

The Presbyterian Church of Novato
710 Wilson Avenue
Novato, CA 94947

Return Service Requested

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April 13 – Palm Sunday Children’s Program
April 13 – Palm Sunday brunch
April 15 – A Matter of Balance class begins
April 18 – Good Friday Tenebrae service
April 20 – Easter



Session

Session Highlights – February and March 2025

At the February 26, 2025 meeting:

- Session approved a “mock-up” of the sanctuary to accommodate the choir, bell choir, and band without making permanent changes to the sanctuary.
- Session approved a “100 Envelope” fundraiser for conference and travel expenses for PCN youth to attend the Youth Triennium in Kentucky this summer.
- Session approved an addendum to the personnel policies which outline the work week, sick and vacation leave, return-to-work guidelines, and 2025 holiday schedule.
- Session approved the solicitation of local businesses to become sponsors of the Buckaroo Breakfast.

At the March 19, 2025 meeting:

- Kendra Anderson was approved as a new member of PCN, transferring from Grace Presbyterian in Long Beach, CA.
- Session approved North Marin Community Services Food Panty as the recipient of the proceeds from the 2025 Buckaroo Breakfast.
- The Community Life Team is studying how to become a more welcoming church.
- The Property Refresh Team will hold an adults-only cocktail party to raise \$2,000 in order to complete Phase 1 of the campus refresh. Session approved this event.

Kathy Takemoto, Clerk of Session



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

A MATTER OF BALANCE is the most widely implemented nationwide fall-prevention program, and it's coming to PCN! We are limited to 15 committed participants for this two-hour, eight-week course being held on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning April 15 and going through June 3. Registration will be in-person after worship on March 30 and April 6.

MISSION

Where your treasure is, there your heart will lie also. ~Matthew 6:21

Below you will find evidence of the many places where your hearts, time and money are making a difference, both locally and abroad.

CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PEACE

Working Together to End Domestic Violence

Thanks to the generosity of you, our PCN congregation, we were able to donate 27 bags of groceries to the Center for Domestic Peace, our March Mission opportunity.

Barbara Gildea, who picks up and delivers the groceries, received this note from Marla Hedlund, Development and Community Relations Officer, after receiving our donations:

We were so grateful for the church's extreme generosity this month that we had enough groceries to share with both our housing programs, the emergency shelter and transitional housing! Thank you so much for this outpouring of love and support for our families!



Homeward Bound

OF MARIN

April Mission Opportunity! Homeward Bound

*A one-time opportunity to help the homeless by treating our canine friends!
Purchase healthy, nationally known Wagster dog treats following our April 13 service.
Andrea Ray from Homeward Bound will have a table set up with various treats for sale.
All funds raised will be matched by PCN Mission.
Show your support by making a purchase!*

Contact Art Plumstead at aplumstead@comcast.net
for more information.






Mike Robinson, who oversees our “All Dressed Up” ministry which provides clothing to inmates being released from San Quentin, shared this thank-you note he received from a man named Michael and a picture of Michael and his daughter. It’s a little hard to read, so it is transcribed below the actual note.

11/20/2024

All Dressed Up Ministry,
This is Michael and I'm writing to thank
you for sending me my parole clothes.
It is such a blessing to have good hearted
and caring people as yourselves helping
me as I begin my new journey in my
life. Thank you I really appreciate
you! I would love to attend one of
your Sunday services, and depending
on where I'm paroled to I'll show up
my first month out. Please keep me in
prayer and I'll do the same. Stay
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Sincerely,
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Dear Friends at Presbyterian Church of Novato,

We hope you will join us for our third annual **Brunch, Bubbles & Bocce** event! Enjoy a delicious brunch, live music from The Role Models, silent and live auctions, and a fun-filled afternoon of bocce, all while supporting essential human needs!

Funds raised will ensure people in our community have access to critical resources that strengthen families and help individuals build a brighter future.

WHEN

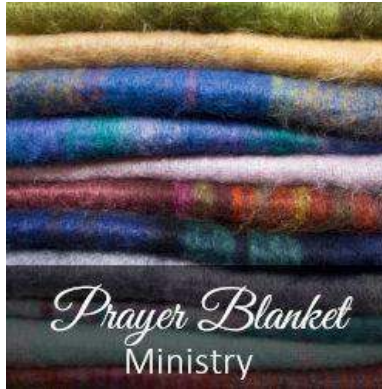
Saturday, May 17, 2025
10:30am–2:00pm

WHERE

Margaret Todd Senior Center
1560 Hill Rd, Novato, CA 94947

Visit www.northmarincs.org to purchase tickets.
Unable to attend? Consider [making a donation](#) to support our programs.

Special guests scheduled to attend include California Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire and Marin County Supervisor Eric Lucan, District 5.



