

PresPress

November

3rd A Matter of Balance Class Begins
11th Veteran's Day
Office Closed
12th & 13th Congregational Potluck Dinners
14th Celebration of Life for Jim Rolka
15th Town Hall
22nd Hanging of the greens
26th Thanksgiving
26th & 27th Office Closed
29th The Giving Tree Begins

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Session Highlights – October 2026

At the October 21, 2025 Session meeting:

•Session approved Hilary Kinney to serve as an Elder and Larry Dacquisto, Jr., Linda Ward, and Kathleen Wright to serve as Deacons.

•Received additional information from George Pilloton on the progress of work with Engagement Group. Congregants are invited to attend one of three meetings on November 12, 13, or the 14th after worship to learn about upcoming plans. Engagement Group provided information and a suggested Order of Worship which will be discussed with the Worship Team.



Three Opportunities…..Choose One!

Building Our Next Season at PCN: Join Us for a Town Hall!

What is God calling PCN to become in the years ahead? As we look toward our next season, we invite you to be part of the conversation!

Join us for “Building Our Next Season” to learn about the work underway to understand our church’s current needs, explore new opportunities, and develop a vision for PCN’s future.

We’ll share insights from our community research, including demographics and age trends within a 5, 10 and 15 mile radius of the church, along with findings from a “secret shopping” study exploring how PCN is experienced by newcomers.

You’ll also hear about the opportunities and obstacles facing our church, why change may be needed, and the plan taking shape. We’ll introduce the Strategic Team and share our emerging vision

narrative, mission statement, values, and the new brand concepts. Additional topics include our facilities challenges and objectives, space utilization plans, and preliminary mock-ups to help us envision what might be possible.

Your participation matters! These gatherings are an opportunity to learn, ask questions, share perspectives, and help shape the future of our church. Whether you've been part of PCN for decades or are newer to our community, your voice is an important part of this journey.

Choose ONE session to attend and RSVP to the church office at pcnadmin@pcnovato.org. Please RSVP for childcare (Nursery thru 3rd Grade), if needed.

- Thursday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m. — Potluck Dinner
- Friday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. — Potluck Dinner
- Sunday, November 15, after worship — Lunch provided

All three sessions will cover the same content, so please attend the date and time that works best for you. Please mark your calendar and join us as we listen, learn, and imagine together what's next for PCN. Let's build our next season together!



Click below to view the latest congregational update from George Pilloton

The Congregation Update on October 25th

Kathy Takemoto is offering a General Assembly update immediately following worship, in the Christensen room on November 8th.

DEACONS PRAYER

Dear Father, our Creator, who made us in your image. Receive our prayers of thanksgiving to you, for our family, with friends in value, purpose, and love. You are the Lord we shall not have needs to distract your image in us.
Amen.

October Memories

Thank You for a Wonderful Ministry Fair!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Ministry Fair! It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many ministries, groups, and fellowship activities that make up our church family. We are grateful to everyone who shared their time, talents, and to all who came to learn more about the many ways we can serve God by serving others. Whether within our church family or out in the wider community, each ministry offers meaningful ways to share God's love and make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for being part of this important work.









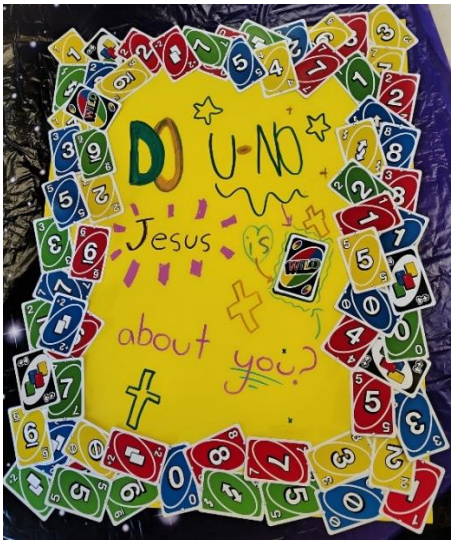
PCN Youth Ministry is Back!

We're excited to bring Youth Ministry back to PCN! From Tuesday evenings to Sunday School, we're making space for fun, friendship, and growing in faith together. For more information, contact Nicolette at nicoletter@pcnovato.org.













We're excited to welcome back Grace Generation! It takes a caring community to make this program possible, and we'd love to welcome more volunteers to our Grace Generation crew! Right now, we desperately need: 🍲 Kitchen Helpers 🧸 Meal Makers 🍰 Dessert Providers 📖 Class Helpers. Whether you can make a meal, bring a dessert, or lend a hand in the kitchen or a class, your support makes a world of difference. If you are able to help—even occasionally—please contact Sydney at sydneyf@pcnovato.org












Lydia




Adriya

Join us for our annual Children's Christmas Program!






This is always the most fun event of the year, where the children will lead our church service!! The children will act out the Christmas story and sing Christmas songs! Invite everyone you know to come experience what Christmas is about!

