

Connections

ALIVE!
In Christ...In the World.
Connect. Grow. Serve.

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 5, 2012



►2/12, Annual Meeting

& Lunch – The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 12 at 12:00 noon. A lovely pasta bar lunch has been planned by our kitchen team, for a suggested

donation of \$10. We will be voting on the nomination of Sue Nagle for Elder to fill an unexpired term, pastors salaries, hearing about the excitement of the past year and what's in store for 2012. Please call or e-mail Becki Crane, 283-8722 x221 or becki@LOPC.org, to make your reservation for lunch. The 2011 Annual Report is available online and will be available at the meeting. ■

►2/12, Stress vs. Success –

Starting at 4:00 p.m. dinner available for purchase; 5:00 p.m. family worship; 6:00 p.m. speaker. Childcare available. Ticket for speaker, \$10. See INSERT for all upcoming familycenter events Register at **LOPC.org**. Topic: **"Calming the Pressure for Kids to Succeed."** ■



LOPC is focused on raising and supporting faithful families of all types.

Presented by lamorinda familycenter at LOPC



One community serving those in need ... together.



\$20 / includes project materials, lunch and ONE Sunday t-shirt

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY, **LOPC.org**

►2/12, TODAY, Voyager

Sign-ups – Between services on the Plaza. The nine Voyager ships, (social groups) meet monthly, and are a great way to get connected at LOPC. Activities include dinners in members' homes, dining out, theater, hikes, service activities and more. Now is the time for members of each ship to renew their membership. Also, singles or couples who might be interested in visiting a Voyager ship (group) should stop by our table. Representatives of each ship (group) can acquaint you with these fun and active groups. Questions? Contact Herb & Randi Long, 925-283-5086 or hrlong13@sbcglobal.net. ■

Rev. Peter Whitelock, Pastor / Head of Staff | Rev. Judy Durff, Assoc. Pastor | Rev. John Weems, Assoc. Pastor | Rev. Gerald Chinen, Assoc. Pastor

Remember the **LOPC Foundation** in your will / trust. Questions? Contact Jim Fulford, Treasurer, jimf@LOPC.org.

▼ Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar ▼▶



▶2/5, TODAY, **Interfaith Amigos at LOPC** – 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Be a part of this important conversation. ■

▶2/9, **Thursday Fellowship** – For the older and wiser among us, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., weekly lunch, fellowship, activities and entertainment. Questions? Contact nancy@LOPC.org. ■

▶2/12, **Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch** – See page 1. ■

▶2/12, **Big Family Sunday** – Featuring Alexandra Robbins. See insert. More at LOPC.org. ■

▶2/13, **Lenten Study Groups for Adults & Families begins** – Do you really know who you are, who you were meant to be? To discover how we are Alive! In Christ... it is important to first understand who we are. The world puts a lot of labels on us, and it's hard not to live into those assigned roles. In Ephesians, we find that we are not who others say we are; we are nothing less than the beloved, adopted children of God. Sign-up for a small group study to enrich your worship experience this Lent, as you discover just who God meant for you to become. Lenten study guides are available TODAY on the Plaza after services (\$5 donation). Questions? Hilde.clark@gmail.com. You can also sign-up **online** at LOPC.org. ■

▶2/21, **Widow/Widowers Grief Recovery Group** – Tuesdays, February 21-May 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Details online at LOPC.org, or contact Bev Fellows, bevff@LOPC.org; by phone, 283-8722 x223. ■

See more at LOPC.org

▶2/22, **Men's Breakfast** – Where women are always welcome, 7:00 a.m. Speaker will be JAMES van HOFEN, LOPC member and US Astronaut. Topic: "Two Trips in Space." RSVP to BevF@LOPC.org or call x223. \$5 donation for breakfast. ■

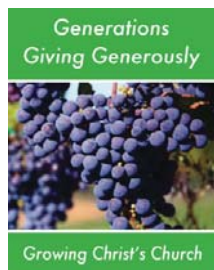


▶2/22, **Ash Wednesday** – 7:00 p.m. ■

▶2/26, **ONE Sunday** – ONE community serving those in need ... together. See more on page 1. ■

▶2/27, **Science & Religion Study Group** – 7:15 p.m. in the Davies Room. We usually meet the 3rd Monday of each month -- but we will meet one week later due to the holiday. Topic: "From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians. Questions? Call Doug Clarke, 925-330-6972. ■

▶Thank you for prayerfully



considering your 2012 Pledge Commitment to LOPC. Questions? lidia@LOPC.org or jimf@LOPC.org. ■

Taizé Worship Service



Ann Sackman will play a Celtic Harp Prelude beginning at 6:45 p.m.

