



# THE SPIRE

## Special Dates:

- **Summer BBQs**  
June 19, July 10, July 24, & August 7
- **All-Church Mexico**  
June 22-29
- **Worship in the Grove**  
July 14 & August 11
- **Family Beach Day**  
August 2
- **New Member Class**  
August 24
- **Kick Off Sunday**  
September 9

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



I read a story recently about a problem that the Air Force had in the 1940's. Pilots were having a hard time controlling their planes, which were jet-powered and some of the fastest the world had ever seen. This led to an increase in life and death situations that the Air Force needed to address.

They determined that the cockpit needed to be re-designed and so in 1950, officials started measuring more than 4,000 pilots on a variety of metrics. Length of thumb. Neck circumference. Distance from pilots' eye to his ear. Foot size. On and on it went. Once they had gathered all the data, they averaged it together and set to work designing a new cockpit that would be the right size for the average airman.

But the problem was that no one fit the average. They had spent all of this time designing a cockpit for the ideal pilot, and in the end, what they really had, was a collection of people with unique dimensions and measurements.

Isn't it the same way for our church? As we move together into the summer months at PCLG, I want to encourage you to consider the ways that you might connect with our church family in the season ahead.

Each of us is unique, made in the imago dei, the image of God with our own gifts, interests, passions, and questions.

Once the Air Force realized that there were no "average" pilots, they found a simpler fix to the problem they were facing: adjustable seats. There is no one-size-fits-all way to be part of PCLG, but we do share a common calling together. I invite you to think about how you will adjust your seat, to find your place amidst all that is happening for our church.

Some of the highlights ahead include our weekly worship at 10 a.m., where we will be following a Summer Sermon Series on "The Big Lives of Minor Saints." Our Summer BBQ Series will be running on the front lawn on June 19, July 10, July 24, & August 7.

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We will hold outdoor, evening worship in the Grove on July 14 and August 11.

The PCLG Ministry Fellows program is back this year, and we will have three of our college age students working all summer at the church. This year's group of Fellows includes Mark McKinnon, Nolan Carlen, and Kathryn Damore. I hope you will find a way to welcome them and encourage them as they share this experience in leadership with us.

In the pages of this newsletter, you can read more about what is happening around PCLG this summer. So, adjust your seat, find your unique way to be part of the body of Christ in this place, and let's move together into the new season ahead!

peace,

*Pastor Dave*



Nimi Nagalingam has a Bachelor's Degree with a concentration in Accounting from the University of Minnesota and has been working for many years as an Accounting Manager. She is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in California. She is the wife of Samuel Nagalingam, a longtime member of PCLG.

# PCLG MINISTRY FELLOWS

## 2019

For some of our college students, the Summer has already begun and when I think about college students and Summer time, I start thinking about PCLG Ministry Fellows. In our inaugural Summer, last year, three of our college students served in a variety of ministry capacities around PCLG, in worship, in mission, at BBQs and youth groups and in hospitals. Allie, Cameron and MacKenzie were a lovely trio to test out the idea of encouraging our young people to take on new roles of responsibility within the church.

And now, in 2019, we've got a terrific new trio who will lead, laugh and love among us. Nolan Carlen, Kathryn Damore and Mark McKinnon have all grown up in our church and are returning this Summer to explore God's call in their lives. The Fellows mentor team of Dave, Erica, Carlo and myself are excited for you to meet them and want to share a little bit about them.



Nolan Carlen attends the University of San Francisco majoring in the undeclared space with a lean toward Theology. His ability to relate to kids and break down concepts for them suggest a natural teacher-in-the-making of some variety. As a junior in high school, Nolan was a co-leader for two of our L.O.G. retreats (#24 & 25) and as a senior was a volunteer for the Middle School youth group. He was so indispensable amongst the Middle Schoolers that we picked him up at school this last November and took him to Westminster Woods for our Middle School camp.

After a memorable Fall studying in Zurich, Kathryn Damore continues pursuing her accounting degree at the University of Oregon. This Summer she'll be interning with PCLG and with ??/

When she was in Middle School, I remember telling her I hoped my kids would be as cool as her someday. The jury's still out on my kids (kidding!), but Kathryn is as thoughtful and fun as ever. Kathryn co-led L.O.G. #23 while in high school and has been helping with the Friends, Religion, And Theology (FRAT) college ministry since its inception.



Over the last few years, Mark McKinnon has become increasingly responsible in Young Life campus ministry while attending the University of Seattle. A small group leader in Young Life, I've seen Mark mature and master relational ministry as he seeks out peers in need of support and encouragement. An intense and deliberate athlete, Mark brings that same strategic intensity to the art of caring for others in the name of Jesus. Mark co-led L.O.G. #22 back in high school (paired with Kathryn's current and longtime boyfriend, Logan, no less). I look forward to how he encourages and is encouraged by the whole PCLG family.

