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## MISSION PICK-A-PARTY RETURNS

Be creative!! It's time once again for the PCC Mission Pick-A-Party Event! We invite you to think of a party you may want to host. Proceeds go to our local and international Mission efforts. We can help you define a party or match you up with a partner. Deadline to register to host a party is February 20th. Pick-A-Party Sign Up Sunday is April 3rd. Please see a member of the Pick-A-Party team after the service at a table near the courtyard, or contact Erik Niemann at 510-452-7913 or erik@erikniemann.com.

## PCC WELCOMING TEAM

Welcomers and potential new Welcomers – join us for a “refresher” training and a training of new Welcomers after the 10:30 service on January 30th. Our Welcomers have been greeting you at the top of the stairs with a friendly smile and have offered visitors information about the church and its programs. We invite our current Welcomers to a “refresher” training about the best ways to acknowledge and greet new faces at our church. We also invite any of you who enjoy meeting new people and would like to share the unique worship experience of PCC with others to become part of the Welcoming Team. The only commitment is the Sundays you have available - one a month, 10 times a year, whatever works for you – before and after the 10:30 service. You don't have to be an expert on the church. A smile and a desire to make people feel welcome to this place of worship is all that's needed. No need to sign up – just show up January 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Charly Taylor 339-2247 or charlytaylor@sbcglobal.net or Don Ashburn at don@piedmontchurch.org or 547-5700.



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## SERMONS &amp; FLOWERS

Sunday, January 23rd

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

**THE HEART OF  
CHRISTIANITY, Part 1:  
"Faith is Being Not Belief"**



Sunday, January 30th

Rev. Dr. William McNabb

**THE HEART OF  
CHRISTIANITY, Part 2:  
"Faith is Compassion Not  
Condemnation"**



## MILESTONES

*Rick & Sue Coffin  
are delighted to announce*

**Lt Andrew MacMorris Coffin  
and**

**Jessica Lynn Charles**

were married on  
December 18, 2010

*Best wishes to the newlyweds  
and their families.*



**Elizabeth Lewis**

Longtime PCC Member  
died on December 22, 2010  
*Our prayers are with the deceased  
and her family.*

## Widows

## Friendship Circle

Our next meeting will be  
Tuesday, February 15th,  
10am in the Guild Parlor.

This group meets the 3rd  
Tuesday of every month.  
Please contact Parish  
Visitor, Florence Slater,  
654-5934 or Rev. Ashburn,  
547-5700, if you want to  
attend.

## WITH MUCH GRATITUDE...

**Loaves and Fishes** would like to thank the many people who responded to the call to "feed the faithful" at our One Vision gatherings this fall. Nearly 400 people were fed for less than \$5.00 per person, and a good time was had by all. To all those who pitched in, peeled, shopped, chopped, sauteed and prepared final servings, we are truly grateful. And special kudos go to Tina Farman who gracefully handled four of the five events, and to Mel Taylor who, in spite of two surgeries, proved himself "too hot to handle" as his apron proclaims. Again, thanks to all who helped, and to those who enjoyed, remember to "round up" on your pledges! ~ *Ann & Tom Lister*

On December 1st, Guild Hall was full of happy carolers who helped themselves to hot cider and great treats. We sang Christmas carols and celebrated the beginning of the Christmas season. The evening began with Miko Foreman playing Christmas music on the piano. Bill McNabb welcomed everyone with a prayer and Geoff Colton moved us through a variety of carols. Steve Main and the Chancel Choir lead the group in song. It was a great evening. Thank you to all who came and made it such a wonderful celebration and special thanks to Scott Kail and the Live Wire kids who cleaned up. ~ *Judy Foreman*

**The Deacons** wish to give a big thank you to all who participated in the Adopt a Family program. PCC was able to adopt twenty-two families this year, containing 115 individuals! The staff members at City Team and the families expressed great gratitude for your sharing and generosity and they send their blessings to you. Also, thank you to all who contributed gifts to go to children through the Toys for Tots program that will brighten the Christmas of needy children in the community this season. Lastly, thank you to all who donated coats and food items to City Team. The barrels were heavy and overflowing with your donations. Thank you for all of your efforts in the holiday Deacon outreach programs!

