

## Not to be missed

### ART

**Valley Art Gallery 52nd "Artful Giving" Holiday Exhibition.** From objects found to impressions visualized, artists have been busy creating this show of more than 300 works of art for sale or for rent. The show will run through Dec. 23. 1661 Botelho Drive, Suite 110, Walnut Creek. [www.valleyartgallery.org](http://www.valleyartgallery.org)

**Small Things Holiday Pop-Up Gift Shop at Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery** through Dec. 23. Imagine stepping into a local gallery and finding the perfect gift. Then discovering that your purchase supports local artists! It's all possible at "Small Things" – The Holiday Pop-Up Gift Shop. Discerning shoppers will find an array of unique handcrafted items from original art to jewelry, porcelain, wood sculptures and even mixed media shadow boxes. [jenniferperlmuttergallery.com](http://jenniferperlmuttergallery.com)

**The California College of the Arts Fall 2017 BFA Thesis Show** will feature Illustrator Jaya Griggs who is a 2013 graduate of Campolindo High School. The show will be held at the McClintock Building, 100 Carolina, San Francisco and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 14 and an Artist's Reception will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14.

**Moraga Gallery Holiday Boutique.** The current show at the Moraga Art Gallery, featuring the K. De Groot's Asia-accented jewelry, continues through Jan. 6. In addition, member and guest artists are displaying a bounty of one-of-a-kind gifts: jewelry, paintings, scarves, ceramics, photographs, woodware, tree ornaments, greeting cards, and more. The gallery, 522 Center Street in Moraga's Rheem Shopping Center, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Christmas. For more information, go to [www.moragaartgallery.com](http://www.moragaartgallery.com), call (925)

376-5407 or email [moragaartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:moragaartgallery@gmail.com).

### MUSIC

**WomenSing presents "Beginning With A Bang: Strike the Drum and Join the Chorus!"** from 8 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the Church of Santa Maria, 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda. WomenSing adds percussion to the holiday season in a joyous concert of traditional and unexpected repertoire, led by Artistic Director Ofer dal Lal. Cost: \$28 general admission; \$10 student. For more info, visit <https://womensing.org/CurrentSeason>, call (925) 798-4875 or email [info@womensing.org](mailto:info@womensing.org).

**Hip Hop For Change is presenting two free concerts** this month: Legionnaire at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 at located at 2272 Telegraph in Oakland and 6-9 p.m. Friday Dec. 15 at Spats located at 1974 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley. For more information go to [hiphopforchange.org](http://hiphopforchange.org).

**Join local band "JetBlacq" for its annual holiday show "Jingles with JetBlacq"** featuring husband and wife Rebecca and Frank Faiola singing all of your favorite holiday songs at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at the New Rheem Theatre. Cost: \$15. Tickets are available online at [www.lamorindatheatres.com](http://www.lamorindatheatres.com). Check out JetBlacq at [www.reverbnation.com/jetblacq](http://www.reverbnation.com/jetblacq).

### THEATER

**CAPA presents The Nutcracker - Snow falls** onstage and the Christmas tree magically grows in the California Academy of Performing Arts presentation of a full-length, narrated Nutcracker. A beloved Lamorinda tradition for over 20 years, this energy-filled spectacle reflects the studio's dedication to young dancers with more than 100 local performers and extra characters and surprises. Performances Dec. 15-17 at 5:30 and 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 and 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Campolindo Performing Arts

Center. For tickets, go to [www.cashows.eventbrite.com](http://www.cashows.eventbrite.com).

### KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

**Just for Teens: Holiday Crafts at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14** in the Orinda Library Garden Room. Make holiday gift bags, boxes and tags with artist Valerie Adinolfi. All materials provided. For grades 6-12. No registration required.

**Jewish Gateways presents Hanukkah Celebration** for Families with Young Children from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Jewish Community Center East Bay, 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley. Celebrate this festival of lights with Hanukkah songs, stories, a hands-on project, and treats. Led by Rabbi Bridget and Isaac Zones. Cost: \$30 per family, plus \$5 per sibling over 5. For more info see <https://www.jewishgateways.org/hands-on-holidays>, call (510) 410-0622 or email [rabbibridget@jewishgateways.org](mailto:rabbibridget@jewishgateways.org).

### OTHER

**Jane Goodall in Walnut Creek - The documentary "Jane"** is this month's selection for Mountain Shadow. It contains never-before-seen footage of Jane Goodall and her chimps and is backed by a beautiful score by Phillip Glass – two geniuses in one film. The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Walnut Creek Library, 1644 North Broadway St. Cost: \$12 general admission. More information about the film as well as Mountain Shadow Film Society, is available at <http://mountainshadow.org>.

