

NURTURING BELONGING COMMITTING

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH **GIVING 2024**



COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 11, 2024



ABOVE LEFT: Gage Herman, left and Toni Robison plant new boxes in the church's main entrance during a spring work day. CENTER: Senior Pastor Steve Schibsted welcomes parent Blair Jahn during opening day of the NextGen Ministry in August. RIGHT: Bob Wright serves in the kitchen during a recent church dinner. *Photos by Michael Barber*

Your Church Home

2024 Giving Campaign supports church's continued vitality

Piedmont Community Church has reemerged as a spiritual haven for Christians in the East Bay. It is a vital community force, guiding and nurturing the unique, individual faith journeys for a diverse mix of people. Our revitalization is the result of our dedication to our church and to serving others—clergy, lay leaders, members and friends. It is an accomplishment for which we are grateful. But, it is only the beginning.

To continue and to expand our work, financial resources are required.

The goal of our 2024 Giving Campaign – *Nurturing, Belonging and Committing* – is \$1.2M. This is an achievable goal. We are asking everyone to be part of this effort.

In recent years, you have embraced Piedmont Church with hearts wide open, ready to tackle new projects,

welcome new members and to love one another.

The *Nurturing, Belonging and Committing* stewardship campaign will ensure that the spirit we experience today will continue into the immediate future and for decades to come.

With God's grace.

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Elementary students listen intently during NextGen class.

NURTURING

Encouraging spiritual growth for young people and adults alike

Piedmont Church strives to be a resource for the spiritual lives of our members and friends.

Sunday worship attendance continues to increase year over year, both in person and online.

The music program, including the Chancel Choir and Handbell Ensemble, continue to amaze and inspire us.

Perhaps our most significant venture has been the launch of our NextGen Ministry, bringing more young people and their families into Piedmont Church. Though it only launched in August, already our

Christian Education Building is teaming with children and students. Our highest priority is to nurture their faith in God. Programs for seniors are bringing companionship and the word of God through small groups and in-home ministry.

LifeGroups meet throughout the year to discuss the spiritual implications of recent sermons. Religious topics are studied in frequent Adult Learning classes led by our clergy and outside speakers.

All these activities provide opportunities to nurture and deepen our Christian faith.

BELONGING

Piedmont Church is more than a place to worship, it's family

Membership at Piedmont Church is growing again. We welcome all to participate in Sunday worship and in the life of the church, whether they are members or not. But belonging to a church means so much more than a place to spend Sunday mornings.

Once a year at our Sunday service, we recognize all who participate in leading and assisting in each of our many programs. Inevitably, by the time the list of programs has been read, nearly every congregant is standing.

Piedmont Church is a place not only to deepen one's faith, but to live it. We participate in multiple local and global missions, reaching out to do as Jesus instructs us. These efforts include tutoring children, building homes for people in need and helping our seniors.

Our Life Groups have become a haven for those seeking a deeper understanding of God's Word while enjoying fellowship.

Our members and friends are proud that all are welcome at our church. Regardless of age, gender, race, politics, sexuality, infirmity or the church a person comes from (or none at all), everyone can feel that Piedmont Church is a place of belonging.



Our first visit to Piedmont Church felt like coming home. We were greeted like family. Their outpouring of love was evident not just for us, but for the surrounding community, too.

Piedmont Church is a place where faith is both taught and lived out. The pastors are genuine and gifted. The music is beautiful and transformative.

What we love most is how invested everyone at the church is to bringing love and peace to our struggling world. There is nothing we would rather do than be a part of that.

- Bill and Nancy Branagh



Piedmont Church has a wonderfully welcoming culture. I was looking for a church home after moving from New York City and am so glad I found Piedmont Church.

I am uplifted by the warmth of its people, the thoughtfulness and relevance of the ministers' preaching and the beauty of its music, and I am inspired by its NextGen and service goals."

- Jo Giessler

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

What to expect

During worship Sunday, February 11, you will be presented a Commitment Card. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial promise to Piedmont Church for 2024 and indicate your support on the card.

COMMITTING

Our fundraising goal of \$1.2M provides needed resources to continue God's work

In order for Piedmont Church to continue its work, we require members and friends make a financial commitment. God's love comes at no cost to us, but continuing His work can only be done if sufficient financial resources are available.

Stewardship is about challenging ourselves to evaluate what's important to us and what we really value. It's about reminding each other to consider where we want to invest our finances and our lives.

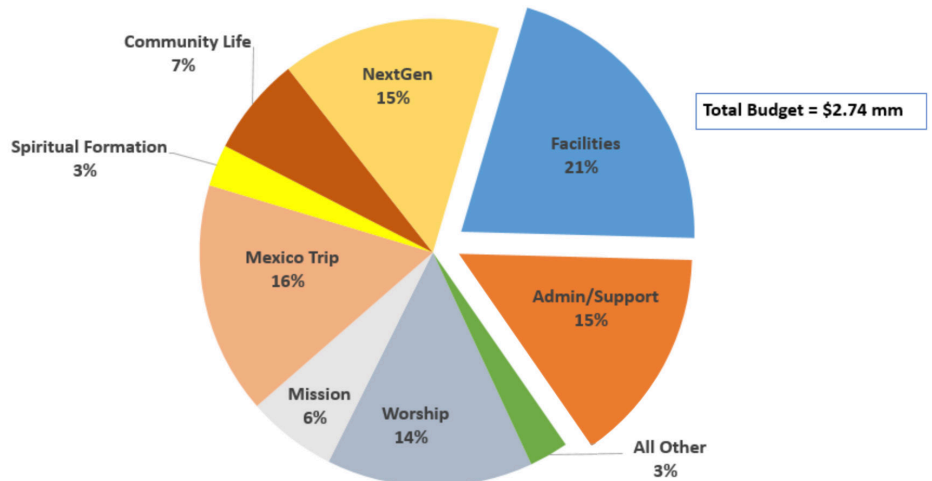
Our hope is that our members and friends sufficiently value their association with Piedmont Church, and that their financial

commitment is a worthy expression of their faith.

Our *Nurturing, Belonging and Committing* stewardship campaign seeks your commitment to supply the general funds needed for the ongoing operations of the church, including salaries, benefits, campus maintenance and utilities – critical requirements necessary to enable our continued extraordinary work.

Please prayerfully consider generously committing to our 2024 Giving Campaign.

2023-24 Budget – Expenditures by Program



This chart illustrates how our annual operating budget is allocated by programmatic expense, especially those administrative and facility-related costs including utilities, salaries and benefits, which directly support the ministries you value. Your financial gifts to this year's stewardship campaign goal of \$1.2M will contribute significantly to this year's budget.



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“ Our business is changing lives. We exist as a church to help people in our community and all over the world to explore a life-changing relationship with our loving God. We are here to spread grace and mercy and peace and love.”

- Dr. Steve Schibsted, Senior Pastor



Your 2024 Stewardship Committee is
Steven Thorne (Chair), Geoff Colton,
Roger Eliassen, Lisa Fuller, Sarah Hirsch,
Pat Leicher, Ann Lin, Bill Molmen,
Dani Montague, Steve Schibsted
and Paul Schroeder.



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