

Calendar:
Save the Date!

October 24
Rise Against Hunger Food Packing

November 1
Inquirers/New Members Class 11:30a.m.

November 6-8
Women's Retreat

November 19
Interfaith Thanksgiving, Los Gatos Methodist Church

November 29
Advent Craft Faire and Supper

December 3
Christmas Tea

A note from Pastor Dave

Hi everybody,

We are finally receiving some rain and cooler weather as we move into the Fall. This past Sunday, Pastor Erica was sharing from the story of Daniel and the "handwriting on the wall". If you've ever heard that phrase before and wondered what it meant, you can listen again to Pastor Erica's message here: SERMON

I am looking forward to seeing you this weekend as we celebrate Reformation Sunday at PCLG! We have some great, great music in store, we have our kids up in front helping to lead, and it should be an awesome morning.

A reminder that the Rise Against Hunger Food Packing event will be this Saturday

December 9
Blue Christmas
Service 7:00 p.m



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morning (Oct 24) and the sign up is below in this email. Come help us prepare 15,000 meals for folks in need, and enjoy the time with others as we serve!

The PCLG Women's Retreat is just around the corner and the sign ups are open. If you are interested or planning to go and you haven't signed up yet, please do so! There are scholarships available to help with the cost if you need it, but we know it will be a relaxing, fun, meaningful and powerful weekend. Plan on it!

That is all for now. Read below for more info about what is coming up and I will see you on Sunday!

peace,
pastor dave



Registration closes October 26 for Women's Retreat November 6-8, 2026. Don't delay your registration as we are planning a wonderful retreat. New members often comment that this retreat helped them become more deeply connected. Join us as we gather as a community of women to honor the Designer, to build a rule of life, a trellis sturdy enough to hold the life God is already growing in us, and to water it together. Join us for a weekend of teaching, table conversation, creative practice, and communion as we press on together and end rejoicing. More information can be found in our registration packet. Full or partial Scholarships are available please contact Pastor Erica at erica.rader@pclg.org. Click here to sign up.



New: November 1 New Members and Inquirers Class 11:30 am-1:30 in the Fireside room. We've added a second new member class this fall, offered after church. 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. We will talk about what it means to focus on Jesus at our core, we'll share about our theological heritage and how our church seeks to grow and serve together. It will be an interactive time with space for questions and for getting to know each other. Register online New member sign up

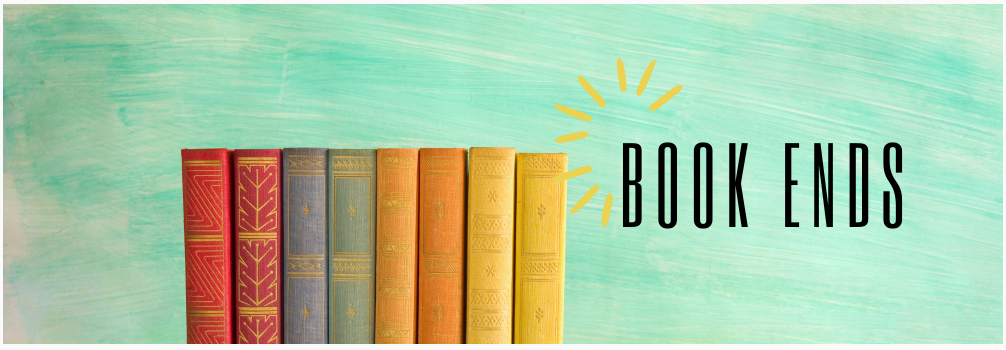


Mission Committee The mission committee invites you to volunteer for a fun, meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger on Sat, Oct 24 from 9-12 AM in the PCLG Social Hall. We will again be packing 15,000 meals to be distributed

to those in need around the world. Rise Against Hunger uses these meals to enable at-risk communities to become self-sustaining over the long term. This will be similar to past events and is open to all ages as long as one can stand to fill and pour a measuring cup or walk containers from one table to another. Sitting volunteer positions are also available. Please sign-up and sign the online waiver form using this link: https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e813411 For Questions: Please call or email Jeff Thompson 408-455-2784 Jeffsthompson7@gmail.com



Tables of Eight Our next session of Tables of 8 will be from 11/1/2026 through 5/31/2027 We will have sign-ups on Sunday, October 11, 18 and 25. This is a great way to meet new people or get reacquainted with others in the church. The program is open to all adults over 18. People are grouped into “tables” of 8 to 10 people and pledge to have 4-5 meals together over six months. The meals can be in homes or restaurants or even picnics in a park or the Redwood Grove. Be creative. The sign up table will be near the donuts before church and the courtyard during coffee hour. If you are currently in a Table of 8 that needs more time, not to worry. You may still sign up for the next session. Contact Charlotte Ferree at cferree@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



