



THE SPIRE

Special Dates:

- **Men's Breakfast**
April 6
- **Work Day**
April 13
- **Palm Sunday**
April 14
- **Messiah Sing**
April 14
- **Journey to Easter**
April 17
- **Maundy Thursday**
April 18
- **Good Friday**
April 19
- **Easter Sunday**
April 21
- **Men's Breakfast**
May 4

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

*With Jesus,
With Each
Other*



This month brings us through the end of the season of Lent and into the deep meaning of Holy Week. This is a time when we are invited to gather with our church family, to hear the story again, to listen and to pray together. We are invited to be with God and each other in a special way in this season.

If you read the Gospel of Matthew, you may notice that the bookends of the story are about a God who is with us. The first chapter (1:23) is about Immanuel "God with us" and then in the final chapter (28:20) we hear Jesus say, "Remember, I am *with* you always, even to the end of the age."

We notice the way that Jesus seeks to be with people. At the end of his life, in Matthew 26, it says that Jesus wanted to share the Passover supper *with* the disciples. Judas, the one who would betray him, is described as having "dipped his hand into the bowl *with* me" (26:23), and then Jesus says he will not drink the fruit of the

vine again until he drinks it "new *with* you in my Father's kingdom" (26:29).

What's the point? Jesus lived a fully incarnational life, he was present with people, he lived among us, and in those days leading up to the cross,

this was especially true. As we approach the events of Holy Week this year, we are also asked to stay *with* Jesus in our own ways.

In January, I preached a sermon at PCLG about the spiritual practice of "just showing up." The way that being present with people, in a time of joy or pain, or just the regular and ordinary things of life, can make a difference. A story is told¹ about a well-known Quaker teacher named Parker Palmer, who was in a season of deep depression. Oftentimes feeling depressed or down can lead us to break away from people. To be alone, rather than with others.

Parker Palmer had a friend who saw what was happening, and came over to his house everyday for a few months and massaged his feet. He didn't say anything. He didn't ask anything. But he was there with him, doing this small act of service for a friend.

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(Continued from page 1) Holy Week at PCLG is a special time to be with Jesus and with each other. There are many special events and services planned and you can read more about them in the pages of this newsletter. There is an Church Workday to spruce up the campus on April 13th. Then on April 14th it is Palm Sunday, complete with the donkey, the palms, and a children's Easter Egg Hunt after the service. That evening is the Messiah Sing, which is a huge musical outreach and experience that you are invited to.

On April 17th, there is a Journey to Easter event for families planned, and then comes Maundy Thursday on April 18th, Good Friday on April 19th, and then Easter Sunday on April 21st.

There are a lot of chances to be with God and one another in the days ahead. But a word to the introverts who may be reading this: Holy Week is actually a great time for introverts in the church. Because many of these services are meditative or reflective, you can be with your church family, without having to make too much "small talk." There is meaning in this time of year that we can discover and experience just by showing up, and sometimes that is all it takes.

I look forward to being with you all in the days and weeks ahead. May God bless you as you read this newsletter and hear more about the God who is with you no matter what.

God bless you,

Pastor Dave

¹ As told by Martha Jane Peterson in "Stay with Me!": Being with Jesus Then and Now, *Journal for Preachers*, Easter, 2019

Help needed with memorials from our awesome PCLG volunteers

Hello friends,

One of the things that we do at PCLG is to help facilitate a memorial to celebrate the life of a loved one who has departed. Would you be interested in helping to serve in this rewarding way? We're looking for platers, ushers, bakers and overall assistance.

If interested, please contact Lisa McKibbin, Church Administrator, at lisa.mckibbin@pclg.org, or 408-356-6156. You can also sign up to help with services online at www.pclg.org/signup.



Your PCLG deacons have been busy providing meals, flowers, prayer shawls and home communion to church folks who have been sick or house-bound. If you need any of these, ask your deacon. If you do not know your deacon, call the church office (408-356-6156).

If you have not been able to pick up your copy of the new church directory, your deacon will be happy to bring it to you. Also, if you have not been able to come to Sunday service, your deacon can bring you a copy of the Sunday bulletin. Just ask! We deacons, as shepherds of our church membership, are dedicated to helping you.

