

Lamorinda's Religious Services

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



- Sunday Worship 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
- Programs for all ages
- SEEDLINGS Preschool M-F
- 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



Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church

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Sundays, 9 & 10:30am

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

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



Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
9:40 a.m. Education
Coffee Fellowship at 9:30 & 11:45 a.m.
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 29
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

SAINT GILES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9am Sunday School &
Communion Service
in the SMC Chapel



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traditional liturgy +
inclusive theology



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"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

Not to be missed

ART

The City of Lafayette Public Art Committee welcomes its latest art exhibit "Oscar's Excellent Year," featuring local artist Joanne Taeuffer. The exhibit is on display in the Homework Center at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center now through June. For info, visit www.joannetaeuffer.com.

The Valley Art Gallery presents **Salvador Valencia**: A New Direction, with an artist reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Valencia is a contemporary plein-air artist whose passion for life and art are vividly seen in colorful paintings. Working outdoors with watercolors enables him to capture the true effects of color in sunlight and shade.

The public is invited to attend the **Art and Photography Show**, featuring works by some 80 adult students at Acalanes Adult Education (AAE) from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 10. This free opening night reception includes samples of drawing, multimedia, oil/acrylic paintings, and special projects created in Art Lab. Some items will be available for sale. Refreshments will be served. AAE is located at 1963 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek. The exhibit will continue on weekdays only through July 29.

MUSIC

Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers will return to the Sunjams stage from 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 21 in Orinda. Come as you are to enjoy our comfortable venue and have some delicious food and drink while you listen to this fantastic band with its world-renowned repertoire of jazz, swing, country and blues tunes that are sure to get you in a dancing mood. Complementary valet parking is included. Proceeds will go toward funding music education in under-resourced elementary schools throughout the Bay Area. For info, visit sunjams.org.

Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble, directed by Dr. Anne Hege, presents "Songs of the Bygone: Traces of a Vanishing World," a wry, sometimes bemused exploration in song of forgotten ways of life and forms of communication. The concert will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 at St. Perpetua Catholic Parish, 3454 Hamlin Road, Lafayette. Tickets: \$25 suggested donation at the door; \$20 advance; \$15 students; free for children between 6 and 12. Available at the door or online at www.vocisings.org/tickets.php. For ticket information, call (510) 531-8714.

A free **Sunday Concert Series with Donna Storing**, an award-winning and renowned recording artist, concert pianist, composer and Marshall Scholar from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22 at The Kensington, 1580 Geary Road, Walnut Creek. Reservations required at (925) 243-7592; www.VintageKensington.com.

"A Tribute to the Beatles." On the 50th anniversary of the Beatles invasion and their appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show, the Blackhawk Chorus will present a two-hour show of the most famous music of this fabulous foursome. The shows will be at 8 p.m. on May 21, at Leshler Center for Arts in Walnut Creek, and at 4:30 p.m. on May 22 at St. Joan of Arc Church in San Ramon, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Tickets: \$25 for adults; \$17 for children (under 12). For tickets, call the Leshler Box Office at (925) 943-SHOW (7469).

The **Diablo Symphony will feature violinist Stephen Waarts** at its final concert of the season, "Kindred Spirits," at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22 at the Leshler Center in Walnut Creek. Mr. Waarts will be performing the iconic and beloved Beethoven Violin Concerto. The program also features two works by Jean Sibelius: King Christian II Suite and Symphony No. 7. Tickets to the event can be purchased through the DSO website (www.diablosymphony.org) or at the Leshler box office.

Indian dancers, a ukulele group and Mandarin, German, French and Spanish music highlight a free Stanley Middle School International Concert performance at 6 p.m., May 25 outside, weather permitting (rain venue: gymnasium). All students enrolled in the four foreign languages offered at the school participate. The concert precedes the school's Open House, which begins at 7 p.m.

Lafayette's Jazz Café at 6 p.m. June 3 in the Stanley Middle School Multi-Purpose Room. Lineup features Stanley Middle School's Crusaders and Jazz Messengers, as well as the Campolindo and Acalanes jazz bands. Tickets: general admission \$10; elementary students \$5; kids under 6 free. Tortilleria El Molino Catering from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Raffle drawings for fabulous gift baskets! This is the only fundraiser for the Stanley Middle School Jazz Program. For info, email anouschkaw@mac.com.

Latin Musicfest featuring Carlos Reyes with special musical guests Rolando Morales & Esther Godinez from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2 at Aegis Living of Moraga, 950 Country Club Dr. in Moraga. Free. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP at (925) 297-6760.

