



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

MAY 2012

Summer Plans

The days are lengthening. The temperatures are climbing. Summer is now just weeks away. Soon-to-be graduates, including a number of our own, are counting the days. Plans are being made for altered schedules that mark the months of summer.



Here at Las Placitas we too celebrate summer in a variety of ways. This year Pentecost marks the beginning of summer on Memorial Day Weekend. We'll honor our children and our teachers that day and hear our choir sing together for the last time until after Labor Day. As you make your summer plans, consider sharing your musical gifts as our members provide "Special Music" for worship each week.

In June we'll switch to our summer worship schedule with a single, combined service at 9:30 a.m. That first weekend we aim to have our Worship in the Mountains at the Sandia Conference Grounds (drought conditions permitting). Plan to join us for worship and a picnic in the Sandias.

The week of July 22nd a special Vacation Bible School is being planned for the children. The Christian Education Committee needs the participation of many adults to make this a memorable event. As you make summer plans, include that week as a time to spend with our children and to show them God's love in fun and concrete ways.

Our membership committee will be planning summer potluck dinners in members' homes as a chance to get to know each other and some of our newer members better. Sign up when schedules are posted and enjoy these opportunities when they arise.

Indeed some things do slow down in summer. Our church office is even closed on Mondays. However

the coming change in rhythm provides new ways to share and enjoy our life together. Have fun! Summer is on the way.

Peace, Drew

May Text & Topics

May 6, 5th Sunday after Easter, "Abide" 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

May 13, 6th Sunday after Easter, "I chose you" Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17

May 20, 7th Sunday after Easter, "Object of Prayer," Psalm 1; John 17:6-19

May 27, Pentecost, "Spirit" Romans 8:22-27; Acts 2:1-21

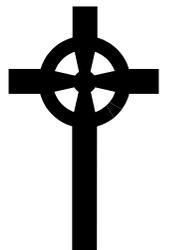
SESSION Highlights

Stairway To Heaven?

Well no, not quite. But the Session did approve installing matching iron handrails on both sides of the sanctuary steps leading up to the chancel area. The handrails will allow all the liturgists to get a grip on their way to the pulpit. The additional good news is that the manufacturing and installation costs have been paid for by a benevolent church member.

Safe & Sound

We seem to be on a roll when it comes to good fortune. Possibly it's due to all the clean living and Christian spirit that abounds here at LPPC. The Session was tasked with the very prudent request to furnish a fireproof safe. After competitive shopping by Janice L and Nancy U, guess what? A safe, perfectly fitting the bill, was donated by Jeannine P's daughter! Many thanks go out to Janice S.



Patriotism Under a Tree

Session recently approved a request from the Sandoval County Bureau of Elections. During the weekend of the Placitas Studio Tour, May 12th & 13th, non-partisan volunteers will be onsite on LPPC property to register voters. Look for their table under a shade tree near Highway 165.

Volunteer Candidates Still Sought

After **many** years of outstanding service, Bill S stepped 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 of filling this service position. If you enjoy handy work and interaction with contractors, consider volunteering. Feel free to contact me, Bill L, for further details.

~Bill L, Clerk of Session



CASA ROSA NEWS *Spring Brings Changes*

New volunteers, new donations and new possibilities arrive unexpectedly at our doorstep, and we are amazed and delighted!

Each person brings his or her interests, friends, talents and contributions. We love it! We need and appreciate all of the help receive.

Donations to charitable organizations increase near holiday times and fall off after the first of the year, declining further in spring and summer. We order most of our food from Roadrunner Food Bank, welcoming their truck every Friday morning about 8:30. Each week we order food, watching the on-line shopping list each day, and quickly "grabbing" the best buys for our clients. Our Roadrunner shopping list has shrunk from twelve pages in December, to only six pages this past week. This means we have to find other sources of food at a higher cost to us. When you contribute or pray for Casa Rosa, please think of Roadrunner as well. They supply food to the needy throughout New Mexico.

We have started working again with employees from Kohl's, who will be sending us several volunteers the first Saturday of each month. Not only are these people, wonderful, pleasant and helpful, but also additionally, after the employees volunteer with us, Kohl's sends us a check for \$500.

For the past couple of months, we have received extra food at no cost from St. Felix Pantry in Rio Rancho. Each week, we call to find out if St Felix has extra food, and if so, we send over one of our volunteers to pick up tortillas or eggs or onions, or whatever they can offer to us.

We are looking forward to working again this year with **Seed 2 Need** project in Corrales. **Seed 2 Need** provided us with abundant produce last summer and fall. Here is another opportunity to help not only Casa Rosa, but also other area food banks. If you enjoying planting and harvesting produce, here is an opportunity for you!

We are so grateful when new opportunities come our way! Please don't forget us over the summer.

