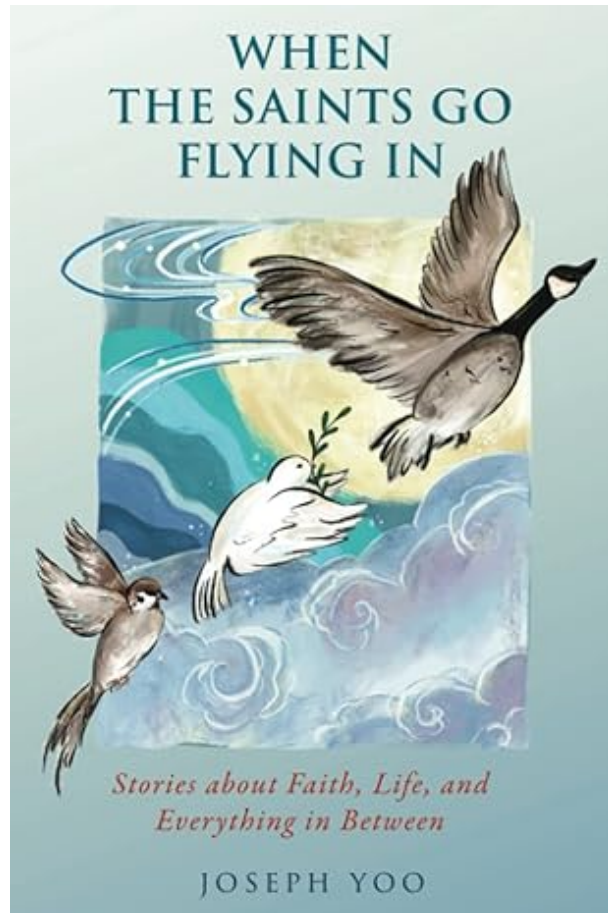


## Call to Prayer

Everyone is invited to join a small group praying for our church on Thursdays at

1:00pm in the Wesley Room: to pray for our pastors, church leaders and committees, mission and ministries of the church, those listed on the weekly Prayer List in E-News—and to pray the prayers in your heart. Participants can pray out loud or in silence. Come with expectation, come in faith, come open to the Holy Spirit.

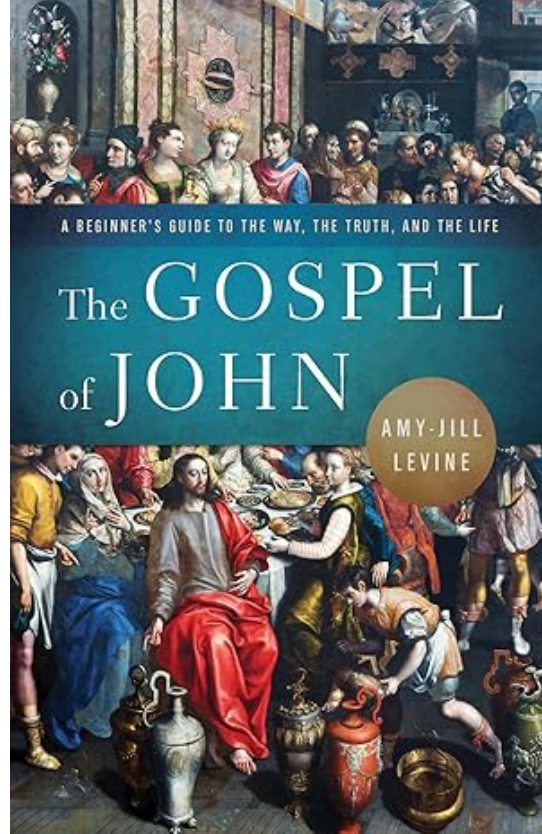
## Online Fellowship:



### Covenant Class

Wednesdays at 5 PM on Zoom (NEW TIME)

