

The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

May 2015



Worship Services

May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Show the Love and Justice of Jesus Christ”

Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21

May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Even on the Gentiles”

Psalm 98; Acts 10:44-48

May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

“Sent”

Psalm 1: John 17:6-19

May 24 – Day of Pentecost

“New Life”

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21

May 31 – Worship in the Mountains

“Born of the Water and the Ruach”

Psalm 121: John 3:1-17

Gracias

I want to say “Thank you” to you as a congregation. I was gone two different weeks during the month of April. Over the past several years much of my time away from Las Placitas was in connection to my father’s illness and eventual death. As I have said before, I will be forever grateful to you for encouraging and allowing me to spend as much time with him as possible while I was able to do so.

These more recent weeks away however have been for both personal and professional renewal. The first week I was on vacation with our oldest son for his spring break. The second week I was away for continuing education with a group of clergy colleagues.

Santiago and I spent Holy Week backpacking in southern New Mexico. We camped together in White Sands and along the West Fork of the Gila River. Neither of us had been to these beautiful parts of the state. It was also Santiago’s first backpacking adventure. My pastor friends were amazed that I could be gone during Holy Week. I was able to do so only because of the wonderful support I have here from you in this congregation. You are amazing! Thank you for honoring my making time with family a priority.

Later in April I was in Chicago with a group of pastors beginning an experiential exploration into Ruach Elohim - the Breath of God. We engaged in study with professors at McCormick Theological Seminary while at the same time taking improv theater workshops at iO. The learning and the laughter were energizing. If you’d like to hear more about that experience, you can listen to my [sermon from April 26](#) on our church website.

Thank you for being the Body of Christ here at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

Peace,
Drew

ADULT FORUM

Sundays at 9:20 a.m.

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

May 3: "God-Words" - the final installment of the series, dealing with words about the Holy Spirit, church, and sacraments.

May 10: NO CLASS

May 17: Please join A.A. advocate and longtime member Bill L to learn of the history, program, fellowship, and organizational structure of Alcoholics Anonymous.

May 24: Pastor Drew will present some of the background study he recently did on the Hebrew word *Ruach* (Spirit) during his study leave in Chicago.

May 31: NO CLASS - Adult forum will break for the summer, resuming the Sunday after Labor Day.

The Adult Forum meets in the Upper Room at about 9:20 a.m., following the early service. Please join us!

Blessings,
Rev. Ken C

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

"These Days", today

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. We 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!

SESSION

New Member Blessings!

Session elders and Rev. Drew again assembled, in what is seems to have become an automatic second Sunday monthly event, in the Upper Room. As you're aware, the purpose of the meeting is to share witness, personal experience, and membership opportunity with congregants interested in joining our church. On April 12th, we were joined by Mr. Dan and Mrs. Charmaine L, who've been attending LPPC about five months.

Dan and Charmaine, both graduates of Southern Methodist University, relocated to Placitas from "the little town" of Ft. Worth, Texas over seven years ago. Initially their weekends were spent on the links playing golf. Now that they are both retired, golf has become a weekday event, leaving valued time to, "more importantly," join a church and become active in both worship and church life. They shared their gratitude to a neighborhood friend and LPPC member (Suzanne M) that had originally invited them to Sunday services. Dan stated "through regular attendance, we've attained more purposeful lives."

Let me, the author of this good news, be one of the first to say "welcome"-we are grateful for Dan and Charmaine's membership and commitment! I know they'll become engaged in Las Placitas Church life and make a very positive difference.



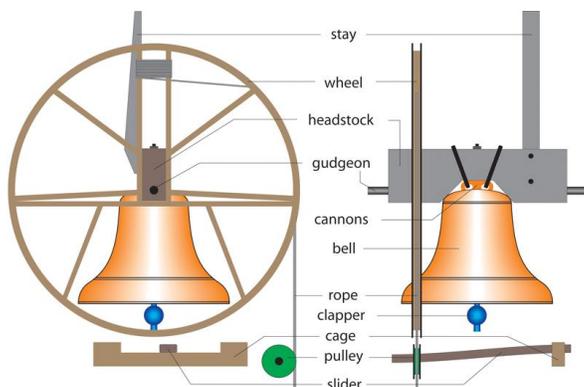
For Whom the Bell Tolls

If you've recently begun hearing a ringing in your ears on Sunday mornings there's no reason for concern—we all have! Beginning on Easter Sunday, April 5th, our church bell was once again announcing “it's time for church!”