Every child is welcome to participate at the level they feel comfortable with! If you are interested in being a part of the program or helping with it!

Please contact, Sydney Fletcher at Sydneyf@pcnovato.org or 813-394-1317



to The Lighthouse Singers Gospel Choir for their beautiful performance at the celebration of life for Maureen Donohoe.



to Ken & Charlene Kelzer for the beautiful statues of The Good Shepherd and St. Francis that they donated to our Meditation Garden!





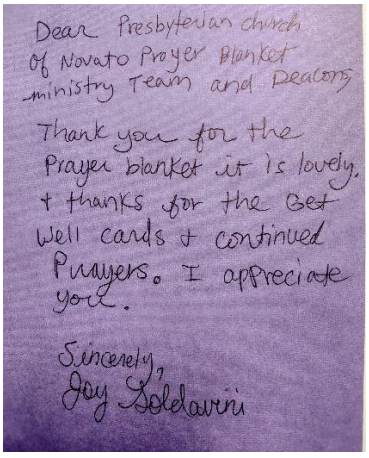
And to the PCN Safety Team!



PCN Safety Team 2026 Accomplishments

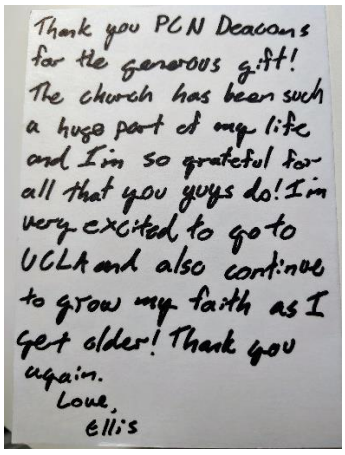
- ✓ **EMERGENCY GUIDES ARE NOW INSTALLED IN ALL PCN ROOMS!**
- ✓ **WE HELD AN EVACUATION DRILL ON MAY 17, 2026!**
- ✓ **NEW TRASH, COMPOST AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**
- ✓ **IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PROPERTY TEAM'S, ALL PCN LOCKS HAVE BEEN REKEYED TO HELP ENHANCE SECURITY!**
- ✓ **SAFETY OFFICERS PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ON SUNDAYS!**

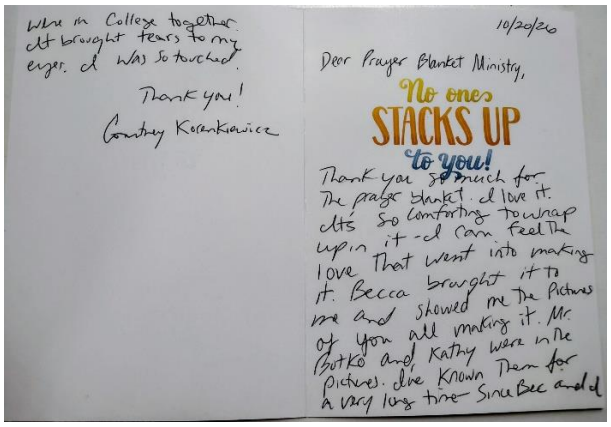
STILL TO COME …..
UPDATED ROOM EVACUATION MAPS!
SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR SAFETY OFFICERS!


Dear Presbyterian church Of Novato Prayer Blanket ministry Team and Deacons

Thank you for the Prayer blanket it is lovely, + thanks for the Get Well cards + continued Prayers. I appreciate you.

Sincerely,
Joy Soldavini


Thank you PCN Deacons for the generous gift! The church has been such a huge part of my life and I'm so grateful for all that you guys do! I'm very excited to go to UCLA and also continue to grow my faith as I get older! Thank you again.
Love,
Ellis


We in College together. It brought tears to my eyes. I was so touched.
Thank you!
Courtney Kosankiewicz

10/20/26
Dear Prayer Blanket Ministry,
No ones STACKS UP to you!
Thank you so much for the prayer blanket. I love it. It's so comforting to wrap up in it - I can feel the love that went into making it. Becca brought it to me and showed me the pictures of you all making it. Mr. Botko and Kathy were in the pictures. I've known them for a very long time since Bec and I



Center for Domestic Peace: November Mission Focus

Throughout November, PCN is honored to support the Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP), an organization that addresses domestic abuse at every level in Marin County through crisis intervention, survivor support, prevention, and advocacy for systemic change.

As Tara shared with us on October 25, individuals fleeing domestic violence often leave with only the clothes on their backs. Women, men, and children escaping unsafe situations must start over with very few possessions and immediate needs for basic necessities.

PCN has a long history of supporting C4DP through donations of groceries, clothing, and school supplies. This year, we are excited to focus our efforts on providing:

- Non-perishable groceries
- New underwear and undergarments for all ages, sizes, and genders

Our annual "Undie Sundays" collection will take place throughout the month of November. Donations of new undergarments may be brought to church on Sundays, and non-perishable groceries may be dropped off at the church office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thank you for generously supporting this vital ministry and helping provide comfort, dignity, and hope to our neighbors in need.

