



Worship Services

June 7 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

"The Message of the Cross"

Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25/2:6-8

June 14 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Ruach in Creation"

Genesis 1:1-3; Genesis 2:4-7

June 21 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Ruach in Prophetic Vision"

1 Samuel 10:1-12; Ezekiel 11

June 28 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"New Life Power"

Psalm 30; Mark 5:21-43

July 5 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"Ruach in Leaders"

Isaiah 11:1-5; Psalm 146

July 12 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

"Ruach in the Psalms"

Psalm 104:27-31; Psalm 51

July 19– Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

"Ruach in Jesus"

Isaiah 61:1-4; John 20:19-22

July 26 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

"The Bread of Life"

Psalm 145:10-18; John 6:1-21

Verano

Summer is here! We kicked off the season with our annual Worship in the Mountains. For the first time since I have been in Placitas, abundant water flowed from the springs at the campground in the Sandias. It was beautiful. Remember that our Sunday morning worship continues with a single, combined service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary throughout the summer months.

Over the course of the summer we will be exploring different elements of *ruach* in the Scriptures. *Ruach* is the life-giving force from God understood as God's breath or as divine wind. *Ruach* is also often translated as an animating spirit that comes from God. In our worship we will be looking at *ruach* in creation, in prophetic vision, in leaders, in the Psalms, and in Jesus.

Our children and youth will have exciting opportunities through Las Placitas Presbyterian this summer. In June our middle school youth will be going to Ghost Ranch for their Wild Grace Youth Week. In June with Elizabeth D, Tamara H, and Leslie O directing, our younger children will engage in a vacation bible school built upon stories of empathy and kindness in the Bible and in our lives. In July several of our high school youth will be traveling with a group from the Presbytery of Santa Fe to work in a mission with people who are homeless in Hollywood, California. I want to thank you for your support that makes all of these activities possible for our young people.

Finally, I want to thank Warren L, our choir director, for his service to the church. Warren and his wife Carol will be moving to Colorado this summer to be closer to family. We will officially say goodbye to the Larson's in worship on June 7th.

Enjoy the summer! ¡Que disfrutes el verano!

Peace, Drew

SESSION

Here We Go Again!

Last month I mentioned that the second Sunday new member blessings were becoming a much welcome habit. May was no exception. In fact, both a second and third Sunday Session meetings were called this month and that's a first!

First, who was on second?

On this day, we were joined by Mr. Carl and Mrs. Jackie A, who've been attending LPPC on their visits to Placitas for several years. Jackie A stated that her parents placed great importance on education-she took that to heart eventually earning a PHD in Geology, specializing in Planetary Sciences from the University of Hawaii! This impressive achievement was preceded by husband Carl whom had earned his doctorate in the same field from the University of Arizona!

Carl and Jackie's relationship had its beginning in Albuquerque New Mexico where Carl's father was Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church. Subsequent to marriage, their life centered on educational pursuits, while having and raising a growing family. Carl noted their professional life led them around the country, but once relocated, a priority was always finding a new Presbyterian Church home. Their final professional destination was Houston, Texas and NASA-the National Aeronautics and Space Administration- where they dedicated 25 years until their recent retirement. Jackie noted that the alluring mountains, openness, and mix of cultures of New Mexico had brought them "back home" to Placitas. The couple will join through letter of transfer from their church of record, Webster Presbyterian Church in Webster, Texas.

Second, who was on third?

On this day, we were joined by Mr. Roger M, who has been attending LPPC since his move to Placitas in 2013. Responding to Rev. Henry's question "other than your parents, who has influenced you in your Christian journey," Roger stated that, growing-up in south central Pennsylvania, he attended both Mennonite and Quaker churches and one mentor in particular, Rev. Rosenberger, made the most

memorable impressions in his young life. As an adult, Roger began attending Presbyterian churches in an around Pittsburgh.

Roger agreed to offer his time, talent, energy, financial resources, and commitment to make LPPC an important part of his life. He will join by reaffirmation of faith, stating his membership in the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, to longer be in effect. Regardless, we're delighted to welcome Roger into LPPC membership.

Third, who's our new church treasurer?

Current treasurer Ed G, having served for almost 3 ½ years had been hoping to step-down from this service position since the New Year. How timely then was the motion to approve Roger M as our newest church member, as he recently volunteered to serve as LPPC treasurer, if so elected? Formally educated in geology, but with a business background, he had met with Ed and reviewed the treasurer's responsibilities. Roger shared with Session that he is comfortable assuming those tasks. The specific start date was not discussed, but June 1st sounds about right.

~ Bill L Clerk of Session

DEACONS

The Deacon's would like to identify individuals willing to prepare dishes for our members and families in need during a crises, illness or death of a loved one. If this is something you would be able to do, please contact our office 505.867.5718. This need, fortunately, does not present itself often, but having such a list when it does occur would greatly benefit the work we do.

