

# The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

March 2016



## *Worship Services*

### **March 6 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

"Hearing"

Romans 10:14,17; John 5: 25-29

### **March 13 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

"Smell"

2 Corinthians 2:14-16; John 12:1-3

### **March 20 – Palm Sunday**

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord"

Psalm 118:19-29; Luke 19:28-40

### **March 24 – Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.**

Communion & Ellingboe's Requiem

### **March 25 – Good Friday**

Experiencing Holy Week - The Five Senses

### **March 27 – Easter Sunday**

"He is Risen Indeed"

Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

## *Experiencing Holy Week*

This Lenten season we have been exploring the Gospels and the life of Jesus Christ through our senses - touch, sight, taste, hearing, and smell. At the invitation of Presbyterian theologian and New Testament Scholar Matthew Skinner, we have been considering together who we are and how we encounter an incarnate God.

Holy Week offers us numerous opportunities to be in touch with ourselves, our faith community, and this real man from Galilee. On Sunday, March 20th, Palm Sunday ushers us into the observation of Holy Week with a service beginning in our memorial garden. We will proceed together and experience Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

On Maundy Thursday, we will gather at the Table and remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. We will get a taste of the communion we are offered through the body of Christ. We will then hear together a Requiem composed by UNM's own Bradley Ellingboe.

The Good Friday service will offer opportunities to engage the senses through different experiences that lead us to Holy Week. Touch ashes from last year's Palms, taste bread broken at the table, smell perfumed oil like that used to anoint the Christ, feel water for washing, see the stations that lead to the cross, hear and sing the songs of our faith. Come and experience Good Friday.

Easter morning brings the defining moment of our faith. Early, we gather again in the memorial garden, this time to celebrate Resurrection as the day dawns in cool air. The sights and sounds of Easter worship will surround us in our sanctuaries. Taste and see that the Lord is good as we celebrate communion at the Lord's Table and around the tables in our Fellowship Hall over Easter Lunch.

Holy Week leads us to the Resurrection. Come and experience life with Christ.

Peace be with you, *Drew*

## THE ADULT FORUM

### *Sensing the Gospel*

The Adult Forum is continuing a series on "Sensing the Gospel" relating to Pastor Drew's Lenten emphasis. We will be considering a series of themes, drawing on scripture and spiritual writings, along with brief clips of several movies as we reflect on embodying faith via the senses.

The Adult Forum takes place in the Upper Room soon after 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings, following the early service.

March Schedule:

**March 6** - Dance of Life (theme film: *Billy Elliott*)

**March 13** - Dance of Love (theme film: *Big Eden*)

**March 20** - To Life! (theme film: *Chocolate*)

**March 27** - EASTER (no class)

~ Reverend Ken Cuthbertson

## HEALTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP



### **Your Monthly Health Tip:**

Keep the heart healthy. Take a daily walk.

February was officially American Heart Month, but every month gives us the opportunity to look more closely at ways to protect this vital organ. According to the Centers for Disease Control, heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S., responsible for about one in four deaths.

The American Heart Association recommends that adults get 150 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity or 75 minutes of vigorous activity each week. **Even short 10 minute activity sessions at a comfortable pace can be added up over the week to reach this goal.**

In March, be good to yourself and take the first step towards a healthier heart. Walking is low-risk and easy to start. It can help you become fit and reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and more!

~ HMP

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

With Easter coming earlier this year, we'll be getting ready for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Youth Scavenger Hunt on March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will once again ask for donations of individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs, and little toys to fill them from the congregation. These can be dropped off at the church office on Sunday mornings or during regular office hours. We so appreciate how this congregation continues to help to make Easter Sunday so much fun for all our children. Thank you! We also want to remind the elementary age children to be sure to bring their Easter basket and have a parent nearby.

