



Connections

love does

love protects, love hopes, love never fails

Day of Service

February 24

Registration ends February 21
at noon.

Don't miss out on making a difference
in our community and beyond.

February 11 and after:

\$22 Adults

\$7 Children under 18

Register online at lopc.org/lovedoes

For more information, contact Robin at
robin@lopc.org.

Special Offering

Today



Inspiring people, Changing lives, Ending homelessness

LOPC will collect a special offering today and next Sunday to benefit LOPC mission partner, Shelter Inc., an organization that works to prevent and end homelessness for low-income residents of Contra Costa County by providing housing, services, support, and resources that lead to self-sufficiency.

This is what your gift can do:

- \$25 – a pack of diapers
- \$50 – a night at the family shelter
- \$100 – a week of groceries
- \$225 – job training (including resume building, interview training, etc.)
- \$500 – one-time rental assistance to prevent homelessness

Three ways to give:

1. Write a check payable to LOPC with "Shelter Inc." in the memo line.
2. Go to LOPC.org > GIVE BACK > ONLINE GIVING and click "Shelter Inc." in the dropdown menu.
3. Use the LOPC APP > Press "Give button" > Click "Shelter Inc."

Contributions will be accepted through February 28.

Overflow

2019 Stewardship Campaign

So far, this community has pledged **\$2,188,972** for 2019. This is **\$35,143** behind this time last year. Our goal is **\$2,527,000**.

If you haven't had a chance, make your pledge today! You can find pledge cards in the back of the pews and at the front desk in the Ministry Center.



The church's summary financial statements are available at the Ministry Center front desk. They show the 2019 budget and actual income and expenses for 2018 and 2017. You can sign up for a more detailed version of expenses as well or request one from Char Casella at char@lopc.org.

Pastors

Peter Whitelock, Head of Staff | Gerald Chinen, Care
Lauren Gully, Mission & Spiritual Formation | Jaime Polson, Families

youth & children

TODAY

The Garden for Children

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. services

The Garden on Sunday Mornings is for kids from three months old through fourth grade.

Youth Alive

9 a.m. service only in CLC 201

Youth Alive is a youth program for 5th-8th graders. Share in games and activities as we explore your questions about God together. Youth who attend at 11 a.m. are encouraged to join the worship service with their family.

Raising an Emotionally Healthy Community

Oak Room

March 14, 6 – 9 p.m. for parents of tweens & teens

March 15, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for parents of preschool & elementary kids

March 15, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. for community caregivers

Please join us as psychotherapist Lynn Lyons talks with parents and caregivers about how anxiety works and about the positive role that they can play in problem solving, embracing discomfort, and fostering emotional management in raising an emotionally healthy community. Lynn specializes in interrupting the generational patterns of anxiety and will provide concrete usable skills to respond to stress and anxiety in a more productive way.

Register online at lopc.org. Registration is \$15 (waived for the last session).

For more information, contact Michelle at michelle@lopc.org.

YOUTH GROUPS

BTW

9th – 12th Grade Youth Group
Sundays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

YOW

5th – 8th Grade Youth Group
Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

TBH (To be Honest)

High School Bible Study

Sundays, through March 10 ONLY
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

MC Conference Room

Join us as we study scriptures that apply to your lives!

care

Grief Support

Tuesdays, March 5 – May 7
3 – 5 p.m., LOPC

Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last few years? Sharing our experiences during this 10-week class is extremely helpful to our healing process. The Course is open to all Widows and Widowers.

Pre-Registration required.
The workbook is \$15.

To register or for more information, contact Bev Fellows at 925-949-7628 or beverlyfellows@comcast.net.

Stephen Ministry

"God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others."
2 Corinthians 1:4

Change is a constant part of life. If you are going through more transitions than usual and would like a Stephen Minister to walk alongside you, please get in touch.

Contact Gerald at gerald@lopc.org or 925-283-8722 x227.

Children's Ministry Team:

Ryan Timpte
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Lori Robinson
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Susan Wentworth
(Preschool)
susan@lopc.org

Youth Ministry Team:

Keris Dahlkamp
keris@lopc.org

Allison Kunz
allison@lopc.org

Hold in Prayer

Our prayers of comfort and peace go out to the family and friends of:

Richard Neville, who passed on February 9. Service will be March 2 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.

Brian Etheredge, who passed on February 8. His service is being planned.

Jane "Choo" Downing Harker, who passed on February 6. Services will be February 16 at 3 p.m. in the Fairway Room of the Rossmoor Creekside Clubhouse.

If you have someone you would like the community to hold in prayer, contact:

Gerald Chinen, Pastor, Care
gerald@lopc.org or 925-283-8722 x227.

Harry Jayasingha, Chaplain
harryjayasingha@comcast.net.

community

Opportunity to Serve: Big Events Team

The Big Events Team throws all-church events throughout the year. If you have a heart for service and love planning events, we want to hear from ya!

If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org.

Thursday Fellowship

February 21, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Thursday Fellowship is a place to experience exciting activities and a caring community. The program features light exercise or crafts, lunch, and entertainment. We welcome volunteers, guests, and visitors.

This Thursday: Guitarist and singer Michael Kistner performs our favorite songs.

