

▼ TODAY, MARCH 14

LENT
4th
Sunday
in

"...we walk by faith..." 2 Corinthians 5:7

▶ On the second Sunday of each month the Deacon Booth is on the plaza collecting for the "Deacon Emergency Fund." Prayerfully consider your donation TODAY. Special envelopes are provided in the pew rack.

▶ Today through 3/28, **Doorways of Faith** – From 9-10:30 a.m. in the Oak Room, John & Bonnie Turpin will discuss *Matthew for Everyone* for this season of Lent.

▶ TODAY, **On the Plaza** –

...Deacon Booth, Lily Donations

...Youth Zimbabwe Auction, 3/20

...Mens' Breakfast, 3/24

...Rebuilding Together, April

...Holy Saturday, 4/3

...Angel Feast, 4/4

...Divorce Recovery, 4/15

...Spiritual Side of Masculinity, 4/18

...Emmaus Walk, 4/24

...Doorways of Faith, ongoing

...Sanctuary Flowers, ongoing



▶ 3/17, **First Game for the New LOPC Softball Team** – Bring the family

and cheer on our team, "Praying for a Win." They will play Wed., March 17, College Park High School at 8:20 p.m.

They will also play on Wed., March 24, Pleasant Hill Park at 6 p.m.

Join the fun and support our LOPC co-ed softball team.

Questions? Contact mcdonaghs@comcast.net.

CONNECTIONS @ LOPC

:: LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ::

LOPC is a vibrant, thriving and caring congregation that seeks to bring hope and renewal, through Jesus Christ, locally, nationally and globally.

*LOPC is **Alive! In Christ...In the World.***

How will you serve?



Together we can make a difference!

Saturday, March 20

@ Temple Isaiah, 6-9 p.m.

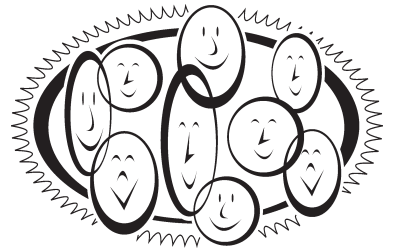
Tickets on the plaza today!

Join us for hors d'oeuvres and lively entertainment.

Raffle tickets also available.

A team of high school students and adults will be going to Zimbabwe in August 2010, to work at the Mother of Peace Orphanage and assist JF Kapnek Trust refurbish five preschools.

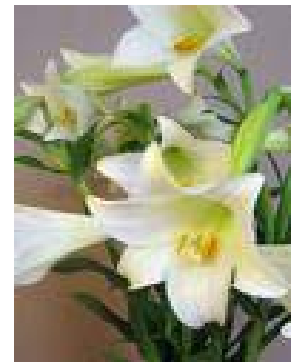
▶ 3/21, **Name Tag Extravaganza** – Did your dog eat your name tag? Can't remember which car or purse you left it in? No problem. This is a large church and we want to do our best to call each other by name. Come by the new Welcome Center next week to receive a new one (and decorate it, if you wish).



▶ 3/21, **Congregational Meeting** – LOPC members are encouraged to attend on Sunday, March 21 at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. This brief meeting is to hear a report and recommendation from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Congregational Care, and the next step in the process.

HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER!

The Sanctuary will be decorated with lilies for Easter on April 4. Anyone interested in donating a lily may sign-up on the Plaza on Sundays, **TODAY & March 28**. Each lily costs \$15 (donation) and the list of donors will be published in the Easter bulletin. You can also call Bev Fellows, 925.283.8722 x223, to donate a lily. After the Easter services the lilies will be delivered to the homebound or to those living in nearby assisted living and convalescent care facilities. **If you know someone who would enjoy a beautiful lily, or if you would like to help deliver lilies**, please leave a message for the Deacons, 925.283.8722 x274.



▼ CALENDAR OF EVENTS --- ALL ARE WELCOME @ LOPC ▼

Weekly — Ongoing

SUNDAYS —

- A Quiet Time in the Chapel**, 8:15 a.m.
- Worship Services**, 9 & 11
- Godly Play®**, 9 & 11 a.m.
- Does not meet 1st Sunday of the month.*
- Middle School Sunday School**, 9 a.m.
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- God's Groove Choir**, 10:15 a.m.
- Joyful Noise Choir**, 10:10 a.m.
- Psalmsters Choir**, 10:10 a.m.
- High School Group By the Way**, 7 p.m.