Thank you,
Pat T, Deacon's Moderator

STEWARDSHIP

Janice L
Nancy U
Nancy W
~ Stewardship Committee:

Save the date!



The Isotopes' All Faiths Night will be July 19th, 6:00 p.m. 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). All seats are \$11.50 each. Sign-ups will be in late spring, with payments due in late June.

Stewardship Report

Our year-round stewardship campaign continues, with monthly "fireside chat" meetings that introduce a narrative way of looking at our annual budget and encouragement for pledging to meet the budget.

A great side effect of our monthly meetings is that people who don't know each other well have found things in common. Two couples shared Air Force connections, and two people at our last meeting discovered they'd been born at the same hospital in Ohio. What wonderful ways of realizing that we're all family in our church!

Our next fireside chat will be on Sunday, June 28th, at 3:00. If you would like to attend, please contact Nancy W at 505-867-5718.

If you want to attend a fireside chat this fall, please see one of us on the Stewardship Committee:

CASA ROSA

Casa Rosa Update

Every other year Casa Rosa Food Pantry is required to have an on-site inspection by Roadrunner Food Pantry. This year we were due to be inspected again, and that took place on Saturday, April 18 during food distribution hours at Casa Rosa. The inspection was quite thorough and included checking the facility, appliances, grocery shelves, and storage areas. Plus there was the constantly-required paper work that needed to be reviewed. As in previous inspections, Casa Rosa was found to be in compliance and was described as "very organized and well run with lots of volunteers and happy clients." So we are very pleased to be highly rated again.

Last Saturday we were visited during food distribution hours by two friends of a former volunteer who now lives in Santa Fe. The friends did not want to visit museums or other tourist highlights but, instead, wanted to visit Casa Rosa. One of the friends works regularly at a food pantry in a large metropolitan area in California, and the other friend volunteers at that same food pantry, so they wanted to see, as their version of a busman's holiday, how Casa Rosa operates. These two visitors were in awe of Casa Rosa from the time they arrived until the moment they departed. Their CA food pantry passes out prepared boxes of food, and they were so surprised at how our clients are given the opportunity to shop for exactly the foods they want. They were amazed at our courtyard setting with its buffet table (which they are not allowed to have) and with our clients and volunteers mingling and socializing (given their clients take their boxes and immediately leave). They were astounded that the volunteers know our clients by name and often hug them (given they don't have the opportunity to get to know their clients personally and specifically aren't allowed to give hugs). As they left that morning, they mentioned that while

theirs is called a community food pantry, they felt the inclusion of the word “community” in the official name was entirely incorrect in their case, because Casa Rosa showed them what community really meant. The visit of those two individuals enabled us (volunteers and clients) to be able to see our food pantry in a different light and to appreciate anew the unique outreach mission called Casa Rosa Food Pantry that has been created here in Placitas.

Sherrill C

Chair, Casa Rosa Board of Directors

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Celebration & Thanks!

The **Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner** was a success. We want to thank our willing waiters: William & Kathryn J, Annabella M, Missy H, Santiago & Paco H, Jacob & Christian D, Thomas D, Jaycob & Ashton T, Xavier H, and Elijah O. They are the reason it was so much fun! The adults who made it all possible were: Suzie M, Charmaine L, Trip & Mary Helen J, Tamara H, Amy D, Ruth W, Carolyn M, Karen M, Leslie O, Carmen D, Jeff & Elizabeth D and Ed & Sally G. The profits from this dinner will help pay for the Senior High Mission Trip to L.A. and the Youth Week Retreat to Ghost Ranch. We especially want to thank the congregation for your continued support to our wonderful children.

The youth are continuing to earn the funds needed for the L.A. Mission Trip and the Ghost Ranch Retreat this summer. **The Sunflower Sale** made possible by Jerri F's donation of the flowers, made us a nice profit and helped thin out her beautiful flower garden. Thank you, Jerri!! We will end our fund raising this June with a **Bake Sale**.

This year we celebrated **Student/Teacher Appreciation Sunday** with flowers and cards honoring all involved in our Sunday school program. It's always hard to know how to say “thank you” to all the delightful children and dedicated teachers who have made this a great year. And with genuine love and gratitude we say “thank

you” to our **Youth leaders**: Jeff D, Trip J, Steve C, and Judy H. Our **K-2nd grade leaders**: Elizabeth D, Meredith L, Karen M, Tamara H, Anna H, Dana H, and our **3rd-5th grade leader** Sally G. We also want to thank all the **assistants** who happily volunteer each week: Mary Helen J (who is there just about every Sunday), Beth S, Carmen D, Karen M, Leslie O, Tamara H, Carolyn M. A “thank you” also needs to go out to Martha R who very quietly provides support and Christmas surprises to all the children for the last three years.

