



THE SPIRE

Special Dates:

- **All-Church Mexico**
June 17-24
- **Summer BBQs**
Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. June 28, July 12, July 26, & August 9
- **FRAT (College Group) Retreat**
July 7-9
- **Mom's Hike**
July 8
- **Worship in The Grove**
Sundays July 16 & August 13
- **Children's Beach Day**
August 9

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*From the Pastor,
Rev. David G.
Watermulder*

(Re)creation Time!



This is the “summer edition” of the Spire newsletter, so that must mean that it’s almost SUMMER! I wonder how your summer plans are shaping up. Is this a year for a big trip? Will you do some summer reading? Is there a class you are taking, or a summer camp you will attend or a project you hope to tackle? Will you just take it easy? What is ahead for you this summer?

For our church, the summer is a great time to take things at a different pace. We begin with the All-Church Mexico Mission Trip (June 17-24) and continue with our Summer BBQ series on the front lawn of the church every other Wednesday evening. There will also be two Sunday evening “Grove Worship” services on July 16 and August 13, and from August 2-5, we will host our Local Mission Week. Maybe you and your family will join us for some or all of these events!

The summer is a time when the Youth Group is going all over the place, and our college ministry

(called FRAT) has a full calendar of events as well.

On Sundays in July and August, we will have a sermon series that focuses on how God creates, and also places the potential and spark for “creativity” inside of each of us. Each

week, we will share a short video about someone in our congregation who is a “maker” or “creator,” someone whose story might inspire us or help us to see the way that God’s gifts are expressed in our lives and work.

The summer is a chance for recreation in sense of “relaxing,” but it is also a time for “re-creation,” or being renewed or inspired or filled up, so that we have fresh eyes to see the road ahead.

A friend of mind recently put a post up on her Facebook account. She wrote: “Whenever I take on a new project, my brain decides that I should no longer sleep, but only think about that project forever and ever amen. Most of the time I try to tell my brain to calm it’s crazy-pants-self down. But this project is one I really am pretty excited about.

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(continued from page 1) So my crazy-pants brain wins and I'm up working at 2a.m."

When we have a creative project or goal on our minds, it can feel this way. So, my questions for you as we begin the summer months ahead are these... What are the ways you will relax, renew, and restore? Is that through time away, or time outside or time with family? And then second, as you are "re-created" and refreshed, is there a project or task, a skill or hobby, an experience or opportunity that you will step into?

In the pages of this newsletter, you will read more about the opportunities both to relax and to engage. Summer is a time for both, so may God bless you as you step into the months ahead!

Peace,

Pastor Dave

Save the date for our 2017 PCLG Women's Retreat at Mission Springs Conference Center in Scotts Valley **October 20th-22nd.**



We will explore deeper connections to God and one another with time for worship, learning, reflection, conversations, relaxation in the outdoors, and games.

The retreat will start with dinner on Friday night and end with breakfast and worship on Sunday, but we will gladly welcome Saturday-only attendees who can't get away for the whole weekend.

Registration will open in Fall 2017, but if you have questions or want to participate in planning, contact Pastor Erica at erica.rader@pclg.org.



Mary Jane Humphrey has lead our Sunday morning Bible Study for 6 years, and now is looking forward to participating instead of leading. Thanks for all you do, Mary Jane!



Bookends

Love one another as I have loved you...John 15:12

It's that simple.

One of the hurdles in life is saying goodbye. At our memorial services we gather together to celebrate a precious life; to laugh, to cry and share memories. Your reception hostesses want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our numerous volunteers who do so much to make it all come together. There are many details in the set up and clean up and we couldn't do it without you!!

Bless you

Your reception hostesses,
Lisa McKibbin & Sue Hansen

PCLG's Book Club meets once a month, and new folks are always welcome!

Questions/info?
Contact Sue Hansen at
paigeturner007@hotmail.com.

