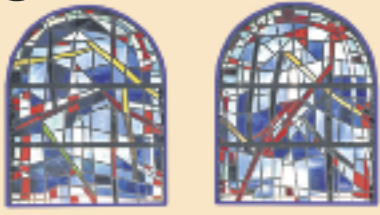


## Lamorinda's Religious Services



### 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

### Lafayette United Methodist Church



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

Worship	Sunday	10 am
Children & Teen Faith Formation	Sunday	10 am
Teen Fellowship	Sunday	6 pm

Opportunities for Worship, Love, Service

### 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



► SUNDAY Worship, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM, with programs for all ages.

► SEEDLINGS Preschool, M-F.

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

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
925-283-8722 LOPC.org



Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church

**mvpc**

Sundays, 9 & 10:30am

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

### 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

### 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.willow.springchurch.net

### Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422 www.holy shepherd.org



8:30 a.m. Traditions Worship Service  
9:45 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

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### ART

**About Face - The Arts and Culture Commission** of Contra Costa County is offering two-day self-portrait painting workshops at no cost to all Contra Costa County veterans. Workshops will take place in Martinez at ARTU4iA, a working art studio led by noted artist John Kleber. No art experience required. All painting materials will be provided. Workshops are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 20, 22, 27 and 29 and Nov. 3, 5, 17 and 19. Free food and beverages will be provided. Class size will be held up to 15 participants. Register online at AC5.org/ABOUTFACE.

**The newest show at the Lafayette Art Gallery** titled "Artists in Action," which runs through Oct. 31, will focus on action! To view samples of the artists' works, visit <http://www.lafayetteartgallery.com/exhibitions.html>.

**The 9th Annual Artisan Faire in Orinda** will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante. This is a perfect occasion to find holiday gifts of unique and distinctive art and craft pieces, including ceramics, glass, painting, woodwork, clothing, fiber art, clocks, jewelry, photography and more. Complementary wine tasting will be offered at this festive event.

**The Moraga Art Gallery's new exhibit "Yellowstone: Beauty, Beasts, and Boneyards,"** will feature oil landscapes by Orinda's Lisa Gunn, whose imaginative palette captures the primitive character and timelessness of Yellowstone National Park and its environs. Also featured is a boldly-hued collection of one-of-a-kind etched tableware, handmade by guest artist Lisa Neimeth in her studio, a converted San Francisco chicken coop. The show will run from Nov. 4 to Jan. 9 with a free reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 7. The current show "Color, Clay & Fire" featuring artists Jacqueline Proulx and Marge Barta Atkins runs through Oct. 31. For more info, visit [www.moragaartgallery.com](http://www.moragaartgallery.com) or call (925) 376-5407.

**"Wild" Animal Portraits and Cityscapes** by Dan San Souci at the Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery, 3620 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. The exhibit runs from Nov. 6 to Dec. 5 with an artist reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 6.

### MUSIC

**The Gold Coast Chamber Players** perform the music of Mozart and Mendelssohn in Prodiges. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 at the Lafayette Library Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Ticket price includes complimentary champagne, a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m., and a reception with the musicians following the performance. Tickets are available at [www.gcplayers.org](http://www.gcplayers.org) and by phone at (925) 283-3728. Limited seating, please reserve early.

**The Lafayette Library and Learning Center** will be hosting its third annual Teen Battle of the Bands from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. In this popular event, teen bands will battle it out on stage in front of their friends and peers alike for cash and other prizes. Radio station Live 105 will make a return appearance. Local Walnut Creek based food trucks Tonli Dumpling House and United Bites will also be present. Raffle prizes will be randomly awarded to audience members between each set.

### THEATER

**Town Hall Theatre** presents "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" by Rupert Holmes through Oct. 24. Taking place at the turn of the century in a bawdy music hall, a group of actors decide to attempt the unthinkable – to solve, resolve and conclude Charles Dickens' unfinished masterpiece, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." With the audience deciding several outcomes every evening (resulting in over 200 different combinations of endings), "Drood" is fast, incredibly funny ... and never the same show twice. Rated PG-13 for bawdy humor and adult situations. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Box Office at (925) 283-1557 or check the

website at [www.TownHallTheatre.com](http://www.TownHallTheatre.com) for show times and tickets.

**Join the Acalanes DramaDons** in their entertaining and comedic production of "The Curious Savage," directed by Ed Meehan, Acalanes drama teacher. The story playfully highlights how, in a world that seems motivated by greed and dishonesty, the virtues of kindness and affection can prevail. The production runs at 7 p.m. Nov. 10, 12, 13 and 14 in the Acalanes little theatre. Tickets are available in November during lunch at AHS or online at [ahsperformingarts.org](http://ahsperformingarts.org). Limited ticket sales at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$12; students and seniors \$7.

**Orinda Intermediate School's Bulldog Theater** presents the play "Transyl-Mania" at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 and 13 and 2 and 5 p.m. on Nov. 14, 80 Ivy Drive, Orinda. Ticket prices range from \$3 - \$10 and are available for advance purchase at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com). Tickets will also be sold at the door.

### LECTURE & LITERATURE

**Lecture at the Orinda Library** by **Dora Sorell**, author of "Tell the Children, Letters to Miriam," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 in the auditorium. Free. For info, visit <http://www.letterstomygrandchildren.com/> or contact the library at (925) 254-2184.

