



Rev. Maggi Henderson prepares for worship at Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

# Giving Her All

*Rev. Maggi's journey from Piedmont Church Sunday School to San Francisco Clergy*

Story and Photos by Michael Barber

Rev. Maggi Henderson was busy working at her desk in her downtown San Francisco church office. Perched several stories from street level, she admits she rarely answers the weekday doorbell - preferring the task be performed by her office administrator.

However, on this day, Maggi took the call. The conversation that began on a tiny intercom would change a young woman's spiritual life forever. More than 50 years earlier, Maggi was a child living with her sister and parents at the corner of Nova and Dale in

Piedmont, California. Her mother drove Maggi to Piedmont Community Church so she could attend Sunday School.

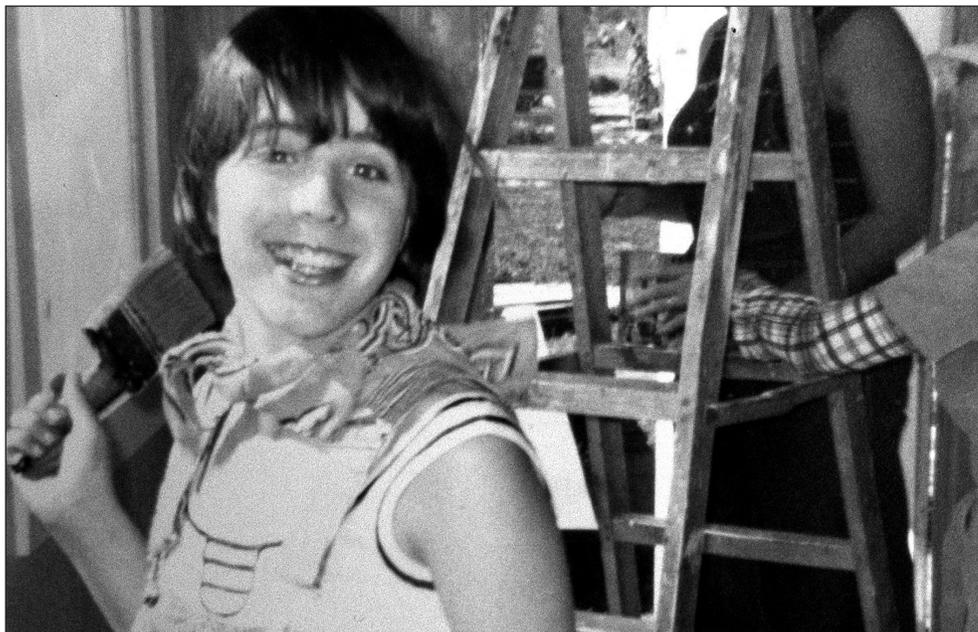
As she matured, Maggi made the weekly trip on foot alone, listening for the church bells to confirm her strides were quick enough to carry her to class on time.

"I just remember I liked Sunday School," Maggi said. "I don't remember specific teachers. I remember the library and the flannel board Bible stories. We went to the children's chapel. We never went to

'big church.' It was part of who I was." "I got offering money of 50 cents," she said, smiling. "I put 25 cents in the offering plate, then spent the rest on candy at a little drug store near the church. Now, I think giving 50% is pretty great."

In middle school, Maggi invited Jan Walker, her friend since kindergarten, to a Sunday evening youth event at Piedmont Church.

"I totally credit Maggi for introducing me to a church where I felt like I



As a teen, Maggi participated in one of the first Piedmont Community Church house-building mission trips to Mexico in the mid-1970s.

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belonged," Jan said. "It became my thing with her and something I enjoyed. When I look back at my spirituality, it began at Piedmont Church with Maggi."

In middle school, Jan thought that Maggi already had what it took to become a pastor.

Maggi felt it, too, suggesting to a visiting female seminary intern that she might also pursue the profession one day.

"It was almost like she had that calling," Jan said. "It was always a part of her life. Some of us struggle with the coolness of religion. With Maggi, it was never a question."

"I'm thankful for Piedmont Church,

*"When I look back at my spirituality, it began at Piedmont Church with Maggi."*

- Jan Walker

*Rev. Maggi's Lifelong Friend*

for the spiritual home it gave me, for the welcome on behalf of God from elementary school through middle and high school," Maggi said. "It gave me a refuge to have fun, to begin to understand what it meant to be a beloved child of God, to know that I belong to a community of believers."

While remaining lifelong friends, Maggi and Jan would leave Piedmont after high school graduation. Maggi soon graduated from the University of Oregon.

She earned a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and a Master of Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

After serving congregations in Austin,



Nearly half of the 140-plus members of Old First Presbyterian Church attend worship each Sunday.

Texas, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Conyers, Georgia, and enjoying the role of Dean of Students at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, Maggi was called to Old First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco where she has pastored since the fall of 2007.

