



THE SPIRE

Special Dates:

- **All-Church Mexico info**
April 8 & 15 after worship
- **Adult Ed.: Powerful Tools for Transformation**
April 15, 22, & 29 after worship
- **High School L.O.G. Retreat**
April 20-22
- **Worship in the Garden**
April 22
- **Honors Piano Recital**
April 29
- **New Member Class**
May 5
- **Music Program Concert**
May 6

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



Sacred Conversation

Craig Barnes, the President of Princeton Theological Seminary has written, "part of the pastor's calling is to maintain a sacred conversation between God and the congregation. Hopefully, the pastor has spent all week listening to God's side of the conversation while carefully exploring the Sunday scripture text."

Recently I was coming out of worship on a Sunday morning, and I was stopped by 3 different people who said something like, "hey, that was me you were talking about in your sermon, right?" And probably it was.

The truth is that I spend a lot of my time talking with people, being with people, and listening to people. Throughout the week, I try to do what Barnes is describing, by listening to the stories people tell, the questions they ask, and the misadventures of life. That's where the holy conversation really happens, in the places where God's story and our stories intersect.

We are in the liturgical season of the church called "Eastertide," which is the 50 days that follow Easter. It is in these days ahead, we are invited to listen more closely for God's voice in our lives. Along with hearing that message on Sunday mornings, we might also take on other practices of listening. Maybe intentional reading of scripture. Maybe a regular walk in the woods. Maybe just being attentive in conversations with friends, or in what you overhear while sitting in a Starbucks. God's voice can come to us in a myriad of surprising ways.

So, my invitation to you in this time ahead, is to join me in some "holy listening." Listening for God, listening to others, and listening to your own life's story. I believe that God has a word for us all, and our task is to listen.

Peace,
Pastor Dave

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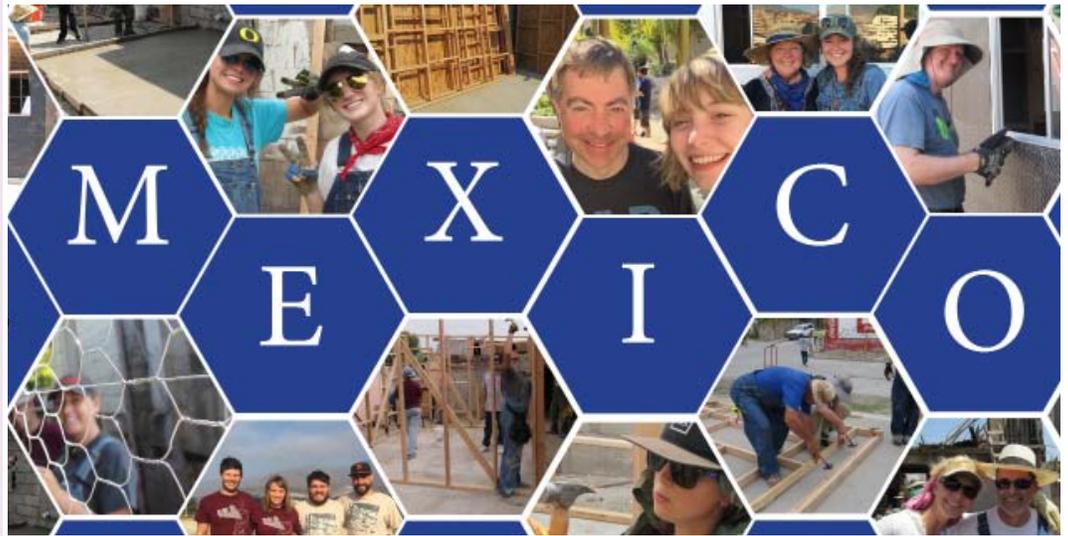
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All-Church Mexico 2018

June 23-30

You're Invited!

Please consider joining us this summer for a one-week Mission Trip to Northern Mexico to build homes for families in need. Hopefully you will join us for one of the information sessions* after worship (on April 8 & 15) to learn more about the trip. If you are interested in the trip but unable to attend one of the meetings, please e-mail us at mexico@pclg.org or call Carlo at the church office (408-356-6156) for more information.

**Returning trip participants are welcome, but not required, to attend the informational sessions.*

Help Needed!

Childcare Volunteers:

We are seeking volunteers to help care for our children during special events. We welcome youth helpers as well as adults and will give community service hours.

