



Finding

YOUR WAY

at LOPC

Winter 2022

BELONG • GROW • CARE



BELONG

connect with others

Shared interests • shared season of life • bring a friend • open groups

Contact the group moderator to join or learn more!

Moms' Bible Study with Pastor Jaime

4th Wednesday of every month

- Social time, 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- Study, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Meet up with Pastor Jaime Polson and other moms for study, fellowship, and prayer on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Sideboard in Lafayette.

Contact Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org for more information and to register (no drop-ins).

Young Families Connect

Families with children ages
infant - grade 4

Young Families Connect meets on the first Sunday of the month on the back playground. Kids get to play and adults enjoy some coffee and breakfast bites. Come out and connect with other families.

Contact Chris Baldwin – chris@lopc.org.

High School Parents Group

A social group for all parent with high school students in the home. Come for fellowship and connection!

Contact Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org for more information and to register.

Moms Meet-ups & Playdates

Come hang out with other families with kids (infant-elementary school aged) at Lafayette Reservoir – Day & Time Upcoming

For more information contact Sarah Bowers at smfili@hotmail.com.

Guys Hang Outs

Guys (aged 20-50 somethings) get together for good food and hang out time!

Contact Chris Baldwin – chris@lopc.org.

Freebirds

Freebirds is a social group at LOPC for adults not constrained by kids' schedules, whether you are a new empty nester, been freed for a while or never had kids! It is for adults looking to make a connection with other adults through shared activities such as meals, hikes, social hours and service work. Group members take turns planning the activities that are scheduled monthly from September to May.

Contact Sue Nagle at suenagle@sbcglobal.net for more information.

4th Monday Book Group

For many years, this group has been gathering monthly on fourth Mondays from 2:00PM until about 3:30PM. The group reads both fiction and non-fiction books. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Contact Jean Fiske at jdfiske@gmail.com for more information.

4th Friday Book Group

The Fourth Friday Book Club gathers at 4:00 p.m. for an hour and a half to two hours.

If you are interested in joining, reach out to Catherine Coleman at awaitingword@gmail.com.

Voyager Ships (65+)

These friendly and open social groups, known as “ships”, offer an opportunity to make friends and to share fun, food, fellowship, and service. There are seven ships that generally meet the third Saturday of each month. Planned events cover a wide range of activities, including museum visits, dinners out or in homes, trips to the theater, outdoor activities, service opportunities, and much more. Voyagers also serve the coffee on the LOPC Worship Plaza each Sunday. The ships range in size from 25 to 70 members, and are made up of couples and singles, 65 years and older.

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Fellows at beverlyfellows@comcast.net.

Thursday Fellowship (Senior Adults)

Thursday Fellowship offers a caring social network for elderly people. Guests come for lunch, entertainment, and light physical activities. If you have a willing heart and feel called to care for older people, Thursday Fellowship is for you.

Contact Julie Peterson at julie@lopc.org for more information.

Keep Moving! Series

Tuesdays mornings at 9:00 a.m.
on Zoom

Tuesday mornings on Zoom Care and Senior Ministries provide a variety of exercise classes via zoom.

Visit lopc.org/care-events for more information and to register.

LOPCiders

Quilters

Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Quilters of all levels are invited. Quilts are donated to local groups which provide comfort to babies and children.

Contact Louise Tanno at louisetanno@gmail.com for more information.

Chicks w/ Sticks – Knitters & Crocheters

The “Chicks with Sticks” meet for fellowship and knitting/crocheting. Bring your own projects or work on projects underway for newborn babies and the homeless.

Contact Dianne Schneider at dianneschneider@hotmail.com for more information.

Floral Design Team

Design and assemble the Sanctuary flowers for Sunday morning worship services. Only an interest is necessary. We will train you!

Contact Jane Ebe at ebe.jane@gmail.com for more information

Rossmoor Parishes

For all who live at Rossmoor, Rossmoor groups meet throughout the year to offer support and social interaction.

Please contact Bev Fellows at beverlyfellows@comcast.net.

