



THE SPIRE

Special Dates:

- **Men's Breakfast**
May 4
- **Mother's Day**
May 12
- **All-Church Mexico**
June 22-29
- **Summer BBQs**
June 19, July 10, July 24,
& August 7

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

*So, Easter is
over... Now
what?*



A number of years ago, when I was serving in the Peace Corps, I lived in a small country off the coast of West Africa called Cape Verde. And Easter Sunday in that majority Roman Catholic nation was actually pretty similar to how it is here. Everybody got dressed up and went to church, we sang the songs, took family photos and had a great supper afterwards.

Easter was known there (in the Portuguese language) as "Pascoa". And like here, it was a great day. At PCLG this year, we shared a wonderful Holy Week, full of special programs and services, and it all culminated on Easter day.

But in Cape Verde, in the weeks after Pascoa, there were a series of weekend events and community festivals that continued the Easter celebrations. They had names like Pascoela (little Easter) and Pascoelinha (even littler Easter!). For weeks after Easter, these little towns and villages would

have religious processions, soccer tournaments, popular dances, and plenty of food. They didn't use the word "Eastertide", but that is what it was.

Eastertide is the season of Easter. It is the 50 days after Easter, where we are invited to continue to reflect on and celebrate the meaning of the resurrection good news.

In a lot of ways, we are good at anticipating events. There is excitement in the air in the days leading up to big events like Christmas, the Super Bowl, the last day of school, and Easter Sunday. But once the big day is over, we aren't always as good at savoring it. Enjoying it. Dwelling in it and letting it stick with us.

In our culture, we are often focused on "the next big thing", and our minds go quickly to whatever the new thing will be. So the challenge of these weeks ahead for our church, is to let ourselves stay with Easter a little bit longer. To continue to talk about the amazing story of Jesus' resurrection, and how his disciples experienced it.

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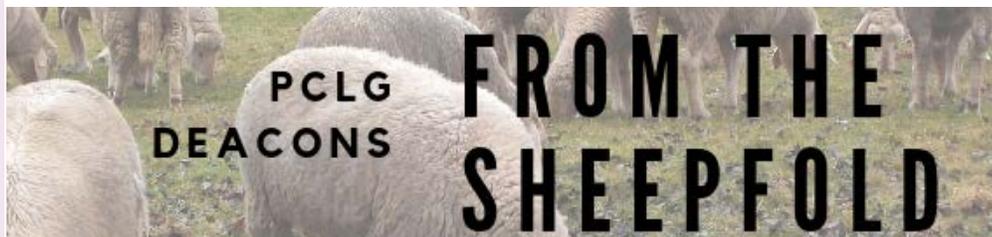
(Continued from page 1) On Easter Sunday, I talked about a poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins, where he writes, "let Christ Easter in us." This is the idea that Easter isn't just a single day or event, but it can be a verb, an ongoing action word, that describes what God is doing in the days ahead.

So, I invite you to join me in celebrating Eastertide, this season after Easter. We may not have Pascoela and Pascoelinha to look forward to, but there are a lot of ways to let this be a rich time. In this newsletter you will see that there are some events happening around PCLG, but not nearly as many as in the previous month or two. Instead, we are largely reflecting back on the goodness of Easter, and seeking to let God creep into our lives day by day. This is your chance to catch your breath, to give yourself some space and grace, and to let God continue to Easter in you.

We are resurrection people, and that is true not just one Easter day, but every day.

peace,

Pastor Dave



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.

Here are just a few photos from Palm Sunday this year. thanks to Colleen Hattman and family for arranging for the donkey, and to Carolyn Rosen for taking the excellent photos!





Children's Ministry

On Easter Sunday Pastor Dave described Easter as a verb...how will we "Easter"? This is how we "Eastered" in Children's Ministries, and we hope to continue the celebration of God's great love for us throughout the year!





