



Worship Services

April 5 – Easter Sunday

“The Risen Christ: The Lessons and Carols of Easter
Mark 16:1-8

April 12 - Second Sunday of Easter

“So that You may have Life”
John 20:19-31

April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Steve Miller preaching

April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

“In God”
1 John 3:16-24

Standing in the Doorway

I recently had a conversation with a group of friends about vocation and calling. We were discussing our own experiences of being called in our lives and the ongoing processes of discovering our true nature. Parker Palmer refers to this as “a strange gift, this birthright gift of self.”

Vocation is foundational for both individuals and communities. Unfortunately, any vocational training we might receive often has much more to do with the teaching of a task or a discipline than the provision of tools that enable and encourage us to discover our very essence.

Our calling as people and as a people is to discover that which brings us deep joy and out of that joy to then engage with the world in meaningful, life-changing ways. It is our very nature given to us by God that provides both the potential and the promise of life fulfilled.

What gifts have you been given? What gifts have we received? The gift of new life out of what appears to be only death dealing is at the heart of the Easter message. This transformation emerges at the core of our Christian faith. As we move together into and through this Easter season, may the words of a poem inspire you:

*We look with uncertainty
beyond the old choices for
clear-cut answers
to a softer, more permeable aliveness
which is every moment
at the brink of death;
for something new is being born in us
if we but let it.*

*We stand at a new doorway,
awaiting that which comes...
daring to be human creatures,
vulnerable to the beauty of existence.*

Learning to love.

~ Anne Hillman

Peace be with you,
Drew

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Egg-citing April!

We had an **Egg-citing Easter on April 5th**. Our Sunday school classes listened to the stories of John and Matthew, recounting the final days of Christ's life while anticipating the joy of Easter and God's goodness. Activities included an Easter Bingo game, an egg relay and an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the little ones through fifth grade. Children up to five years old scouted for their eggs in the Children's Playground while the older children six through fifth grade hunted in the Memorial Garden.

Our Mid-High and High School Youth went on a "**Treasure Hunt**" where the Easter story came alive. They found twelve colorful eggs containing objects that illustrate key events in the death, burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. After collecting the twelve treasures they realized the great "Treasures" given to us on Easter.

On **April 25th** our youth will host a delicious **Spaghetti Dinner in the LPPC Fellowship Hall**. Your waiters will be ready to take your orders at **5:30 p.m.** Come, and be transported to another land while enjoying Italian music and cuisine, and enchanting atmosphere. All proceeds will go to the Ghost Ranch and L.A. Mission Trip Youth Fund. Tickets will be on sale after church or at the door. Tips are greatly appreciated!

Once again we say "**Thank you!**" to all the men and women who give their time and hearts to our children every Sunday. Thank you to Jeff D, Judie H, Trip J, Steve C, Karen M, Carmen D, Dana H, Beth S, Mary Helen J, Leslie O and Sally G.

~ Sally G & Elizabeth D/Co-Chairs

SESSION

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It's getting to be a happy habit on second Sundays with Session climbing the Stairway to Heaven, oops, I mean to the Upper Room...kind'a the same thing, right? Anyway, I digress, to welcome, or so we originally thought, two new members!

On this sunny and warm in March we were joined by Karen F (who's been attending LPPC about two months and almost immediately joined the choir) and son of Elder Betty M, Steve M, a lifelong Presbyterian (did the kid have a choice?).

Karen F told us that while she was involved in spiritual counseling at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Beaumont, Texas, a participating minister there influenced her in a very significant manner - so much so, that after a family relocation to New England, she entered Andover-Newton Theological School and was subsequently ordained into the Congregational Church! Another career calling necessitated a family relocation, this time to New Mexico, which brought Karen to our church and us.

Steve M, who immediately began worshipping with us when he relocated to Placitas from Austin, Texas nine months ago, stated that a Catholic deacon he had met in counseling was instrumental in altering his thinking into longer terms - specifically, eternity! He furthered by stating that a church life was "inescapable," being the son of devout Presbyterian parents. Over the months here at Las Placitas Church, he's made many friends and engaged in service work within the church - lucky us.

Karen F stated her intention to join Las Placitas Presbyterian Church by affirmation of faith while Steve M through letter of transfer from Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norman, Oklahoma. Both agreed to offer their time, talent, energy, financial resources, to be committed, and to make LPPC an important part of their lives. A motion was then made and approved by attending Session members

accepting them into membership at Las Placitas Church.