~Karen F, Co-Chair
Casa Rosa Board of Directors

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Coming in May on Mother's Day weekend is the Placitas Studio Tour. The Chile Pepper Café will be open on Saturday and Sunday (May 12 & 13) from 10:00am till 3:00pm. We will be serving breakfast burritos, beans and pulled pork sandwiches on Saturday and after church on Sunday. Please plan to enjoy lunch with us while also touring the home studios of our fine Placitas artists.

~Joan D
The Fellowship Committee

MEMBER PROFILE **SUSAN H**

Susan was born and raised in Muskegon, Michigan. She was the youngest of four girls born to immigrant parents from Germany, very near the border of Switzerland. Susan graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in primary education. From there she moved to Evergreen, CO where she taught school as well as earned her Master's degree in remedial and corrective reading from Colorado University in Boulder, CO.



Susan met Bob during a field day at her school. Bob was a widow raising four of the best behaved, adorable children ages, four, six, eight and ten.

They married four years later. The family moved to Wheatridge, CO when the boys needed a bigger sports program at school. Susan was an area director for Jefferson County schools at this time.

Susan quit teaching when Bob was offered the Director of Golf position at Shawnee Country Club in Topeka, KS. This club had a privately owned golf shop so Susan started helping Bob in the shop. She went back to school to learn fashion merchandising, interior design and visual display, went to buyers markets, and learned software, programs so she could be a better help to Bob.

In 1979 Bob was offered the HUGE job of Golf Pro at Medinah Country Club outside Chicago. This move gave Susan the opportunity of taking loads of classes in Chicago to hone her craft. Soon after that, *Sports Illustrated* was holding a contest for the best golf shop in America. Someone told them about the pro shop at Medinah that Susan had designed and developed from bare walls. This was a huge job with a giant profile. Susan won the contest and started getting calls from the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, CO and other noteworthy clubs asking for her help.

Susan started consulting with PGA of America, leading to a very long career. She and Bob taught seminars for the 18,000 PGA members who had to keep getting certified. Bob taught the financial and operational side and Susan taught how to merchandise their store, create visual displays, and develop buying plans and promotional ideas. She created the first onsite event stores, had oversight to all PGA owned and operated retail properties, assisted hundreds of pro shops as well as big box stores. Susan's career often had her traveling 200 days per year.

They moved to Tokyo in 1981 where Bob was Director of Golf for a company with 110 facilities all over the world (hotels, golf clubs or resorts). Susan helped design their international properties with the best revenue producing retail depending on the site. They lived in Tokyo for four years and then were transferred with the same company to Sydney, Australia to the home of the Australian PGA. Bob and Susan's jobs often weren't in the same place at the same time, so in the years after their kids were grown there were years of getting together only on weekends or holidays.

Upon returning to the States, Susan became a fulltime PGA employee as the Director of their Retail and National Licensing initiatives. The PGA

had several owned and operated golf courses and conducted the Senior PGA Championship, the PGA Championship, the Ryder Cup Matches and Grand Slam of Golf Championships each year. Dubbed the Super Bowl of Golf, the Ryder Cup is a huge event with merchandising space of up to 60,000 square feet depending on the site. This all under a tent built on site that looks like it is permanent. The cherry wood displays are shipped back to Greenville, NC after each event in fourteen moving vans, refurbished and stored until the next event.

In 2004 at the Oakland Hills Ryder Cup outside Detroit, Susan's merchandising leadership sold more merchandise than had ever been sold at any world class golf event. Between September 14 and 19, 2004, \$15 million was sold with Friday sales of \$3 million, the largest one day sale ever. Susan was given a beautiful framed plaque to honor her work. She really considers herself as having a blessed career. When Susan retired three years ago she was replaced not by a person but by a company – IMG.

Bob and Susan have four children. Dana, the oldest, is also a Golf Professional living in Farmington, NM and directs the First Tee Program that offers golf instruction to disadvantaged kids. Their second son Russ lives in Ft. Collins, CO and works for Poudre Valley Hospital. Their daughter Cindy lives in Albuquerque and works for Sandia Labs. Their youngest son Noble lives two doors down from his sister and works for Albertsons. Their four grandchildren, the oldest of whom is a graduate chef, live in Denver along with four great grandchildren. Bob and Susan love being close to all their family now that they're retired.

One of Susan's most prized possessions is her great grandfather's 200 year old clock that he brought with him to the US from Germany in his feather bed. It still works perfectly. Susan's Mom, living during the depression and coming over to the US as an immigrant, was very frugal. She was always amazed at the availability of things such as fresh fruit in the winter and just our largess in general. She loved going to garage sales. When Susan was just starting out on her own, her Mom was very proud to give Susan a burned plastic spatula for which she paid five cents. Susan says she uses this spatula several times every day and it's just the perfect utensil. One of her other 'do not want to have to live without items' would be the Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee they drink every morning. Two Siamese cats named Cody and MeToo are the highlight to their day!