POSITION
AVAILABLE



PCLG has an immediate opening for a part-time Church Accountant. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in accounting or a similar field, and experience in full-charge bookkeeping. The position requires approximately 20 hours per week. To learn more or to apply, please visit our website at www.pclg.org/jobs or send an email to personnel@pclg.org.

Sing it yourself accompanied by a full orchestra

Handel's Messiah

Sunday 7:00 PM
April 14

**Four Optional
Practice Sessions!**
Sundays – 7:00 PM
Mar 17 • 24 • 31 • Apr 7



see our web site:
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Children's Ministry



Children's Ministries invites you to the annual EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday:

Sunday, April 14th arrive early for pictures with the donkey and the procession into the Sanctuary. After worship we will have our annual egg hunt (weather permitting) in the Redwood Grove. Light refreshments and snacks and a lot of fun for kids and families! One Great Hour of Sharing coin boxes will be collected on this day.



The Journey to Easter:

Join us this year for a new event for parents and their children. Wednesday, April 17th from 5:30-7:30. Event will begin at 5:30. Dinner will be served and families will rotate through different interactive stations. This is a great way for families to explore Holy Week together, learning alongside one another and having some fun while doing so.

RSVP by April 3rd: pclglauren@gmail.com

RSVPs are helpful for meal planning and ordering of supplies. Thank you.

Easter and God's Place:

Children are welcome in worship with their families at any time. However, on Easter we will offer our regular God's Place classes for Preschool – 5th grade at the 9am service. At the 11am service children Preschool – 5th grade are welcome to come into the Social Hall for crafts. Parents must be present and they can view the service on the screen.

Joyful Voices Children's choir for 2nd-5th

Upcoming rehearsals will be: 4/28, 5/4 and 5/12 after worship.

Joyful Voices will sing in worship on 5/19. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of worship!

QUESTIONS? NEED TO CONNECT?

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Youth News

Spring is almost (maybe?) here and we're looking forward to being outside in the coming months. As the busyness of the end of school increases, we are taking a few days away the next couple of months to slow down and be together with our students.

April 26-28 - A [Fun, Awesome Camping Trip](#) (FACT) for high school students and rising 9th graders. We're headed to Ed Levin county park for a weekend campout with activities and ideas generated by our students and youth staff. Elaborate games involving hiking, quiet times for reflection, great times beside a big campfire, and possibly a trip to an abandoned cemetery? It's a FACT, this will be a great weekend away.

May 17-19 - [Middle School backpacking trip](#) from Long Ridge Open space to Big Basin HQ. As usual, I'm so excited to introduce some of our students to the challenging yet rewarding experience of backpacking. We've got an entirely new route planned and it's just a 45 minute drive away. It's always an adventure!

June 11-13 - Mission Walk for 7th through 13th grade. How do you combine a service sensibility with a love of traversing the outdoors? A mission walk. Students will leave PCLG with a light load, walk the creek trail to another church in Willow Glen, stay the night there, then walk to downtown San Jose and serve with one of our partner organizations the next day. Then we'll stay another night in a different church and walk home. Walk, reflect, clean, serve, walk and reflect some more.

If these adventures sound interesting, please contact Steve Fainer for more details and/or sign-up online soon.

Steve Fainer, *Director of Youth Ministries*
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Ministry Fellows **Opportunity for Young Leaders this Summer**

As part of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos' vision to empower younger people into new avenues of leadership and faith, the PCLG Ministry Fellows Program seeks to give young people who have already demonstrated leadership aptitude in church life the opportunity to expand their ministry experience and responsibility. The Fellows program is conceived as a team effort in supporting the mission, worship, youth, children's and community life ministries of PCLG. Church leadership staff will engage Fellows in reflection time as well as supervise their ministry responsibilities & contributions. Ministry Fellows are paid, part-time positions.

The application and more information can be found online at www.pclg.org/ministry-fellows.



Music Notes



From *the* Music Director

It is wonderful to see the weather finally drying out and Spring being born in the rich bath of rain we've been weathering.

Looking back at March, the music program had its most successful concert during my tenure as music director. The Magnificat soared with the choir, the bells delighted, the strings shone, our pianists and organists inspired and the brass amazed. This year's concert enjoyed the largest attendance so far and we are looking to increase that for next year. We are working on dates even now.