The requirements for our childcare volunteers are:

- 1) Completion and submission of PCLG's safe church application.
- 2) Clearance through Department of Justice fingerprinting services. (*Volunteers who are themselves under 18 are not required to be fingerprinted.*)



Adult Education

Powerful Tools of Transformation

Three Consecutive Weeks, April 15, 22, 29



11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

You know many facts about yourself: your name, age and address; what you like and what you do. But how well do you know your real, inner self? And how well do you know your family members and friends?

The Bible teaches that because of sin, we are alienated from ourselves, from others and from God. We often don't understand why we do what we do, and we puzzle over others' reactions. Through Christ, we are made right with God, but we often do not feel his approval or understand his will for our life.

On three consecutive Sundays after church – April 15, 22 and 29 – PCLG member Mark Bodnarczuk will lead a series of classes titled Powerful Tools of Transformation. Based on a biblical approach to Carl Jung's psychology, the classes will equip us with practical tools we can use to help increase our self-awareness and see our own blind spots. These tools will also help us understand others and improve our relationships, and discern how God is at work in our day-to-day lives.

Mark works in the director's office of the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory at Stanford University. A published author, he holds an MA in theology from Wheaton College, and an AM in philosophy from the University of Chicago.

All three classes will be held in the Fireside Room starting at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be available. The first class will run for two hours; the second and third, for about 90 minutes.

New Member Class

Please join us on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 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. Have questions? Send a note to members@pclg.org or call the front office.



Children's Ministry

HE IS RISEN

alleluia



Each year Children's Ministries looks forward to celebrating Easter through traditions like our Palm Sunday Service and the telling of the Easter Story.

COMING UP IN SPRING...

JOYFUL VOICES – Singing in worship on 4/22.

Rehearsals after worship on 4/8 and 4/15.

EARTH DAY GARDEN WORSHIP – Sunday,

April 22, the congregation will worship in the garden. All Church Worship only Nursery and Preschool will be offered in God's Place. This will be a wonderful opportunity to worship together as a family.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – Saturday, April 28 from 9am-12noon join us in showing compassion for others and serve as a family.

AP SUNDAY for 4th & 5th Grade – Sunday, April 15, Pastor Erica will lead our 4th and 5th Graders in a special lesson designed specifically for our upper elementary children.



Children's Ministries would like to welcome Sharlene Thompson

as the Children's Ministries Coordinator. Sharlene grew up in Lafayette, CA and earned a BA in Linguistics from UC Santa Cruz. She continued her studies and earned an MA in Speech-Language Pathology, which she went on to use teaching in the Fremont Unified School District. Sharlene and her husband Alan have two children, Penelope (age 7) and Daniel (age 5) who also attend PCLG. As a mom she spends most of her time volunteering at school, leading her daughter's Girl Scout troop, and doing what most mom's do...shuttle their children to and fro! In her free time she enjoys working out, hiking, spending time with friends and baking. Sharlene had been serving in the ministry for over a year as a teacher in God's Place and it is wonderful to now have her on the staff.

Need to connect? Want to serve in Children's Ministries?
Contact Lauren Froman at
pclglauren@gmail.com



Youth News

Spring has sprung, flowers are in blossom, the grass is green, the pollen count is high, the sunshine is glorious and everyone's nose is pointed down into a device. The resolution of my computer or phone screen is so lovely, and the backlighting so entrancing, I am letting life go by to see how others are living their lives. Which, by definition of being an imperfect human, means that I am comparing my life to yours or theirs. And that comparison is always on.

Or, maybe I'm discovering physical attraction for the first time in all its hormonal tempest and I've discovered my browser has a "private" browsing setting that allows me to search for whatever my pituitary gland thinks my eyeballs should see. One simple swiping swap and whatever I've been seeing is hidden from view from actual humans who really love me. Though, the images certainly linger.

Or, maybe the culture of my work expects me to be connected all the time and I don't question culture.

Or, maybe I think my friend really needs me and their falling-apart-life feels like it's all falling to me. And your friends are always present.

This list could go on, but this article is just a rough draft, an invitation to conversation. It's not a judgment, but a confession...let's find a way to talk about this sort of stuff.

Here's my premise, and spoiler-alert, it's dramatic: our collective device addictions are a form of mental captivity, for some, even slavery. God's people have gotten themselves into and/or been taken advantage of in such predicaments before. And when God liberates the captives, they are given hard, hard rules for breaking away from the things that enslaved them. Sabbath rules. Once upon a time, it was work (ok, so we're still dealing with that one) and now it's screens and the pin-stagram snap-book fortnite stories that populate the screens.

