



September

7th LABOR DAY

12th Gilead House Annual Fundraiser: Bocce

16th Camp Compassion

20th PCN Farmers Market Sunday

22nd All Church Professional Photo Shoot

26th Sylvia Jensvold Celebration of Life

27th Garden Party Fundraiser

29TH Grace Generation Starts!



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AUGUST REVIEW

PCUSA

The 227th General Assembly (2026) "Persevering Toward Wholeness" June 22 - July 2, 2026 | Milwaukee, WI

GA summary provided by Kathy Takemoto

Friends: I was honored to be elected by the Presbytery of the Redwoods as the Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 227th General Assembly held in Milwaukee, WI from June 26 - July 2, 2026.

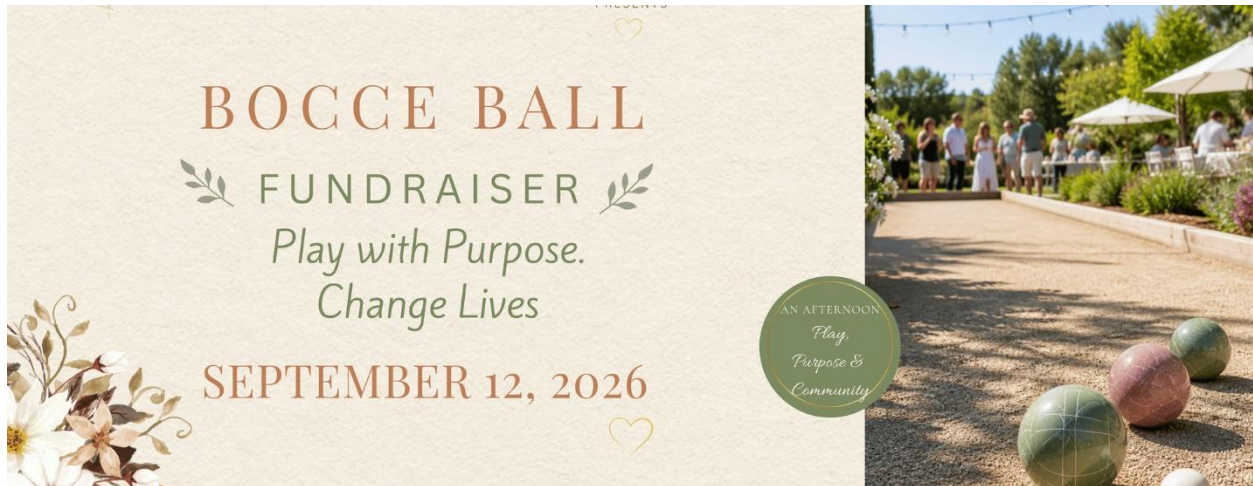
Following is a summary of some issues which were discussed and voted on during the Plenary sessions. Prior to meeting in Milwaukee, all Commissioners worked to address and recommend a decision on Overtures assigned to their committee to the Plenary Sessions. The Committee work was done via Zoom for three days, June 23 - 25, 2026, 8+ hours each day.

Sixty four (64) Overtures were on the Consent Agenda, leaving 204 Overtures to be discussed one-by-one for a voting decision in the Plenary Sessions.

Many decisions made involved requests to resolve difficult issues, such as the dissolution of how Worldwide Mission work will continue in the future. The work was methodical, intricate, and took time in order to listen for the will of God in making decisions will apply to the entire Presbyterian Church USA, which includes Puerto Rico.

[Click here for the full Update](#)

September Mission Opportunities!



But there's a much bigger reason we play
Bocce brings us together for an afternoon of laughter, friendly competition, and community. We play for the mothers and children of Gilead House as they build lives filled with hope, healing, and stability. That's why we play and why we'd love to have you join us. Together, we create a brighter future for the moms and children of Gilead House.

[Click here to register!](#)



Come celebrate 130 years with PCN. Join us for a Fun Filled Fundraiser,
Sunday, September 27th, 4-7pm, on the patio.





CAMP COMPASSION is most grateful for PCN's meal service to feed approximately 30 individuals on the third Wednesday of each month (**September 16th**!). The location is [Novato Skate Park Picnic Area](#) 1200 Hamilton Parkway, one block from Nave Drive.

You can sign up to help provide food. [Sign Up](#)
Questions? Contact Hilary Kinney at 415-577-8616 (text) or hilarykinney@yahoo.com

A Family Life Group Is Forming!