UPDATE

Many of you have asked in recent weeks about the prayer blanket ministry. As some of you know, PCN bought all of the fleece for the blankets from Joann's Fabrics. With the closing of the fabric store and the implementation of Stamps.com, there have been a few things going on behind the scenes of the Prayer Blanket Ministry. While a few things have changed, many stayed the same. Here are just a few of the details:

1. Joann's Fabrics held several fabric sales before the closure was even announced, of which PCN took full advantage!
2. We currently have an inventory of fleece for more than 50 blankets (not including complete blankets); some are even a bit longer, for those who are tall.
3. Our blanket-making sessions were very well attended, and our supply of completed blanket stock is just under 30, which are ready to go out.
4. The Deacons have been gracious enough to continue to fully support all of the expenses to date, which included purchasing some extra fabric to make sure we can meet all the needs for those requesting blankets.
5. The church implemented Stamps.com, which saves PCN about \$4.00 per blanket sent, over the regular shipping rates at the post office.
6. We have a new artist, Vicki Smith, who does all the calligraphy and makes our cards. She provides a wonderful professional touch and completes them very quickly. We have plenty of cards available, which are color matched to the color of the blanket. The cards provide contact information about PCN.
7. We also add a note for recipients of blankets outside of our community. "This blanket was requested by . . .," which helps the recipient make the connection.

Please be assured that the prayer blanket ministry is particularly important to the fabric (no pun intended) of PCN. We have enough blankets for the near future. Please do not feel you have to limit your requests "to save a blanket for someone else." We want to make sure that you feel free to request blankets as you have been. There is no greater gift than to let someone know we are praying for them.

Prayer Blanket Ministry – Tonya Church



Palm Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m. – Children’s Palm Sunday program
Good Friday, April 18, 7 p.m. – Tenebrae service
Easter Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m. – Easter worship service

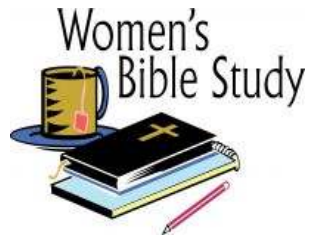


Are you a newer member of our PCN family? Are you looking for a way to meet people and be of service? An ideal solution for you might be to volunteer as a member of the PCN Usher and Greeters Ministry. Be part of the team that is an integral part of each Sunday morning’s worship service. For more information, contact Bill Bradfield at 415-408-3427.

Spring 2025 PCN Adult Learning Opportunity

PCN elder Walt Campbell is moderating a Great Courses video lecture and discussion group on “Biblical History and Archaeology” via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The lecturer for the class is Dr. Jean-Pierre Disbouts, a professor of history at Fielding Graduate University. The video lectures are co-produced by The Great Courses and National Geographic. The course content addresses cultural sharing among ancient civilizations using literary texts and archaeological findings to gain insight into Biblical texts and the evolution of Judeo-Christian traditions from the creation accounts of Genesis to the spread of Christianity in the Roman Empire.

The course consists of 24 half-hour lectures to be viewed over 12 weeks, through May 10. Participants will receive a pdf copy of a written course guide, a weekly email with suggested group discussion questions, and credentials to stream make-up sessions from the Great Courses website. The class is open to non-PCN members. A small donation to help cover the cost of course materials is requested. Please email Walt at walterlcampbell@aol.com if you wish to participate.



Women's Bible Study will be taking a Holy Week break on Thursday, April 17. Our last meeting will be held Thursday, May 1 with a potluck celebration in the Christensen room. We'll resume meeting September 11 to continue our study of Joshua followed by a new study of the book of Mark later in the year. WBS meets Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

In addition to its studies, our group provides a warm fellowship time before class and a service component involving the collection of pop-top tabs. We enthusiastically collect these from friends and PCN members all year to donate to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento, which sells them to a recycling company. The proceeds are used to help parents with expenses. We also enjoy acting as PCN greeters at special events, wearing our signature red clothing and "Ask Me About WBS" buttons.

To learn more about our group and receive the link to our Zoom class, please contact:

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Karen 415-382-9616 kcarlson39@icloud.com
Melodie 415-897-7512 melodie.l.baird@gmail.com



All signs point to Jesus! Come join us on Zoom Sunday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m. We are launching a NEW study this spring focusing on Living a Purpose with the book of John and 2 Kings with Elisha, seeing the hand of God at work.

Your study leaders are Larry Dacquisto (415-577-2115), Karen Carlson and Doris Dooley.

Link for the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82970812537?pwd=eGZESUo3dzQ4NXh3WFFNT3AvQmpDdz09>

Meeting ID: 829 7081 2537 Passcode: pcnovato



REQUESTING A PRAYER BLANKET is easy. Email Tonya Church or Becky Praun. Give us the recipient's first and last name, address, phone number, and what colors they like. We try to send a prayer blanket that is meaningful for the recipient. Questions? Contact Tonya at tonya.church@comcast.net or Becky at beckypraun@yahoo.com.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for study and fellowship. We meet every **Wednesday at 7:15 a.m.** via Zoom. All men are welcome. To be added to the Zoom contact list, contact Walt Campbell at (415) 497-5157 or email walterlcampbell@aol.com.



Here's an important number to jot down: (415) 472-0911. This is the **non-injury** lift assist phone number from the Novato Fire Department. If you or someone you know has fallen and you can't lift him/her, the fire department will come help!