

Connections



June 19, 2022

**FAITH
AT THE MOVIES**

LOPC's popular summer sermon series, connecting compelling scenes from our favorite movies to meaningful bible passages.

- 6/19 • Coda
- 6/26 • The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
- 7/3 • Parenthood
- 7/10 • Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings
- 7/17 • Sing 2
- 7/24 • Marvelous and The Black Hole
- 7/31 • Encanto
- 8/7 • The Tragedy of Macbeth
- 8/14 • The Godfather
- 8/21 • Still Alice
- 9/4 • The Straight Story



Talking Story

Pastor Gerald speaks with Lisa Sharon Harper, founder and president of FreedomRoad and author of several books including *Fortune: How Race Broke My Family and the World* and *How to Repair it All* - a powerful story following ten generations of her family. Harper has been a guest on CNN's Belief Blog, NPR, TVOne, and her writings have appeared in Sojourner Magazine, the Huffington Post, Relevant Magazine and Essence Magazine.

Visit lopc.org/talkingstory to watch!

Food Bank Workday

June 26, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Help is needed to sort and package food into boxes to be distributed at various sites throughout Contra Costa and Solano counties. Please note that mask wearing is mandatory and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

To sign up, visit lopc.org/lovedoes.



Monument Crisis Center Backpack Drive

Through July 17

Monument Crisis Center is committed to providing a backpack for those students that would otherwise not have one. You can help by choosing to fill a backpack for either an Elementary or High School student.

For a list of items needed, visit lopc.org/lovedoes. Please drop-off your filled backpack to the barrel in the Ministry Center.

LOPC Habitat for Humanity Build Day

July 9, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at 1250 Las Juntas Way, Walnut Creek

Join other LOPC members at the site of Esperanza Place, a mixed-income development of affordable townhomes located next to Pleasant Hill Bart. The project has recently broken ground and needs volunteers to help make this dream a reality.

No Experience Necessary! Great opportunity for youth age 16 years and older. Group size: 15 Volunteers.

To register, visit lopc.org/lovedoes.

Pastors

Peter Whitelock, Head of Staff • Gerald Chinen, Care • Chris Baldwin, Community Life
Lauren Gully, Mission & Spiritual Formation • Jaime Polson, Families & Executive Leadership

children & youth

The Garden for Children

10:00 a.m. service,
CLC room 205

For kids from six months old through fourth grade. Join us for activities in person. Masks are recommended for kids and adults.

Please visit lopc.org/thegarden for more information and for instructions on LOPC's COVID protocols.

Contact Director Lori Robinson at lori@lopc.org with questions and to volunteer!

Youth Ministry

Youth Alive & BTW resume
9/18. YOW resumes 9/21.

Join us as we seek to love, guide, and empower youth while growing in faith together.

Please pray for youth as they journey to Wapato, Washington for their service learning trip, June 18-25!

Please contact Directors Allison Kunz at allison@lopc.org or Keris Dahlkamp at keris@lopc.org for questions.

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Sunday Morning Infant Care

If your child is younger than one year old, please contact Susan Wentworth at susan@lopc.org prior to attending on a Sunday to make special arrangements.

community

Fourth Friday Book Group

June 24, 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join us to discuss *Gordo* by Jaime Cortez.

Email Catherine Coleman at awaitingword@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Fourth Monday Book Group

June 27, 2:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join us to discuss *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett.

To be added to the group, contact Jean Fiske at jdfiske@gmail.com.

Devotionals

Want to start your day with devotional messages from our Pastors and Program Staff? Devotionals are posted twice each week during the summer!

Catch our videos on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/), or on lopc.org.

Outdoor Movie Night

July 15, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Join us this summer to watch *Sing 2!* The Golden Ice Cream Truck will be handing out free ice cream and there will be popcorn, candy, and all kinds of treats! Relax outdoors and enjoy this fun, summer flick! Invite your friends and neighbors...all are welcome!

Email Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org for more information.

Membership Class

July 17, 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Join us directly following the worship service for an exciting 90-min class experience getting to know the pastors and programming at LOPC.

To register, visit lopc.org/registrations. Email Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org for more information.

Pastor Gerald's Retirement Love Gift

In preparation of Pastor Gerald's retirement celebrations this September, we are now collecting contributions for his retirement "love gift". Contributions to this fund may be sent to the church office now through September 10 and can be paid by a check (please note "Gerald" in the memo) or online. If you are able, help us send Gerald into retirement with a generous gift!

Community Life

Life is better connected!

