



# The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

April 2017

## New Life

The Easter season reminds us as Christians that we are brought into a new way of life. The death-dealing powers of our world are ultimately overturned in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The message of Easter is that new life emerges even in those places where we only see the tomb.

Where in your own self are you waiting for this new life to emerge? Where in our congregation, our community, our nation, and our world do we need Resurrection power? In Jesus' raising from the dead healing is offered to the places in our lives and in the world where death dwells.

I invite you to be present in this Holy Week. Be present to the fullness of Christ. Be present to the fullness of your own life, in whatever stage you may be. Be present to the life of your community of faith. And be present to the new life God is readying to breathe into us. Resurrection is a gift that defines our days.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, we will consider the sixth great end of the church - The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to World. On Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will gather around the Lord's Table as we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples at our 7 p.m. service. On Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the sanctuary will be open for contemplative prayer from 1-3 p.m. You are invited to come and be present in this space. Finally, on Easter morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate together the new life ushered in through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Services will be held at 6:30, 8:30, and 10:30 am.

It is an honor to celebrate this my seventh Easter with you. I look forward to Holy Week.

Peace, Drew

## Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### April 2, Fifth Sunday in Lent

*The Promotion of Social Righteousness*  
Amos 5:18-24 & Ephesians 5:8-14

### April 9, Palm Sunday

*The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World*  
Matthew 21:1-11 & Philippians 2:5-11

### April 13 - Maundy Thursday

7 pm, communion

### April 14 - Good Friday

Sanctuary open for contemplative prayer  
1 - 3 pm

### April 16, Easter Sunday

*New Life*  
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

### April 23, Earth Day Sabbath

*Bee Community*  
Psalm 16 & Ephesians 4:7,12-16

### April 30, Third Sunday of Easter

Baptism; *Called & Gifted*  
Psalm 116:12-19 & Acts 2:36-41

## Join us for Holy Week!

### **April 9, Palm Sunday**

Traditional Palm Sunday procession begins in the Memorial Garden at 10:15 a.m., followed by worship in the sanctuary.

### **April 13, Maundy Thursday**

Evening service, 7:00 p.m.

### **April 14, Good Friday**

Sanctuary open from 1-3 p.m. for contemplative prayer.

### **April 16, Easter Sunday Services**

6:30am Sunrise Service

8:30am Early Service

10:30am Traditional Easter Service

✿ Potluck immediately follows

✿ Please bring a dish to share!

✿ Ham & rolls provided

✿ Easter Egg Hunt



## Adult Forum in April

During Lent, the Adult Forum has been looking at selections from the Psalms. During the last two Sundays we will be recalling the experiences of Holy Week and meditating on the spiritual journey to the cross and on to the empty tomb. Later in the month we will have a special Earth Day Sabbath presentation, and Part 2 of Pat Thorpe's presentations on balance and fall prevention.

The Adult Forum meets in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings, at approximately 9:15 a.m., following the early service.

**April 2** - Psalms of the Season  
*A Cry from the Cross (Psalm 22)*

**April 9** - Psalms of the Season  
*Sing Alleluia (Hallel, Psalms 116 & 118)*

**April 16** – Easter Day  
No Adult Forum

**April 23** - Earth Day Sabbath  
An EarthCare Fellowship presentation on *Recycling at LPPC*.

**April 30** - *Balance and Falls Prevention, Part 2*  
Presented by Pat Thorpe and the LPPC Health Ministries Partnership

~ Rev. Kenneth Cuthbertson

## The Session

### New Members to Welcome

**Roberto Ibarra** - born in Santiago, Chile he stated that although being baptized Catholic, his grandmother was instrumental in his religious and spiritual education. Grateful for her love and guidance, influenced by the Congregational Church, Roberto's family relocated to the United States and Akron, Ohio, specifically. Formally educated in the sciences, attaining advanced degrees in anthropology, Roberto taught at both Ft. Lewis College and more recently, the University of New Mexico. It was here that he fell in love with the southwest.

**Marilyn Knudsen** - was raised in Wisconsin and the Lutheran Church. Her creativity and love of the outdoors directed Marilyn into studying landscape architecture, which led to a rewarding career in both the mid and southwest. The culture here in New Mexico was an ingredient which led the couple into seeking a spiritual family and ultimately Las Placitas Church. The blend of both English and Spanish inculcated into the service along with the friendly congregation brought them to desire membership.

**Alison and Mark Beam** - first visited Las Placitas Church on Christmas Eve, 2016. Alison, raised and educated in New York, migrated to Florida to begin her trained profession as a mechanical engineer. It was in Florida that she became involved in the Presbyterian Church and met now husband Mark, a lifelong Presbyterian from Greensboro, North Carolina. Mark, a history buff, enjoyed an exciting career in United States Air Force. Somehow, the southwest and Placitas, New Mexico, "spoke to them." The Session of LPPC is grateful it did, as the Beam's will both join through reaffirmation of faith.