The bell has a long and interesting history. Cast in Ohio between the years 1882-1892, the bell originally hung in the San Felipe Pueblo church. It was then purchased by the mission school in the Village of Placitas in 1893. The Presbyterian Church at Las Placitas was formed on February 24, 1894 and originally met at this mission school. In 1900 the mission school closed but Las Placitas Church continued services as the congregation grew in membership. In 1913 the building was remodeled, adding a pitched roof, larger windows and the bell tower was built. Over the next several decades as the congregation continued to flourish, it became evident that a larger purpose-built structure was wonderfully necessary. That structure, our Upper Room was completed in 1930. Again and finally, the bell was relocated to its new home. That new home is now over 85 years old!

Special thanks go especially to Mr. Bruce M who began the research for the cast iron bell refurbishment in 2011. Over the past several years, Bruce completed a great deal of structural reinforcement within the bell tower and also replaced the bell mounting beams. Kudos also to Matt G and his team for hoisting, placing and securing the bell back into the tower.

Sincerely yours,
Bill L
Clerk of Session



STEWARDSHIP

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 Tuesday morning, May 19th at 10:30. If you would like to attend, please contact Nancy W.

Summer meetings will be held on the following:
June 28, Sunday afternoon, at 3:00
July 20, Monday evening, at 6:30

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

Janice L,
Nancy U,
Nancy W

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 Committee: Janice L, Nancy U, Nancy W

MISSION COMMITTEE

Bead for Life

The Mission Committee is hosting a sale of paper Beads for the Bead for Life Program that benefits African Women in Uganda. We will have a table in the Fellowship Hall starting this Sunday, May 3rd. We will also have our table out on Saturday and Sunday May 9th and 10th. The Coffee Tea and Chocolate table will also be out on the 9th and the 10th. Please stop by and see the products we have to offer and this lovely jewelry made from colored paper. Visit the website for lots of information about this worthy program.

www.beadforlife.org

~ Mission Committee of LPPC

WORLD MISSION

Sobering news from the Director of World Mission

“...Our efforts in funds development in 2014 did not generate the funding we needed to support all of our mission workers, and point towards a stark reality of a lack of sufficient funds to keep the current number of mission co-workers in service with global partners around the world. Unless the church responds by giving in an extraordinary way, budget shortfalls could result in World Mission not replacing 4 retiring mission co-workers and will require us to prematurely end the service of five (5) mission workers in 2016 and forty (40) more in 2017, or to find other cost reductions to make up the gap.

As mission networks, you have engaged in faithful partnership not only with global church partners but with other congregations and mid-councils across the PC(USA). Both as individual partnerships and through your mission network you have walked alongside and supported global partners in meaningful ways. You've made a tremendous difference for the sake of the gospel around the

world through advocacy, accompaniment, prayer, project support and other forms of witness and service. We are now asking you, in your walk with global partners, to walk also with PC(USA) mission co-workers in your partner countries by supporting them in new and significant ways. We urge you to do this through prayer, engagement in their ministry, sharing their stories of transformation, and financial support for their ministry. Many of you have already done this, and we thank you for that and invite you to step up your commitment. For those of you who haven't yet engaged in the sending and support of mission co-workers, the time is now; we invite you to do so. Today we will send as many mission personnel as our churches and concerned individuals will directly support. For information on how to give, contact Chris Roseland: chris.roseland@pcusa.org or [502-439-4930](tel:502-439-4930).

I would invite you to read the attached press release <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/4/15/presbyterian-world-mission-faces-potential-funding/> from the Presbyterian News Service for more information.

It breaks my heart to write these words, yet I'm convinced that God is not finished with our church. I look forward to praying, dreaming and working together with you, our global partners and mission personnel to discern new ways to join God in mission.

We invite you to help us put mission back at the center of our denominational identity.