Looking forward, we are anticipating another rich Holy Week.

For Palm Sunday we will have our donkey return along with our procession into the church celebrating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem.

The evening of Palm Sunday will be the Messiah Spring Sing event. Look for more information about this event in their article in the Spire and on the PCLG website.

Maundy Thursday will once again be held in the chapel and music will be provided by Rita and our worship band.

Good Friday will take place in the sanctuary and is a wonderful opportunity to finish your spiritual path through lent with reflections on the Passion of Christ. The Choir and bells will musically lead worship.

Easter has three opportunities to celebrate the Risen Christ. The worship band will lead the early service in the Grove and then two services will follow in the sanctuary with bells, choir, worship band and the Brass. We will send you off with Handel's Messiah, where everyone is welcome to sing along.

You will find all the times for these events in the Spire and on the PCLG web site.

Come Join Us

If you've ever thought about singing with the choir or worship band, or even doing some ringing with our bell choir, this is the perfect season to try it out. Contact me for information about the programs. I'll be happy to answer any of your questions. There is a moving fulfillment in making music for the Glory of God. We would love to have you... come join us.

Michael Taylor, Music Director

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Morning, 9-11 a.m.

March 9, April 6 & May 4



Adult Education

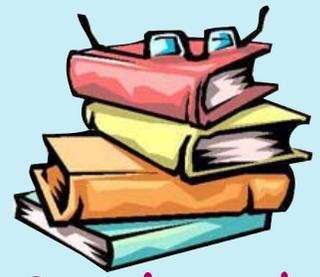
Adult Ed has an exciting series of classes through the end of the school year

- **Supper and Study.** From 6pm-8pm on Wednesday, April 3 in the Social Hall, we will be sharing a meal and discussing Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail". Dinner and childcare will be provided.
- *No Sunday Morning Bible Study on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday (April 14 and 21).*
- **How the Bible Came to Be.** Our school year ends with a 5-week series on How the Bible Came to Be. Join us in the Fireside Room on Sundays mornings, April 28 - May 26, from 9-9:50 to learn about and discuss the Bible's fascinating history.
- **Summer Break** (no Sunday morning Bible Study) begins on June 2.

New Member Class

Please join us on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Fireside Room to get to know each other, get to know the church, and share lunch together.

Refreshments, childcare and lunch will be provided. RSVP online at pclg.org/signup.



Bookends

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

Mark your calendar for Bookends' 10th Annual Book Sale

Sundays, February 17&24 during coffee hour.

Set up/book delivery: February 16 (time TBD)

Suggested donation: \$1/book

Proceeds this year will go to support Chicks in Crisis, a non-profit in Elk Grove, CA that helps single moms.

www.chicksin crisis.org

Questions/info?

Contact Sue Hansen at

paigetturner007@hotmail.com.

April

Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk

by Kathleen Rooney

May

White Teeth

by Zadie Smith

June

Treasure Island

by Robt. L Stevenson

Mission Minute



PCLG's All Church Mission trip to Mexico is scheduled for June 22-29, 2019. The leadership team for this trip is busy planning all the details. Are you thinking of attending? Have you considered going? Well, I plan to attend this year and it will be my fifth trip. I realize that attending the first time can be a leap of faith as

it was for me in 2014. You see, I joined PCLG in 2013 after I recently moved to Los Gatos. My husband Mark and I raised our three children in New Jersey and I was feeling pretty homesick. I started hearing about the mission trip to Mexico. I kept thinking of what a wonderful way to get to know fellow church members while serving our neighbors in Mexico. So after some prayer and consideration, I signed up to go! I was a member of PCLG for roughly 9 months and I knew very few people. I was excited about serving but truthfully a bit anxious about the whole idea. Needless to say, I am so thankful that I was called to go. I returned home from the trip feeling overwhelmed with joy that our church was able

to build a home for a young family. The memory of the afternoon we handed them the keys to their home still very fresh in my mind. And we also build a much needed space for a school. A room that I imagine is well used by now and serving to help educate young Mexican students who we met during the building. In addition, I returned from that trip feeling a part of a community. Never imagining how much it would bless my life these past five years.

So, I hope that if you are on the fence about going, you will feel God's call. And if I can answer any questions or address any concerns you might have about attending, please reach out.