All-Church Events

There are several all-church events for fun, fellowship, and connection!

For more information about the next all-church event contact Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org.



GROW

grow your faith

Various seasons of life • short-term groups • studies and learning • speaking series

Contact the group moderator to join or learn more!

Faith 'n Fun on Fridays

The Care and Senior Ministry teams host a monthly presentation on various topics throughout the year.

March 25: The Poetry of the Psalms:

Dr. Jennifer Davidson Re-envisioning the poetry of the Psalms to breathe life into our prayer experience.

Visit lopc.org/care-events for more information and to register.

Talking Story

Series with Pastor Gerald Chinen

We believe that diversity is something that God intended and is to be celebrated. We will continue and grow our work in anti-bias through education, worship, justice, and partnerships to be the church that God has called us to be. We believe that the church is meant to be a place where we can learn to build healthier communities for people of all races. Talking Story: A series of conversations with sisters and brothers in communities of color.

Visit lopc.org/talkingstory for more information and to watch past interviews.

Companions for the Journey

A unique opportunity to be with fellow seekers using reflection on scripture and life, spoken word and silence to search for God's presence and guidance in ordinary life. Companions helps us find and see God in our lives. We cannot love what we do not see.

For more information contact Carl Grant at clgrantsd@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women's Circle

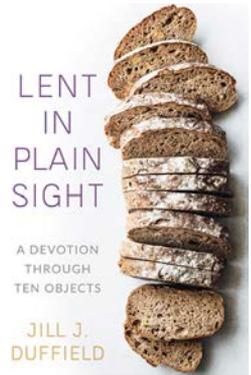
Presbyterian Women (PW) are part of the national women's organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). With a history of more than 200 years, PW is committed to nurturing faith, supporting the church's mission, working for justice, and building community. PW is active in circles, which are small groups of women who meet monthly for Bible Study and fellowship.

For more information contact Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org.

Lent in Plain Sight

A 6-Week Lenten Study - beginning March 1

What is the difference between what is Holy and what is ordinary? Lent is a time that we set aside as holy in our church year, but as we study how God works and communicates to us and in our world, God uses many ordinary people and things. LOPC would love to welcome you into a Lenten group during this Holy season as we join as a church in studying Lent in Plain Sight, a Lenten devotional book written by Jill Duffield. In this book, Jill reminds us that God works through ordinary things and ordinary people to accomplish incredible things in our world.



Groups will meet at different days and times weekly starting March 1 through Holy Week, April 11. Group registration will open on February 7.

Visit lopc.org/lent2022 for more information and to register.

Monday

Men's Group (30's-50's) with Pastor Chris Baldwin/Jonathan Nolen:

March 7 - April 11 at 6:30 p.m.
in person

With Pastor Peter Whitelock:

March 7 - April 11 at 7:00 p.m.
on Zoom

Wednesday

With Judy Clark:

March 9 - April 13 at 10:00 a.m.
on Zoom

Sunday

With Nancy Henderson:

Sundays from March 6 - April 10
at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Tuesday

With Jim Davis:

March 1 - April 5 at 10:30 a.m.
on Zoom

With Pastor Jaime Polson:

March 8 - April 12 at 9:00 a.m.
on Zoom

Thursday

Women's Group with Sharon Bartlett and Heather Logan:

February 24 - April 7 at 6:30 p.m.
on Zoom

With Darlene James at LOPC:

March 3 - April 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Women's Group with Sue Nagle:

March 3 - April 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the
Davies Room.

Life GROUPS

Men's Group

Leaders: Chris Baldwin & Jonathan Nolen

Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join other men in their 30's-50's to grow deeper in faith and in friendship with one another. The group will start on Zoom and will pivot to in-person or hybrid when things improve from Covid.

Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org for more information and to join.

Disciple Bible Study with Pastor Jaime Polson

A weekly Zoom that meets for different series discussions throughout the year.

For questions and to register, contact Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org.