A new Life Group for young families is forming! If you are interested in connecting with other families for fellowship, support, and spiritual growth, we would love to hear from you. Please respond to this email for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!



We Need You! Professional Photo Shoot on September 23!

Dear Church Family,

On **Tuesday September 23rd** we will be doing a ***professional photo shoot***, with Engagement Group's help, to produce exciting new immersive photos that tell the story of our church community! They will be featured on our website, brochures, promotional materials, and other communications that welcome new people and share the ministries of our church.

But ***here's the challenge***: ***we need 50-60 people*** for the photography!! In other words, **we need YOU, the congregation, to participate! 50-60 people!** Here's how it works:

Photo Shoot Schedule:

Families with Children (Nursery through Elementary Age):

🕒 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Adults and Older Youth:

🕒 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fun, food, and festivities! (yes!) *Think of this as a festival!*

- Pizza and snacks
- Games and activities
- Fellowship and fun with our church family

So, bottom-line, you are invited to this important (and fun) event...**we need most of you to join in!** *Your presence will help reflect the warmth, diversity, and spirit of our church, and help us build tomorrow for PCN.*

To help us plan, please RSVP by September 15. **Sign-up forms and media waivers will be available.**

THANK YOU so much for helping us achieve this goal for PCN's future. We look forward to being part of the excitement as we create new images that celebrate God, our church, and its ministries.

With gratitude,

Community Engagement Team



Happy Golden Anniversary, Cents-Ability!!

In 1976, Presbyterian Women began the Two-Cents-A-Meal project as a way to mobilize individuals and families in response to world hunger. 50 years later, the former Two Cents a Meal project is now known as Cents-Ability and is collected by PC(USA) congregations within our Presbytery and nationwide. As we continue to navigate increased food prices and cuts to food assistance programs, please remember that many people in our local communities are relying on your donations to Cents-Ability to sustain them in their times of need. Please give to Cents-Ability generously. As a reminder, your Cents-Ability donations enable various churches within our Presbytery to be Christ's hands and feet in the world by feeding members of the community through food pantries, community gardens, and meal programs. The Presbytery of the Redwoods Hunger Action Group thanks God and you for your prayers, actions and financial contributions which allow hunger relief work to take place in communities in need. We can't do this important work without you!

Cents-Ability Grants Awarded to Date in 2026 (\$16,460 awarded to date): Among others, we received a Grant for our Buckaroo Breakfast \$1,000!

[For the full article, click here](#)

Thank you everyone for your contributions each first Sunday to our 2 Cents a Meal!



Pedal for Protein (P4P) is a group ride sponsored by the Presbytery of the Redwoods, Hunger Task Force based in Napa, California.

All funds raised are donated to Northern California Food Banks for local food pantries and one international hunger relief project. Participation helps many grassroots food pantries that are struggling to provide quality protein food such as canned tuna, peanut butter, canned beans, yogurt, eggs and more to hungry families, seniors and children along the Northern California Coast from the Golden Gate Bridge to Crescent City, also including Napa, Solano and Lake Counties.

Pedal for Protein raised over \$25,000 in 2025. In its first twelve years, riders have raised collectively \$490,000!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - Pedal for Protein 2026

Pedal for Protein (P4P) is returning to a multi-day event - October 20 - 23, 2026!

[For more information and to Register, click here!](#)



The [Neighborhood Garden Initiative](http://neighborhoodgardeninitiative.org) (NGI) is offering free garden installations for seniors 65+ who live in Marin County, now through June 2027! NGI is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to put a garden in every home and help teach the important of food sovereignty.

These free senior garden installations are funded by the [Food, Agriculture, and Resilient Ecosystems](https://www.faregrant.org/) program. If you're a senior living in Marin and want to begin gardening, reach out to NGI at welcome@neighborhoodgardeninitiative.org or 415-640-9000, or complete a [consultation form](#) to get the process started.

