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New Members Join, Two Baptized

Our spring 2025 *Come and See* new members classes led seven people to join Piedmont Community Church. Pictured with Don Ashburn (left) are Rose Mary Richmond, Katherine Bini, Laura and Mike Taylor, Elin Hansen, Anita Bryson and Jocelyne Birren. You can read more about each person by clicking below.

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Spring Church Work Day April 5

Help to spruce up our church campus for Holy Week and Easter. We will be cleaning windows, washing tables and chairs, gardening and painting along with some general cleaning. Lunch will be provided. Sign up below by April 1. Contact Jay Foreman at Jay@PiedmontChurch.org

SIGN UP



Celebrate Confirmation April 13

In addition to celebrating Palm Sunday on April 13, we will honor our students who have recently finished confirmation.

Those who have not yet been baptized will be baptized during worship. Younger kids will wave palm branches and middle and high school students can assist with welcome duties.

Afterward, the celebration continues in the Courtyard.

'Singing Bowls' Ring Out April 15

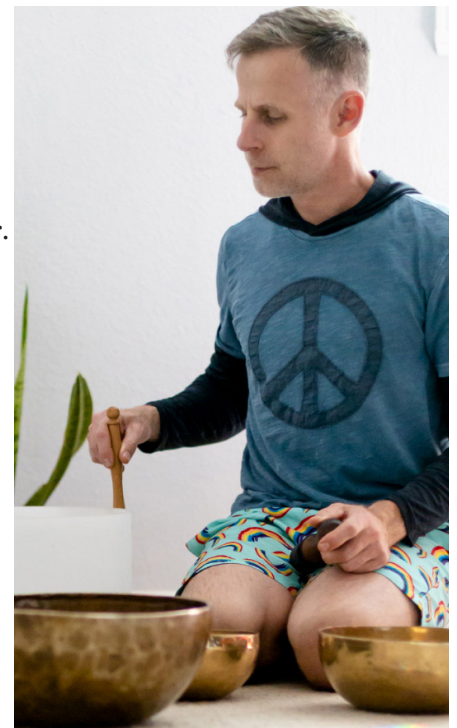
The Singing Bowls event is part of a contemplative week in preparation for Easter presented by [Ken Breniman](#) - a licensed clinical social worker and a registered yoga teacher.

The singing bowls are both musical and very relaxing allowing a deeper experience of grace.

The sound bath takes place at 5pm on Tuesday, April 15 and will last 45 minutes.

Participants can sit or lie down in the Sanctuary and are encouraged to bring a pillow and a light blanket if they plan on reclining.

For an audio example of a sound bath, click or scan the code below.



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Easter Baskets for Harbor House

Help bring the joy of Easter to a child in need. Sign up to either (1) donate the contents for an Easter Basket for an elementary school age child (K-5th grade), and/or (2) donate cash for the teacher to purchase small gifts for middle school children.

There are 45 children enrolled in the elementary school program and 18 children enrolled in the middle school program at Harbor House, a long-time service partner of our church that serves the immigrant community in East Oakland with tutoring, meals, food distribution and ESL classes.

For the baskets, please donate an age-appropriate book, a small toy, a small stuffed animal and wrapped Easter candies for the child(ren) you sign-up for.

Please bring your donations to Guild Hall on Sunday, April 6 after service to pack the Easter baskets for the children. The baskets, grass, ribbon, clear wrap and name tags will be provided by the church.

Sign up below before Sunday, March 30 to pick the child(ren) for whom you will put together an Easter basket and/or to make a cash donation for the middle school children.

[Detailed instructions can be found here](#)

Contact Tim Robison at tworobio4@gmail.com or (301) 938-4214 or Audrey Sung at alsung777@gmail.com or (510) 282-9444

SIGN UP



Online Bible Study

Mondays at 10am, Don Ashburn leads an online study. The focus will be on the Book of Revelation.

To participate fully, no previous experience in Bible study is expected or required. Just come with an open heart and mind and see where the Spirit leads you.



The Zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83211177073>



Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at True North Kids Summer Camp, happening June 9-13, 9am - 12pm for kids age 4 through 5th grade in the Christian Education (C.E.) Building.

This year, we're heading into the majestic beauty of Alaska, where northern lights glow, rivers race and glaciers glisten!