Join a Life Group designed to create conversations based on Christian discipleship, mission, community, and inclusivity. This is the perfect place for you to connect with others, grow in your faith, and get rooted at LOPC.

Women's Group

Leaders: Sharon Bartlett & Heather Logan

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join a loving, supportive group of women who want to know God and one another better. There will be study, fellowship, and other opportunities to connect. Women of all ages are welcome! The group will start on Zoom and will pivot to in-person or hybrid when things improve from Covid.

Email Sharon Bartlett at bartlett004@aol.com for more information and to join.

Women's Spiritual Journey Groups

A women's community of friendship, prayer support, study, and reflection once a month. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Groups meet on the second Monday (9:30 a.m.) and the third Sunday (4:00 p.m.) of each month.

For more information contact Judy Clark at judyclark929@aol.com or Mary Lou Browning at mlbrowning1116@gmail.com.

Science & Religion

Participants in this group meet to learn, discover, and understand the relationship between science and religion. Different readings, speakers, and discussions constitute the program.

This group is currently postponed, but will return soon. For more information, please contact info@lopc.org.

11:11 Program

11:11 is a weekly program that serves as a place to grow empowered to live in faith. Drop in whenever you can make it part of your Sunday routine to learn, experience, and discuss relevant topics in community with others.

11:11 will resume after the Lenten Study. Visit lopc.org/11:11-classes

Interfaith Dialogue

LOPC has had a long-standing relationship with the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County (ICCCC), a not-for-profit corporation with 108 congregations representing a wide variety of faith traditions. ICCCC is one of LOPC's mission partners.

Please visit interfaithccc.org for details about many upcoming programs and events, where you can sign up to receive their email blasts for updates.

First Friday Forum

First Friday Forum provides engaging monthly speakers for the Lamorinda community on topics that are relevant, interesting, accessible, and informative about this ever-changing world.

For more information on upcoming speakers and to register, please visit lopc.org/first-friday-forum to register.

Ongoing Pastors' Bible Studies

For more information on the next pastors' bible studies series contact info@lopc.org

Bible Study Groups

There are groups that meet on an ongoing basis for Bible study.

For more information, please contact info@lopc.org.



CARE

find care and support

Various seasons of life • short & long-term groups • shared experiences • safe places

Contact the group moderator to join or learn more!

Stephen Ministry

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry group is available to provide one-on-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing challenging transitions in their lives.

To learn more, contact Pastor Gerald Chinen at gerald@lopc.org or Leslie Finertie at leslie-finertie@comcast.net.

Faith 'N Fun on Fridays

About once a month we sponsor a fun session on zoom or in person. On December 3rd at 10 am Lassie Colebourn will help us create Christmas centerpieces.

Visit lopc.org/care-events for information and registration.

Keep Moving!

Every other month, the Care team offers an exercise class via Zoom for seniors. Classes vary from Stretch and Strengthen to Gentle Yoga. Tuesday mornings.

Visit lopc.org/care-events for information and registration.

Home Communion

LOPC deacons can deliver a communion kit to you so that you can participate with the Livestream service on the first Sunday of each month. Alternatively, deacons can serve you communion at your home.

Contact Laurie Miles at rlmiles@comcast.net or 925-283-6109.

Touch of Love Gift Bags

Many of our seniors are living alone and can feel extremely isolated during this pandemic. This team prepares gift bags for many of them, which include items that are not only useful but offer a cheerful reminder that they are cared for. You can volunteer to prepare the gifts bags and/or deliver them. This will be done two times in the year.

Barnabas Visits

Barnabas visitors are assigned a member of the church who may be unable to attend services or activities and will make a visit to their home about once per month.

For more information, contact Pastor Gerald Chinen at gerald@lopc.org.

Cookie Bakers

Our Memorial Reception Team serves cookies at every memorial reception. If you like to bake, we would love to have your name on our “Cookie Bakers” list. When there is a need for cookies, you will be contacted by a Deacon.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is a reflective process in which a trained spiritual companion walks with you to help you pay attention to God’s work in your life and your most important questions. It is the art of discovering that everyday events are often the means by which God comes to meet us!

