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BEING CHRISTIAN IN TIMES LIKE THESE

A SUMMER SUNDAY SERMON SERIES, 10AM

On Sunday, July 6, we begin a series addressing the challenges of being Christian. A discussion will be held afterward in the Chapel on July 6. Other discussions may follow.

July 6 - Don Ashburn

Table Manners: How We Treat, or Mistreat, Others

July 13 - Don Ashburn

God's Holy Books: Nature and the Bible

July 20 - Don Ashburn

Building for the Kingdom: Faith and Politics

July 27 - Stephen Main

A Wideness in God's Mercy: Christians and Other Faiths

August 3 - Don Ashburn

The Greatest of These: The Challenge to Love



Garden Dedication July 12, 5pm

Thirty minutes prior to our Pizza Night festivities on July 12, we will take a short group walk to the newly finished Bob Wright Memorial Meditation Garden - a Gold Award Project by Sonja TenGotenhuis - to give it an official blessing and dedication. This is an often overlooked side of our church campus, but we hope to change all that by welcoming the wider community to this peaceful garden oasis. Contact Suzie Skugstad at suzie@hsdesigneb.com



Women's Study Begins Sunday

Women Together will host a four-part summer study, Dwelling with Philippians, a Bible study exploring the book of Philippians on four consecutive Sundays; July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 11:15am - 12:15pm in the Kettlewell Room

During this four-part series, we will explore how Philippians- one of Paul's epistles – provides deep theological reflection along with practical suggestions for living a full and joyful life with Christ.

We will use various resources to guide and deepen our experience of this beautiful letter in fresh ways.

Contact Nancy Walters at nancygw@mac.com

REGISTER





You're invited to an al fresco make-your-own pizza night in the Courtyard.

We'll gather on Saturday, July 12, from 5:30-8:30pm for grilled pizzas, salad, wine and dessert.

Cost for dinner is \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids under 18 (\$25 and \$15, respectively, at the door). Bring family, friends and neighbors for a fun night of fellowship. Click the registration link or sign up in the Courtyard after worship by July 6.

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Back-to-School Backpack Donations

Help low-income children through CityTeam's and Trybe's Backpacks for Success program.

You can help provide a backpack and essential school supplies to kids who might otherwise go without.

- 1. Donate backpacks with school supplies inside, or
- 2. Donate \$50 per backpack between June 27 and July 13.
- 3. Include an encouraging note to a kid who will be receiving the backpack.
- 4. Bring completed backpacks to church on Sunday, July 27.

Items to include:

- Backpacks
- Glue Sticks
- 3-Ring Binders
- Colored Markers
- Lined Paper Highlighters
- Pencil Holders
- Plastic Rulers
- #2 Pencils
- **Blunt Scissors**
- **Pencil Sharpeners**
- Index Cards
- Erasers
- **Encouraging Notes**

SIGN UP



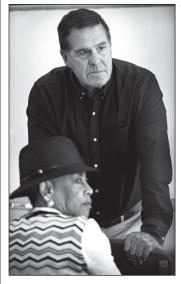
Download the Church Center App

The Church Center App is a fast way to get information about your church, check-in your family for events, give donations, browse and join groups, register for events and get involved throughout the week.

Go to your mobile App store and download 'Church Center' App.







Various Viewpoints **Openly Shared**

On Sunday, June 22 and 29, a group of more than 40 congregants gathered in the Chapel to openly discuss current events surrounding U.S. immigration.

A variety of opinions were expressed in a respectful, welcoming environment, hosted by Senior Pastor Steve Schibsted.

To view photos by Michael Barber, click below.

VIEW PHOTOS



Children Rising Service Opporunity

Summer Literacy Elves needed for 3-hour workshops in July to help check, clean, organize and re-set the literacy materials used by Children Rising's Succeeding by Read-



ing tutors to build reading skills with new readers in the upcoming school year. Volunteers aged 12 and older welcomed.

Workshop is at the Children Rising Office, 2633 Telegraph Avenue #412, Oakland.

Workshop dates are Tuesday, July 15, Thursday, July 17, Tuesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 24, all from 10am - 1pm. Healthy and delicious snacks will be provided for our hard-working elf teams.

Sign up below. Contact Cathy Davis at cdavis2me@yahoo.com





80 Lunches for Harbor House Kids

On Monday, June 30, members of the Needles and Hooks group gathered in the church kitchen to make lunch for 80 children at Harbor House's summer program.

Future lunches will be made by our groups Women Together, Men's Bible Study and NextGen.

Harbor House Oakland provides afterschool care, education and meals for children of working parents. The organization is one of Piedmont Church's Mission Partners.

New Babies Celebrated with Rose

We would love to share your joyous news of a new baby in your family. This child might be a son or daughter, grandchild or great grandchild. As part of your church family, we offer the opportunity to celebrate with you by putting a rose on the Chancel while including the child's name and family members in the bulletin within two weeks of the child's arrival.



Contact Sue Coffin at <u>pinebox4@mac.com</u> or (510) 654-0152, (510) 913-1140 (cell)

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.







What's All The Buzz About?

Buildings and Grounds are happy to report the removal of over 12,000 bees that were making a home in an exterior wall in the Nursery. The beekeeper will relocate the hive to his bee farm in the Central Valley - *Jay Foreman*

Dinner 8-Dance

Country Western Night of Fun

You're invited to a Country Western Dinner and Dance on Saturday, July 26 at the Richmond Galileo Club (371 South 23rd St., Galileo Club Way, Richmond).

Enjoy BBQ New York steak, salad, corn, Texas baked beans, roll, wine and dessert. Dance to the live music of Van and Movers before and after dinner. 'Snake Bit Saloon' opens at 5:15pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Western Attire Optional.

Cost is \$40 per person prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Wayne Guidici will take registrations on July 20 in the Courtyard after worship. To register sooner or to ask questions, email Wayne at fdsternwheeler@yahoo.com



You are invited to suggest any theater event you might like to attend. We are a very casual group. 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

July 17, 8pm Woodminster Amphitheater *Hello Dolly*

August 14, 8pm Woodminster Amphitheater In the Heights

August 31, 2pm Altarena Playhouse 1409 High St., Alameda *Good People*

September 5, 5:30-7pm American Patchwork Quartet UC Botanical Garden Redwoods 200 Centennial Dr., Berkeley Tickets \$60 (we'll picnic there)



Chancel Flower Donations

The Altar Guild has just updated the flower donation process. You can donate through the Church Center app, via the church website or by scanning a QR code here.

Presently, we are inviting donations through September.

Contact Julie McDonald at julieemcdonald@yahoo.com

SIGN UP





Sunday, June 29 Media

Steve Schibsted preached his second of two sermons on immigration, *Generous Justice*. Don Ashburn led us in worship. Music by Christa Pfeiffer, Jo Giessler and Stephen Main.

WATCH

Our Channel This Week

1,188 Views 275 Hours Past 30 Days 555 Total Subscribers



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Immigration Sermons Online

On Sunday, June 29, Steve Schibsted concluded his sermons on immigration. Both sermon segments are available to watch or listen to online by clicking below.

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