Carolyn Mann and the youth are working hard to reach their goal to fund this summer's Ghost Ranch retreat and the PCUSA Triennium. The Christmas Cookie Sale was a great success. This month they will conclude the See's Candy sale with deliveries before Easter. We will be sending four of our high school youth to Triennium and we hope to send eight or nine of the mid school youth to Ghost Ranch. The amount we need to raise this year has risen but we all have faith that it will happen. They are now planning a new fund raising "Painting Class" that will be so much fun. More information will follow about this in April. A huge thank you to Carolyn Mann for taking this on!

Diane Shepard has offered to give our children and youth a cooking class. She will start with the youth teaching them how to make healthy "Super Smoothies" for breakfast, lunch, or snack. April 10<sup>th</sup> the congregation will be the happy recipients of their talents when the youth will serve smoothies after the church service along with scones.

Also in April, we are thrilled to be able to connect our youth with a former LPPC youth member and Triennium attendee, Titus Ortiz. Titus is coming to speak to all our youth and their families about his experience at Triennium and to answer any questions. It will be an honor to hear this young man tell us what Triennium meant to him and his faith journey. Please stay posted for dates and times.

As you know we are always recruiting teachers and committee members. It takes many hearts and hands to keep Christian Ed strong. Because of this great congregation and our wonderful pastor, our sweet children have a strong program. Let us know if you would like to experience the delight of working with Christian Ed.

~Sally Gosnell & Elizabeth Dickson,  
Children's Christian Ed Co-directors

## SESSION

Leland Bowen had privilege of the floor for our February Session meeting and tasked LPPC to take the pledge to reduce carbon emissions. Leland first offered Session a brief history of LPPC's Earth Care Committee, which was originally formed by past elder Charles Little in 1998. Succeeding Dr. Little as chairs were Kent Reid and John Green. Currently chaired by Leland Bowen, other members include Carl Allen, Jackie Allen, Michael Crofoot and Ruth Wheeler. Leland noted that having a Session liaison to the committee would be very helpful, particularly in terms of Session/Committee communication. Session Elder Beth Sherwood promptly volunteered for this position.

Leland informed Session that an Earth Care Committee Task Force was being formed to specifically address further carbon emission reduction within LPPC, noting that to date, many of church lighting has been replaced with lower energy LED bulbs. Many more will soon be replaced, as LED filament bulbs are now on the market and available at Home Depot.

Mr. Bowen noted that task force member Carl Allen will be reporting its conclusions to Session at the August 2016 Stated Session Meeting. **The ultimate goal is to reduce the carbon footprint of our facilities by 50% by 2030, and to move toward carbon neutrality by 2050.**

**Footnote:** Sister Joan Brown, a local member of Interfaith Power and Light\* shared the following statement, which to some extent was a catalyst for action by our own Earth Care Committee: *"I am writing to each of you especially because you are part of a faith community/house of worship (this could even be a diocese or a diocesan center) that has and is taking steps to address climate change and carbon emissions and it would be great to have you sign the Interfaith Power and Light Paris Pledge for faith communities. We will take these commitments to Paris along with some 400 individuals from New Mexico who has signed. Taking the Pledge means you are working to reduce carbon pollution by 50% by 2030 and to net zero by 2050. It is not too late to sign. So far NM only has three faith communities signed up: First Unitarian, ABQ; First Congregational, ABQ and Church of Antioch, Santa Fe."*

\*The mission of Interfaith Power & Light is to be faithful stewards of Creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

Yours in service,  
Bill Lumm Clerk of Session

## PLACITAS SAGE COHOUSING

Looking for retirement alternatives? Age vibrantly in place with the proactive seniors' building community at Placitas Sage Cohousing. Check out our website: [www.placitassage.org](http://www.placitassage.org).

For more information, call Joyce at 505-697-8649, or join us at the Placitas Café on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. or on the third Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.. We have 9 of our 18 homes left!

