



### *Worship Services*

#### **November 1 – All Saints’ Day**

"Close to the Kingdom"

Psalm 22:1-5; Mark 12:28-34

#### **November 8 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

"How much?"

Psalm 146:5-10; Mark 12:38-44

#### **November 15 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

"When?"

Psalm 16; Mark 13:1-8

#### **November 22 – Thanksgiving**

"Gratitude"

Psalm 126; Matthew 6:25-33

#### **November 29 – First Sunday of Advent**

"The Way"

Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

### *Dancing with Death*

“To the inhabitant of New York, Paris, or London, death is a word that is never uttered because it burns the lips. The Mexican on the other hand, frequents it, mocks it, caresses it, sleeps with it, entertains it; it is one of his favorite playthings and his most enduring love.”

- Octavio Paz

November 1st is the day we Christians celebrate as All Saints’ Day. November 2nd is celebrated by many as *El Día de los Muertos*, or the *Day of the Dead*. Octavio Paz in *The Labyrinth of Solitude* captures the spirit of this day so well.

Paco and I recently built a Day of the Dead style *altar* in memory of my father and other loved ones in our home. We placed photos, items that belonged to him, mementos that connected us with him - including one of the green plastic keys used to open the oxygen tanks to which he was tethered for so long. We added lights and candles, Alabama football tickets and his Crimson Tide tie. We made marigolds out of orange tissue paper and green pipe cleaners to adorn the *altar*.

Day of the Dead *altares* are not places of worship. They are built to remember and to honor our loved ones who have died. Paco asked me, “Why are we celebrating Dandy’s death?” Dandy was the name by which my father’s grandchildren knew him. I told Paco, “We are not celebrating his death. We are remembering his life. On the Day of the Dead, we dance with death for we are not afraid.”

Our loved ones have not “passed away” or “been lost.” They have died, as we all will some day. In November we give thanks for their lives and for ours. On the Day of the Dead, we dance in this curious combination of reverence, remembrance, and revelry. As Christians we seek to follow the One who was given power over death and whose resurrection brings new life to us all. We too then dance, for our faith shows us that death does not hold the last word.

Peace my friends,

*Drew*

## THE ADULT FORUM

### *Loving Our (Muslim) Neighbors*

During November we will conclude our study of Islam, take a one week break during the Placitas Holiday Sale, and start our Advent series on Pilgrimage.

Loving Our (Muslim) Neighbors -

The series will continue in November with the DVD-based series: *The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself*. In *The Jesus Fatwah*, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith." Seventeen Islamic and Christian scholars are featured, along with planned time for group discussion and reflection as we proceed. The schedule is as follows:

**November 1 - Living The Questions** Session 3: Islam in America: In Which We Introduce You to People Who Love America and Pray Towards Mecca.

**November 8 – Living The Questions**

Session 4: Making Connections, Part 1: In Which Non-Muslims Make A Case.

**November 15 – Living The Questions**

Session 5: Making Connections, Part 2: In Which Muslims Have Their Say.

**November 22 – No class**

**November 29 – Pilgrimage: Walking the Camino de Santiago**

Advent begins with the first of three presentations by Glenn I on his walking Europe's most famous pilgrimage route, the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

The Adult Forum meets in the Upper Room at LPPC each Sunday. We begin at approximately 9:20 a.m., following the early service.

~ Reverend Ken

## COMFORT & JOY

### *Prayer Shawl Meeting*

If you are currently a member of the prayer shawl ministry or would like to join us in our rewarding ministry of knitting/crocheting shawls for comfort or joy, please plan to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there! ~ Wendy I

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*With the cool, crisp air of November, the excitement of the holidays is already here!*

Our children will be preparing for their annual Christmas program this month. The younger children will be performing a playlet, "Sweetheart's Manger" set in the stable just after the birth of Jesus while our mid high and high school youth will be performing a Reader's Theatre "For Unto Us a Child is Born" honoring Jesus. We hope to give our children the opportunity to be a part of the greatest story ever told- the birth of our Lord, experiencing the true meaning of Christmas.

Our youth group is busy working up ideas to refurbish and brighten up the basement. They are planning a clean-up, a paint-job, and the replacement of some furniture. We are looking for a "new" gently used couch (the bigger the better) that anyone may be willing to donate. Thank you!

We have had a Sunday school age shift this year with more mid-high and high school ages than elementary age children. With this, Carolyn M has begun fund raising efforts early as we will be sending more youth on retreats this summer. We want to especially thank Cheryl F for all the delicious apple pies she and Jack have donated to the cause. I know a lot of us are the happy recipients of their baking talents. We thank the them for their gracious gift of love to our youth!

We want to thank the wonderful teachers who continue each month to give the stories of the Bible to our children: Karen M, Tom T, Elizabeth D, Tamara H, Trip J, Dana H, and Sally G. We also thank the assistants who help each Sunday: Carmen D, Katherine G, Delfina H, Mary Helen J, Charmaine L, Chantel T, Sally C and Steve C. A special thank you goes to Judie H who always starts us off with a song and a smile.

