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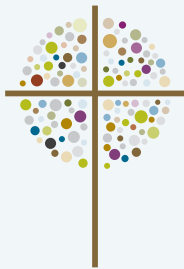
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Thanksgiving

By Peter Whitelock - Pastor, Head of Staff

November is a month for giving thanks and culminates with our national day of Thanksgiving on the 26th. We have so many cherished family traditions on this holiday and, this year, it seems as if many of them will be disrupted in one way or another. Just this past week I had to let my mom know that our family will not be able to travel down and be with extended family in San Diego for the day, as we had planned earlier this year. It's a disappointment for us all, and I know you have your own stories to tell.

It can be tempting in times like these to focus on what is not right with the world and suppose that our ability to give thanks is compromised, but true thanksgiving is always centered in the reality of our world as it is – rough edges and all. In Philippians 4:6, Paul urges “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Yes, life gives us much to worry about, and it can seem at times as if nothing much is going as it should. But even in those times God wants to hear from us, attend to what concerns us, and invites us to approach with a sense of gratitude as we keep mindful of all that God has given us and done for us. May this true spirit of thanksgiving be yours wherever the holiday finds you!

Pastors

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seedlings

Confirmation Sunday on Livestream!



image: 2019 Confirmation Class

Watch the livestream service on November 29 as we celebrate Confirmation! Confirmation is an important family ministry milestone. In confirmation, youth in grades 8-12 learn the basics of Christian faith and write their own statement of faith. On Confirmation Sunday, the teens affirm their faith to their faith community. A video presentation will highlight the faith witness of each teen. This is a very special day in the life of the church, and we hope you join us!



Parking Lot Youth Groups Continue!

Due to feedback from parents and youth, we'll be continuing with our parking lot youth group program holding both YOW and BTW on Sundays, November 8 and 15. If your youth would like to participate and wasn't able to register for the earlier dates, please contact Keris for high school at keris@lopc.org, and Allison Kunz for middle school at allison@lopc.org.

Back in the Classroom!

By Taylor Morrill, Seedlings Communications Board

After several months of preparation and planning, Seedlings was so excited to welcome its first group of students back to the classroom on September 1, 2020! With big smiles behind their little masks, students patiently waited six feet apart to get checked in, using heightened safety protocols, including temperature checks and hand sanitizing.

"Our reopening has been smooth considering all of the new guidelines we have to follow in light of Covid-19 restrictions," says Seedlings Director Coleen Moulton. "Children are happily walking into class, and the joy coming from each of our classrooms is palpable! We are so happy to be able to offer an opportunity for social interaction for the kids!"

Parents have been extremely pleased with the reopening as well! Enhanced drop-off and pick-up procedures, along with reassurance and warm smiles from the staff (behind masks of course!) put parents at ease when hugging their children goodbye for the day. Here's what parents are saying:

"Our youngest daughter was completely out of sorts when distance-learning started for her two older brothers. Returning to Seedlings has been an absolute game changer! She is thrilled to have a safe and loving place to socialize and learn outside of the home. We are eternally grateful for the staff's dedication to our community and children's well-being." - Moira Roberts, Tulips Parent

"Our family is so grateful that Seedlings has reopened. Having a safe place where our son can socialize and thrive is just what we needed." - Kelly Tuggle, Daffodils Parent.

A huge thank you to our Seedlings teachers, staff, and families for working together to provide a safe, fun environment for our children and community during these difficult and trying times. Seedlings is definitely a bright spot for many of us right now!



session

September 2020 Meeting

By Paul Koenig, Clerk of Session

Session met on September 15, 2020, which was again held via Zoom video conferencing.

Pastor Peter Whitelock reported on the Congregational Meeting to be held on September 20, 2020, which will include the election of LOPC officers, including elders and deacons, and the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee. Session also approved a motion from the Congregational Nominating Committee to add Sandy Barnett to the slate of deacon nominees in order to fill a recently vacated deacon position.