For more information, contact Julie Peterson at julie@lopc.org or Clarita Wooldridge at clarita@lopc.org or call 925-283-8722 x281.

What is Per Capita?

Per Capita is an annual fee that our congregation pays to higher levels of the Presbyterian Church based upon the number of active members in LOPC. For 2019, the Per Capita amount is \$37.45 or \$74.90 per couple. We encourage members to make an extra contribution to help defray this expense in addition to their other gifts. To facilitate this, you will find a blue Per Capita envelope in your box of giving envelopes. You can also give a check to the church with “Per Capita” noted on the memo line. We have budgeted \$66,923 this year for our Per Capita obligation. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a significant portion of this could be covered by your extra contribution?

Humans Being

Four Chapters in the Bible that Help Us Through Hard Times

Thursday Evenings in February
7 – 8:30 p.m., Oak Room

Join Pastor Peter Whitelock for a four-week journey through four key chapters that have much to say about how we can weather the challenging seasons of life. This class will be practical, interactive, and, most importantly, applicable to your life.

February 21:

1 Corinthians 13 – Being Focused

February 28:

Romans 8 – Being Hopeful

To RSVP, contact Michelle at michelle@lopc.org.

LOPC Breakfast Group

Formerly Men's Breakfast

Carol Johnson:

Healthy Parks, Healthy People

February 20, 7 a.m.
Davies Room

Enjoy breakfast and a speaker from the East Bay Regional Park District.

\$5 donation at the door for breakfast. RSVP by noon on February 19 to Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org or 925-283-8722 x110.

Fourth Monday Book Group

February 25, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Every month, one person volunteers to facilitate discussion about the selected book. Selections include both fiction and nonfiction. We start the meeting with light refreshments and a bit of poetry. Visitors and new members are welcome!

For more information, contact Catherine Coleman at awaitingword@gmail.com.

First Friday Forum Speaker Series

March 1

1 p.m. Refreshments

1:30 p.m. Speaker

Join us every month for engaging talks from experts in their respective fields. This month, author, inventor, and entrepreneur Jim Marggraff will share his take on artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and virtual reality.

For more information, contact Nancy Holtzapple at njholtzapple@yahoo.com.

Communications Associate Wanted!

We're looking for someone with the skills to:

- Produce Connections, FOCUS, and all of LOPC's print publications
- Update and expand upon the church's e-communications, including website, email, and social media
- Provide guidance to staff in developing content and implementing communications strategies

Experience with InDesign or other page-layout software preferred.

Do you know someone who might be interested? Email elizabeth@lopc.org for more information.

worship

Current Sermon Series:

Living the Good Life:

Practical Guidance from Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount

TODAY: Put Worry In Its Place

February 24: Let God be God

2019 Flower Calendar

Sponsoring a chancel floral arrangement for Sunday worship service is a beautiful way to celebrate an occasion or honor your loved ones. The sign-up binder for the 2019 Flower Calendar is located in the Ministry Center office. There are still openings for June through December. Please sign up soon to secure your special date.

Suggested donation per arrangement is \$150. You can now pay on the LOPC App.

For more information, contact Lexi Morrissey at lexi@lopc.org or 925-283-8722 x 223.



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spiritual formation

The 10:10

TODAY, 10:10 a.m., Oak Room

After the 9 a.m. service, grab a cup of coffee and head over to the Oak Room. Or come early for the 11 a.m. service. We'll finish by 10:50 so you'll make it to church on time. We look forward to seeing you there!

Today:

Divorce – When Love Ends in Heartache
Join Pastor Gerald Chinen for a frank discussion.

February 24: No 10:10

For more information, contact Kathy at kathy@lopc.org.

Lenten Study 2019

This year we will be studying Adam Hamilton's book, *Creed*. Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. Here are the open groups you can sign up for. Space is limited so sign up now.

Contact Renée at renee@lopc.org to register. Books are \$15. They can be purchased on the plaza today and March 3, at the Ministry Center Front Desk, or by contacting Renée.

- Men with Young Families
6:30 – 8 p.m., Mondays, on-site
Carl and Diane Grant
7 – 8:30 p.m., Thursdays, on-site
- Men's Group
7:30 – 9 a.m., Saturdays, on-site
Darlene James
8 – 9 a.m., Thursdays, on-site

Life Worth Living

Thursdays, March 31 – May 9 (except April 18), 6:30 p.m.
All day retreat on March 30

During this seven-week program, we will explore big life questions through engagement with interfaith leaders and philosophic traditions on how they imagine a life worth living, and with individuals whose lives are enriched by practices such as mindfulness meditation, compassion, sabbath rest, prayer, and forgiveness.

Cost: \$90

To register, contact Renee at renee@lopc.org.

Registration fees due by March 1.

- Lauren Gully
7 – 8:30 p.m., Mondays, on-site
- Sharon Bartlett
9 – 10:30 a.m., Fridays, on-site
- 10:10
10:10 – 11 a.m., Sundays, on-site
Sue Nagle and Staci Johnston
9:30 – 11 a.m., Thursdays, on-site
Jody Black and Chad Runyon
7 – 8:30 p.m., Thursdays, off-site

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