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ART

Irenka Kudlicki & Dalia Alekna at Samadian Gallery through December at 23 Orinda Way, Suite 301, Orinda. The exhibit includes engaging abstract paintings by Irenka Kudlicki and alluring pastels by Dalia Alekna. Valley Art Gallery presents its 54th Annual Holiday Collection for Artful Giving through Dec. 28. Their holiday collection includes a wide variety of jewelry, ceramics, glass, textiles, holiday decorations, small paintings, and many other one-of-a-kind gifts crafted by

greater Bay Area artists. In addition, unique sliding walls feature over 300 works in a variety of styles, media and prices by the best Bay Area artists. 1661 Botelho Drive, Suite 110, Walnut Creek. Website and telephone: www.valleyart-gallery.org; (925) 935-4311

Art Show "Radiance Captured, Oakland Art Association, Painted Bottles & National Parks, Where Nature Runs Free," Art Gallery at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. The Lamorinda Arts Council presents the oil paintings by Judith Feins, 2D and 3D

artwork from members of the Oakland Art Association, painted wine bottles by Kath Balamuth and nature-rich photography by Farzeen Taban during the month of December. Visit lamorindaarts.org for more information.

Lamorinda Arts Council presents "It's Kind of Eclectic" from Linda Huffman through December at the Art Gallery at the Art & Garden Center at Wilder at 20 Orinda Fields Road in Orinda. https://lamorindaarts.org

MUSIC

Solo Opera presents a collaboration with Macy's Concord, a fundraiser for their season, entitled The Twelve Days of Christmas at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 14. The event will include breakfast treats, a concert of opera and holiday music featuring soprano Diane Squires, a fashion show, a sing-along, and 12 enter to win prizes. All proceeds benefit Solo Opera, a local nonprofit opera company and their 2020 season. Tickets - \$22 at Eventbrite.

WomenSing presents The Light of Hope Returning at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church 1601 Mary Dr., Pleasant Hill and at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Temple Sinai 2808 Summit Street, Oakland. \$10-\$28. Tickets: https://lightofhopepleasanthill.brownpapertickets.com; https://lightofhopeoakland.brownpapertickets.com

The singing and ringing choirs of Our Savior's Lutheran Church present their annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15. "Faith, Fun, and a Feast" includes a little religious Christmas music, a lot of popular Christmas music, and ends with "A Feast of Carols," composed by Randol Alan Bass for the Dallas Symphony and Symphony Chorus. 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette; free admission/freewill offering taken, with half the proceeds going to Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, helping the homeless find permanent homes.

THEATER

Town Hall Theatre Company presents "Cinderella: A Fairytale" through Dec. 21 at 3535 School Street, Lafayette. For times, tickets, and prices: BOX OFFICE: (925) 283-1557; www.townhalltheatre.com

Celebrate the holiday season with The Peter Pan Foundation's original holiday show, "Twas the Opening Night before Christmas" Dec. 14 and 15 at Diablo Valley College, 321 Golf Club Rd. Pleasant Hill. This seasons production includes a cast of more than 100 performers ages 8 to adult. Its original story and music tells the heartwarming story of love, hope and holiday cheer the whole family will enjoy. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$15 for youth 18 and under. For tickets and showtimes visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4421286.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Packets for TK-5 Registration for the next school year, 2020-21 are now available at your neighborhood elementary school. Registration for Lafayette students entering TK and kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year begins Jan. 13. Additional information can be found at www.lafsd.org. In addition, an informational presentation, "A Roadmap to Kindergarten" will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 9 at Lafayette Elementary, Multipurpose Room at 950 Moraga Road for all interested parents. This presentation is for parents only.

Come to 5A Rent-A-Space, 455 Moraga Road in Moraga from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 14 with your children for a Visit with Santa. Be the Star You Are! volunteers will be on hand to help kids write a letter, and take their photo with St. Nick. Crafts and treats included at this free event. For more information visit: www.bethestaryouare.org/events

Breakfast with Santa Benefit for Lafayette Historical Society from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at Sideboard Lafayette. Advanced reservations are required and cost \$29 for adults and \$20 for seniors and kids age 12 and younger. To book your tickets and for more info, go to: www.localfoodadventures.com/breakfast-with-santa

Join Mindful Littles at White Pony Express for their Family Volunteering Program from 1 to 2:15 p.m. on Dec. 15 and from 4 to 5:15 p.m. on Dec. 17 at 3380 Vincent Rd #107 Pleasant Hill. White Pony Express is one of Mindful Littles' nonprofit partners, "working to eliminate hunger and poverty by delivering the abundance all around us to those in need." Bring water and any snacks needed for your kids. Please also wear comfortable clothes. Programming is for families with kids 4-12. Register at: https://mindfullittles.org/events/

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Lamorinda's Religious Services

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Where all are welcome, nobody is perfect, and anything is possible with God.
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ST. PERPETUA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
celebrating our faith • enriching our community • sharing our gifts
Join us
Masses Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
School for TK - 8th grade
Faith Formation for children and adults
3454 Hamlin Road | Lafayette | stperpetua.org
925.283.0272 Parish | 925.284.1640 School

WILLOWSRING community church
Practical biblical teaching, contemporary worship, come as you are.
www.willowspringchurch.com
1689 School St. Moraga | 925-376-3550
Sunday Service 10:45 am

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422
www.holyshepherd.org
9:30 a.m. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship in the Center for Ministry
visit http://www.holyshepherd.org for more details

ST MARK'S CHURCH OF ORINDA & MORAGA
Sunday Service at 10 a.m.
451 Moraga Way, Orinda
www.stmarksorinda.org | (925) 254-5965
All Are Welcome

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

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church
An Open, Affirming & 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

ORINDA Community Church
Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 5:00 p.m.
Orinda Community Church
10 Irwin Way, Orinda
www.orindacommunitychurch.org
Sacred Music
Presented by our many amazing choirs, featuring soloists and musicians from the greater Bay Area
Come As You Are Pageant
Where kids choose their costumes and get to be part of the story (no rehearsal necessary)
Carols
Sing your favorite and classic Christmas songs
A Christmas Message
Candlelight Closing
...and more!
10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | www.orindachurch.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
THANKSGIVING SERVICE 10 - 11 a.m.
All are welcome
www.christianscienceorinda.org

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH
1001 CAMINO PABLO, 925-376-6900
WWW.STMONICAMORAGA.COM
Mass times:
Saturday - Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 pm and Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday - Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Daily Mass Monday-Friday 9:00 am
Coffee and donuts following the Sunday 9:00 am Mass.
Advent / Christmas Season:
December 15 - Pancake Breakfast in the Peace Room following the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome!
Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Mass Times:
December 24 - 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 pm (8:00 pm with choir)
Christmas Carols at 7:30 pm
December 25 - 9:00 & 11:00 am (11:00 am with choir)
January 1 - 10 am Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ALL ARE WELCOME
Sundays, 9:30 am & 5 pm
Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church
mvpc
10 Moraga Valley Lane
www.mvpc.today.org
925.376.4800

Lafayette United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Worship Celebration with Children and Families in mind
11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Candles, Choir and Message
Sundays 10am Worship and Faith Formation for all ages
Our Mission:
Experiencing and Expressing Christ's Love!
955 Moraga Road 925.284.4765 facebook.com/thelumc

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRANSFORMED BY THE PATH WE WALK TOGETHER
JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY SERVICE AT 9:30 AM
CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS AT 10:45 AM