**Berkeley Repertory Theatre** docent lecture at the Moraga Library at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. Enjoy an entertaining afternoon with a Berkeley Repertory Theatre docent who will discuss "The Hypocrites' Pirates of Penzance."

**Biscuits and Blues - an evening with Audrey Skondeen** Ward, author of "Hidden Biscuits, Tales of Deep South Revivals Told by Heart" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Enjoy stories of the deep south, bluegrass music, homemade biscuits and southern-style hospitality.

**"Rising Above - Overcoming Obstacles In Spite of Adversity"** from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26 at Stanley Middle School in the Multi-Purpose Room. Stephen Wampler grew up in Lafayette with his four siblings. This longtime resident of Lafayette, and graduate of Acalanes High School, returns to the Lamorinda community to tell his amazing story of climbing the face of El Capitan in Yosemite with the use of only one limb, his right arm. To reserve your seat to this event, please go to: [signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4CA5A8238-district](http://signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4CA5A8238-district). (See story page B2)

**Moraga Movers and the Moraga Library** present "Book Talking" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 at the Moraga Library, featuring speaker Marian Neilson of Orinda Books.

### KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

**Halloween Monster Mash from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday**, Oct. 29 at the Moraga Library. Play games and make goeey slime and other Halloween crafts while you listen to haunting music. The playhouse fort will be transformed into a haunted house – peek in if you dare! Children are encouraged to come in costume. No registration required for this free event. For children ages 3-12.

**Halloween Parade for Tots in Orinda** at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Orinda Community Center Park. Come join the fun in costume and follow Glenda the Good Witch in a stroll around the park and then participate in Halloween themed activities.

**Annual Haunted House** courtesy of the Lafayette Youth Commission. Not Too Scary (7 and under with parent) 7 to 7 p.m. Very Scary (8+) 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 and Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road. Cost: ages 7 and under: \$3; ages 8 and over: \$5.

**The Lafayette Library and Learning Center's Children's Book Festival** will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Lafayette Library Community Hall, and will fea-

ture five well-known, award-winning authors and illustrators – Jennifer Choldenko, Thacher Hurd, Jordan Jacobs, Elisa Kleven and Michael Slack – who will sign books and demonstrate illustration techniques. Free. (See story page B7)

**This fall Lindsay Wildlife Experience** will be leading hikes in Mount Diablo State Park to explore the natural habitat of tarantulas. Discover these eight-legged creatures on a local two-mile hike recommended for nature lovers ages 6 and up. Tarantula Hikes take place from 4 to 6 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25. The hike costs \$10 for Lindsay members and \$15 for all non-members. Pre-registration is required.

**The Halloween Harvest Festival** takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Moraga Certified Farmers' Market. Festivities include a costume contest and parade at 10:30 a.m. Prizes will be given for Scariest, Funniest, Best Farmers' Market Theme, Most Creative, and Best Overall Costume. Family fun also includes a "Guess the Weight of the GIANT Pumpkin" contest to win \$50, and children's mini-pumpkin decorating.

**Lafayette Reservoir Run from 6:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday**, Oct. 25 in downtown Lafayette. In addition to the 5k, 10k and 2-mile run, there will be a family bike ride and Healthy Lifestyles Fair. For more info and to register visit [www.lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/](http://www.lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/).

**Trick or Treat Street: a fun, safe Halloween event**, where children and their parents are invited to trick-or-treat on Mt. Diablo Boulevard from Oak Hill Road to Dewing Avenue and in La Fiesta Square from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. All participating businesses will display a "Trick-or-Treat Poster" and balloons. Please come in costume to receive a special treat. Don't forget to bring a trick-or-treat bag.

**Tick-or-Treat! Costumed children** are invited to trick-or-treat at Rheem Valley Shopping Center businesses from 3 to 5 p.m. on Halloween, Oct. 31. Free Halloween candy from participating businesses.

**Day of the Dead Crafts at the Moraga Library** from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. Color a skull on foil or make a skull mask to celebrate (a bit late) el Día de los Muertos – Day of the Dead. The craft will have simpler and more complex versions to accommodate all ages of crafters. Free program, no reservations necessary.

### OTHER

**Volunteers needed to prune the Fire Blight-damaged** branches from the 102-year-old pear orchard adjacent to Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School in Moraga (1000 Camino Pablo at Canyon) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday in October. Bring pole pruners, loppers and hand pruners, water, gloves, hat and sunscreen. Wear sturdy shoes. Reply to [barbarampreston@comcast.net](mailto:barbarampreston@comcast.net) with which day, the number of adults and kids (ages) coming, and what tools you will bring.

**What is human trafficking? Why should we care?** What can we do? Join a presentation from Soroptimist International, "Look Beneath the Surface," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 at St. John Vianney Church, Mullen Commons, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more info, go to [www.soroptimist24-680.org](http://www.soroptimist24-680.org).

**Women's Spiral Dance - A Multi-Cultural Celebration** of Our Beloved Ancestors and Crones from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at the Orinda Masonic Temple, 9 Altarinda Road. Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple welcomes women and girls of all ages to its annual Spiral Dance. During this multi-cultural ritual, led by Kahuna Leilani, and accompanied by spiritual elders of different traditions, the community comes together to honor and celebrate loved ones who have passed away. Tickets: \$23 in advance; \$29 at the door. For tickets or info, contact Leilani at (925) 787-9247 or [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

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