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Lamorínda's Religious Services

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church

Sundays, 9 & 10:30am

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# Not to be missed

#### **OTHER**

The internationally acclaimed documentary "An American Ascent," about the first African American expedition to tackle North America's highest peak, Denali, will be screened at the Orinda Library Auditorium at 7 p.m. on April 20. Expedition member Scott Briscoe will introduce the film and speak about his on-going work. Free and open to the public. First come, first seated. For more information, call (925) 254-2184 or email bgirshma@ccclib.org.

ers for a full moon walk beginning

at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday April 21 on Mt. Wanda, part of the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez, CA. This free, two-hour program begins with a one-mile, moderately strenuous hike to watch the full moon rise over nearby Mt. Diablo. Bring water, a flashlight, warm clothes, and binoculars (if you have them). If it rains heavily, the walk will be canceled. Please call the John Muir NHS visitor center at (925) 228-8860 to make your reservations or if you have questions. For more information, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/jomu.

The City of Orinda will be beautified and cleaned during the eighth annual Orinda Action Day of Community Service by community volunteers from 9:30 to noon Saturday, April 23. A new theme this year is "Keep Orinda Beautiful!" There is a poster contest for K-12 students in conjunction with Orinda Action Day, with cash prizes for the winners. Completed posters are due by noon April 23. They may be turned in at the Library Plaza on Orinda Action Day April 23, or dropped off before at Mechanics Bank, 77 Moraga Way, Orinda. Back of poster must be marked with name, grade and contact information.

Join Friends of Orinda Creeks for Orinda Action Day 2016 and help clean up San Pablo Creek from 9:30 to noon on Saturday, April 23. Meet at the booth in front of the Library. Wear long pants and a hat, bring gloves if you have them. Other tools will be provided.

Make this Earth Day a true celebration by opening your home to in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill, and information see www.communityconcernforcats.org.

Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery presents: Kurt Oskar Weber (1938-2011) "Boundless." The Exhibit runs March 24 through April 23, with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 24.

ART

Painting the Natural World runs at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3 at the Moraga Library. Local artist and naturalist Barbara Hudler Cella will share her process and motivation in creating works of art inspired by the natural world. It's part of the National Parks Service' Centennial Celebration event.

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.

#### MUSIC

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School student Owen Pan will give an hour-long piano recital presented by Diablo Valley College, performing with Miramonte junior and DVC graduate Hannah Pan as guest pianist. He will perform the works of Scarlatti, Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, Balakirev and Bartok. 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the DVC Music Building, Room M101.

Boundless, the fifth and final concert of Gold Coast Chamber Player's 2015-2016 series, showcases music by J.S. Bach, Claude Debussy and Dmitri Shostakovich for piano and strings. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, at the Lafayette Library Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. A pre-concert talk will start the evening at 7 p.m. Ticket price includes complimentary champagne, the pre-concert talk and a reception with the musicians following the performance. Tickets are \$37.50 general, \$32.50 seniors and \$15 for students and are available at www.gcplayers.org and by phone at (925) 283-3728.

The Lafayette Rotary Club's Annual Concert at the Res will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at the Lafayette Reservoir stage. Pack a picnic and Seedlings Preschool's 22nd An- a new kitten or cat. See the precious enjoy performances by the Stan-Wind Ensemble, the Big Band of Rossmoor, the Bentley School Jazz combo and a special guest band

at www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/adultedonlineregistration or by calling 925.3980 x.4133.

Wine and Tapas Speaker Series: "The Future of Food - From Nutritional Poverty to Sacred Relationship." Our Savior's Lutheran Church hosts a local panel to discuss the challenges and possibilities as we work to reimagine our relationship with food and our local food shed from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 23. With a particular focus on children's nutrition and awareness, farmer Bill Durkin, chef Lynda Rextroat, and author Lisa Ota will share thoughts and insights. A host of other organizations will provide Join National Park Service rangdisplay tables.

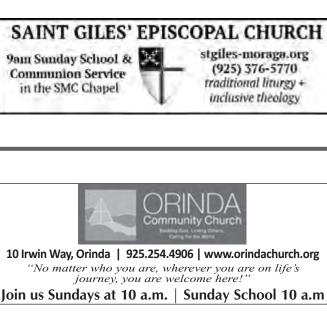
## **KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS**

Free Practice exams for the new SAT and ACT at the Moraga Library. ACT on April 23 with the review on May 5. Sign up online or at the Moraga Library. Signups include the test return and review date.

The Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center presents its 19th annual Peace Through Art and Writing Challenge. This year's topic: "Cherish these Natural Wonders." The contest is open to middle and high school students in Contra Costa County, who may submit works in three categories: essay, creative writing and art. Submissions are due April 22 to Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, 55 Eckley Ln., Walnut Creek, 94596. For detailed contest requirement info, visit www. creatingpeacefulschools.weebly. com or call (925) 933-7850.

The Friends of the Orinda Library announces the 2016 Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest, open to all high school students who reside and/or attend high school in Orinda. Entry Categories are science fiction/fantasy, essay/memoir/ biography, poetry and short story. Students may submit one entry in any of the four categories for a total of not more than three entries. Submission deadline is noon on Friday, April 22. Entries should be submitted to individual school representatives or at the Orinda Library. For additional info, go to www.friendsoftheorindalibrary.org or email contest@friendsoftheorindalibrary. com.

nual Wheel Day is from 10 a.m. to kitties of Community Concern for ley Symphonic Band, the Acalanes noon Saturday, April 23 at Lafayette Cats at an adoption event from 1 Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Knox Drive, Lafayette. Bring the April 23 and 24 at Pet Food Express whole family to climb inside a giant tractor, sit on a real motorcycle Petco in Walnut Creek. For more and hear a real fire engine siren. Children can also enjoy face painting and even take a train ride around the parking lot. Free. Snacks and refreshments will be available for minimal cost.





# 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



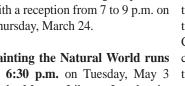
www.holyshepherd.org 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:40 a.m. Education for all ages 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Coffee Fellowship at 9:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

# SAINT GILES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9am Sunday School & 🔛 **Communion Service** in the SMC Chapel

stgiles-moraga.org (925) 376-5770 traditional liturgy + inclusive theology



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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 7:30 - 8:30 pm Informal Wednesday Meeting Reading Room/Bookstore M - F 11 - 4; Sat 11 - 2

www.christianscienceorinda.org



### THEATER

The Acalanes Drama Dons present "Macbeth" at 7 p.m. on April 27, 28, 29 and 30 in the Performing Arts Center little theater. Tickets are available in April during lunch at Acalanes High School and online at ahsperformingarts.org. Limited ticket sales available day of the show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Adults \$12; students and seniors \$7. (See story on page B4)

**Orinda Intermediate School's Bulldog Theater** presents "James and the Giant Peach JR." at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. April 28 and 29 and 2 and 5 p.m. April 30, 80 Ivy Dr., Orinda. Ticket prices range from \$3-10 and are available for advance purchase at www.showtix4u.com. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

## **LECTURE & LITERATURE**

A Conversation with Two Bay Area Authors: Stories Focus on Women Risking All. Join Lafayette's Lynn Carey as she hosts a conversation with two up-andcoming Bay Area authors at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21at the Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Rd. Sponsored by Acalanes Adult Education with Carey, former Contra Costa Times Book Club host, the event features Jan Ellison and Meg Waite Clayton who will read from and discuss their novels. Books will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered online

Button Making, Bookface & Bookspine Poetry from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27 in the Lafayette Library Teen Center.

The Bay Area Storytelling Festival, which promotes the timeless, contemporary art of storytelling by presenting today's finest talents, starts on Friday, April 29 with one or more master-level workshops and an evening performance by all tellers. It continues with several performances for adults and older kids, and a special family program for the younger kids on Saturday and Sunday April 20 and May 1 at the Orinda Community Center. The festival showcases the power of stories to bridge generations, celebrate diverse cultures, and build and connect communities. For info, visit www.bayareastorytelling.org.

The Lamorinda Idol 2016 auditions will be held May 19-21. Registration is open to all Lamorinda students or residents. Groups can include members outside Lamorinda. Register at www.LamorindaArts. org through April 30. The Lamorinda Idol program includes workshops, multiple performance opportunities, parties and the Finals at the Orinda Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 4.

The Lafayette Earth Day Celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 24 at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

The City of Lafayette's Downtown Creeks Plan is moving forward. A third public workshop is now scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 27 at the Lafayette Library's Community Hall. At this workshop the City will present the draft plan and review implementation strategies. For more information, contact Steven Goetz via email at sgoetz@ ci.lafayette.ca.us and visit our website at www.lovelafayette.org/creeksplan.

Celebrate Judy Dinkle as Moraga's 2016 Citizen of the Year on Friday, April 29 at the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner and program at 7 p.m. Cost is \$55 and reservations may be made at www.moragachamber. org or by contacting Kathe Nelson at the Chamber of Commerce, kathe@moragachamber.org or 925 323-6524. Reservation deadline is Monday, April 25.

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**Please submit: Events: calendar@** lamorindaweekly.com