Blessings,
Carol Smith, Mission Elder
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Want more information? Ready to sign up for the trip? Please see www.pclg.org/mexico

LENT

Palm Sunday Service

Come to church early (the donkey arrives around 9) to get a palm, meet the donkey in the courtyard, have a photo taken and join the procession into the sanctuary. After worship we will have our annual Egg Hunt.

Sunday, April 14

Messiah Sing

Come to the Messiah Sing table at the fellowship hour after worship to pick up your FREE (but required) tickets, or e-mail your request to messiahsing@pclg.org. More information can be found online at www.pclg.org/messiah.

Sunday, April 14 – 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Good Friday Service

April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services

Celebrate the resurrection of Christ at one (or more!) of our Easter Sunday services!

April 21

Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in the Redwood Grove

Twin Services at 9 & 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

For more information on these and other events, please visit www.pclg.org/events



News

Our April Chapel will be all about Patience (the fruit is watermelon... eating around those seeds is tricky)! As we move into the spring months, and the end of the academic school year is upon us.....we

will need a reminder to use our patience with friends, in our school work and adapting to the recent time change.

We will also be working on our garden, learning about the importance of caring for our earth as we celebrate earth day, and enjoying Easter activities. We look forward to another visit from Happy Hollow as well.

Blessings,

Cory Mullins, Growing FootPrints Director

growingfootprints@yahoo.com.



Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter flowers are now being taken. You will be able to take your plant home after the 11 a.m. Easter service on April 21.

Plants are \$10 each. Please return this order form with your check to the church office by Monday, April 8.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of lilies: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

In celebration of: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Please make checks payable to the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos.

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
Happy Paint	Thursday	10:00 a.m.
Bookends	Various	Various
CoveKnit Group	Wednesday	7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

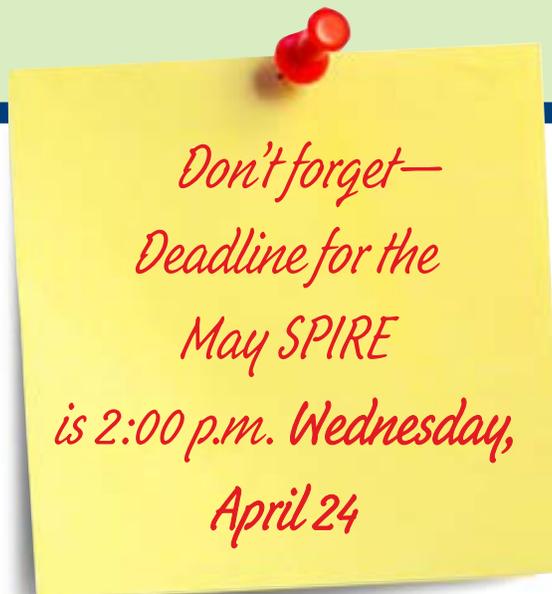
Home AM Groups	3rd Thursday	9:30 a.m.
PCLG AM ("WoW") Group	Thursday	10 a.m.
PCLG Noon Group	2nd Thursday	12 p.m.

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.



April Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Tom O'Brien | 14 Allison McGugan |
| 3 Fariba Samin | 15 Bart Raynaud |
| 4 Jeanne McCann | 16 Don Bollinger |
| 5 Lydia Terrill | 18 Mary Jane Humphrey |
| 6 Julie Clift | John Findlay |
| Amanda Daly | 21 Judith Gruber |
| Jay Kruse | 22 Amanda Bierly |
| 7 Paul Smith | Daniel Thompson |
| 8 Annette Behrensmeyer | 25 Elaine Drake |
| Christa Sinclair | 27 Beth Hobbs |
| 9 Mary Kay Baker | 28 Tony Bayne |
| 12 Robert Dale | Elisa Herberg |
| Rick Koury | Don Worn |
| Leslie Fotion | 29 Shannon Cole |
| 13 Bobbie Chambers | |
| Sarah Thompson | |
| Bill Meadows | |



Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|
| 3 Malcolm & Beth Bordelon |
| 10 Sally & Bill Slocum |
| 24 Bill & Nancy Smith |
| 28 Jeff & Toneh Thompson |

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HOLY WEEK

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