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The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

MAY 2014

Thank you Cory

After almost six years of service Cory Franklin, our Church Administrator, will be retiring from this position at the end of this month of May. Cory began her work at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in September of 2008. She worked together with your then Transitional Pastor Elizabeth Lyman. After Rev. Lyman's departure, Cory worked with Steve Miller in 2010 until I began here in January of 2011.

Three pastors in her first three years on the job is more than any one person should have to handle. However Cory managed such significant transition with competency, skill, and grace. I have been so grateful for Cory's handling of our church office and affairs as I have transitioned into the life of this congregation.

Most if not all of you have had the occasion to interact with Cory during her tenure here at the church. If you have read this newsletter, picked up a church bulletin, called the church office, utilized a church directory, scheduled an event at the church, or read a congregational email, you have benefited from Cory's work. She may have lent you an ear, helped to facilitate a task you needed done, pointed you in the right direction, or simply shared one of the delicious dark chocolates she regularly keeps on her office desk.

We all have many reasons to say "Thank you!" to Cory. I would like to say thank you for your dedication and your commitment to your work as the Administrator of this congregation. Thank you for your presence and your persistence in what were not always easy times. Thank you for being a colleague and a friend.

Please join me this month in thanking Cory and wishing her well as she begins this new chapter. Enjoy life (and especially your grandchildren).

Peace, Drew

MAY Texts and Topics

May 4th - 3rd Sunday of Easter "Breaking Bread"
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35

May 11th - 4th Sunday of Easter "Devotion" Psalm
23; Acts 2:42-47

May 18th - 5th Sunday of Easter "Believe" Psalm
31:1-5, 15-16; John 14:1-14

May 25th - 6th Sunday of Easter "L_ve" Psalm
66:8-20; John 14:15-21



New Beginnings Update

Our New Beginnings Leadership Team has been working on your behalf over recent months. We have completed the first two stages of this process – the Assessment and Training phases. We are about to move into the third stage of discernment together with you, and we need your active participation at this time.

New Beginnings is a program designed to help us move forward with clarity and conviction into the future God holds for us as a congregation. This upcoming discernment phase is structured to help us have meaningful conversations and learning together as we listen for God's guidance for our church.

We are in the process of planning a kickoff event that will likely take place following worship one Sunday in June. You will be asked to be a part of a small group that will then meet together over the course of the summer for four additional sessions. We are looking into the possibility of concluding this discernment phase with a day retreat in the late summer/early fall.

Your participation is important. We understand being a part of this process involves a commitment of time and energy on your part. To facilitate this process, we are inviting the congregation into a Sabbath from all other regular meetings during the summer months in order to focus together on this important task. Our regular summer activities will continue. We simply invite groups to take a break from meetings, in order to be able to give time to you to participate in a New Beginnings small group. Expect more details and information over the coming weeks.

Please contact any of the members of your leadership team if you have any questions. We are: Yvonne B, Joan & Steve C, Doug C, Ken C, Jeff D, Mickie F-K, Drew H, Georgiana K, Bill L, Carolyn M, Micki P, and Beth S.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

Ken Cuthbertson will be going to the PCUSA General Assembly in Detroit in June. He will be there as the Overture Advocate for Santa Fe Presbytery, helping to present the presbytery's overture allowing ministers and local church sessions to use their own discretion in choosing to perform or host same-sex weddings in places where they are legal. The overture was originally sponsored in this presbytery by the LPPC Session, along with the sessions of St. Andrew and New Life PC in Albuquerque. At General Assembly, Ken will be working in cooperation with overture advocates from other presbyteries who have passed similar overtures, helping with a joint presentation to the assembly committee working on marriage issues.

In order to help with Ken's travel and lodging expenses, the LPPC Session has approved setting up a temporary fund to which those who wish may contribute. We are grateful that Ken is willing to be there on our behalf, and, as you are able, appreciate your helping us to support Ken. Ken's travel and lodging expenses will be about \$1200. If more is contributed than is needed, any excess amount will be passed on to The Covenant Network of Presbyterians, which is coordinating the work at General Assembly.

Checks should be made out to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, with "General Assembly/Ken Cuthbertson" on the memo line.

From the Karen & Stew F—to the warm, welcoming, loving members of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church:



Thank you so much for our farewell on April 6th. It was so wonderful, an emotional event for us. Thanks for the wonderful fellowship and luncheon following the service. We miss LPPC and Casa Rosa already, more than you can imagine. Please don't be surprised if you see us come back again, often, until we sell our Placitas home. Our e-mail address and cell phone number remain unchanged. The office will have our new address in Timnath, near Ft. Collins. Come to see us in Colorado!