Session also approved the following motions: 1) Staci Johnston will serve as LOPC's treasurer effective September 1, 2020; 2) a fundraiser for the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County to be held on the LOPC parking lot on October 24, 2020; 3) a \$310,119 contribution from LOPC's Foundation and the proposed use of such funds; and 4) \$15,000 will be given to LOPC mission partners that are in greater need for support due to the Covid-19 pandemic, being in addition to the \$15,000 provided in the August session meeting.

Peter reminded session about the newly formed anti-bias/anti-racism working group that will be monitored by the Session Planning Council (SPC). The group had their first meeting and are discussing ways to engage

more deeply in conversations about race. Plans for future programming are being developed.

Pastor Jaime Poulson shared with session that all ministry teams submitted their goals for the 2020-21 program year. Despite the current pandemic, ministry and programs at LOPC are thriving as staff and teams meet the new and ongoing needs of the congregation and community. Each Pastor provided a brief summary of goals for their ministry areas.

Jim Nagle, elder for Finance, provided an update on LOPC's finances, which again are currently relatively good considering the current pandemic. Jim reminded session that the budget planning process will follow the usual schedule and the Finance team will meet with all ministry teams beginning early November so they can put together the budget for next year. This budget will be approved by the congregation at the 2021 annual meeting.

The pastors, staff, and teams at LOPC continue to provide wonderful leadership, meaningful programming, and care for the congregation during this time of unforeseen challenges. We continue to thank them, and blessings to all.

finance

Stock Donations

One giving option that is beneficial from a tax perspective is the donation of appreciated stock. The gains are not taxed if the stock is transferred directly from your investment account to LOPC's Schwab account. That maximizes the power of your donation!

If you would like to do so, contact your broker for the paperwork. You will need this information: Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, account number 5320-8343, Charles Schwab DTC# 0164.

Please contact LOPC Accountant Lidia Jesionek at 925-283-8722 x229 to let her know what stock you are donating, how many shares, and where to apply it. Thank you for your generosity during the unusual year of modified ministry and additional need in our community!

marketing update

By Phil Hunter, Communications Elder

How many of us remember asking, not that long ago, “What’s an internet?” As forms of communication have evolved, our talented staff has considered how to improve the communication methods of the church. With that in mind, a communications team was formed two years ago, with Pastor Peter Whitelock, head of staff, and Pastor Jaime Polson, executive leadership, serving as members, plus the communications elder.

One priority was evaluating all LOPC’s methods and forms of communication, including print materials, social media, and the website, and to recognize how use of these methods by members and people looking for a church home has evolved. To help with this daunting task, a consultant was hired.

The consultant, Luminate Marketing, started by examining all methods of communication: print materials ranging from Focus and Connections to stewardship materials, as well as the components of LOPC’s presence on the internet, such as the website and social-media channels.

Obviously, in the past year, the internet has been essential to continuing to offer worship and conduct church business. However, printed materials have been and will continue to be an important part of LOPC’s communications; a few of the consultant’s suggestions have already been implemented.



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Even before the pandemic shifted worship to streaming online, changes in technology led to the decision to redesign the website, which will be launched later this fall. Depending which device a person uses online – smart phone, tablet or computer – the updated website may not look much different from the earlier version. However, we look forward to the enhanced ability for community members unfamiliar with LOPC to navigate the website and find programs and offerings that might appeal to them. In addition to these improvements, the consultants have assured us that website security will continue to be a priority.

Recognizing the church’s multiple age demographics and the wide range of interests and programs, the Communications Team has implemented a tighter connection between various social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the website. To fully implement these changes, the consultant led a staff-training session on creating content that will appeal not only to members, but anyone seeking support with life’s issues.

The Communications Team also recognizes some members may be homebound or don’t regularly use computers or email. The team welcomes suggestions from these folks about ways to promote closer ties to the life of the church. Please send suggestions to Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org.

spiritual formation

Spiritual Practices for Justice

3-week series: 11/9, 11/16, & 11/23

Taught by Pastor Lauren Gully

Justice is one of the things that is closest to God’s heart and is a deeply spiritual desire, and our scriptures and traditions have many practices and teachings that show us how to strive for justice that are relevant to our world now. Join Pastor Lauren Gully in learning and trying spiritual practices for justice.

Sign up at lopc.org!

