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2018 Stewardship Campaign



Zookie then and now

My journey at PCC began 23 years ago as a baby in the nursery of the CE building. It continued on to see me be baptized out at the fountain when I was five, help build the Ark of the Covenant in Sunday School, play the innkeeper in the Christmas pageant, go through confirmation and declare my faith, serve alongside my classmates building houses in Mexico during years filled with fun and fellowship in Rock, and over a year ago, this church embraced me when I came back after graduating from college. Most importantly, PCC held onto me during times of apathy regarding my beliefs and ultimately helped me to plant the seeds of my faith and better understand and embrace the love of Jesus in my life.

When I came back from college, I was welcomed once again into the community that had shown me so much love growing up. In addition to reuniting with various friends and mentors in the church, I have had the pleasure of getting to know many more of this congregation's incredible members. During that first summer back, I was also approached to serve on the Altar Guild and to volunteer with the youth ministries at the church, both of which I was eager to do so that I could engage with the life of the church.

I serve our church because of everyone who sits in our pews on Sunday mornings and because of many who don't sit there with us anymore. I serve our church because I want to see the young people in our youth programs value their faith and want to pursue it. I grew up seeing all these wonderful servant hearts pouring into this church,

and it meant everything to me. From knowing Cheryl Vaughn in the nursery and as my confirmation mentor, Lonnie and Paul Simonson as my Sunday School teachers, Sue Coffin and the Wrights through their commitment to the Mexico trips, and countless others, and seeing how much their friendship and guidance meant to me, I pray my service here will matter to even one person at this church.

I support PCC because it is my home and because it supports me. I am invested in this church and its mission, and because of that, it is on my heart always, expressing itself with joy when I speak of my faith, these people, and this place. I give my time and my money because we live in a world that needs more of God, and we as Christians must help spread His love here and make Him known. Because Jesus gave all of Himself that we might live here unashamed and free of guilt, I give joyfully, knowing my contributions go to something much greater than myself. I give so that we as a church may further God's kingdom here in the Bay Area and everywhere else our congregation serves and continue the work that Jesus began.



SERMONS SERIES



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AN AGE OF PLENTY
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WHY MORE IS LESS:
THE PARADOX OF CHOICE
Matthew 6:25-34
Rev. Dr. William McNabb

MILESTONES



Martha Elisabeth "Piper" Guidi,
was baptized on October 15th.
Congratulations to parents,
Ellie Griffinger-Guidi
& Matt Guidi.

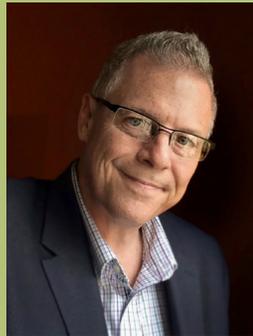
Mark Your Calendar!

Love's Pure Light, An Overture to Christmas **Annual PCC Christmas Concert & Reception** December 1st, 7:30 pm & December 3rd, 7 pm

We are delighted to announce this year's Christmas Concert and Reception. There will be two performances: Friday, December 1st at 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM. Each performance will, once again, be followed by a wonderful reception in the Guild Hall. Tickets will be available on line through Eventbrite beginning November 1st and on Sunday mornings at Church beginning November 5th. General admission tickets are \$40 and reserved seating/patron tickets are \$125. This concert is the best Christmas event with the largest orchestra and choir in the East Bay. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Welcome Michael Barber!

PCC's New Communications Director



"I have known of Michael Barber and his work at First Community Church in Columbus, Ohio for several years now. I am tremendously excited about him joining the PCC staff."
- Rev. Bill McNabb

Using funds we received from a foundation grant, the PCC Board of Trustees established a 3-year Communications/Marketing position to foster congregational growth and sustainability. After a national search, Michael Barber was unanimously selected.

For the past seven years, Michael Barber has led all marketing and communications efforts for First Community Church in Columbus. During his tenure, the church's message has been elevated by a robust print, website, social media and television ministry.

His innovative thinking paved the way for the creation of unique forms of outreach like *firstnews*, replacing the standard church newsletter with a 4,000 circulation community newspaper. His marketing efforts generated significant income through advertising and media gifts while reducing overall operating expenses.

Second only to his ability to build and motivate capable teams, Michael's strength is in storytelling. His photographs, videos, features and columns combine insight and inspiration with a goal to further the missions of the church. Michael and his team developed and promoted the REALIZE Capital Campaign which helped raise \$15.4M for a new sanctuary for First Community Church and capital improvements.

