Ensuring Our Future - The PCC Endowment Fund
Sign Up For Your Brick by April 1st

In 1906, Wallace and Mary Alexander donated the property which became our church. Their generosity is still benefiting us today. Three years ago, the PCC Board of Trustees established the Wallace and Mary Alexander Society to honor members who make gifts of $500 or more to the PCC Endowment Fund or, more importantly, include PCC in their will, trust or estate plan. We were excited when our courtyard walkway was unveiled displaying the bricks for the Wallace and Mary Alexander Society.

Over the last three years, 114 PCC families and individuals have joined the Alexander Society. Each year we expand the brick walkway, adding families who have joined the society in the past year. We hope you’ll join and help ensure a strong financial future for the ministry of PCC. As our church enters its second century, it is imperative that our mission, outreach and values continue and grow. An Endowment in your will or trust is a wonderful way to continue the work of the Church for generations to come. We invite you to join the Alexander Society and have your name or the name of a loved one inscribed on brick. This year’s bricks will be unveiled on May 21st. If you have any questions, please call Dr. McNabb 510-547 or Frank Arthur 510-816-5914.

Treasures Sale!
Saturday, March 25th: 9 am-3 pm & Sunday, March 26th: 9 am-2 pm

The exciting sale raises funds for PCC’s annual Youth Mexico Service Trip. Last year, 300 students and adults built 17 houses for the poorest of the poor in Tijuana. These students forego a typical spring break vacation to serve others who are less fortunate and come back transformed.

Come to this important sale and leave with treasures ranging from furniture, books, linens, housewares, toys, jewelry, china, silver, crafts, sports items, art, garden supplies and much more!
Barbara Taggart, passed from this life on March 2nd. A service will be held at PCC on April 23rd at 2 pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends as we thank God for her life.

Violet Hatsye Parry was born on February 2nd. Congratulations to parents Skyler Parry & Angela Okamura and grandparents, Julie McDonald and Tom Parry.

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Tenebrae Service
April 13th - Dinner 6:15 pm (Guild Hall); Services 7:30 pm

As we approach Holy Week, it’s time to sign up for our Maundy Thursday Fellowship Dinner. The dinner will be followed by the Tenebrae Service at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Prices: Adult early bird rate: $15 (ages 18 & older, sign up by April 9th service).
Adult regular rate: $20. Children: ages 10-17: $5; under age 10, free macaroni & cheese dinner.

To sign up, contact Jean Leahy at 510-547-5700 or jean@piedmontchurch.org, or sign up at Sunday services. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner preparations; contact Tom and Ann Lister at 510-658-5063.

Adult Education: Seeing Ourselves in Those Who Saw Jesus
Sundays at 11:30 am, through April 2nd

During the season of Lent, join Dr. Don Ashburn for a five week class series called, “Seeing Ourselves in Those Who Saw Jesus”. During Jesus’ lifetime, he was confronted by, and he confronted, various groups with different understandings of how God was active in the world, how salvation would come, and how people should treat one another. We will look at groups such as the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Zealots and Romans. We’ll consider the similarities and differences between how people living long ago saw and reacted to Jesus, and how we do this today. Classes will meet consecutive Sundays from March 5th to April 2nd at 11:30 am in the PCC Chapel. No prior knowledge of the Bible or of ancient of history is needed. For more information, please contact Dr. Ashburn at: don@piedmontchurch.org, or 510-547-5700, ext. #105.

Easter Lilies
Help beautify our worship space for Easter by donating lilies in memory or honor of someone special. You may take your plant home after the final Easter service. Lilies not taken will be given to seniors, the bereaved, and the home bound. $16 per plant.

Return this form and your check (made out to PCC; “lilies” in memo line) to: 400 Highland Ave., Piedmont, CA 94611, or drop it in the collection plate no later than April 9th.

☐ In Memory of  ☐ In Honor of __________________________
Donor name: __________________________________________

☐ I would like to take my lily(ies) home following the final Easter service.
Enclosed is $ _______ ($16/plant)
KIDZ Club is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive benefitting the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Please donate food in the barrels in the CE Building and Clara Barton room.

NO GLASS CONTAINERS!

Needed: Canned fruit, vegetables, meats, soups and fish; peanut butter, pasta, beans, rice, low sugar cereal and oatmeal, tomato sauce and powdered milk.

To donate money, make checks payable to Piedmont Community Church, noting ‘KIDZ Club Food Drive’ in the memo line. Questions: contact Julie Hofer (julie@donahue.com, 653-3362) or Leslie Quantz (leslie@piedmontchurch.org, 547-5700, ext. 109).

Piedmont Forum: Film Screening - “Facing Fear” - April 2nd, 5 pm

Join us for a free showing of the 2014 Academy Award nominated short film “Facing Fear.” A 13 year-old boy was thrown out of his home for being gay. While living on the streets of Hollywood, he was savagely beaten by a group of neo-Nazi skinheads. 25 years later he meets one of the former neo-Nazi skinheads who attacked him. This film retraces the haunting accounts of the attack, the revelation that brought these men together again, and their struggles with doubt, anger and fear on the way to healing and reconciliation. A discussion with the filmmakers, Jason Cohen and Tom Christopher, will follow.

More information, contact Rev. Don Ashburn at: don@piedmontchurch.org, or 510-547-5700, ext. 105.

Have You Noticed Something New?

There’s a new sign on our building facing Highland Avenue, identifying Piedmont Community Church to the community. This Building & Grounds Group project was designed with bronze anodized aluminum lettering to integrate with the architectural style of the Church and to last a lifetime.
Investing Your Time

The other day, I got a large, important looking envelope in the mail. So, I ripped it open ... only to read:

“Congratulations! Most likely, your investment portfolio is among the top 5% in value in the United States.” I looked again at the address to be sure it was meant for me. It was. Then I thought, maybe someone invested a pile of money for me in a secret account without telling me! Alas, no. Finally, I just laughed at what was clearly a financial advisor’s marketing ploy to drum up business. And, even if I didn’t respond the way he intended, the letter did make me think about investing – not my money, but something even more important – my time.

We’re now in the season of Lent. And, just as many cultures traditionally set aside 10% of a year’s income for religious use, so the observance of Lent sets aside time – roughly 1/10th of a year’s days. We prepare ourselves to receive the amazing news of Easter by taking time to look at our own lives. We ask ourselves what we truly value; how can we develop deeper connections with God and others; and, what are the things (habits, behaviors, thoughts, passions) that hold us back from living our values and loving more faithfully. Frederick Buechner describes how this process might look:

“When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see that you most like and what do you see that you most deplore? Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for? If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it? To hear yourself try to answer questions like these is to begin to hear something not only of who you are but of what you are becoming. It can be a pretty depressing business all in all. But if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end.”

In that sense, Lent is an investment opportunity you can’t afford to miss. So, I invite you to take stock of your life. Develop a portfolio of spiritual practice and faithful service. And may God richly bless you, this season and beyond.

Peace, Don