



**Calendar:
Save the Date!**

August 29
Gerald Ulrich
memorial service
11:00 a.m.

September 1
Theology on Tap
7:00 p.m.

September 11
Terri Raynaud
Memorial Service
2 p.m.

September 13
Kickoff Sunday
11:30 a.m.

September 19
Ted Walters
memorial luncheon
11:30 a.m.

October 3
Inquirers/New
Members Class

A note from Pastor Dave

Hi everybody,

This past Sunday we heard this basic, but important truth: not all invitations that you receive are good for you. After sharing about a scam email that I received, many of you reached out with stories of your own. A reminder that I will never ask you to send me gift cards!

The invitation that Jesus gives us is different from how the world operates. The world will ask you to work harder, prove yourself, show your best side at all times. Jesus says, "come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The world may say, "you'd look cool if you jumped off this bridge into the river". If you missed my sermon, you can hear the story

9:00 a.m.

November 6-8
Women's retreat



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But Jesus doesn't need us to look cool, to overwork or to figure everything out on our own. Jesus gives us this gracious invitation, "come and see". Come and see what following him is like. Come and see how forgiveness and redemption works. Come and see why a life-giving relationship with Christ fills you up and gives more meaning to your life.

I look forward to seeing you this week as we continue to walk the road of faith together!

Here is an invitation for you to consider, we are holding a Donut Hole Blind Taste Test on Sunday morning! Join us, starting at 9:30am in front of the Sanctuary to help determine which of the 6 top Donut Shops in the area is best! Cast your vote, bring a friend, don't be late!

Read below for more information about what is coming up these days around PCLG. It's only Wednesday, but I'm already looking forward to being with you all on Sunday!

peace,
pastor dave



This Sunday August 23: Donut Hole Blind Taste Test

Come join us before church this Sunday to answer important questions in the life of our church community:

Who makes the best donut holes worthy of our Holy gatherings?

How many donut holes equal one donut?

How many donut holes does Pastor Dave eat each Sunday?

Donut trivia:

Why do donuts have a hole in the middle? Answer: So they cook evenly. Which is great because now we get donut holes!

Over 10 billion doughnuts are made in the U.S. each year.

Boston has the most doughnut shops per person.



New Members and Inquirers Class Saturday October 3, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fireside Room - Childcare available with pre-registration.

If you are considering making PCLG your church home or if you are curious to learn more, come to our new members and inquirers class led by Pastor Dave. We'll talk about what it means to focus on Jesus at our core, and we'll share about our theological heritage and how our church seeks to grow and serve together. It will be an interactive morning with plenty of time for questions and for getting to know each other.

For more info contact: members@pclg.org.

You can sign up

here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAE23A3FA7-65050995-october>



Kick Off Sunday - September 13

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of another great year of ministry together! Come and welcome back the Chancel Choir, then stick around for a catered lunch, the Kona Ice truck, a dunk tank, and more fun in the Redwood Grove after church.



Mission Committee

Due to your generous contributions and the mission of our church, PCLG, through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, was able to send \$8000 toward Venezuela earthquake relief efforts. Thank you so much!



Bookends: Monthly Book Club

This month, we're reading *Big Alma* by Bernice Scharlach—the true story of Alma Spreckels and her remarkable life in San Francisco. As a bonus bit of local lore, the Spreckels mansion on Nob Hill is now home to author Danielle Steel.

Join us on **August 30 at 2:30 PM** in the Fireside Room, or tune in via Zoom.



PCLG Caring Cuisine

Caring Cuisine is a ministry that provides meals and support to fellow PCLG members during seasons of need. Whether you love cooking or simply want to lend a hand, we'd love to have you on our team. Email your contact info to GarySerbent@yahoo.com and we'll add you to our volunteer list. You'll hear from us when a need comes up.



Come Sing With Us

Join the Choir

Share your voice and help uplift our Sunday worship from September through mid-June. Whether you're an experienced singer or just love to sing, you're welcome here! We rehearse Thursdays, 7:30–9 p.m. Questions? Reach out to our choir director, Michael Taylor, at michael.taylor@pclg.org.



