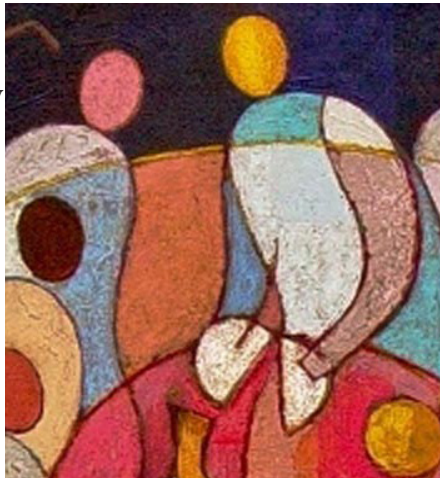




Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

Worship takes place on Thursday, April 17 at 6:15pm in Guild Hall 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 \$25 for adults & \$15 for kids.

SIGN UP



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Worship on Good Friday includes special music and a traditional service of Tenebrae, the Latin word for 'darkness'.

As the story of Jesus' way to death on a cross is read out loud, candles and lights are gradually extinguished, until the entire Sanctuary is in darkness, except for one candle. It is a dramatic and appropriate way to prepare for Easter.



The service starts at 7:30 pm.

Two Services Easter Sunday

Our Easter services will be held Sunday, April 20 at 8:30 and 10am. Both are identical and include Liturgy, sermon by Steve Schibsted and music provided by Stephen Main and our Chancel Choir.

Spring Life Groups Begin May 1

The Spring Session of Life Groups is starting soon. In-person groups meet at church on Thursday evenings from May 1 to June 5. In-person Life Groups get together starting at 6:15pm in Guild Hall for a shared meal, and then meet in separate rooms in the church at 7 pm.



There are also two online Life Groups, meeting from Wednesday April 30 until June 4 at 3 pm. Participants in Online Life groups will receive a Zoom link from the group leader once registrations are finalized.

Adults are invited to participate in a Life Group, whether or not they have been in a group before.

If you've never participated in a Life Group, it is a way to participate in small group discussion, Bible study and mutual support. Discussion usually focuses on the previous week's sermon, but at other times, addresses books or other topics.

All participants need to sign up to be part of a Life Group, whether in person or online. Registration deadline is April 28. Contact Don Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org

IN-PERSON REGISTER



REGISTER ONLINE



Trybe Day of Service May 31

Spend time with Trybe on Saturday, May 31, 9am - 12pm at Clinton Park, 655 International Blvd. in the heart of Little Saigon.



Trybe is a community-based non-profit rooted in Oakland's Eastlake, San Antonio and Fruitvale areas, serving youth, young adults and families in Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Hayward and the greater East Bay Area.

Do some gardening, mulching, graffiti abatement, painting, light carpentry, cleaning, picking up trash and end with a meal at one of the local eateries.

Also, join Andrew Park of Trybe to do a bit of prayer walking the area, praying for businesses, the women getting trafficked, the violence, the addictions and mainly for the children and schools.

Contact Blaire Jahn at blairejahn650@gmail.com

REGISTER



Putrenkov Family Seeks Housing

The Putrenkov family from Ukraine, currently living in Piedmont and sponsored by Piedmont Community Church, needs to relocate due to the sale of their rental home. They are looking for a long-term rental in Piedmont or nearby.

The family consists of two adults and a 10-year-old child who attends Wildwood School. They are a responsible and reliable family who guarantee cleanliness, order in the home, and timely rent payments.



They can provide references from previous landlords.

They are ready to move in July but can relocate earlier if needed. Their budget is around \$2,500 per month, but they are open to considering all options.

Suggestions and leads greatly appreciated. Contact Alex Putrenkov at putrenkov.aleksandr@gmail.com or Scott Willis at scottwillis724@gmail.com



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



Cantata Headed to New York City

Stephen Main's cantata, *The Image*, will be performed in New York on Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30pm at Trinity Church, Wall Street.

This concert has been added to Trinity Church's Spring Concert Series, which is free to the public and will be livestreamed internationally. Because we connected with Trinity after their budget for the Spring Concert Series was allocated, we need to raise \$40,000 to pay for the orchestra. Trinity will pay all the other expenses.

We already have commitments for \$18,861. If you can help us reach our goal, please click on the link below or mail a check to the church noting *The Image*.