*The Bad and Good News: after investigation with our Presbytery I learned that an ordained pastor of any faith cannot become a church member. However, if Karen so desires she can take action to become a member of the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

Sincerely yours,
Bill L, Clerk of Session

EARTHCARE

Our Children and Our Earth

What could be better than combining the two most important things in this world for a whole long weekend?

This is a great opportunity for grandparents, parents, aunts or uncles, cousins, guardians or friends to enjoy real quality time with the children in their lives in one of the most spectacular landscapes in NM.



Wild GRACE is a program coordinated by New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light working with faith communities in New Mexico to provide opportunities of healing and leadership building with an eye to the future. Programs integrate wisdom from religious traditions, exploration and wonder of the natural world, education, Earth care and environmental education.

Wild GRACE Retreat is a 3.5 day program designed for children ages 8 - 12 accompanied by a parent or other adult mentor located at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM. Each day will be filled with activities that will delight the young people and enthrall the adults. Activities include hiking, boating, swimming, archery, cosmic eggs, art projects, service projects and council of all beings which are **opportunities to explore and celebrate our Earth through faith and creation care.**

Wild GRACE Retreat will be Friday June 4, 2015 starting at 4 pm through Sunday June 7, 2015 at 11 am. Please register as soon as possible but no later than April 15, 2015. Discounts and scholarships available.

A one page flyer with summary of the retreat and retreat slide show with pictures and highlights from the 2014 retreat is attached. We will post them on the church website soon.

See Pastor Drew or Ruth W about your questions or send them to wildgrace@NM-IPL.org

Thomas Berry, Passionist Priest said:

Tell them [the youth] that they must also develop the inner vision we need if we are to make the adjustments required for a viable future. Our existential questions must now be: How do we relate to the earth and to the universe? Our most basic issue is how we bond with the earth.

~Ruth W, EarthCare

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study Group is doing a trial run to see if the congregation might like to subscribe to *These Days*, a Presbyterian daily devotional booklet, for use at home. The booklet features a daily bible reading, a commentary about it, and a prayer for each day. They are printed quarterly, 4 issues per year. In a few weeks, we'll have a few sample copies for you to peruse alongside a signup sheet that will be on the table near the sanctuary doors. **The Worship and Music Committee** generously agreed to sponsor the subscriptions and must know how many copies to order. If *These Days* piques your interest, don't wait - add your name to the subscription list!

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Report

There are no glowing embers in the fireplace. There isn't even a fireplace. But there is a warm friendliness in the groups who are attending the Stewardship Committee's monthly 'fireside chats.' We're hosting these meetings to show members and friends how our contributions help the church fulfill its mission. We share a booklet, prepared by Nancy U, featuring a narrative budget, and we talk about the generosity that makes our church strong. We've held 3 meetings so far, and people have responded favorably.

Church members and friends are invited to the meetings by Nancy W because we hope to reach a variety of people at each. However, if you would like to come to a specific meeting, please contact one of us, and we'll be glad to include your name. Meetings for the remainder of the spring will occur on the following schedule:

April 20th—Monday evening at 6:30

May 19th—Tuesday morning at 10:00

June 28th—Sunday afternoon at 3:00

July 20th—Monday evening at 6:30

This year-long effort is a new pattern of conducting stewardship. It replaces the traditional fall campaign. Our fireside chats at LPPC hope to introduce our congregation to a new concept of financial support. We look forward to seeing you at a fireside chat.

Save the date!

The Isotopes' All Faiths Night will be July 19th. So mark your calendars and plan to attend. We have 51 tickets reserved for great seats in Section 103, rows S,T,U and V, under the canopy. (No chance of catching a fly ball.) Seats are \$11.50 each, which is the price no matter what age. Sign-ups will be in late spring, with payments due in late June.

Going to an Isotopes' baseball game is great fun, even if you're not particularly keen on baseball. Watching the Sandias turn pink, checking out the people, buying overpriced food, cheering for the green chile in the race around the bases, singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and even glancing

at the field when a player makes a good play are all super reasons for spending a delightful evening with church friends at the Isotopes park.