You'll see Nolan, Kathryn and Mark at various events and activities of the church. Meet them, greet them, pray for and with them, recruit them for a project, empower their creativity. The mentor team will meet with the fellows weekly to explore vocational and spiritual topics as well as plan their participation in various ministries. We are excited for this youthful energy to engage us all!



# Children's Ministry

# SUMMER

## PCLG Children's Ministries Summer Fun Days

Oh those sweet summer days. We hope in between camps, play-dates, and family vacations you will be able to join us for some PCLG summer fun!

### JUNE

- 9th: All Church Worship
- 14th: Rising 6th Grader Road Trip with Lauren & Steve
- 19th: 5:30PM Church BBQ
- 22nd: 8:00AM-10:00AM Mom's Morning Out
- 30th: All Church Worship

### JULY

- 10th: 5:30PM Church BBQ
- 14th: All Church Worship - Mexico Sunday
- 14th: 7:00PM Worship in the Grove
- 24th: 5:30PM Church BBQ
- 28th: Picnic and Play after church - in the Grove after worship

### AUGUST:

- 2nd: Family Beach Day
- 7th: 5:30PM Church BBQ
- 11th: 7:00 Worship in the Grove
- 18th: Picnic and Play after church - in the Grove after worship

### SEPTEMBER:

- 8th: Kick-off Sunday



Mom's Morning Out on June 22nd from 8AM-10AM. Yoga in the chapel at 8AM followed by a fellowship brunch. RSVP to Lauren Froman at [pclglauren@gmail.com](mailto:pclglauren@gmail.com). Childcare available upon request.



Picnic and Play will be held after worship on July 28 and August 18. Bring a picnic lunch to church and keep it in the Children's Ministries Wing. After church take your picnic to the Redwood Grove. Kids can play on the Growing Footprints Playground. RSVP not needed.



Annual Family Beach Day in Santa Cruz. August 2nd. Meet at the Boardwalk Beach. Arrive whenever works - someone will be there as early as 10am and if the weather is great...we stay as long as we can! Pack lunch/snacks etc. Please RSVP to Lauren Froman at [pclglauren@gmail.com](mailto:pclglauren@gmail.com)



# 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** 7<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 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?

Steve Fainer, Director of Youth Ministries, PCLG  
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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. – 6<sup>th</sup> 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!



## From the Music Director

Here we are again, coming to the close of a season for the choir. June 9th, Pentecost Sunday, will be the last service of the season for the choir. The choir will join with the worship band in singing, "Love in Any Language." A perfect song for the diverse, but unifying message of the Holy Spirit.

The choir will return on June 30 and July 28 for summer choir, and September will be here before you know it.

The music goes on at PCLG. We will have our wonderful worship band, bell choir and a selection of singers to lead you in worship.

If you have been considering sharing or exploring your musical talent, please reach out to me for information. We have some tremendous programs to bring those music gifts to life. With the Bell Choir, Worship Band and the Choir, your musical dreams could come true.

We have had another wonderful year of music and worship. Thanks to all for your ongoing support. It is a rare gift to experience sharing worship through music.

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you in church.

Blessings and regards,

Michael Taylor, Music Director

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Congratulations To Nicollete (Nickie) Ledford for her **FIRST PRIZE** win in the 2019 International Music Competition "Satzburg" Grand Prize Virtuoso.

She has been selected to perform at the Wiener Saal, Mozarteum (Salzburg) on July 11, 2019.

She will play: P.I. Tchaikovsky, March: Song of the Lark from The Seasons Op. 39. Her very proud mother and teacher is Ekaterina "Katie" Gueorgeuieva.



*Our Handbell leader, Ruthanne Adams Martinez, enjoying her new platform. Now she can see the ringers in the back row and feels closer to the group!*

*Submitted by Shirley L. Swallow*

***PCLG Memorial Day***  
***Submitted by Sue Hansen***

As we celebrate Memorial Day, we remember those who've gone before us and blazed a trail, giving us opportunities, blessings and freedom. Our church has a long, rich history of people of vision and planning that we benefit from today. Have you noticed the plaques at church that commemorate members of our church family? The light at the back of the sanctuary just inside the double doors is in remembrance of our church members lost in WWII and Korea: Kenneth Bailey, Robert Jones, Neal Jones, William Coleman, Ralph Elsmann jr., Hamilton White and Kenneth Kretsinger.

