



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

August 2016

A Great Summer

It has been a great summer, especially for our children and youth at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. We started off in June sending our largest group ever to Ghost Ranch Youth Week. 13 of our young people along with 3 adult sponsors traveled to Abiquiu and spent a week enjoying the ranch and exploring the week's theme - "Bring it on! Be the being you were meant to be." Thanks to Amy Dapolito, Drexel Douglas, and Leslie O'Hanlon for accompanying our youth.

In early July, our younger children with the help of youth and adults from the church, enjoyed Vacation Bible School here in Placitas. Together they traveled to Marketplace 29 AD and experienced anew life in Biblical times. Thanks to Sally and Ed Gosnell and all the volunteers and families who made their journey possible.

The campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, was the final destination. Four of our senior high youth along with one adult from Las Placitas joined thousands for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. This year's theme was "Go." About the experience, our own Annabella Mayorga wrote: "These last five days have been empowering ones and have definitely shown me that Presbyterians are all about love! Love is number one. It doesn't matter what you've done wrong. God is a FUN God; Forgiving - Understanding - and Never too busy! I am more than grateful to have this experience and am ready to GO and serve people with God's love!" Thanks Annabella, and thanks to Dana Howarth for taking our youth to Triennium.

I want to thank you as a congregation for the support you give to our children and youth. Thank you for making all of these experiences possible for them. You have helped to make it a great summer. You inspire them and me.

¡Gracias!
~ Drew

Sunday Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

August 7: 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Strangers & Immigrants
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 14: 13th Sunday after Pentecost
What are you looking at?
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

August 21: 14th Sunday after Pentecost
You and I
Jeremiah 1:4-10 & Isaiah 58:9-14

August 28: 15th Sunday after Pentecost
The Hostess with the Mostess
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Sunday, September 4th will end our
9:30 a.m. summer schedule.

Sunday, September 11th we resume
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services
and 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum.

Childrens' Christian Education

What an exciting summer!

In July, 16 children were transported back in time to **Marketplace 29 AD**. The children made a large diorama showing what Nazareth might have been like when Jesus was a little boy. We played games Jesus might have played, sampled foods Jesus might have eaten, and discussed why Jesus chose to live in the poor village of Nazareth when he could have lived in a king's palace anywhere on earth. Each evening, the children enjoyed the Potter's shop, the Weaver's shop, the Carpenter's shop, the Kite Maker's shop, and the Game Playing Tent. These wonderful and creative children made a pinch pot, a coil pot, a three legged-stool, a weaving, a kite, and played Bibletime games. We thank all the adults and youth who made it so much fun: Judie Hendry who lead us in song each evening, Shelly Haase, Dana Howarth, Amy Dapolito, Ed Gosnell, Kathryn Jennings, Annabella Mayorga, Elijah O'Hanlon, Xavier Hernandez, Christian & Jacob Dapolito, and William Jennings, our photographer. We want to thank our storytellers: Jeff Dickson, Doug Calderwood, and Bill Lumm who did a great job bringing various Biblical characters to life. Nancy Walker once again did an excellent job organizing the meals each night with her kitchen crew: Joan Chewings, Janice Langdale and Judie Hendry. It was a delicious and fun time for all! ¡Muchas Gracias!

As this letter is going out, four of our youth and one chaperon are enjoying **2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium** in West Lafayette, Indiana at Purdue University. This long standing tradition of the Presbyterian Church (USA), occurring once every three years, is a life changing event where our youth will meet thousands of youth from around the country and around the world. This year's theme is "Go!" - Go into the world and make disciples. We thank Dana Howarth for supporting this trip as the LPPC chaperon. We thank our congregation for all the support they continually give to our youth!

August is a time for organizing the "**Sunday School Year 2016-2017**". We invite anyone interested in teaching to contact **Charmaine Lawrence, our new Children's Christian Education Coordinator**. Sally Gosnell and Elizabeth Dickson are stepping down as co-chairs but will continue to be on the committee and involved with our children's programs. Curriculums have been ordered and we can hardly wait to get started. We have wonderful children and they will touch your heart. Join us!

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

Membership

Summer Pool Party and Pot Luck! Colleen and family invite you to their home for a pool party on Saturday, August 6th at 5:00 p.m. Kids are welcome too!

The main course, soft drinks and paper products will be provided, If you would like something else to drink, please bring it to share!

There is a childproof fence around the pool and parents are responsible for keeping an eye on their kids. Enjoy lots of space to meet and eat and have a fun time with friendly folks and yummy food.

See you there!

Your monthly HMP health tip:

Aim for lucky number seven. The next time you're tempted to stay up later than you should, just think about how good that pillow will feel -- and how good a full night's sleep is for your heart. In one study, young and middle-age adults who slept **7 hours** a night had less calcium in their arteries (an early sign of heart disease) than those who slept 5 hours or less, or those who slept 9 hours or more.



*Source: WebMD

Mission

Dear Friends,

A **great big thank you** to all who participated in the Cuban Dinner. We were able to raise \$ 763.00 to send to the Cubans in September when a New Mexico group will be going to Cuba.

On August 14th, there will be another chance to donate to this fund. Any money given is tax deductible, just request a form from me. Also anyone who would like to do matching on the total would be greatly appreciated.

We will have a donation box set out in Fellowship Hall starting this Sunday, for over-the-counter medicine, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We could also use samples and hygiene items.