**The Bethlehem Experience: The Lafayette United Methodist Church** presents an interactive performance that takes you back through time from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 15-17. One-hour-long tours begin every 15 minutes. Tour Guides will lead groups of about 12 people through the marketplace of Bethlehem on the night of the Messiah's birth. The Bethlehem Experience is a feast for the senses: the smell of exotic spices, the festive sound of music, the sight of robed and sandaled merchants in their stalls, the taste of freshly baked unleavened bread, live animals in the stable and the soft feel of flaxen "swaddling clothes." Freewill donation: \$5/person or \$20/family. For information, call (925) 284-4765.

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Orinda, invites** all East Bay worshipers to attend their Christmas services and events including a special Festival of Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17 in the church. The service will be followed by a festive reception in the Parish Hall.

**Lamorinda Grand Menorah Lighting. Amazing Hanukkah Celebration.** Share with Family and friends and come celebrate Hanukkah together at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 at Lafayette Plaza Park. Corner of Mt. Diablo and Moraga Road. For Adults and Children Alike. Free. [www.Chabadoflamorinda.com/Menorah](http://www.Chabadoflamorinda.com/Menorah)

**Community Hanukkah Celebration! Dinner Buffet** with a Menorah Lighting, Acrobat Show, Games Music, Latkes, Doughnuts, Special Kids Entertainment at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563. [www.Chabadoflamorinda.com/Party](http://www.Chabadoflamorinda.com/Party)

**Hanukkah Oil Press. Join dozens of children** from across Lamorinda for a Live Olive press presentation together with arts and crafts and learning about Hanukkah. Accompanied by traditional Holiday foods: Latke, Sufgoniot, Chocolate Gelt! For adults and children at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 790 Solana Drive, Wednesday. [www.Chabadoflamorinda.com/Oil](http://www.Chabadoflamorinda.com/Oil)

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## Lamorinda's Religious Services

expecting the  
**messiah**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am & 5 pm**

**CHRISTMAS EVE 5, 9 & 11 pm**  
(no morning service)



Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church

**mvpc**

10 Moraga Valley Lane | [www.mvpc.today.org](http://www.mvpc.today.org) | 925.376.4800

### Lafayette United Methodist Church

955 Moraga Road 925.284.4765 [thelumc.org](http://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](http://www.stanselms.ws)

### 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
- 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](http://www.christianscienceorinda.org)



### St Stephen's Episcopal Church

66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda

254-3770. [www.ststephensorinda.org](http://www.ststephensorinda.org)

**Christmas at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

Sunday, December 24

4th Advent: 8am

Christmas Pageant & Family Service: 11am

Christmas Eve: 8pm (music at 7:30)

Christmas Eve: 11pm (music at 10:30)

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day: 10am

Sunday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Name: 8am & 10am

Fruitcake Sunday (bring left overs)

**Festival of Lessons and Carols**

**(aka Stories and Songs) December 17 @ 5pm**

Lessons and Carols is a time-honored event that has been celebrated at King's College in Cambridge for 99 years.

Churches around the globe gather for this special way of remembering the great story of Christmas through stories and songs from our tradition. On Sunday, Dec 17 at 5pm, St Stephen's will join ourselves to that tradition in our own special way, re-imagining Lessons and Carols as "Songs and Stories," and inviting people of all ages to come and participate, read, listen, pray, and sing our way into Christmas together. The service will be followed by a festive reception in the Parish Hall.

### ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

1001 CAMINO PABLO

925-376-6900

[WWW.STMONICAMORAGA.COM](http://WWW.STMONICAMORAGA.COM)

**Mass times:** Saturday – Confessions 4pm and Vigil Mass 5pm  
Sunday – Masses at 7:30, 9 and 11am  
Coffee and donuts following the 9am Mass.

**Advent / Christmas Season:**

December 17 – Pancake breakfast in the Peace Room following the 9am Mass. St. Nicholas will make an appearance. All are welcome!

**Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Mass Times:**

December 23 – 5pm

December 24 – 7:30, 9 & 11am / 4,6 and 8pm  
(8pm with choir)

December 25 – 9 & 11am

### CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT AND WORSHIP

December 24, 5 p.m.

A service for all ages.

Fun and carols pave the way for reflection, sacred music and candlelight.



10 Irwin Way, Orinda  
925.254.4906

[www.orindachurch.org](http://www.orindachurch.org)

THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Everyone welcome!

**Come celebrate the birth of Christ**

**Christmas Eve – Sunday 10AM**

3776 Via Granada, Moraga