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Send submissions to

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## Rock Kickoff - August 27th, 7 pm



PCC's Rock youth group meets Sunday evenings at 7-8:30 pm in the new Youth Room throughout the school year.

PCC's youth program, the ROCK, offers high school students a unique setting for building both friendships and faith. All youth groups meet in the youth room of the Christian Education building at the church. The program has grown rapidly and the evenings are filled with laughter, great discussions and fellowship. The high school youth group leaders are dedicated and enthusiastic,

opening their hearts and minds to the students' needs and concerns.

The biggest and most significant event of the year for many high school students is their mission trip to Mexico. The students give up their Spring break in order to spend a week building homes for impoverished families. Each year the experience is one that enriches and impacts their lives in so many ways.

## PCC All Church Picnic at Piedmont Park - September 10th

Don't miss this wonderful  
annual event to celebrate  
Piedmont Community  
Church!



Come join us for our annual picnic hosted by the Board of Christian Education! Come to church dressed casually and plan to walk over with us to Piedmont Park after the 10:30 service. Friends and family welcome! Get ready to enjoy street tacos, kid friendly activities, and down home music provided by **Mitch Polzak and the Royal Deuces**! Questions? Contact Leslie Quantz (leslie@piedmontchurch.org).

## SERMONS SERIES



**August 27, 2017**

Dr. Steve Main preaches

**September 3, 2017**

Rev. Victoria Wells  
guest preacher

**September 10, 2017**

Kick Off Sunday

## 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](mailto:abby@piedmontchurch.org)

## PCC Ministry Fair - September 17th



we do. You can sign up to participate, volunteer to help out, or just get more information about our wonderful community. If your ministry group would like to have a table, please contact Rev. Don Ashburn no later than Friday, September 8th at: [don@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:don@piedmontchurch.org).

The PCC Ministry Fair returns on Sunday, September 17th, following our worship services. So come to the courtyard and learn more about the various programs and groups and events our church offers – about who we are and what

## PCC Shared Interest Groups

As you may know, PCC offers five Shared Interest Groups that meet periodically to pursue, well, interests that peoples share. There are groups for: **Walking** (led by Mary Heller), **Theatre** (Judy Wright), **Dinner Club** (Kristi Marcelle), **Needles and Hooks** (knitting and crafts, led by Sue Coffin), and **Food Truck/Restaurant outings** (Linda Rice). If you'd like to join in the activities of one of our groups, look for upcoming events in the Sunday bulletin, The Messenger and on our website: [www.piedmontchurch.org](http://www.piedmontchurch.org). You can also contact the group leaders individually via PCC-Connect (linked to the website). In the fall, we'll be starting even more shared interest groups. So, if you have an idea for a group to start, please let Rev. Don Ashburn know this summer. You can reach him at: [## PCC's Chancel Choir Seeking New Auditions!](mailto:don@pied-</a></p>
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The Chancel Choir is a central part of the music program at the church, singing services and concerts with instrumental ensembles throughout the program year. The Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights, and is always interested in potential new members for this

unique musical experience! If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Steve Main at 415-902-7495, or [steve@stephenmain.com](mailto:steve@stephenmain.com), to find out more and arrange a (user-friendly!) audition.



## 2017-18 Children's Sunday School



For the coming Sunday school year we'll be Digging into the Bible in One Year! For the first quarter we'll be learning stories from Genesis, Exodus and Numbers. Some of these stories include: God Creates Adam and Eve (Genesis 1–2:24), God Tells Noah to Build an Ark (Genesis 6:9–9:17) and God Sends Miriam to Protect Moses (Exodus 2:1-10). The stories come with games and crafts to reinforce the message. Crafts include making dough to create something with a purpose (Adam and Eve), making jump ropes out of plastic bags (Noah's Ark, God gives us "do-overs"). I look forward to Digging into the Bible in One Year! Questions? Contact Leslie Quantz: [leslie@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:leslie@piedmontchurch.org).

