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The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 2014



For a New Year

The ringing in of a New Year is often accompanied by a time of reflection. Individually we think back on the year past. We contemplate the major events of our lives as we look forward to new beginnings for the coming year. As a congregation, we do the same.

In 2014, Las Placitas Presbyterian Church has the opportunity to participate in ***New Beginnings***. Thanks to a generous grant, we along with twenty other churches in the Presbytery of Santa Fe will be taking advantage of this resource offered by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

This first phase of New Beginnings involves an assessment. On January 21st, the Rev. Ann Philbrick, our PC(U.S.A.) Associate for Church Growth and Transformation, will be in Placitas to perform an on-site assessment of our congregation. We are already gathering information to assist in this process. While here, Rev. Philbrick will meet with members and leaders of the church to learn more about Las Placitas and our community.

Following her visit, New Beginnings will provide us with a comprehensive written report covering strengths, challenges, and opportunities. In March of 2014 a team from our church will participate in a New Beginnings Leadership Training Event. They will receive the assessment report and learn how to bring the information back to our church. We then enter together into the discernment phase of this process.

Given the opportunity to reflect on the assessment, we as a congregation get to ask the questions - Who are we?, Where are we?, How are we?, and What's next? Discernment is a prayerful process through which we seek together God's guidance for our lives.

I look forward to the New Beginnings which God is already preparing for us.

Happy New Year!

Peace, Drew



JANUARY Texts and Topics

January 5 - Second Sunday after Christmas — "I will" Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ephesians 1:3-14

January 12 - Baptism of The Lord — "God's Choice" Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:12-17

January 19 - Second Sunday after Epiphany — "God is Faithful" Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

January 26 - Third Sunday after Epiphany — "A Great Light" Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23

Thankful for past blessings? Planning for the future?

Let the trustees of the LPPC Endowment Fund help you make a difference in the life of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. You can build on the legacy of our rich history since 1894 by taking actions to include LPPC in your estate planning. The trustees can provide support and guidance to help ensure

that your gifts and bequests are used to support your principles and the religious, charitable and educational mission of LPPC.

Without proper tax and estate planning the government could become a major beneficiary of your estate. Planning ahead is part of effective stewardship. Act now and talk to one of the Endowment Fund Trustees to make sure that your assets are used to support your family, your chosen charitable organization, and your church. Consider an estate gift to LPPC in your will or living trust, or consider naming LPPC as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, insurance policy, annuity or other accounts. Help your church build a firm foundation for its future ministry. Please contact one of the trustees (Bunny B., Mike P., Terry S.) to begin a discussion of your alternatives.

~Jack F
Endowment Committee



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

New Member Blessings – 2013

On Sunday, December 8th, Session met in the Upper Room to share witness, personal experience, and membership opportunity with congregants interested in joining our church. The result of this gathering was welcoming our three newest members: Jim and Pat Q and David W.

What a year it has been! In 2013 we've been blessed with the following new members:

April:	Leslie O'
May:	Katherine G
May:	Sue M
May:	Daniel S
May:	Lisa S
May:	Teresa S
June:	Mark P
June:	Micki P
June:	Harvey V
August:	Ida B
August:	Randall B
November:	Karen M
November:	Colleen R
December:	Jim Q
December:	Pat Q
December:	David W

With the addition of these **fifteen** new members, Las Placitas Presbyterian church has a total membership of 183. Our church is indeed growing! I got to thinking more about that; since Rev. Henry came to town, we've been blessed with continual growth and I don't believe it's a coincidence, do you? So just how many new members? Would you believe **forty**? Read on.

Nine new members received in 2012: Carol L, Warren L, Monya K, Ivona M, Christine M, Russell M, Joan C, Steve C, and Charles D.

Sixteen new members received in 2011: Peggy S, Ann H Ann H, Ed G, Sally G, Bob H, Sue H, Tamara H, Burke R, Martha R, Weda B, Kathleen L, Maggie E, Herman H, Shelly H, and Lisa H.

One final note; as you review this list of members you'll recognize that the overwhelming majority of these congregants are very active in the life of our church.

~Bill L
Clerk of Session

CASA ROSA NEWS

Greetings and may you enjoy continued holiday blessings!!

The past couple of months have been very busy at Casa Rosa and that mission of our church continues to make a big difference in the lives of so many families.

Just before Thanksgiving, Casa Rosa partnered with the LPPC Deacons to put together 62 complete turkey dinners for those who would otherwise not have such a meal that day. Following that event, Casa Rosa participated in the Blessings Day effort with San Antonio Mission Church and Our Lady of Sorrows in Bernalillo to distribute another 20 dinners to needy families.

