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**DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSIONS:**

JULY 3, 2017 (7/15 issue)

JULY 10, 2017 (7/29 issue)

Send submissions to

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Celebrating PCC!

Remembering Choir Sunday, Americana Sunday & PCC Annual Meeting



SERMONS SERIES



July 2, 2017

YOU CAN'T BE FREE ALONE

John 8: 31-36

Rev. Dottie Hutch

July 9, 2017

MEETING THE WIZARD

Luke 17:20-21

Matthew 13:44

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

July 16, 2017

RICHER LIVING

John 1:17-21

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

July 23, 2017

LEARNING HOW

TO GROW OLD

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

MILESTONES



Is there a milestone in your life that you would like to share with us: a wedding, a birth, an engagement, the passing of your dear one? Please contact Abby Rose at 547-5700 ext. 103 or abby@piedmontchurch.org

Thank You

These 4 individuals made a tremendous difference this year for PCC.

Kirk Miller – When he was church President last year, Kirk had the vision and experience to look hard at internal and external church commitment trends and had the determination to do something proactively about it at PCC. Because of his work, we have the 3-year plan. And, Kirk has been incredibly valuable to the Board and me this year. He continued to attend Board meetings as a test for the Immediate Past President role, staying informed and ready & able to provide advice and support with wisdom, warmth and humor. He was both friend and mentor to me.

Jim Kellogg – The generous Anonymous Grant allowed us to plan and complete many important and complex projects this year. Jim led these efforts. He has an incredible capacity for detail, thoroughness, fiscal responsibility, and impeccable standards for quality. He always provided timely and thorough insights into all of the many projects. Jim will serve as Buildings & Grounds Chair next year.

Steven Thorne – Steven has provided leadership for the PCC Marketing Team for years. This year, things really heated up with the website redesign and the decision to hire a Director of Communications & Marketing. Steven led the web redesign from finding an excellent web design agency and managing the project from goals to launch. He also lent his marketing expertise in guiding the job description and search process for our new hire. Gladly, we welcome Steven as a new Trustee on Stewardship.

John Chiang – John has a real gift at nonprofit management with wisdom and smarts that reach beyond Finance to Personnel and Buildings and Grounds concerns. John put into action an important component of our focus on improved continuity – the 2-year budget and forecast. John enhanced his meticulous monthly reports with a narrative report, which gave helpful context to the numbers. John is leaving the Board, but thankfully will continue to serve on the Finance committee next year.

We would like to recognize retiring church leaders, and thank them for their dedication to Piedmont Community Church.

Leaving Trustees:

- **John Chiang** – As mentioned already, John is a true professional and valued PCC member who brought many important improvements to our governance.
- **Wayne Marzolf** – For years, Wayne has been devoted to the upkeep and improvement of PCC. He knows where to find everything here – from the elevator electrical panel to the hidden access ladder to the roof. Most importantly, he cares and is an excellent collaborator in evaluating priority projects, strategizing how to do them and helping to oversee them to completion. As Wayne officially retires from the Board of Trustees, we will surely continue to call upon his advice.
- **Pat Ruffolo** – Pat led the Stewardship campaign for 2 years! She brought fresh ideas, well-considered strategic thinking and heart to Stewardship and to the overall workings of the Board of Trustees. Pat gets the big picture AND how that plays out in how we should all work together at PCC. She is a steady and supportive voice and takes on even the most challenging situations with grace, focus and intelligence. Pat will provide her advice for next year's Stewardship campaign.

Leaving Deacons:

- **Bob Leslie** – Bob is a committed, constructive and reliable Chair of Deacons and Trustee. As a past board President, Bob had valuable experience and perspective that he was always willing to share. Bob is an excellent listener and provided sound

Job Opening at PCC: Director Communications & Marketing



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We are pleased to announce that Piedmont Community Church will be adding a **Director of Communications & Marketing** to our staff team. This new position will lead all communications and marketing efforts, advise staff and lay leadership, and collaborate with volunteers on boards, ministries, committees, teams, and the congregation to increase the visibility of PCC's rich programs and services in our community and beyond.

Please visit our website (under News & Upcoming Events) for a **complete job description**.

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advice on many matters, including optimizing the nominating committee procedures.

