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SUBMISSIONS:**

APRIL 10, 2017 (4/22 issue)

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Send submissions to

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VISIT PCC ONLINE:
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April 9 - Palm Sunday

April 13 - Maundy Thursday
Dinner: 6:15 pm, Service: 7:30 pm

April 14 - Good Friday Service
7:30 pm

April 16 - Easter Sunday
Sunrise service: 6:30 am
Worship services: 9 and 10:30 am

What is an Endowment Anyway and Why Do We Need One?



First, let's talk about the operating budget of the Church. Every fall PCC has a Stewardship drive when people are encouraged to make pledges for the coming year. The Finance Committee and Trustees then develop a budget based on these pledges. The goal is to break-even; we are, after all, a non-profit. PCC's operating budget covers many things, including Bill and Don's teaching and inspiring us with sermons and classes; Scott's mentoring of our high schoolers; Leslie's work with our younger children; Steve's music which nourishes our souls; Family Camp; Adult Fellowship, Kidz Club and much more.

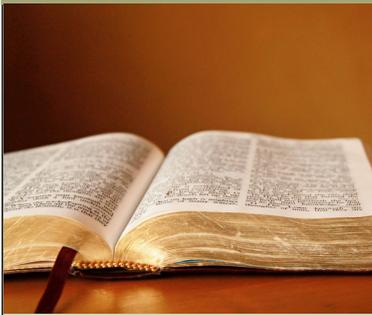
Obtaining pledges is a challenge every single year.

An endowment, on the other hand, is the financial foundation for a non-profit, and provides long-term sustainability. While the amount contributed is typically not spent, the earnings can be contributed to the operating budget. **As the endowment grows, the amount that can be distributed annually to the operating budget grows and can help fund our programs.** As the endowment grows, the amount that can be distributed to the operating budget grows and can be used to fund wonderful programs. The endowment also provides **reserves for extraordinary circumstances.** Simply put, the operating budget is like your checking account, and the endowment is like your savings account. *PCC needs both.*

Each year we invite people to become members of the Wallace and Mary Alexander Circle and place a brick in the courtyard. Wouldn't it be great if those of us who are already members make a small contribution annually at this time of year? Making small contributions to the endowment regularly may be more comfortable than a large commitment. You might use additional contributions to mark life events like births, graduations or anniversaries.

Why do I care so much about sustainability? I've had a couple of really difficult chapters in my life. You almost certainly have, too. During those times, I really appreciated the support of PCC staff. But equally important was the congregation that got me through. **It was you.** You called, sent cards, arrived at my door with flowers, dinner or a hug. This is what a Christian community is. It's precious beyond words. My first grandchild, Connor, was born three months ago. I want this community to be here for him, his children and grandchildren. And I want PCC to be here for you and your grandchildren. That's why I'll be a sustaining member of the Wallace and Mary Alexander Circle. I hope you will consider being one, too.

by PCC Member, Pat Leicher



April 9, 2017
THE MASTER NEEDS THEM
 Luke 21:1-17
 Rev. Dr. William McNabb

April 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY

April 27, 2017
 Mexico Sunday

April 30, 2017
 Imani Worship at PCC

MILESTONES



Don Campbell,
 passed from this life
 on March 25th.
 A memorial service will be
 held at PCC on Saturday,
 April 22nd at 2 pm.
*Our thoughts and prayers
 are with his family and friends
 as we thank God for his life*

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Tenebrae Service

April 13th - Dinner 6:15 pm (Guild Hall); Services 7:30 pm



It's time to sign up for our Maundy Thursday Fellowship Dinner. The dinner will be followed by the Tenbrae 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 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.



PCC Podcasts!

PCC now offers a weekly podcast of each Sunday sermon. Podcasts are available for download from the PCC website, Google Play Music for Android mobile devices, or iTunes for Apple mobile devices. **To listen, or download the podcast from a Mac or PC,** go to PCC's website (piedmontchurch.org) and click on "Podcasts" on the top menu bar. Follow directions on the Podcast page.

To listen to a sermon from a mobile device, please follow these instructions.



1. For Android devices, use **Google Play Music**. If not already downloaded, go to the Google Play store to download the app for FREE. Once downloaded, tap on the menu and click "Podcasts". Search for "Piedmont Community Church Podcast". PCC podcasts are identified by the PCC logo (see above). You may subscribe there to receive new episodes of the podcast.



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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)

Save the Date!



Imani Worship at PCC

Sunday, April 30th

We're delighted that our sister church and their **Voices of Faith Choir** will be joining us in worship.