We are in need of some part-time teachers. We like to give our teachers opportunities to attend the worship services where we are filled with the Good News of the Word. This keeps us fresh and ready to teach once again. We gladly offer private training sessions and guidance to anyone thinking about joining us. Please contact Sally G if you are interested.

~Sally G & Elizabeth D,  
Children's Christian Ed Co-directors

## ILA

### *Vaya con Dios*

Several weeks ago, we said “Via con Dios” to long time member, Ila L. It was a quiet send off, which was very much like Ila herself, never one to speak of all the various contributions that she and her late husband Charles gave to the life of LPPC. For those of you who never had the pleasure of knowing Ila or Charles, it seems appropriate to mention some of those contributions: from singing in the choir, being an elder, as well as catalyst for our beautiful Memorial Garden. She was part of the original Monday Night Group, Earth Care Committee and poetry reading for the winter Earth Vesper service.

Ila’s contributions run deep through LPPC and she will be dearly missed but we wish her well in this new chapter of her life.



## PLACITAS SAGE COHOUSING

### *Placitas Sage Cohousing Program at Placitas Senior Center Nov. 16th*

Cohousing is a new way of creating neighborhoods which is sweeping the country. And we have cohousing for seniors coming to us right here in Placitas. We invite you to attend our presentation at the Placitas Senior Center on Monday, November 16, 12:30PM, right after lunch. We will show you a model of our site plan, explain what cohousing is all about, and answer your questions. The program includes an opportunity for discussion with dedicated current members of PLACITAS SAGE, who are planning to be property owners in this exciting local project.

~ Betty M, Bunny & Leland B, Janice L, and Joyce T

## CASA ROSA

### *AmazonSmile*

Please do your online Amazon shopping at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). When you select “Las Placitas Presbyterian”, a portion of your purchase goes straight to Casa Rosa Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

## DEACONS

### *Sharing our bounty*

The Deacons will be sponsoring Thanksgiving Baskets again this year for our Casa Rosa families. We are expected to fill 60-70 baskets. This is a joint venture with Casa Rosa, who will be supplying many of the non-perishable items. The turkeys are being donated. LPPC will supply perishable food items which will be purchased by the Deacon’s as well as selected canned items. The canned items we need to collect are:

- **14 oz cans of Evaporated Milk** (not condensed) OR powdered milk packets
- **Canned Pumpkin**
- **Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams**

These items can be placed in a labeled plastic container that is sitting in the Fellowship Hall.

**Monetary Contributions** will also be accepted to help cover the cost of the perishable food items the Deacon’s purchase, i.e., pies, whipped cream, butter, eggs, and rolls or buns. These donations can be given directly to Pat T, Geri E or Anna H. They will go directly to the purchase of the food items we need to buy.

The Deacon’s thank you in advance for your gracious contributions again this year. This is a very worthy endeavor that is greatly appreciated by our Casa Rosa clients during the holiday season.

~ Pat T

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### *Paraments*

The Worship Committee has given its blessing to the creation of some new paraments for the sanctuary. Over the next couple of years a group of us will design and make some new liturgical art for the sanctuary. If you have an interest in such things, please contact Karl G for more information. His email address is: [whollygabriel@gmail.com](mailto:whollygabriel@gmail.com)

## MEMBER PROFILE

### *Sue H*

Sue was born in Barberton, Ohio (near Akron) and lived in Wadsworth Township through high school. After high school, Sue joined the Air Force where her career spanned 6 ½ years on active duty and 33 ½ years in the Reserves!

She began her military career at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. in August 1969. Sue served at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS for technical training. She also served at Sheppard AFB, TX as well as Wichita Falls, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Wurtzsmith AFB, MI and Duluth IAP, MN. She worked in Personnel. Sue was assigned to Okinawa when it was still part of the US. She enjoyed her 2.5 year tour there (1971-1973). Sue was honorably discharged in December 1975. She returned to Ohio where she furthered her education on the G.I. Bill at the University of Akron. She tried different career choices including social work and speech pathology & audiology, until she finally found that she liked child development the most.

Sue developed a Christian Nursery School for community children at her church. She received her BA in Family and Child Development. While in graduate school she studied non-typical children at the University of Akron earning her Master's in pre-school special education. At the same time she worked full time with the Head Start program reviewing lesson plans, etc. as the Education Coordinator. She became the Director/Education Coordinator of Wayne County Head Start Program in Wooster, Ohio. This was the job she loved the most. She was able to use everything she had learned in school.

Sue wanted to pursue another avenue, but soon learned that with her Master's Degree, she was overqualified for most positions that she applied for. Her search led her to another interest at Ardmore Inc., Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities in Akron, OH. She helped adults that lived fairly independently, semi-independently, or in foster care. She visited each place a couple times a week. She was very proud of one particular person, Annie, who she visited for 7 ½ years and was able to help her with her eating disability.