## POINSETTIAS

WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: Jeremiah Ovenden Ashburn, William Ashburn, Ruth P. and William J. Ashton, Abigail Asquith, Porter Baker, Helen and Donald Ball, Corinne and Bill Banker, Ray Bartholomew, John B. Bates, Sr. Laura P. Bechtel, Stephen D. Bechtel, Virginia Bornholdt, Ben Brousseau, Gunther K. Butenhoff, Catherine Campbell, Frances Capodilupo, Garnette Carman, Hank Cebers, Marshall and Helen Chandler, Maryly Charles, Rose Claveran, Christopher David Coffin, James R. Coleman, Don Cook, Mary and Howard Craig, Barbara B. Davies, Faith C. Davies, Paul L. Davies, Timothy G. Davis, Willis Deming, Mildred Deutsche, Edgar Deutsche, Laura Duncan, Nell and Joe Elder, Arthur and Peggy Eliel, Walter Farrell, Mickey Farrell, Patricia Farrell, Rose Francis, Ellison Clagett Gerhardy, Bernadette Gisvold, Daniel Gisvold, John P. Gorman, Mary and Paul Gray, Sr. Kevin Green, Charles Guigou, Freyda K. Hatch, Harold and Ruth Haverkamp, Librada Herrera, Adolph G. Hirsch, Jack Hooper, Nancy W. and Sidney L. Jackson, Shirley Kampp, William F. and Barbara L. Kraus, Dick and Marion Leahy, Sean Leahy, Dick Leicher, Fran Leicher, Helen and Bert Liesy, Sam Lindamood, Peter Linnier, Fred Loomis, Wallace Macgregor, Mabel Macgregor, Meg Macgregor, Jeanne and David MacMorris, Nancy and Amadeo Mani, Laura Marie McKean, Elnora Meadows, Christa Mitscher, Wolfgang Mitscher, Barbara B. Moffitt, Don Mooers, Richard Murphy, George Nancarrow, John Newton, Ruth and Bill Nicholson, George and Mark Nicholson, James Obendorf, Susan Malarik O'Connor Alan Ovenden, Jessi Pastron, Robert and Edith Peterson, Joanne Childers Peterson, Tom Polzak, Daniel David Purnell, IV, Daniel David Purnell, V, Alice Redford, Buzz Redford, Bryan and Frances Rhodes, Bob Rhodes, Dean Robb, Thelma and Frank Rodia, Jim Rodia, Kathryne E. Rosenberg, Catherine and Michael Ruffolo, Sr., Pattie Russell, Richard and Peter Saigh, Henry C. Sanders, Helen R. Sanders, Ramon and Leonarda Serrato, Marshall E. Smith, Ann Taylor Charles Taylor, Ellen Thoreid, Ruth Thunen, Lew Thunen, Robert Thunen, Nancy Tollas, Sean X. Ward, James Ward, Patrick Ward, Delight Kraus Watson, Carrel Weaver, Violet J. Weaver, O.W. Willard, the Jean C. Witter Family, Eugen Woellper, Kenneth G. Wolfe, Amy Wright, Joseph Wright AND IN HONOR OF: Patti and Paul Gray, Lutgarda and James Obando, Maureen and Jon Rhodin, Cicely and Danielle Rhodin, Flo Slater, Cheryl Vaughn, Bob Wright



# Notes From The Choir

By A. Chorister

## SHAPELY

Back in the saddle for the new year, on January 23 we'll sing **Creation**, by William Billings. Billings (1746–1800) was an American choral composer widely regarded as the father of American choral music. Lacking formal musical training (he was originally a tanner by trade), he nevertheless created a uniquely American style of choral music. He must have been a bit odd. A recent description of him makes him sound like a character out of Mark Twain: "He had one eye, a deformed arm, and a harsh voice; he was lame in one leg; and he was addicted to snuff." However, genius will out. Billings gained extensive experience as a singing master, and his work was very popular in his heyday. He liked to have both men and women sing the treble (top) and tenor lines, an octave apart, a practice we'll employ in our performance at PCC. Billings noted in his quaint prose that, "Such a conjunction of masculine and feminine voices is beyond expression, sweet and ravishing, and is esteemed by all good judges to be vastly preferable to any instrument whatever, framed by human invention."