Poverty has not yet been eliminated in Cuba. Please help.

~ Jeannine Potter, Cuba Representative

Casa Rosa Food Pantry



CASA ROSA FOOD PANTRY TO
CELEBRATE 8 YEARS ON AUGUST 27th

Casa Rosa opened its doors on August 30, 2008 and will be holding its 8th Anniversary Celebration in August. This year's annual celebration will be on Saturday, August 27th starting during client food distribution (which takes place from 9-11am on Saturdays) and continuing after distribution is over. In the courtyard behind Casa Rosa, food will be plentiful - with a grill producing ribs, hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs to accompany the many side dishes and desserts. Serving of food will begin around 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and continue to midday. As usual, there will be special activities for children.

Supporters of the Food Pantry are very welcome at the celebration, and a special invitation is being extended to members and friends of *Las Placitas Presbyterian Church*.

The volunteers and clients of Casa Rosa always enjoy this annual celebration, and we look forward to seeing you on August 27th.

Health Ministry Partnership

The Health Ministry Partnership Committee met this month to work on the activities it wants to pursue for the remainder of the year. All decided to wait until 2017 to offer a health event which will be changing to involve the broader community. The first step will be to determine if there is interest and to communicate with several organizations such as Jardineros, The Placitas Community Center, Sandoval County, etc. If anyone is interested in participating in this process, please contact Pat Thorpe or Anne Hayes Egan. No date has been set, but we are looking at Fall 2017.

We will have two more Adult Forums this year. The first will be Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. We would like to offer a topic related to spiritual health and our sense of well-being, not only to remember the tragedy that occurred on this day, but to honor all who have died by terrorism as well as those who serve us (firefighters, police, teachers, health care workers, etc...). As we try to make sense of the events that are encircling our world today, we will use this forum to look to our own faith community and the community of Placitas at large for support. Please look for more updates about this significant issue of our time in the ensuing months.

The second Adult Forum will take place Sunday, November 6th at 9:30 am. Diane Shepard will be presenting an instructional topic involving healthy eating and cooking - with some suggestions for the upcoming holiday. The exact material to be presented will be coming in future communications. There will be no charge for this event, but the number of participants may have to be limited if there are space constraints.

Respectfully submitted,
The Health Ministry Partnership Committee

Member Profile

Chantel Tarin Scrase

Chantel is a native of Albuquerque. She has lived here her whole life, with the exception of grades 6 through 10, when her parents were divorced. She and her brother lived with their Mom in Austin every other year. After graduating from La Cueva High School, Chantel attended UNM where she studied business. She then started working in real estate.

In 2001, she welcomed her oldest son, Jaycob. In 2004, her youngest son, Ashton, was born. Ashton had health issues as a newborn and Chantel realized she wanted to do something more meaningful with her life. She then transitioned into healthcare working as a Lean Six Sigma Specialist in the Quality Health Care field. This involved finding ways to give more quality care to patients and prevent waste in the health industry.

Chantel started nursing school in 2009 and became a Registered Nurse in 2013. She is now the charge nurse for the Infusion Center at Presbyterian Kaseman Cancer Center.

Chantel and David dated for 6.5 years and were married at their Placitas home on June 6, 2015. They commute from their Placitas home to their Albuquerque home depending on school and work schedules. They met when Chantel was working on a quality project. She gave tours and presentations to large groups. David was one of the administrators hearing her presentation before 1000 people. Before she started, David could tell she was nervous. He told her to focus on people who were engaged in what she was saying. They started getting together, mainly talking about her kids. David started mentoring Jaycob and sharing scouting experiences. Then they started dating.

Chantel's favorite job is her current one, dealing with patient care. Her hobbies mainly focus on being outside. She loves to run (4.5 miles 3-4 times weekly), hiking -she and David take a southwest trip to the national parks every year for

a week's vacation, they mainly hike, but also take the bikes for a ride - and reading.

If she could meet anyone in history, she would want to talk to Eleanor Roosevelt and Florence Nightingale to discuss how nursing has changed.

Chantel and David go to Escalante, Utah to a charming B&B so they can go hiking every year. On one outing, they left early in the morning to hike the Death Hollow Trail. They had no idea what challenges awaited them. They had to swim parts of it and near the end, as it was getting dark (and they didn't have their headlamps), they lost the trail. They guessed it was up this very steep wall, which temporarily freaked Chantel out. The park ranger had told them at the start of the hike that it would cost them \$10,000 if they needed to be rescued. Fortunately, they did need to go up that steep wall and the end of the trail was close by just as darkness was coming. The following day, they drove to the Grand Canyon for what was the main event of this trip. They hiked down the South Kaibab Trail across the river and back up the Bright Angel Trail. Chantel had wrenched her knee during the swim part of the Death Hollow Trail. She struggled on the Grand Canyon Trail, but would not let it stop her from finishing although it took months to recover! This became a very memorable trip to Chantel.

Her bucket list includes returning to playing the violin. She played from grades 4 – 8. She also would like to go on an African safari and hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.

In case of a fire, she would grab her family – anything else isn't important. Her 5 favorite things include: coffee, bubble gum, her Kindle, running shoes and hair ties.

Her favorite part about LPPC is how welcoming everyone was to them. She also really appreciates all the activities open to her kids and how welcome they feel.

~ Betty Closser & Wendy Ingram

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