
Pollock Pines Community Church

Church and Community Profile

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Our History

The church began in 1936 as a Sunday school, which steadily grew as the local population grew. Ten years later, in 1946, the church was founded with 47 charter members, and in just three years the current building and property were dedicated. A Sunday school wing was added in 1989, and in 1996, the current worship center and other additions were dedicated.

Our Community

Pollock Pines is a relatively small, but close, community in the Sierra Nevada Mountains between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. The current population of Pollock Pines is socioeconomically diverse, and numbers about 4,000 people. Our church has around 250 regular attenders with around 180 attending on any given Sunday. Currently our largest growing population is those of retirement age and older. We are also projected to slowly grow in the area of young families due to housing prices being lower around snowline than they are in the portions of El Dorado county closer to Sacramento. The church lies at an elevation of around 4,000 ft. and enjoys moderate summer temperature and both rain and snow in the winter. There is one public elementary school (k-4th grade) and one middle school (5th-8th grade). High school students attend high school in Placerville.

Our Mission and Vision Statement

Our vision is to love God, love people and make disciples. Our desire is to demonstrate our love for God by serving each other and our community in humility and love.



Our Leadership

We currently have an interim pastor and three elders leading the church. Our elders would consider themselves shepherd elders and overseers of the church and have divided up the roles of overseeing hospital and elderly visitation and benevolence, worship and finance, and adult Bible education and teaching. All three elders have continued to oversee the governance and ministries of the church with the interim pastor serving in a preaching, pastoral care, and guidance role in the search process for a pastor/elder. At present, there are four deacons and one deaconess who oversee men's ministries, women's ministries, church-wide benevolence, facilities management, and Sunday morning worship. We also have a full-time office assistant and one part-time children's director. It is our desire to hire a pastor/elder who is an excellent Bible teacher, doing the majority of the preaching, who will work closely with the elders in shepherding church, and who will be the primary leader among the elders, maximizing the gifts and abilities of the elders and ministry leaders.

Our Ministries

Men's Ministries

We have a deacon actively overseeing men's ministries. We have big events quarterly that consist of, but are not limited to, breakfasts, weekend camping retreats in the high country, a hunter's return banquet and outreach, church work days, and small groups.



Women's Ministries

We have a deaconess actively overseeing women's ministries. We have a three weekly women's Bible study groups that meet at various times throughout the week, an annual Ladies' Christmas luncheon, a weekend retreat in Tahoe every June and "IF: Table" gatherings in homes throughout the fall season.



Youth Ministries

We have a volunteer staff that oversees our high school and junior high youth group. Approximately half of the group is from families within our church and half from students who live in our community but do not attend our church. We meet weekly for prayer and Bible study with a mixture of whole group and small group instruction. There is an annual backpack trip as well as local service projects or a mission trip in the summer.



Children's Ministries

We have part-time staff member who oversees children's ministries. We have a weekly AWANA program, annual VBS in the summer, Sunday School and Children's Church



Missions

We have a very active voluntary missions committee who keeps track of about 12 local and international missionary individuals or couples reports back to the elders on a regular basis. They make recommendations for support of our ongoing missionaries as well as expanding support for new ones. They also encourage the body to participate in short-term missions and help in raising support. One avenue for raising additional support for missions projects is our John 6 Cafe where volunteers rotate serving up delicious lunch choices for those who would like to stay after church, purchase a meal and enjoy some good fellowship together.



Helping Ends Meet (H.E.M.)

We have a volunteer staff that oversees Helping Ends Meet, which is a weekly outreach that provides a hot meal to anyone from our community who would like one. They serve and share the gospel with all who come to the meal each week. Our staff also disseminates donated Food Bank supplies to those who need it on a weekly basis.



Small Groups

We currently have two men's small groups that meet weekly as well as several women's small groups. We also have two heterogenous groups who meet either weekly or bi-monthly to eat a meal together, pray, study and discuss the Bible.

Worship Ministries

We have a voluntary worship team led by one of our elders. They meet weekly for practice and lead our congregation in worship on Sundays.