Carmen D, who organizes the **acolytes** each week, presented each with a wooden cross and leather necklace. We thank our acolytes for their sweet presence in the service: Thomas & Jonah D, Rob K, Zach L, Santiago H, Xavier H, Elijah O, Austin & Gia A and Dana D. Thank you, Carmen!

Organizing **VBS** for the summer is underway. Our leaders this year, Elizabeth D, Tamara H and Leslie O will have a fun and exciting program for grades K-5th. **VBS will run July 12th through the 16th**. It is held in the evening when we start off with a delightful meal then break into activities. All kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to participate in music production, games, and storytelling. We are looking for volunteers who want to have fun and help guide our children in the love of Christ. Please contact Elizabeth D, Tamara H, or Leslie O if you are interested.

Thinking about teaching Sunday School? We are adding a new class this coming school year! Contact Sally at 867-5718. Our children will touch your heart.

~Sally G, Children's Christian Ed Co-director

MEMBER PROFILE

Drexel D

Drexel was born in Clovis, NM because the doctor was out of town in his hometown of Portales. He lived in Portales through high school. Then he attended UNM in Albuquerque graduating with a degree in Pharmacy which was a 5 year degree back then. Drexel's Dad had a drug store in Portales and in Clovis. He worked for his Dad for 2 years in Clovis when Walgreen's came to town, bought his Dad's store and requested that Drexel be the store's pharmacist. He worked there for 2 years before moving to Santa Fe and working in the only Walgreens in town for 21 years. After being way overworked in Santa Fe, he resigned and went to work for his childhood friend Art H at Highland Pharmacy in Albuquerque. He worked with nursing homes in TX, NM and MT in the area of long term care and this was his favorite job. Although at first it was a breath of fresh air to get out of the pharmacy, after 7 years he was ready to retire (2000). Drexel has never really retired. Soon small town drug stores started calling him asking if he would take over while they went on vacations and he did. He did that for 5 years and then started working at Pharmacy Plus in Bernalillo. He has been there for 6 years but usually only works one day a week. Drexel was on the Nat'l Board of Pharmacy and was Chairman of Pharmacy in NM. This State Board of Pharmacy distinction was a governor's appointment. He was also awarded the Distinguished Alumni of the year award from the College of Pharmacy in 1997. "In 1993 Drexel was chosen from more than 200,000 pharmacists nationwide to participate in the Scope of Pharmacy Practice Project". Drexel was chosen as one of 11 pharmacists and 2 pharmacy technicians to meet in Wash. DC over a 2 year period to develop the scope of pharmacy and goals of the field. This was an amazing experience for Drexel.

Drexel always liked Placitas. He and Carmen moved to Placitas in Sept of 2000, just after the 11th. Dana arrived in November. Dana plays the violin and volleyball. Drexel considers her his greatest accomplishment! Stepson Ben works for the Corrections Dept. in Albuquerque and loves his job.

Drexel's hobbies include: hunting, fishing, golfing, backpacking, biking, gardening and camping in their new Apex travel trailer. One of his 15 minutes of fame was appearing on Nightline in June of 1997 discussing the fact that NM was the first state to make the pain medication *Stadol* a schedule-3 drug rather than a prescription. NM was also the first state to require people to sign when purchasing ephedrine back in 1996. Drexel knows all the players in New Mexico government. Over the years, he is frequently in Santa Fe working at changing the drug laws.

If he could meet anyone in history, his choice would be Ronald Reagan. Currently, it would be Ben Carson. One of his 2 favorite trips would be their 2011 trip to Switzerland when they spent 10 days staying with the daughter of the foreign exchange student his family housed while Drexel was a teenager. They have kept in touch all these years. The 2nd trip is their 2012 trip to Ireland. They went to the pub each night where there was always music and singing. Dana was just learning how to play the violin – she was always invited to play for them. There is so much history in Ireland. Drexel hopes to travel to the Lake Como region in Italy sometime.

In case of a fire, he would grab his 4 Tommy Macaione paintings. When Tommy was in need of rent money, he would call Drexel for help. He would give Drexel one of his paintings for the cash. They are worth far more now than he paid for them.





His bucket list includes backpacking in Alaska but he is thinking it would too difficult to do now. The things he wouldn't want to live without now are: guns (he has a concealed carry permit), exercise, green chile and coffee.

Drexel has always had Labs as pets. One day Chico and Drexel were out walking in their neighborhood. Chico was ahead sniffing around when Drexel saw 3 coyotes walking the ridgeline. He grabbed some rocks and ran as fast as he could calling Chico to come. One coyote rolled Chico when Drexel threw the rock and distracted him. Chico popped up and ran as fast as he could to Drexel and has been his best friend ever since!