**Erica Chambers** – it wasn't long after Erica and her 4<sup>th</sup> grade son Hunter relocated here from Wichita, Kansas, that they began attending LPPC and Erica joined the choir. Now a year later, Erica is thrilled to become a member.

**Dan Johnson** – engaged to Erica Chambers, Dan is an aerospace engineer and preacher's son. He will be joining through a letter of transfer from Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita, Kansas.

**Jill Hensley** - brought-up in Bethesda, Maryland, Jill attended Georgetown Presbyterian Church in our nation's capitol before relocating to Leesburg, Virginia. Employment advancement led Jill to New Mexico and Placitas, where she and her fiancée are building a new home. A lifelong Presbyterian, Jill will be joining by letter of transfer from Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

**Diane Shepard** - born and raised Catholic in Albuquerque, Diane relocated to San Francisco after graduating from the University of New Mexico with a degree in Special Education. Her twenty-five year career as an educational diagnostician for De Anza College was "meaningful and fulfilling." Upon retirement, Diane "came home" to New Mexico and Placitas. One settled, Diane successfully pursued another educational degree, to our benefit, in Culinary Arts.

**Lynn Coburn** - a life-long Presbyterian and New Mexican, currently residing in Albuquerque, Lynn was born and raised in Las Cruces. In her youth she attended Presbytery and Synod meetings with her father, a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church. Lynn graduated from Maryville College, a Presbyterian School in Western Tennessee. Lynn will be joining through letter of transfer from New Life Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque.

Please be intentional to reach out, welcome, and get to all nine of these winners.

~ Bill Lumm Clerk of Session

## Children's Christian Education

Once again we are all looking forward to this year's ***Easter Egg Hunt and Youth Scavenger Hunt*** taking place April 16<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 worship service. Children up to five years old will hunt for their eggs in the Children's Playground while the older children, six years old through fifth grade, will hunt for their eggs in the Memorial Garden. Simultaneously, our youth will be lead all around the church on a scavenger hunt to find their "Easter treasure". We want to remind all elementary and younger children to remember to bring their Easter basket and to **have a parent nearby**. Chantel Tarin has taken the lead and is organizing all that is involved in running this event smoothly. Thank you!!

Again, this year we need donations from the congregation of individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs and little toys. 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 make Easter Sunday so much fun for all our children.

Our mid high and high school youth are planning their annual trip to Ghost Ranch, June 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. This year, the youth week theme is ***"Love Without Borders"***. We are hoping to send 13 youth and 3 adult chaperones. "Through worship, art, outdoor adventures, small groups and large vistas they will play and pray and experience just how big and wide is God's love for us and all the created world". It will be another wonderful summer! We want to thank all the generous donations that are making this possible. A huge thank you to Cheryl Ferrell for her delicious pies and to Diane Herrera Shepard for leading the youth in pizza and tortilla making.

We are always recruiting teachers and committee members. If you would like to experience the delight of working with Christian Ed let us know. I promise it will make you smile and your heart will melt just a little.

~ Sally Gosnell, Children's Christian Ed

## Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee would like to welcome Mark and Alison Beam to our team.

Thanks to all of those who came out for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner. The committee worked very hard to provide some very good nutritious food for the dinner and we also enjoyed excellent entertainment with Judie and Steve playing for the evening. We thank them for their time and contribution to our dinner.

Coming on Easter, there will be a congregational potluck with Fellowship providing the hams, rolls and drinks. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship of family and friends.

~ Joan Dennis, Fellowship Chair

## Health Ministry Partnership

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

~Albert Einstein



Save the date!! **Sunday, April 30, 9:15 a.m.**  
Adult Forum, Upper Room  
*Fall Prevention II*  
*An interactive presentation by Pat Thorpe*

## Summer Songlines

It may be windy and chilly now, but soon spring and summer will be here. Pastor Drew Henry will follow his Songlines on sabbatical, and our church will discover our collective and individual Songlines as well.

Each month, from May through September, a guest musician will share personal Songline in a weekend of musical activities. Local musicians will share their musical biographies on other Sundays. Placitas will be alive with the sound of music.

Sunday, **April 2**, we will begin selling tickets to a concert featuring our late-July guest, Carrie Newcomer. A nationally known songwriter and performing musician, Carrie Newcomer will present a concert on Saturday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m.. Tickets cost \$20, with sale to LPPC members offered before opening sales to the general community. Only 160 tickets will be available so that the entire audience can enjoy the concert inside the sanctuary.

