

Lamorinda's Religious Services



Lafayette United Methodist Church

955 Moraga Rd., Lafayette,
284-4765, office@thelumc.org

Worship	Sunday	10 am
Children & Teen Faith Formation	Sunday	10 am
Teen Fellowship	Sunday	6 pm
Study Groups, Service Opportunities	Various	
Free Community Luncheon	4th Sunday of Month	11:30 am

► **SUNDAY Worship**, 9:00 & 11:00 AM,
with programs for 3-mos.-12th grade.

► **SEEDLINGS Preschool**, M-F.

► **LOPC: Where everyone is welcome, nobody is perfect & anything is possible with God.**

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOPC.org

ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

24 Orinda Way (next to the Library) - 254-4212

Sunday Service and Sunday School	10 - 11 am
Informal Wednesday Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Reading Room/Bookstore	M - F 11 - 4; Sat 11 - 2

www.christianscienceorinda.org



Worship the Lord!
Sundays, 9 & 10:30am

MORAGA VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga CA
www.mvpctoday.org • 925-376-4800

Willow Spring Community Church

Loving God Loving People

Come and Meet our New Pastor

Sundays:	9:15am	Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:15am	Pre-Service Fellowship (Free Coffee & Bagels)
	10:45am	Contemporary Worship Service

Wednesdays: 10:00am Community Bible Study

1689 School Street, Moraga (925) 376-3550

www.willowspringchurch.net

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church

433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422
www.holy shepherd.org



8:30 a.m. Traditions Worship Service
9:50 a.m. Education for all ages
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
Coffee Fellowship at 9:30 and 11:45 a.m.
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

SAINT GILES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9am Sunday School & Communion Service in the SMC Chapel
stgiles-moraga.org
(925) 376-5770
traditional liturgy + inclusive theology

The Orinda Community Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ
10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | www.orindachurch.org

"No matter who you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Join us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church

A Loving Community

Sunday Services: 8 and 10 AM

In-church Youth Zone, 10 AM Nursery Childcare
682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 284-7420, www.stanselms.ws

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ART

The Moraga Art Gallery's new show entitled "Waters of the Koi" highlights the bright, colorful abstract paintings of Heather Metcalf, and the exquisitely turned-wood platters, bowls and vases of Jacques Blumer. The show will run through Jan. 11, 2015. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more info, visit www.moragaart-gallery.com or call (925) 376-5407.

The Bancroft Library Gallery presents "California: Captured on Canvas" – an exhibit of 43 remarkable paintings from the library's collection highlighting the state's history and culture that have drawn people to California from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 6, 2015, UC Berkeley Campus, Doe Library Annex.

"Quilts in Jest" – A time-honored craft wittily transformed into social commentary by fiber artist Phyllis Kluger at the Walnut Creek Public Library Community Art Gallery, 1644 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek. The show runs from Nov. 19 through Jan. 15 with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. For info, visit bedfordgallery.org/exhibitions/cag.shtml or call (925) 977-3340.

Four exhibitions at Saint Mary's College Museum of Art: "Pueblo to Pueblo: The Legacy of Southwest Indian Pottery" will feature a remarkable variety of pottery from mid-19th to the mid-20th century; "The Native American Collection of Roger Epperson;" "Grace Hudson: Painter of the Pomo People;" and "William Keith and the Native American." Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: Adults \$5; members and K-12 graders free (parking free). For info, call (925) 631-4379 or visit stmarys-ca.edu/museum.

MUSIC

Treat yourself to a lively concert of up-tempo numbers, dance tunes, and instrumental and vocal jazz soloists of the SMC Jazz band under the direction of maestro John Maltester at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, and 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 at the Soda Activity Center, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. Tickets are sold at the door: \$5 general; \$2 SMC community and seniors.

Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble, directed by Dr. Anne Hege, presents "Voices in Peace XIII: Birth and Beginnings," an exploration of the power and fragility of beginnings. Selections from Gustav Holst's Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, as well as works by Ysaye Barnwell, Claude Debussy, Pekka Kostiainn, Jude Navari, Arvo Pärt, Karin Rehnqvist, Hector Villalobos and others portray the magical energy found in dawn, birth, and transitions at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at St. Perpetua Catholic Church, 3445 Hamlin Road, Lafayette. Tickets: \$25 suggested donation at the door; \$20 advance; \$15 students; free for children 6-12 years old. For info, visit www.vocisings.com or call (510) 531-8714.

Saint Mary's student singers perform opera, classical and Broadway songs under the direction of Donna Olson that are sometimes tender, sometimes comic but always affecting, at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23 at the Soda Activity Center: Claeys Lounge, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. Free.

Amici Lyric Opera performance by renowned Bay Area dramatic soprano Elena Yakoubovsky, in partnership with pianist Simona Snitkovsky at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at the Lafayette Library Community Hall. The program features beloved Russian songs. To view a live performance by Miss Yakoubovsky, visit You Tube or www.elenayakoubovsky.com. Tickets: \$25 General, children under 12 free. Box Office: (800) 838-3006 or online www.brownpapertickets.com/event/917232.

A community sing of Handel's Messiah will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at Orinda's St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The Sing will be directed by Minister of Music Robert Train Adams, with Festival Choir, soloists and chamber orchestra. This

event is free, with an offering taken for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Childcare is available by reservation. For more information contact the church at office@ststephenorinda.org or (925) 254-3770, ext. 10.