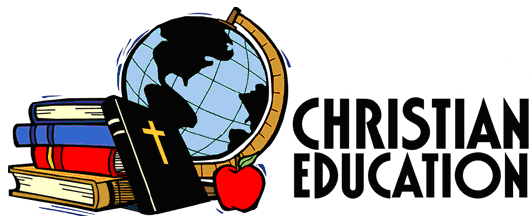
Many thanks go to the Casa Rosa Board, volunteers and clients who all pitch in to share God's blessings with one another. Also, a big THANK YOU goes out to all of YOU who so generously support the mission of Casa Rosa with



your donations of food, clothing, household goods and money. Because of you, Casa Rosa will be there to provide assistance to those in need.

May the New Year bring you happiness and peace!

~Tom L
Casa Rosa Board



ADULT FORUM

January-February Adult Forum: "Glory to God"—Exploring the New Presbyterian Hymnal

During January and February the Sunday morning Adult Forum will focus on our new hymnal, "Glory to God" This hymnal includes a lot of new music, drawn from various traditions of church music around the world.

For each class we will look at some of the spiritual and theological themes of the various genres, and do a bit of singing too. **The Adult Forum meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Upper Room.**

January 12: "Glory to God" -- A New Tool in a Long Tradition (introduction & some classic psalms & hymns)

January 19: Protestant Contemporary Hymnody

January 26: Roman Catholic Liturgical Renewal (since Vatican II)

February 2: African American Spirituals and Gospel Songs

February 9: Evangelical and Pentecostal Songs

February 16: Folk Song Influences

February 23: Global & Ecumenical Songs

Join us!

~Ken Cuthbertson
Parish Associate

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 and continue the second and fourth Wednesdays, 10-11:30am in the Upper Room.

We'll continue our lively discussion of Genesis. Everyone is welcome at any time!

MONDAY NIGHT ADULT STUDY

The Monday night group will resume on January 13th at 7pm in the Upper Room.

~Karl Gustafson

CHILDREN

Our children's Christmas program, *Around the World, It's Christmas*, was a great success! We had twenty-two



sweet voices singing carols from around the world. We want to thank our wonderful choir director, Andrew Alegria, for his dedication and talent in forming our LPPC Christmas Youth Choir and Mindy Sampson for her amazing talent on the piano. We also thank the parents and teachers for their tremendous support but most importantly we thank the precious children for their gift of music.

Our middle school and high school youth have just completed an exceptional eight-week Confirmation program lead by Elizabeth D and Tom T. Confirmation Sunday will be January 18th at the 10:30 worship service. The youth are working with Drew to plan and conduct this service. Come participate in this beautiful service and support our youth as they travel their spiritual journey.

Our Sunday School classes will continue the Presbyterian *We Believe* series in January with "Jesus' Message" as the theme, studying passages from *Luke* and *Mark*. Karen F will be leading the primary class with a three week study on the "Feast of the Epiphany."

With our Sunday School program growing, we are looking forward to an exciting New Year! We extend an invitation to anyone interested in working with our children in any capacity to join our team. We will meet Saturday morning, January 11th, 10:30am in the home of Sally G. We'll have a light brunch, coffee, and fellowship as we plan for the 2014. Come see what it's all about! We would love to have you!

A special thank you to Martha R for her fun Christmas gifts of “Snowman Candy Cane Huggers” to the young children and “Hot Chocolate

Snowman Drawstring Bags” for the older children. They were a sweet surprise and enjoyed by all our children.

~Sally G
Christian Ed Co-Chair

MEMBER PROFILE DAVID W



David was born in Mineral Wells, TX. He grew up in Hereford, TX, working on his parents’ ranch. David attended Cisco Junior College for one year on a football scholarship and then went to Oklahoma University – also playing football. After college, David lived in Roswell, NM, working for National Gypsum Co. While there he met an old man who owned Pioneer Paint and Varnish Co. He offered David a job in Phoenix, AZ at double his salary. After his boss passed away, David moved to Lubbock, TX and went into the construction business.

David came to Placitas in 2011 after meeting Patricia T. He really enjoys Placitas. He loves to hear about the wild horses. He was raised on a ranch twenty-five miles in the country. His family had horses much wilder than those running in the open space.

He has two children; Mickey and her husband have a dental lab in Albuquerque and his son Jerry works for Jeppeson in Denver. Jeppeson makes flight charts for the airline industry as well as for the military. David has five grandchildren.

David has been a general contractor for nearly fifty years. He started two Telecom Companies; one was a long distance company and the other a cellular company. He also owned a development company for twenty-five years. When he came to New Mexico in 1972, he started a metal building manufacturing company. He owned 30% of the Montgomery Plaza Mall at the NW corner of Montgomery and San Mateo. He also built and owned Plaza Ladera shopping center and office building at the corner of Coors and Ladera. David

enjoyed going to the shopping center and Telecom conventions. He invested in oil and gas in the late 70’s. He liked the idea they were working while he slept!