**PIEDMONT CHURCH INFLUENCE**

Maggi credits Piedmont Community Church for providing the foundation upon which she built her spiritual life and eventual career as a Pastor.

“Piedmont was a hard place to be if you were an average kid,” Maggi said. “I grew up at a time you could feel the divisions were strong. I often felt ‘less than.’ Youth group gave me a neutral place where people met and differences didn’t hold.”

Rev. Bob Barram, an Associate Pastor who served as Youth Minister at Piedmont Church in the ‘70s, had a significant impact on Maggi during her middle school years. “Bob had the gift of welcome that was stunning,” she said. “He also asked for a deepening of faith that was appropriate for a junior and senior high person. He was kind and made you feel of worth.”

“We felt God loved us and so, we followed Jesus,” Maggi said.

**AT THE DOOR**

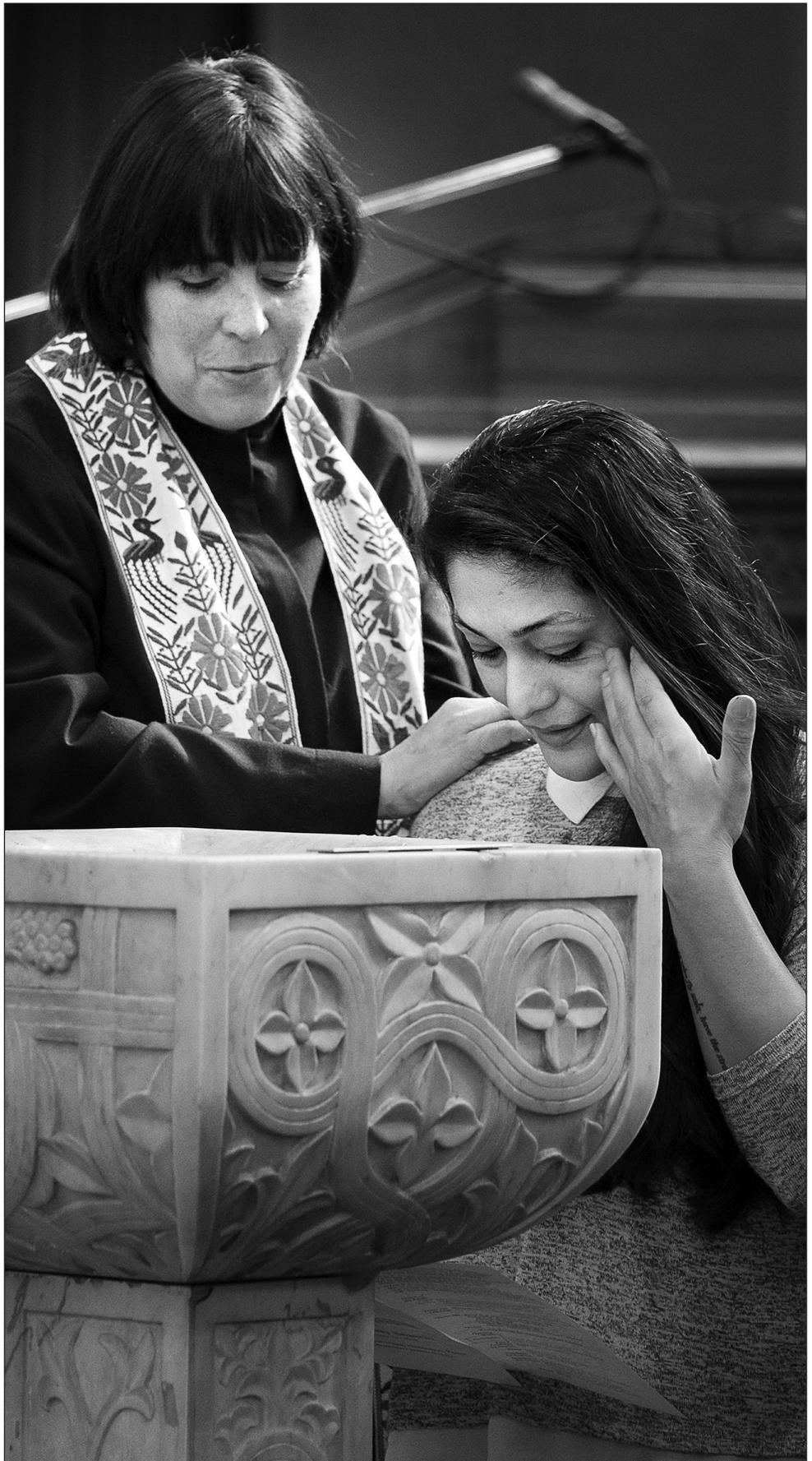
As she opened the church door facing Sacramento Street, Maggi was met by Maryam Behmanesh, a Muslim woman who, until recently, called Iran home.