For more information contact Diane Grant at dianebeegee@yahoo.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous

This group meetings every Wednesday at noon in the Chapel.

Email info@lopc.org for more information.

Helping Hands

When church families are facing a transition of some kind and could use ready-made food, we deliver these meals. If you like to cook, we will keep your name on a list and when there is a need for more food, one of our deacons will contact you.

Monday Morning Prayer Team

The prayer team meets every Monday morning on 11:00 a.m. The team prays for every request that is received from the Sunday morning worship services.

programs for CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Ministry

The Garden

Sunday morning program for children 10:00 a.m.; CLC room 205 or online. For kids from six months old through 4th grade. Masks are required for kids and adults.

For more information, please visit lopc.org/ministry/children/the-garden.



Kids Rock

Wednesday afterschool in person program for children; 3:15-5:30 p.m. For kids in kindergarten-4th graders. Masks are required for kids and adults. Parent participation required. For more information and to register, please visit the Kids Rock page at lopc.org/ministry/children/kids-rock.

For all children's ministry programs and events, contact Director Lori Robinson at lori@lopc.org with questions and to volunteer!

Youth Ministry

Youth Groups for 5th-12th Grade

Our youth groups meet weekly throughout the school year!

- Youth Alive: Sundays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., 5th-8th grade youth
- YOW: Sundays at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for 5th-8th grade youth
- BTW: Sundays at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for 9th-12th grade youth

Contact Youth Directors Keris Dahlkamp or Allison Kunz at keris@lopc.org or allison@lopc.org for more info.



ways to SERVE



Children's Ministry

Sunday Mornings

Volunteers are needed to lead or assist with a small group of children by grade for children in PreK through 4th. The volunteer roles involve storytelling and/or building relationships with children. Time commitment: 1-2 times per month.

Wednesday Afternoons

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Kids Rock is our afterschool program for elementary-aged kids that runs on Wednesdays from October through March. We are actively looking now for volunteers for our Fall kickoff, including Small Group Shepherds, Rotation Leaders, and (when we are able) Dinner Table Leaders." Time commitment: 2 hours a week for a five-week session.

Youth Ministry

Volunteers are needed to share God's love with youth in the following roles:

- Youth Alive Leaders: volunteer twice a month during Sunday services with grades 5-8
- YOW Advisors: volunteer Sundays at 3-4:30 p.m. with grades 5-8

Connecting Team Advisor

A team that works to find ways for people to connect at LOPC in a meaningful way.

Contact Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org or at for more information.

Sanctuary Guild

Did you know that the Sanctuary pews are maintained entirely by volunteers? Join the Sanctuary Guild and help keep the sanctuary tidy and welcoming for all. On hold until COVID conditions improve but looking for new members for when we gather in person again!

Contact Kimberley Rogers at Kimberley@akm.earth.com for information.

Kurth Memorial Garden

The Kurth Memorial Garden is a place to find comfort and to remember those we have loved. KMG is always looking for volunteers to help with writing projects and administrative tasks.

For more info, contact Lexi Morrissey at lexi@lopc.org.

Reception Desk Volunteer Team

This talented team of volunteers intermittently helps staff the front desk when needed. Your cheerful attitude is the only requirement!

Email Ciara Bird at ciara@lopc.org for more information.

All-Church Big Events Team

Help organize and throw Fellowship events for the entire LOPC community! We have service opportunities available such as decorating, hospitality/welcome, ticket distribution, and more!

Contact Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org or for more information.

MISSION

MCC Food Barrels

Though LOPC's support has been phenomenal, the need for food continues to grow. In order to keep up with demand, MCC is continuing to ask for donations of non-perishable food items, especially in demand are cereal, peanut butter, beans, rice and pasta. As you are doing your weekly shopping, please be mindful of the need that exists for food and buy an extra item(s) for MCC and place it in one of the LOPC barrels. It can be one item but collectively it can make a difference in the lives of those that need it. Food can be placed in barrels any time of day, 7 days a week.