Children's Ministry (Infants – 5th Grade)

Welcome! We're so glad your family is here.

On Sundays, we offer programming for kids from birth through 5th grade:

- **Nursery Care:** For infants through age 2½
- **Preschool – 1st Grade:** Preschool Ministry Wing

- **2nd – 5th Grade:** Children's Ministry Wing

Visiting? After the children's message, please walk your child back to their classroom so teachers can say hello and confirm who will be picking them up.

Sunday School doesn't meet on select special Sundays, so be sure to check the church calendar.

Reach out any time to **Erin Heath**, Director of Children's Ministry, at erin.heath@pclg.org.



Youth Happenings

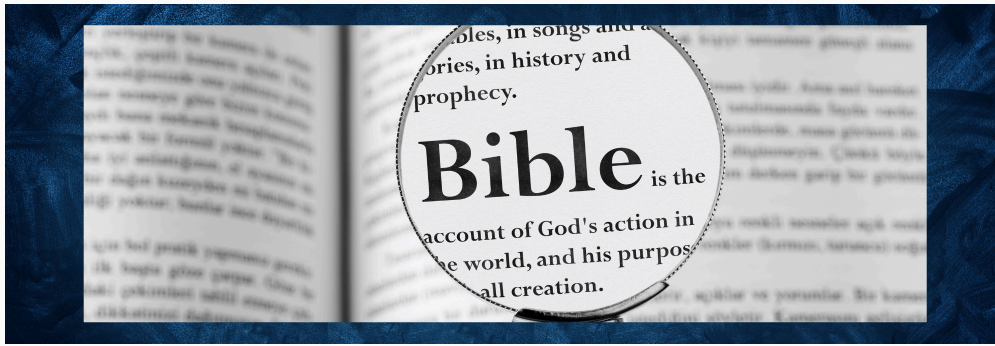
Our Youth Ministry offers three regular programs on Sundays for students.

Middle School Sunday School begins after the Time for Young Disciples and meets in the Youth Center until worship ends. This year, we're thinking about and talking through some tough questions. Students are dismissed to find their parents.

Sunday Night Fun & Fellowship (SNiFF) meets from 5 to 6:15 p.m. and is also for Middle School students. Games, quick Bible studies and conversation and more playtime after that!

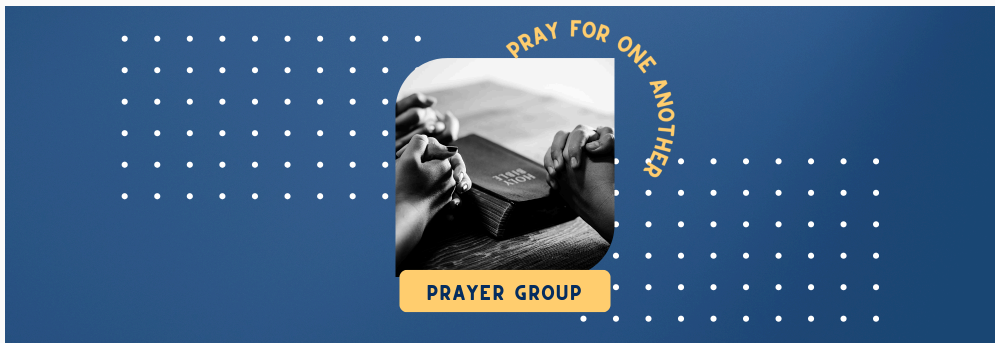
Our High School Youth Group meets from 7:30 - 9:15 p.m. in the Youth Center. Singing, sharing, sarcasm.

For more upcoming event info, to help out with dinners for volunteers, or just to chat, reach out to Steve Fainer @ 408-472-0208 or fainer@gmail.com.



Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Bring your Bible and come as you are—all are welcome! We'll resume on August 26, hope to see you there.



PCLG Prayer Group

Want to know who's hurting in our church family and how to support them? Join our prayer email list by sending a note to prayers@pclg.org. You'll receive requests throughout the week, giving you the chance to lift up our community in real time. We'd love for you to pray with us.