MONDAYS —

- Prayer Team**, 9:30 a.m.
- Tai Chi**, 10 a.m.

TUESDAYS —

- Chicks with Sticks**, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS —

- Middle School Group Y.O.W.**, 6 p.m.

THURSDAYS —


- Bible Study**, 7:30 a.m.
- Noteables**, a senior adult choir, 9 a.m.
- Thursday Fellowship**, for the older & wiser among us, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Quilt Group**, 1-4 p.m.
- Handbells**, 6 p.m.
- Revelers Choir**, 5:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir**, 7 p.m.
- Festival Choir**, 7 p.m. (begins 2/11)

FRIDAYS —

- Sunbeams Choir**, 8:50 a.m.

Church Officer Nominating Committee - C.O.N.C.

- + Bob Spicker, Chair
- + Sandy Barnett
- + Howard Hall
- + Beth Hutson
- + Merwyn Powell
- + Wayne Young
- + Peter Whiteclock, Staff
- + Bettie Graves, Clerk of Session



► **CONC Nominations Needed** – We are now starting our process to select the new officers and leaders for LOPC for terms beginning January 2011. It is a great privilege and responsibility to nominate members who will serve LOPC as elected lay leaders. It is also necessary for us to participate in the essential process that will influence our church in the future. **Nomination forms** will be available in the Church Office, in the Sunday Bulletin in late March and all of April, and online at LOPC.org. For complete details, see page 3 in the March issue of FOCUS.

► **3/15, Science & Religion Study Group** – 7:15 p.m., Davies Room. Ken Downing, biochemist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will be the speaker.

► **3/18, Thursday Fellowship** – 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Davies Room, for the older and wiser among us. After lunch, at 12:45 p.m., enjoy the entertainment of **Diana Starr & Rythym Review**. Join us!

► **3/16, Session Meeting**

► **3/16, Widows / Widowers Grief Recovery Class** – Starting Tuesday, March 16 through May 18. If you would like to sign up, have questions or would like to have a brochure please call the church office, 283-8722.

► **3/17, New LOPC Softball Team** See page 1 for more information.

► **3/20, Youth Zimbabwe Silent & LIVE Auction** – 6 p.m. at Temple Isaiah. See page 1 for details. Tickets on the plaza TODAY.

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► **3/21, 3rd Sunday Women's Spiritual Journey Group** – 4-6 p.m. in the Ministry Center Conference Room. Join us.



► **3/24, Men's Breakfast** – At 6:30 a.m. in the Davies Room, hear speaker **Joe Whitehouse**, “It's a Big World Out There: Reflections on 110

Countries.” Women are always welcome. Cost is \$5 for breakfast. RSVP by calling Bev at x223.

► **3/24, Taizé Worship Service**, 7 p.m., 4th Wed. each month, Drop-in childcare available. Questions? Call x228.

► **3/28-4/4, Holy Week & Easter Schedule** – See details on page 3.


► **4/9, First Friday Forum**, Speaker Max Auffhammer on “The Economics of Climate Change.” 1 p.m. refreshments and 1:30 pm. speaker.

► **4/10, The Village Baby Connection Playgroup** – 8:30 a.m., CLC, for infant-4 yr. olds & parent.

► **4/11, Hymn Sing** – 8:50 & 10:50 a.m. with organist Jonathan Dimmock, 2nd Sunday each month.

► **4/11, Second Sunday Singles** – 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Questions? gerald@LOPC.org.

► **4/15, Divorce Recovery Workshop** – Thursdays, April 15 through May 27 with Ray Campton, MFCC. Sign-up online at **LOPC.org**, click on ‘Singles.’ You can also sign-up on the plaza TODAY. Cost, \$125.



► **Help is Needed** – Are you able to assist in assembling the Sunday bulletins? This takes one to one-half hours each Friday afternoon. Contact Bev Fellows, x 223 or bevf@LOPC.org, if you have time available.

► **THESE DAYS – A Daily Devotional Booklet** – Covering April through June is now available in the church office. Donation, \$4.