## Kidz Club: Friendship, Service & Faith

September 15th, 4pm

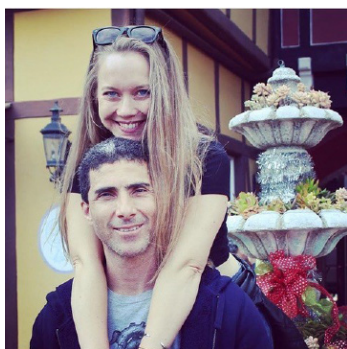


The first KIDZ Club meeting of the new academic year will take place on Friday, September 15th from 4 to 6 pm in the Youth

Room in the CE Building. KIDZ Club is for all 4th, 5th and 6th graders – friends are welcome! We can arrange to pick up students at the Piedmont schools for those who needs rides. If you have any questions, contact Leslie ([leslie@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:leslie@piedmontchurch.org)).

## Join Us in Welcoming Our Student Ministry Interns for This Coming School Year!

Jeremy Kaetzel will be returning for a second year as an intern for our student ministries. We are glad to have Katherine Vieira-Mendes returning after a couple of years to join Jeremy. They will be working actively with all the ministries we offer to students and building meaningful relationships with your Middle and High Schoolers. Katherine and her husband, Rodrigo, are seeking housing in or around Piedmont as well. If you know of or have any rental options for them please, contact Scott Kail directly at 510-915-0393.



## New PCC Prayer Circle at PCC



Philip Yancey writes: **"When I bring others before God in prayer, I bear in mind that God is present both to me and to the people for whom I am praying. Starting from the center point of God's love, my prayers move outward in widening circles, like ripples in a pond, from those closest to me to those in the distance."**

As a community of faith, Christ calls us to lift one another up. And that "lifting" involves praying for those who need healing, help, and hope. At PCC, this happens in many ways, including in a new Prayer Circle. The Circle gathers once a month for a time of praise, contemplation and intercession for those in need. The membership includes Rev. Don Ashburn and several lay people. All prayer requests are held in strict confidence.

### To send a request you can:

- 1) Write it down on a prayer card in the sanctuary
- 2) Send a request through our website ([www.piedmontchurch.org](http://www.piedmontchurch.org))
- 3) Get in touch with Rev. Ashburn at: [don@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:don@piedmontchurch.org), or with Prayer Circle member, Lisa Lindsley at: [blondesongstress@gmail.com](mailto:blondesongstress@gmail.com)



## Where Am I Indifferent?

I have a love hate relationship with statements that make me go “wow”, and then haunt me for days. It often happens while reading a book or scripture or even in a conversation. It happened this past week when I read a quote from holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel. He stated, **“The opposite of love is not hate, but indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, but indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it’s indifference. The opposite of life is not death, it’s indifference.”**

As I read his quote I had to fight a bit of guilt but wasn’t sure why. I needed to look up the definition of “indifference” just to fully go head to head with what was being said. Indifference is “the lack of interest, concern, or sympathy” towards something or someone. A kind of shoulder shrug and continuing about our day. Wow! Do I do that? Sadly, I am guilty of indifference at times.

How many times have I watched the evening news for 30 minutes then turned off the TV and gone about my business as if none of the tragedies and appalling images I just saw were worthy of my time or effort to even let them sink in and affect me. It makes me think of a couple of quotes that stick with me throughout my life. “It is much easier to love the things that God loves than to hate the things that he hates”. “What a privilege it is to pray for someone in such a way that costs you something.” Both of these leave no room for indifference.

Well, I hope you at least give a minute to explore the indifference that you exhibit at times. I know as I do, I don’t much like what I see in myself. But, grace abounds and we serve a God of second chances. This time, I hope my awareness of my indifference will lead me to compassion, empathy, and action at every opportunity.

How about you?

Scott Kail  
Pastor of Student Ministries



## Piedmont COMMUNITY CHURCH

Office Hours: 9 am to 4 pm

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 26** - Berkeley Men’s Shelter, 7 pm

**August 27** - Rock Kickoff, 7 pm

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

**Sept. 4** - PCC Office Closed for Labor Day

**Sept. 10** - PCC Fall Picnic

**Sept. 15** - Kidz Club, 4 pm

**Sept. 17** - Ministry Fair

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