10:10

grow empowered to live in faith

Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on Zoom

Rediscovering Inequalities series continues!

• 11/1 Hunger • 11/8 Education

journey of faith

By Bobbie Dodson-Nielsen, LOPC member

Focus recently sat down with Hailey Hilsabeck, age 14 and a ninth-grader at Head Royce School, and posed this query to her: What have you learned about God’s world and his direction for our lives as we go out into our community, county, and the world. Here was her response.

“I think it is easy when you live in this community to just assume everyone has the same privilege you have. But as the country was going through a terrible run of injustices this summer, I took it upon myself to try to understand what was happening in the broader world. I did this through reading, talking to people, and spending more time trying to understand the world beyond my comfortable existence. We have a lot of discussions at home about what is going on in the world, and I also get information from school and social media. I learned that I need to stand up for what I believe in, and that I need to stand up for those that cannot stand up for themselves.”

Other ways Hailey feels she is following God’s hope that we will love our neighbors as ourselves is being bold enough to speak up when she sees people treating others unkindly. “I try to put what I have learned into action. I know I am more privileged than almost any other young person in the world. So, this past summer I supported Black Lives Matter (BLM) by attending one of their protests and then organizing a swim-a-thon to raise money for the Advancement Project, an organization striving to promote racial equality. It raised \$3,205. This was really stepping out of my comfort zone because some of my relatives don’t necessarily have the same beliefs as I do.

“Also, I wrote and delivered a sermon for Youth Sunday at LOPC, which was intimidating, but I knew I should do it because I should speak up about what I believe, regardless of whether others agree with me or not. Jesus certainly spoke up for the mistreated, the poor, and the outcast.

“Most recently, I wrote postcards to encourage people to vote in the upcoming election. My main purpose for doing these things is to raise awareness of issues that need to change like systemic racism. It is when I am working on behalf of the less fortunate that I feel this is God’s world, and I believe that even small efforts can bring about big changes.”

Hailey is certainly a child of this church. She was baptized at LOPC when she was six months old, attended the Seedling Preschool when she was 2, then Kids Rock, YOW, and BTW. She has sung in the children’s choir since she was five and has gone to Vacation Bible Camp, first as a camper and then as a leader. She attends church services with her family. “It’s special to participate in One Sunday and Love Does with them,” she says.



L to R: Andrea, Preston, Brad, Hailey, and Sophia Hilsabeck

She remembers the Third-Grade Bible Presentation when her parents gave her a Bible in front of the congregation. She chooses Psalm 37:3-6 as her special Bible verses. “Trust in the Lord and do good. So, you will live in the land and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord.

Trust in him and he will act.” She says these are good words to live by, and cites her family as having a big influence in her faith journey. She has an older sister, Sophia, 20, and a younger brother, Preston, 12. Her parents are Andrea and Brad.

Of LOPC’s role in fostering her faith journey, Hailey says, “I love the sense of community. It’s not only a church; it’s like one big family. I’ve met so many amazing people here and made long-lasting friendships.” Right now, she misses that community. “I’ve struggled with quarantine and miss seeing people. I wish it were like how it used to be -- going to school, doing sports, attending services in the sanctuary. I need to be patient and have faith. I feel certain God has a plan, and that this chain of events has happened for a reason.”

mission

An Update on Primera Pres

By Mary Kay Atherton, LOPC Member

Editor's note: Members of Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana (aka Primera), LOPC's sister church located in the Fruitvale district of Oakland, have been deeply affected by the pandemic. But thanks to the help and love from many LOPC members, Primera is surviving. Here is a report from LOPC members Don and Mary Kay Atherton, who have been working closely with Primera.

For the past few years, employment [among Primera friends and members] had been high and unemployment at a historic low. Families were able to meet their basic needs including rent, food, and utilities, but the pandemic greatly changed this. Now, there is mass unemployment within the community and personal savings have been depleted. The pandemic has reinforced basic economic issues – none more defining for Primera than providing access to food for families and individuals.