One of Sue's favorite trips was to Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming. She had always wanted to visit there and experience the Old West. When she was looking for someone to go with, Sue put an ad in the newspaper in

Cleveland. Although this paper was never delivered to Madison, WI, on this day it was. Louise grabbed the paper as she was boarding a bus and found the ad, and found Sue. They corresponded for a year about the trip and because Louise did not drive, Sue drove to Madison from Wadsworth and then to Wyoming! Because they both had the same interests, Sue moved to Madison and became involved with the Adult Developmental Special Needs Vocational Program in Madison. She also worked with Hy-Cite and the VA. She decided to retire and they moved to NM. Sue had driven through NM several times in her travels, but on one trip, she and Louise took the train from Chicago to Albuquerque. While renting a car to drive to Las Vegas, NM, the agent said they should first check out Placitas. When they did and stopped at LPPC, they talked to a man at Mother's Day Out. He suggested they stop at the Placitas Library for information. They were then put in touch with Nancy & Wayne U and never looked back!

Sue's hobbies and passions are: the Green Bay Packers, reading, photography, researching family history, and she is working on a book of equal and unequal opportunities in the US.

Sue's 15 minutes of fame would be her 2007 Retirement Party with 40 years in military service celebrated. She entered as an Airman Basic and after 13 years of enlisted service was given a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant and retired as a Major.

A person Sue would like to meet is General Jeanne Holm, who was the Director of Women in the Air Force. General Holm is the first female One-Star General in the Air Force, and the first female Two-Star General in ANY of the Services.

In case of a fire, Sue would grab her Bible, family history information, and 5 oil paintings purchased in Okinawa in 1972.

Sue is pretty content with the traveling she has done, but would like to visit the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and areas around New Mexico.

Things that Sue cannot live without are: sunshine, peach or raspberry tea, pizza, biscuits and gravy, and dark chocolate!

Sue likes the sermons and the fellowship at LPPC.

~ Betty C & Wendy I

# November 2015

<b>Sun</b>	<b>11/1</b>		<b>All Saints' Day</b> <b>Dia de los Muertos</b> 8:30am Early Worship, Upper Room 9:15am Adult Forum, Upper Room: <i>Islam in America</i> 10:30am Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School 1:00pm Placitas Sage Cohousing, Upper Rm 7:00pm AA, Upper Room Mon 11/2 7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Room Tue 11/3 8:00am Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café Yoga, Upper Room 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Personnel Meeting, Upper Room 7:00pm Finance Meeting, Upper Room Wed 11/4 9:00am Jardineros Thu 11/5 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary Fri 11/6 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room Sat 11/7 9:00am Casa Rosa Food Pantry Distribution <b>Sun 11/8</b>		<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Early Worship, Upper Room 9:15am Adult Forum, Upper Room: <i>Making Connections Part I</i> 10:30am Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School 11:45am Session Mtg, Welcome New Members, Upper Room 7:00pm AA, Upper Room Mon 11/9 7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Room Tue 11/10 8:00am Breakfast Discussion Grp, Placitas Café Yoga, Upper Room 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall 5:30pm Deacons Meeting, Upper Room 7:00pm Session Meeting, Upper Room Wed 11/11 10:00am Bible Study, Upper Room C&J Prayer Shawl Mtg, Library 7:30pm Women's Prayer Circle, Library Thu 11/12 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary Fri 11/13 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room Sat 11/14 9:00am Casa Rosa Food Pantry Distribution <b>Sun 11/15</b>		<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Early Worship, Upper Room 9:15am Adult Forum, Upper Room: <i>Making Connections Part II</i> 10:30am Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School 2:00pm PAS Concert & Reception 7:00pm AA, Upper Room	Mon 11/16 7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Room Tue 11/17 8:00am Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café Yoga, Upper Room 10:30am Stewardship Fireside Chat, Uppr Rm 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall Wed 11/18 10:00am Fall Soup Swap, LPPC Kitchen 7:00pm Placitas Trails HOA, FellowshipHall Thu 11/19 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary Fri 11/20 8:00am Yoga, Upper Room Sat 11/21 9:00am Casa Rosa Food Pantry Thanksgiving Basket Distribution 10:00am Placitas Holiday Sale Chile Pepper Café OPEN <b>Sun 11/22</b>		<b>Christ the King</b> <b>Single Combined Service,</b> <b>Sanctuary</b> 9:30am Placitas Holiday Sale Chile Pepper Café OPEN 10:00am Placitas Sage Cohousing, Upper Rm AA, Upper Room Mon 11/23 7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Room Tue 11/24 8:00am Breakfast Discussion Group, Placitas Café Yoga, Upper Room 1:45pm Kids Karate, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Mission, Earthcare, Worship & Music Meetings Wed 11/25 10:00am Bible Study, Upper Room 7:30pm Women's Prayer Circle, LPPC Library <b>Thu 11/26</b>		<b>Fri 11/27</b> Sat 11/28 9:00am Casa Rosa Food Pantry Distribution 5:00pm Navajo Taco Dinner, Fellowship Sun 11/29		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30am Early Worship, Upper Room 9:15am Adult Forum, Upper Room: <i>Pilgrimage, with Glenn Ingram</i> 10:30am Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School 7:00pm AA, Upper Room Mon 11/30 7:00pm Adult Study Group, Upper Room
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