▼ HOLY WEEK



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- ▶ 3/28, **Palm Sunday Worship** – 9 & 11 a.m., Sanctuary
- ▶ 3/28, **The Village Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch & Egg Hunt** – Attention Parents & Grandparents! Join us at 12:15 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Linda Rosenthal, 895 Mt. View Dr. in Lafayette (located behind Trader Joe's). Bring a brunch dish to share and a dozen plastic "stuffed" eggs, per child, to be hidden. You may bring your own basket or decorate a "basket" there. There will also be a special hunting area for toddlers and little ones. LOPC visitors, friends and member families are welcome! RSVP TODAY to colleenweems@lopc.org, or rosenhals@comcast.net, or call 283-2934.
- The Village at LOPC is a fellowship ministry focusing on young families.*
- ▶ 4/1, **Maunder Thursday** – 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- ▶ 4/2, **Good Friday** – 7 p.m., Sanctuary, Special Concert
- ▶ 4/3, **Holy Saturday** – 9 a.m., Chapel
- ▶ 4/4, **Easter Sunday Worship** – 6:30 a.m., Worship Plaza
8, 9:30, & 11 a.m., Sanctuary
- ▶ 4/4, **Angel Feast** – 9:30 & 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall
1st-5th graders — children will share in a light feast, together, and play some exciting games. Tickets are free, but required, and are available on the plaza or by calling x234. Questions? Contact Joel Bullock, joel@LOPC.org.



▼ HOLY WEEK

▶ 4/2, **Traveling though Despair to Abiding Peace & Light**



GOOD FRIDAY

As we conclude the Gospel of Matthew and look to Jesus' resurrection, we also find a rich telling of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and crucifixion. Our human experience sometimes includes confusing and dark times — and reflecting upon Jesus' story can serve as a great inspiration to walk forward in faith — He leads us through the darkest of places to hope, rebirth and triumph. On Good Friday, at **7 p.m.**, a central feature will be a thunderous, gripping and hauntingly beautiful excerpts from J. S. Bach's masterpiece, St. Matthew's Passion, supported by Festival Choir, Chamber Singers, Jubilate Baroque Orchestra, Revelers, soprano Beverly Jane Peatross, and singers from Joyful Noise. Other music includes spirituals, works by Billings, Murai and Ellington — and John Weems will share words of context and comfort. *NOTE – The service is about 90 minutes, and may be a bit intense for young children.*



▶ 4/3, **Holy Saturday** – 9 a.m. in the Chapel. We will spend time reflecting upon the powerful reality of Jesus' ministry as presented in the **Gospel of Matthew**. The LOPC Readers Forum will present this dramatic reading. We have titled this reading, "With Ears To Hear." This shared listening and reflection is especially poignant after contemplating the Last Supper on Maunder Thursday (4/1) and Jesus' final steps on Good Friday (4/2). Prepare yourselves for a powerful and amazing new way to hear the Scriptures. All are invited!

▼ HOLD IN PRAYER

▶ **Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to the friends & family of:**

...*Sharon Longenecker, mother of Kristin Bullock, who passed away recently.*

...*Jim Rodeheaver, son of Marty Rodeheaver, who passed away recently.*

▶ **Members & Friends** (continuing):
Mary Dunn, Carol Edman, Dean Mauson, Melissa Webber, Darla Glover, Tracy Wagnon, Amy Webb, Bill McCluskey, Isabel Bueso, Virginia Walker, Cherie Toll, Shelly Keely, Elizabeth Herman, Dinah Dethero, Deb Dustman, Gene Bismuti, Janene Scovel, Bob Lewis, Joye McCoy, Clarke Howland, Joyce Nelson, Adella Kellejian, Madeline Rose Aston, Bob Merrifield, Elizabeth Kotrick, John Fehd, Karen Stafford, Billie Newell, Jim Seim, Walter Stover, Jackie Yoshioka, Myrna Bowman, Mike King, Eunice Kritscher, Patty Koepke, Marjorie Lucas, Bob & Joan Allen, Linda Read & Jean Mulroy.

▶ **Those Serving Our Country:**
Robby Morse, Tyler Wheeler, Joel Graves, Scott Roberts, Mark Olivera, Rebecca Love Larsen, Sean Daly, Paul Kassebaum, Patrick Ready, Christopher Logan, Chase Nicotro, Tom Reppart, Jeff Rusk, Gareth Griswold, David Anderson & Demian Abel.

▶ **Upcoming Mission Trips:**
Gulf Coast Mission Trip to Houma, Louisiana, May 1-8., Middle School Youth Mission Trip to L.A. in June & the Youth Zimbabwe Mission Trip in August.

▶ **Disaster Relief Efforts:**
The relief effort in Chile and the relief effort in Haiti.

▶ If you have a prayer concern, please e-mail gerald@LOPC.org.



