



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

August 2017

Sunday Songlines Worship Services

9:30 a.m.

August 6, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Songlines Guest Artist – Michael Crofoot

August 20, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Songlines Guest Artist – Ana Hernandez

August 27, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Songlines Guest Artist – Willy Sucre

Season of Renewal Contact

Now through September 15, our Pastor, the Rev. Drew Henry, is away on sabbatical. Our Parish Associates, Deacons and Elders have signed up for a weekly on-call schedule that will be printed in each week's Sunday bulletin. Our Clerk of Session and Moderator of Deacons will also be available if the need arises. We want you to know who to call during this season and how to reach them if and when the need arises.

If you are not sure who to contact at any point, or for non-emergencies, please feel free to contact our Administrator, Delfina Hernandez by email or phone: administrator@lasplacitaschurch.org 505.867.5718.

From Edward Lewis, Pastoral Intern

Having only attended one service at LPPC last Fall, I attempted to restrain my expectations leading up to my arrival here in June. Drew had given me a summary description of what his ministry in Placitas involved, likening it to that of a "parish priest" who ministered as much to the community as to the congregation. To my delight, his description has proven most accurate!

Rather unlike the larger suburban congregations in which I grew up, the close-knit nature of the community here at LPPC, and in Placitas, has been an inspiring breath of fresh air for me and my vocation. The people here care about, and actively seek to care for, one another very deeply, while also maintaining a mutual respect for the privacy of their neighbors. The intersection of different histories and cultures here in Placitas creates a wholly unique and wonderful place in which people come together to worship Christ and live out His Gospel.

I have learned so much about what a church whose mission extends well beyond Sunday mornings looks like, and this has blessed me with a surplus of inspiration for my own ministry to come.

Peace be with y'all,

Edward Lewis

Children's Christian Education

What an exciting summer! In June, nine middle school and high school youth experienced **Ghost Ranch Youth Week: Love Without Borders**. They spent the week exploring "Jesus' radical command to outrageous love". "For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, and no people to be dominated, only children, men and women loved." We thank the generous support of the LPPC congregation and parents who this possible. We thank the three wonderful chaperones: Elizabeth Dickson, Amy Dapolito and Edward Lewis for their leadership and guidance in helping our youth grow spiritually while in the beauty of Ghost Ranch.

In July, **Vacation Bible School** was just pure fun! Elliot Smith, Judie Hendry, Edward Lewis, Ed and Sally Gosnell guided sixteen children and three youth through the rhythms of "**The Lord is My Song**". We kicked off VBS with a very special guest, Cipriani Vigil who helped each child make their own "cigar-box" guitar. The children made drums, ram's horns and tambourines. They danced, sang, composed their own rhythms, and played musical games all to the incredible musical talents of Elliot Smith and Judie Hendry. VBS came to an end July 23rd with a performance of "*The Lord is My Song*", written and composed by our own Elliot Smith in the Sunday worship service. We want to thank the assistants: Katherine Gustafson, Xavier Hernandez, Christine Dapolito and Ashton Tarin for the tremendous help they gave the youngest of our children. We thank Nancy Walker and her kitchen crew, Joan Chewing, Geri Escarcida and Arika Sanchez for the delightful, delicious dinners each evening. What fun!!

Sally Gosnell/ CE

~ Sally Gosnell, Children's Christian Ed

Health Ministry Partnership

Stress-Busting Program (SBP) for Family Caregivers

Do you provide care for a loved one with a chronic illness or disorder? You are not alone. Being a family caregiver is stressful and can lead to total exhaustion and burnout. If caregivers do not take care of themselves, their own health is put in danger.

The Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers provides education and support for family caregivers of people with chronic illness. The program teaches caregivers stress management strategies and ways to cope better with their lives. We welcome you to join other family caregivers for a 9-week session that lasts for 90 minutes/week. Groups will be starting soon in Placitas.

If you are interested in participating in the caregiver group or being trained to facilitate these groups, contact Sharon Lewis at 830-377-1484 or slewis2@unm.edu

Songlines

Lots of "Music Music Music" - Summer Renewal Songlines August Events

LPPC will be host to entertaining and thoughtful presentations all August, come and join worship and other special events as we glorify God.

Aug. 6: Communion Sunday with our pastor intern, **Edward Lewis**, preaching.

Aug. 13: We will greet our member **Michael Crofoot** and friends who will enthrall our congregation with throat singing. Their presentation will include songs of adoration, exaltation, and lamentation. Do join us for this amazing Songlines presentation.

Aug. 18-20: We welcome **Ana Hernandez**, guest artist, composer, arranger, workshop facilitator, author, and mischief maker!

Friday August 18: Free Community Potluck with Mission San Antonio and guest Ana Hernandez 6:00 - 9:00 PM. This is going to be a

fun relaxed evening of food and music! All are welcome. Please invite friends to come to this ecumenical community evening at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church!

Saturday August 19: Workshop entitled - **“HeartSong: Building Communities of Practice”** by **Ana Hernandez** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (lunch for nominal fee) in LPPC Fellowship Hall. **Reservations required, sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall or call Delfina 505-867-5718**

Sunday August 20: 9:30 Worship at LPPC with Songline by **Ana Hernandez**

Workshop Description

HeartSong: Building Communities of Practice
Whether you're in a small church with limited resources, or in a larger place looking for a way to help your community find and/or build its collective voice, learn to play together, say yes to the Spirit, and be transformed, HeartSong is the workshop that will enable you to deepen your community of practice, through the shared creation of sound and silence. We will listen deeply to the spirit within, reclaim the joy of group learning by rote, utilize repetition, and engage our oft ignored ability to harmonize on the spot.