Youth News

SUMMER 2019

JUNE

- June 2** 5 p.m. – Last SNIFF til Sept.
7:30 p.m. – HS YG
- June 9** 7:30 p.m. – HS YG
- June 11-13** 7th -13th Local Mission Walk
- June 14** Rising 6th Grader Road Trip with
Lauren & Steve
- June 16** 7:30 p.m. – HS YG
- June 19** MS Road Trip: Santa Cruz. Porter
Caves, Picnic Lunch, Skateboard
Factory Tour, Marianne’s

5:30 p.m. – Church BBQ
7:30 p.m. – Movie Night: Toy Story 3
- June 20** MS Road Trip: San Francisco.
Golden Gate Park, Bakeries, sweet
shops, more ice cream
- June 22-29** All Church Mexico
- June 23** 7:30 p.m. – HS YG
- June 26** MS Bike Trip from Almaden to DTSJ
to LG, with help from VTA
- June 27** MS Bike Trip from PCLG to the Bay
and back with help from VTA
- June 30** No HS YG

Note from Steve...

I am so grateful to our team of volunteers who will be helping out while my family is gone this July. If you have youth group questions while we’re gone, please contact:

- Carlo Panighetti – 408-931-0545
- Jackson Bordelon – 408-759-2000

If you have questions about our activities this Summer, please contact Steve. Sign up ASAP via our online forms for these adventures:

- [Mission Walk](#) [MS Road Trips](#) [HS Retramping](#)

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? WANT TO TALK?

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JULY

[Fainers on vacation June 29 – July 30]

- July 7** 7:30 p.m. – HS YG
- July 10** 5:30 p.m. – Church BBQ
7:30 p.m. – Movie Night: Lion King
- July 14** 7 p.m. – Worship in the Grove
8 p.m. – HS YG
- July 21** 7:30 p.m. – HS YG
- July 24** 5:30 p.m. – Church BBQ
7:30 p.m. – Movie Night: The Goonies
- July 28** 7:30 p.m. – HS YG

AUGUST

- Aug. 2-4** HS “Retramping:” Mt. Madonna
- Aug. 6** MS Road Trip Camp: Heading North
to the Alameda Creek Trail & fun
food in Union City
- Aug. 7** MS Road Trip Camp: Heading West to
Castle Rock, Big Basin and Boulder
Creek

5:30 p.m. – Church BBQ
7:30 p.m. – Movie Night
- Aug. 8** MS Road Trip Camp: Head East to
Henry Coe State Park (if not too hot)
- Aug. 9** MS Road Trip Camp: Head South to
Capitola and a walking tour of 41st
Avenue’s many treasures
- Aug. 11** 7 p.m. – Worship in the Grove
8 p.m. – HS YG Official Goodbye
Graduates Night
- Aug. 18** 5 p.m. – 6th Grade Orientation for
students and parents
7:30 p.m. – HS YG
- Aug. 25** 7:30 p.m. – HS YG
- Sept. 1** No HS YG
- Sept. 8** Kick-off Sunday with MS Sunday
School and Youth Group returning!



Music Notes



From *the* Music Director

Spring is very much in bloom with some previews of the summer in the mix. We just finished up an amazing Holy Week. With donkeys and lots of singing for many services, we observed our most important season of the year with Christ rising from the dead.

Looking ahead, the choir returns to Sunday services on May 5th. The women will bring a special anthem for mother's day on May 12th. We will also observe Memorial Day with choir and brass.

The Worship Band and the Bells will continue their work with bells adding more time to their season into the summer. The Worship Band will continue making their wonderful music year round as always.

On a bittersweet note, our longtime organist, Margaret Kvamme will be retiring from her work at PCLG. She will continue to work with us on organ maintenance and as a part of the congregation. She will be missed, but not far away.

With the Easter services and more behind us, I want to offer my thanks to all of the various groups who support and are the lifeblood of the music in worship. Their efforts are more than amazing as they share their time and talent for the glory of God. We always have a wonderful time singing and playing for services, but those events are preceded with many long hours of rehearsal. Their ongoing commitment is truly a Godsend.

Spring is truly upon us as is the Glory of the risen Christ.

In Christ,

Michael Taylor, Music Director

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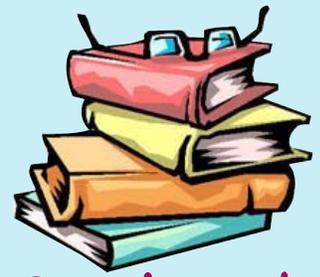
Adult Education

Let's Talk Lectionary!

