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The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

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La generosidad

"We are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, *so that we may take hold of the life that really is life.*" (1 Timothy 6:18-19)



In August, Janice L and I attended a stewardship event sponsored by the Synod of the Southwest. Presbyterian leaders from across the region gathered to explore the power of generosity in our lives.

Laura Mendenhall, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis in Bee Cave, Texas, spoke beautifully about nurturing generous hearts across generations. She shared ways she and her husband Chuck have been intentional about passing the gift of generosity on to their children and grandchildren.

"We are nurtured for generosity because we come to recognize ourselves as recipients of generosity," Laura said. We have all been recipients of generosity, both divine and human.

Geri Yeager volunteered to serve as one of our youth advisors when I was in middle school. He was a friend to me at that formative time. Years passed, and I found myself having to raise funds to support my work as a Presbyterian volunteer in mission. Although we had been out of touch, Geri learned of my situation.

He told me it wasn't often that a \$100 bill came his way. So when one did, he kept it. When he heard what I was doing, he decided to give those bills to support my work in mission. I was floored. Geri's gift numbered in the thousands. It was the largest

given. Ultimately his generosity empowered me to be generous with others.

When have you been a recipient of generosity? How does a generous heart, in others and in ourselves, transform the way we live?

Peace, Drew

SEPTEMBER Texts and Topics

September 1 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost — "Ultimate Freedom" Luke 14:1, 7-14; Galatians 6:11-18

September 8 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost — "Counting the Cost" Micah 6:6-8; Luke 14: 25-30

September 15 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost — "Grumble Grumble" 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 22 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Autumnal Equinox — "Faithful" Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Luke 16:1-1

September 29 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost — "There was a rich man..." 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

New Members

Yes, it's true! On Sunday, August 11th, the Session welcomed Randall and Ida B into membership at our church. They joined by letter of transfer from Calvary Baptist Church in Derby, Kansas. With military backgrounds and as their tour of duty dictated, Randall and Ida were stationed in diverse areas within our country. Accordingly, they have worshipped in many churches, most recently the

chapel at Kirtland Air Force Base. Upon retirement, they settled in Placitas and began attending LPPC earlier this year. Please introduce yourselves and continue to make them welcome!

LPPC – Retreats are Us!

Within the beautiful setting that is the village of Placitas, we continue to be in demand as a favored retreat site. During the August Session meeting, a retreat approval was granted to La Mesa Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, for Saturday, November 2nd. This has become a tradition for our friends at La Mesa and we're glad to play host.

Another visit and first time guest will come from the middle school kids of the Presbytery of Santa Fe. About thirty students and ten chaperones will be here Friday, November 8th through Sunday, November 10th. And yes, our own middle school-aged LPPC children will be among the mix.

Mr. D Joins the Crew

Our Session elder count is now up to nine with the addition of long time church member, Drexel D. A graduate of the University of New Mexico, School of Pharmacy, Drexel is an avid sports fan for everything Lobo and very active member of the booster club. He also is active in his profession, having served on both the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy and the National Board of Pharmacy for many years. Some of you may also remember that Drexel and wife, Carmen, were married in the church in 2002. Welcome Drexel—we're fortunate to have you serving our church.

~Bill L
Clerk of Session



Sunday Morning Adult Forum

The Sunday morning Adult Forum starts again on **September 8th at 9:15am** in the Upper Room. We will begin with a six-week study of **Christian Marriage** prepared by the Presbyterian Church (USA), with supplemental resources from The Covenant Network of Presbyterians. The study is designed to help church members and leaders reflect together on the meaning and

practice of marriage in the Christian tradition, and to assist the church in responding mindfully and faithfully to current issues such as same-sex marriage. The sessions will be facilitated by various people within the LPPC congregation.

The six sessions are:

- Sept 8 - The Gift of Marriage
- Sept 15 - God Created US
- Sept 22 - The Expression of Love
- Sept 29 - The Well-being of Society
- Oct 6 - A Holy Mystery
- Oct 13 - A New Way of Life

Monday Night Adult Study

The group will meet on **Monday, September 9th** to discuss and decide upon the book to study. Please join us at 7pm as we set the course for the next several weeks. Everyone is welcome!

Adult Bible Study

Beginning on **Wednesday, September 11th, from 10-11:30am** in the Upper Room, Karl G will host a twice monthly conversation about things Biblical. The Book of Genesis will be the center of attention for the Fall. The group will meet throughout the Autumn season on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please join us at any time!

CHILDREN

After having an exciting summer with Ghost Ranch and VBS Adventure we are now ready to start the new 2013-2014 Sunday School year. It will begin on **Sunday, September 15th** during the 10:30am worship service. Our goal is to ensure that all children have a happy, positive Sunday School experience and know that God loves them.

