



Calendar: Save the Date!

October 3
9:00 a.m.
Inquirers/New
Members Class

October 17
2:00 p.m.
Kristy Cole
memorial

October 24
Rise Against Hunger
Food Packing

November 6-8
Women's Retreat



Join us Online

A note from Pastor Dave

Hi everybody,

This past Sunday, Pastor Erica was sharing from the story of Joseph in the Bible. We saw the next step in Joseph's process of growing in wisdom and maturity. He was moving from using his gifts just for his own whims and self-interest, and starting to use his God-given gifts for the good of others.

We were reminded that all of us have gifts from God and that the invitation is to take that raw material of who we are, and to be molded and build into who God is calling us to be.

What is one area in your life where you have those natural, God-given gifts? What are ways that you are developing or growing in those? Are there places where you need to take another step this week?

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here: [Sermon](#)

I look forward to seeing you all this weekend
as we celebrate World Communion Sunday,
welcome our New Members in worship, and
enjoy an awesome morning together! Read
below for more about what is coming up
around PCLG!

peace,
pastor dave



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>



Parenting Class: Relationships & Reducing Power Struggles

Oct. 18th, 11:30am-1pm in the Social Hall. Please join us after church for lunch and conversation led by PCLG member, Valerie Plummer, Individual and Family Life Coach and Parent Education Consultant. When a parent expresses empathy in response to a child's mistake, or misbehavior, it lowers a child's defensiveness, helps the child take ownership of the problem and enhances the relationship. It opens the brain and heart for learning so that he or she can develop future skills in problem solving, self-awareness and empathy toward others. This Love and Logic® workshop will give practical tools for parents to build loving relationships with their children while reducing common power struggles and allowing affordable mistakes, so that real learning takes place and children can grow to be healthy, balanced and successful adults. Childcare is available in the Preschool wing. Sign ups are helpful for planning food. [Sign up here](#)



Theology on Tap Tuesday, October 6 Theology on Tap 7-9 p.m. at Hapa's Brewing Company (114 S Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos). Please join Pastor Dave and others there for a theological discussion over a frosty beverage. 21+



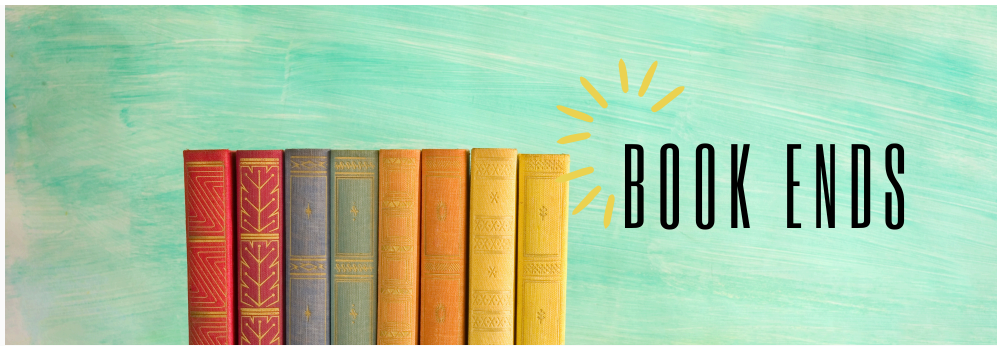
Mission Committee Your mission committee along with our partner HomeFirst invite you to help us put together hygiene kits for our local unhoused brothers and sisters. We will make 300 of them on Sunday October 11th in the social hall directly after church. No previous experience needed. HomeFirst works to end homelessness by providing a full spectrum of services to help people find and maintain permanent housing. HomeFirst serves thousands of individuals and families each year throughout Santa Clara County, providing shelter, housing assistance, outreach, and other supportive services.



Community Life invites anyone interested in serving to join us for a brief meeting on **Sunday, October 11, after church in the Fireside Room**. We'll share about upcoming opportunities to serve in the coming months and ways you can get involved. We'd love to have you join us! You can contact Lauren Froman at lomfroman@yahoo.com



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 Jeffstompson7@gmail.com



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 PLCG 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 Covenanters 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.



Children's Choir is back! All children K through 6th grade are invited to come sing with us! We'll meet weekly on Sundays from 11:30am–12:00pm in the Wonderful Room (Pre-School Wing), beginning September 13 through October 18, as the kiddos prepare to lead worship this Reformation Sunday. Come sing and have fun as we share our gifts and joy with our church family—no prior choir experience necessary!



Organ Concert We are partnering with the American Guild of Organists to host a one-hour organ concert here in our sanctuary on Friday, October 2 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Alison Luedecke from the San Diego area, (who was a member of our music staff from 2005 - 2008), will be playing a variety of music, old and new,

and the organ console will be pulled out to the center so you can see all the action. The concert is free, with optional donations to our organ maintenance fund. All are welcome.



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 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, 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

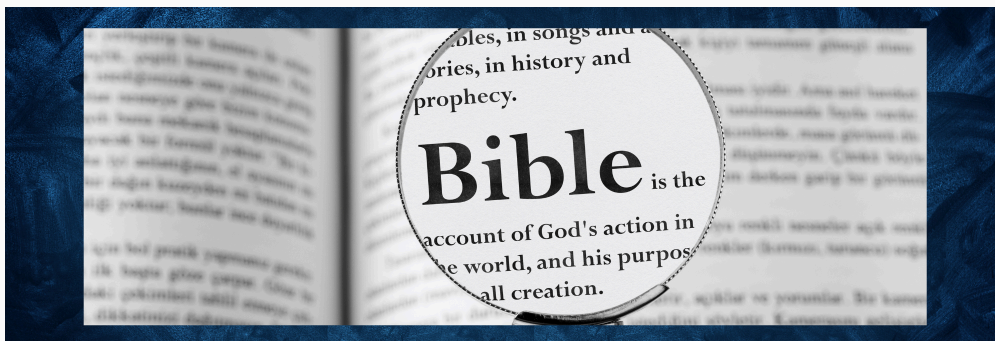
Our Youth Ministry offers three regular programs on Sundays for students.

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

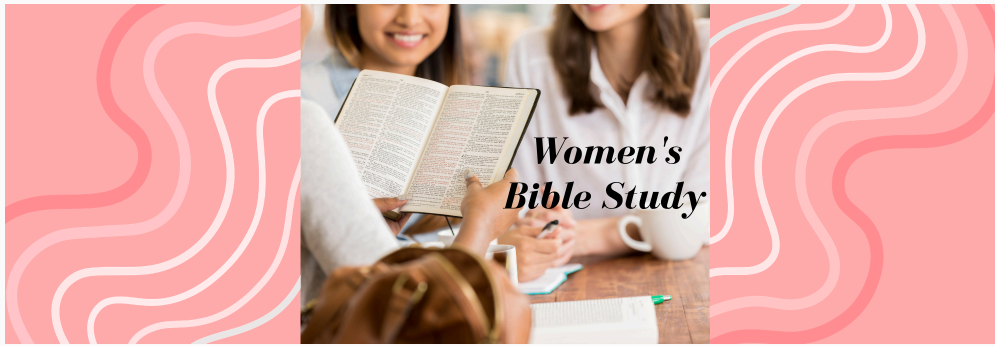
From enjoying donut holes as you arrive to lingering over coffee after service, these simple moments of hospitality are at the heart of our Sunday fellowship. They help make PCLG the warm, welcoming community we love and are truly an essential part of how we gather.

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.
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)



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.



Sign Language Group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month 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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