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The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

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Generosity Wins

Each October our Stewardship Committee leads our annual pledge campaign for the coming year. This is one of the few congregations I have seen that actually does have a year-round emphasis on stewardship. We don't talk about money here just once a year, and when we do talk about money, our conversations cover so much more than just the finances of the church.



We have discussed together the role money has played throughout the whole of our lives. We have talked about our own debts and the debt we carry as a congregation. We have explored the many different ways we all give of ourselves and our resources, and we have looked at how planned giving can carry forward our passions and our dreams.

Every deep expression of stewardship that I have encountered is based upon two basic principles – generosity and gratitude. “God has been so generous with us” is much more than a theological assertion. It is a daily reality to which each one of us awakens. When we are able to recognize this divine generosity, our heartfelt response is one of gratitude and thanks-giving. Out of this gratitude, we can't help but to be generous with the gifts we hold.

On September 24th, many of you had the opportunity to share in a powerful evening of music with Anne & Pete Sibley in our church's sanctuary. We were able to offer this gift to the community in part due to the Sibley's generosity and their willingness to share their life, love, and music with others. Through both songs and spoken word, Anne & Pete shared their gratitude for the generosity they have received while being on the road. The beauty of their message and of life itself is that when we are open to it, generosity indeed wins.

Peace, Drew

October Text & Topics

October 7th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost - World Communion Sunday- “Bread of Life” Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; John 6:1-21

October 14th - 20th Sunday after Pentecost “Who can be saved?” Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 21st - 21st Sunday after Pentecost “Live to Serve” Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 28th - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost “Let me See” Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

The Monday Night Adult Study will resume on October 1 at 7pm in the Upper Room. This fall the group will be studying Diana Butler Bass's newest book ***Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening.***



The same author who provided an indispensable guide to cultivating thriving churches in ***Christianity for the Rest of Us*** now offers a fresh interpretation of the "spiritual but not religious" trend. Diana Butler Bass argues that we are at a critical stage in a completely new spiritual awakening, a vast interreligious progression toward individual and cultural transformation, and a wholly new kind of post religious faith.

Offering direction and hope to individuals and churches, ***Christianity After Religion*** is Bass's call to approach faith with a newfound freedom that is both life-giving and service driven. And it is a hope-filled plea to see and participate in creating a fresh, vital, contemporary way of faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus.

The books are in and are available to the group at our cost of \$16. Everyone is welcome to join in this adult discussion group. Contact Joyce Thompson or call the church office (867-5718).

SESSION Highlights “Glory To God”

The Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song has been working for over two years on our next hymnal/song resource for the Presbyterian Church (USA). What have they done?



- Examined almost 4,000 items submitted during the open submission period
- Combined the contents of the 1990, 1972, and 1955 Presbyterian Hymnbooks
- Thoroughly examined nineteen other hymnals published since the 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal
- Examined collections of contemporary praise and worship music
- Examined collections of songs from Christian communities around the world
- Written statements on language and on our theological vision for this project

Glory To God is the title of our new Presbyterian Hymnal, soon to be available! Although the official use date of this new hymnal, for the over 11,000 PC(USA) Churches in the United States and Puerto Rico, isn't until September 2013, I'll let you in on a loosely held secret: *the publisher is offering a pre-release special of \$15 each, plus free shipping, on hymnals purchased by December 31, 2012.*

During our September Session meeting Rev. Henry offered a fundraising suggestion to take place in the two to three weeks around Thanksgiving: “Buy a new hymnal in the memory of a loved-one.” Currently our church has 100 hymnals, but with our growing congregation, the goal is to replace our existing hymnals with 125 of the new **Glory To God** hymnals. Additional details will be forthcoming through our Worship Committee.

~Bill Lumm
Clerk of Session

CASA ROSA NEWS Have you met Giganto?

Giganto is our nickname for our magnificent new



commercial refrigerator, obtained at a very good price by our fundraiser extraordinaire, Betsy. The income earned at the July flea market sponsored by La Puerta to benefit Casa Rosa enabled us to purchase Giganto. Casa Rosa appliances have been hand-me-downs for the most part, which means they usually work for a reasonable period of time, but are not the latest and greatest. We have often found ourselves short on refrigerator space for keeping food over for the next distribution. Giganto has made a *huge* difference in our ability to store our bounty.

Speaking of bounty, we have had an excellent summer of produce from **Seed 2 Need** and from many friends of Casa Rosa. People have often shown up with a box of plums or apples, or whatever they have to share. You are probably already aware of this, because we have been sharing leftover produce on Sunday mornings. So as the summer produce season draws to a close we are thinking of fall with all of the attendant activities and opportunities.

The fall fundraising season will be starting soon! Please look for announcements of shopping opportunities! So far, we know of two possibilities for you:

1. October 20 from 9-4 at Coronado National Monument
2. November 17 and 18 Placitas Holiday Sale

As usual, thank you so very much for your continuing generosity! We welcome your donations, of food, \$\$, time, and goods—thank you, thank you, thank you! Yes, we'll still take your zucchini, if you have more. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

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

First off I want to say how happy and blessed I am to be at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. All y'all have made this Texan feel so welcome in New Mexico. With that said, I want everyone to feel welcome to join the choir.



We are planning to sing a mixture of music that encompasses Jazz, Spanish, Folk, Modern, Traditional, and Contemporary. Music is a wonderful way to relieve stress and calm a busy day of work. Youth, grades 6-12, are also more than welcome to come join the choir. If you love to sing, come join us.