What is a “lectionary,” anyway? Come to our Sunday Morning Bible Study classes the first three weeks of May and learn all about it – what is it, who uses it and why. Each class will feature an in-depth discussion on one of the readings from that week’s lectionary, as follows:

- May 5 – Jesus serves breakfast on the beach! What is the “table talk” during that morning meal? We’ll talk about it at our table talk.
- May 12 – How well do you know sheep? These woolly animals figure prominently in one of our favorite Bible passages – the 23rd Psalm. Join us as we take a fresh look at it.
- May 19 – Jesus tells his disciples he will soon leave them. Then he orders them to do something that may seem impossible. What is it?

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets before the worship service, from 9 to 9:50 a.m., in the Fireside Room. Coffee will be available. Our last session for this school year is May 19; classes will resume Sept. 15.



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

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May
White Teeth
by Zadie Smith

June
Treasure Island
by Robt. L Stevenson

Mission Minute

Here at PCLG, we are feeding the vulnerable both near and far. In March, 70 enthusiastic volunteers packed 15,000 meals in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger. Those nutritious meals will be shipped to a destination where they are sorely needed. In May, we have an opportunity to cook for the vulnerable women in San Jose through the Lifted Spirits program. Join me on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 10 am in the church kitchen. We'll prepare a healthy luncheon meal for approximately 40 women in need. And on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 12 pm, women are welcome to serve the meal at First Presbyterian

Church, San Jose. If you are interested, please contact me. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors in San Jose.

Blessings,

Carol Smith, Mission Elder

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See the next page for pictures from our Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event on March 30. Thanks to all who showed up to help pack 15,000 meals that morning! We have about 70 wonderful volunteers of all ages in attendance.



June 22-29, 2019

Ready to sign up for our All-Church Mexico Trip? See more info and sign up online at www.pclg.org/mexico





Activities & events

Our Chapel theme for May is being Faithful and the last Fruits of the Spirit focus for this school year. It has been fun visiting chapel as Grace the Gardener!

During May we will nurture our outdoor garden and will look forward to the vegetables we will harvest as we move into the summer months.

Our Pre K will begin practice for their graduation ceremony in June and the staff will prepare for summer camp!

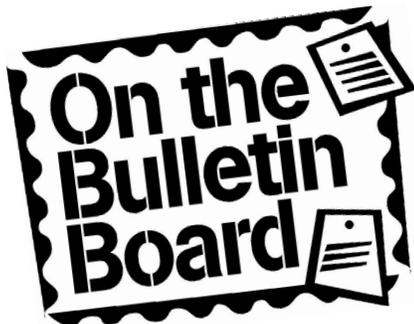
GFP would like to add a few substitutes to our list for on call support when staff are out with illness or on vacation. If you have 2 years experience in the field of Early Childhood Education and meet the requirements to work in a center please email or call the school.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the awesome Moms!

Blessings,

Cory Mullins, Growing FootPrints Director

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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

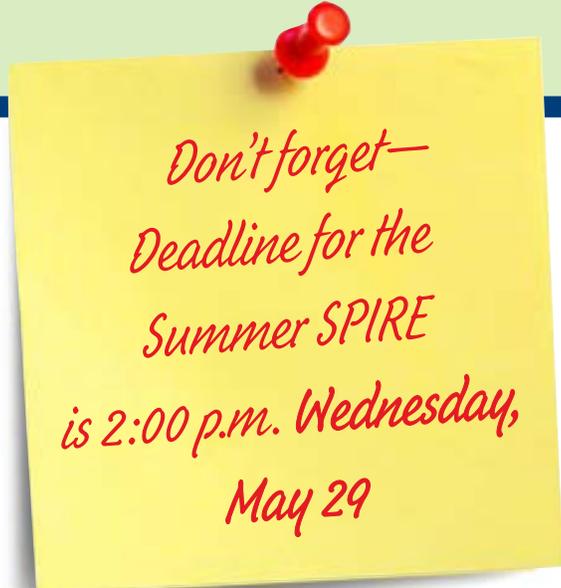
Home AM Groups	3rd Thursday	9:30 a.m.
PCLG AM ("WoW") Group	Thursday	10 a.m.
PCLG Noon Group	2nd Thursday	12 p.m.