June

Ella Minnow Pea
by Mark Dunn

July

The Light Between Oceans
by ML Stedman

August

The Zookeeper's Wife
by Diane Ackerman

September

A Man Called Ove
by Fredrik Backman

October

TBA

November

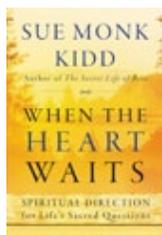
My Stroke of Insight
by Jill Taylor

December

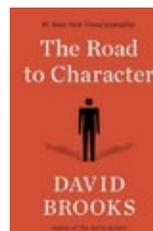
Breakfast at Tiffany's
by Truman Capote



We have chosen two books to read together this summer, when your Bible studies at PCLG might be taking a summer break. These books are not Bible studies but they are books that are woven through with Christian values, books that will help you think and deepen your faith. Get a copy of the book and read it by the meeting date, then at the meeting we will all discuss it together – everyone is welcome! We will meet at the church, room TBD.



June 29, 10 a.m. *When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions* by Sue Monk Kidd, led by Carol Smith



July 27, 10 am *The Road to Character* by David Brooks, led by Martha Wills.

For more information, contact Julie Lasher at 408/ 656-8419 or Julie.lasher@pclg.org.



Children's Ministry

Summer in God's Place:

This summer in God's Place our lessons will focus on "Where is God?" Children will be reminded that we can see glimpses of God everywhere in our lives - in our relationships, in the wonders of nature, during times of excitement and hardships. Look for the complete summer schedule posted by your child's classroom.

Moving On Up!

Typically we have waited until Kickoff Sunday, in September, to have children move up to their new grade level in God's Place. However, this year we have decided to make that change at the start of our summer lessons. That will mean that on Sundays this Summer:

- If your child has been in the Nursery, but will start Preschool in the fall, he/she will move into our Preschool classroom.
- If your child has been in the Preschool classroom, but will start Kindergarten in the fall, he/she will move into our Kindergarten/1st Grade classroom.
- If your child has been in the Kindergarten/1st Grade classroom, but will be in 2nd Grade in the fall, he/she will move into our 2nd -5th Grade classroom
- If your child will be starting Middle School in the fall I would encourage them to join their new peers in the balcony during worship. They are also welcome to be helpers in our younger classrooms, or still attend God's Place lessons for the summer.

If you are unsure where your child should be please contact Lauren Froman at pclglauren@gmail.com

Summer Fun!

We hope in between camps, play-dates, and family vacations you will be able to join us for some PCLG summer fun!

June 28: PCLG BBQ 6-7:30 p.m.

July 12: PCLG BBQ 6-7:30 p.m.

July 8: Mom's Hike and Lunch – 10 a.m.
Please RSVP by June 30th

July 26: PCLG BBQ 6-7:30 p.m.

August 7: Beach Day 11 a.m. – weather permitting

August 9: PCLG BBQ 6-7:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Challenge:

This summer Children's Ministries will support the efforts of Presbyterian Women (PW) by being advocates of "Together in Action for Children's Literacy". PW PCUSA has pledged to make children's education a focus of their work, including empowering children through literacy.

- Children's Ministries will host a book drive collecting gently used children – teen books/novels
- PCLG kids will do a reading challenge of their own throughout the summer

Look for details in the Children's Ministries library and posted by the classrooms.

Books can be donated in the bin outside the Children's Ministries hallway beginning July 1 – August 27

Back to School in God's Place

The lazy summer days have a way of passing by quicker than we want them to and back to school creeps up before we know it.

To prepare for our "Back to School" Children's Ministries will host its **Teacher Training on Sunday, August 27th.**

Please mark your calendars to attend. Lunch will be served and we will meet following worship.

You will be contacted directly if you are due for Safe Church training.



COVEKNIT

Wednesday Nights, 7-9 p.m.