As your kids trek through this thrilling tundra, they'll learn how to navigate life's challenges by keeping their eyes on Jesus—a faithful friend we can always trust. With engaging activities, meaningful lessons and fun surprises, this Vacation Bible School adventure will help your kids discover that Jesus is our ultimate guide, our True North.

The cost of the 'trip' is \$189 per child. Spots are limited. Deadline for registration is May 15.

REGISTER



Come out for a Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, from 6:30-8pm in the Courtyard. With three age-appropriate hunts for kids ages 2-13, plus food, games and glowing fun, this is an event you won't want to miss. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends.

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Life Groups in Season of Lent

Life Groups return on Thursday, March 13 for the season of Lent — both in person and online. Any adult is invited, whether or not you've been in a group before.



Groups meeting in person get together starting at 6:15pm in Guild Hall for a shared meal, then meet in separate rooms in the church.

There will be two online groups meeting at different times during the day. Once we know who can participate in online groups, we'll finalize the days and times.

If you've never participated in a Life Group before, it is a way to participate in small group discussion and support. Discussion usually focuses on the previous week's sermon, but at other times addresses books or other topics. During Lent, our focus will be our connection with Christ; or, how to be in relationship with someone we can't see.

All participants need to sign up to be part of a Life Group. Registration deadline is March 11. Contact Don Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org

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Staying
CLOSE TO GOD

A Lenten Sermon Series
by Steve Schibsted & Don Ashburn

10am Sundays, In-Person & Online



Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

Worship takes place on Thursday, April 17 at 6:15pm during a family-friendly dinner called an Agape Meal (pronounced Uh-GAH-Pay) from one of the Greek words for love - agape.

The meal commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, when he called on them to "love one another" and instituted the sacrament of Communion.

The meal will conclude with Communion. Cost for dinner is \$20 for adults & \$10 for kids (\$25 & \$15 respectively at the door). Sign up in the Courtyard after worship, or online, through Palm Sunday, April 13.

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Steve Senter joyfully receives ashes from Steve Schibsted.

Ash Wednesday Photographs

On Wednesday, March 5, nearly 100 gathered at Piedmont Community Church for an Ash Wednesday dinner and meditation. Christians receive ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday to symbolize death, repentance and a desire to live in Christ's image. The ashes are a reminder of mortality and a call to receive forgiveness. *Photos by Michael Barber*

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Women's Retreat March 22

Women Together is offering a Women's Retreat at the Lenox House, one block from Children's Fairyland in Oakland, on Saturday, March 22, 9:30am - 4:30pm. Deadline for registration is Sunday, March 9.

The retreat is designed to help us slow down and renew our connection to God, ourselves and each other. The day will include times of prayer, personal reflection, Scriptural reflection based on the Mary and Martha story from Luke 10, small group conversations and gentle movement practice.

Cost is \$60 and covers lunch and space rental. Carpool details to and from the retreat will be available closer to the retreat date. Attendance is limited so we hope you will prayerfully consider attending this special time away with other women.

Contact Suzie Skugstad at suzie@hsdesigneb.com, Nancy Walters at nancygw@mac.com or Virginia Watkins at virginia@becktins.com

REGISTER



Pickleball, Saturdays & Sundays

In addition to the Sunday Intermediate/Advance Pickleball which are held from 1-3pm, we have added a Saturday Gentle Pickleball from 2-4pm. Both are held in the indoor gym on the second floor of the Christian Education (C.E.) Building. Equipment is provided and no experience is required. Contact Lucille Yee at lucilleeye@gmail.com or Suzanne Latham at suzlatham3@gmail.com

Seniors Seeking Conversation

Seniors Seeking Conversation and Coffee meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in Guild Parlor, 9:30-11am. All seniors, aged 65-110 years, are welcome. Contact Ann Chandler at (510) 444-0280



Grief Group, March 15 & 29

Grief Group will meet Saturday, March 15 and March 29 at 10am in the Clara Barton Room. The group is open to both church members and non-members. Contact Alison Fletcher at alisonfletcher2843@gmail.com

Sunday, March 9 Media

Steve Schibsted preached. We received new members and baptized Elin Hansen and Anita Bryson. Music by Michael Orlinsky, Chancel Choir and Stephen Main.

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Our Channel This Week

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'Breathe' Wednesdays, 1:30pm

Join with others who seek the refreshment of meditation and the opportunity to enhance their spiritual growth through the concept of sangha or sitting in silence within a group.



Contact Sara Hirsch at sara1.hirsch1@gmail.com