With you in Christ,
Hunter F.
Director, World Mission

HEALTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

Life File: Chapter 7

Life File Note from your Health Ministry Partnership:

Over the past 6 months we have been filling in our Life File Notebooks one chapter at a time. We've filled in information about us, our family, our health history, who takes care of us and how we take care of this business of being alive just in case something happens and we cannot take care of ourselves. During the month of May we will complete Chapter 7: a list all of our big assets and who takes care of them for us.

Chapter 7 provides several forms that you can fill out about your automobiles, Recreation Vehicles, Boats, ATVs and other large items. Beginning with the year, make and model, the list goes on to include registration and license information, insurance company, lein holders, loan payment amounts and due dates. There is also a place to list who services these items and who may have maintenance records and notes about when the next service is due. Finally, in the event of your death or total disability, what do you want done with these items?

This chapter also includes a place to list your smaller, but valuable, assets such as jewelry, electronics, appliances and collectables. Nine months after death, the IRS may require a death tax return to be filed. This inventory will help to save time and fees in evaluating these assets. If your survivor chooses to sell all or part of this inventory, this list will serve as a guide for accurate pricing. This list will also help speed up an insurance claim in the event of a casualty loss while you are still living.

The last page allows you to list all the people and businesses you deal with in taking care of your home. Who is your plumber? Electrician? Heating/Air conditioning servicer? Veterinarian? If you are unable to contact these people yourself

and one of your loved ones need to do it for you, wouldn't it be great to have all their names and functions all in one place?

If you do not have a Life File notebook, a few copies are available in the Church Library, or see Delfina. A small donation to help offset the cost of duplication will be most appreciated. If you have any further questions, please contact any member of the Health Ministry Partnership.

~ 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 May? **Thank you!**



Sunday, May 3	Jennings Family
Sunday, May 10	Chile Pepper Café OPEN
Sunday, May 17	Potter Family
Sunday, May 24
Sunday, May 31

MEMBER PROFILE

Mickie F

Mickie was born Mary Kathryn F in Salt Lake City and her family moved to McCook, Nebraska when she was 1 ½ years old. She graduated from high school there and then attended 2 colleges to earn her undergraduate degree. She first attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln for 2 years and then moved to Bordeaux, France where she graduated from the University of Bordeaux with an advanced diploma in French Language. She then returned to Lincoln to earn her Masters in modern European history and French Language and Literature. Mickie taught high school and college French for 5 years before changing gears. While teaching French she took classes so she could become an inpatient therapist for children and adolescents with mental health issues, also in Lincoln, NE. She then became a school counselor for 25 years in Lincoln. Mickie took a year off to earn an additional endorsement on her teaching certificate so she could teach English as a Second Language to immigrant and refugee middle school kids which she did for 7 years. Then she retired.

She and Peter moved to Rio Rancho a year later in 2012. Mickie's brother lived in Albuquerque for 25 years and while on visits to see him, Mickie and Peter decided this is where they would like to retire. Mickie has one daughter, Karey, whom she adopted from Vietnam in 1973. Karey was the first Vietnamese child adopted in Lincoln. She was 15 months old. She is currently living in Seattle and is in the restaurant business. Peter has one daughter, Wendy, who lives in Omaha and is a U.S. probation officer. Mickie met Peter in the 70's while attending psychology counseling classes together. They married in 1981. Teaching English as a Second Language was by far her most rewarding occupation. The children were anxious to learn English, they were happy being there and the parents were very supportive. Teaching those children was a pleasure. There were kids from 47 different countries in the school.

Mickie's passions and hobbies now are: her pets (3 Siamese cats, 1 orange tabby cat, and 2 African

grey parrots), her Master Gardener responsibilities, her home garden, traveling and building miniature houses (bigger than doll houses). They are built 1/10 scale. They are not for kids to play with. Her latest house (a Southwest adobe) is 2 ft. deep, 1 ft. tall and 18" wide. She and Peter both have recumbent 3-wheel bikes, and they both like riding those up and down the hills of Rio Rancho. Finally, she loves listening to and speaking French.