We are looking for new members for Coveknit. You can come and sew, tie blankets for the layette project. You can knit or crochet prayer shawls or baby blankets, booties or caps. No experience necessary and just think, after the church BBQ's you can just come to room 8 and continue the conversation. Questions? Call Colleen Hattman or Suzy Hansen.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is seeking new members! We meet once a month at 9 a.m. in the church conference room. Come and help us in our next great stewardship campaign. Our next meeting is scheduled on June 25th at 9 a.m. Please come join us. Please contact elder Colleen Hattman if you have any questions.



WORSHIP IN THE GROVE

Enjoy worship, fellowship, God's word, music and refreshments in our own little slice of nature!

Sunday evenings

July 16

August 13

7 p.m. in the Redwood Grove



Music Notes



From *the* Music Director

The PCLG Music Concert featuring all of the various groups that play for services at PCLG was a delightful success. The Choir, Bell Choir, Brass, Strings, Youth Choir and the Worship Band all participated. We are looking forward to another concert in the Spring of 2018.

Summer music at PCLG will continue to offer music for worship by the Worship Band, Choir and special soloists, both vocal and instrumental.

The choir will be on Hiatus after June 11, but will be returning several times throughout the summer before returning on a regular basis in September.

On June 11, the choir will sing the famous Panis Angelicus by César Franck, featuring soloist, Vicki Campbell. Vicki is a long-time congregant and member of the PCLG Choir.

César Franck is most well known for his organ compositions, though he wrote chamber music, oratorio and large orchestral and choral works. He was native of Belgium, but studied in Paris and eventually taught organ at Paris Conservatory. He is a contemporary of Camille Saint-Saëns, Gabriel Fauré and Emmauel Chabrier. Franck was known for his amazing ability at improvisation and was instrumental in bringing Bach's organ music back into standard repertoire.

Frank was a Romantic composer as the likes of Brahms or Wagner, though his harmonies and structures were innovative, yet subtle. Described as a hard working man of "utmost humility", he often consulted with his students about his compositions. His harmonies, while of the style of the late Romantic Era (1825-1900), were always elegantly and simply wrought. He was an influence upon and much admired by both Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel. Both of these composers fall into the very exclusive Era of Impressionistic Music. (1880 – 1920appx.)

It was interesting to note that Franck was married at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette in February of 1848 during the Paris revolt. Much like the revolt dramatized in Les Miserable, Franck, his future bride and the wedding party had to climb over barricades but thankfully with the support of the revolutionaries. I had the privilege of singing in a concert at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette in 2014. There were no revolutionaries, but the acoustics were exquisite and somewhat better than the more famous Notre-Dame Cathedral, where we also performed a concert.

6 Have a great summer and I'll be looking for you in the pews and in the upcoming community summer events at PCLG.

Michael Taylor, director of music
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Music Concert Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in PCLG's first annual music concert. The Chancel Choir, Worship Band, Youth Choir, organists, Los Cascabeles, Brass Ensemble, and String Ensemble provided an afternoon of great music. Afterwards, audience and musicians enjoyed root beer floats on the patio. Thanks to all who helped with the reception.



Youth News

The thrill of Summer beckons but the start of June is just the time to look back on an interesting school year. In the midst of national turmoil and the erosion of civil discourse, we press on toward the goal of a ministry of love and welcome. We have retreated to the mountains to have fellowship together and with God's spirit. We have built homes for neighbors. We have seen plays and games, played games together, and continued striving to create a place where students could be themselves. We have hiked in high heat and drove through the muddiest, coldest mud. We have been blessed by adults who love students and students who tolerate or appreciate the adults' aging lack of coolness (I speak from particular experience).

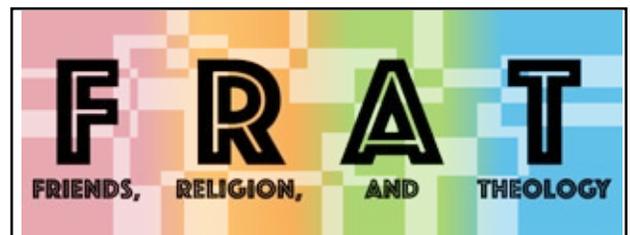
The little building in which our youth community finds its home is under transformation. Something new is afoot. Yet again, we are blessed by adults who love students and want them to have a space in which to grow.