~Karen and Stew

Rebuilding Together Sandoval County

We are seeking skilled & unskilled volunteers to accomplish the goals of reducing our backlog of homes and providing safer, healthier, warmer, and drier homes for our families in need.

Sunday, May 4, 2:45-3:45p—Project Captain training at the Placitas Community Library for skilled or somewhat skilled volunteers.

Tuesday through Thursday, May 6-8, flexible hours—Install windows—skilled and unskilled volunteers.

Tentative: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 29-31—Prep & paint. Clean yard area.

Call Janice at 867-1139 or Terry through the Mission Committee, for availability & directions to the houses.

HELPING WITH FOOD AT FELLOWSHIP HOUR

For those of you who might not know – there is a sign-up sheet for bringing food for fellowship hour. The clip board is on the counter by the coffee. I would love it if those who haven't participated in a while, signed up. Refreshments make all the difference in the quality of the fellowship hour. Thank you for your consideration.

~Wendy I
Membership Chair



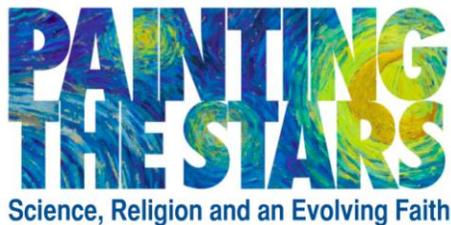
SUNDAY ADULT FORUM—May

On Sunday May 4 the Adult Forum will be viewing "**The Awakening Universe**," a film featuring the late Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme. The viewing will be accompanied by a time of reflection on scripture, and discussion. The Adult Forum meets in the Upper Room at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

Beginning on May 11 we will break for the summer.

~Ken Cuthbertson
Parish Associate

MONDAY NIGHT ADULT STUDY



This program from "Living the Questions" celebrates the communion of science and faith, and explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality.

"Mystery is a condition of awe, of resting precisely in an unknowing, long enough for the silence to have its way with us. The goal of this curriculum is to create some space for us to inhabit this mystery more deeply, and explore the relationship between science, particularly evolution, and religion. Perhaps most importantly, the hope is that each participant will feel from the inside what it is like to be the presence of all this creativity, showing up after 13.7 billion years as him or her. Without this felt sense of being one with the creative process that is ceaselessly animating life, the conversation will remain objective and academic. We invite you to engage these weeks with an awareness that you are not separate from the creativity that produced you." ~Bruce Sanguin, Author of *If Darwin Prayed*

Join us on Monday nights at 7pm in the Upper Room.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is taking a break in May. The group will resume on the second and fourth Wednesday of June—the 11th and the 25th—from 10-11:30am in the Upper Room. We'll continue our lively discussion of Genesis. Everyone is welcome at any time!



CHILDREN

Our youth are busy planning a wonderful retreat—**June 23 to June 29**—to one of the most beautiful parts of our state, Ghost Ranch. The retreat, ***Fruits of the Spirit in our World Today***, will be lead by Claudio Carvalhaes, a theologian and artist from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Our youth will have the opportunity to explore and wonder together about what Scripture says about the Holy Spirit and figure out together how the fruits of the Spirit apply to their daily lives. They are now busy raising the \$350 needed for each of the nine youth and two adults attending this summer. There is a scholarship fund for anyone wishing to donate.

The Easter sale of **See's Candy** was a great success! Thank you to all who participated. What a great start for raising the Ghost Ranch Retreat funds. We thank **Susan H** for her generous donation of **Extraordinary Egg Designs** which will be sold after church on **May 4th** as another Ghost Ranch fundraiser just in time for the perfect Mother's day gift.

Friday, May 16th at 5:30pm our youth group will host a delicious **Spaghetti Dinner** in the LPPC Fellowship Hall. Our youth waiters and waitresses will take your orders as you enjoy the Italian music and ambiance. It will be fun for all and another way to raise the funds needed for Ghost Ranch.

Teachers are busy planning an exciting **Vacation Bible School** for our younger children in K-5th grades. This year's theme is **LPPC Parable Productions** where our children will showcase their talents on a stage, a puppet theater, a radio broadcast, a TV show or in the newspaper headlines. There will be many forms of self-expression and fun as we all learn some of the parables of Jesus.