A gentle reminder: When someone is experiencing domestic violence, one of the most supportive questions we can ask is, "How can I help?" rather than, "Why don't you leave?"

Together, we can make a difference. 💜





2026 Alternative Christmas Faire

The 2026 Alternative Christmas Faire is scheduled for Dec. 6th, 2026. This will be an 'in-person' event in Trevitt Hall following the church service. For those who are unable to attend the 'in-person' event, donations to the organizations sponsored in the event can be mailed to the church by Dec. 17th, 2026 using the order form or entered online through the church website (PCNovato.org). The following organizations are included in the Alternative Christmas Faire.

Homeward Bound
Quest Food Pantry
Heifer Project
Faith in Practice
Alchemia
LITA (Love is The Answer)
Hope Opens Doors

More information here

GIVING TREE

Gilead House

We are happy to sponsor the 2026 Gilead House Christmas Giving Tree!
Take a tag from the giving tree in the Narthex
Gift cards are due by December 13th
Please return the tag with the gift cards
Questions? Contact Carolyn Gerrans 415 - 328 - 1578
For more information click here



CAMP COMPASSION is most grateful for PCN's meal service to feed approximately 30 individuals on the third Wednesday of each month (**November 18th**). The location is Novato Skate Park Picnic Area 1200 Hamilton Parkway, one block from Nave Drive.

Sign Up Here

Questions? Contact Hilary Kinney at 415-577-8616 (text) or hilarykinney@yahoo.com

EMERGENCY TEAM



The CBERT (Church Building Emergency Response Team) needs you to join for duty.

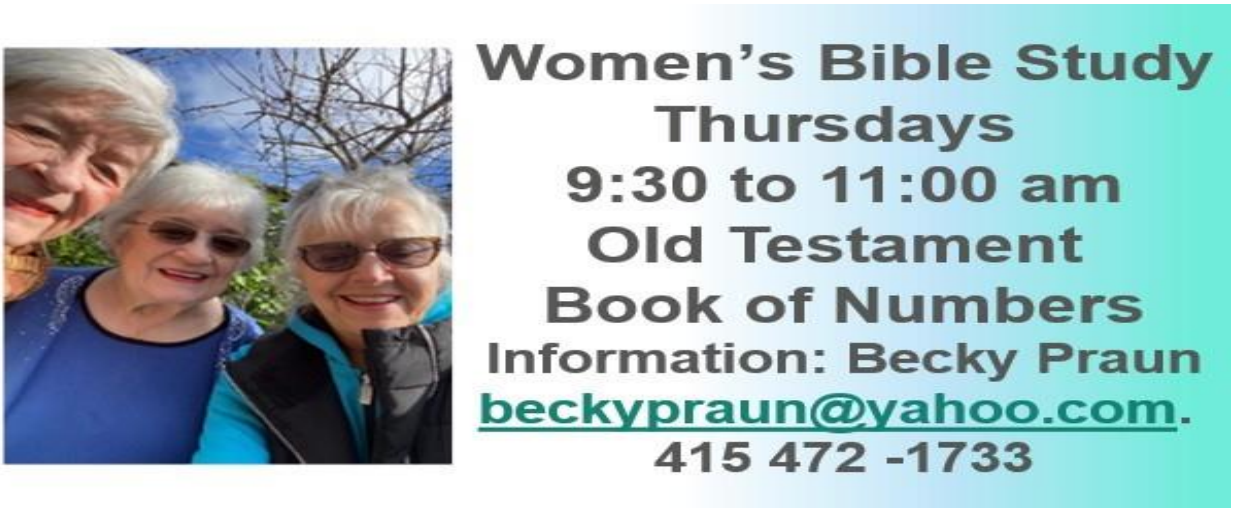
- Open to all
- Duty specific job description provided by leader
- Perform duty just once a month during the worship service, then coffee time
- Training provided by experienced current member
- Wear yellow vest and carry two-way radio
- Enjoy the prestige and feeling of worth and pride
- No pay or benefits
- Contact church office (415) 897-6152) and/or Bruce Stahley (415-328-9278) to volunteer



PCN CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed on November 11th for Veterens Day.
The office will also be closed on November 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving.

The PCN Office is open Monday – Thursday, 9:00-12:00



Are you interested in a closer walk and relationship with God? The Women's Bible Study group is open to all women. We gather every Thursday morning at 10am - 11:30am, on zoom for study, fellowship and prayers. We'd love to have you. For more information please reach out to Becky Praun, beckypraun@yahoo.com 415 472 -1733

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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!

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Suicide & Crisis Line 24/7

Call 9-8-8

2-1-1 Bay Area is a program of United Way Bay Area

Call with ANY questions about ANYthing

