

# THE GREATEST is LOVE

SERMON SERIES FROM CORINTHIANS, SUNDAYS, 10AM

## Current Sermon Series Concludes

**February 15**

*True Love*

I Corinthians 13:4-13; Ephesians 4: 14-16

*Don Ashburn preaching*



## Food Bank Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering at the Alameda County Community Food Bank on Saturday, March 14, 8:30-11:30am.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help those with food insecurities while spending time with your church friends. Children aged 10 and over, accompanied by a parent, are welcome. Please sign up below by March 7.

Contact Janet Peterson at [janetp201@gmail.com](mailto:janetp201@gmail.com)



**REGISTER**

## Church of the Open Door

*Sanctuary now open M-Th, 12 noon - 1pm*

We invite you as members of the church community and the community at large who seek sanctuary for quiet contemplation to come at noon on weekdays to sit in silence. No food or drink are allowed, please.

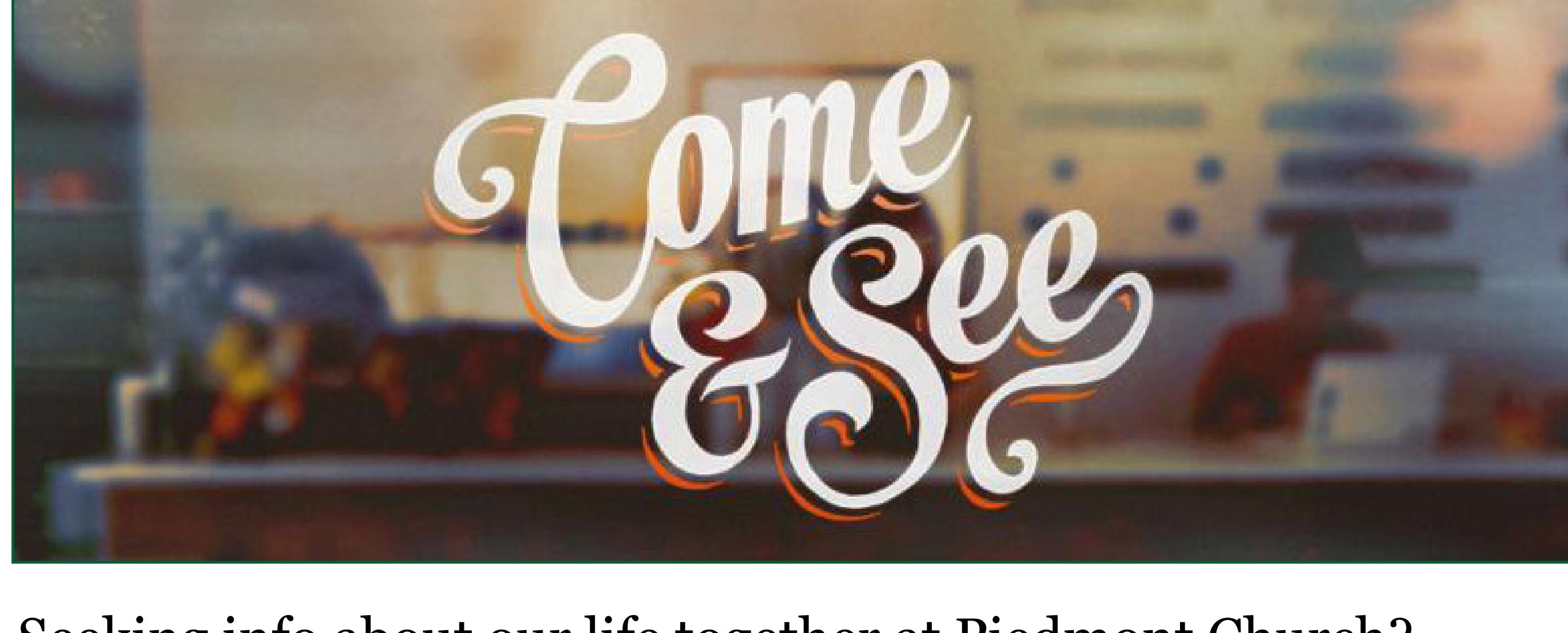
# Ash Wednesday Dinner, Service

On Wednesday, February 18, 6pm you are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner in Guild Hall. After dinner and wonderful fellowship, we will attend the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.

Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children in advance (\$25 & \$15 at the door). Register below or sign up in the Courtyard after worship by Sunday, February 15. Contact Kathy Hurd at (916) 343-1519



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Seeking info about our life together at Piedmont Church? Interested in becoming a member? You're invited to attend our next Come and See gatherings hosted by Steve Schibsted and Don Ashburn.

We will meet on two consecutive Sundays after worship in Guild Parlor: February 22 and March 1 from 11:30am - 1:30pm. We will share a bit about who we are and what brings us to Piedmont Church and how we can grow together in faith and service. Lunch will be provided. Childcare is available for younger children by contacting Don Ashburn at

[Don@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Don@PiedmontChurch.org) before February 20.

Sign up to attend in two ways:

- 1) In the Courtyard Sunday after worship
- 2) Use the link below

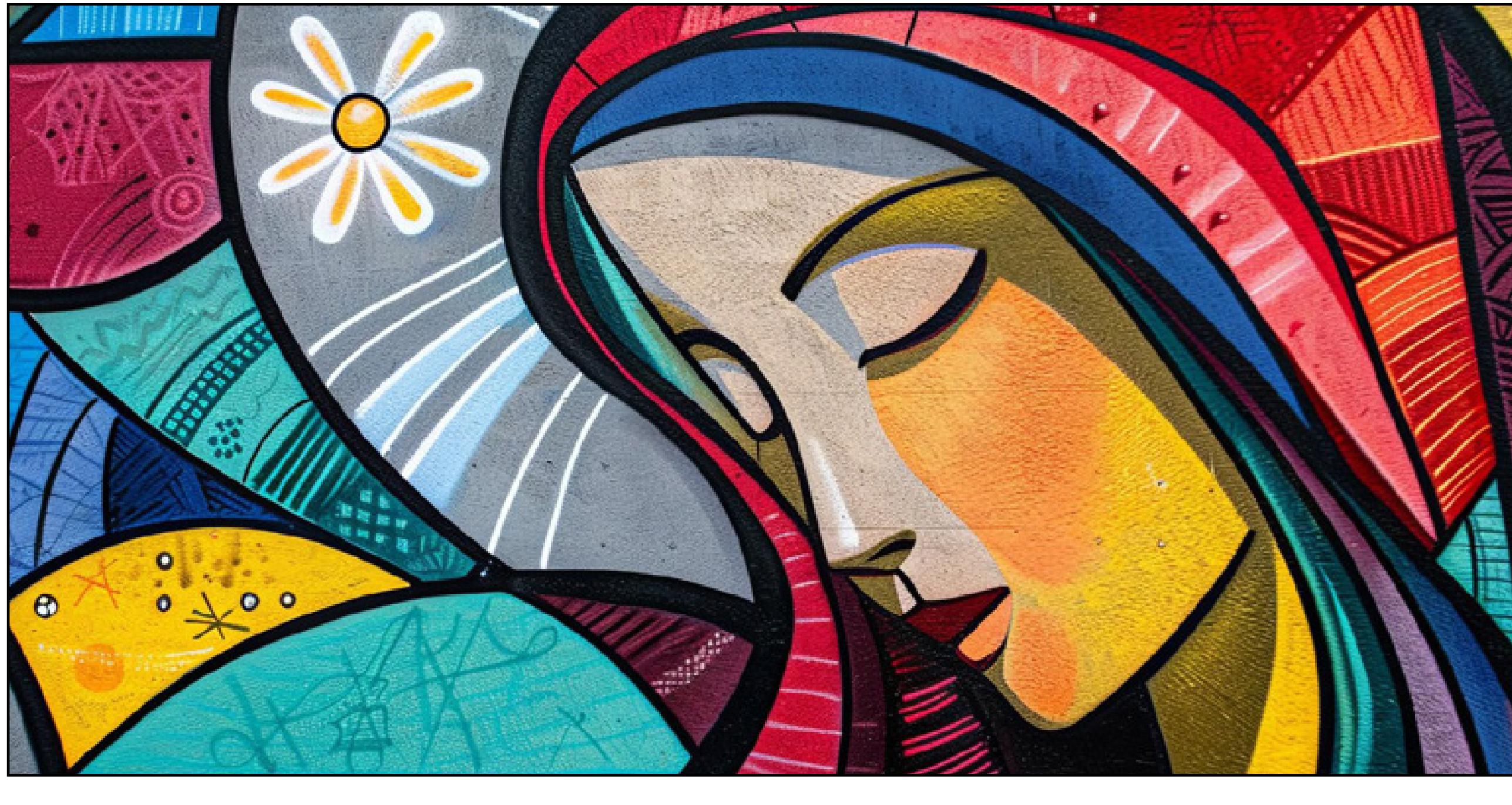


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## What is the Altar Guild?

If you are curious about what tasks we do behind the scenes, and will consider helping, plan on attending an orientation meeting in the Sanctuary Sunday, February Feb 22 after worship.





## Women's Retreat is March 14

Women Together invite you to enjoy the company of your church sisters as together we slow down to reflect on Mary's humanity and profound trust in God.

The retreat will be held Saturday, March 14, 9:30am - 4:30pm at Lenox House, Oakland.

We will delve into Mary's story, and our own, with a variety of experiences -- reflection on Scripture, small group conversation, lectio divina, journaling or private reflection, breathing as prayer, connection through playful art, and more. The day will include lunch and end with Communion.

Registration is full, however, we are accepting names to be included on a waiting list.

Contact: Suzie Skugstad at [suzie@hsdesigneb.com](mailto:suzie@hsdesigneb.com), Nancy Walters at [nancygw@mac.com](mailto:nancygw@mac.com), Virginia Watkins at [virginia@becktins.com](mailto:virginia@becktins.com), Nancy Branagh at [nancybranagh@mac.com](mailto:nancybranagh@mac.com) or Julie McDonald at [julieemcdonald@yahoo.com](mailto:julieemcdonald@yahoo.com)



