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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.*

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News & Opportunities - Sunday and Beyond...

**This Sunday:** Faith Ross, co-founder and leader of Petaluma Blacks for Community Development is coming to share with our congregation about the vision of PBCD which is to share Black History and Culture with the community and since 2021, we have formed a youth group. Faith has lived in Petaluma since 1975. She retired from Sonoma County Assessors Office as an Auditor/Appraiser. Outside of her work with PBCD, she is very active with her church, Petaluma Christian Church. Faith teaches Sunday School, is part of the Women's Ministry and does the bookkeeping for her church. For more information on Petaluma Blacks for Community Development, please visit their website [here](#).

**Next Sunday:** Communion Sunday! A message from our very own Rev. June Goudey who will be leading us in worship: "I will not be preaching about Communion on the first, but I will celebrate communion and invite you to participate with me as the liturgy unfolds. Instead of preaching we will share together a teaching moment. I will give a brief introduction to the problematic nature of Communion and then invite conversation on questions you are curious about. Trust me! No question is unsuitable to ask, nor are there stupid questions. The church, as it became beholden to Roman Emperors, use the word "heresy" against anyone who "questioned the teachings and practices" of those in authority. My words on communion are offered not as a final authority on the subject; but to enlighten all who are interested in widening their perceptions of an essential sacrament of our faith." Please come join us in a meaningful and very special worship led by June next Sunday.

### **Volunteers needed for Sunday Worship!**

UCCP is always in need of extra hands to ensure Sunday Worship is the meaningful and valuable experience that is our mission. We are looking for volunteers to help greet folks who come to Sunday worship, make coffee for fellowship hour, and people who are willing to clean-up after fellowship hour as well. All abilities can be of service. Please reach out to Marcella Bradley at [uccpetaluma@gmail.com](mailto:uccpetaluma@gmail.com) if you are able and willing to volunteer at UCCP.

## Mark Your Calendars

**Sunday, October 15th: SABBATH SUNDAY!** This is a reminder that on Sunday, October 15th, we will be taking a Sabbath Sunday. There will be no service that day at UCC. One opportunity you might consider is to learn more about Cool Petaluma, the organization we heard about in August from John Crowley. Cool Petaluma will be training congregants and parishioners all over Petaluma on October 15th at St. John's Cram hall in coordination with Rev. Daniel Green. To register, please [visit here](#). If you're interested in watching a short film about Cool Petaluma, [click here!](#)



## Opportunities for Spiritual Learning & Action

### Petaluma People Services Expands Case Management for anyone 60+ in Sonoma County!

Great news for Sonoma County Seniors! PPSC is expanding their quality Case Management program throughout Sonoma County. This is in partnership with the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging. If you or someone you know is 60 years and older, living in Sonoma County and would like our person-centered assistance please contact PPSC's Bilingual Case Management Team. 707-765-8488 or [cares@PetalumaPeople.org](mailto:cares@PetalumaPeople.org).

### Free Technology for anyone 60 and older and/or with Disabilities!

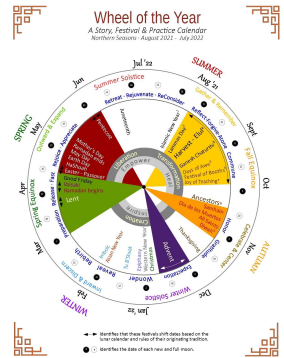
Since 2008, Community Tech Network (CTN) has been working to close the digital divide and envisions a world where individuals are empowered to use technology to thrive in connected and flourishing communities. CTN in partnership with PPSC believes that access to the Internet is a human right, and that those without the skills to use the internet are at risk of social and economic disadvantage. Petaluma People Services Center has partnered with CTN and it is open to anyone living in Sonoma County. Older adults (60 and older) and people with disabilities can be referred by PPSC to CTN to receive a: 8.4" tablet configured and shipped, comprehensive full color learner booklet provided in language of choice, 6-months mobile internet (T-Mobile or similar), remote or in-person training sessions (5 hour max) in up to four (4) different languages, and Federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) application assistance and low-cost internet enrollment help after your 6 month of internet services sunset. This program will give Older Adults the opportunity to learn how to use the internet safely and to have your questions answered. Qualifications include: 60+ years old AND/OR be an adult with a disability age 18 or older, not have a digital device {tablet, laptop, computer} EXCEPT a cellphone, and be referred by PPSC. To register for this program people should call 707-765-8488 and ask to speak with Tatiana.

## Support Transgender Healthcare

The well-being of transgender and non-binary youth is being debated in legislative sessions across the United States. As of March 3 there have been 385 anti-LGBTQ bills introduced, with 108 of these bills aiming to end gender affirming healthcare for trans and non-binary youth. This places more than 54,000 trans youth actively taking life-saving gender affirming medical care at risk. This is the highest number of anti-LGBTQ bills ever introduced in a single legislative season. Please [click here](#) to send your support to congress to defend the marginalized and vulnerable in our nation.

## Click Here to download a new Wheel of the Year for 2023.

This visual tool is a helpful guide to your spiritual practice - connecting your unique faith to the festivals of our tradition in relation to the traditions of billions of others around the globe & the unique practices of your household. You can download a copy at our [website](#).



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Jennifer Yount
- 6: Ann Feaver
- 13: Betty Hubbard Spamer
- 14: Marilyn Larsen
- 19: Lucille Battison
- 24: Marv Ashman
- 24: Linda Nakagawa

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7: Mark and Terri Reischling
- 16: Paul and Sherry Eklof
- 30: Barton & Kirsten Smith