We would love to include anyone wishing to attend in person, at the traveller's expense. There will be a watch party at the church for the concert, which will be fun.

DONATE



Leadership Volunteers Needed

The business of Piedmont Church requires many hands, with different talents, in order to accomplish its various missions. The Mission Board, Board of Deacons, Stewardship Committee, Building & Grounds Committee and Altar Guild all serve important functions at the church and have special needs. To lend a helping hand with one of these groups, contact Paul Schroeder at pschroeder@slatt.com, Steve Schibsted at Sschibsted@PiedmontChurch.org or Don Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org

Lending Library, Spiritual Growth

Our church lending library is full of spiritual food for the soul and we're excited to share them all with our community. Our only request is that books be returned. Even if you've had a book for many months or even years, we'd love them back...no questions asked.



Books will have a "Return to Piedmont Church" on the inside cover. Contact Suzie Skugstad suzie@hsdesigneb.com to donate.

Online Bible Study

Note: There will be no Online Bible Study on Monday, April 21.

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>



Seniors Conversation & Coffee

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



CityTeam Oakland Graduation

You are invited to to the CityTeam Oakland Graduation, 12pm - 2pm, Saturday, May 10.



CityTeam provides a residential program for men struggling with addiction. Participants graduate from the program after six to nine months.

We are hosting this year's graduation in our Sanctuary with a brief worship service and music arranged by Stephen Main. Graduates will provide powerful and moving testimony about their experiences in achieving sobriety.

Lunch will be served in Guild Hall after the ceremony.

CityTeam is one of our Community Service Partners. They were the recipients of our 2024 Christmas offering.

Contact Janet Peterson at janetp201@gmail.com, Katrina Bergen at katrina.brgn@gmail.com or Judy Wright at rbwright1@me.com



On Sunday, May 4, 11:15am - 12:15pm, we're inviting all 4th and 5th graders to a special one-hour Faith Foundations class designed to help them get ready for the big move up into Middle School ministry. This is an exciting time in their faith journey, and we want to help them feel confident and equipped for what's next.

In this engaging, one-time session, kids will explore the core faith competencies—things like:

- Understanding God's Big Story and where they fit in
- Building personal habits like prayer and Bible reading
- Asking big questions and owning their faith
- Knowing what it means to follow Jesus every day

They'll also dive into three truths that will guide them as they grow:

- Make the wise choice
- Trust God no matter what
- Treat others the way they want to be treated

Class takes place in the Elementary Room in our C.E. Building. We'll have snacks, fun, and meaningful moments as we prepare them to thrive and grow in the next phase of their journey.

Contact Kerry@PiedmontChurch.org



Piedmont Community Church
Theater Group

You are invited to suggest any theater event you might like to attend. It could be a play, musical, comedy or ballet. We are a very casual group. Someone makes plans for an event and others may decide to join - sometimes with lunch or dinner out ahead of the event.

If you'd like to be personally notified of upcoming shows, please go to our Church Center app for Theater Group and add your name, or contact Linda McClain at lindamcclain@me.com or Judy Wright at rbwright1@me.com. We await your ideas.

Here's what's been suggested so far:

Saturday, April 19, 8pm
Altarena Playhouse
1409 High Street, Alameda
Grease

Wednesday, April 30, 7pm
Berkeley Rep
2025 Addison Street, Berkeley
There are Blueberries



C.E. Windows Project Begins

The Buildings & Grounds Committee is happy to announce a window project in the C.E. Building is underway. First step is to strip, prime and paint all 636 windows and then fix any damaged glazing. Then, protective anti-shatter film will be applied to the windows. This film will act as an insulator and a protector against broken glass. Project should be completed by the beginning of summer.



Our next free adults Game & Gab Night will be held on Friday, May 16, 6:30-9pm in Guild Hall. Snacks, dessert and drinks will be served.

Enjoy chat tables for those who don't like to play games. Poker, Mexican Train, Rummikub, Scrabble and more. Bring your favorite game or puzzle if you'd like.

Click the registration link or sign up in the Courtyard after worship by May 11. Contact Kathy Hurd at (916) 343-1519

REGISTER



Sunday, April 13 Media

It was Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday for 13 students. We baptized 7 students. Student Frances Ripsteen was our Liturgist. Music by Becca Burrington, Kate Benson, Stephen Main and our Chancel Choir.

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