The Diablo Women's Chorale presents "Holiday Sweet" – a luscious confection of seasonal and vintage pop music – at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Mt. Diablo Universalist Unitarian Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. The holiday performance is directed by Mary Sorenson and accompanied by Stephen Evans. Advance tickets: \$10 students; \$16 general admission; \$20 premium seating at www.diablowomenschorale.org or call (800) 838-3006. Tickets at the door: \$20 general admission; \$10 students.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

The 36rd Annual Community Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette. M.J. Marggraff (Author, Speaker, Virgin galactic Spaceflight) is this year's featured guest speaker. Reservations can be made by calling the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at (925) 284-7404 or online at www.lafayettechamber.org. Cost: \$20 per person.

It's a Wonderful Life! Come celebrate the holidays with tree lighting, food, drinks, music and entertainment, children's activities, and Santa from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at Lafayette's Plaza Park.

Hospice Orinda Tree of Lights at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at in Orinda Village parking lot by Bank of America. This ceremony is part of Orinda's community holiday celebration.

Winter Wonderland at Orinda Theatre Square. Real Snow Wonderland - Build Your Own Snowman starting at noon until the snow melts Saturday, Dec. 6, with a kids ornament workshop from 4 to 6 p.m. Then on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. enjoy visits from Santa around the Square, horse and carriage rides, holiday performances by Lamorinda Theatre Academy, free hot chocolate and gourmet coffee drinks, and a merry and bright close to the evening with a tree lighting at 7 p.m.

KIDS, FAMILY & TEENS

The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (CCCSWA) has created a new scholarship for high school students who are implementing waste reduction and recycling programs on their high school campuses. Up to three scholarships (\$4,000 each) will be awarded to high school seniors entering college next fall. Please contact Ruth Abbe or Nancy Deming for more information about the program: Ruth.Abbe@abbeassociates.com (925) 974-2575/ nancyldeming@gmail.com (510) 290-4875.

LECTURE & LITERATURE

SMC Creative Writing Reading Series presents Aviya Kushner at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Soda Center, Claeys Lounge. Kushner's first book, "The Grammar of God," about the experience of reading the Bible in English after a lifetime of reading it in Hebrew. Kushner teaches in the MFA program in nonfiction at Columbia College Chicago and is a contributing editor at A Public Space.

Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Speaker. Daniel Borenstein, a columnist and editorial writer for the Contra Costa Times and Oakland Tribune, and proven watchdog for consumers providing in depth reporting on politicians, education and especially pension reform will discuss "Pension Underfunding – An Update" at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21 at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Borenstein has spent countless hours deciphering the complex pension rules and regulations and how different agencies/people are abusing them and causing enormous underfunded pension liabilities. He will

offer a current analysis of the pension underfunding situation. For info, visit www.lamorindasunrise.org.

THEATER

The California Academy of Performing Arts presentation of "The Nutcracker" at the Campolindo Performing Arts Center Dec. 17-21. This family favorite is a feast for the eyes, filled with surprises and delights for all ages. The story is narrated as it unfolds, guiding young viewers through the beautiful ballet and making it much more enjoyable for little ones (and grown-ups) who might not be familiar with the timeless story of Clara and her magical Christmas Eve dream. This production is huge, with more than 100 local performers. Tickets for the general public (\$22) can be purchased at Eventbrite.com. For more info, visit www.capadance.net.

OTHER

Social Media Strategies Workshop Series – Building a Strong Local Network in a Social Media World will highlight local opportunities for forging new connections and how social media can build upon those face to face interactions at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Lafayette Library.

Saint Mary's Dance Company presents "Solidarity" at 8 p.m. Nov. 20, 21 and 22, featuring choreography by graduating seniors examining our sense of solidarity – all of us together in our shared struggles, triumphs and community – sometimes tenuous, sometimes palpable at LeFevre Theatre, Theatre, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. Tickets will be sold at the door: \$5 general; seniors, and non-SMC students.

Orinda Community Event - Over 45 unique vendors from holiday decorations, hats and scarves, pottery, custom-made quilts, jewelry and much, much more! Free Santa visits, Scooter the clown, and children's activities from 9:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way. Questions? Call the Orinda Community Center at (925) 254-2445.

Kittens, Kittens, Kittens! Come see our beautiful babies at weekly adoption events on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Pet Food Express in Lafayette, 3610 Mt. Diablo Blvd. See torties, tabbies, tux's, orange guys, grey ones, Siamese, calicos, and black beauties. Love comes in all sizes; big cats are available for adoption, too. Kittens are also shown at Pet Food Express in Pleasant Hill and Petco in Walnut Creek. For info, visit www.communityconcernforcats.org.

Voices Against Brain Cancer, a national nonprofit organization committed to finding a cure for brain cancer, is set to host its inaugural "Join the Voices! San Francisco Run/Walk" at 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at Golden Gate Park. Voices Against Brain Cancer hopes to create greater national awareness and ultimately find a cure. For more info, go to www.jointhevoices-sanfrancisco.org. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a 9 a.m. start time.

The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association will hold its 40th Anniversary Celebration marking 40 years of preservation advocacy, education, and activism from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2619 Dwight Way, Berkeley. A reception will follow in the Fireside Room. Reserve your seat by email at baha@berkeleyheritage.com, or call (510) 841-2242. Free.

Join Valley Stitches and Fiber Artists Guild members for a luncheon where members provide the salads and the board provides desserts. There's always food to share with guests. And you have the bonus of members showing off their talents along with a surprise to all. Doors open for a little shopping at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1 at Faith Lutheran Church at 50 Woodworth Lane, Pleasant Hill. For info, call Sheila at (925) 945-1338.

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