During Billings' life a lack of copyright protection led to widespread piracy of his tunes, and they were reprinted in others' hymnals without royalties to Billings. As tastes changed, his fortunes declined, and he even took up work as a street sweeper. His last tune-book, *The Continental Harmony*, was published by his friends in an effort to support him, but he died in poverty at age 53. His music was neglected, except in parts of New England, and as it resided in shape-note hymnals and in the Sacred Harp singing tradition in the South; but the late 20th century saw a Billings revival, and in 1970 he was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Sweet revenge, if perhaps a bit late in coming.

## PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES SURVEY

Please detach and return survey to the church office.

1. Did you ever attend the 8:00 service?  
Frequently \_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_
2. Are you attending the new 9:00 service?  
Frequently \_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_
3. Do you like the format of the new 9:00 service?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes and No \_\_\_\_ (please comment)
4. Did you attend the 10:00 service?  
Frequently \_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_
5. Are you attending the 10:30 service?  
Frequently \_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_
6. Have you attended the contemporary Sunday evening family service?  
Frequently \_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_
7. Do the service times affect how often you attend church?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_
8. Do the service times affect your participation in Adult Education?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_
9. Do you have children in Sunday School and/or youth programs at PCC?  
Ages \_\_\_\_\_
10. What are your preferred times for Sunday worship?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This survey covers: \_\_\_\_\_ adults(18+) \_\_\_\_\_ youth (10-18) \_\_\_\_\_ children (under 10)

May we contact you?

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

All comments welcome and appreciated.  
Attach a separate sheet, if necessary.

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**SUNDAY  
EVENING  
SERVICE**

January 23rd  
5:30 pm

Please join us for the upcoming Sunday Evening Service! This service is casual and wonderful for all ages - you can bring the whole family! Plan on contemporary music and lots of singing - we hope to see you there!



## Even Though I Have No Idea Where I am Going

I read this prayer for the Pastoral prayer recently and I hope if you were present there is a desire to hear/read it again. If this is your first time reading/hearing it, enjoy,

then please give it a second and third read.

Enjoy, and may your desires and life be directed and encouraged.

*My Lord God I have no idea where I am going.*

*I do not see the road ahead of me.*

*I cannot know for certain where it will end.*

*Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that my desire to please you does in fact please you.*

*And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.*

*I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.*

*And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.*

*I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

*~Thomas Merton (1915-1968)*

Scott



## ALTAR GUILD

Interested in joining the Altar Guild? Our mission is simple and our tradition is cherished: We decorate our worship space, organize the donations of weekly flower arrangements, and prepare the communion service. Many hands come together in a common purpose to add these graceful and lovely touches. These are the gifts Altar Guild brings to honor PCC and everyone who enters the sanctuary. Contact Valerie Corvin for more information on membership.

**Reminder:** Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 23 at 11:30 am in the Guild Hall Parlor.

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PCC's Centennial Book and concert CD are available for pick-up or purchase after the 10:30am service or in the church office during the week. The Centennial Book is available for a \$20 donation, or coupled with the Centennial CD (\$15 individually or \$30 for the complete set). Bring your checkbook - you won't want to miss this opportunity to enjoy the Chancel Choir everyday, not just on Sundays!

**Please Join Us in Celebration of  
Steve Main's  
20th Anniversary at PCC**  
Sunday, January 23rd -  
following the 10:30 am service

## Middle and High School Parent Fellowship Potluck

Feb. 4th at 6:30, hosted at Rod and Barb Brown's 110 Estates Drive Piedmont. RSVP to Barbara@madetoorder.com