Yes, jobs for day laborers, gardeners, handymen, and occasional babysitting are slowly returning. However, the higher-paying jobs with health benefits are gone, including those at restaurants, in hospitality, retail, office and back office, BART, and the Oakland airport. These were the jobs that many in the community embraced. In the past, they were the jobs that so benefited the community.

In the beginning of the pandemic, many Oakland non-profits had ample programs for food delivery to the Fruitvale community. But by May, the dire need for food began to overwhelm the programs, which inspired a LOPC Women's Bible study group to create a Food Bridge. Initially, bulk beans and rice were delivered directly to Primera every other week. The purchases were made possible by gifts earmarked for Primera.

As word of this crisis reached the larger LOPC faith community, donations designated for Primera allowed us to expand our food distribution to include produce, cereal, and pasta! By late July, weekly food deliveries were funded by generous gifts from members and LOPC emergency funds. By September, with a special donation from a LOPC member we added weekly deliveries of fresh chicken. For many families, that was



Primera Pres Members

the first meat in months. To date we have delivered 7,000 pounds of food – that's three and a half tons! Thanks to the generosity of LOPC members and friends we can continue weekly deliveries through at least March 2021.

Additionally, virtual tutoring has started for a handful of Primera children. Our program was delayed because the children were not issued workable devices. Despite our work with the Oakland School District, our calls and letters, we still have children who have issues with home schooling. LOPC virtual tutors receive a background check (supplied by LOPC) and are asked to contribute one hour a week (two 30-minute Zoom calls) to their students.

The needs are so varied, and we are thoughtful that the students are already spending many hours of screen time each day. We want our time, if possible, to be creative, interactive, and enjoyable. Activities may include talking about school lessons and helping to organize their work, or using flash cards to build vocabulary and math skills. We have been told that Primera students, like Lamorinda students, are experiencing increased anxiety. Depending on the need, the tutor may include an art project, yoga, or prayer. Simply taking the time to be there makes a difference to let them know that someone cares. Please consider if you can volunteer one hour a week. An adult or teen bridging the distance between Lamorinda and Fruitvale would be an answer to prayer.

mission

Help Young Students Through this Super Stars Book Drive on October 30

For many of us who love to read, if we are interested in reading a book, it doesn't take much thought to purchase one... whether it's hardcover, paperback, or online. But imagine if you were part of a household where the budget barely stretches to cover the roof over your head, utilities, and food. Books would be considered a luxury. It is exactly these households where it's most critical to provide young readers access to books and the advantages that early reading brings.

In a report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, it was found that, "overall, students who cannot read proficiently by third grade are at least four times more likely to drop out of high school than students who are proficient readers by that time." The three risk factors that most impact the ability to read are: 1) poverty; 2) third grade reading scores; and 3) minority status, largely hailing from African American and Hispanic families. Most of the Super Star Literacy students fit all three risk categories, and sadly 32% of them will fail to graduate.

Further, a study funded by the James Irvine Foundation supports the thesis and conclusion that high-quality extended learning literacy programming can improve academic achievement for children in low-performing schools. This is the genesis for Super Stars Literacy and Safe Passages, whose mission is to "disrupt the cycle of poverty by engaging youth and families to build and drive a continuum of services that support student success and community development."

So, how can you help? One of the components to developing competent readers is independent reading. With a book donation, you will be helping to give these young students the skills needed to be successful readers.

On Friday, October 30, LOPC will be collecting book donations on campus at 49 Knox Drive, in Lafayette from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. New and gently used books, especially bi-lingual books, will be welcome! The biggest need is for books for K-2nd grades, but the Super Stars Literary Book drive looks forward to your donations for students of all ages.

Can't be there? Here are other ways you can help:

- Go to [LOPC.org/bookdonations](https://www.lopcc.org/bookdonations) to make a financial donation for Safe Passages/Super Stars Literacy.
- Write a check to LOPC, with Safe Passages/Super Stars Literacy in the memo line.
- Order a new book online though an independent bookstore, such as Ashay by the Bay in Vallejo ([ashaybythebay.com](https://www.ashaybythebay.com)). Ashay by the Bay also provides gift cards which can be used by Safe Passages/SSL to purchase books needed by their Americorp volunteers. Increments of \$25 are most useful.