▶2/29, Turn off all of the noise in your life and listen for God. Experience this music-filled and candle-lit service on the last Wednesday of each month, 7:00-7:40 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendar, Taizé services will be: 2/29, 3/28, 4/25 & 5/30. All are welcome. ■

▶3/2, **First Friday Forum Speaker Series** – 1:00 p.m. refreshments, 1:30 p.m. speaker: LESLIE BAROODY.



Her topic will be "ELECTRIC CARS ARE HERE." She is the Electric Vehicle Team Leader for the California Energy Commission. Free. All are welcome. ■

▶3/2, **Reachin' Out** – 6:00 p.m. Where teens and young adults with special needs feel welcome and have a good time together. Questions? MLucke02@aol.com. ■

▶3/3, **Parents' Night Out** – Enjoy the night out with other parents from LOPC at our 4th annual Parents' Night Out, on Saturday, March 3, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. We will start at Wine Thieves in Lafayette, for wine tasting and then head to dinner at Giardino. FREE childcare is also included, at LOPC. Tickets are \$40/person and space is limited. Sign-up at LOPC.org, click 'Adults.' RSVP by February 22. Questions? Contact Katie at mkchivers@msn.com. Childcare by reservation only, kimberley@LOPC.org. ■



▶Connect with **LOPC on Facebook**

www.facebook.com/LOPChurch

Worship & Music

- ▶ 2/5, TODAY, **Interfaith Choir at LOPC** – 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. ■
- ▶ 2/5, **Chapel Service** – 10:30 a.m. First Sunday of each month. ■
- ▶ 2/10, **Interfaith Choir Will Sing at Temple Isaiah** – 8:00 p.m. ■
- ▶ 2/12, **“LOVE Matters”** – Sermon series through February 19, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. ■
- ▶ 2/12, **Big Family Sunday Worship** – 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. ■
- ▶ 2/22, **Ash Wednesday** – 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. ■
- ▶ 2/25, **Join the Holy Week Festival Choir** – Rehearsals begin on Saturday, February 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon in CLC 205. New singers who have had some choral experience are encouraged to join. This is a great entry into the choir activities at LOPC. Regular rehearsals are Thursdays evenings beginning March 1. Questions? Contact sharon@LOPC.org. ■
- ▶ 2/26, **ONE Sunday** – 9:00 a.m. Dress casually for worship and depart for service projects after the service. See page 1. ■
- ▶ 2/29, **Taize Worship** – The last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Turn off all of the noise and listen for God. ■
- ▶ **Favorite Hymns & Songs** – Fill out the form in the pew racks. ■



- ▶ 3/2, **Join the New Members Class** – Meet the pastoral staff and make new friends. R.S.V.P. to colleenweems@LOPC.org. 3/2, Dinner; 3/3 & 3/4, Morning Sessions.

- ▶ **Daily Devotional** – A limited number of daily devotional booklets called “THESE DAYS” are available in the church office. \$3.00 donation. Pick up TODAY. ■

- ▶ **Alive! In New Life** – As we grow more mature, we see things differently. We learn that the world revolves around other people and, subsequently, that the world revolves around God – and God alone. But we don’t lose ourselves or our sense of “self” in the process. Pick up your Ephesians Lenten Study Guide (donation \$5) on the Plaza and sign-up to join others to explore your new life in Christ. Questions? Contact nancy@lopc.org or hilde.clark@gmail.com. Lenten Study Groups begins the week of 2/13. ■

Hold in Prayer

- ▶ Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to the friends and family of –

...**Tom Whitley**, who passed away on 1/29/12. Tom is the father of Carson Beckemeyer. ■

- ▶ **Members & Friends** – Madeline Rose Aston, Isabel Bueso, Gene Bismuti, Steve Dean, Dinah Dethero, Christy Dodge, Ken Downing, Mary Dunn, Deb & Douglas Dustman, Elizabeth Herman, John Hosler, Richard Jacobsen, Geri Kalthorn, Shelly Keely, Elizabeth Kotrick, Eunice Kritscher, Lewis Labowitz, Howard Robbins, Fay Schoenberger, Janene Scovel, Bev Thompson, Cherie Toll, Bunny Turner, Rev. J. Alfred Smith. ■