She wanted to pray.

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*“If anyone comes to church in San Francisco it’s a big deal. Anyone walking in makes a statement. Some are longing for peace.”*

- Rev. Maggi Henderson



Wiping away tears, new church member Maryam Behmanesh is baptised by Rev. Maggi as part of the January 21 worship service.

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Maryam and Maggi struck up a conversation that convinced Maryam she had finally found her church home.

Months later, on Sunday, January 21, Maggi baptized Maryam in front of the congregation and welcomed her as a member of Old First Presbyterian Church.

“If I start talking about it, it gets me crying,” Maryam said. “I chose to come here because of Maggi. The way that she talks with me makes me feel great. I love her in every way. After that, I love the church and the people.”

Maryam’s weekly journey of faith includes a two-and-a-half hour drive from her home to Old First Church. For Maryam, the trip is worthwhile.

“I’ve been to many countries and many churches,” Maryam said. “I was born Muslim and I cannot convert [to Christianity] in Iran because the government will kill me. I can’t say how I feel to be here. It’s a great feeling.”

Maggi fully appreciates the value of welcoming a new soul into the fold as the business of church in the City by the Bay is not for the faint of heart.

Declining attendance and offerings are often the byproduct of a demographic considered to be ‘unchurched,’ which is to say those who claim to have no affiliation with a religious institution.

According to survey results released last May by Barna Group, San Francisco is the most unchurched city in the nation, along with Oakland and San Jose, California.

“If anyone comes to church in San Francisco it’s a big deal,” Maggi said. “Anyone walking in makes a statement. Some are longing for peace. We have 140 members with 70 in attendance. We have to get over the numbers. My question is: are we thriving?”

To answer Maggi’s question, one only needs to attend worship at Old First Presbyterian Church.



Established in 1849, Old First Presbyterian Church is the oldest active Protestant congregation in California.

On the Sunday Maryam was baptized, two others joined. The microphone system fizzled out - forcing a ‘Plan B’ move by an Elder who also sang in the choir, filled the baptismal font with water and snapped iPhone photographs during the new member commissioning.

Meanwhile, a first-time visitor - who spoke little English - asked Maggi for a Bible, while dancers set up to perform in the fellowship hall following the post-worship coffee and danish hour.

“I don’t get bored here,” Maggi said. “We’re a good match.” ■



Rev. Maggi greets parishoners at the door following worship. A young man visiting the church, right, waits to receive a copy of the Bible.

# Staying Alive to the Very End



DR. WILLIAM  
MCNABB  
Senior Minister

You've heard the old saying about hindsight being better than any other kind.

Perhaps life is best understood looking backward. Unfortunately, it must be lived looking forward.

impelled to take a second look in the rearview mirror."

What is amazing to me is that in those fifteen years from 75 to 90, Adler had written six books, edited a second edition of the Great Books of the Western World, inaugurated the Paidea project to reform the American educational system, developed the Aspen Institute for philosophical studies, and at the age of 84, became a convert to the Christian faith. His warning to us; don't look back too soon and don't ever sell yourself short just because you've got a whole lot of candles on your birthday cake!

### 2. Don't stop learning too soon!

Eric Hoffer, the longshoreman/philosopher from San Francisco said, "In a world of change, the learner will inherit the earth, while the learned will find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists."

### 3. Don't stop growing, ever!

Pablo Casals, the world famous cellist was practicing at ninety years of age. In fact, he was practicing six hours a day. Someone came to him and said, "You are without a doubt the best in the world. Why are you still practicing?" His response was, "Because I think I'm beginning to catch on!" God has given us this wonderful gift called life and has challenged us to live it to the fullest. So, don't look back too soon, or stop learning too soon, and don't stop growing - ever.

Looking back can be good in order to get bearings for the present, and in order to move into the future. The past cannot be a dwelling place, but a place of reflective learning. Looking back is an art, not a science. Here are some tips:

### 1. Don't look back too soon!

I can't believe how many books are written about the lives of persons who haven't reached forty years of age. I'm here to tell you that their life story was written too soon. What can we possibly learn from a biography of Nicole Kidman? Let's see how her life turns out before we use her as a role model.

On the other hand, I've always admired Mortimer Adler who died in 2001 at the age of 98. He was a philosopher and editor of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

He published his first autobiography at age 75. Then, at age 90, he published another one called *A Second Look in the Rear View Mirror*. It begins by saying, "Fifteen years ago, when I was only 75 years old, I wrote my autobiography prematurely. Much has happened to my life since then ... I am therefore

## Family Fellowship Pizza Party

Children's Sunday School will be having pizza after 10:30 am services on Sunday, February 25 in the Christian Education Building. Plan to stay and enjoy pizza and conversation.