Book purchases, gift cards, and donations by check can be mailed to LOPC, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549 or dropped in the secure lock box to the left of the main doors of the Ministry Center.

You can learn more about Safe Passages/Superstars Literacy by going to safepassages.org.

For a recommended book list, use these online links: <https://www.cbcbooks.org/cbc-book-lists/2020-finalists/>.

<https://www.readbrightly.com/30-best-level-1-reading-books-for-children/>.

<https://www.readbrightly.com/10-spanish-english-bilingual-picture-books/>.

No-Contact Book Drop Off Procedures

If donating more than a few books, please bring the books in a bag or box that does not need to be returned. As you enter the LOPC parking lot please drive along the far left parking row that is next to the Ministry Center building. Pull all the way up to the designated drop-off spot just outside the Oak Room. Please stay in your car and a church volunteer will walk over to collect the book donation.

Please do not park and walk your book donations over to the volunteers.

love does

love protects, love hopes, love never fails

Thanksgiving Curbside Collection for Monument Crisis Center

November 14 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

As we all look forward to safely celebrating Thanksgiving, many in our community are struggling with food insecurity that is heightened because of the pandemic. For them, being able to have a traditional Thanksgiving feast is not guaranteed. Let us extend the hospitable gift of a Thanksgiving dinner to those that are so desperately in need of it this season.

To partner with Monument Crisis Center in this effort, please donate all the trimmings for Thanksgiving including the following items:

- 1 can of cranberries
- 1 can of vegetables
- 1 packet of gravy
- 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 cornbread mix
- 1 cake mix

Please put all the items in a plastic bag and tie it at the top. No glass items, please. All donations must be dropped off at LOPC on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. only. Volunteers will greet everyone as they drive up in front of the Oak room where they will remove the donations from your trunk. Donations will not be accepted before this date.

Questions? Contact robin@lopc.org.

Other love does opportunities for Fall!

Trinity Center Curbside Coat Drive

November 7, 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. only

Drop-off your gently used coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts at LOPC.

Service Opportunity at the Food Bank

November 15, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Sign up to sort and pack food to be allocated to food distribution sites in Contra Costa County. Sign up at lopc.org.

Congo Conference Attracts Wide Audience



Three years ago, LOPC hosted the annual Congo Mission Network (CMN) conference. CMN is made up of Presbyterian churches and individuals who support the work of the church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The Presbyterian Church's work in the DRC is a major mission partner for LOPC.

This year's conference is taking place but in a virtual format, and instead of a consecutive-day conference, there will be monthly events. An advantage of the online format is that both more Congolese and Americans are able to participate. The conference provides an excellent opportunity to learn about issues confronting the Congo.

The November events will take place Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 14. They will address the legacy of racism in the DRC, including reconciliation efforts within the DRC, how Mission approaches have changed, and what the future holds. Each session will offer at least two presentations and time for Q&A. All are welcome and admission is free, but please register at congopartners.org/register2020.

Information about the January-March sessions will be forthcoming. Recorded sessions from September and October can be seen on the CMN YouTube channel.

For questions, please contact Roberta Spalding at rlspalding@earthlink.net.

foundation

Traditions



By Jen Crocker, Foundation Trustee

As we move through fall and into the holiday season, usually my favorite time of the year, my emotions are at odds. When this pandemic started nine months ago, I never dreamed we would still be in the middle of it when the holidays began. Not only are we dealing with Covid-19, we are also being confronted with numerous other issues causing unease in our society. With all of these things in mind, it is difficult to imagine what this holiday season will look like.

I am one who very much likes my traditions, but this year our traditions will have to be different. Our entire family will not be able to gather around one Thanksgiving table; we won't be attending the Christmas concert with our parents; and our large Christmas Eve and Christmas dinner gatherings will have to be modified. And I can't even imagine not being in our beautiful sanctuary on Christmas Eve!

So where does this leave me? I can be sad and angry, feeling like so much has been taken away, or I can be thankful and hopeful.