So please indulge me in a suggestion, gleaned from some who have already created boundaries for their households.

- 1. Wait.** For those who have yet to give a child a phone, wait. Wait longer than you think you can possibly wait. I'm hoping to wait 'til my kids are 14 (and by that time, there will be other things to contend with, I know). If you needed permission from a friend to stay strong on this choice, permission granted.
- 2. Set** times for permitted device use. For example, one family I know has their high school aged student put the phone in the kitchen to charge at night and texting/messaging/etc ends at 9 p.m. I'd like to make the case for an after school phone-free time, like a 3-5 p.m. decompress and disconnect time. That's what sitting alone in your room and listening to a whole album (I mean, playlist) is for. Maybe you're doing something like this or you've been considering it. Way to go!
- 3. Talk** (real live talking) to your kids about these things and practice some phone sabbath time yourself. We all need to. Talk to me about how you handle it in your family, I'd love to know now and I need to know for the future.

The first step is admitting we have a problem. Then we work some sabbath steps to help our families be a little more free.

Steve Fainer, Director of Youth Ministries - fainer@gmail.com

Youth Group Sunday Schedule

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

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



Music Notes

From the Music Director

He is Risen!

He is risen indeed. We had a wonderful Holy Week at PCLG.

Palm Sunday, the choir and many of the congregants processed into the Sanctuary following the Donkey, just as Jesus had done on coming to Jerusalem. Musically, we had the choir, trumpets and Worship Band celebrating the first day of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday was a more intimate service in the chapel. Worship was lead by Rita Hoegel and the Worship Band.

Good Friday was held in the Sanctuary. The Passion story was wonderfully told by five different readers, including Rev. David, Erica, Steve Fainer, Taelor May and Susan McDougal. For music the choir and the bell choir lead worship.

Easter Sunday had three services for worship; The sunrise Grove service with the worship band and twin services with bells, brass, strings, choir and the worship band.

Coming events:

Along with regular worship, on April 22nd, we will celebrate Earth Day with worship out of doors. We will have the worship band, choir, brass and bells for the service. We will be celebrating the glory of this blue green earth the Lord created.

Music Department Concert:

On May 6th at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary, we will be holding our annual Music concert featuring the music programs at PCLG. This year we will have the choir, the worship band, the bells and all three of our wonderful organists/keyboard players. This year's concert will benefit the piano fund.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Spring through our music.

Michael Taylor, director of music. michaeltaylor@comcast.net



The Worship Band had the great privilege of leading worship for many Sunday's in March. Please join me in thanking the musicians who shared their time and talents at our Maundy Thursday service, Easter Sunrise service (6:30a.m.) and Easter worship at 9 & 11 a.m.! Special thanks to Carlo Panighetti, Lisa Watermulder, Tammy Moriarty, Paul Kvamme, Jackson Bordelon, Diane Egli, David Herberg, MacKenzie Daly and Brian Tam!

HANDBELL NEWS



Los Cascabeles, celebrating their 40th year, will participate in the Spring Ring at Valley Church in Cupertino on Saturday, April 14. It is a one day workshop where 20 bell choirs (or more) gather from a 100 mile radius to make music together [*This gives new meaning to the term 'play date'*]. During the day, we have classes on various subjects and rehearse four pieces we've been working on at home. At 6 p.m. the day culminates with a program of our four pieces, with solo groups in between. The prelude of the event is usually a brass quartet. If you've never heard hundreds of bells together in one room, it's quite a sound. It is held in the gymnasium at Valley Church, located in the back of their campus. Valley Church is located at 10885 N. Stelling Rd. Cupertino. Join us, we think you'll find it quite appealing!