In a few weeks, our young people will bless their elders with wisdom, experience, energy, passion and humor as many adults and students travel together for the all-church Mexico trip. I (Steve) won't be going, but judging by the college, high school and middle school students who are going, I know many adults of our church will be blessed, as will the people they all go to serve. The cross-pollination of faith experience and growth in this intergenerational back and forth is a glorious thing to behold, even for us who stay behind. I love to see my baby chicks fly the nest, and I really love to see it in the midst of their larger spiritual family.

Deeper into the Summer there will be road trips and camping retreats, BBQs, movies and more. New 6th graders will join their middle school peers on road trips, just as new ninth graders are already figuring out their place in the high school youth group and new college students are included in the college ministry led by Jackson and crew.

It is a time of transition, rest, reenergizing and creativity. It's a time to bless and be blessed by your peers and by people older or younger than you. In the midst of fake news accusations and actual intelligence leaks, it's a time for us to be a community founded on reality: God has reconciled us to be reconcilers. Knowing where we've been, who we are and what we'll do together soon allows us the freedom to trust and listen and be who God wants us to be.

Steve Fainer, Director of Youth Ministries
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FRAT College Retreat!

July 7 - 9 (Friday 4:30 pm - Sunday 8 am)

Come be part of the second ever PCLG FRAT retreat! We would love to have you. This is a great chance to get to join, learn about, and become part of a faith-based college group. To sign up, fill out the form here:
<https://goo.gl/forms/WXpKtP4fWtVEOssp1>

Other events this summer include dinners, post-BBQ campfires, and more! Contact Jackson Bordelon for more info at jbordelon2222@gmail.com



Mission Minute

Support our All-Church Mexico Team!

58 intrepid missionaries are heading to Tijuana June 17 - 24. You are invited to see them off from the small parking lot early on Saturday the 17th. During the week please pray for their success in building homes, relationships and disciples of Christ.

Mexico Mission Sunday will be July 9.

Join us for Local Mission Week August 2 - 5!

Again this year we will venture out in groups of 12-25 to offer labor, support and fellowship to local service organizations.

- Wednesday - grilling burgers and packing cold lunches for Front Door Ministry and Women's Gathering Place at First Presbyterian Church, San Jose
- Thursday - painting, cleaning, sprucing up at Immanuel House, the Presbytery's refugee transition house near San Jose State University
- Friday - yardwork, cleaning, sprucing up at Heritage Home, CityTeam Ministry's home for or pregnant women seeking to overcome homelessness and/or addiction
- Saturday - a festive open house for refurbished Grace Tabernacle Church near Candlestick Park in San Francisco; we'll help host the celebration and make new friends in an ecumenical Christian setting.

Have you ever wondered what exactly the mission committee does?

The PCLG mission committee is responsible for:

- 1) dispensing the mission portion (about 10%) of the PCLG general budget
- 2) organizing service opportunities and mission trips, both local and further afield
- 3) raising awareness of the need for donations to disaster relief or other worthy causes
- 4) publicizing the important work of our worldwide mission partners.

The scope of the work is large, but it is divided among numerous individuals who take responsibility for a portion of the program. Currently, one mission elder oversees the entire program, with much assistance from staff (Carlo and Steve) for the Mexico mission trips.

The committee meets monthly, currently the second Tuesday at 1 pm. Want more information? Contact Elder Martha Wills at mtswills@gmail.com.

Financial Report

Dear friends,

We are at the end of our first quarter 2017. Our pledged offering is at 95% of budget and our overall income is at 91% of budget. Our expenses are at 95% of budget, resulting in a small deficit of \$2,224 at this time.

