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www.piedmontchurch.org

PCC All Church Picnic at Piedmont Park - September 10th

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



photo: Jay Bransfield

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).



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, Rev. Dottie Hutch 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)
- 3) Get in touch with Rev. Ashburn at: don@piedmontchurch.org, or with Prayer Circle member, Lisa Lindsley at: blondesongstress@gmail.com

SERMONS SERIES



September 10, 2017

"All You Need is Love"

1 Corinthians 13

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

September 17, 2017

**HOLDING THINGS TOGETHER
IN A WORLD THAT'S
FALLING APART**

Part 1:

"Rescued from Darkness"

Colossians 1:1-23

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

September 24, 2017

**HOLDING THINGS TOGETHER
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Part 2:

"Confronting the Powers"

Colossians 2:1-15

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

October 1, 2017

**HOLDING THINGS TOGETHER
IN A WORLD THAT'S
FALLING APART**

Part 3:

"Clothing Optional"

Colossians 3:1-17

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

MILESTONES



Louis Chew,

husband of Susan Chew,
and father of Penny Rendall,
died on August 28, 2017.

*Our thoughts and prayers
are with his family and
friends as we thank God
for his life.*

PCC Ministry Fair - September 17th



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 we do.

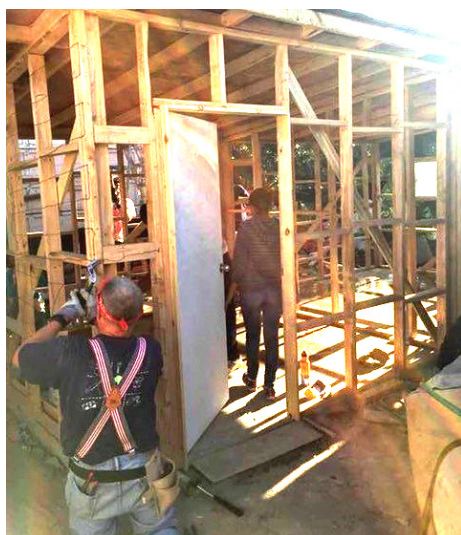
You can sign up to participate, volunteer to help out, or just get more information about our wonderful community. If your ministry group would like to have a table, please contact Rev. Don Ashburn no later than Friday, September 15th at: don@piedmontchurch.org.

Berkeley Men's Shelter - September 23rd, 7 pm



Experience what it is like to truly love our neighbors. The Berkeley Men's Shelter is a wonderful organization that houses up to 65 homeless men. PCC cooks and serves meals at the shelter on the fourth Saturday of each month. You can make a dessert, appetizer, or a complete meal, or you can simply help us serve at the shelter. It only takes 1.5 hours to serve these men. The men love the food and company! Please contact Barbara Crawford through the church at 510-547-5700. No long-term commitment is necessary. Just sign up for the days that work best for you. Thank you for supporting the homeless.

Adult Mexico Missions Trip - October 27-30



Adult Mexico Missions trip opportunity is coming!

We took a team of 15 to Tijuana last October and had a wonderful and impactful weekend getting to know the beautiful Ramirez Family and building them a new home. I can only begin to tell you how much this mission changes the lives of those we build for. Their lives improve with an 80% better chance for health, education, and safety. We want to offer another chance to join us on a similar trip this October.

Please consider this and save the date of October 27-30, 2017. More information to come, but feel free to contact Scott Kail

with any interest or questions: scott@piedmontchurch.org.

2017-18 Children's Sunday School



us “do-overs”). I look forward to Digging into the Bible in One Year! Questions? Contact Leslie Quantz: leslie@piedmontchurch.org.

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

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).

Volunteer Opportunity with CityTeam



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. Upcoming dates: **September 9, October 14, November 11**. For additional information, please contact Selma Chin: 510-290-5732 or selmachin@yahoo.com.

Working Together at PCC



Many thanks to this happy-looking, chair-cleaning crew for cleaning ALL 200 Guild Hall chairs. Nick Baz was our chair repair guru and Suzanne provided the goodies and everyone scrubbed and scrubbed. Thank you all for generously giving up a Saturday morning to help us compete this much-needed PCC project!

Photo L to R: John Quantz, Nick Baz, Steven Thorne with Charlie, Jay Foreman, Linda McClain, Jeff McClain, Julie McDonald, Steve Wuebbens and Suzanne Latham.

Housing Angel Needed!

PCC is hiring a new director of Communications and we are in need of housing. If you know of a guest house or apartment that would be available for rent in the Piedmont/Oakland area starting in late September/early October, please contact Dr. Don Ashburn at 547 5700 ext. 105, don@piedmontchurch.org.



Back in School!

Once again, most children are back in school! For the first time in a long time I don't have children attending school in Piedmont. My oldest graduated from college in June, and my youngest is off to

University of Oregon! They are on the quarter system, so don't start until late September.

While I don't have children in local schools, school started for me August 20th - Sunday school, that is! This year, we're **Digging Into the Bible in One Year!** So far, the children have learned about Creation (making play dough to "create" something useful) and about Adam and Eve making choices between good and evil (making games to play that involve choices). This program teaches the children about the Bible while letting them have fun with related games and crafts.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Sunday School program, please contact me. Each week there is a parent take home page that adds to the lesson. If you ever want a copy, let me know.

Upcoming lessons:

9/10: Genesis 6:9-9:17: God Tells Noah to Build an Ark
 9/17: Genesis 15: God Promises Abram a Son
 9/24: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-6: God Promises Sarah a Son
 10/1: Genesis 27; 32-33: God Brings Jacob and Esau Back Together
 10/8: Genesis 37-50: God Has a Plan for Joseph
 10/15: Exodus 2:1-10: God Sends Miriam to Protect Moses
 10/22: Exodus 12:1-42; 14:5-31: God Rescues the Israelites
 10/29: Exodus 20:1-21: God Gives Moses the Ten Commandments
 11/5: Exodus 32:1-29; 40:12-15: God Sees Aaron Make a Golden Calf
 11/12: Numbers 13:1-14:9: God Gives Caleb Courage
 11/19: Numbers 22:21-41: God Makes Balaam's Donkey Talk
 11/26: Joshua 2: God Sends Rahab to Protect Spies
 12/3: Joshua 6: God Wins Joshua's Battle at Jericho
 12/10: Judges 4: God Sends Deborah to Help Barak
 12/17: Christmas: Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-20)
 12/31: Judges 6-7: God wins Gideon's Battle

I hope to see all your children and grandchildren on Sundays!

Leslie

Leslie



Piedmont COMMUNITY CHURCH

Office Hours: 9 am to 4 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 10 - PCC Fall Picnic

Sept. 10 - Communion Sunday

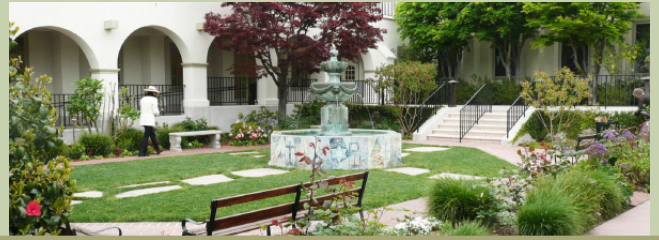
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Sept. 23 - Berkeley Men's Shelter, 7 pm

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