We will start with the **Kick-Off and dinner on Sunday, July 13 from 4:00-6:00pm and continue Monday through Thursday, July 14-17 from 5:00-7:30pm each day.**

We are currently recruiting talented and not so talented adults and directors to lead small drama groups, help with costumes, guide children in the art center, conduct a game center, cook and help out in the kitchen, and storytellers who love to work with children. Please call Sally Gosnell if you wish to participate in any form. It is always lots of fun!

The teachers and parents of all our delightful children thank this congregation for their continued support and generosity. **You** are what make all these wonderful activities possible. **Thank you!**

~Sally G
Christian Education

New members since May 2013

Time has gotten away from us and it's been too long since we last introduced new members to the congregation. Going forward we will introduce new members during the month that they meet with Session. It's important that you know who the newest members are so you can reach out to them.

Those who have joined Las Placitas Presbyterian Church over the past year are:

Theresa Sena V
Mark and Micki P
Randall and Ida B
Karen M
Colleen R
Jim and Pat Q
David W
Mickie F-K
Rhon and Margene M
Harvey V – reactivated his membership

If you haven't met our newest members, please check out the online photo directory so you can identify them—or ask someone from the membership committee to introduce you.

~Wendy I
Membership Chair

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The Health Ministry Partnership would like to share this information from Sandoval County with the congregation. It concerns a program they offer for Senior Volunteers in the community. It appears to be a very worthy endeavor. Please save it for your reference.

SANDOVAL COUNTY SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Would you like to become a volunteer and earn some extra money? If so, you may be interested in the following:

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) places peer companions 55+ with frail seniors doing what friends do for friends—providing companionship and helping with daily activities.

The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) places seniors 55+ with “at risk” children in grades K-5 to assist them in such things as reading, listening and mentoring.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) places people 55+ in locations throughout the county assisting in libraries, food banks, senior centers, etc.

Please call Nikki Holm at (505)404-5818 or Kim Hayes at (505)404-5822 for more information.

Did you know that Sandoval County Senior Program can provide you with:

A nutritious lunch
A ride to the grocery store or doctor
Companionship
Light housekeeping
Case management
Fun/educational activities
Physical fitness
And so much more

Call (505)867-7535 for more information

END OF LIFE THOUGHTS

*100% of us die
*75% of Americans state their wish is to die at home
*Less than 25% of deaths occur at home
*70-80% of Americans die in hospital or institutional settings
*20% of deaths occur in ICUs or immediately after transfer from ICU
*About 40% of Americans have written advanced directives and have communicated these wishes to their significant others

Available care/Choices:

Aggressive medical intervention in ICU and hospitals

Addresses and treats physical disease with goal of stabilization or cure.

No technological boundaries in trying to keep clients from dying even when there is minimal hope of quality of life.

Physician, specialist, medical care.

Palliative care in hospitals, outpatient services and homes

Addresses and treats acute and chronic symptoms and diseases with goal of quality of life.

Aggressive symptom management with team approach addresses the physical, psychosocial symptoms, and care needs of both the individual and their significant others.

Hospice care at home, in institutions and in hospice in-patient units

A form of palliative care with goal of quality of life, and peaceful death in the individual's choice of settings.

Physician must certify that individual has limited life expectancy.

Aggressive symptom management with team approach addresses physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs and concerns of individuals and their significant others as they live their last phase of life.

Your choices:

- What are your goals for your last years of life?
- Have you thought about the benefits and burdens of different types of health care?
- Have you made advanced directives?
- Have you communicated your wishes to your family members/significant others?

-Look for more information in the next newsletter concerning the "Life Books" project that the Health Ministry Partnership will be starting in September.

Blessings and joy for a healthy spring and summer.



~THE HEALTH MINISTRY
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

From the Mission Committee

Does anyone have frequent flyer miles to contribute for sending a representative to The Cuba Partners Meeting in Chicago October 1-4? Contact Jeannine, Nancy or anyone on the mission committee if you can help in this way or need further information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Isotopes Baseball—Sunday,
July 20th—Tickets are \$11.50

(Same price for adults and children)—Game starts at 6:05pm.

Look for a sign-up sheet starting on May 4th.
Questions?—contact Janice L.



MEMBER PROFILE NANCY W

Nancy was born in Bovina Center, NY (in the Catskills).

She attended first and second grade in a two-room schoolhouse that included grades 1-6, until some local schools combined. Nancy became interested in archeology when her mother and she would dig for, and collect antique bottles from the area. After high school, UNM was her choice because of their programs in archeology and being farthest away from home. She eventually changed her course of study and earned her BA in audiology.

Nancy worked in local area bar/restaurants while in college and met her husband, Chuck, who owned the Rio Grande Cantina near Old Town. After marrying, Nancy and Chuck moved to Algodones where Chuck owned a house and land.