Primera Iglesia

located in the Fruitvale District of Oakland needs virtual tutors. During the pandemic many of the children in the community suffered a disproportionate loss of English. Volunteers are needed to volunteer one hour a week helping students become more proficient in reading and speaking English.

Contact Mary Kay Atherton at athertonco@comcast.net



Congo Mission Team

The LOPC Congo Mission Team supports the Education and Trauma Healing work of the Presbyterian Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo as well as being advocates for the Congolese people. Meets on first Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. All are welcomed to join and learn.

Contact Herb Long at herblong7@gmail.com for more information.

Congo Necklace Team

The Congo Necklace Team crochets a variety of products to raise funds for Build Congo Schools. No experience is necessary. During this pandemic time, you may purchase necklaces in-home by appointment.

Contact Bobbie Dodson-Nielsen at bobbiedodson@comcast.net for more information or to make an appointment to purchase a necklace.

love does

love protects, love hopes, love never fails

A Whole Month of love does in February

LOPC continues to be committed to serving our community! While we have mission projects throughout the year, each February we recommit our congregation to do mission work alongside local organizations.

We will kick-off the month of service on January 23 in worship and encourage everyone to choose at least one act of service during the month.

Visit lopc.org/lovedoes for information and to register.

White Pony Express

February 27 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

White Pony Express operates 364 days per year, and rescues an average of 15,000+ pounds of high-quality, largely perishable, surplus fresh food each day.

Warm Clothing Drive

Drop-off date: February 26, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Oak Room

LOPC is collecting clothing for both men and women that are experiencing homelessness.

Please go to lopc.org/lovedoes for details of what is needed.

Blanket Drive

Drop-off date: February 26

Go to lopc.org/lovedoes and sign up to make a blanket. Materials can be picked up Jan. 29 from 9-10:30 am at LOPC in front of the Oak Room.

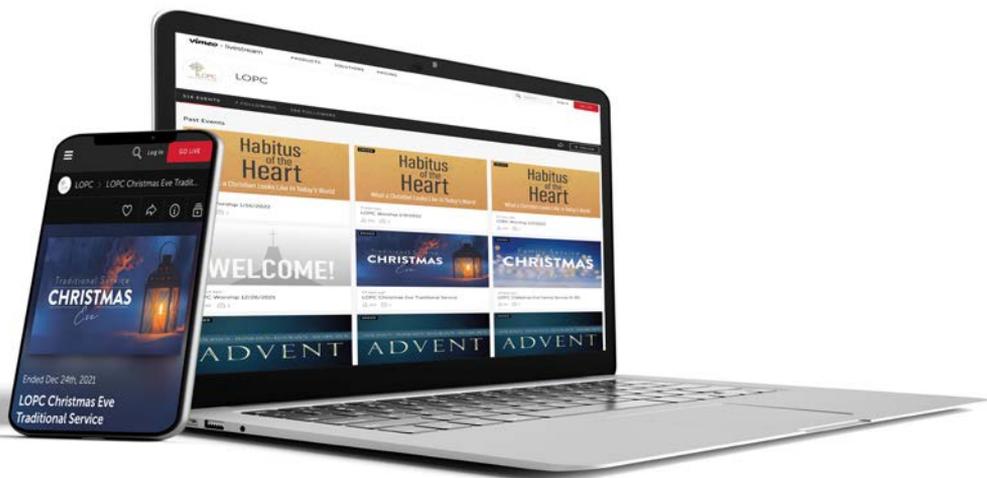
Please drop-off your completed blanket to LOPC on Saturday, 2/26 from 9-11 am. Enter the LOPC parking lot and drop off your blanket curbside.

Loved Twice Baby Clothing

February 27, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. to Noon.

Join others as we work together sorting and packaging baby clothing in Fellowship Hall for Loved Twice. These clothes give disadvantaged newborns a better start in life.

Join us for
WORSHIP



Sunday at 10 a.m.
in person or on Livestream
▶ lopc.org/livestream



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