



THE SPIRE

Special Dates:

- **Spring Ring**
April 9
- **New Member Class**
April 16, 9-1.
- **High School L.O.G. Retreat**
April 22-24
- **CPR/AED Training**
April 30, 9-11 a.m.
- **Worship Workout**
April 30, 1:30 p.m.
- **Theology on Tap**
May 2, 8-10 p.m.
- **Parents' Night Out**
May 14, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Middle School Backpacking**
May 20-22
- **Habitat For Humanity Work Day**
May 21, July 23, August 27

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*From the Pastor,
Rev. David G.
Watermulder*

Eastertide Newness



"Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day! Alleluia!" With these soaring words of celebration, each of our 3 Easter Sunday services began at PCLG. It was an amazing day, which started in the early morning chill of the Sunrise Service in the Grove, and continued through the morning in the sanctuary, led by brass, strings, bells, band, choir and more.

And in these days and weeks after Easter, I am still recovering a little bit. And I hope you are too! But the weeks after Easter are not just for catching our breath, or for a return to normal life. The miracle of Easter that we recognize together each year is a chance for renewal and new life for all who experience it.

What would "new life" look like for you after Easter this year? For some, it will simply mean coming back again (and again!) to hear more about Jesus, the Risen Lord, to explore the challenge of living our faith in such a fast paced area. For some, it might

mean a renewed commitment, or a chance to serve in a new way. I have heard of new choir members, folks joining Grove Groups, and people signing up for the All-Church Mexico Mission trip.

For some, it will mean being part of our upcoming New Members' Class (April 16th), with the chance to take a next step in making PCLG a spiritual home. I experienced a little bit of "newness of life" last week when Erin Heath came into my office. Erin is a Deacon at PCLG and a member of the Youth Staff, but what you might not know, is that she is also a dance instructor. And she brought the idea to "try something new" (which was music to my ears).

On Saturday, April 30th, she will lead a "Worship Workout" class in the Social Hall. This is a unique, exercise dance class (kind of like Zumba), and all of the moves are set to fun, Christian worship music! I have never done this kind of thing before, but I hope to be there, to try out something new!

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The pattern that we see in the story of the early church is that the Easter resurrection announces and brings new life to Jesus and by extension to his followers. And then, as they hear about it, they also move out to experience it for themselves. Even in ways that they didn't expect.

So, in your life, I wonder what door the Easter good news will open up for you. Did it stir a desire for more community and friendships that matter? Did it bring comfort as you think about a loss you've experienced or a hard situation you have to face now? Did it open you a little bit more, to a faith that can grow beyond just what you have known so far?

Even for all the beauty of Easter Sunday morning, and for the amazing ministry work that so many people put in to make it happen: I'm still waiting for the full power of Easter to be revealed.

I don't yet know whose lives have been touched or changed. I don't yet know what commitments will be made or renewed. I don't yet know how the new life that Christ brings will manifest itself among us.

What I do know is that the Risen Lord Jesus, who could not be kept in a tomb, can also not be left behind until next Easter Sunday. And the invitation of this post-resurrection time, is to embrace the newness that Easter gives, and let it renew you as well.

Peace,
Pastor Dave



Congratulations to Rev. Erica Rader!

She was officially received as a member of the Presbytery of San Jose after transferring from the Chicago Presbytery. Erica was also confirmed as the new Parish Associate for PCLG. She has already been hard at work with us, getting to know many of you and leading week by week. If you haven't met Pastor Erica yet, look for her on a Sunday coming up. We are so excited to have her join our pastoral staff!



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Our next New Member Class is coming up on Saturday April 16, 2016. Please go to pclg.org/signup or e-mail members@pclg.org to sign up.



WORSHIP WORKOUT



Please join me **Saturday, April 30th** at 1:30 for this new aerobics class I have created! It will be an hour of cardio and dancing fun choreographed to today's popular Christian music. It's an hour designed to help us sweat, enjoy ourselves, and try focusing on God in a new way. All levels are welcome, and feel free to invite a friend. Please wear comfortable clothing, athletic shoes, and bring along a water bottle and small towel. - Erin Heath

GROVE GROUPS



If you are interested in joining one of PCLG's growing small groups, please contact Elder Dave Heacock at grovegroups@pclg.org. Grove Groups are a fun way to get to know others in the church, share a meal together, and grow spiritually.



Theology on Tap

Spiritual & theological conversation in a bar.

