The annual Treasures Sale raised $36,840 this year, drawing shoppers from all over the Bay Area. Total receipts since the sale began in 2003 are more than $426,199.

Rev. Scott Kail, leader of the Piedmont Church Youth Mexico House Building mission trip, prays with Treasures Sale volunteer Christy Guidici in the church courtyard before the sale begins.

The hard work of Treasures Sale leader Sue Coffin and her many volunteers paid off in receipts totaling $36,840, a new record for the sale.

The money earned from a week’s worth of work, not to mention months of planning, will help support the Youth Mexico House Building mission trip in mid-April. More than 320 students, parents and church leaders will build 20 houses for people in need.

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ABOVE: A student takes information from a buyer to reserve a bicycle. LEFT: Guitars await their new best friend. BELOW: Treasures Sale leader Sue Coffin gives instructions to youth volunteers minutes before open.
TOP: Volunteer Wayne Guidici sits midway between tools and toys, providing guidance to shoppers. ABOVE: Margaret Lum chats with Mary Fielder about the checkout process. RIGHT: A shopper checks a website before making his decision on a purchase.
Living Out Easter

As we prepare soon to celebrate Christ’s great victory over death, on Easter, we return to the central issue of the Christian life—how do we follow the risen Christ in our daily lives?

Charles Moore reminds us that we learn from Easter that the power of God’s love is born of the powerlessness of the cross. The truly great are those who serve most—not only serve those in need but those who are least worthy.

Jesus’ weapon against personal and social alienation is the towel and basin—washing feet and returning good for evil. Instead of turning some hierarchy of power upside down, he stretches out his arms and abolishes hierarchy and “power” altogether.

The flags of his kingdom, as Donald Kraybill put it, “are a stable, desert, donkey, thorns, cross and tomb.” His agenda flattens everything. All ladder-climbing ceases. A radical reversal takes place as each one willingly, joyfully—steps downward.

Jesus rejects politics and economics as we know them, but he doesn’t stop there. Church, state religion, even personal religion are of little use to him. He replaces them with an all-embracing faith that penetrates every dimension of life.

He intentionally violates dead rules or outward piety, invalidates patterns of religious ritualism, destroys self-righteous moralism and calls into question spiritual institutions that feed on people’s fears and prey on their longing. Jesus shuts down every temple, except that of a broken and contrite heart.

Genuine worship is done in spirit and in truth, with a cup of water for those who thirst in one hand, and food and clothing for those impoverished in the other.

What Jesus requires is nothing less than a radical re-creation. Each of us is to be born anew, and all our relationships re-constituted. His “politics” are, as Donald Kraybill points out, utterly upside-down: esteem your enemies in a spirit of defenselessness, reconciling love; set aside your differences for the sake of brotherhood.

Likewise, his economics are foolish, founded on dispossession and a childlike, simple trust for one’s daily bread.

He demonstrates a new way to deal with offenders; forgiving them; a new way to handle money: giving it away; a new way to deal with violence: suffering; a new way to overcome the corrupt order: building up a brand new community.

May God guide and direct us as we seek to build that kind of new community at Piedmont Church.

Martha Sommers Visits April 7

Our friend Dr. Martha Sommers, lecturer and family medicine practitioner in Malawi with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Nkhoma Hospital, will worship with us Sunday, April 7.

Details of her visit are pending as of this printing, but we expect to host Martha during a Piedmont Forum at 5 pm in the Chapel. Watch your Sunday bulletin and weekly church email for updates.

Estate Planning Presentation, Luncheon May 19

The Endowment Committee will host speaker Jeffrey S. Tachiki, attorney with Perkins Coie in San Francisco, as he delivers a presentation on estate planning Sunday, May 19 following worship and the annual Endowment brick dedication ceremony.

Lunch is included. Jeffrey is a certified specialist with the State Bar of California in estate planning, trust and probate law.

Our Beautiful, New Prayer Box

On Sunday, March 17, we began our worship service in a unique and spiritually uplifting way. Piedmont Church member Gino Roth has fashioned a beautiful wooden prayer box. Prior to worship on Sunday, we will place the prayer cards found in our two outdoor/public prayer boxes into this new wooden box. During the pastoral prayer, this box will be visible to serve as a reminder for all of us to be in prayer continually for each other and for those who are not part of our congregation.

The specific content of prayer cards will remain confidential.

After worship, these requests will be shared with the church staff and with Prayer Circle, consisting of both lay members and clergy. The Prayer Circle encourages you to share your prayer requests, whether by filling out a prayer card, or by contacting Dr. Don Ashburn at (510) 547-5700. ext 105, or emailing Don@PiedmontChurch.org. All requests are shared only with members of the staff and with the Prayer Circle.

You are also invited to share any prayer request or concerns with a member of the clergy alone, which will also be held in confidence.