Bookends (Monthly Book Club). Our October book is *The Covenant Keepers, A Historical Novel Based on a True Story* published in 2026 written by our own PCLG member Andrea L. Simpson. It is the true story of the young Presbyterian missionary eye doctor to China’s Empress Dowager who must escape with his wife and three little sons during the infamous Boxer Rebellion of 1900 and be guided by true escapes of his Scots Covenanter and French Huguenot ancestors in 1681. We will meet Sunday, October 25 at 2:30 pm in the Fireside Room with a zoom option. Please join us for some chocolate macadamia nuts candy, Q & A’s, and book signing by the author. Please email cferree@yahoo.com for the zoom link.



Buoys and Gulls is a long standing PCLG fellowship group. Our activities depend on what our members come up with. Currently in the works are an October wine tasting event at a local winery; a December Christmas party; a January TheatreWorks performance of Love Notes A Romantic Musical Triangle, the story of Johannes Brahms, Robert and Clara Schumann, a Super Bowl party to hopefully cheer on the 49ers,and summer outings to Santa Cruz Shakespeare. Our members pick and choose the activities they find interesting. It is a nice way to meet people with similar interests. No pressure! Sound interesting? We will have a table set up during coffee hour after church on Sunday, September 27 and October 4. Stop by to chat and find out more about our group. See also Buoys and Gulls on the pclg.org website under Getting Involved.



PCLG Caring Cuisine Caring Cusine 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 Liberty.esch@gmail.com and we'll add you to our volunteer list. You'll hear from us when a need comes up.



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, Contact Danielle (danielle@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.

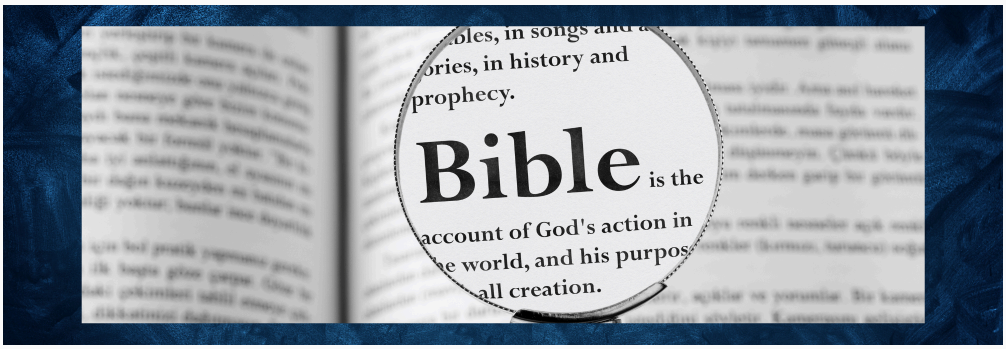
Middle School Sunday School begins after the Time for Young Disciples and meets in the Youth Center until worship ends. This year, we're thinking about and talking through some tough questions. Students are dismissed to find their parents.

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!



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



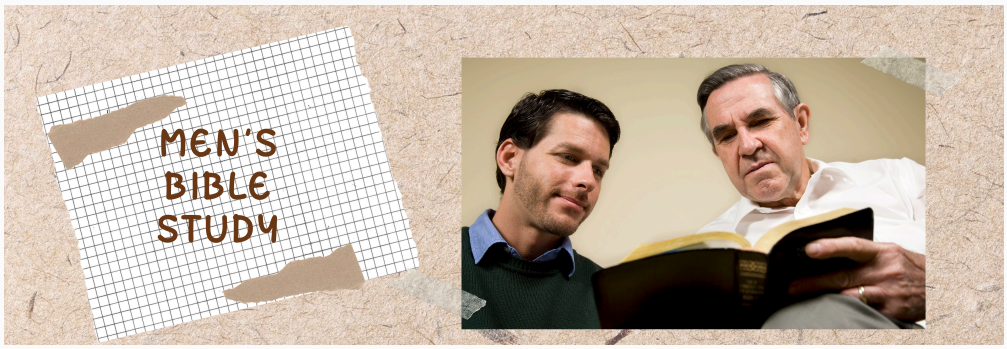
WOW The weekly drop in Bible study for all the women of PCLG (called WOW) meets Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 in the Fireside Room and always welcomes new friends, so contact Julie Lasher at 408/656-8419 or JHLasher01@gmail.com for info on our in-person meetings.



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)



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 maryjhumphrey@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.

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