Monday, May 2

8-10 p.m.

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Children's Ministry

What's going on in God's Place this month?

This month in all of our classrooms, Preschool – 5th grade, we are celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus!

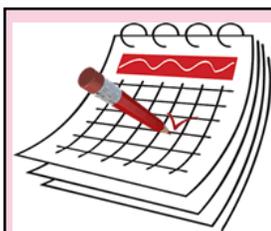
Memory verse for 1st-5th graders: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6

Easter egg hunt:

The annual Easter egg hunt at PCLG was held on Palm Sunday, along with the annual visit from the donkey! What a treat to see families and children having fun and celebrating. I would like to thank everyone who helped prepare for the festivities – youth helpers, adult helpers, candy donators, and those that stuffed HUNDREDS & HUNDREDS of plastic eggs. You all served with love, and I just want you to know I appreciate every one of you.



Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: Mark your calendars for the special appreciation Sunday, May 15th. You will be honored during the service and cake will be served after worship to celebrate the time and love you give to Children's Ministries.



Upcoming Events

May 1 – 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

May 14 – Parents Night Out
5:30-8:30pm

June 12 – 1st day of Summer Curriculum:
Living Waters for the World

Summer Schedule

Summer is coming and family calendars fill up quickly with camps and vacations. I hope to see many of you at our PCLG summer BBQs as well as a few activities I have planned. An email will be sent out in April with additional details on these events.

June 12 – PCLG Family Pool Party 1-4pm

June 16 – Mom's hike 9:30am – noon

June 29 - PCLG BBQ

July 13 – PCLG BBQ

July 22 – Beach Day 10am

July 27 – PCLG BBQ

August 3 – Mom's Night Out 7pm

August 10 – PCLG BBQ

August 26 – Parents Night Out 5:30-8:30pm

Youth News

What an astounding and tiring Holy Week!

My coworkers and so many volunteers ought to be proud of the hours invested and well-planned, of the services that led us in worship, of the sermons which spoke to us, of the music and ministry and, thank the Lord, childcare, for every event.

If it wasn't obvious to you already, nothing could get done around here without Carlo. And even as he was setting up for the Easter Sunrise service or the main services or printing bulletins and creating power points, he was also helping me set up for our 24 hour prayer room, greeting people when they arrived and taking the odd open timeslot. I hope he and Dave get some rest on their mission trip to Guatemala the first week of April!

Many thanks to the forty people who prayed in the chapel during our vigil and the eight students who helped host and greet visitors. We had such good sign-ups, we had more youth group help outside the prayer room than were able to take a shift in the prayer room. That's a good problem to have, though I certainly wish more could have encountered God in that space.

This April 22-24, our high school students prepare again for a Love of God weekend, which will host their peers and our rising 9th graders. Seniors Kathryn Damore and Valerie Weed are co-leading the event and meeting weekly to put their own spin on the weekend. For some of our graduating seniors, this will be their 7th or 8th L.O.G. retreat. I'm not eager for them to graduate, but I'm proud of the legacy they will leave behind.

On May 20-22, our middle school students will backpack in our local backcountry, hiking from Los Altos Hills to Saratoga over a weekend. I think they will be shocked at the beautiful views that are practically in our backyards. If your student is interested, please contact me for more details.

As I get ready for Summer plans, I'm so excited for the continuing tradition of our weekly middle school road trips. Instead of 90 minutes on a Sunday night, we take students all over the Bay Area for hours and hours. My parent partner-in-crime, Tom Jenzen, will be driving with me again and since Jane and I just bought a minivan, I've now got three more seat belts than I had before (yes, we're finally, officially parents). If you've got a rising 6th grader, you'll be hearing from me soon about these road trips and other Summer plans.

Here we are, the beginning of April, and the race to the end of the school year is upon us. May this Eastertide be a refreshing time for you and your family!

Blessings,

Steve

Youth Group Sunday Evening Schedule

SNiFF - Middle School meets 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Y.G. - High School meets 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.



Bookends

PCLG's Book Club meets once a month, and new folks are always welcome!

Contact Sue Hansen for more information:

paigeturner007@hotmail.com.