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.



May Birthdays

3	Lauren Clift	20	Tammy Moriarty
	Morgan McKibbin	21	Judy Hagmann
	Louise Sherman	23	Leah Graff
6	Angie Smith		Barbara Snyder
8	Ellen Graff	24	Abram Watts
	Howard Loomis	25	Tom Wolf
10	Judy Borlase	27	Lisa Lippi
	Margie Bowles	29	Essie Asher
	Tim Hornak		Chris Daly
11	Carole Turner		Sally Slocum
12	John Humphrey	30	Barbara Drotar
13	Stephen Stanwood		Colleen Hattman
	Kim Watkins	31	Janis Criswell
16	Mark Creamer, Jr.		
	Barbara Koplos		



Anniversaries

6	Sue & Howard Thomas
14	Chris & Allison McGugan
21	Amee & Brian Jones
25	Linda & Don Wagner
30	Erin & Brian Heath

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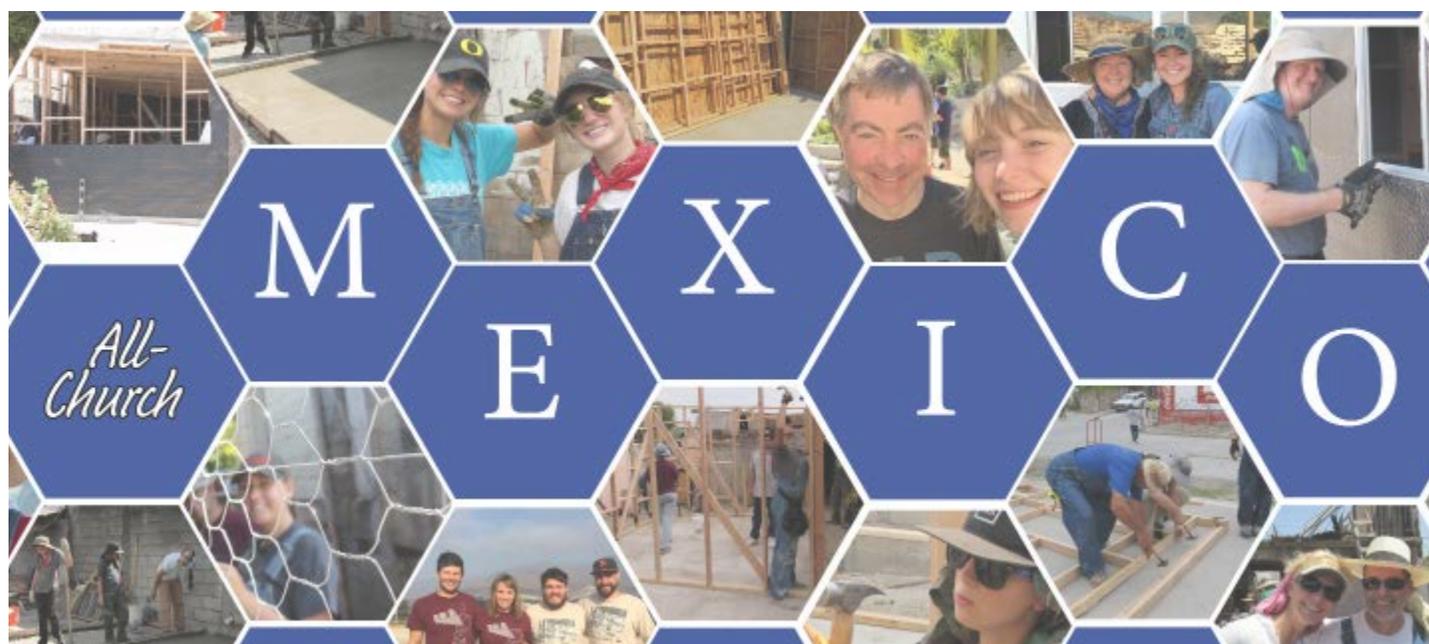
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