Please gather with us and stay for the reception that will follow our services.

PCC Giving Statement

Do you need your PCC statement? It couldn't be easier. You can **see all of your contributions on PCC Connect (our online database)**.

- 1) Just log into PCC Connect and go to your profile.
- 2) Under your name/address, click on the "Financial" tab, and pick "Giving Statement".
- 3) Choose individual or family, pick a date range, and check if you want to see your pledge amount.
- 4) Run the report and you'll see it on your computer screen.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Leslie Quantz at leslie@piedmontchurch.org.

Treasures Sale Thank You!

A huge thank you goes to all of the volunteers that made this annual event such an incredible success.

We raised \$36,970 in two days for PCC's Mexico Youth Mission Trip!

Kidz Club Lenten Food Drive

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).



Joy & Gladness Will Surely Prevail

Palm Sunday, April 9th, we'll present **Lift up your heads, o ye gates**, by William Mathias (1934-1992), a lively, rhythmic setting of the rather mysterious Psalm 24:7-10. Mathias' played piano at three and began composing at five, earning many honors in a too-short life. His choral pieces are written for the Anglican tradition, most famously the anthem sung at the wedding of Charles and Diana, Prince and Princess of Wales, which had a television audience estimated at 1 billion people worldwide—pretty high cotton in the choral world.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th, we'll offer **Song for Athene**, most famously sung at Diana's funeral: the irony is hard to escape, with this and the April 9 anthem as milestones of joy and despair. The contemporary English composer Sir John Tavener (b. 1944), wrote "Athene" on the occasion of the premature death of a friend. Its text, with lines from Hamlet fused to verses from the Eastern Orthodox funeral service, chronicles a somber but ultimately exultant journey from graveside to transfiguration and resurrection. That makes it perfect for Easter, and we sincerely hope you will find it inspiring.

On **Easter Sunday, April 16th**, we will sing Steve Main's triumphant **Rejoice, ye heavenly powers**. This is a wonderful rouser of an anthem, featuring full choir, our reinvigorated organ, brass, and percussion—everything needed for a proper Easter celebration. And last but far from least, once again it's Handel's **Hallelujah Chorus** from *The Messiah*, with choir, brass, tympani—and you! Brush up on your parts singing, and we'll see you there.



A Huge Success That Makes "Changed Lives" Possible!

We raised **\$36,970** to be used to help fund PCC's annual Student Ministries Mexico Missions trip!

Because of the generous donations and tireless work of our Treasures Sale volunteers, **we are now fully funded to build 18 houses** the week of April 10th-16th, 2017. If you donated, thank you so much. If you volunteered, thank you greatly. If you patronized the sale, thank you and enjoy your treasure.

Please keep all 300 of us in your prayers as we travel, serve, and work.



2017 PCC Treasures Sale

Enormous gratitude to the following Treasures Sale volunteers: Ann Chandler, Selma Chin, Joan Chow, Rick Coffin, Jan Crago, Amy Edgerly, Rachel Eidbo, Roger Eliassen, Veronika Feigerl, Mary Fielder, Ann Gildersleeve, Wayne and Christie Guidici, Patti Heilbron, Sara Hirsch, Dottie Hutch, Mittie Igo, Ron and Aija Koch, Ann Lin, Rita Liston, Rebecca Litteneker, Larry and Margaret Lum, Kristi Marcelle, Robert McCafferty, Chris Modera, Bill Molmen, Janet Peterson, Lizz Polzak, Mitch Polzak, Toni Polzak, Bibiana Princeton, Nancy Ringer, Marion Schmidt, Susan Schroeder, Steve Senter, Mary Margaret Sinnema, Helen Steers, MC Taylor, Matt Truesdell, Shelagh Udovch, Christy White, Charlie Wood, Bob Wright, Judy Wright, Mitchell Wright. In addition we had four wonderful chefs who cooked lunches and treats for the team, Barbara Crawford, Kristi Marcelle, Nancy Marzolf and Jennifer Nixon. And thanks also to anyone we may have missed.

Rev. Scott Kail



Piedmont COMMUNITY CHURCH

Office Hours: 9 am to 4 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 9** - Palm Sunday
- April 13** - Maundy Thursday Dinner, 6:15 pm
- April 14** - Good Friday service, 7:30 pm
(PCC Office Closes at Noon)
- April 16** - Easter Sunday
- April 17** - PCC Office Closed
- April 23** - Mexico Sunday
- April 30** - Imani Worships at PCC



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