April 2016
The Miniaturist
by Jessie Burton

May 2016
The Cellist of Sarajevo
by Steven Galloway

June 2016
The Good Earth
by Pearl Buck

July 2016
All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr

August 2016
God's Hotel
by Victoria Sweet

Music Notes

From the Music Director

Holy Week for the music department is always a very busy time. With Palm Sunday, The Messiah Sings, Maundy Thursday and new this year, a very special Good Friday evening service. All of these events were leading the the celebration of our risen Lord.

Palm Sunday is always such a joyful service. This year we had two donkeys to the delight of the kids and the congregation alike. The waying of the palm branches and a service in celebration of the tradition of Jesus entering Jerusalem in the manner of the prophets is the beginning of every Christian's journey through Holy Week. The choir sang Hosannas with great gusto lead by two trumpets.

Good Friday this year was a new evening service where we took time to acknowledge and revisit the story of our Lord's great sacrifice. The Seven Last Words of Christ was put to music in seven different short settings. Between the singing of the Seven Last Words, a gospel passage was read followed by a brief word in reflection. With the choir, soloists, harp and flute, it was a very moving service and an opportunity for we as a congregation to refresh and remind ourselves of the great sacrifice that was made for all of mankind.

Easter was a joyous occasion. We had great weather for our outdoor sunrise service in the Grove followed by two mirrored services at 9 and 11 a.m. Musically, we had the choir, brass, bells, worship band, and new this year, the strings. Margaret Kvamme also did a great job on the organ and piano. We ended the service with the inspirational "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel. Those in the congregation who don't usually sing with the choir or were visiting, come up and join the choir in this epic Chorus. This year, as in years past, the chancel was bursting with singers and instrumentalists joyfully proclaiming, "Hallelujah!" He is risen indeed.

All the best!

Michael Taylor, director of music

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The PCLG Worship Band invites all musicians to share their gifts in our 10 a.m. Blended worship services - singers or instrumentalists including guitar, percussion, bass, keyboard, brass, woodwinds and strings. PCLG has a fantastic music program and welcomes all interested musicians! Please contact Rita Hoegel at rita.hoegel@pclg.org



SPRING RING

Have you ever heard hundreds or thousands of handbells at one time? Now's your chance! Members of our bell choir will venture to Valley Church in Cupertino [10885 N Stelling Rd] on Saturday April 9. We rehearse all day and present a program at 6:00 p.m. Seating is rather limited, so it's better to arrive early. Four pieces will be played by the whole group, and there will also be performances by smaller bell ensembles. At lunchtime, we will be treated to a concert in their sanctuary by bell soloist Sue Garton. The final concert will include: *Jazz Fanfare & Alleluia*, *10,000 Reasons*, *Energique* [the ringers will be divided into two groups playing different parts], and *When in Our Music God is Glorified* with brass and organ. Also on the program is a group known as the Intense Ringers. It's a fun day; please join us!



Building Bridges

Out of our “loving neighbors” series, we hope to go further in some interfaith dialogue with Jewish and Methodist neighbors. We are setting up a meeting in February or March with a representative of each of the three congregations that would be involved in the larger dialogue in the fall.

We are looking for a couple of people interested in helping to organize this chance for people to listen and share together. Contact Pastor Dave if you are interested.



This month, Elder for Mission trips, Carlo Panighetti and Pastor Dave will be down in Zunilito, Guatemala with Living Water World Missions. They are working on a project to install clean water systems in a rural area with a local church congregation. This is partially a scouting trip to see if PCLG might get involved there in the future. Stay tuned to hear reflections from both of them about the experience, and consider if you would like to be involved in a trip like this in the future!



All-congregation CPR class

Learn how to save a life!

Saturday, April 30 9-11 a.m. at PCLG

Special price, \$35 a person

Watch for the sign up table at coffee hour

Mission Minute

Ever wonder where PCLG mission dollars go?

The PCLG mission budget supports both local organizations as well as missionaries and ministries around the world. In the coming months we will highlight the recipients of some of our funding. Here is some news from just three of our mission partners.