As Thanksgiving approaches, my heart is full because there truly is so much to be thankful for. The pandemic, as horrid as it is, has caused me to slow down. It has given me more quality time with our smaller family. Through the ongoing, terrible racial injustices, I am more aware of inequality and the need to look at my own prejudices and what I can do to make our world a better place. This slowdown has given me the opportunity to reflect and consider how I can grow as a Christian.

I am doing my best to head into the holiday season, focusing on thankfulness and hope. Like so many of you, I know I will have moments of grief and moments

that seem unfair and out of control. But I know that centering myself back on the countless gifts God has given me and my family will be the catalyst that can turn a different and difficult time into a beautiful time of reflection and gratitude.

We thrive through community to celebrate together and support one another, and one of the things I am most grateful for right now is my LOPC community. LOPC has not skipped a beat. Its countless programs, Sunday services, daily devotionals, and ongoing support, remind me that hope never fails. God is with us all.

"We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline..."

-Hebrews 6:19 (MSG).

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

-1 Corinthians 13:13 (NRSV).

This unprecedented time has highlighted the importance of supporting LOPC and the programs and care it provides. The LOPC Foundation grants ongoing funding to LOPC to support its wonderful programs and mission partners.

If you are interested in learning about the Foundation, please reach out to one of the Foundation trustees listed below. Also, please visit the Foundation page on the LOPC website for more information. Foundation trustees: Jim Beckemeyer, Lois Boyd, Jen Crocker, Jerry Ducey, Kristi Haigh, Staci Johnston, Phil Placier, Mike Ross and Dara Youngdale.

community

Foundation Elects New President



Jim Beckemeyer

The LOPC Foundation has elected Trustee Jim Beckemeyer as its president for a one year-term that began Oct. 1. He succeeds Staci Johnston, recently named treasurer of the church; she continues as a Foundation trustee. The Foundation is a tax-exempt corporation separate

from the church, formed to help provide financial support for church ministries.

Jim and his wife, Carson, became members of LOPC in 2009. He was elected to the Foundation in 2018 and becomes the ninth person to serve as president since its birth in 1993. He has served in a variety of church capacities, including the Membership Team, Session, Clerk of Session, and Personnel. Professionally, Jim has worked for Kaiser Permanente for 25 years, currently on a team to plan new hospitals and medical office buildings.

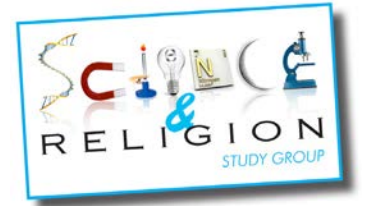
“I am grateful for Staci’s leadership this past year as the Foundation continues its work to strengthen connections with existing Friends of the Foundation and grow its base of support,” Jim said.

In other actions, the Foundation reelected Kristi Haigh as vice president, and Phil Placier as treasurer; Staci Johnston was named secretary, and Dara Youngdale officer at large.

Science and Religion

November 16 at 7:15 p.m.

What is consciousness? Where is it in our brains or bodies? How does it work? What kinds of beings have consciousness? Where did it come from?



The Science and Religion Study Group will meet Monday, Nov. 16, at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom to consider and discuss these questions and to review what scientists have been discovering in recent years about consciousness. We will watch a TED talk or two together, then discuss the concepts, discoveries, and hypotheses that the experts present.

Also we will review what current theologians tell us about the source of consciousness: God. For centuries, theological questions were the most important things to think about, until we entered the age when modern science began leading the explanation about how the natural world functions. Today, much of our society celebrates science over religion; some people reject science altogether. Most of us in this community view the two fields as complementary.

Join us via Zoom, so we can explore consciousness – human and divine – together. Our goal, as always, is to open our minds to new ways of thinking, and to hear from each other as we grow and develop together as spiritual and secular human beings.

All are welcome: RSVP to Nancy Boren at nancy.boren@att.net for the Zoom link.



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Save-the-date for the first
ever Curbside Giving Sunday:
November 1, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

LOPC pastors and the stewardship team will be there to accept your
pledge card as you drive through the parking lot!

Pledge online:
lopchurch.org/give-back/pledge/

**ONLINE Sunday
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9:00 a.m.

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