- ▶ **Those Serving Our Country** – David Anderson, Joel Graves, Benjamin Hartig, Daniel Hartig, Darray Hartig, Nathaniel Henry, Peter Horne, Paul Kassebaum, Peter Koebler, Christopher Logan, Patrick Mahoney, Robby Morse, Chase Nicotro, Mark Olivera, David Oeschger, Tessa Pavay, Patrick Ready, Tom Reppart, Scott Roberts, Jeff Rusk, Matt Sylvester, Jackie Tsao. ■

- ▶ **LOPC Mission Partners** – Afaluna School for the Deaf in Gaza, Interfaith Housing in Pleasant Hill, Mother of Peace Orphanage in Zimbabwe, Shelter Inc., Juvenile Hal, Monument Crisis Center ■

Who are we?



Alive! In Christ...In the World.

2012 Adult & Family Lenten Study
EPHESIANS

See weekly CONNECTIONS & monthly FOCUS newsletter in full color – online – at LOPC.org.

Opportunities to Care & Serve

▶ **Register for ONE Sunday** – One community serving those in need on 2-26-12. Sign-up the whole family at LOPC.org. See page 1. ■

▶ **Upcoming Mission Trips** – Putting faith into action. Adult mission trip to Joplin, MO and Middle School mission trip to Navajo Nation in New Mexico. For information about the adult trip, go to LOPC.org, click 'Mission in Society' and then click 'Adult Mission Trip.' For information about the middle school mission trip, go to LOPC.org, click 'Youth' and then 'Mission Trips.' To register, contact robin@LOPC.org. ■

▶ **Clothing & Household Items Needed for "Hall Closet"** – Clean your closets and donate to the Juvenile Hall Auxiliary. 100% of the proceeds from their "Hall Closet" Thrift Store, 100 Glacier Dr. in Martinez, are used to support at-risk youth in Contra Costa County. Drop donations in the bin outside of the CLC building. Questions? Contact Dara Youngdale, d.youngdale@comcast.net. ■

Questions?

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See more at LOPC.org

Children infant-5th

▶ EACH SUNDAY, **Childcare is available** for children 3 months to 4 years old in the CLC building. ■

▶ 2/5, TODAY, **Godly Play** – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. for Pre-K through 5th grade. See display on Plaza. ■

▶ 2/12, **Cub, Boy & Girl Scouts** – Those who have received their religious emblem in the last six months will be honored during the 9:00 a.m. worship services. RSVP to ryan@LOPC.org. ■

▶ 3/4, **3rd Grade Bible Class** – Led by Ryan Timpte at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. RSVP to raenelle@LOPC.org. ■

▶ 3/18, **3rd Grade Bible Presentation** – 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. worship services, with a reception at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for 3rd grade families. RSVP to raenelle@LOPC.org. ■

▶ **Children & Worship SURVEY** – Fill it out online. Go to LOPC.org, click 'Children.' ■

Questions?

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▶ **Co-Ed Adult LOPC Softball Team** – Space is limited. Sign up TODAY. Men and women of all ages, levels and abilities are welcome. One-hour games will be played on Sunday afternoons at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek. Season goes from April to August. Eligible players must be 18 and (out of high school) and older. Friends of friends welcome. Per player fee is estimated at \$50. Contact Marsha McDonagh, 415-420-4380, marsha.mcdonagh@comcast.net. All women are invited. Fun for the whole family. ■

Youth 6th-12th grades

▶ 2/5, TONIGHT, **High School Youth Group 'BTW' on Sundays** – 7:00 p.m. Meets in CLC 201. ■

▶ 2/8, **Middle School Youth Group 'YOW' on Wednesdays** – ...6th Graders, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
...Dinner 6th-8th Graders, 6:00
...7th & 8th Graders, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Meets in CLC 201. ■

▶ **Mission Trip for Middle School Students** – 6th-8th graders will serve residents of the Navajo Nation in New Mexico, June 24 - 30. Contact Zach or Brie for registration information. ■

▶ 2/12, **Sunday School for Middle School** – 9:00 a.m., CLC 201. Does not meet the first Sunday of month. ■

▶ 2/12, **High School Youth Group 'BTW' on Sundays** – 7:00 p.m. Meets in CLC 201. Author Alexandra Robbins at 8:00 p.m. ■

▶ 2/12, **Confirmation Class** – 7:00-9:00 p.m. Meets in CLC 201. ■

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