After the birth of two children (Jonathan, graduated from New Mexico State and Jody is attending CNM to become a Medical Assistant) Nancy became a stay-at-home mother. She later worked part time at the Cantina before deciding to earn her Pharmacy Tech license. She worked ten years for the Medicine Chest Pharmacy. During this time, Nancy served on the Board of Education in Bernalillo. Her fifteen minutes of fame was February 28, 2013 when the Mayor of Bernalillo, Jack Torres, declared it to be "NANCY W DAY" because she was retiring from the Board of Education after 12 years!



She and her husband now own Curves in Bernalillo, and she works there with Jody.

Nancy's passions are whatever she is doing at the time! Currently, that would be yoga, hiking and singing.

Queen Elizabeth is the person that Nancy would most like to meet. She admires her for all that she has accomplished and had to adapt to over her 60+ year reign as well as her graciousness.

Nancy loved their honeymoon trip when they drove up the Pacific coast to Vancouver for the World's Fair. Another special trip was the one she took with Jody in 2005 when they went to Paris on a school trip. Versailles was her favorite sight.

One of Nancy's high school friends challenged her to do 59 new things this past year before she turned 60. She completed the list and has earned a huge sense of accomplishment! It forced her to not wait until tomorrow – just do it! A few things on her list: attended the Santa Fe Opera, had her first massage, taught herself to knit, took a glass blowing class, a stained glass lesson, learned how to make posole and tortillas. She is now working on her list of 60 new things!

If there were a fire, she would rescue her animals, Christmas decorations and pictures, and, of course, her five favorite things happen to be cats, Christmas decorations, Christmas music, choir and yoga!

Two things that Nancy would still like to do would be to go to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and to learn how to yodel.

When Nancy's Mom and Dad came to help out when Jonathan was a newborn, they took him on a drive that happened to include driving up to the Village in Placitas. When they returned, they asked Nancy if she knew that there was a Presbyterian Church in Placitas. She didn't, but later attended and as the saying goes - the rest is history! Nancy has been attending LPPC for 25 years. Her first pastor was Jim Anderson.

Her favorite part about attending LPPC is the choir, and she loves the honoring of the Spanish heritage. It feels like home—so what's not to love?

~Wendy I & Betty C



Local Artist Gives Back to Community

After touring the Casa Rosa facility and speaking with Ruth Wheeler, a Casa Rosa board member, the owner of Tribal Bear Designs and jewelry designer, Geri Verble, has chosen to support Casa Rosa by donating 25% of her sales proceeds from the 2014 Annual Placitas Studio Tour (May 10th & 11th, 10am-5pm). She will also be collecting monetary donations at her studio. Sometimes a small random act of kindness can make the world a better place.

Hunger is a silent and invisible issue, and it exists right here in the Placitas community. Each week Casa Rosa Food Pantry helps feed and clothe more than 50 families. The volunteers distribute food, clothing, and household items every Saturday morning to Placitas residents in need.

Casa Rosa is an all volunteer, community supported non-profit 501(c)(3) with a very simple mission: to provide adequate food and support for those in need within the Placitas community.

**June/July Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, May 23rd at noon**

MAY Calendar Highlights

- Thurs May 1 Women's Prayer Circle, 7:30 pm,
Upper Room
- Sun May 4 **Third Sunday of Easter
Communion**
Early worship service, 8:30am
Adult Forum, 9:15am, Upper Room
Second worship service, 10:30am
Nursery provided; Sunday School
Fellowship follows this service
- Mon May 5 Monday Night Adult Study, 7pm
- Sat May 10 Placitas Studio Tour—10am-5pm
Chile Pepper Café is open
- Sun May 11 **Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**
Single Combined Worship, 9:30am
Nursery provided; Sunday School
Fellowship follows this service
- Chile Pepper Café is open
- Session meets to welcome new
members, 10:45am, Upper Room
- Placitas Studio Tour—10am-5pm
- Mon May 12 Monday Night Adult Study, 7pm
- Thurs May 15 Women's Prayer Circle, 7:30 pm,
Upper Room
- Fri May 16 Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner,
5:30-7:30pm
- Sun May 18 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Early worship service, 8:30am
Second worship service, 10:30am
Nursery provided; Sunday School
Fellowship follows this service
- Mon May 19 Monday Night Adult Study, 7pm
- Sun May 25 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Early worship service, 8:30am
Second worship service, 10:30am
Nursery provided
Fellowship follows this service
- Mon May 26 Memorial Day
Church Office is closed

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