Contact [Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org)



## MONTH OF SUNDAYS

*Each Sunday, we gather to celebrate our faith and our friendships. All are welcome to participate in worship at 9 and 10:30 am.*

### FEBRUARY 4

*Communion Sunday*

### DEEP JOY FOR A SHALLOW WORLD

Part 3 – Resident Aliens

Philippians 3

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

### FEBRUARY 11

### DEEP JOY FOR A SHALLOW WORLD

Part 4 – The Secret

Philippians 4

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

### FEBRUARY 18

Rev. Scott Kail preaching

### FEBRUARY 25

### SIMPLY CHRISTIAN

Part 1 – How to be a Christian

Without Being Weird

Philippians 3:13-14

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

## Sunday School

*We invite you to continue traveling through the Bible in one year.*

### February 4

1 Samuel: God Helps David Defeat Goliath "God is on our side."

### February 11

1 Samuel: God Helps Abigail Make Peace "God helps us get along."

### February 18

1 Kings: God Gives Solomon Wisdom "God knows we need his help."

### February 25

1 Kings: God Proves to Elijah He Is Real "God is real."

Contact Leslie Quantz with questions at [leslie@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:leslie@piedmontchurch.org) or (510) 547-5700 x109

## Rainbow People



DR. DON  
ASHBURN  
Associate Minister

This morning, my 17-year old son asked me a few questions for a class assignment. The first was, "What gives your life meaning?"

Honestly, I hate answering questions like that, since there are so many possible answers, and so many facets to any possible answer. Still, since my son wasn't interested in nuance, I took a shot at answering the question. I said, what gives my life meaning is "living into the promise that the Kingdom of God is coming to fruition." Par for the course, when your dad's a pastor, I guess.

Then came question 2: "What would give your life more meaning?" And I said, "when I can see evidence of God's Kingdom coming into fruition." The last question was, "do you have any regrets in life?" And I said, "beyond answering simplistic questions about the meaning of life? No."

Seriously, the truth is that our early morning philosophical interaction made me wonder: What is the evidence that God's Kingdom is coming to fruition? Because, sometimes it's awfully hard to find.

Then, I was reminded of these words from one of Ann Weems' poems:

*I keep reaching for the rainbows ...  
Thinking one ... morning ...  
The hungry will be fed,  
The dying held,  
The maimed walking,  
The angry stroked,  
The violent calmed,  
The oppressed freed,  
The oppressors changed,  
And every tear wiped away ...*

You know, as followers of Jesus, you and I are called to be "rainbow people" – to feed the hungry, hold the dying, free the oppressed and do whatever else it takes to give evidence of God's Kingdom. It gives our lives meaning, too. For, a life spent "reaching for rainbows" leaves scant time for wallowing in regret.

## Spring Cleaning Day March 24

■ BY JIM KELLOGG

Soon, it will be the time of year for spring cleaning.

The Building and Grounds Group and the Handymen Team are sponsoring a Church Spring Cleaning Day Saturday, March 24, 10 am - 3 pm.

Church members and their families are invited to participate to help make the church an even more welcoming and inviting place, just in time for Easter.

We will start in Guild Hall on Saturday at 10 am to sign up for a project, pick up tools and materials (as well as donuts and coffee).

We will provide instructions and leadership for each project, as well as all of the parts and equipment needed.

All we need is willing and able people with a smile on their faces and a couple

of hours of time available to help contribute to the betterment of our church and its facilities.

Projects will include easy-to-do things such as; cleaning and refinishing selected walls in our main Courtyard, cleaning and resealing our Courtyard benches, replacing old light bulbs and miscellaneous carpentry work in selected areas around our facilities.

We will also provide the opportunity for spring planting. Families can adopt a planter bed in selected areas of the campus that are in need of reinvigoration.

We will provide the materials and the families can design a layout for new flowers and planting appropriate for the location, plant and then watch it grow.

Contact Jim Kellogg at jimkellogg49@gmail.com or Bob Wright to let them know if you are interested and able to attend Spring Cleaning Day, and which projects you would like to help with. Additional information will be available prior to the event.

## Dinner and Bocce Ball at Galileo Club

■ BY WAYNE GUIDICI

Our February Adult Fellowship adventure will take place at the Historic Richmond Galileo Club, 371 S.23rd / Galileo Club Way, on Friday, February 9, 6 pm.

Enjoy a Spaghetti and Meatball Valentine Dinner, including salad, rolls, wine

and dessert. Try your hand at the grand ole Italian game of Bocce Ball on their indoor courts or remain in the dining room for fellowship. Cost is \$23 per person. Make checks payable to Richmond Galileo Club.

No-host cocktails begin at 6 pm. Contact Wayne Guidici at (510) 501-0646 or fdsternwheeler@yahoo.com

## Ash Wednesday Dinner

We are accepting reservations for a dinner, provided by Loaves and Fishes, held Wednesday, February 14 in Guild Hall, 6:15 pm. This event precedes the Ash Wednesday service, which begins at 7:30 pm.

