

## 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.

**REGISTER**



## 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)



## Easter Baskets for Harbor House

Each Easter, our church family continues a meaningful tradition—partnering with Harbor House to share the hope and love of Christ in a tangible way. This year, we will provide Easter baskets for 66 children and students in our local immigrant community.

You can either shop for the items to fill your basket on your own, or support a child through a monetary donation. We suggest spending no more than \$30–35 per basket. The registration link includes the supply list along with each child's specific allergy information and preferences.

Baskets will be assembled together on Sunday, March 22.

We would especially love to see even more of our NextGen families participate in this beautiful Easter tradition of serving and blessing others. For more details and providing a basket:

### NextGen Families

Scan the QR code, click the register button, or sign up after worship in the Courtyard. Contact Kerry Persichitte at [Kerry@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Kerry@PiedmontChurch.org) with questions.

### Church-Wide Donors

Scan the QR code, click the register button, or sign up after worship in the Courtyard. Contact Swee Ling Chen at [sweeling.chen@gmail.com](mailto:sweeling.chen@gmail.com) or Kimery Leong at [KimeryL@hotmail.com](mailto:KimeryL@hotmail.com)



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## Church Work Day is March 28

Help spruce up the church grounds on Saturday, March 28, 9am - 12 noon. There's plenty of work to go around. All ages welcome. To sign up, contact Jay Foremen at [Jay@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Jay@PiedmontChurch.org)

## Pick-A-Party Makes Its Return

Pick a Party is back! At this point, we are looking for party donations.

As a party host, you organize a party, pulling in others to make it fun and execute on the details.

Remember – a party should be about a topic you love. Engage others to make the prep work fun. Signup is open thru March 22.

For party ideas, host details, and sign up form, follow the link below.

Contact Scott Willis at (510) 409-2832 or Judy Wright at (510) 325-3083



[DETAILS](#)



## 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)



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For your convenience, we now accept Venmo for making donations using your phone. We are @PiedmontChurch



## Committee Seeks Recommendations

The Nominating Committee is inviting you to recommend yourself or someone else in the congregation to be considered for service on one of our boards.

The Committee is comprised of Manuel Martinez, Ryan McCorvie, Julie Wu, Suzie Skugstad representing Deacons, Judy Wright representing Mission and Zookie Todd representing Trustees.

Steve Schibsted, Don Ashburn and Jennifer Giessler, our Hospitality and Volunteer Coordinator, also sit on the committee.

Trustees, Deacons and Mission board members serve three-year terms, though there are a few shorter terms we are looking to fill out, and Nominating Committee members serve a one-year term.

There is so much more to say about what these boards do for our church and how service on the boards can impact you, and you are encouraged to reach out to one of the Nominating Committee members or anyone else you know who has served on our boards to ask about their experience. They will likely share an increased sense of purpose and belonging in this church and their relationship with their faith.

If you desire greater engagement with our congregation and operations of the church or are feeling the Spirit tugging on your heart, reach out to speak with one of the committee members about the open opportunities or to provide a recommendation.

We are so grateful to our Board members, particularly those whose terms are ending this June and have faithfully served our church over the past few years. Thank you for your dedication. We look forward to welcoming the next class into service to our church.

### Explanation of Duties

*Board and Committee members serve the Body of Christ within our church and represent us beyond its walls.*

**The Board of Trustees** is the main governing board of the church and is comprised of four committees: Buildings and Grounds, Finance, Personnel and Stewardship. They act as faithful stewards of the church's physical, financial, legal and personnel assets to ensure they are maintained and utilized to support the church's mission, ministries and community outreach.

**The Deacons** work with the pastors, other church staff and volunteers to serve the church and enhance the spiritual life and community of our church. You see our Deacons serving us on a weekly basis as greeters, ushers, communion servers and in many other ways supporting the events and fellowship that make the community here so special.

**The Mission Board** establishes and promotes the mission goals and objectives for our church and seeks out and works with designated partners in the broader community to engage in mission work. The Mission Board members promote service among the congregation and encourage engagement with our mission partners.

**The Nominating Committee** identifies and recruits members of the church to stand for election as board members at the Annual Meeting in June.

## Online Bible Study

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/83211177073>



Consider attending any or all events! So far, we have just one upcoming event and we'd love your suggestions for more. Contact Linda McClain at [lindamcclain@me.com](mailto:lindamcclain@me.com) or Judy Wright at [rbwright1@me.com](mailto:rbwright1@me.com)

**Saturday, March 28, 7:30pm**  
Lesher Center, Walnut Creek  
*Diablo Ballet's Romeo & Juliet*



## Youth Trip to Fairbanks in June

Alaska Mission Trip — Fairbanks, AK, June 6–12  
Open to rising 7th–12th graders | \$1,200 per student  
Registration required by May 1

In partnership with Next Step Ministries, students will serve local communities, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships through hands-on service and shared experiences.



**REGISTER**



## March 1 Worship Media

It was Communion Sunday. Steve Schibsted preached, 'Welcome One Another.' Music by our Chancel Choir, led by Stephen Main.

**WATCH**

## Our Channel This Week

**884 Views**  
**216 Hours Past 30 Days**  
**588 Total Subscribers**



**SUBSCRIBE**



Hop on over to the Courtyard for a high-energy, joy-filled Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 22 at 11:15am for toddlers through middle schoolers. We're planning creative, age-appropriate hunts so every kid gets in on the fun.

No registration needed — just show up ready to hunt! Bring a basket (we'll have bags if you forget).

## 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.





## 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.

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.

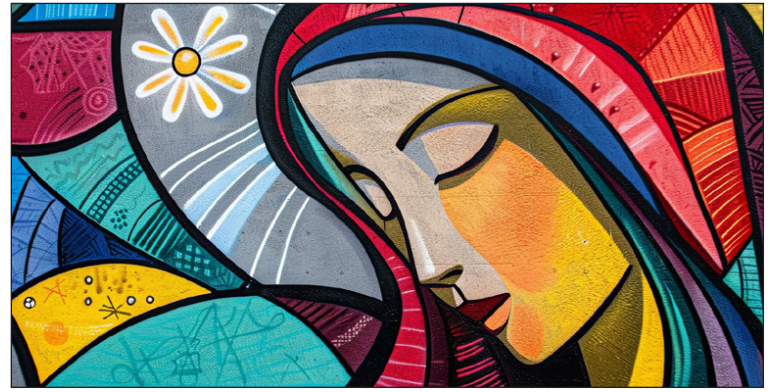
June 8-12, 9am - 12pm, Piedmont Church. Cost is \$189 per child. For kids ages 4 through 5th grade. Invite your classmates, neighbors and friends.

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!



**REGISTER**



## 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 [juliemcdonald@yahoo.com](mailto:juliemcdonald@yahoo.com)



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## 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)



## 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](mailto:suzie@hsdesigneb.com) to donate.