Jonna R (Central Asia). Jonna (whose home church is Sunnyvale Presbyterian) works as a community development facilitator in a politically sensitive area of the world. Among other activities her aid organization helps repair schools, provide warm clothing and shoes so children can attend poorly-heated school buildings, and teach villagers how to manage chronic health issues like diabetes. While doing this important work, she often has the opportunity to share the gospel, which is her main calling. **Hear more about Jonna's work when she visits PCLG on Sunday, June 5.** www.pcusa.org/worldmission

Dr. Bernard and Dr. Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia). Bernie and Farsijana teach at Duta Wacana Christian University, helping prepare Christian leaders to serve the church in the world's largest Muslim country. Farsijana has also established a foundation to help villagers escape from poverty. Bernie is completing a book on Islam in Indonesia and focuses his work on the timely topic of interfaith dialogue between Christians and Muslims. **Hear more about Bernie and Farsijana's work when they visit PCLG on Sunday, July 31.** www.pcusa.org/bernie-and-farsijana-adeney-risakotta

The Rev. Steve Johnson (United Methodist Church, retired) and his wife Carol heard a mid-life calling to minister in Russia and then India. They are currently serving in the Darjeeling area of northeast India, where Steve mentors new Christian pastors as they grow their knowledge of scripture and Christian practices. Carol ministers to women in the area, many of whom are tea-pickers who work to lift their families out of extreme poverty. The Johnsons serve under the auspices of the Mission Society. www.themissionsociety.org

Upcoming Mission Activities

Habitat for Humanity Work Days: Saturdays, May 21, July 23, & August 27. Please contact Eric Schroeder to sign up or for more information. esschroeder@me.com.

All-church trip to Mexico to build houses: June 18-25. For more information attend the planning meeting on April 10 after worship.

Summer mission days: Wednesday, August 3 – Saturday, August 6. Opportunities for the whole family to share God's love through service! Details coming soon.

*The mission committee meets (usually) the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m.
For more information on projects and programs, email Elder Martha Wills at mtswills@gmail.com.*

Financial Report

Dear friends,

The results for February are in and PCLG is maintaining a surplus at this time.

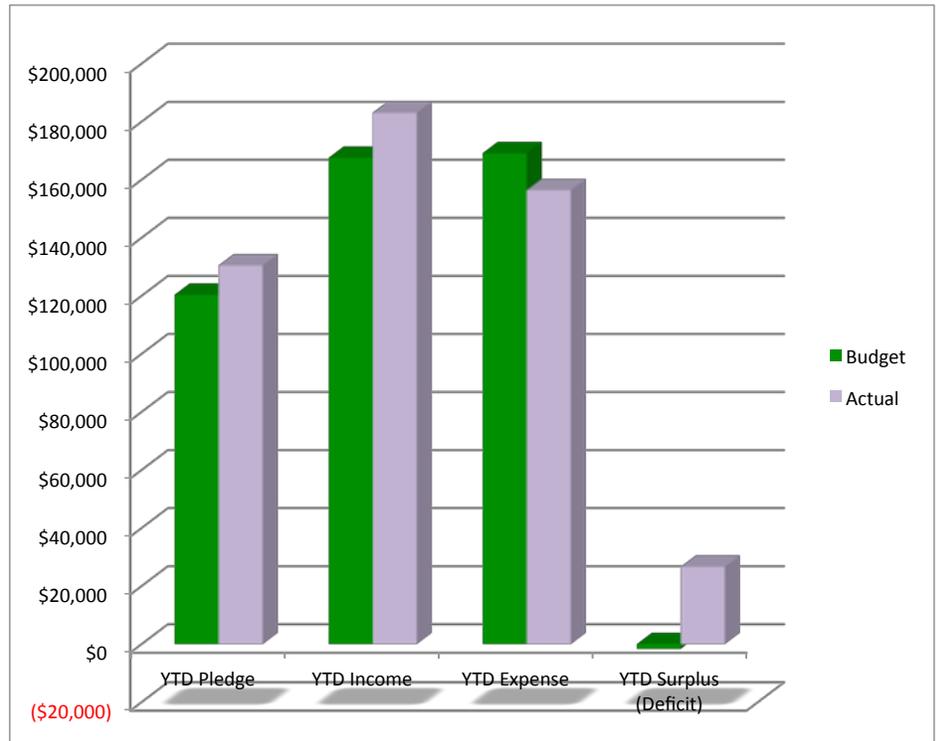
Our pledged offering came in at 108% of budget and our overall income came in at 109% of budget. Our expenses came in at 92% of budget this month, resulting in a surplus of \$26,664 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1608.

Giving envelopes are available. Please call or email me if you would like them.

All pledge and giving information is kept confidential. You may pledge and give online at www.pclg.org. My email address is kristy.cole@pclg.org, should you wish to contact me.

As always, thank you for your generosity to PCLG.