Enjoy fellowship with friends on this day, marking the beginning of Easter preparation. Adults 18 and older: \$15 before February 11. \$20 thereafter. Children 10 to 17, \$5. Macaroni and cheese meal provided free to children under 10.

Signups available during Sunday services, or contact Jean Leahy at (510) 547-5700 or Jean@PiedmontChurch.org



## Dr. Stephen Main to Perform Organ Recital at Basilica

On February 11, 4 pm, Dr. Stephen Main will play an hour-long organ recital at the historic Mission Dolores Basilica in San Francisco, 3321 16th St, San Francisco, 94114.

Renowned for its beauty and stunning acoustics, the Basilica has long been a focal point of choral and instrumental music in the Bay Area.

Stephen's program will include diverse works, from Buxtehude and Mendelssohn to Vierne, spanning over five centuries.

With recent recitals in Los Angeles and the Bay Area, Stephen specializes in reaching audiences with informal discussion and playing that deeply inspires.

The recital is free and open to the public.



## Inspiring News

In the January edition of *The Messenger*, we met Wayne Marzolf. His inspiring story of service to our youth is a great example of the content we seek for the newly-designed monthly newsletter.

If you would like to share your personal story about the way in which Piedmont Community Church has impacted your life - or if you wish to suggest a feature about a fellow congregant - contact Michael Barber at [Michael@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Michael@PiedmontChurch.org) or call (510) 547-5700 ext. 104

## Outsourced, then Inspired



JODY EARLE  
Guest Columnist

For the past five years, I have been a member of *The Messenger* mailing team. When I moved into a Senior Residence home, I knew I had to be part of a larger world, so I called Jean Leahy at the church office and volunteered.

The requirements were to be in the large office meeting room at the church 9:30 am every other Wednesday. I learned how to separate and affix the stickers that sealed the written news, a method completely mechanical, like a robot working in an assembly line.

We sat in our designated areas around a six-by-eight feet nest of tables separating, affixing, attaching and talking. I began to think of it as our bi-weekly absolutions, like our ancestors washing clothes at the well.

I met many wonderful people over the years. I took trips abroad with Aija Koch, and Shelagh Udovch, cheered for Cal when Marella Guigou rooted for Stanford, walked in my mind with Ann Chandler as she accompanied her granddaughters to school and listened as she kept us current on local community news. We learned of Florence Slater's large family and work with the community's youth and Marilyn Hodgson added to our conversations.

And then, when we were finished, Ray Plock, Jeff McClain, John Weaver or Tom Lister would arrive for the final transport to the main branch of the Oakland Post Office on Peralta Street.

With the advent of the new printing and mailing process, our jobs were outsourced, though we will continue to meet as a small group, continuing our conversations.

And, I have a new challenge! I have been asked to write for *The Messenger* as a guest columnist. I am working to find my new voice in this publication and will enjoy exploring this newfound role.



## Advanced Missions Opportunity for Students, Africa

■ BY REV. SCOTT KAIL

We are all aware of the impact our Student Ministries Mexico Missions trips have on those who participate. We will be offering the next step in service missions this summer as we travel to Africa.

The three-week trip this June will focus on serving at orphan feeding centers, a school for the blind, rural hospitals and visiting our sister church, Kafita, in Malawi.

More info to come. An informational meeting will be announced for the end of January. Contact Rev. Scott Kail at [Scott@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Scott@PiedmontChurch.org)



## Faith-Based Organizations Join Forces in Service

■ BY SELMA CHIN

Project Peace brings together local faith-based organizations and nonprofits to serve our community.

Please volunteer Saturday, February 24, 9 am - 12 noon.

Opportunities include Neonatal ICU hat knitting for Children's Hospital, Berkeley Women's Shelter, CityTeam Oakland, Harbor House Oakland, Piedmont Avenue Elementary School and YEAH - Berkeley (homeless shelter serving youth from 18-25 years).

Additional information and sign-ups will be available in the courtyard after services or contact Selma Chin at (510) 290-5732 or [selmachin@yahoo.com](mailto:selmachin@yahoo.com)

For additional information about Project Peace Eastbay, visit [projectpeaceeastbay.org](http://projectpeaceeastbay.org)

## Holy Week Begins Early This Year

Palm Sunday – March 25

Maundy Thursday – March 29

Good Friday – March 30

Easter Sunday – April 1  
Sunrise service: 6:30 am  
Worship services: 9 and 10:30 am



Nearly 300 students and adult volunteers from Piedmont will travel to Mexico in April to build 18 homes for people in need. The Treasures Sale benefits this mission.

# Donations Needed for Mexico Trip Treasures Sale

Event Set for March 10, 9 am - 3 pm and March 11, 9 am - 2 pm

The Piedmont Community Church Treasures Sale raises funds for the Youth Mexico Service trip. Students and adults build 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.

### ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS

Must be Clean, Gently Used, & Working Antiques, Artwork, Belts, Bikes, Books, China, Crystal, CDs, Collectibles, Dishes, DVDs, Furniture, Games, Garden Supplies, Hats, Holiday Items, Housewares, Jewelry, Lamps, Linens, LPs, Luggage, Musical Instruments, New Items, Pet Supplies, Purses,

Puzzles, Rugs, Scarves, Silver, Small Appliances, Sports Equipment, Stereo Equipment, Throw Pillows, Tools, Toys, Flat Screen TVs only

### WE DO NOT ACCEPT

Clothing, Computers & Equipment, Ski Equipment, Mattresses, Bed Pillows, Large Appliances, Extra Large Furniture, Harlequin Novels/Condensed Books, Magazines, VHS Tapes, Car Seats, Cribs, Large Exercise Equipment

### WHERE

Piedmont Community Church Guild Hall, 400 Highland Ave.

### WHEN TO DONATE

March 3-7  
Saturday and Sunday, 9 am - 2 pm,  
Monday - Wednesday, 9 am - 7pm.  
No donations accepted after Wednesday.

### HOW TO DONATE

Limited pickups by appointment only.  
Call (510) 547-5700 and leave a message for Rev. Scott Kail's interns.

# Mexico Mission Curtain Makers, Fabric Needed

BY ANN LIN

Volunteer seamstresses and tailors are needed to sew simple curtains for the Mexico Mission trip.

Each of the 18 houses we build have two windows supplied with custom curtains. The families greatly appreciate the curtains, which help to make the houses we build feel like homes.

The curtains require minimal sewing skills – all straight seams. Fabric and instructions are provided. Curtains must be completed by Sunday, March 25.

Fabric donations are also appreciated. Each set of curtains needs two 1-yard by 1-yard panels.

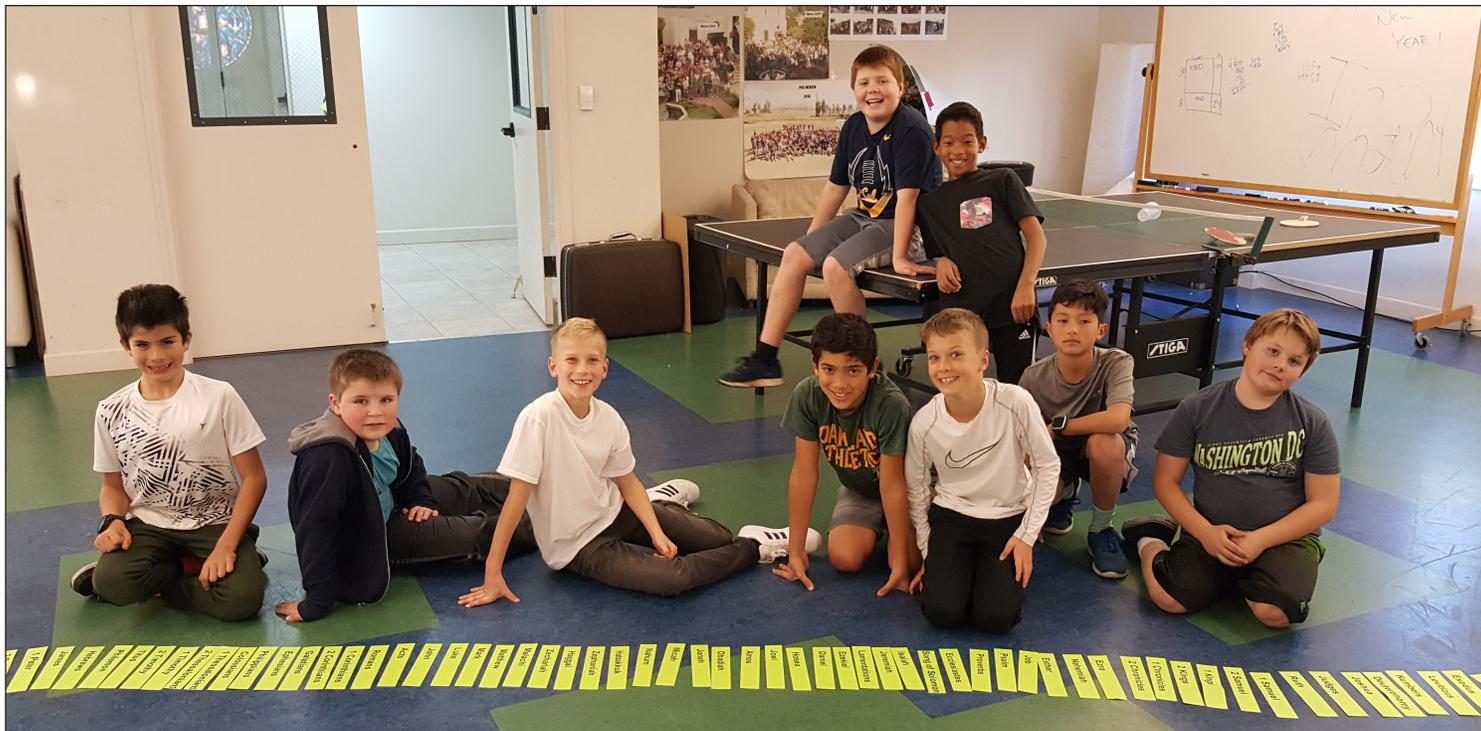
Contact Ann Lin at (510) 654-1775 or annlin@pacbell.net to sew or donate.