Pieces being played:

All Creatures of Our God and King
Fanfare Jubilee
Meditation on There is a Fountain
Festa



Honors Recital

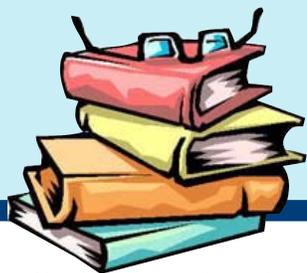
*A Fundraiser for
a new piano for the PCLG Sanctuary*

Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m.
In the sanctuary

Featuring advanced students of our Organists:
Jennifer Baham, Ekaterina Gueorgueiva, and Margaret Kvamme
performing a varied program of works for piano and other instruments

Come hear some wonderful music and support our goal
of a quality grand piano for PCLG

Freewill offering



Bookends

Drumroll please: Thanks to your generosity, Bookends raised \$534.50 in our annual book sale! We often split the proceeds between two charities, but this year, we decided to give the whole sum to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. The weather of 2017 changed many lives. Many of us have families and friends who were victims of the hurricanes, wildfires and mudslides. The relief fund charities must be stretched thin, so we wanted to contribute to the work they do in helping people start over when they have lost so much.

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

Questions/info?
Contact Sue Hansen at

paigeturner007@hotmail.com.

April

Orphan Train
by C. Baker-Kline

June

Tea Girl of Hummingbird Ln.
by Lisa See

August

Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

May

The Language of Flowers
by V. Diffenbaugh

July

Born a Crime
by Trevor Noah

September

Mischling
by Affinity Konar

Ministries & Outreach



News

GFP Activities and Events:

Our chapel focus for April is being Wise. We will focus on telling the truth and forgiveness.

During our staff in-service we will review our emergency procedures, practice our on site and re-location drill.

Towards the end of the month I will attend the CQEL (Californians for Quality Early Learning) Leadership Conference in Sacramento. I look forward to gathering information and insight from other Directors in the field of Child Development.

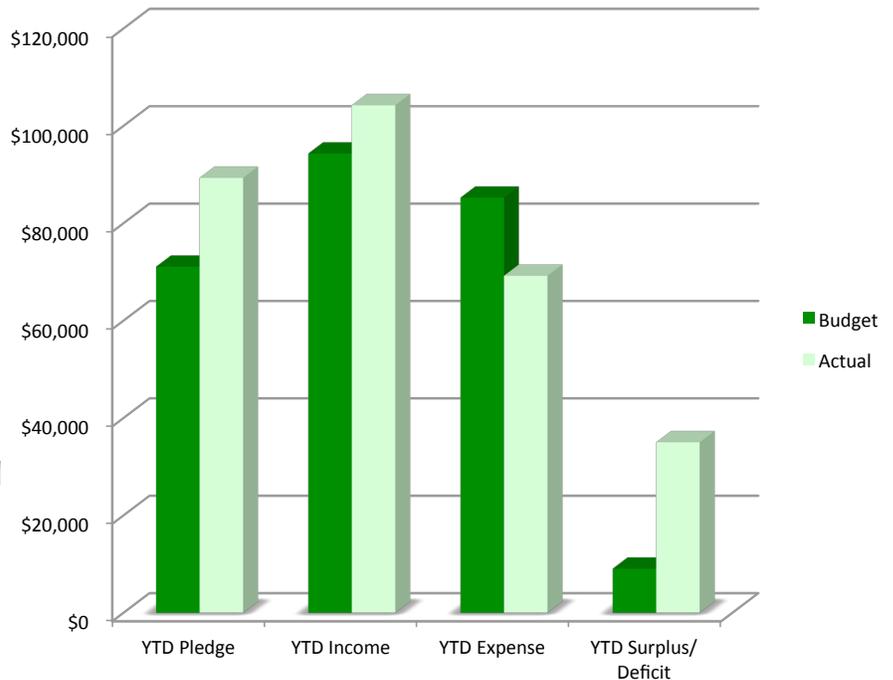
Our Pre K program will have a visit from Happy Hollow. It is always informative and interesting as they share the local wildlife guests with us.

Blessings,

Cory Mullins, Growing FootPrints Director growingfootprints@yahoo.com.

Financial Report

Greetings! By way of introduction my name, is Dale Loep, and I'm PCLG's new Financial Administrator, having taken over certain aspects of Kristy Cole's former position. Although I've already met a number of you, I'm still looking forward to meeting many more people from the PCLG community. Thus far, I have been especially impressed with the beauty of your grounds and very well-maintained facility, the Church's knowledgeable and dedicated staff and volunteers, and the myriad of ways that PCLG reaches out to and supports the broader church and the community. This is truly a blessed place where people share their blessings in return!



Financially, PCLG is doing well thus far in 2018. For the first quarter, both pledged offerings and total income were just slightly better than budget and about 15% ahead of this point in time last year. Expenditures thus far for 2018 are only at 91% of budget, resulting in a net surplus of \$33,002 for the year-to-date (that is, through March 31, 2018).