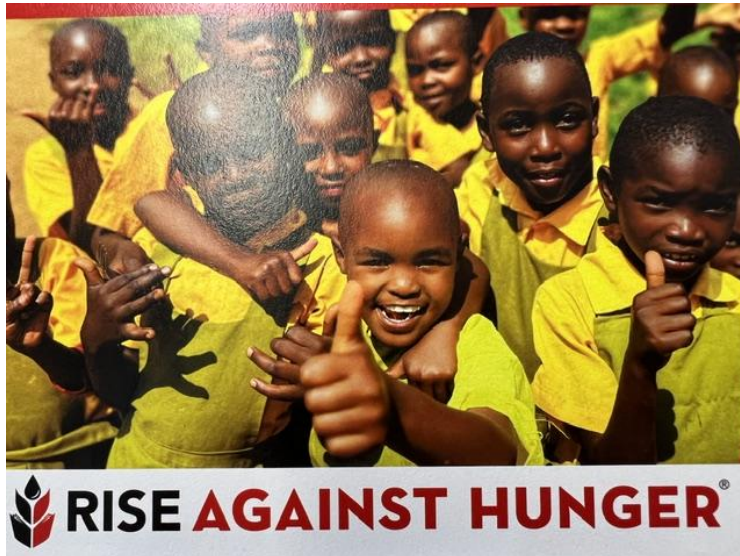


COMING AGAIN SOON!

PCN Farmers Market Third Sundays
Bring your garden fare to share!
Sep 20 & Oct 18

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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We packaged 10,348 meals on March 14, 2026!
Our meals provide 48 students with a hot lunch for the entire school year!
Bringing our total packaged meals at PCN to over 100,000!

Dear Sally Carbonaro,
We want to thank you and all of the volunteers at Presbyterian Church of Novato for partnering with Rise Against Hunger and supporting our mission to end world hunger! Because of your time, energy and generosity Over 10,368 meals were packaged. This will provide 48 students with a hot lunch for an entire school year. Your support is truly life changing and gives born children and families HOPE! We look forward to future collaborations.

With Gratitude,
SF Bay- Rise Against Hunger ♥

To PCN

I just wanted to send a thank you and hope you can share it broadly with everyone involved in making things happen yesterday. Every person I met from the moment I got to PCN yesterday was so kind and welcoming. Also, the gift and card were unexpected and so thoughtful! I feel very grateful to have been able to be there. You all are a wonderful church community and I continue to pray for you all!

Thank you,
Zach

DEACONS PRAYER

*Dear Father,
Thank you for our friends and family, for all of
your blessings, encouragement, and grace upon
each of us. Amen.*



The Deacons' Prayer Blanket Ministry is a beautiful expression of care, offering a tangible reminder that someone is being held in prayer. These blankets share not only warmth, but also the comfort of knowing that friends, relatives, neighbors, and members of our wider community are surrounded by love and prayerful support.

If you would like to request a prayer blanket to encourage and ease someone's journey, please contact Tonya at tonya.church@comcast.net or Carol at carol001@comcast.net, or inquire in the church office.



All Dressed Up Prison Ministry

Led by Mike Robinson, a part of PCN's Matthew 25 Ministry comes alongside men returning home from San Quentin, meeting their immediate clothing and basic needs with care and dignity."



PCN CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed on Labor Day

The PCN Office is open Monday – Thursday, 9:00-12:00
Office is closed on Sep 23 & 24

Please feel free to contact specific program staff directly, anytime.

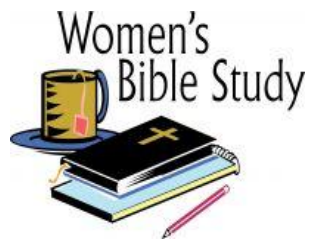
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Or leave a message with the office 415.897.6152 pcnadmin@pcnovato.org.

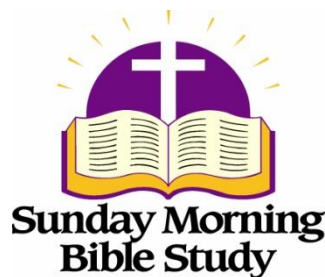


Are you interested in a closer walk and relationship with God? The Women's Bible Study group is open to all women. **We will return after summer break on September 10th.** We gather every Thursday morning at 10am - 11:30am, on zoom for study, fellowship and prayers. Coffee and PJ's are optional. We are currently doing a free form study on the Old Testament - Numbers. 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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All signs point to Jesus! Come join us via Zoom Sunday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m. 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>

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Ushers & Greeters Ministry

Are you a newer friend 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 for the 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.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come join us for study and fellowship. We meet every **Wednesday at 7:15 a.m.** in person and on 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!



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