LOPC has groups designed to help you BELONG, connecting you with people who share similar interests/stage of life, GROW, prioritizing your spiritual growth and development, and CARE, offering you care and support. Join a group today!

Visit lopc.org/groups for more information.

care

Stephen Ministry

Upcoming Training Sessions

Tuesday Evenings via Zoom

Stephen Leaders, together with neighboring churches, will be conducting the requisite 50-hours of training for Stephen Minister candidates from September through January 2023. Classes are Tuesday evenings via zoom and in-person on a few Saturdays, with long holiday breaks. For those wishing to participate, an interview will be required during the summer.

To register, or for additional information, please call Jean Lee at (925) 943-2237 or Pastor Gerald at (925) 283-8722, ext. 227.

Cookie Bakers: Cookies needed!

Did you know our deacon team serves homemade cookies at every memorial reception? If you like to bake, we are in need of cookies for upcoming service receptions! Please bring your cookie donations to the Ministry Center front desk labeled with cookie type and allergen information.

Dementia Support Group

First and third Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

Join our ongoing support group to give you ideas for self-care and other-care.

Email Linda Fodrini-Johnson at LindaFJ620@outlook.com to register.

Home Communion

Deacons will offer in-person home communion for those unable to attend Sunday morning worship. A pair of deacons will come at the arranged day and time and hold a brief service. Deacons are fully vaccinated. If you know someone who may want home communion served, let us know.

Please call the Deacon line at 925-283-8722 x274 for arrangements.

Prayer Requests

The Prayer Team meets every Monday at 11:00 a.m. and lifts your prayer requests as well as your joys.

To submit a prayer request online, visit lopc.org/prayer-requests.

You can also call the LOPC office at 925-283-8722 and leave a message, or send an email to info@lopc.org.

Hold in Prayer

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

Linda Dodge, who passed April 24. A service was held on June 18.

Clarence Seth Savage, (father of Cynthia Savage Tabibian) who passed April 26. A service will be held on June 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Nancy Placier, who passed January 18. A service will be held on June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Gordon Gravelyn, who passed May 8.

Sara Brown, who passed June 1.

Luman Hughes, (husband of Marilyn Hughes) who passed June 7.

Amy Sautter-Sterling, (husband of Marilyn Hughes) who passed June 14.

Helping Hands

This team of deacons have a variety of ready-to-heat, nutritious meals that can either be picked up or delivered when needed. Special diets can be accommodated.

Call the Deacon line at 925-283-8722, ext. 274.

giving

Giving at LOPC

One of the most practical ways you can help during times like these is to continue to support LOPC financially.



To give visit lopc.org/giving, or scan the code above on your mobile device.

mission

Refugee Assistance

Follow-up Meeting - Part Two

June 26, 11:11 a.m. in the Davies Room

The discussion will continue on how LOPC - as individuals and as a congregation - might assist refugees in our area as they acclimate to the US. Please bring your ideas and/or come to listen to others so that we can collectively move forward.

For questions, please contact Phil Hunter at hunter.p@mac.com.

worship

Sanctuary Flower Sponsorships

Sponsoring the chancel floral arrangement for worship is a way to celebrate a special occasion or honor loved ones. Sponsor dedications are printed in that week's worship bulletin. The suggested donation is \$150.

Please visit lopc.org/flowers to choose a date for your 2022 flower sponsorship, or contact Lexi Morrissey at lexi@lopc.org for more information.

Name Tag Request Form

If you would like LOPC to create a personal name tag for you to wear to Sunday services and other LOPC events, visit lopc.org/nametag and fill out a request form. Please submit your request by the end of day Wednesday each week to receive your name tag in the Welcome Center on the following Sunday.

If you have questions, please contact Ciara Bird at ciara@lopc.org.

job opportunities

Director of Music

Full Time (with organ experience) or Part Time (without organ experience). Working collaboratively with our worship team and other staff, you will use your musical and relational gifts to bring creativity and passion to our worship.

Campus Operations Coordinator

The Campus Operations Coordinator functions as the primary resource for staff, members and outside groups as meetings and events are scheduled and planned. This position ensures that meeting and event details are in line with LOPC facility policies and can be supported by LOPC and custodial staff. This position serves as the primary liaison between staff, members, and outside groups and the LOPC custodial team. The Campus Operations Coordinator also serves as administrative support to the Campus Operations Manager.

Contact Elizabeth Ball at elizabeth@lopc.org to apply. To view the full job posting, please visit lopc.org/about/job-opportunities.



Deadline for Submissions to Connections:
Monday by 5 p.m. for the following Sunday.
Items must be approved by your ministry team leader.
Information may be reduced to meet space restrictions.