Nineteen of our pews have commemorative plaques. Our church family is very generous with their time, talents and gifts. Take a moment to notice the plaques around our campus, in the garden, in the grove, the benches, the stained glass window in the Fireside Room, the candles on the communion table, in the choir room area, in the narthex and our office building; and our pew cushions [a few decades back, yes, we sat on wooden pews with no cushions]. Even our beloved Mrs. Moller, our magnificent pipe organ, is the Madeleine S. Thomas memorial organ.

As you come across these plaques, take a look at our church family pioneers, whose time and talents have helped shape the PCLG that you enjoy today.

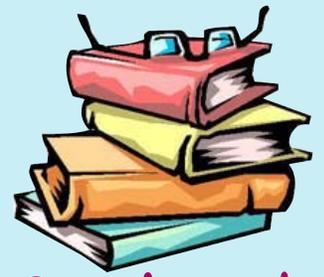
## **WORSHIP IN THE GROVE**

Enjoy worship, fellowship, God's word, music and refreshments in our own little slice of nature!

*Sunday evenings*

**July 14 & August 11**

7 p.m. in the Redwood Grove



## ***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.chicksincrisis.org](http://www.chicksincrisis.org)

Questions/info?  
Contact Sue Hansen at

[paigeturner007@hotmail.com](mailto:paigeturner007@hotmail.com).

**June**  
Treasure Island  
by Robt. L Stevenson

# Thank You!



Hello, my name is Forrest and this is a thank you letter. I am moving to Oregon to pursue a degree in social work and youth ministry. God lit these fires in my heart during my time at PCLG. I owe the PCLG Youth Staff and Steve Fainer an eternal thank you for those fires.

First, I have the High School youth group to thank for being the one place I was loved unconditionally. Second, I have Steve to thank for inviting me to be a part of the youth staff. I was a part of the youth staff since my senior year of high school in 2009. Third, I have to thank Steve for our conversations. When we hangout, we would usually end up talking about the injustices of the world and what is our role as a modern christian. So, thank you Steve, for everything.

This letter is also a thank you to the youth group families. My last youth group was a few weeks ago. Unknown to me, Steve and Carlo had asked for help, from parents, in purchasing me a new guitar. Carlo put it well when he said that the guitar is a tool to help my ministry wherever I go. So, thank you to everyone for my new guitar. It literally sounds so good. I do not know what God has in store for me, but I am excited!

## *Mission Minute*

While we won't be having the same kind of "Mission Week" as we have had the past few years, there will be plenty of opportunities to serve others this Summer. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin and Weekly e-mails to see dates and information on our upcoming Mission events!

Please keep our All-Church Mexico team in your prayers as they travel to Tijuana June 22-29 to build two homes for families in need. They will share their experiences in worship on Sunday, July 14.



*Christ caring for people through people*

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

PCLG is launching the Stephen Ministry as a new element of our Caring Ministries programs. The Stephen Ministry is based on the scriptural principle found in Galatians 6:20: “Bear one another’s burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ.” This ministry provides on-going, one-on-one, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting and going through a difficult time in life. This includes experiencing grief, separation or divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, loneliness, discouragement, spiritual crisis, recovery after an accident or disaster, relocation, incarceration, parenting a wayward teen, birth, adoption, miscarriage, or some other life challenge. PCLG believes that no one should have to hurt and face these difficult times alone.

The Stephen Ministry will be rolled-out in two phases. In the first phase, we’ll conduct a training program that consists of 50 hours of instruction for people who would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister. The training sessions will be held on Monday nights from 7:00pm until 9:30pm starting on September 16, 2019 and will run for 21 weeks. Although the training is designed primarily to train Stephen Ministers, it would benefit anyone who’d like to become a more loving and compassionate Christian person. The only requirement for attending the training is that people commit to fully participate in all training modules, including all reading assignments and homework. Sometimes the people who have gone through the really hard places in life are the very ones who are best able to help those who are going through those tough times now. If you have ever been a caring friend or family member who has listened and really taken the time to hear the heart of a hurting person, consider attending this training, regardless of whether you’re considering becoming a Stephen Minister. As participants work their way through the training, there will be more detailed discussions about the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister.

The second phase of the Stephen Ministry roll-out will begin in April 2020 when Stephen Ministers begin meeting with people who are hurting, called Care Receivers. We all experience challenges in life and sometimes we could benefit from the love and support of a caring brother or sister in Christ. Stephen Ministers are highly-trained lay people who meet with their care receivers once a week during a life crisis or challenging time. Stephen Ministers will walk alongside you and be present to listen, to laugh, to cry, to pray, and to share God’s healing peace, grace, and encouragement. Stephen Ministers show love, compassion, and acceptance for their Care Receivers and provide emotional and spiritual support when people need it most. They will journey with you through the valleys of life’s experiences.