The Hickman's ended up living in Placitas because of an eagle. They were driving from Santa Fe with their daughter when they spotted an eagle flying overhead. Bob said to follow the eagle so they turned east on 165 and followed the eagle as it turned left up to Overlook. It disappeared from sight at the top of the mountain as it flew off to Sandia Peak. They pulled in a driveway to watch him disappear from sight and saw a For Sale sign in that same driveway. They ended up purchasing that very home.

Susan enjoys the unusual hobby of decorating real eggs. Called 'Egging,' all kinds of eggs from hen, goose, duck, emu, rhea to ostrich are used to paint, carve or embellish with decorations. Some even have doors with hinges that open up to show a scene. Others are made to include music boxes or tiny LED lights inside. She attends classes each spring that are usually hosted in the Midwest, to learn new techniques. Her display case holds many of the more than 200 eggs that she has made; however, mostly she enjoys giving them away as gifts.

Susan's favorite part about attending LPPC is the simplicity of the service and the church interior. She finds both to be sincere and soothing. Pastor Drew delivers wonderful messages and sermons that are instrumental in supporting us through our daily lives, she says. She also appreciates the community outreach programs, the inclusion of Spanish in the service and the friendliness of the members and guests.

~Wendy Ingram

Monday Night Adult Study

We are beginning a four week series from

Sojourners: Christians and the Environment.

April 30 -- A Theology of Creation
May 7 -- A Love Relationship with the World
May 14 -- Green Grassroots
May 21 -- Women and Communities of Color in U.S. Environmental History

Each week will feature one to three brief articles on the topic, used by permission via *Sojourners Magazine*. For materials, contact Bunny B or Ken C.



The group meets at 7:00pm in the Upper Room and all are welcome to join any or all discussions.

On Monday, May 28, the group will take a break for the summer months.

Blessing of the Waters Saturday, May 26th



The three historic acequias of Placitas invite you to take part in a traditional custom of blessing our irrigation waters in the spring. This was done last year in the Village of Placitas where waters from the three acequias were mingled and blessed by Rev. Drew Henry.

This year the blessing by Rev. Henry will take place along Las Huertas Community Ditch in the canyon at 10:30am. Please join us at the residence of Blaine B (895 Highway 165) where there is ample parking. Following the blessing, we will convene at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church for a potluck sharing of a meal.

For more information call 771-4007.

The Talking Centipede

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet.

So he went to the pet store and told the owner

that he wanted to buy an unusual pet.

After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100-legged bug),

which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him.

So he asked the centipede in the box,

"Would you like to go to church with me today?"

We will have a good time."

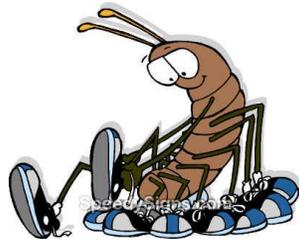
But there was no answer from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes

and then asked again,
 "How about going
 to church with me
 and receive blessings?"
 But again,
 there was no answer
 from his new friend and pet.
 So he waited
 a few minutes more,
 thinking about the situation.
 The guy decided
 to invite the centipede
 one last time.
 This time
 he put his face up against
 the centipede's house and shouted,
 "Hey, in there!
 Would you like to go
 to church with me
 and learn about God?"

... YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THIS ...

This time
 a little voice
 came out of the box,
 "I heard you the first time!
 I'm putting on my shoes!"



Learn to be patient.

~Submitted by Vivian G. D.

**JUNE/JULY newsletter deadline:
 Friday, May 25th at noon**

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May Calendar Highlights

- Wed May 2 Jardineros de Placitas, 9am-12noon
- Sun May 6 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Communion is served
 Early service, 8:30am
 Adult Forum, 9:15am
 Family Worship service, 10:30am
 (Nursery provided; Sunday School)
 Fellowship follows this service
- Mon May 7 Funeral service for Alonzo DeLara,
 11am
- Wed May 9 Placitas Mobile Food Pantry
 10am-12noon
- Sun May 13 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Mother's Day
 One Service Only at 9:30am
 NO Adult Forum
- Sat & Sun Chile Pepper Café open 10am–3pm
 May 12 & 13 during Placitas Studio Tour
- Sun May 20 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Mother's Day
 Early service, 8:30am
 Adult Forum, 9:15am
 Family Worship service, 10:30am
 (Nursery provided; Sunday School)
 Fellowship follows this service
- PAS Reception & Concert
 2:00-5:00pm
- Sat May 26 Blessing of the Waters, 10:30am,
 Las Huertas Community Ditch (895
 Highway 165. Potluck follows at
 LPPC.
- Sun May 27 **Pentecost Sunday**
(Student & Teacher Recognition
& Appreciation)
 Early service, 8:30am
 Adult Forum, 9:15am
 Family Worship service, 10:30am
 (Nursery provided; Sunday School)
 Fellowship follows this service
- Mon May 28 Memorial Day—Church Office is
 closed.