So be sure to mark your calendar: Sunday, July 19th, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship Committee: Janice L, Nancy U, Nancy W

ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum meets each Sunday morning at 9:20 a.m. (following the early service) in the Upper Room. In April there will be a variety of offerings:

April 5: HAPPY EASTER! Adult Forum will NOT meet.

April 12: Health Ministry Partnership hosts a presentation on "Strokes" by Dr. David S and Dr. Jerry F.

April 19: Earth Readings I - selected poems and excerpts of writings by naturalist and conservationist authors including John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Wendell Berry, Annie Dillard, Mary Oliver, etc.

April 26: Earth Readings II – continued.

Please join us!

Blessings,
Rev. Ken C

HEALTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

Life File: Chapter 6

Life File Note from your Health Ministry Partnership:

It's time, once again, to dig out your Life File Notebook and fill in another chapter. Spending a little bit of time each month helps to break up this important task into bite-sized chunks. Stay with it! We're more than halfway done.

Last month we filled in Chapter 5 with the information about your "liquid", or constantly-changing, money flow. This month we'll look at your long-term savings and investments.

Chapter 6 provides a way to organize a list of all of your investments, those that you do not access regularly to pay ongoing expenses. These items include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, Certificates of Deposit (CD's) or any other type of investments in your nest egg. In the event that you are unable to manage these investments yourself, your trusted loved ones need to know where they are, who your broker or advisor is and how to contact them on your behalf. Chapter 6 includes some pages for you to list all the information about your biggest investment, which is your home. What is the legal description? Where is the title or title insurance for the property? How are your property taxes paid? Is the property secured with a mortgage or other loan? The answers to these important questions can be listed here for your home or primary residence, as well as for any other real estate that you may own or have an interest in, such as property used for vacation, farming or rental.

If you do not have a Life File notebook, there are some blank copies in the library or see Delfina. As always, please contact any member of your Health Ministry Partnership if you have any questions.

~ Tom L

FELLOWSHIP

Refreshment Sign Up

The refreshment signup sheet is on the kitchen counter next to the coffee maker, and it appears below. Will you sign up for a Sunday in April or May? **Thank you!**



Sunday, April 12	Sue, Louise, & Nan
Sunday, April 19	The M's & The H's
Sunday, April 26	
Sunday, May 3	
Sunday, May 10	
Sunday, May 24	
Sunday, May 31	

MEMBER PROFILE

Charles D

Charles (Charlie) was born at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. He lived for a few months in Placitas when his parents moved to ABQ until he was 8 years so his father could be near his job. The family returned to Placitas and Charlie attended elementary school in Placitas, and then grades 6th to 12th in Bernalillo. He worked at several jobs while in HS (at a gas station in Bernalillo and housekeeping at Nazareth Hospital). Shortly after graduation he attended electronics school in ABQ where he received his certificate and spent 2 years working with his cousins Bert and Eddie in a shop in Bernalillo repairing small appliances and TV's. Then Charlie began working for Southern Union Gas Company in ABQ, which evolved to Gas Co. of New Mexico and then to PNM. He started out as a trainee and worked up to being in charge of a "fuel cell", exactly like what was used on the shuttles, but a lot larger! Ask him about it and he will explain what it does. Charlie retired from PNM after 33 years of loyal and happy service!

He and Vivian have been married for 47 years. Charles built their home where they currently live in Placitas. They have one son, Dean Michael, who has served in the military for 17 years and is currently Staff Sergeant in the Army. Dean has served 2 tours in Iraq.

Charlie loves to work with wood and made all the cabinets in his house and is currently working on a playhouse for his grandchildren. He also likes to fish occasionally (especially near their Blue Water cabin.) Charles is "THE COOK" at home and loves to bake pies.

If he could meet anyone in history, it would be Jose L. He was his great-grandfather. He was a descendant of settlers of Spain and one of the founding fathers in Placitas. Charlie's grandmother, Florinda D, always talked about Jose and how smart he was. Jose L was her father.

Charlie has visited New York City, Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls and Hawaii. He did volunteer

work at an orphanage in Mexico. He would have liked to travel more and go to Spain and other countries.

Charlie's most beloved possession is an electric guitar given to him by his parents for Christmas when he was 15. (It was very special because at that time, money was very scarce and to receive a gift of this proportion was amazing!) It inspired him to learn to play and while in high school played with some friends in a band that played at dances, weddings and once even on TV (The Johnny Appleseed Show)!

