

# The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

September 2014



## *Welcome*

Welcome to the fall and the beginning of a new season of ministry here at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. Following a Summer Sabbath from many of our regular activities, our full schedule of events resumes after Labor Day.

On September 7th, we return to our two service schedule on Sundays with worship at both 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Our adult and children's Christian education programs also return in full that first Sunday of September. The adult forum meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room between services. The children's classes are held concurrent with our 10:30 a.m. service.

Our monthly committee meetings schedule also resumes in September, as well as our Monday through Friday office hours here at the church. There are many opportunities for you to share your gifts and talents in and through the life of the congregation. I encourage you to find meaningful ways both to receive and to give life in this community.

I'd like to offer a special welcome to David. David joins us as our new Music/Choral Director here at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. David is a graduate of The Ohio State University, where he received a Bachelor of Music Education. He also has a Master of Music from Illinois State University and a Master of Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton. David has taught music in public schools as well as led choirs in diverse congregational settings. In addition to his love for music, David is the Principal of the Apache Elementary School in Albuquerque. It is an honor to welcome David Bennett to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. We are fortunate to be able to share in ministry with him. Welcome David!

I look forward to sharing another beautiful fall with all of y'all.

Peace,

~ Drew

## **Texts and Topics**

September 7 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
"Being Church" Psalm 149; Matthew 18:15-20

September 14 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
"Have Mercy" Psalm 103:1-13; Matthew 18:21-35

September 21 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost "I Am the Lord your God" Psalm 105:1-6; Exodus 16:2-15

September 28 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
"Blest Be the Tie" Presbytery-wide Pulpit Exchange

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The summer came to an end with a fun-filled "**Lock-in**" on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for our Youth Group. Santiago H, William J, Annabella M, Missy H, and Claire S had a delightful time under the care of Jeff D, Carolyn M, and Tamara H. Into the very wee hours of the night they played games (Monopoly, Twister), watched movies (*Baby Mama*), and entertained each other with their brilliant karaoke skills.

The menu for the night included: Frito-chili pie, chocolate caramel ice cream bars, puppy chow (a mixture of rice chex, chocolate chips, peanut butter, and powdered sugar), and Funyuns. Early that morning the boys took their bed rolls to the Upper Room and the girls downstairs in the Youth room. Our youth were awakened with the smells of waffles, bacon and eggs, blueberries and strawberries served by Jeff D. and Carolyn M. All had a great time! We thank the youth for their participation and especially the adults who gave a night of sleep to our wonderful youth.

Teachers are now gearing up for an exciting new Sunday School year with our Presbyterian series *We Believe*. This quarter's stories attest to God's presence in the lives of ordinary men, women, and children. "God's presence and faithfulness extend even to decidedly unexemplary people". As a teacher I am often so thankful for all I learn with this children's series and I am enthusiastically looking forward to this group of new lessons which starts with some Genesis scripture and moves to Exodus, then Samuel, 2Kings and finally Luke.

Our returning teachers, Jeff & Elizabeth D, Meredith L, Tom T, and I are **welcoming Judie H to our team**. Judy is not new to Christian education. She has taught here at LPPC and remembers when Dana H was in her kindergarten class! We are very excited and privileged to have Judie on our team. As always, anyone wishing to join us just "say the word" and you will find that many blessings come along with this important job. Once again, I thank our team for all the dedication and love they give our children each Sunday.

~ Sally G. / Elizabeth D.  
Co-Chairman, Children's Christian Ed

## ADULT FORUM

### *The Bible for Dummies*

Beginning on September 7, at 9:20 a.m. in the Upper Room, the Adult forum will begin a series of classes from the book *The Bible for Dummies* by Dr. Jeffrey Geoghegan and Dr. Michael Homan. The classes will provide an introduction to Bible basics. The authors refer to it as a "tour" of the book. It is written in an accessible, engaging, and humorous way; but also with deep respect for both Jewish and Christian traditions and use of the Bible.

The intention is to study the chapters going through the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) now, and then to return in the winter or spring to the historical books and prophets. Next fall we will continue with a similar series on the New Testament.

While there will be a few "loaner copies of the book available, those intending to participate in the class are encouraged to buy either the print or electronic version for themselves. It is available on Amazon for about \$13.50 plus shipping.

Sept. 7 - "Chapter 1: From Moses to Modernity: Introducing the Good Book"

Sept. 14 - "Chapter 2: Lights, Camera, Action! Previewing the Bible's Stage and Storyline"

Sept. 21 - "Chapter 3: Creation, Paradise Lost, and Other Mysteries of Life (Genesis 1-3)"

Sept. 28 - "Chapter 4: The Fallout from 'The Fall' (Genesis 4-11)"

Oct. 5 - "Chapter 5: The Babylonian Hillbillies: The Adventures of Abraham and His Family (Genesis 12-25:18)"

Oct. 12 - "Chapter 6: The Birth of a Nation: Isaac, Jacob, and Their Many Children (Genesis 25:19-50)"

Oct. 19 - "Chapter 7: Holy Moses! Exploring Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy"

The Adult Forum meets at 9:20 a.m. on Sunday morning in the Upper Room.

~ Rev. Ken C

## HEALTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

The Health Ministry Partnership is gearing up for our next project titled **Life Files**. For those that wish to participate, it will be an opportunity to house all of your important information in one place for your loved ones to access when you are either no longer able to make your own decisions or when you have passed away. Chapters will be distributed to work on each month until the entire book is complete.

You will be hearing more about this project in the next month. The roll-out will likely be in October.

Thank You,

~ Members of the Health Ministry Partnership".