May we continue to approach God in prayer, with “the boldness we have in God, that if we ask anything according to God’s will, God hears us” (1 John 5:14).
Spring Cleaning Day, April 6  

BY SCOTT FITZGERRELL

Dust off your coveralls—no, wait, we’ll provide more dust, so don’t bother. Time to spruce up the church for Easter and sunny springtime events!

We’ll be painting, gardening, and repairing our historic facilities and making them shine anew. Look for signup sheets in the patio after church—We’ll have jobs for everyone, from kids to seniors—no special skills required, just a desire to do good, see your church friends and perhaps dispatch a donut or two. Come one, come all!

Can’t sign up in person? Email sfitzgerrell@gmail.com or jayforeman777@yahoo.com

Easter Lilies

Help beautify our worship space for Easter by donating one or more lily plants in memory or honor of someone special. You may take your plant home with you after the final service on Easter Day. Lilies not taken home will be distributed to seniors, the bereaved and the homebound.

Return this form with your check made out to Piedmont Community Church (PCC) Cost is $16 per plant; note memo, “lilies” to: 400 Highland Ave., Piedmont, CA, 94611, or drop it in the collection plate no later than April 14.

Given in Memory / Honor of (circle one):

Donor Name:

I would like to take my lily(ies) home following the final Easter service.

‘A Journey Through Lent’ Gatherings

You are invited to ‘A Journey Through Lent.’

Each Thursday from 6 to 8 pm, and continuing until April 11, we will join in a potluck meal, followed by a discussion in the Chapel of the Christ Church Education Building.

Our discussions will revolve around the topic of Christianity and world religions. Especially now, in light of the tragic events in Pittsburgh and Christchurch, New Zealand, we need to be in solidarity with people of other faiths, and open to mutual understanding and respect.

We’ll be guided by a short book by Adam Hamilton entitled, Christianity and World Religions.

Participants should purchase the revised edition of the book, available on Amazon in both Kindle and paperback form.

The discussions are appropriate for anyone over 15 years of age.

For more information, contact Dr. Don Ashburn at: Don@PiedmontChurch.org
With Gratitude

We celebrate the continued success of our 2019 pledge campaign.  
*Because of You, Piedmont Church continues to thrive.*  
*This list includes those who pledged, not included in the March edition of ‘The Messenger.’*

John and Allison Elvekrog  
Lannie and Maggie Spencer  
Diane Scarritt  
Laura Lyons and Tom Kelleher

Grief Recovery for Widows, Widowers

If you have experienced the death of a spouse, sharing your experiences during this 10-week class is extremely helpful to your healing process. Find hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event. Enrollments now being accepted. Pre-registration required. Workbook is $15.

Contact Leslie Quantz with questions at Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org or (510) 547-5700 ext.109

Volunteer With Hope Cafe

*April 20 and May 11*

**BY SELMA CHIN**

Once a month, CityTeam offers a restaurant style gourmet meal with the help of volunteers who are able to serve with a caring smile. To make this happen, CityTeam needs people to serve as waiters and waitresses, dishwashers, hosts and hostess and food runners.

Please join us in serving Hope and sharing Love! Sign-ups will be in the courtyard after worship services.

For additional questions, contact Selma Chin at selmachin@yahoo.com or (510) 290-5732

Pick A Party Is Back!

Pick A Party is a wonderful Piedmont Church tradition that benefits the missions of the church and fosters fellowship within our congregation. Hosts donate a party so that 100% of funds collected can benefit the local and global missions that the church supports.

Use your creativity to share your tastes, talents and interests with the congregation by donating a party.

Join us for Pick A Party Sunday, June 2 to sign up. Contact Zookie Todd at (510) 852-4994 or jordanztodd@gmail.com for more information.
Kidz Club Lenten Food Drive

Kidz Club is having a Lenten Food Drive. Look for food donation barrels near the courtyard and in the Christian Education Building. We are also participating in a virtual food Drive. Information is in the flyer below. Contact Leslie Quantz at Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org

HELP THE FOOD BANK PURCHASE ITS MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Leverage the Food Bank’s amazing purchasing power. Donate to our VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE to help buy items that can’t go in food drive barrels, like milk, meat and eggs, and farm-fresh produce.

For every $1 you donate the Food Bank provides $6 worth of food.

Go to the Virtual Food Drive at VFD-ACCFB.ORG. Select your group and shop.

OUR GROUP NAME IS:
PIEDMONT CHURCH

Jazzy Handbells

Come hear your Handbell Ensemble perform some edgy jazz arrangements on Sunday, March 31. We’ll be playing with jazz experts Pat Klobas on bass and Dann Zinn on sax.

And, there may even be some cowbell! (Seriously, cowbell will be included).

Kidz Club

Kidz Club will be meeting in the Youth Room from 3:30 - 5 pm on the following dates:

Friday April 26, Friday May 17

KIDZ CLUB is Piedmont Community Church’s group for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade children, dedicated to building friendships, helping the broader community by performing service projects, and exploring and developing personal faith.

Contact Leslie Quantz at Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org
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