Tracking current downward trends in the market, the value of PCLG's investments declined by \$40,238 in the first quarter of 2018—although this decline for the quarter should be considered in light of unusually favorable total gains of nearly \$428,000 for calendar 2017.

In short, so far so good for 2018! Special thanks to those who have made me feel welcome in this new position and who have answered so many of my questions. In turn, please feel free to contact me at dale.loep@pclg.org if you have questions about PCLG's finances.

Blessings,

Dale Loep, Financial Administrator dale.loep@pclg.org

Mission Minute

Save The Date: Join us for Local Mission Week August 1 - 4!

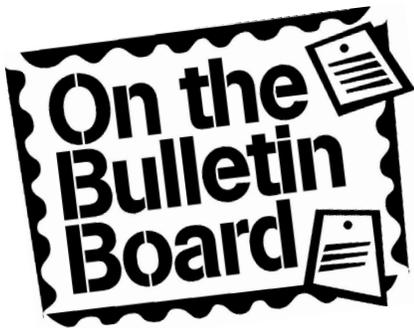
Again this year we will venture out in groups of 12-25 to offer labor, support and fellowship to local service organizations. Watch for more information as we get closer to that week!

Remembering Bill Cilker

Wheeled in by one of his lovely attendants, Bill Cilker was a regular at Pastor Dave's Wednesday afternoon bible study. Here I enjoyed Bill's company. Those afternoons gave me three things about Bill that stay with me. He treasured—dearly treasured—his wife's bible. He missed his wife very much and occasionally talked his love for and loss of her. He yearned to do more good in the world and frequently confessed his worry that he was not doing enough, his concern that he should be thinking of more to do. Truly, Bill was a man whom the writer of the Book of James would have loved, for he was a doer and not just a hearer of the Word. Testimony from this man who had started Second Harvest, one among many, many acts of generosity, was a humbling and continual wake up call to the rest of us on Wednesday afternoons.

Finally, I will always remember one particular afternoon, when Bill asked, "What is the Holy Spirit?" Although old in years, he was new to the Christian faith. My heart lifts, even as I am writing, even as I am missing Bill and sad to lose him among us, because I know that now Bill has found the answer to his question and is living it.

Mayhill Fowler



Have a short note for the next issue of *The Spire*?
Submit your bulletin board items to
carlo@pclg.org



*Fariba is a member of
PCLG*

If you are looking for a dog walker or sitter who loves dogs, I'm your person. Dogs love me and I'm sometimes called the "dog whisperer."

Whether you need assistance for the day, for the month, or regularly, I can help you out.

**Call Fariba Samin at
(408) 595-1183**

References available by request.

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.

*Don't forget—
Deadline for the
May SPIRE
is 2:00 p.m. Tuesday,
April 24*



April Birthdays

1	TOM O'BRIEN	13	BOBBIE CHAMBERS
	HEIDI REHBOCK		BILL MEADOWS
3	FARIBA SAMIN	14	PHOEBE KLIMAN
4	JEANNE MCCANN		ALLISON MCGUGAN
	BRIELLA TRUJILLO	15	BART RAYNAUD
5	RACHEL MILLER	16	DON BOLLINGER
	LINDA SCARBORO	18	JOHN FINDLAY
6	AMANDA L DALY		MARY JANE HUMPHREY
	CATHY HOSFELDT	19	LARA LEE
	JAY KRUSE	21	JUDITH GRUBER
7	PAUL SMITH	22	AMANDA BIERLY
8	ANNETTE BEHRENSMEYER	23	SUSIE FERRELL
	CINDY ROBERTS	26	JERRY SCARBORO
9	KYLE LUI	27	PATTY KELLY
	MICHAEL MCKINNON	28	TONY BAYNE
10	LAURINE TAYLOR		ELISA HERBERG
12	BOB DALE		KAREN RADER
	LESLIE FOTION		DONALD WORN
	RICK KOURY		

Anniversaries



3	Malcolm & Beth Bordelon		
6	Dick & Pat Garland	20	Bob & Margie Bowles
7	Young & Judy Kim	24	Bill & Nancy Smith
9	Ted & Veronica Lui	27	John & Kim Watkins
10	Bill & Sally Slocum	28	Paul & Fiona Greenland
16	Jerry & Linda Scarboro		Jeff & Toneh Thompson

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APRIL 22

