

Lamorinda's Religious Services

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422
www.holyshepherd.org



WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 20, 2016 – JANUARY 8, 2017
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 a.m.
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger



JOIN US FOR OUR TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE CHORAL SERVICE
Glorious music • Inspirational worship
St. Giles' Episcopal Church
meeting in
St. Mary's College Chapel
1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga
December 24th at 9:00 p.m.
www.stgiles-moraga.org
925-376-5770
Sorry, No Service Christmas Day



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 a.m. | Sunday School 10 a.m.



Lafayette United Methodist Church
955 Moraga Road 925.284.4765 thelumc.org
Sunday 10am Worship and Faith Formation for all ages
Opportunities to Love God, Love Others,
and Serve the World

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

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Where all are welcome, nobody is perfect,
and anything is possible with God.



- Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. only 12/25
- Programs for all ages
- Guest Speakers & Workshops
- So much more! Connect with us today!

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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



Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24 – 5, 9 & 11 PM

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25 – 10:30 AM



10 Moraga Valley Lane | www.mvpc.today.org | 925.376.4800



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda
254-3770. www.ststephensorinda.org
Sunday 8am, 10am

Christmas at St. Stephen's

Sunday 18 Christmas Pageant: 10am service
Sunday 18 Festival of Lessons & Carols @ 5pm
Saturday 24 Christmas Eve Services:
4pm (family service), 8pm, and 11pm
Sunday 25 Christmas Day: One service at 10am



Lamorinda Theatre Company performers at It's a Wonderful Life Holiday Celebration in Lafayette

Photo Gint Federas

◆ Not to be missed ◆ Not to be missed ◆

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A no-cost present wrapping room with everything you need to wrap gifts will be open again this year through Dec. 24 at 5A Rent-A-Space, 455 Moraga Road in Moraga. Free.

"How Can I Keep From Singing," WomenSing's holiday concert, is from 8 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Church of Santa Maria, 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda. The concert offers an eclectic mix of carols, classical favorites, and new works, for a joyful and comforting holiday musical event. Cost: \$28 general admission; \$10 for students. For more info see www.womensing.org/content/how-can-i-keep-singing, call (925) 798-4875 or email info@womensing.org.

Acalanes Choral Department presents "Winter Wind, Winter Moon." Come to Acalanes to enjoy a winter choral concert in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15. Chorale, Women's Ensemble, Bella Voce and special guests Nothing But Treble and 2Pitchy4U will perform, as well as Women's Octet, Harmonix and the Innuendoes. Students are free, seniors are \$5 and adults are \$10. Go to http://bit.ly/choral-tickets to purchase tickets.

The Contra Costa Mega Challah Bake is at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Lafayette Veterans' Memorial, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Discover the art of challah making from scratch and the mystique of the time-honored tradition. \$18 with advanced registration. RSVP required at www.Jewishcontracosta.com/ChallahBake.

"A Child's Christmas in Wales" — An illustrated history and reading is at 6 p.m. on Dec 15 in the Lafayette Library Community Hall. Explore the wonder, nostalgia, and Welsh charm of Dylan Thomas's holiday poem in this special celebration and reading by guest presenter Dulais Rhys. Please register for this free event at www.tinyurl.com/LAFwales.

Santa will be in Moraga from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 17 for photos at 5A Rent-a-Space, 455 Moraga Road. Come by to get a free photo with a frame, cookies, cocoa and arts and crafts.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," presented by Town Hall Theatre, runs through Dec. 17 in Lafayette. For show times and tickets, call 925.283.1557 or see www.TownHallTheatre.com.

Daughters of the Goddess, a Bay Area women-only Goddess Temple, will be holding its yearly Winter Solstice Ritual starting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Location: East Bay address given upon RSVP. Newcomers \$15.

Jennifer Permutter Gallery presents **It's the Small Things** holiday small works exhibit through 23. Enjoy wine and refreshments, art by Bay Area artists, priced for gift giving. Original Oils, mixed media, photographs, Pit fired and Raku ceramics. 3620 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. jenniferpermuttergallery.com.