If she could meet anyone in history it would be all the French philosophers of the Enlightenment Period and Dr. Irene Pepperberg, a psychologist who studies language and communication among African gray parrots. She would also like to meet Koko, the famous gorilla who communicates by using sign language.

She and Peter often travel to southwest France and it still feels like home to her. Her bucket list includes lots of travel and more writing to get her thoughts out of her head and onto paper. In case of a fire, she would grab her husband and her pets.

Mickie wishes she had owned a horse in her past. The 5 things she wouldn't want to live without are: pets, things growing around her, a sense of several different purposes, reading and keeping current on the news. Mickie wants to make sure she is making a difference in people's lives. She enjoys LPPC because it is such a welcoming, inclusive and friendly place. She likes smaller church communities.

May 2015
Wendy I

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Fri	5/1	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
Sat	5/2	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
Sun	5/3		5th Sunday of Easter Ordination & Installation of Deacons and Ruling Elders
		8:30am	Early Service, Upper Room
		9:15am	Adult Forum: "God-Words", Upr Rm
		10:30am	Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary ~Nursery is provided ~Sunday School
		1:00pm	Placitas Sage Cohousing, Upper Rm
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
Mon	5/4	12:00pm	Placitas Bridge Group, Fellowship
Tue	5/5	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café Yoga, Upper Room
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		5:30pm	Deacons Mtg, Classroom
		6:00pm	Personnel Mtg, Upper Room
		7:00pm	Finance Mtg, Upper Room
Wed	5/6	8:00am	Jardineros
Thu	5/7	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Choir Practice
Fri	5/8	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
		9:30am	Chile Pepper Café Work Day
Sat	5/9	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
		10:00am	Placitas Studio Tour
Sun	5/10		6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day
		9:30am	Single Combined Service, Sanctuary No Adult Forum
		10:00am	Placitas Studio Tour
			Chile Pepper Café OPEN 
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
Mon	5/11	10:00am	<i>Sushi, with Colleen R</i> , LPPC Kitchen Adult Study Group, Upper Rm
		7:00pm	
Tue	5/12	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas Café Yoga, Upper Room
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Session Mtg, Upper Rm
Wed	5/13	7:30pm	Women's Prayer Circle
Thu	5/14	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Fri	5/15	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
		9:30am	Kitchen Prep Day
Sat	5/16	8:00am	La Mesa Session Retreat
		9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
Sun	5/17		7th Sunday of Easter
		8:30am	Early Service, Upper Room
		9:15am	Adult Forum: Speaker <i>Bill L</i> , Upr Rm

			
Sun	5/17	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	5/18	7:00pm	Adult Study Group, Upper Rm
Tue	5/19	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café Yoga, Upper Room
		10:30am	Stewardship Fireside Chat, Upper Rm
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Casa Rosa Board Mtg
Wed	5/20		National Quiche Lorraine Day
Thu	5/21	1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Fri	5/22	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
Sat	5/23	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
Sun	5/24		Day of Pentecost
		8:30am	Early Service, Upper Rm
		9:15am	Adult Forum: Guest speaker, <i>Pastor Drew</i> , Upper Rm
		10:30am	Second Service with Choir, Sanctuary ~Nursery is provided. ~Sunday School
		1:00pm	Placitas Sage Cohousing, Upper Rm
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
Mon	5/25		Memorial Day – Office closed
		7:00pm	Adult Study Group, Upper Rm
Tue	5/26	8:00am	Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas Café Yoga, Upper Room
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Mission, Worship & Music Committee Mtg
Wed	5/27	7:30pm	Womens Prayer Circle, Library
Thu	5/28	9:30am	Kitchen Work Day
		1:45pm	Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Fri	5/29	8:00am	Yoga, Upper Room
		9:30am	Kitchen Work Day
Sat	5/30	9:00am	Casa Rosa Food Pantry
		5-7:30pm	Chile Pepper Café 
			Enchilada Dinner
Sun	5/31	9:30am	Worship in the Mountains Single Combined Sunday service begins through summer No Adult Forum through summer
		1:00pm	Placitas Sage Cohousing, Upper Rm
		7:00pm	AA, Upper Room
Mon	6/1		Office closed Mondays thru summer