For more information on the Stephen Ministry, visit the “About” tab on the PCLG website or contact Elder Mark Bodnarczuk at [Stephen.ministry@pclg.org](mailto:Stephen.ministry@pclg.org).



## news

We will graduate 18 of our 19 students in June (Theo Watermulder is among the graduates). Nearly all of our Pre-K students will return for summer camp activities this year (Jr. Chef, Sports Camp, Lights/Camera/Action, Outdoor Adventures, Mad Scientist, Master Artist and Fun in the Sun)!

We look forward to water play, harvesting veggies from the garden, outdoor activities and for the staff....vacations! As a year round program the week we are closed in July is one we use to rest, re-energize and enjoy family adventures.

Have a wonderful summer and travel safely!

Blessings,

*Cory Mullins*, Growing FootPrints Director

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## New Member Class

Please join us on Saturday, August 24 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](http://pclg.org/signup). Have questions? Send a note to [members@pclg.org](mailto:members@pclg.org) or call the front office.



## June Birthdays

- |    |                 |    |               |
|----|-----------------|----|---------------|
| 2  | Kimberly Damore | 21 | Al Dailey     |
| 4  | Terri Raynaud   | 22 | Jeff Thompson |
| 7  | Jean Richey     |    | Patricia Rose |
| 15 | Caroline Damore | 29 | Adam Alzaidi  |
|    | Nelson Damore   | 30 | Steve Coates  |
| 17 | Tom Smith       |    |               |
|    | Linda Wagner    |    |               |

## July Birthdays

- |    |                 |    |                 |
|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | George Rose     | 17 | Craig Smith     |
|    | Ruth Fong       | 18 | Ruth Ann Kvamme |
|    | Luca Bommarito  | 19 | Don Wagner      |
| 2  | Richard Scott   | 20 | Greta Wagner    |
| 5  | Melanie O'Brien | 21 | Jean Lusk       |
|    | Reid Bierly     | 22 | Howard Thomas   |
| 8  | Paul Kvamme     | 23 | Dylan Lasher    |
| 10 | Betty Ulrich    |    | Gina Lawler     |
|    | Julie Lasher    | 24 | Dominic Campana |
| 12 | Holly Campana   | 25 | Bill Slocum     |
| 14 | Conor Clancy    |    | Mike Cochran    |
|    | Lauren Froman   | 28 | Nikki Nelson    |
| 15 | Lauren Finkle   | 30 | Adam Smith      |
| 16 | Susan Sawatzky  | 31 | Sharon Brodsky  |
|    | Ray Smith       |    |                 |

## August Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 5  | Gavin Finkle       | 17 | Megan O'Brien        |
| 6  | Tim Nelson         | 21 | Tricia Dale          |
|    | Kelli Nelson       | 23 | Janis Black          |
| 8  | Mark Gruber        | 25 | Freda Findlay        |
| 9  | Arlene Cochran     | 28 | Lindley Fredericks   |
|    | Bill Smith         | 29 | Forrest Turner-Groth |
| 11 | Hank Otto          | 30 | William Lasher       |
| 13 | David Wills-Ehlers |    |                      |
| 16 | Anita Wolf         |    |                      |

*Don't forget—  
Deadline for the  
September SPIRE  
is 2:00 p.m. Tuesday,  
August 27*

## Anniversaries

### June

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|----|--------------------------|
| 2  | Stephen & Sharon Brodsky |
| 7  | Steve & Jane Fainer      |
| 14 | John & Freda Findlay     |
| 17 | Gail & Jim Myers         |
| 20 | Judith & John Gruber     |
| 22 | Susan & David McDougall  |
| 25 | Martha & John Wills      |
| 26 | Peggy & Roger Heath      |
| 27 | Tim & Kelli Nelson       |
| 29 | Jay & Sandy Alzaidi      |
| 30 | Dan & Rebecca Rohrer     |
|    | Nancy & Larry Liden      |



### July

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|----|----------------------|
| 3  | Bob & Leslie Kennedy |
| 10 | Don & Anita Wolf     |
| 11 | Pat & Mike Moore     |
| 12 | Bart & Terri Raynaud |
| 17 | Ben & Ruth Fong      |
| 18 | David & Ellen Graff  |
| 20 | Jim & Barbara Snyder |

### August

- |    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 6  | Mildred & Tom Smith    |
| 7  | Paul & Mary Smith      |
| 8  | Doug & Collette Lynner |
| 15 | Arlene & Mike Cochran  |



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# SUMMER BBQs!

**Wednesday evenings,**

June 19, July 10 & 24, August 7

6-7:30 p.m.

want to help out at one or more of the BBQs?  
See [pclg.org/signup](http://pclg.org/signup) for more information!