## HONORABLE MENTIONS for MARCH

- ✦ Easter lily order forms will be tucked into the Sunday service bulletins this month. Lilies are \$15 each.
- ✦ Fresh delicious cinnamon rolls will be available throughout the month after 10:30 a.m. service for sale at only \$2 each (don't forget to pour up some coffee). You won't be able to resist! Frozen rounds will be available March 20<sup>th</sup> for \$12.
- ✦ Daylight Savings starts Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ Volunteers are needed to sign up for fellowship snacks after worship. Don't be shy, it doesn't have to be fancy!
- ✦ Has anyone seen or borrowed a black portable cd player from the church? If so, please contact Delfina at [administrator@lasplacitaschurch.org](mailto:administrator@lasplacitaschurch.org) or 867.5718

## MEMBER PROFILE

### *Anne Hays Egan*

Anne was born in Montgomery, AL and lived there until she was 5 years old. Her dad worked for the Red Cross and as a result, they lived in a number of places in the U.S. and abroad. These included: Chablais, France; Kitzengen, Germany; Birmingham, AL; St. Petersburg, FL; Pinehurst, NC; Montgomery, AL; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Louisville, KY. Anne attended Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. earning a B.A. degree in Humanities. She followed this by earning a Master's degree in Humanities at Florida State, F.S.U. Anne then worked for the Red Cross in places like Ft. Knox, KY; Seoul Korea; Ft. Bragg, NC; and Cincinnati, OH.

Her pastor, Al Davies, in Cincinnati, urged Anne to attend seminary, and she earned her M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary. While there, Anne got to know Maggie Kuhn who was the founder of the Gray Panthers. At this time Anne developed a "Festival of the Ages" which provided information and resources to PTS and the community. Maggie and others were responsible for getting Title XX, the Older Americans Act, passed in the U.S. Congress, which funds Senior Centers across the U.S. Anne worked with Maggie on intergenerational shared housing, and was a contributing author to *Empowering Ministry in an Ageist Society*, Dieter Hessel, ed.

Following seminary, Anne was Assistant Pastor at Valley Forge Presbyterian Church, in Valley Forge, PA. Then she served as a consultant for the Presbyterian Church (USA) Health Costs Policies Task Force. She found her niche in consulting. Her career ever since has been in consulting, and her firm, New Ventures, works with nonprofits, governments and foundations. Although semi-retired, Anne is still involved in what she calls "juicy health systems projects." Anne settled in Placitas in 2010 because she needed to move to a lower elevation than Santa Fe, and loves living here.

Anne's favorite projects involved health systems, planning and development:

- Health systems planning with NM counties, Health Councils, and the state;
- Planning with SeniorNet in San Francisco, linking older adults with technology;
- Community planning for welfare reform and workforce development in U.S.;
- Research, papers, publications and presentations in the U.S. and abroad.

Her hobbies include playing violin, and attending and supporting classical music. She also loves other types of music, including folk, bluegrass, jazz, rock, and karaoke.

Her 15 minutes of fame happened when she received national recognition for her research, community planning and training work on devolution (welfare reform/workforce development) in the mid-1990s.

The person she most admires is Nelson Mandela (she almost met him), for his passion for justice. He didn't lose hope or get angry or bitter.

Anne's best trip was to El Salvador (1996 for a few weeks) just after the long war was over, working with the nonprofits, PROCOMES (Proyecto Comunal Desarrollo del Salvador). This nonprofit provided microenterprise help to women seeking to start small businesses, and teenage boys who had been soldiers and knew nothing else -training them in other professions so they wouldn't be easily influenced by gangs.

Her favorite cities are Paris, Cape Town and Hong Kong. She loved the safari she took near Kruger National Park in South Africa. Anne's bucket list includes visiting China, Australia and New Zealand; to continue to write and publish; play more chamber music; and continue to build her meditative spiritual practice. Her goal is to become increasingly clear about what God wants her to do with this "third age" of her life.

The possession she would grab in a fire would be: her cat, Baby Doll. The one thing she always wanted to do but hasn't yet would be paragliding/hangliding. Her favorite things are: the violin, books, Baby Doll and her computer.

Her favorite part about attending LPPC is THE PEOPLE.

Wendy Ingram  
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