Michael is looking forward to the many opportunities that await him at PCC. "Every interaction with church members, leaders and staff has been extraordinary," he said. "The passion and purpose of Piedmont Community Church is made clear by the commitment each person has to their ministries and to each other. I'm honored by your welcome and blessed to be part of your faith community."

Michael has relocated here with his girlfriend, Vicki, and 2 miniature Greyhounds, Charlie and Chloe. He joins us next week!

Pulpit Exchange at Imani - October 29th



Join Us in Worship and Fellowship! As part of the annual pulpit exchange with our sister church, Imani Community Church, everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, October 29th at Imani. The service begins at 10:30 am. A reception will follow.

The **Imani Voices of Faith Choir**, **PCC's Chancel Choir** and the **Imani Ya Watume liturgical dancers** will participate in this wonderful service.

Imani is located at 3300 MacArthur Blvd in Oakland. They have a parking lot next to the church. If you have not yet ventured to Imani for this joyous and uplifting spiritual experience, we hope you will join us!

Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting - October 27th, 7 pm

OFF THE BEATEN PATH – Great Wine Values from Around the World



Never tasted a Godello, Marsanne or Limoux? Never heard of Lirac or Monastrell? On Friday, October 27th at 7pm in the Guild Hall, Adult Fellowship will present a wine tasting of delicious, relatively unknown wines from around the world that retail for \$20 or less. We invite you to join the ABC Club (Anything but Chardonnay or Cabernet) and explore some real treasures from France, Spain, Italy and California.

The tasting will include varied appetizers (not dinner). Cost is \$30 per person. Your hosts will be Mike Osborn Founder of Wine.com, Gwendolyn Osborn a certified wine educator and former staff member of The Wine

Spectator, and our very own Dr. William McNabb. Please call the church office at 510-547-5700 to register and send in your check marked "Wine Tasting". For childcare, please email leslie@piedmontchurch.org. *Registration closes October 24th.*

Volunteer Opportunity with CityTeam Oakland - November 11th

CityTeam Oakland is working towards an empowered, changed and new Oakland. Every day, CityTeam's dining hall serves a hot meal for breakfast, lunch and dinner to the city's poor, hopeless and homeless. Join CityTeam's staff every 2nd Saturday of each month in serving dinner from 5-7pm. For additional information, please contact Selma Chin at 510-290-5732 or selmachin@yahoo.com.

Piedmont Forum with Dr. Martha Sommers - November 12th, 5 pm



On Sunday, November 12th, PCC is pleased to welcome again medical missionary, and our friend, Dr. Martha Sommers. After serving for many years at hospitals in Malawi, for the past few years, Dr. Sommers has been living and working in Congo and Madagascar. She is now returning to Malawi to serve on the staff of Nkhoma Hospital. She will speak to us briefly in worship about her experiences in the mission and medical fields. Then she will go into more detail and answer questions at a Piedmont Forum that evening from 5-6:30 pm in the Christian Education Building Chapel. For more information, contact Dr. Don Ashburn.



From Rev. Scott Kail

There are songs and hymns that affect us greatly. Sometimes they remind us and get us through tough times. They challenge us. They move us to gratitude and worship. They proclaim truth about the God we serve. I am sure you have your list but I want to share one close to the top of my list. It is by David Crowder. If you would like to listen to it as well, simply "google" it or search on "YouTube".

Enjoy!

"I Am"

[Verse 1:]

There's no space that His love can't reach
 There's no place where we can't find peace
 There's no end to Amazing Grace
 Take me in with your arms spread wide
 Take me in like an orphan child
 Never let go, never leave my side

[Chorus:]

I am
 Holding onto you
 I am
 Holding onto you
 In the middle of the storm
 I am holding on
 I am!

[Verse 2:]

Love like this, Oh my God to find!
 I am overwhelmed what a joy divine!
 Love like this sets our hearts on fire!

[Verse 3:]

This is my Resurrection song
 This is my Hallelujah come
 This is why it's to you I run
 There's no space that His love can't reach
 There's no place where we can't find peace
 There's no end to Amazing Grace

[Chorus:]



Piedmont COMMUNITY CHURCH

Office Hours: 9 am to 4 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 22** - Kidz Club Lemonade Fundraiser in Courtyard
- Oct. 27** - Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting, 7 pm
- Oct. 27-30** - Adult Mexico Mission Trip
- Oct. 28** - Berkeley Men's Shelter 7 pm
- Oct. 29** - PCC at Imani
- Nov. 4** - Project Peace
- Nov. 5** - Operation Christmas Child
- Nov. 12** - Forum with Martha Sommers, 5 pm
- Dec. 1 & 3** - Annual Christmas Concert & Reception
- Dec. 10** - Children's Christmas Pageant & Advent Dinner

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