We will continue to use the curriculum published by the Presbyterian Church (USA)—**We Believe: God's Word for God's People**. It is a Bible-based series which encourages participation and creativity. We will start with a study of Paul and



what he had to say in some of his letters. We will also explore the prophets: Elijah, Micah, Jeremiah, and Isaiah.

This Fall the primary class (K-2nd) will be taught by Meredith L and Dana H. Our intermediate class (3rd and up) will be taught by Sally G and Jeff D. We are most excited about the new Confirmation Class lead by Elizabeth D, Tom T, and Beth S. This new class will meet between services from 9:15-10:15am.

It is very important that we have two adults in the room with children at all times. Once again we will be asking for "Assistant Volunteers." Please consider signing up! It's easy to do, there's no preparation, you get to know the children, and to see just how smart they are.

It's going to be a great school year! The entire Christian Education Committee thanks you, the congregation, for your tremendous support. It is a pleasure to be a part of this church.

~Sally G, Co-Chair
Children's Christian Education Committee

The LPPC Stewardship committee is looking forward to planning a fascinating, scintillating, and inspiring annual campaign, which will take place in October. We hope that all our members and friends will be thinking of heart-felt ways to support our church programs, visions and dreams for the calendar year 2014.



Stay tuned....

~Janice L



Earth Care Fellowship

Will you bring the veggies?

Earth Care Fellowship will host a **Fall Equinox celebration after the church service September 22** with a feast of stone soup and corn bread. We'll prepare the corn bread and soup stock, please

bring a vegetable prepared (washed and diced) - ready to add to the soup pot or a jar of preserves for the corn bread.

Fans of Captain Kangaroo may remember the story of stone soup ...

Some travelers come to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot. Upon their arrival, the villagers are unwilling to share any of their food stores with the hungry travelers. Then the travelers go to a stream and fill the pot with water, drop a large stone in it, and place it over a fire. One of the villagers becomes curious and asks what they are doing. The travelers answer that they are making "stone soup," which tastes wonderful, although it still needs a little bit of garnish to improve the flavor, which they are missing. The villager does not mind parting with a few carrots to help them out, so that gets added to the soup. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the travelers again mention their stone soup which has not reached its full potential yet. The villager hands them a little bit of seasoning to help them out. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient. Finally, a delicious and nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by all.

UPCOMING IN OCTOBER:

Mark your calendar for Saturday October 5th at 9:00am - join us for the highway clean-up of our LPPC mile on Hwy 165, sponsored by the Earth Care Fellowship.

~Ruth W

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

"**Making the Invisible Visible**" is an activity a group of photographers at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church will be engaging in the **first and third Friday afternoons at 1pm in the Upper Room beginning on September 6th.** To participate, one need only have a desire to look at the beauty of God's creation through the lens of a camera and a willingness to show others what you see. If you are interested, bring between five and ten photos that you have taken to "show and tell" and bring along your favorite camera.



~Peter F-K

The New LPPC Online Photo Directory will be rolling out at the end of September. You will be able to access it from our website with password

protection and you can download an app to your smart phone, tablet or computer so you will have the contacts with you at all times. On Sunday, September 15 and 22, there will be demonstrations in Fellowship Hall after church to show you how easy it is to use. Bring your technology to church!

The annual LPPC Directory (not online) will also be available on September 29th. This is emailed in pdf format to individuals with email addresses. Hard copies will be available as usual for those who want it in that format.

Please be sure that your contact information is up-to-date. There are forms in Fellowship Hall that you can complete **if there is a change or addition**. If you would like to be **included, in the directory for the first time**, please fill out a form as well or contact Cory at lppcaa@lasplacitaschurch.org) or call the office at 867-5718. A draft copy for your review will be available in Fellowship Hall on September 8 & 15.

We are looking forward to introducing this new online directory to you as well as providing our annual updated format.

~Wendy I and Russell M
Membership committee

MEMBER PROFILE DAN S



Dan was born and raised in the small town of Bayard, Nebraska. His grandfather and grandmother made their way to western Nebraska at the turn of the century to raise their family. His grandfather was admired by family and friends for teaching himself and his children to read and write, and becoming American citizens. This example of hard work was an influence on Dan's father and himself.

Dan moved to Denver, CO in 1963 to attend Denver Technical College to study technical illustration. After completion of that degree, he changed course to become a carpenter/woodworker and soon after joined the Carpenters and Millworkers Union where he was an apprentice. In 1971 he took the Journeyman state test and was first in the state of Colorado! He competed in the Nationals in Detroit and came in second, but remained in Denver.