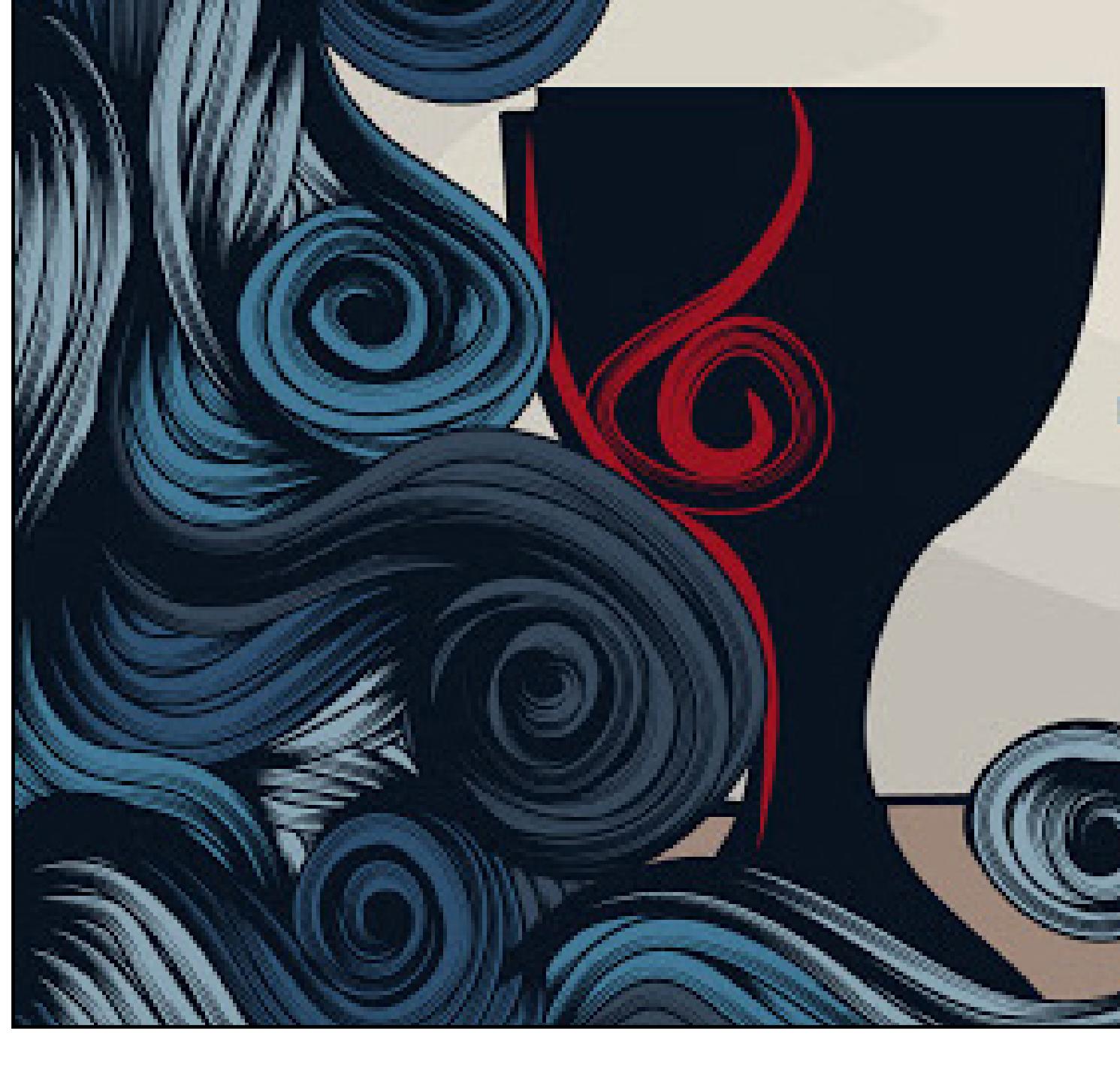
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## Two Services Easter Sunday

Our Easter services will be held Sunday, April 5 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.

The 10am service will be live streamed on our website at [PiedmontChurch.org](http://PiedmontChurch.org)



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## Agape Meal is April 2

Worship takes place on Thursday, April 2 at 6pm in Guild Hall during a family-friendly dinner called an Agape Meal (pronounced Uh-Gah-Pay) from one of the Greek words to 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 is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. All attendees must be registered no later than Wednesday, April 1, 5pm.

Click the registration link below or sign up in the Courtyard after worship.

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## Online Bible Study

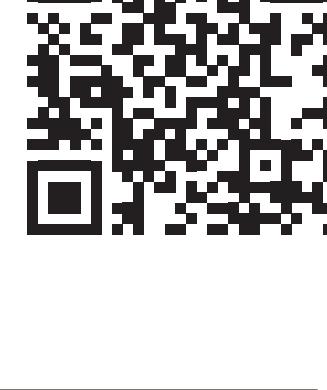
*Note: Bible Study will not meet on Feb 16 (President's Day).*

Each Monday from 10 to 11am, Don Ashburn leads an online study. We're currently studying the Book of Daniel. To participate fully, no previous experience in Bible study is expected or required. Just come with an open heart and mind.