## GOOD NEWS!

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## Kidz Club

### *Friendship, Service and Faith*

■ BY LESLIE QUANTZ

During the Kidz Club January meeting, we played games relating to books of the Bible. For some reason, only boys attended.

Calling all girls, we want you to be here to challenge the boys.

Our next meeting is February 9, 3:30 pm, in the Youth Room. We will be getting ready for our Lenten Food Drive. We will be collecting donations (Food and money) for the Alameda County Community Food Bank starting February 14.

We will also make valentines and contin-

ue with our half court basketball contest.

Future meetings: March 16, April 13, May 18. Contact Leslie Quantz at [Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org)

*Kidz Club is Piedmont Church's group for 4th, 5th and 6th grade children. It is dedicated to building friendships, helping the wider community by performing service projects and exploring and developing personal faith.*

## Parish Drivers Make Worship Possible for Seniors

*"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:30*



REV. DOTTIE  
HUTCH  
Minister of Visitation

A few weeks ago a friend, who is younger than I, commented that it is hard work to grow old.

As youngsters, we go through life blithely doing everything and anything we can. As age grows on us, we realize it takes a good deal of time and effort to do only that which is needed to keep us healthy and happy. It is hard work to grow old!

One of the needs of the elderly is to be refreshed socially and spiritually, to be

reminded that there is a larger presence in our lives, that God loves us and cares for us, that we are never alone (even though we may live alone).

Piedmont Community Church offers programs which help to keep the seniors in our congregation well grounded, loved and socialized. Each Sunday, volunteers pick up seniors at their homes and give them a ride to the 10:30 am Sunday worship, then take them back home after worship.

This is a valuable ministry to the church, and to the senior citizens, but we are running short on drivers.

The commitment is minimal. The satisfaction and thanks are monumental.

If you feel called to help seniors come to church, please contact me and offer your service to assist in this ministry.

As one lady put it, "My week revolves around my worship time in church. It is the most important thing I do."

Jesus' burden of commitment is light, when done under the yoke of Jesus' love. Please consider ministering to others with the gift of transportation to church. The rewards are intangible, but wonderful!



## Lenten Food Drive

■ BY LESLIE QUANTZ

Kidz Club is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive for the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) February 14 through April 1. Look for food donation barrels in the Christian Education Building and by Guild Hall.

We are also participating in their Virtual Food Drive program. Visit <http://bit.ly/2n0qPpa> or the Alameda County Community Food Bank website at [accfb.org](http://accfb.org). Click on “give” go to Virtual Food Drive, click on “find your group.”

Using their purchasing power, the food bank can turn a \$1 donation into \$7 worth of produce, eggs, milk and other healthy food. In Alameda County 1 in 5 residents access the ACCFB’s services. Contact Leslie at [Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org)



## Stay Connected All Week Long



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## Your Pledge Matters

We are a grateful church, thankful for the pledges we receive in support of our ministries. If you have not yet pledged, please ask an usher for a pledge card before or after worship or visit [PiedmontChurch.org](http://PiedmontChurch.org)

## PARISH REGISTER

### DEATHS

*Sandra Barsanti*, mother of Jacqueline, Kenneth and Markus Barsanti, ex-wife of Roy Barsanti, and partner of Jack White, passed from this life on November 22, 2016

*Caroline Slotemaker de Bruine*, mother of Delight Louise Slotemaker de Bruine, passed from this life on December 21.

*Nora Martinez*, daughter of Manuel Martinez and Ann Lin and sister of Rachel Martinez, passed from this life on January 13. Donations in her honor may be made to the Berkeley Humane Society.

*Mary Smith*, mother of Hugh Smith, passed from this life on January 13.

*Ed Bartlett*, father of Debi Anderson, Laurie Bartlett Keating, Mike Bartlett and Barbara Schrag, passed from this life on January 17. A memorial service will be held at Piedmont Community Church April 14, 10 am.

*William Carlile*, husband of Maria Barsanti and father of William Barsanti, passed from the life. A memorial service will be held at Piedmont Community Church on February 2, 2 pm.

