



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

APRIL 2012

New Life

It is interesting to have spent numerous years living in the Southern Hemisphere. Sure the cultural and culinary discoveries were many. Yet one of the unexpected changes I encountered was experiencing Easter in the fall of the year.

Having grown up on this side of the equator, so many of my own associations with Easter had to do with the appearance of new blooms and blossoms all around us. As a child the azaleas and daffodils were signs of the season. I, like many of you, have enjoyed watching the springing of Placitas over the past few weeks as new color and new life return to our village.

Easter in the North and the South both have something to teach us. Fall's disappearing light and the baring of the trees remind us of the journey through Holy Week towards Easter. Indeed the only way to get to the glory of the Resurrection is through the experience of the cross and the tomb.

In the Northern Hemisphere, the newness of life we see at this time of year reminds us of the promise of that resurrection morn. The light lengthens and the leaves unfurl. The flowers and the trees bloom. Within that which has looked barren for so many months, there is indeed new life readying to emerge.

Holy Week and Easter speak to us of the wholeness of our journey. Fall and spring are both ever present. I invite you, as you are able, to participate in the different worship opportunities offered during Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus throughout the whole of the week, we are reminded of God's presence with us throughout the whole of our lives.

I wonder how people who live closer to the equator interpret the season of Easter?

Peace be with you,
Drew



April Text & Topics

April 1 Palm Sunday "Blessed is the one" Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11

April 5 Maundy Thursday "New Commandment" Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 6 Good Friday "Passion" Psalm 22:1-31"; John 18:1-19:42

April 8 Easter "He has been raised" Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Mark 16:1-8

April 15 Second Sunday of Easter Ken Cuthbertson preaching

April 22 Third Sunday of Easter "Peace be with you" Psalm 4:1-8; Luke 24:36-48

April 29 Fourth Sunday of Easter "The Good Shepherd" Psalm 23; John 10:11-18

SESSION Highlights

New Member!

Your Session met again, as is our habit, on the second Sunday of the month, March 11th, after the second service in the Upper Room. Our purpose is to share witness, personal experience, and membership opportunity with congregants interested in joining our church.

On this Sunday we had the blessing of welcoming **Monya K** into membership at LPPC. Monya was baptized an Episcopalian, always believed in the Holy Trinity and the Holy Spirit has been her constant counselor. Monya desires to learn much more about the Bible. Monya enjoys the inclusion of the Spanish language in our services, the genuine friendliness of the congregation, and the natural beauty of the Village of Placitas. Welcome Monya!



Major Roof Repair Planned

I've heard it said that April showers bring May flowers; I'm not sure they were referring to New Mexico. In any event, Casa Rosa board members Betsy M and Sherrill C presented a proposal to the Session, requesting permission to make much needed major roof repairs to the little pink house. All of the funding for this project will come from grant money. After discussion on issues of insurance, inspections and building repair history, Session approved this project.

Volunteer Candidates Sought

After **many** years of outstanding service, Bill S is stepping down as chair of the Building Committee. Service brings its own rewards, but nonetheless, we owe Bill a huge debt of gratitude! Thanks, a billion, Bill!

Session now has the challenge to fill this service position. If you enjoy handy work and interaction with contractors, consider volunteering. Feel free to contact me, Bill Lumm, for further details.

Mother's Day is on the Horizon!

Our Mission Committee was granted Session approval to bring free trade organization, **Peace Craft** onsite to display and sell beautiful gift items ideal for Mother's Day. The date is Sunday, May 13th. A generous portion of the profits will directly benefit our Mission Committee, so please consider becoming a last minute shopper!

~Bill L, Clerk of Session

CASA ROSA NEWS Sustaining community



As was noted in the newsletter for last month, Charlotte L and her husband Keith moved recently. This departure was a great loss and was well reflected throughout the last Saturday Charlotte came to Casa Rosa. There was an abundance of food, well-wishers, and most notably a poem read aloud. When someone writes poetry about you, and it is complimentary, I happen to think it is a big deal. Everyone had a great laugh and a tug at their heartstrings when it was read.

To me, this excerpt in the history of Casa Rosa is one more example of how important it is to build and sustain the community in which we live. I believe developing healthy relationships, regardless of our beliefs and opinions, is one of the most

crucial components to maintaining a beneficial living environment. Also, when I think how tenuous my income, health, or life in general may be, it gives me assurance to know I have a support structure in place. I know for certain I can rely on the clients and volunteers at Casa Rosa for support. Whether it is a sympathetic ear, a cup of coffee, or help in a way I can't even imagine now, Casa Rosa is a place where people gather to reaffirm their commitment to ensure Placitas not only survives, but thrives.

Thank you for helping sustain our community.

~Jeff D

Casa Rosa Board of Directors

LOOKING IN FROM OUTSIDE THROUGH MUSIC: CONNECTOR OF SOULS

The Madrigal Singers under the direction of Bob Boughton will be presenting a concert at 4:00pm Sunday, April 22nd at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The program will explore the mind and heart of a variety of old and new composers; including some of Bob's compositions. This will be Bob's swan song as director, so please join us in celebrating and honoring his music ministry. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is located at 5301 Ponderosa Avenue NE in Albuquerque – one block east of San Mateo across from Montgomery Park. Admission is a donation at the door.

Mission News

The Mission Committee is busy finding ways to help people.

We have recently hosted a **Beads for Life Party**, hosted by Jeannine P. Beads for life are fair trade/ products. The moneys go back to the ladies in Uganda who make these lovely paper beads. We will have the beads at the church for sale after church for the next couple of Sundays.

Check the bulletin board to see what we are helping with, via **Rebuilding Together Sandoval County**. They have times when they need help. We post on the bulletin board as well as have it published in the bulletin.