Contact Don Ashburn at  
[Don@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Don@PiedmontChurch.org)

The Zoom link is:  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/8321177073>



## 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



# Welcome New Babies

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. Contact Sue Coffin at [pinebox4@mac.com](mailto:pinebox4@mac.com) or (510) 654-0152, (510) 913-1140 (cell)



## Find Relaxation, Tuesdays, 5:15pm

Our evening time to sit together continues on Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6pm. Stretching before sitting in silence in community with others who seek sanctuary.

just breathe



## Kids Summer Camp

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls—a vibrant, adventure-filled world overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a meaningful journey of faith, fun and discovery.

Throughout the week, children will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their Creator—a safe place to grow, trust and stand strong through life's storms.

Through engaging Bible stories, hands-on activities, games, music, and creative experiences, kids will discover who God is and how deeply they are known and loved.

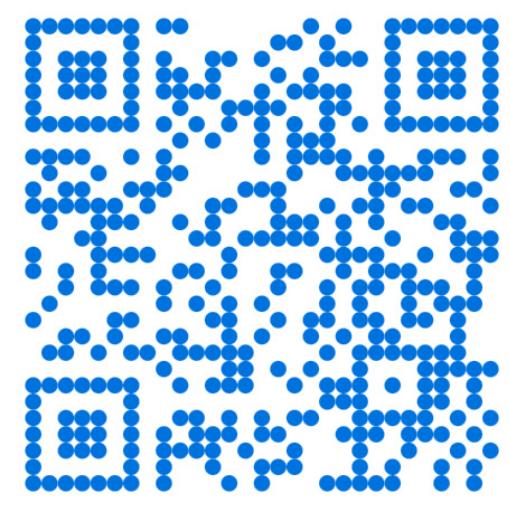
June 8-12, 9am - 12pm, Piedmont Church. Cost is \$189 per child. For kids ages 4 through 5th grade. Invite classmates, neighbors and friends.

Rainforest Falls is more than a summer camp—it's a place where faith takes root, friendships grow, and kids discover that God is with them wherever they go.

Register by June 1 and let the adventure begin!



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For your convenience, we now accept Venmo for making donations using your phone.

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Everyone is invited for any event and suggestions are encouraged. Contact Linda McClain at [lindamcclain@me.com](mailto:lindamcclain@me.com) or Judy Wright at [rbwright1@me.com](mailto:rbwright1@me.com)

**Sunday, February 15, 2pm**

Oakland Theater Project

1501 MLK Jr Way, Oakland

*The Mountaintop*

**Saturday, March 28, 7:30pm**

Lesher Center, Walnut Creek

*Diablo Ballet's Romeo & Juliet*



## February 8 Worship Media

Steve Schibsted preached, 'Slow to Anger.' Zookie Todd and Don Ashburn led us in worship. Music by Nick Bergen, Jo Giessler, Chancel Choir and Stephen Main.

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## Our Channel This Week

**899 Views**

**226 Hours Past 30 Days**

**587 Total Subscribers**



**YouTube**



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## Nextgen - Love in Action

What a joy-filled Sunday! Our NextGen Valentine's Party was a beautiful reminder of the community that's growing here—kids, students and families laughing together, sharing food and building meaningful connections. Even more special was the heart behind it all: decorating cookies and creating Valentine cards for our ministry partners as a tangible way to share love beyond our walls.

We're grateful for the spirit of generosity that filled the room. This is what community and love in action looks like.



## Recap - Weekend of Faith, Friendship

Our Winter Student Retreat in Lake Tahoe was a meaningful weekend of connection, growth and joy. New friendships were formed as students shared meals, laughed together and stepped away from daily routines to be fully present with one another.

Through teaching, small groups and times of reflection, students explored how Scripture is living and relevant—offering wisdom, hope and guidance for the questions they face today. We're grateful for the students and volunteers who made the weekend so impactful and for the ways God was at work strengthening both community and faith.