



UCC Petaluma

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*To Heal, Inspire and Empower in the Way of Jesus
So that all people may create lives of deeper meaning and greater value.*

News & Opportunities - Sunday and Beyond...

This Sunday at UCC Petaluma

We continue our exploration of the practice of Eastertide, a season that invites diverse focus on many festivals and traditions. This week we engage the story of the Passover in light of the call to respond to Earth Day and the reality of farm workers who bring life from the land. View this week's Digital Bulletin [HERE!](#)

Worship & Spiritual Life Seeking an "Our Spiritual Journey's" speaker for June 2

Everyone who hears one of our congregants share a little bit about their spiritual journey during a Sunday worship remembers these moments as some of the most meaningful and valuable in our congregational life. Would you consider sharing 10-15 minutes about the growth and change of your spiritual journey from any portion of your life during worship on June 2? If speaking is not something that comes easily, we get it. You won't be surprised to learn that everyone who has risked doing this has found it to be a wonderful experience. Our congregation is so much like family, it makes sharing something like this feel really good. If you are willing and interested, please contact Al Martin at petalumaboy1947@gmail.com soon!

Online Offerings



If you find it helpful to make your offerings online, please use this QR code to take you to our website and click the Donate button. Your gift will make a difference!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 22nd at 10am.

Join a long-standing group exploring the biblical story in the library. This is a lay-led Bible study open to all levels of biblical knowledge and experience

Saturday April 27 at 9am.

The Palms Inn, our permanent supportive housing facility in Santa Rosa, is in desperate need of a facelift and morale boost. There will be a meeting there from 9-1pm on Saturday April 27th to paint the lobby of the space, which is where events are held and folks are apt to spend the most time when not in their apartments.

Volunteers needed! RSVP to cyoungern@srcharities.org is required to attend.



Saturday, May 4 at 9 am.

Join the annual Spring Petaluma River Cleanup. We need your help to keep our river clean! Gathering is at Steamer Landing Park at 9am for supplies, snacks, site instructions and a safety talk before heading out to one of 10 locations in the Petaluma Watershed. All ages welcome! [CLICK HERE](#) for details and registration!

Sunday May 5th after gathering.

Second hour at UCC Petaluma, please join us for a conversation surrounding the future of leadership for our church!

Tuesday, May 7 at 5:30 pm.

The next 4-week series of Petaluma Conversations begins at the Petaluma Library! Many things are new, including the option to bring your own group, a facilitator will be provided as well as the structure to hear one another. The suggested topics this week are The Presidential Election and Belonging. Look forward to connecting and building community together! [CLICK HERE](#) to register your interest in attending.

Tuesday May 21 at 10 am, by Zoom.

UCC Petaluma Book Group will be discussing the choice of its next book. To make suggestions or learn more, contact Paul Eklof at peklof@pacbell.net. Or talk to Ann Nancy or Michael Vosler.

Opportunities for Spiritual Learning & Action

Pass a Family-Friendly Farm Bill - Bread for the World

The Farm Bill affects the agriculture and food sectors - it can play a huge role in reducing food insecurity and hunger in the U.S. and abroad. Congress is still working to renew farm bill programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and international food aid programs. Tell your senators and representatives it's time to get the job done and

pass a family-friendly farm bill. Express your support for a family friendly farm bill, [CLICK HERE](#).

Continuing to Support Justice for Women

Just because Women's history month is over, doesn't mean we should sit back. Take action now to support justice for women. Now more than ever, we must speak up!

[CLICK HERE](#) to contact your representative! Our voices matter. Talking to your representative is the best way to make sure it is heard.

Join in our National Denomination's Educational Webinars

Our National denomination offers a variety of thoughtful educational webinars on topics from local to international interest relevant to our mission and vision. [CLICK HERE](#) to see their many offerings.

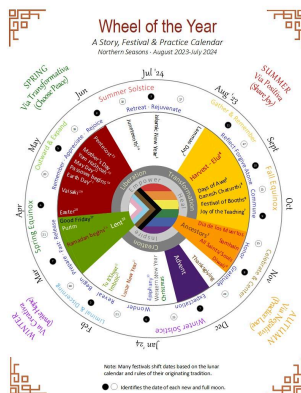
Blue Zones

Articles, recipes, resources, and tools for transforming personal and communal well-being and longevity. Curated from research done by Dan Buettner (National Geographic Explorer and Fellow) on the world's healthiest, longest-living populations. [CLICK HERE](#) to read their latest articles.

Sonoma County LGBTQIA+ Community Needs Assessment

Please join us in collaborating with the wonderful [Positive Images \(PI\)](#) to share [this amazing survey](#) they created to get MUCH-needed data for those in the LGBTQIA+ Sonoma County community. If you or anyone you know is in the LGBTQIA+ community, please consider taking/sharing the survey or scan the QR code below to take the survey.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a new Wheel of the Year for 2023-24.



The Wheel of the Year is a helpful guide to your spiritual practice - connecting your household's unique understandings and traditions to the stories, festivals, and practices of billions of others around the globe

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 8: Craig Wilcox
- 13: Judy Frankel
- 15: Jeff Flick
- 19: Tim Talamantes
- 21: Sharlene Castle
- 28: Grace Ruddell
- 30: Marcos and Nico Carballal