We currently meet on Thursdays from 7-8pm in the church sanctuary. However, we will make a change to Wednesdays at 7pm starting on October 10th for (seven weeks) through November 21st.

Come join the fun! Come join a group of friends! Come join the LPPC Choir!

~Andrew D Alegria
Choral Director

THE PRESBYTERY MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT REGISTRATION BROCHURE IS HERE AT LAST! Look for them on the table outside of the sanctuary in Fellowship Hall.

Our original *Transformer* theme retreat was done two years ago and we wanted the youth to experience something new, so it has been changed to **Peace, Love, Jesus**. Please encourage the youth of your church to register for this FUN retreat. We have scholarship money available for those in need. Please note that registration forms are due in the Presbytery office no later than November 2. Retreat runs November 9 (7:30pm) to November 11 (noon) at First Presbyterian Church in Belen, New Mexico.

~Blessings in Christ from Christa Tarr
Presbytery of Santa Fe Youth Coordinator

FELLOWSHIP

Fall is in the air with cooler weather, balloons in the air and the smell of green chiles roasting. The Chile Pepper Café at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church is planning and preparing for the famous Navajo Taco Dinner on October 27. We are making our famous green chile, apple pies and other homemade goodies to sell during the dinner.

We would like to ask all who would like to contribute cakes for our cake walk and other baked items for the bake sale to contact Joan Dennis @ 771-2529 or radjdennis@comcast.net or just drop them off in the kitchen on October 27.



Then join us from 5 to 7:30pm for good food, entertainment and other activities. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door or \$8.00 pre-sale. See a member of the Fellowship Committee or Cory in the church office to purchase tickets.

STEWARDSHIP

If it's October, it's time for our annual Stewardship campaign.

This month we will be encouraging our congregation to make a pledge to the 2013 operating budget. Pledging is important because it gives our financial committee a dependable amount with which to plan our coming year's programs and expenditures.



This year's Stewardship campaign has the theme, "Spicing up Our Giving." And we hope that's what each of you will consider doing—spicing up your pledge so that we can expand the mission of LPPC in our community, our country, and our world. And with Pastor Drew Henry as our permanent minister, we enter a bright future of expanded vision.

Join us for a kick-off soup pot luck on Sunday, September 30, when we'll talk about our hopes for furthering our church purpose. We'll even have some ingredients to spice up your soup.

Then follow our theme on the four Sundays in October as we highlight some of the spices that enhance the flavor—not only of our food, but of our spiritual and financial commitments to the direction in which we hope to lead our church.

~Janice Langdale
Stewardship Chair

MEMBER PROFILE TAMARA HUDSON

Tamara was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She lived there and attended school until she was eighteen years of age. After high school, she attended Warren-Wilson College in Ashville, NC, a small Presbyterian liberal arts college with a triad of academics, service and work. She majored in biology, worked in the cafeteria, on the carpentry crew and the farm. After college, she returned to Argentina where she volunteered at a soup kitchen.



There she met Drew who was working as a young adult mission volunteer. They married three years later as they both furthered their education. Tamara attended medical school while Drew began studies at an Ecumenical Seminary, ISEDET. They were both very busy as they were working and studying full time.

In the fall of 2001, they moved to Birmingham, AL to be close to Drew's family in Selma. Santiago and Francisco (Paco) were born in Birmingham at St Vincent's Hospital. After that Tamara completed her residency at St Vincent's East Hospital.

Tamara's hobbies include gardening, water sports, traveling and just being outside in the sunshine.

Tamara's bucket list includes: having a farm with chickens, goats and pigs, canoeing the Chama, going to Hawaii, visiting Turkey and experiencing its culture. She would also like to visit the Ukraine since her maternal grandparents came from there. Her grandparents needed to leave the Ukraine during the war (1939). They hopped on the first boat leaving and didn't know where it was going. She would also like to scuba dive, own a vineyard, plant many trees, have a jeep and an RV; live on a sail boat for a while and hang out with good friends most evenings.

If there were a fire, Tamara would save her family first and then maybe necessary documents because Tamara says she is not attached to "things."

A few things she could not do without would be coffee, wine (red), sunshine and water.

The favorite part of LPPC to Tamara is the friendliness of the people and the community awareness - the caring that crosses all boundaries of race, culture and political inclinations.

Tamara and family recently purchased a home in Placitas and live on a street, which is most appropriate for them. In English it means "Path of Encouragement".

~Betty Closser
~Wendy Ingram

**November Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, October 26th--noon**

OCTOBER Calendar Highlights

- Mon Oct 1 Adult Study begins Fall program, 7pm in the Upper Room
- Wed Oct 3 Jardineros de Placitas, 9am-12noon
- Sun Oct 7 **19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday**
Early service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Second Worship service, 10:30am
(Nursery provided; Sunday School)
Fellowship follows this service

PAS Reception & Concert, 2-5pm
- Wed Oct 10 Mobile Food Pantry, 10am-12noon
- Sun Oct 14 **20th Sunday after Pentecost
Ken Cuthbertson is preaching**
Early service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Second Worship service, 10:30am
(Nursery provided; Sunday School)
Fellowship follows this service

Session meets to welcome new members (11:45am)
- Sun Oct 21 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**
Early service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Second Worship service, 10:30am
(Nursery provided; Sunday School)
Fellowship follows this service
- Fri Oct 26 November newsletter deadline for submission: noon
- Sat Oct 27 Navajo Taco Dinner, 5-7:30pm
- Sun Oct 28 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Early service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Second Worship service, 10:30am
(Nursery provided; Sunday School)
Fellowship follows this service

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