In Christ,
Kristy Cole
Church Administrator



News

Spring is in the air and we are anxious to clean up the container garden and plant our veggies and flowers! Carolyn Rosen has suggested a smaller tomato plant for this year...a good choice as last year it took over the area!

We are excited to have Ms. Chris (Daly) join us mid month for chapel. The children have missed her on campus!

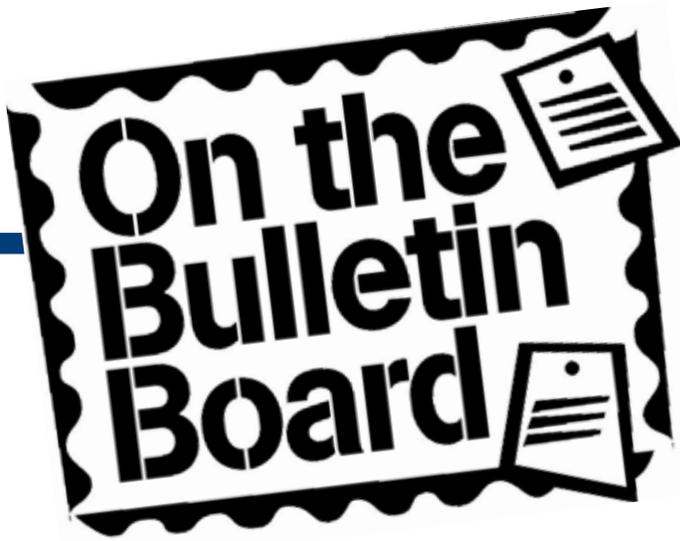
Our Pre K will also have a visit from Happy Hollow zoo! Busy, Busy!

April showers bring May flowers and the campus is beginning to bloom...stop and smell the roses!.

Blessings,

Cory Mullins

Growing FootPrints Director growingfootprints@yahoo.com.



Have a short note for the next issue of *The Spire*?

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Would you like to tour Biblical lands with other Christians? The 12 day "Footsteps of Paul" cruise may be for you! Our brothers and sisters over at Saratoga Federated are planning to attend, and they have some spaces available. Please see <http://www.saratogafederated.org/uploads/1/2/0/1/12014172/brochure-new2.pdf> for more information.

PCLG at-a-Glance

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

Adult Education	9 a.m.
Worship in the Sanctuary	10 a.m.
"God's Place" Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Time	11 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Men's Bible Study	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.
Theology on Tap	1st Monday	8 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Friends, Food, Fellowship	2nd Saturday	6 p.m.
The Voyagers	3rd Saturday Fellowship & Service	
Buoys & Gulls	Various	Various
Mates	Various	Various
Better Bones & Balance	Wed/Fri	9:30 a.m.
Happy Paint	Thursday	10:00 a.m.
Bookends	Various	Various
CoveKnit Group	Wednesday	7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Home AM Groups	3rd Thursday	9:30 a.m.
PCLG AM ("WoW") Group	Thursday	10 a.m.
PCLG Noon Group	2nd Thursday	12 p.m.

COVENANT GROUPS

Baker/Attwood Covt.	Monday	10:00 a.m.
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MUSIC MINISTRIES

Los Cascabeles	Tuesday	6 p.m.
Chancel Brass	Wednesday	7:45 p.m.
Worship Band	Thursday	7 p.m.
Chancel Choir	Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Chancel Strings	Friday	7:30 p.m.
Joyful Voices	Sunday	11:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	Sunday	6:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle School SNiFF	Sunday	5 p.m.
High School YG	Sunday	7:30 p.m.

*Don't forget—Deadline
for the MAY SPIRE
is 2:00 P.M. Thursday,
APRIL 21.*



April Birthdays

4	Jeanne McCann	17	Stacey Booth
5	Lydia Terrill	18	Mary Jane Humphrey
6	Amanda Daly		John Findlay
	Jay Kruse	21	Judith Gruber
7	Paul Smith	22	Amanda Bierly
8	Meg Hellmuth		Grant Wagner
9	Doris Prince		Daniel Thompson
12	Robert Dale	26	Jacob Finkle
	Rick Koury	27	Beth hobbs
13	Bobbie Chambers	28	Tony Bayne
	Sarah Thompson	29	Shannon Cole
15	Bart Raynaud		

Anniversaries

3	Malcolm & Beth bordelon
6	Dick & Pat Garland
10	Sally & Bill Slocum
28	Jeff & Toneh Thompson



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