Our next special Fair Trade products sale will be May 13th also in the Fellowship Hall. **Peacecraft** is a store that is located on 3215 Central Avenue NE

in Albuquerque. This store is run by volunteers. They will be bringing some of their goods out to our church for a mini market.

~Nancy U
Mission Coordinator

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please join us on Easter Sunday following the 10:30am service for our annual **Easter Brunch**. Fellowship will provide ham, rolls and beverages. Please bring an item to share—casserole, salad or dessert. All are welcome!

~Joan D
The Fellowship Committee

MEMBER PROFILE

MIKE P

Mike was born in Inglewood, California. He spent most of his school years in Vancouver, Washington where he graduated from high school. He attended a community college for one year but then his family was transferred to Houston, Texas. He graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in History. He worked for UPS while attending college.



Mike met Jeannine in Houston while attending church. After they were married, they moved to Vancouver, Washington and Mike worked for eighteen years in the Multnomah Courts in the Accounting and Collections Department in Portland, Oregon. This was Mike's favorite job because he came in contact with several interesting and well-known personalities that passed through the court system. To name a few: Tanya Harding (we all know her); Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who came to Portland to represent a Somali family in a very well know civil rights case against Neo-Nazis; and Gerry Spence, noted as America's finest trial lawyer and as an attorney for justice and freedom.

In 2006, the Potters moved to Bernalillo. They had been coming here while living in Houston because Jeannine especially loved the Southwest. Jeannine had lived in this area in the '60's and always loved it – Georgia O'Keefe and Taos were some of the attractions, plus a good environment. The reason they ended up at LPPC was because they had seen an article in the *Signpost* and decided to check us out.

In February 2006, Mike started working for the Tax Examiner at the Bank of the West in Albuquerque. He takes the train and bus to work. They built their home in Bernalillo and moved in August 2006.

Mike's hobbies and passions are scuba diving in Hawaii, walking, barbequing, cooking, but most especially flying a Microsoft simulator. Of course, the most important thing on his bucket list is learning to fly!

His fifteen minutes of fame was a background photo of him in *Life* magazine in the early '90's. It was a story on the Justice System in Portland, Oregon.

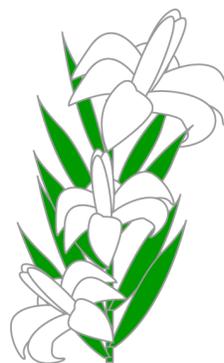
Mike and Jeannine traveled to Germany and Paris for their honeymoon. Mike considers this his best trip ever.

If there were a fire and Mike had to grab something important, it would be Jeannine and the cats and whatever else Jeannine wanted!

The five things Mike cannot live without would be chocolate, reading, movies, travel, and a good environment.

Mike likes being here at LPPC. He likes the services, and meeting and talking with people and making friends after the service.

~Wendy I & Betty C



On Easter Sunday, April 8, lilies will decorate the sanctuary. If you would like to dedicate lilies to someone for a special occasion, please fill out the pink order form found in Sunday's bulletin. This year the cost is \$15 per plant. **Deadline for ordering is Monday, April 2.** After services on Easter Sunday, the plants may be taken by those who have ordered them. If you have questions, contact the church office (867-5718).

April Calendar Highlights

- Sun Apr 1 **Palm Sunday**-Communion is served
Early service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Traditional Palm Sunday procession begins outside at 10:15am, followed by family worship at 10:30am in the sanctuary (Nursery provided; Sunday School)
Fellowship follows this service
- Wed Apr 4 Jardineros de Placitas, 9am-12noon
- Thurs Apr 5 **Maundy Thursday** service, 7:00pm
- Fri Apr 6 **Good Friday** service, noon
- Sun Apr 8 **Easter Sunday**
~Sunrise service, 6:30am
~Early service, 8:30am
~Family Worship service, 10:30am
Easter Dinner immediately follows this service. (*Ham beverage & rolls provided; bring a dish—casserole, salad or dessert—to share.*)
Easter Egg Hunt
- Wed Apr 11 Placitas Mobile Food Pantry
10am-12noon
- Sun Apr 15 **Second Sunday of Easter**
Early service, 8:30am
NO Adult Forum, 9:15am
Family Worship service, 10:30am
(Nursery provided; Sunday School)
Fellowship follows this service
- PAS Reception & Concert, 2-5pm
- Sun Apr 22 **Third Sunday of Easter-Earth Day**
Early service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Family Worship service, 10:30am
(Nursery provided; Sunday School)
Fellowship follows this service
- Sun Apr 29 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Early service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Family Worship service, 10:30am
(Nursery provided; Sunday School)
Fellowship follows this service

The Presbytery Youth Council would like to invite you to come to a youth fellowship event on Sunday, April 29th from 3-6 pm at Sandia Presbyterian Church.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited, as well as any adult chaperones who like to see the youth have a GREAT time! There will be games, fellowship and pizza and cost is \$3. RSVP by April 25th to: tarr42@msn.com. An informational flyer is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We'd love to see as many as can come! Looking forward to seeing you again.

~Christa Tarr
Presbytery of Santa Fe Youth Coordinator.

COMFORT & JOY PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE MEETING

The C & J Prayer Shawl Circle will meet Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Meetings generally last one hour and it's fun to see the lovely work produced by this dedicated group of individuals. Additional knitters and crocheters are always needed and participation is open to all. Requests for shawls should be directed to Pastor Drew or the Deacons. Donations to assist with the cost of materials are appreciated (make checks payable to LPPC with "Shawls" noted on the memo line). Contact Eda through the church office (867-5718) for more information.

**MAY newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, May 25th at noon**

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