Bay Area dancer and choreographer Todd Courage and dancer, choreographer, and yogi Mary-Anngeline Douvikas will premiere their thesis concerts at 8 p.m. June 3 and 4 in the LeFevre Theatre at Saint Mary's College of California. Courage and Douvikas are members of the very first cohort of students in the MFA in Dance program at Saint Mary's and will be presenting their work at the inaugural MFA in Dance Thesis Concerts Series. Tickets are \$15, general admission, and can be purchased at the door or in advance online at <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/mfa-in-dance-thesis-concert-a>.

WomenSing presents "To Give Voice" at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 5 and at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. WomenSing presents its 50th anniversary spring concert, giving voice to the musical traditions that have shaped America and WomenSing. Cost: \$28 general admission; \$10 for students and youth 18 and under. For more info see <http://womensing.org/concerts/current-season/spring-concert/> or call (925) 798-4875 or email info@womensing.org.

THEATER

Mark your calendars! The Miramonte Players proudly present "The Tempest," Shakespeare's famous allegory of colonialism. This time, however, the play is set not on a magical island but in the far reaches of the universe, as humanity discovers the existence of alien life. Preview is at 4 p.m. May 19 (free admission), and shows are at 7 p.m. May 20 and May 21. Tickets are available on the web store and at the door.

Ever wonder what it looks like on California Shakespeare Theater Way? Get a free First Look into Cal Shakes' first production of the summer season, Shakespeare's sharpest comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," and find out what lies just beyond Highway 24! Artistic Director Eric Ting moderates a Q&A session with Much Ado About Nothing director Jackson Gay, followed by a portion of technical rehearsal open to First Look attendees. Grounds open at 6:30 p.m.; Q&A is at 7 p.m. on May 22. Free. RSVP at <https://tickets.calshakes.org>.

The **Peter Pan Foundation is performing its 10th anniversary production** of their signature original musical "Wish Upon A Star" at the Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill over Memorial Day weekend. With a cast of more than 200 performers, ranging in age from four to sixty, this ambitious production is a delight for all audiences. Full length performances are 2 and 7 p.m. May 28 through 30 with Shadow Cast performances 10 a.m. May 29 and 30. Tickets can be purchased by

clicking the Box Office link at www.peterpanfoundation.org. (See story page B2)

Berkeley Repertory Theatre and Moraga Library will present a docent lecture at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 2. A docent from the Berkeley Repertory Theatre will discuss the current production, For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday, showing at the Roda Theatre through July 3.

Town Hall Theatre Company presents "Play It Again, Sam" by Woody Allen and directed by Soren Oliver in Lafayette June 4-25. Tickets and exact show times are available at www.townhalltheatre.com or at by calling (925) 283-1557.

Crosslight Theater's Youth Conservatory presents "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Walnut Creek's Leshler Center for the Arts, June 3-12. Thursday/Friday/Saturday at 7:15 p.m., with shows June 3, 4, 9, 10, 11; Saturday/Sunday at 2:15 p.m. with shows June 4, 5, 11, 12. Tickets \$15/\$17 available in person at the Leshler Center Box Office, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek; by phone at (925) 943-SHOW; and online at www.lesherartscenter.org.

LECTURE & LITERATURE

The League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley are pleased to welcome Dr. Helen Benjamin as its speaker from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 11 in the Cedar Room of the Lafayette Community Center. Dr. Benjamin is the retiring Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District. She will be sharing her experience in higher education and her perspective on the future of a community college system now faced with fluctuating budgets and changing demographics.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

National Paper Airplane Day Craft from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 at the Moraga Library. Celebrate National Paper Airplane Day a bit early by making paper airplanes and testing them for distance and time in the air. This free event is geared for children, but open to all ages.

Puppy Time Study Break from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 31 at the Moraga Library. There will be puppies from Canine Companions for Independence® to play with this afternoon. We will also have snacks, music, and fun. This free event is geared for high school students, but open to the public. No registration necessary.

Interested in studying vocal performance, acting, musical theatre, music education, or instrumental music? Attend the College Info Panel and Q&A from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 31 at the Campolindo High School Performing Arts Center. A College Admissions Performing Arts Discussion Panel made up of current college students and along with working professionals will help you become more familiar with this sometimes complicated process and the steps you need to take to prepare for auditions and interviews. Freshman through rising-seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. Contact sponsors: Mark Roberts at Campolindo: mroberts@acalanes.k12.ca.us, Betty Schneider Voice Studio: betty@bettyschneider.com.

Author Marissa Moss Visits ... for Amelia's Graduation! from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1 at the Moraga Library. Author Marissa Moss will talk about her Amelia series and Amelia's Middle-School Graduation Yearbook. Books will be available for purchase, and Marissa is happy to sign them! These Moraga Library events are free and open to the public, and are geared to older elementary and middle school students.

Kids Carnival for Wishes - Fun games, face painting and more to raise money for Make-A-Wish Foundation, hosted by local junior ambassadors from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 4 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette.

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