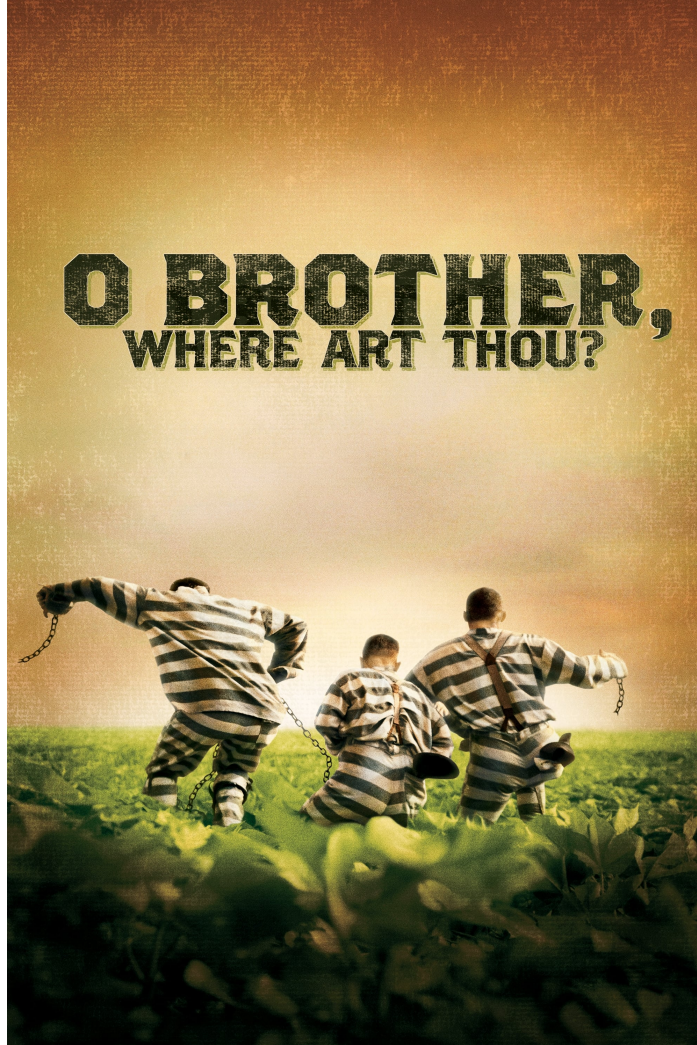
The Covenant Class is discussing *When the Saints go Flying In: Stories About Faith, Life, and Everything in Between* by Joseph Yoo. Please contact Linda Grossman at [planaap@aol.com](mailto:planaap@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the class.



**Monday Night Bible Study  
7:15 - 9 PM on Zoom**

Monday Night Bible Study is discussing *The Gospel of John: A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life* by Amy-Jill Levine.

We welcome new members! Contact Janet Nicholls at [sweetjanet@aol.com](mailto:sweetjanet@aol.com) to join.



### Social Action Movie Night Mondays at 7:00 PM

Oh, Brother Where Art Thou? is a 2000 satirical comedy drama musical film. The film is set in rural Mississippi in 1937, and it follows three escaped convicts searching for hidden treasure while a sheriff relentlessly pursues them. Its story is a modern satire which, while incorporating social features of the American South, is loosely based on Homer's epic Greek poem *The Odyssey*.

It is available on [Prime](#).

Contact Nancy Glaser at [glasernancy@gmail.com](mailto:glasernancy@gmail.com) for Zoom information.

### Current Affairs Fellowship Group Tuesday at 12 PM

Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83859750584?  
pwd=SHVJU3pPM2tPS0x4TXdGOFIwYmhrUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83859750584?pwd=SHVJU3pPM2tPS0x4TXdGOFIwYmhrUT09)

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.

**Online Worship:**

## Upstream Contemporary Worship

Wednesdays, 6:45 PM

Register for

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/up0vfu2hrTouBEIswfK9uPi46HwHORVkw>

Sunday Morning - 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

Livestream on our YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuwcysOUqakKQfC7B1ZEBsw/videos>

## COVID Safety Policy:

Covid in the wastewater in Santa Clara County remains at high levels. We ask everyone to be proactive to protect their health and that of others. Feel free to wear a mask or not, but if feeling unwell or testing positive, please do not come to church or attend meetings or other activities in person. Attend worship and activities via Livestream or ZOOM and keep our faith vital and our bodies well. Masks are available at all FUMCPA activities for those who wish to wear one.

## 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, Mona Blackburn, Tim Breen, Candelaria Castaneda (friend of Bill Davidson), Carol Christensen, Paige Finn, Kirstin Glaser-Noll, Ellen Haffner, Jacqueline Harding, Karen Jacobs, Jerry Johnson, Miles Keep, Debbie Krueger, Phebe L. and her family, Diane Mazuera's father, Bill & Terri Michel, Mehri Namdarian, the family of Maryam Nasri, Rev. Doug and Ellie Norris, Nancy Olson, Joanne Perry, the Rudko family in Lviv, Ukraine, Susil Sadanandam, Sheeba Shahid, Jim and John Sherlock, Bernice Smoll, Emilie Sweet, Linda Suzuki, Cynthia (friend of Kathy Rose), Dick Tingey, Patty Tomko, Allen Wood, Rick Zeek

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.

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### 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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