The Valley Art Gallery's 51st annual Holiday Collection for Artful Giving runs through Dec. 24. It includes a wide variety of beautifully crafted ceramic, wood and glass pieces, original designer jewelry, small paintings, textile holiday decorations and other one-of-a-kind gifts, all handcrafted by our local artists. Plus join them for the new event: "Trunk Shows," on Dec. 15, featuring Nancy Meaden (hand painted silk scarves) and Gila Sagy (fused glass.) 1661 Botelho Dr. # 110, Walnut Creek. www.valleyartgallery.org.

Community Concern for Cats is hosting its second annual Giving Tree through Dec. 24 at its upscale thrift shop, Rescued Treasures, 1270 Newell Ave. in Walnut Creek. All proceeds go toward life-saving procedures for homeless cats and kittens in local neighborhoods. You can also bring joy and peace into your life this holiday season: open your home to a new kitten or cat. Visit their kitties at adoption events from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17 and 18. Our locations are Pet Food Express in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill, and Petco in Walnut Creek. For more information, see www.communityconcernforcats.org.

Come together with family and friends to celebrate the festival of Hanukkah! Chabad of Lamorinda presents the Grand Menorah Lighting at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25 at Lafayette Plaza Park. Children and adults alike will enjoy latkes, donuts, dreidels, coins, music, dancing, Hanukkah gifts and Hanukkah Gelt. For more information contact Chabadoflamorinda.com/Menorah, (925) 384-7242.

ART

Lamorinda Arts Alliance announces a new show at the Orinda Library, People, Places and Things, running through Jan. 2. This show represents all media and many styles from realism to abstraction. Many of the paintings and photographs are scenes that will be familiar to Bay Area residents.

The City of Lafayette Public Art Committee welcomes its latest art exhibit featuring the Bay Area Studio Artists (BASA). The exhibit is on display in the Library Gallery adjacent to the Community Hall at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center (LLLC) now through Feb. 13. www.bayareastudioartists.com.

Moraga Art Gallery's new exhibit Beauty Near and Far features oil landscapes by Walnut Creek artist Kerima Swain, whose vibrant colors and sun-dappled landscapes transport viewers to sites around the world, from Saint Mary's College and the Golden Gate to the Greek isle of Hydra and beyond. Also featured is a boldly-hued collection of pit and saggar-fired ceramics by guest artist Lesley Jensen. The show runs through Jan. 7. For more information, visit www.moragaartgallery.com or call (925) 376-5407.

OTHER

Welcome to Medicare is a free class presented by the Contra Costa Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HI-CAP). You will learn when and how to enroll, about Medicare costs and benefits, prescription coverage, Medicare Advantage plans (HMOs), Medicare Supplements and how Medicare coordinates with other coverage. 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek. See www.cchicap.org or call (925) 602-4163 for more information.

The Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center is hosting an evening potluck and presentation by tour guides Seema Dajani and Judith Gussman of Mejdi Tours who will discuss an upcoming tour to Israel and Palestine they have planned, at 6 p.m. on Dec 15 in the Owl Room, MDUUC, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. More info on the tour at www.mejditours.com/open-tour/rays-of-hope-tour/. Tickets are \$10 in advance / \$15 at the door, FREE for Students / half-price for MT-DPC members. For more info call (925) 933-7850. Pre-register at www.ourpeacecenter.org.

The 75 Anniversary Celebration for the Orinda Theatre is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29. Step back in time to Dec. 29, 1941 – the Grand Opening of the Orinda Theatre. They will re-create that celebration with a ventriloquist, short films, movie reels, and the feature film "Texas" starring Glen Ford and William Holden. There will be a spotlight, a red carpet, and the staff will be wearing 1940s uniforms. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1940s attire. Tickets are 50 cents. See story page B1)

Join Tony La Russa and ARF for a hilarious night of comedy benefiting ARF's programs at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 6 at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Comedy Night features acclaimed comedians Larry "Bubbles" Brown, Maureen Langan, Kabir "Kabezy" Singh, Patrick McDermott, Jill Maragos, and Johnny Steele. Tickets are on sale now at (925) 943-SHOW or www.lesherartscenter.org, priced from \$25 to \$60. Order today — this event will sell out quickly! Visit www.arflife.org for ongoing show updates.

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