He doesn't think that he could live without chile (red AND green); and his Model-A car.

Charlie's parents, Ephraim D and Ida T had 7 children – Paul, Charlie, Donald, Vivian, Virginia Rivera, Jeffrey and Steve. He wants Donald to be remembered in a very special way – when Donald was 5 mos. old, he was very sick with a high fever which damaged his brain and caused sporadic seizures throughout his life. Because he was full of energy, the brothers and sisters looked out for him. He helped do chores and one day was watering the family garden, when he had a seizure and fell face down into a ditch with water where he drowned. He was 21 years old.

Charlie and his brother, Paul, loved to explore all the mountains and hills in Placitas and have many stories about the area. Ask Charlie about the "Pizza Pie"!

Charlie and Vivian were selected to escort a water sample to Washington D.C. Las Acequias entered the village water in a contest sponsored by the Rural Water Association's and won best water in the state. Rural Water winners met with Pete Dominici and were escorted by him through the underground tunnel to the Senate.


One thing you may not know about Charlie and Vivian is they used to make wine from their homegrown grapes and cherries. They even have their own label (see pictures).


Charlie's favorite thing about LPPC is the people! I've seen different people come and go and have made a lot of very good friends in church over the years.

April 2015
Betty C
Wendy I


April 2015

Wed 4/1 9:00am Jardineros
7:30pm Women's Prayer Circle, Library

Thu 4/2  Maundy Thursday
7:00pm Evening Worship

Fri 4/3  Good Friday, no service

Sat 4/4 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room
9:00am Casa Rosa Food Pantry

**Sun 4/5  Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday**
6:30am Easter Sunrise Service
8:30am Easter Morning Service
10:30am Easter Service with Choir, Sanctuary
~Nursery is provided
~Sunday School: Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Potluck Brunch follows this service

Mon 4/6 7:00pm AA, Upper Room
7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Rm


Tue 4/7 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room
Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café
6:00pm Personnel Mtg, Upper Room
7:00pm Finance Mtg, Upper Room

Wed 4/8 10:00am Bible Study, Upper Room

Thu 4/9 9:00am Placitas Sage Cohousing Mtg, Up Rm
1:00pm Stewardship Mtg, Curves

Fri 4/10 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room

Sat 4/11 9:00am Officer Training
Casa Rosa Food Pantry

Sun 4/12  2nd Sunday of Easter
8:30am Early Service, Upper Rm
9:15am Adult Forum, "Strokes", Sanctuary
Choir Practice, Upper Room
10:30am Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary
~Nursery is provided.
~Sunday School
11:45am Session Mtg- New Members, Upr Rm
1:00pm Placitas Sage Cohousing Mtg, Up Rm
7:00pm AA, Upper Room

Mon 4/13 7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Rm

Tue 4/14 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room
Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas Café
1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Deacons Mtg, Upper Rm
7:00pm Session Mtg, Upper Rm

Wed 4/15 7:30pm Women's Prayer Circle

Thu 4/16 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Fri 4/17 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room

Sat 4/18 9:00am Casa Rosa Food Pantry
3:00pm Intergroup Speaker Meeting, Fellowship

Sun 4/19  3rd Sunday of Easter
8:30am Early Service, Upper Rm
9:15am Adult Forum, Upper Rm
10:30am Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary
~Nursery is provided.
~Sunday School
2:00pm Placitas Artist Series Concert & Reception
7:00pm AA, Upper Room

Mon 4/20 6:30pm Stewardship Fireside Chat, Upper Rm
7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Rm

Tue 4/21 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room
Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café
1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Casa Rosa Board Mtg

Wed 4/22  Earth Day
10:00am Bible Study, Upper Room

Thu 4/23 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Fri 4/24 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room

Sat 4/25 9:00am Casa Rosa Food Pantry
6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 

Sun 4/26  4th Sunday of Easter
8:30am Early Service, Upper Rm
9:15am Adult Forum, Upper Rm
10:30am Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary
~Nursery is provided.
~Sunday School
12:00pm HMP Mtg, Upper Rm
1:00pm Placitas Sage Cohousing, Upper Rm
7:00pm AA, Upper Room
7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Rm

Mon 4/27 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room
Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas Café
1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg

Wed 4/29 7:30pm Womens Prayer Circle, Library

Thu 4/30 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Fri 4/31 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room