April 23-25

Friday night dinner and Saturday & Sunday morning sessions. For details and to RSVP, call x231 or colleenweems@LOPC.org.

▼ OPPORTUNITIES TO CARE & SERVE

- ▶ Today,, **Deacon Emergency Fund** – Donations are being accepted on the plaza.
- ▶ Today & 3/28, **Easter Lily Donations** – Help decorate the Sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday (4/4), in Honor or in Memory of a loved one. Donation is \$15. Sign-up on the plaza.
- ▶ 5/1, **Hurricane Relief Trip** – May 1-May 8, has room for more volunteers. Please contact Rich Lewis 925.788.3497 or e-mail rkewis26@comcast.net for complete details.
- ▶ **Monument Crisis Center** – Paper and plastic handled bags are needed. Please place in the MCC barrel on the plaza.
- ▶ **Rebuilding Together** will be working four Saturdays in April — 4/3,4/10,4/17 & 4/24 at Elmhurst Church in Oakland. Volunteers are needed. Sign up on the plaza TODAY or contact Howard Robbins, howard@howardrobbinsconstruction.com.
Questions?
John Weems, Mission & Outreach john@LOPC.org or x226.
Gerald Chinen, Congregational Care gerald@LOPC.org or x226.
Robin Freeberg, Admin. Assistant robin@LOPC.org or x250

▼ FOR YOUTH 6th-12th

- ▶ Sunday mornings @ 9 a.m., **Middle School Sunday School** (6th-8th grades) – Meets in CLC 201. Bring friends. Does not meet the first Sunday of each month.
- ▶ Sunday evenings, **High School Group B.T.W.** (By the Way) – 7-9 p.m. in CLC 201. Invite friends!
- ▶ Wednesday evenings, **Middle School Group Y.O.W.** (Youth on Wednesday) – 6-8 p.m. in CLC 201.



Shona Art from Zimbabwe

- ▶ 3/20, **Youth Zimbabwe Silent & LIVE Auction** – 6-9 p.m. at Temple Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Laf. All are encouraged to attend this worthwhile event, benefiting the Mission trip in August to help refurbish five preschools.
- ▶ 3/21, **Confirmation Class** – 10:30 a.m.-noon, CLC 201.
- ▶ 4/25, **Confirmation Sunday for Youth** – 9 & 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Questions?
Zach Walker, zach@LOPC.org, x241.
Brie Barton, brie@LOPC.org or x244.



- ▶ **One Great Hour of Sharing** – This special offering will be collected Palm Sunday, March 28, in both services and will benefit the Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, Inc. and the Presbyterian Mission including the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

▼ CHILDREN infant-5th

- ▶ 3/21, **Godly Play®**, 9 & 11 a.m. each Sunday, does not meet the first Sunday of each month. Parents need to sign their child in at the Children check-in and get a name tag. Registration required at LOPC.org. See schedule below:
...9 a.m. – 3 & 4 year olds, CLC 202.
...9 a.m. – Pre-K & K, CLC 109.
...9 a.m. – 1st - 5th Grades begin in the Sanctuary, then led by their Godly Play® teachers to their classrooms on the 2nd floor of the CLC.
...11 a.m. – 3 year olds-K, CLC 202.
...11 a.m. – 1st-5th Grades begin in the Sanctuary, then led by Godly Play® teachers to their classrooms on the 2nd floor of the CLC.
...**Childcare** is available for infants and toddlers on the 1st floor of the CLC during the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. services.

- ▶ 3/28, **The Village Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch & Egg Hunt** – 12:15 p.m. at the Rosenthals. RSVP, colleenweems@LOPC.org. See details on page 3.

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- ▶ 4/4, **Angel Feast on Easter Sunday** – 9:30 & 11 a.m. for 1st-5th. See details on page 3.
- ▶ 4/11, **3rd Grade Bible Class** – 9 a.m. in CLC 204. Also 4/18, 4/25.
- ▶ 4/17, **Regional Training for Vacation Bible School Camp Volunteers** – 9 a.m.-12 noon at LOPC. Area-wide volunteers will learn about this year's exciting and new 'High Seas Expedition' Camp. Register by calling x234.
- ▶ 6/14-6/18, **High Seas Expedition Camp** – Mark your calendars for this new, fun-filled and inspirational afternoon, 1-4 p.m. program at LOPC, for K-5th grade. More details are coming soon.

Questions?
Joel Bullock, Director joel@LOPC.org or x234
Raenelle Tauro, Admin. Assistant raenelle@LOPC.org or x233