## MEMBER PROFILE

### **STEVE C.**

Steve was born in Burlington, Iowa. When he was six months old, he was diagnosed with life-threatening asthma. The doctors recommended that the family move to a warmer, dryer climate. His parents, along with his older sister, packed up and moved to Corpus Christi, Texas where his health quickly improved. Steve grew up there and after high school attended University of Texas at Austin. He majored in History and Political Science. He also was intrigued with and studied Swahili, a language from East Africa. After college, he worked in a gas station and a grocery store (not exactly what he thought he would be doing after graduating). He moved to Houston and began a job as a data processor and programmer. This entailed airborne and marine surveys collecting either seismic, radiometric, or photogrammetric data. The various data were used to produce either geophysical surveys looking for oil and gas, tax surveys looking for money or radiometric surveys looking for uranium. For more information, please talk to Steve!

Steve lived in Houston till 2011 and was employed by a company based out of Norway (GECO) that was involved in 3D marine seismic surveys. While employed, he traveled 5-6 times to Norway and it became one of his favorite places. He liked his job as a technical applications programmer because it combined problem solving along with creativity and science.

During the time in Houston, he met and married Joan while they both worked for GECO. Steve was producing a technical manual for a graphical analysis program and Joan was turning his geeky prose into something readable. They really enjoyed watching the sunset from his office at the end of the work day. One of their favorite vacation spots was the southwest. They loved to travel the off roads of NM and would stay in the East Mountains and travel over Route 14 to Placitas, exploring the area. They ate many times at the Pinon Café since they were ready for a break after the bumpy road of Rt. 14. After a few times visiting the area, they began looking for a lot to build on and fell in love with the area where the horses were roaming and the land had a 360-degree vista. They bought their current lot and moved to NM in 2011, and then began building their dream house on their dream lot. They rented in Rio Rancho while it was being built.

Steve's hobbies are the refurbishing of a 1974 "Thing" Volkswagen. VW only made this car for 2 years before the EPA's many regulations killed it. He likes target shooting rocks in the BLM in his backyard, carpentry projects around the house, "critter" watching, reading and cooking (he has recently taken up grilling).

If Steve could meet anyone, he would like to meet the Architect of the Pyramids. His travels have included South America (Brazil and Venezuela), the UK, Norway (he said you can't take a bad photograph in Norway) and experiencing the natural beauty there.

Things that he would still like to do would be to visit Gettysburg, complete house projects and visit Cairo, Egypt.

In an emergency, Steve would grab his PC's external hard drives, his great grandfather's shotgun and a portrait of Joan when she was a child.

A few things that Steve would not want to live without are books, his PC and his tools.

Steve likes to attend LPPC because the people are wonderful, caring, open and welcoming.

~ Betty C. & Wendy I.

# September Calendar

<b>Mon</b>	<b>9/1</b>		Labor Day – Church office closed	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9/21</b>		<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>9/2</b>	7:30-9am 8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café			8:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Early Service, Upper Rm Adult Forum, Upper Rm Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary ~Nursery is provided
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9/3</b>	1:45-2:30pm 9am – 12pm	Kids Karate Jardineros				Placitas Artist Series Concert and Reception AA, Upper Room
<b>Thu</b>	<b>9/4</b>	1:45-2:30pm 7:00pm	Kids Karate Choir Practice			2:00pm	Adult Study Group
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9/5</b>	7:30-9am	Yoga, Upper Room	<b>Mon</b>	<b>9/22</b>	7:00pm	Yoga, Upper Room
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9/6</b>	9am-11am	Casa Rosa Pantry	<b>Tue</b>	<b>9/23</b>	7:30-9am 8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9/7</b>		<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>				Kids Karate
		8:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Early Service, Upper Rm Adult Forum, Upper Rm Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary ~Nursery is provided. ~Sunday School kick-off Pancake Breakfast	<b>Thu</b>	<b>9/25</b>	1:45-2:30pm 1:45-2:30pm 7:00pm	Kids Karate Choir Practice
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9/8</b>	7:00pm	AA, Upper Room	<b>Fri</b>	<b>9/26</b>	7:30-9am	Yoga, Upper Room
<b>Tue</b>	<b>9/9</b>	7:00 pm 7:30-9am 8:00am	Adult Study Group Yoga, Upper Room Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café	<b>Sat</b>	<b>9/27</b>	9am-11am 11am-2pm	Casa Rosa Pantry Barrett House ChariTEA
<b>Thu</b>	<b>9/11</b>	1:45-2:30pm 1:45-2:30pm 7:00pm	Kids Karate Kids Karate Choir Practice	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9/28</b>		<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9/12</b>	7:30-9am	Yoga, Upper Room			8:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Early Service, Upper Rm Adult Forum, Upper Rm Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary ~Nursery is provided.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9/13</b>	9am-11am	Casa Rosa Pantry	<b>Mon</b>	<b>10/1</b>	7:00pm 9:00am 7:00 pm	AA, Upper Room Jardineros Adult Study Group
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9/14</b>		<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>				
		8:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Early Service, Upper Rm Adult Forum, Upper Rm Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary ~Nursery is provided.				
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9/15</b>	7:00pm	AA, Upper Room				
<b>Tue</b>	<b>9/16</b>	7:00 pm 7:30-9am 8:00am	Adult Study Group Yoga, Upper Room Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café				
<b>Thu</b>	<b>9/18</b>	1:45-2:30pm 1:45-2:30pm 7:00pm	Kids Karate Kids Karate Choir Practice				
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9/19</b>	7:30-9am	Yoga, Upper Room				
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9/20</b>	9am-11am	Casa Rosa Pantry				

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