Our first Songlines guest will be Dr. Don Saliers, who will be with us the weekend of **May 19-21**. Dr. Saliers is a musician, pastor, theologian, and professor emeritus at Emory University in Atlanta. Don Saliers and his daughter Emily Saliers co-authored the book *A Song to Sing, a Life to Live*. We have some copies in our church library. During his weekend with us, Dr. Saliers will host a free community hymn sing, "Singing Faith in a Difficult World," on Friday, **May 19, at 6:00 p.m.** at LPPC. On Saturday morning, **May 20, at 9:00 a.m.**, Dr. Saliers will conduct a workshop, "Finding Your Songline" for the LPPC community. In addition, he will lead a workshop for church music directors. Dr. Saliers will share his own Songline on Sunday, **May 21** at the Adult Forum and worship service.

Our guest presenters throughout the summer will bring a variety of musical genres and presentation styles. Here is the schedule:

DATES	GUEST ARTIST	FOCUS / WEBSITE
May 19-21	Don Saliers	Liturgical music <a href="http://candler.emory.edu/faculty/profiles/saliers-don.html">http://candler.emory.edu/faculty/profiles/saliers-don.html</a>
June 24-25	Bill Carter	Jazz <a href="http://presbybop.com">http://presbybop.com</a>
July 16	Cipriano Vigil	Folk *Bible school <a href="http://newmexicofolkmusicresource.com">http://newmexicofolkmusicresource.com</a>
July 29-30	Carrie Newcomer	Spiritual contemporary <a href="http://www.carriewcomer.com">http://www.carriewcomer.com</a>
Aug. 18-20	Ana Hernandez	Eclectic music <a href="http://anahernandez.org">http://anahernandez.org</a>
Sept. 16-17	Billy McLaughlin	Acoustic guitar <a href="http://www.billymclaughlin.com">http://www.billymclaughlin.com</a>



## Member Profile

### Debbie Stueber

Debbie was born in Albuquerque and graduated from Eldorado High School, then studied Education at UNM with an emphasis on Special Education. Her first job out of high school was as a cashier at the Tram. She met her husband, Jerry there. His brother was part of the initial group of employees that assisted in the building of the Tram. Jerry's father gave each of his children land in Placitas, which he had bought in the 50's. Debbie and Jerry built their home from the ground up with help from friends from the Tram. Their land was on San Francisco Ranch Road, past Diamond Tail. Debbie went to TVI, then CNM to learn how to be do electrical installation. She also made and hauled adobes for their house. They built a dome house. It was built on a hill, and underneath they built an adobe kitchen. They later built a master suite using "normal" 2 x 4 construction methods. Debbie lived there for 21 years.

Debbie has two sons. Christopher is a tech support consultant for HP. He lives in Rio Rancho with his wife of one year, Samantha. He has a son, Kaje who is 7. Her other son, Kevin, works in the IMT Dept. at Verizon Wireless handling cross country scheduling. He lives in Ventana Ranch.

Debbie started working at Mothers' Day Out (MDO) in 1992. In 1997, she moved back to Albuquerque to live with her Mom in the house where she was raised. Her Mom has passed away now, and the house is Debbie's.

MDO started in 1989 when a group of parents talked with Pastor Jim Anderson about starting a children's play group 2 days a week. Janet Fowler was the first caregiver. Debbie's son Kevin was in the program at that time. When her helper couldn't take one of the days per week, Debbie was asked if she would like to step in. The program then went to 3 days per week, and Debbie took 2 of those days. In January of 1993, the other caregiver went out on maternity leave, and Debbie was the sole caregiver for the program. MDO has been 5 days per week for the last 13 years Debbie celebrated her 25 years as caregiver of MDO in Feb. 2017!

Debbie's hobbies are: Sleeping, reading, and she wants to get into genealogy. Her 15 minutes of fame happened in the late 1970's when a big wind storm knocked the Tram off its cable. The newspaper couldn't get a good photo of the men rescuing the stranded passengers so instead took a photo of Debbie, as a cashier, standing under a snow-covered piñon tree. It was published the next morning.

The person Debbie would most like to have met is her maternal grandfather. He died a month before she was born. She has heard so many stories about him.

Her best trip was their year-long move to Oahu, Hawaii, when her Dad was stationed there. Debbie was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Her bucket list includes a cruise on the Mediterranean, applying for a passport, taking a trip to Alaska, and seeing the U.S.

Debbie's most prized possessions were in a safe that was stolen during a home break-in. Her other very memorable possession is the table made of Koa wood that her Dad made while they lived in Hawaii. It depicts little seascapes and seahorses.

Debbie's favorite things include chocolate, her "munchkins" - that she can't wait to greet every morning - books, and medical dramas on TV.

When Debbie first moved to Placitas in the late 70's, she fondly remembers that you would have to meet delivery people out on the highway to guide them to the house. It was known as a hippie community back then. Now, the delivery people charge double to come to Placitas and use GPS to find the house.

~ Wendy Ingram & Betty Closser