- **Christina Miller** - Christina was the Deacon in charge of the four church dinners. She came up with creative decor to fit in with the theme of the dinners. The Advent dinner in December had over 150 members in attendance, the largest participation at a dinner in recent history.
- **Lynn Nelson** - Lynn was the Deacon chair of the Mission Action Team (MAT). She also demonstrated great determination when Deacon of the Month, in lining up greeters, ushers and communion servers well in advance of the Sunday they were to perform their tasks, making last minute calls for volunteers unnecessary. We all envy Lynn's energy.
- **Brad & Lynn Olander** - Brad and Lynn were co-chairs of the Outreach team, focusing on the collection and donations for two local organizations, school supplies for Piedmont Ave. Elementary School and providing donations for 25 families we adopted for the Adopt a Family program in partnership with City Team Ministries. Many hours were spent on these tasks, some of which occurred during the period of heavy rain during fall and winter.

Leaving Christian Education Board:

- **Tami Collins** – Tami served 2 years as CE Chair during a time of change. She was instrumental in the new children's program curriculum review, selection and implementation, which has already seen about a 25% increase in attendance. Additionally during Tami's tenure, the Mexico Mission trip has grown and the Christmas Pageant was adapted for flexibility to the number of kids available at the holidays. We've all enjoyed 2 terrific kick-off Sunday picnics thanks to Tami.

Leaving Altar Guild:

- **Christy Guidici** - Christy's patience with and commitment to all Altar Guild functions made the work possible. As Co-President, her kindness and encouragement fostered community and success of the Altar Guild.
- **Priscilla Joe** – Priscilla's bright energy and willingness to help made a tremendous impact on the Altar Guild's work. She was very generous with her time and talents, and her kind heart and hardworking hands will be missed next year.
- **Lonnie Simonson** - Lonnie's gentle and caring spirit is a blessing to the Altar Guild and to this church. As Co-President, she strived to equip and encourage others toward meaningful work and goes above and beyond to see that the beauty and traditions of this church are maintained.

Leaving the Nominating Committee:

- **John Benson, Christy Guidici & Steve Senter** – The "Nom Comm" was incredibly effective this year. Everyone was prepared, cooperative and decisive and engaged in productive discussion. They all came with years of PCC leadership experience themselves, which helped to identify good matches of folks to the various roles and responsibilities of PCC, and ensured that the leadership represents the church home we are and aspire to be.

- Mary Margaret Sinnema, President, Board of Trustees



Sunday School Year in Review

This year we started a new Sunday School program, Dig In, by Group Publishing. The theme for the year was ***The Life of Jesus***.

The children learned through lessons that included games and crafts. Each lesson had a Bible point and a connected Bible verse. As an example, one of the lessons was "Jesus Forgives a Paralyzed Man". The Bible point for this lesson was Jesus forgives us. The Bible verse was, "Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, 'Young man, your sins are forgiven'" (Luke 5:20). Each lesson teaches around the Bible point and theme. For this lesson, the younger children played a game of freeze tag, with everyone crawling instead of walking. They were asked how it felt not to be able to move when they were tagged. After the game, we moved on to the crafts. The children really enjoyed the crafts for this lesson. The younger children made mats to lower the paralyzed man through the roof so Jesus could heal him.

The older children made dry erase boards, to emphasize that Jesus forgives us and erases our sins for good.



Throughout the year we followed Jesus's path, ending with his crucifixion and his ascension. Next year we will be studying the old testament. The theme is ***The Bible in One Year***.

The children are learning and enjoying this new program – and coming more often on Sundays. I am also finding that these lessons are easier to teach and don't involve much preparation time for my wonderful volunteer teachers (Hint: always looking for new teachers!! Contact me if interested!)

I hope all of you have a safe and blessed Summer.

Leslie

Leslie Quantz, Director of Children's Ministries



Piedmont COMMUNITY CHURCH

Office Hours: 9 am to 4 pm

Summer Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 9 am - 3 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 - PCC Office Closed

July 10 - Needles & Hooks, 2 pm (special interest group)

July 17 - Needles & Hooks, 7 pm (special interest group)

July 22 - Berkeley Men's Shelter, 7 pm

Sept. 2-4 - PCC Family Camp in Westminster Woods

September 10 - PCC All Church Picnic

October 27-31 - Adult Mexico Mission Trip



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