His passion is playing golf and as we all know he likes to fix things, large or small.

The person David would most like to meet is Jesus. He would have loved to hear Him speak and tell His parables. He can’t imagine what it would have been like to walk with Him.

David’s favorite trip was to Maui for two weeks staying at the Kai Lani Hotel. He had visited Hawaii many times but that trip was in December and was lots of fun. Needless to say, they mostly played golf at several different courses and did squeeze in some sight-seeing. In 1988 David went to Manhattan for an AT&T convention. This was an amazing place for a country boy. One of his friends in Albuquerque, who was raised in Manhattan, gave him a list of things to see and do. He would love to go back.

His most unusual trip was to Fort McMurray, Canada. He went there to solve a construction problem. While there, he was flown over the alabaster tar sands where they were extracting oil. It was amazing! They had what appeared to be ditch diggers that were making 100 foot cuts in the earth. Two cuts made the area 200 feet deep. There was also a river there that ran north. It was large enough for tug boats to run through it!

There are a lot of places David would like to visit—Spain being one. He has been to many U.S. cities but there are still several he would like to visit – especially the Presidential Libraries.

His most prized possession would be the Bible that his Mother gave him.

The one thing he would love to do but hasn’t yet is to shoot his age on the golf course.

The five things that he couldn’t live without are: his faith, his desire to accomplish things, the ability to help others, play golf, and chocolate.

David’s favorite parts of LPPC are the members and the pastor.

~Wendy I
~Betty C

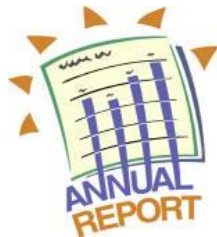
Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Session of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church has called the annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 26, 2014** following the 10:30am worship service. This year's annual meeting will take place over a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate the ministry and accomplishments of this past year and receive the budget adopted to carry forth the mission of LPPC in 2014. Make your plans to be a part of this important event.



2013 Annual Reports will be electronically distributed to all members prior to the meeting and hard copies will be available during the meeting.

Attention: Committee Chairs!



The dawning of the new year brings with it the production of LPPC's annual report. All committee chairs are responsible for submitting a report of their activities and accomplishments for the year 2013. If you have any questions call the office. The deadline for submitting an electronic copy of your annual report to Cory in the office is **Wednesday, January 15**. Her email address is: lppcaa@lasplacitaschurch.org.

If you have any questions, call the office for clarification (867-5718). This deadline for submission is firm as the reports need to be formatted, proofed and printed by Tuesday, January 21.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, January 22 at 10:00am to collate and staple the pages of the annual report together. Please contact Cory in the office (867-5718) if you can assist in the process.

Worship Service/Event Cancellation and Church Closing Policy:

Sunday worship services and other events will proceed as scheduled unless notice is given otherwise. As always, if you feel you cannot safely proceed to an event, please make the best decision for you and your family.

When Sunday Worship Services (or other church events) are cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be announced on KOAT channel 7. As soon as is possible, it will also be announced on the church voicemail message: 505-867-5718 and posted on the website: www.lasplacitaschurch.org.

On weekdays, the Church Office will close during business hours due to inclement weather according to the same guidelines as the *Bernalillo Public Schools*. (If the schools are on two hour delay, the office is on two hour delay. If the schools close for the day, the office is closed for the day.) Closings are announced on local TV stations via a runner on the bottom of the TV screen. You may also find information on closings at www.koat.com.

JANUARY Calendar Highlights

- Sun Jan 5 **Second Sunday after Christmas Day—Communion**
Early worship service, 8:30am
Second worship service, 10:30am
Nursery provided; Sunday School
Fellowship follows this service
- Wed Jan 8 Jardineros de Placitas, 9am-12noon

Bible Study, 10-11:30am,
Upper Room
- Sun Jan 12 **Baptism of the Lord**
Early worship service, 8:30am
Adult Forum resumes, 9:15am
Second worship service, 10:30am
Nursery provided; Sunday School
Fellowship follows this service

Session meets to welcome new
members, 11:45am, Upper Room
- Mon Jan 13 Monday Night Adult Study resumes,
7pm, Upper Room
- Sun Jan 19 **Second Sunday after Epiphany**
Early worship service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Second worship service, 10:30am
Nursery provided—Sunday School
Fellowship follows this service
- Mon Jan 20 Birthday of Martin Luther King
Church Office is closed

Monday Night Adult Study, 7pm
- Wed, Jan 22 Bible Study, 10-11:30am, Upper
Room

- Sun Jan 26 **Third Sunday after Epiphany**
Early worship service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am
Second worship service, 10:30am
Nursery provided—Sunday School

Annual Congregational Meeting and
Potluck follows this service in
Fellowship Hall

PAS Reception & Concert, 2-5pm

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Friday, January 24th at noon

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