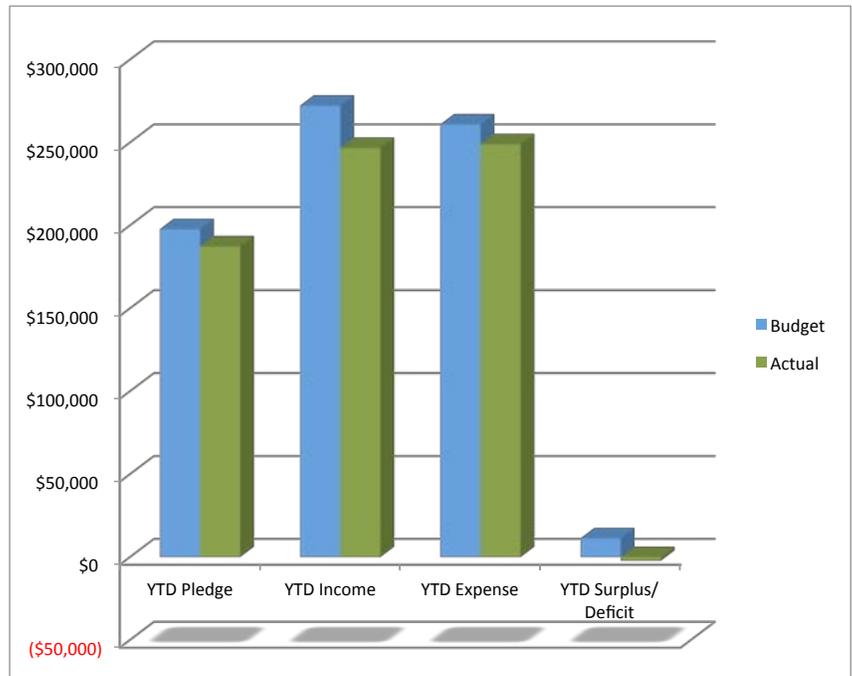
Our investments experienced a gain this quarter of \$161,700.

We currently have 194 pledges in the amount of \$833,334. It is never too late to pledge. You may pledge and give online at www.pclg.org. My email address is kristy.cole@pclg.org, should you wish to contact me.

Thank you for your generosity.

In Christ,

Kristy Cole, Church Administrator



News

Our garden is in bloom! This year we will have tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini. The flowers are also in bloom and attracting bees and butterflies. Look for monarchs on campus soon as our caterpillars are moving into the cocoon stage!

On Thursday, June 15th we will graduate 24 Pre K students! We are so proud of their accomplishments!

On June 19th we will move into the summer months and enjoy the sunny weather and outdoor activities! We look forward to a few surprise guests and special activities as well!

Speaking of....look who stopped in to visit! Miss California visited our Pre K students and they posed with silly faces :o)

GFP has a full house for fall and we are already in the midst of planning ahead! We also have a waiting list for all three age groups..feeling blessed to and loved by the supportive community!



Have a Great Summer!

Cory Mullins, Growing FootPrints Director growingfootprints@yahoo.com.

On the Bulletin Board

Have a short note for the next issue of *The Spire*?
Submit your bulletin board items to
carlo@pclg.org

Vacation Rental in Tucson, AZ

Need a place to stay while returning your student to the U of A in August? We have a lovely accomodation for 6 persons near the campus. Please call Ellen Graff at 408-358-9488 (and leave a message!)

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WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

Adult Education	9 a.m.
Worship in the Sanctuary	10 a.m.
"God's Place" Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Time	11 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Men's Bible Study	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.
Theology on Tap	1st Monday	8 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Friends, Food, Fellowship	2nd Saturday	6 p.m.
The Voyagers	3rd Saturday Fellowship & Service	
Buoys & Gulls	Various	Various
Mates	Various	Various
Senior Stretch & Movement	Wed/Fri	9:30 a.m.
Happy Paint	Thursday	10:00 a.m.
Bookends	Various	Various
CoveKnit Group	Wednesday	7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Home AM Groups	3rd Thursday	9:30 a.m.
PCLG AM ("WoW") Group	Thursday	10 a.m.
PCLG Noon Group	2nd Thursday	12 p.m.