Drexel enjoys the fellowship and the people he has met at LPPC the most.



June/July 2015
Wendy I

June 2015

Mon	6/1		National Say Something Nice Day	Sun	6/21		
Tue	6/2	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas				
		1:45pm	Café			9:30am	4th Day of Pentecost
			Yoga, Upper Room				Single Combined Service, Sanctuary
			Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall			7:00pm	Bake Sale, Fellowship
		6:00pm	Personnel Mtg, Upper Room				AA, Upper Room
		7:00pm	Finance Mtg, Upper Room	Mon	6/22		Ghost Ranch Youth Week thru 6/28
Wed	6/3	8:00am	Jardineros	Tue	6/23	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas
							Café
						1:45pm	Yoga, Upper Room
Thu	6/4	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall			10:00am	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
Fri	6/5	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room	Wed	6/24	7:30pm	Bible Study resumes, Upper Room
Sat	6/6		Placitas Appreciation Day			1:45pm	Women's Prayer Circle
		9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry	Thu	6/25	8:00am	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
Sun	6/7		2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Fri	6/26	9:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
		9:30am	Single Combined Service, Sanctuary	Sat	6/27		Casa Rosa Food Pantry
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room				Earthcare Highway Cleanup
Mon	6/8		National Best Friends Day	Sun	6/28		5th Sunday after Pentecost
		7:00pm	Adult Study Group, Upper Rm			9:30am	Single Combined Service, Sanctuary
Tue	6/9	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas			7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
			Café				National Waffle Iron Day
		1:45pm	Yoga, Upper Room	Mon	6/29		Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas
		5:30pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall	Tue	6/30	8:00am	Café
		7:00pm	Deacons Mtg, Upper Room			1:45pm	Yoga, Upper Room
			Session Mtg, Upper Room				Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
Wed	6/10	10:00am	Bible Study resumes, Upper Room				
		7:30pm	Women's Prayer Circle				
Thu	6/11	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall				
Fri	6/12	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room				
Sat	6/13	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry				
Sun	6/14		3rd Day of Pentecost				
		9:30am	Single Combined Service, Sanctuary				
			Bake Sale, Fellowship				
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room				
Mon	6/15		National Smile Power Day				
Tue	6/16	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas				
			Café				
			Yoga, Upper Room				
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall				
		6:00pm	Casa Rosa Board Mtg				
Wed	6/17		National Eat Your Vegetables Day				
Thu	6/18	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall				
Fri	6/19	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room				
Sat	6/20	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry				

July 2015

Wed	7/1	9:00am	Jardineros
Thu	7/2	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
Fri	7/3	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
Sat	7/4	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
Sun	7/5		6th Sunday after Pentecost
		9:30am	Single Combined Service, Sanctuary
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
Mon	7/6		National Fried Chicken Day
Tue	7/7	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas Café
			Yoga, Upper Room
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Personnel Mtg, Upper Room
		7:00pm	Finance Mtg, Upper Room
Wed	7/8	10:00am	Bible Study
		7:30pm	Women's Prayer Circle
Thu	7/9	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
Fri	7/10	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
Sat	7/11	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
Sun	7/12		7th Sunday after Pentecost
		9:30am	Single Combined Service, Sanctuary
		1:00pm	Placitas Sage Cohousing, Upper Rm
		5:30pm	Vacation Bible School
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
Mon	7/13	5:30pm	Vacation Bible School
Tue	7/14	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café
			Yoga, Upper Room
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		5:30pm	Vacation Bible School
			Deacons Meeting, Upper Room
		7:00pm	Session Meeting, Upper Room
Wed	7/15		National I Love Horses Day
Thu	7/16	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
Fri	7/17	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
Sat	7/18	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
			Youth Trip to L.A. through 7/25
		6:00pm	LPPC Pot Luck, Dennis residence

Sun	7/19		8th Sunday after Pentecost
		9:30am	Single Combined Service, Sanctuary
			Baptism:
		6:00pm	Night at the Isotopes
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
Mon	7/20	6:30pm	Stewardship Meeting, Upper Room
Tue	7/21	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas Café
			Yoga, Upper Room
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Casa Rosa Board Meeting
Wed	7/22	10:00am	Bible Study, Upper Room
		7:30pm	Womens Prayer Circle, Library
Thu	7/23	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
Fri	7/24	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
Sat	7/25	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
Sun	7/26		9th Sunday after Pentecost
		9:30am	Single Combined Service, Sanctuary
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
			National Scotch Day
Mon	7/27		Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas Café
Tue	7/28	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Mission, EarthCare, Worship & Music Mtg, Upper Room, Fellowship
Wed	7/29		National Lasagna Day
Thu	7/30	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
Fri	7/31	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room