In 1979 he became a carpenter at Rocky Flats Nuclear Plant. After three years, he was foreman to eighteen carpenters and painters. He retired from management in 1996 from Rocky Flats. During this time, he met Carol. They married in 1988 and moved to Longmont, Colorado.

He became self-employed in 1996, working for Conoco constructing the cabinetry for their gas station restaurants. An interesting station that he built was one that was two stories and next to Mile High Stadium in Denver.

During the 1990's Dan worked with the architect building Prospect, Colorado, a new urbanist housing development near Longmont. Dan created furniture, became "jack of all trades" and loved the experience.

Dan and Carol moved to Budaghers, NM in 2010 to get away from the things that go hand in hand with the over population of the front range of Colorado. Having had relatives in New Mexico as a child, Carol developed a love for the state which never waned, and it transferred to Dan, as well. She found the property on the Internet.

Dan has three children from a previous marriage. Shea is a stockbroker in Denver and has two children. Danielle works for an international contractor in accounting. She has one child and also lives in Denver. Candace is a Probation Officer for the City and County of Denver and has one child.

One of the best trips Dan has taken was for their honeymoon...a rock and roll theme cruise on the Norway cruise ship which took in the eastern Caribbean. Dan would like to visit the Smithsonian and the monuments in Washington, DC, and see the Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, and Disneyland or Disney World. He'd like to see Bermuda and do a zip line in Costa Rica or on a cruise ship.

If there were a fire, Dan would make sure his wife, dogs, and horse were okay, then gather photos and important papers.

Things that he had wanted to do as a young man: learn to play guitar or the saxophone. Five things Dan could not live without would be their dogs, Cornhusker football, New Mexican food, sunsets from their house, and gecko lizards.

Having been active in their church in Lyons, Colorado, they attended many different churches after moving to Budaghers. After visiting a craft show at LPPC in the fall of 2010, they came for Good Friday service in 2011. After meeting Drew, they knew this was the church they had been looking for. From the minute they were greeted, LPPC people have welcomed them with open arms. "We were home!"

Dan and Carol are completing a studio that they have been working on for a couple of years. One side will be for Carol's sandblast glass and fused glass, and the other side is for Dan's wood shop. They both have new ideas for incorporating their different mediums. Dan has made some of the furniture in their home. In addition to completing the studio, Dan accompanies Carol "on the road" because she is in two bands as pianist/keyboardist. They expect to start traveling more extensively with the one band soon.

~Wendy I & Betty C

SEPTEMBER Calendar Highlights

- Sun Sept 1 **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Communion is served
Ordination and Installation of Drexel Douglas as Elder
 Single combined worship, 9:30am
 (Nursery provided)
- Mon Sept 2 **Labor Day**—church office is closed
- Wed Sept 4 **Jardineros de Placitas**
 9am-12noon
 Choir begins rehearsals, 7pm
- Fri Sept 6 Photography Group, 1pm
- Sun Sept 8 **16th Sunday after Pentecost**
Full schedule resumes
Ken Cuthbertson is preaching
 Early service, 8:30am
 Adult Forum, 9:15am
 Second Worship service, 10:30am
 Nursery provided
 Fellowship follows this service
Session meets to welcome new members, 11am, Upper Room
- Mon Sept 9 Monday Night Adult Study, 7pm
- Wed, Sept 11 Bible Study, 10-11:30am

- Sun Sept 15 **17th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Early service, 8:30am
 Adult Forum, 9:15am
 Second Worship service, 10:30am
 Nursery provided—Sunday School
 Fellowship follows this service
- Mon Sept 16 Monday Night Adult Study, 7pm
- Fri Sept 20 Photography Group, 1pm
- Sun Sept 22 **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Early service, 8:30am
 Adult Forum, 9:15am
 Second Worship service, 10:30am
 Nursery provided—Sunday School
 Fellowship follows this service
- Fall Equinox Celebration with Stone Soup**—follows 10:30am service in Fellowship Hall
- PAS Reception & Concert, 2-5pm**
- Mon Sept 23 Monday Night Adult Study, 7pm
- Wed Sept 25 Bible Study, 10-11:30am
- Sat Sept 28 PAS hangs art in Fellowship Hall, 8-9:30am
- Sun Sept 29 **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Early service, 8:30am
 Adult Forum, 9:15am
 Second Worship service, 10:30am
 Nursery provided—Sunday School
 Fellowship follows this service
- Annual Pancake Brunch** follows this service in Fellowship Hall
- Mon Sept 30 Monday Night Adult Study, 7pm

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