COVENANT GROUPS

Baker/Attwood Covt.	Monday	10:00 a.m.
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MUSIC MINISTRIES

Los Cascabeles	Tuesday	6 p.m.
Chancel Brass	Wednesday	7:45 p.m.
Worship Band	Thursday	7 p.m.
Chancel Choir	Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Chancel Strings	Friday	7:30 p.m.
Joyful Voices	Sunday	11:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	Sunday	6:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School YG	Sunday	7:30 p.m.
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June Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|---------------|
| 2 | Kimberly Damore | 21 | Al Dailey |
| 4 | Terri Raynaud | 22 | Jeff Thompson |
| 7 | Jean Richey | | Patricia Rose |
| 15 | Caroline Damore | 29 | Adam Alzaidi |
| | Nelson Damore | 30 | Steve Coates |
| 17 | Tom Smith | | |
| | Linda Wagner | | |

July Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | George Rose | | Ray Smith |
| | Ruth Fong | 17 | Craig Smith |
| | Luca Bommarito | 18 | Ruth Ann Kvamme |
| 2 | Richard Scott | 19 | Don Wagner |
| 5 | Melanie O'Brien | 20 | Greta Wagner |
| | Reid Bierly | 21 | Jean Lusk |
| 8 | Tory Loomis | 22 | Howard Thomas |
| | Paul Kvamme | 23 | Dylan Lasher |
| 10 | Betty Ulrich | | Gina Lawler |
| | Julie Lasher | 24 | Dominic Campana |
| 12 | Holly Campana | 25 | Bill Slocum |
| 14 | Conor Clancy | | Mike Cochran |
| | Lauren Froman | 28 | Nikki Nelson |
| 15 | Lauren Finkle | 30 | Adam Smith |
| 16 | Susan Sawatzky | 31 | Sharon Brodsky |

August Birthdays

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| 5 | Gavin Finkle | 17 | Megan O'Brien |
| 6 | Tim Nelson | 21 | Tricia Dale |
| | Kelli Nelson | 23 | Janis Black |
| 8 | Mark Gruber | 25 | Freda Findlay |
| 9 | Arlene Cochran | 28 | Lindey Fredericks |
| | Bill Smith | 29 | Forrest Turner-Groth |
| 11 | Hank Otto | 30 | William Lasher |
| 13 | David Wills-Ehlers | | |
| 16 | Amita Wolf | | |

*Don't forget—
Deadline for the
September SPIRE
is 2:00 p.m. Friday,
August 25*

Anniversaries

June

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| 2 | Stephen & Sharon Brodsky |
| 7 | Steve & Jane Fainer |
| 14 | John & Freda Findlay |
| 17 | Gail & Jim Myers |
| 20 | Judith & John Gruber |
| 22 | Susan & David McDougall |
| 25 | Martha & John Wills |
| 26 | Peggy & Roger Heath |
| 27 | Tim & Kelli Nelson |
| 29 | Jay & Sandy Alzaidi |
| 30 | Dan & Rebecca Rohrer |
| | Nancy & Larry Liden |



July

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| 3 | Bob & Leslie Kennedy |
| 10 | Don & Anita Wolf |
| 11 | Pat & Mike Moore |
| 12 | Bart & Terri Raynaud |
| 17 | Ben & Ruth Fong |
| 18 | David & Ellen Graff |
| 20 | Jim & Barbara Snyder |

August

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| 6 | Mildred & Tom Smith |
| 7 | Paul & Mary Smith |
| 8 | Doug & Collette Lynner |
| 15 | Arlene & Mike Cochran |
| 29 | Sue & Steve Coates |

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Summer BBQs

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June 28, July 12 & 26, August 9

6-7:30 p.m.

want to help out at one or more of the BBQs?
See pclg.org/signup for more information!