With simple chants and global songs, we'll have a day of transformation and deep fun. Sing your way to your sweetest identity, individually and collectively, each person open to sharing more of who they are becoming and confident that the spiritual work they do to become their best selves will be honored and be integrated into the larger community. There will be singing, drumming, movement, and group improvisation (Yes You Can!), – all of which will leave your community with more tools to invite, encourage, and include absolutely everyone. All are welcome.

Aug. 27 is a special Songline performance from violist **Willy Sucre** who is a major part of the chamber music scene in New Mexico and the world. He is often heard at the Placitas Artist Series.

Violist Willy Sucre is a member of the New Mexico Philharmonic and is the driving force

behind the "Willy Sucre & Friends" concerts. Born in La Paz, Bolivia, Sucre studied at the Conservatorio Nacional de Música in La Paz; Colby College Chamber Music Institute in Waterville, Maine; Mannes School of Music in New York; and the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland.

He was conductor and music director of the Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra, assistant conductor and principal violist of the Canada Symphony Orchestra in Montreal, assistant conductor and assistant principal violist of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, and principal violist and guest conductor of the National Symphony of Bolivia, the Chamber Orchestra of La Paz, and the Albuquerque Chamber Orchestra. As a chamber musician, Sucre was the founder of the Cuarteto Boliviano, guest violist with various chamber music ensembles, and for ten years the violist of the Helios String Quartet.

Sucre's experience includes extensive chamber music concerts, lectures, school demonstrations, CD recordings, and television performances throughout South, Central, and North America. He spends most of his summers in South America looking for new works of chamber music by modern composers and encouraging composers to write new pieces, especially piano quartets. He enjoys performing with ensembles of diverse instrumentation.

The Session

Called Meeting of the Session, July 27, 2017.

The Songlines Sabbatical time has been going well and we have been blessed with an inspiring series of stories. There have been a few bumps along the way however, and the Session has taken note and action to smooth the rest of the way.

To that end, the Session has asked parish associate Karl Gustafson to act as interim head of staff for the time remaining until Drew's return. The Session has also appointed Bill Lumm and Tripp Jennings to serve on the Personnel Committee. These actions were taken to better support our dedicated staff and put in place a clearer delineation of operational responsibilities. ~ Bill Lumm Clerk of Session

Member Profile

Glenn Ingram

Glenn was born in Milford, DE. He graduated as class Valedictorian and entered college at the University of DE on a National Merit Scholarship where he earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering (graduated with high honors and distinction) and Electrical Engineering (graduated with high honors) in 4 years. His course load was typically 24 to 28 credit hours while the normal was 16. During his junior year he married and also worked part time. He didn't get much sleep! After graduation, with a choice of two full fellowships through the doctorate level, he planned on attending graduate school but Vietnam interrupted. He decided to enlist. The military immediately sent him to Ohio State University for 15 months to earn a Master's in Electrical Engineering and a minor in Physics. For 6 years he worked on satellites and ballistic missile defense with the Air Force at the Space & Missile Systems Organization in Los Angeles, CA. After a short stay at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo he received a call offering him an opportunity to start a consulting firm in Washington, DC so he retired from active duty. While in Alamogordo he earned his MBA from the University of Utah studying nights and weekends. The teacher flew to Alamogordo to teach the students there. He continued as a reservist working in various intelligence fields for 22 more years retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. After moving to DC he worked with a small start-up consulting firm for only 2 years before joining the CIA. He continued to work for a variety of government intelligence agencies until retirement. During this time his first marriage ended.

Glenn met Wendy at the Reston Singles Club in Reston, Virginia and they married in 1985. In 2002, after both retiring, they moved to Placitas living in their RV for 10 months while their home was being built. They both designed the home from scratch, relying on no other plans. Glenn even did the calculations for the supporting beams and walls. Glenn had wanted to retire to the southwest for many years because of the dry

climate, open spaces, extensive sunshine and outdoor activities. On a house hunting trip in 1995 they visited Albuquerque (his least favorite since he had only seen the area around the Air Base), Santa Fe, and Farmington in NM, Durango in CO, St. George in UT, and Flagstaff in AZ. None seemed to suit for a variety of reasons. On the last day they visited High Desert and there were told about Placitas. A quick visit was all it took and they returned in less than a month to buy a lot. They both love it here!

Glenn has 2 sons from his first marriage. Sean works for IBM in Tucson and he has 2 sons. Brian works in the IT field living in Denver, also with 2 sons. He and I try to visit with each of them yearly, frequently getting together camping at a national park.

He doesn't have a favorite job because he seldom had a day where he wasn't excited about his work, feeling he was always contributing to the security and future of this Country although the constant travel and very long days did get old.

His hobbies include: planning and going on foreign travel, hiking and square dancing. For 40 years he rode motorcycles which he loved but finally gave that up only a few years ago when he got his corvette. The person he most would have liked to meet is Genghis Khan because he united much of the world and encouraged religious diversity.

Glenn's most outstanding trips are his climb of Kilimanjaro and accompanying safari, his five amazing treks in the Himalaya of Nepal and Bhutan, his train ride from Lake Baikal to Vladivostok and his 529 mile walk across Spain on the Camino Frances.

His bucket list trips yet to accomplish are: Iran, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Poland.

In case of a fire Glenn would grab his dog Zoe and his computer. The one thing he wishes he had done is to be a race car driver.

The things he would not like to live without are: single malt scotch, fine wine, classical music, coffee, anticipation and planning of another foreign trip, and his corvette.

~ Wendy Ingram