Community Life

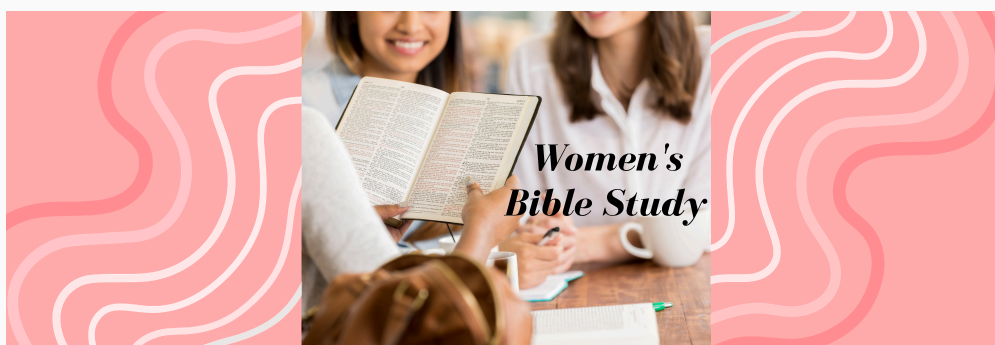
From enjoying donut holes as you arrive to lingering over coffee after service, these simple moments of hospitality are at the heart of our Sunday fellowship. They help make PCLG the warm, welcoming community we love and are truly an essential part of how we gather.

Since returning after COVID, we've struggled to rebuild our volunteer teams—especially the behind-the-scenes roles like setup, cleanup, and bringing in the donut holes. (Our Lead positions are already covered!)

Would you consider lending a hand with our Sunday morning coffee and donut hospitality? It's an easy, enjoyable way to serve—and a wonderful opportunity to meet new people along the way. Sign up below:

Sunday Coffee Hour Schedule: [Coffee hour sign up here](#)

Sunday Morning Donut Run Schedule: <https://tinyurl.com/PCLGdonuts2022>



WOW The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 in the Fireside Room and always welcomes new friends, so contact Julie Lasher at 408/656-8419 or JHLasher01@gmail.com for info on our in-person meetings.

We will return September 3.



The PW Morning Circle the Morning Bible study meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10 A M in the Sun Room, located on the 2nd floor at the Terraces in the Assisted Living Wing. Contact Ruth Fong (408- 314-2682)

We will take a break during the summer months and begin again in September.



Scripture Reader

Want to share your voice in worship?

Every week, a different member of our congregation reads the Scripture during the service. If you'd like to be part of this meaningful ministry, reach out to Mary Jane Humphrey at maryjhumbrey@comcast.net.



MINOW Men's Bible Study - MINOW (Men In Need Of Wisdom) is a Men's Weekly Bible Study held on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. And we are also on Zoom, if you can't make it to PCLG in the early morning. There is always room for more men at the table so please reach out to minow@pclg.org to be added to the weekly email invite.



Worship Band

Our band is growing, and we're inviting guitarists, bassists, drummers, keyboard players, and vocalists to join us in leading our more blended worship songs. If God has gifted you—or someone you know—with musical talent, let's talk! Find me on Sunday morning or reach out by email. Rita Hoegel rita.hoegel@pclg.org



Sign-Up to Be an Usher!

Are you wondering how you could get involved with PCLG? One of the easiest ways to get involved is to sign-up to be an usher for Sunday worship. All you need to do is use the Sign-Up Genius [LINK](#) to sign-up for a time, come to church by 9:40 am, and check-in with the Head Usher who will let you know what to do. It's a great way to meet people and participate in the worship service!



Prayer Requests

We are grateful to be part of a church that prays for one another and we are so appreciative of your ministry of prayer. We hear stories from grateful people who tell us that they tangibly feel the power of your prayers.

If you would like to share a prayer request with the church, please email prayers@pclg.org.



Sign Language Group will not meet on Sunday, August 9. Please join us on August 23 after church for snacks and sign language practice, 12 pm Room 9,

Children's wing. All are welcome. Please contact Charlotte Ferree cferree@yahoo.com or Collette Lynner collette.lynnner@gmail.com for more information.



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