*Allan Halden*, husband of Marian Halden, passed from this life on January 23.

### BAPTISMS

*Hugh Winniford* was baptized on January 28. Congratulations to parents, Kelly and Mark Winniford.

### UPCOMING WEDDINGS

*Jane Lee & Jacob Lin*  
April 28, 2018

*Guadalupe Moreno & Luis Manuel Herera* – June 30, 2018

*Claudia Garcia & Mark Nagel*  
October 20, 2018

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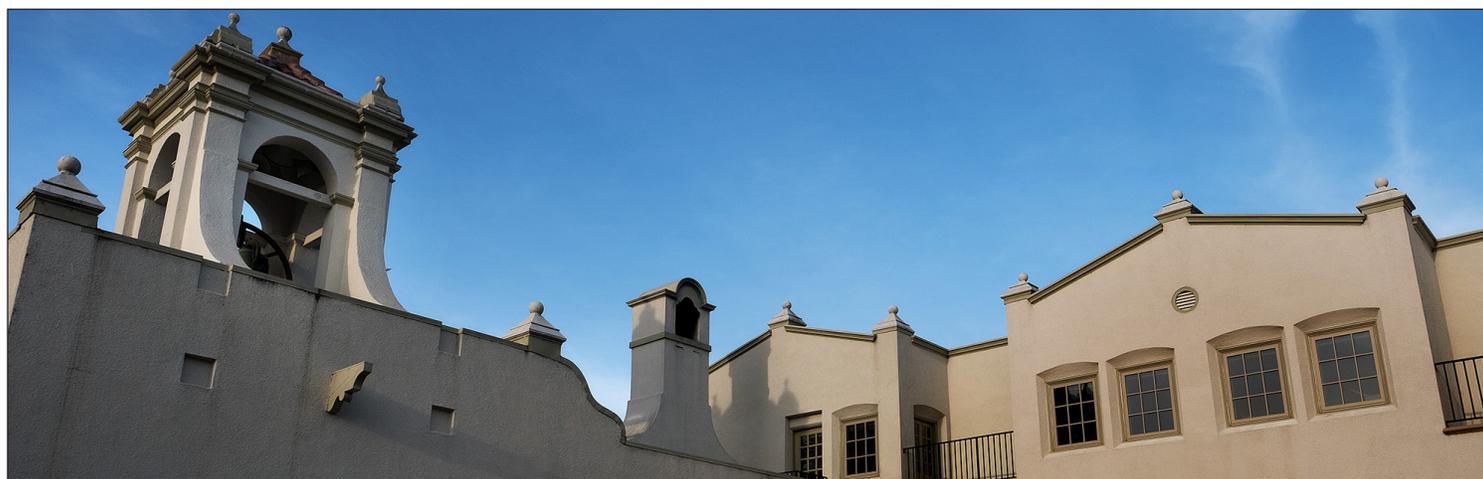
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## CALENDAR

**Saturday, February 3** - Serve Lunch with CityTeam (ages 12 and over), 11 am – 2 pm, 722 Washington Street, Oakland

**Saturday, February 3** - Serve Dinner with CityTeam (ages 14 and over), 5-7 pm, 722 Washington Street, Oakland

**Friday, February 9** - Adult Fellowship: Dinner & Bocce Ball at Richmond Galileo Club, 6:30-9 pm (*See Page 6.*)

Kidz Club Meeting, Youth Room, 3:30 pm (*See Page 10*)

**Monday, February 12** - Needles and Hooks Shared Interest Group, 2-4 pm, Guild Parlor

**Wednesday, February 14** - Ash Wednesday Dinner, 6:15 pm followed by Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 pm (*See Page 6*)

**Monday, February 19** – Office Closed for President’s Day

**Monday, February 19** - Needles and Hooks Shared Interest Group, 7-9 pm, Clara Barton Room

**Saturday, February 24** – Berkeley Men’s Shelter, 7-9 pm, call (510) 547-5700 to volunteer

**Saturday, February 24** – Project Peace, 9 am - noon (*See Page 8*)

## RECURRING EVENTS

### Sundays

Rock Youth Group, 7-8:30 pm, Youth Room

### Mondays

Spiritual Formation Group, 4:30 pm, Guild Parlor

Marvel Movie Mondays, 6:30-8:15 pm, Youth Room

### Tuesdays

Small Group Bible Study, 7 pm, home of Bob & Judy Wright

Rock Pizza Lunch, 12:45 pm, Youth Room

### Wednesdays

LiveWire, 2:30- 3:30 pm, Youth Room

### Thursdays

Women’s Bible Study, 10 am, Guild Parlor

### Saturdays

Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am, Founder’s Room

*We strive to make our church calendar as complete and accurate as possible. If you see errors, or wish to add to the calendar, please contact us at [NEWS@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:NEWS@PiedmontChurch.org)*