



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

February 2018

On Your Mark...

On the last Sunday in January we began an immersion into the Gospel according to Mark. There are sixteen chapters in Mark and sixteen Sundays between January 28th and May 13th. Each week we will dive into a different chapter.

Eugene Peterson - Presbyterian pastor, author, theologian, poet, and scholar of Biblical languages - contends that Mark is the base text for our Christian spirituality. He said:

“True Christian spirituality takes attention off ourselves and focuses on another, on Jesus. There are others in the story of course, many others - the sick, the hungry, victims, outsiders, friends, enemies. But Jesus is always the subject. Jesus provides both context and content for everyone’s life. Spirituality and the attention we give to our souls, turns out in practice - when we let St. Mark shape our practice - to be the attention we give to God revealed in Jesus. The text trains us in such perception and practice, line after line, page after page - Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. None of us provides the content for our own spirituality. It is given to us. Jesus gives it to us. The text allows for no exceptions.”

Over these coming weeks and months, I invite you to read, study, and learn from Mark. I look forward to this reimmersion into the first of our Gospels that was written. This is the story of Jesus, which shapes your story and mine. Join me in making this your text as we move into Lent.

Peace,

Drew

February Worship Services

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

February 4 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Mark 2
Psalm 147:1-6; Mark 2

February 11 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
*** Special Jazz Worship Service***
Mark 3
Psalm 50:1-6; Mark 3

February 14 – **Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm**



February 18 – First Sunday in Lent
Mark 4
Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 4

February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent
Mark 5
Psalm 22,23-31, Mark 5

Upcoming Adult Forums

We will wrap up the series on world religions on February 4th. On the 11th, we'll have a presentation on mindfulness and meditation presented by the Health Ministries Partnership.

On February 18th, we will begin multi-week survey of the four N.T. Gospels, exploring the background and themes of each. This will take us through Lent to Easter. The Adult Forum meets in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings, shortly after 9:15 a.m., following the early service.

February 4: Buddhism (dvd narrated by Ben Kingsley)

February 11: Mindfulness - presentation by Judith Roderick, sponsored by the LPPC Health Ministries Partnership

February 18: Exploring the Gospels 1 - a look at the four Gospels in relation to each other.

February 25: Exploring the Gospels 2 - Mark, the first Gospel

March 4: Exploring the Gospels 3 - Matthew, a Christian Torah

March 11: Exploring the Gospels 4 - Luke-Acts, the Gospel for Gentiles

March 18: to be announced....

March 25: Exploring the Gospels 5 - John, the Word of Life

Health Ministry Partnership

The Health Ministry Partnership is excited to sponsor the Adult Forum on February 11. Judith Roderick will present "Mindfulness in Meditation, Art and Life."

Judith has had a long, rich, and varied life, both as an Artist and as a Meditator. She will share how she began meditation, current practices, and how Mindfulness also applies to her creation of Art Quilts.



A More Unified Login Experience

Dear Android smart phone users of our LPPC Instant Church Directory App:

In preparation for adding Groups to the mobile apps, we will soon be releasing an update for the Android Member App. This update will allow Android users to create a password of their choice in the app. This upgrade provides a unified login experience across devices without sacrificing security.

How can you help prepare your members?

Members may automatically be logged out of their app after the update and will need to sign in again to the app to continue. Simply instruct them to sign into the app by clicking on "Sign In."

If they had requested a Passcode before the update, and don't remember it, or need to create a password -- direct them to "Create Login" to choose their new password.

If a member is having trouble re-logging into the directory, we recommend to first check how their email address is listed in your church directory. The email address must be an exact match in order to validate the member.

Also, check spelling and case sensitivity. An accidentally mistyped email address or password is often the cause of a sign in failure. ;)

Note: This app is already available for iPhones.

Russell Mink and Wendy Ingram

Member Profile

Michael Edminster

Mike was born in Vallejo, CA and lived there until he was 4 years old. His father worked for Standard Oil (his dad and his team developed Ortho Lawn and Garden products), and his job took him to other locations during his childhood, including Salt Lake City, Utah, Cedar Hills near Portland, OR and the Bay Area in CA. He graduated from high school in Concord, CA and attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA. His major was Soil Science. He began his career with Coastal Ag-Chem in Santa Barbara, CA as a crop advisor, and then moved to San Francisco where he worked for Eli Lilly and Company as a Product Development Specialist. After four years in the field, Mike accepted a position as Market Analyst at Lilly's main office in Indianapolis, IN. He met his wife Georgia while working there.

His career then took him to other companies and locations. First to Oregon where he started a business furnishing crop advice and chemicals to specialty markets in Oregon and Washington; then to California where he managed businesses in Watsonville, Santa Barbara and Ventura County, CA for Western Farm Service. He then helped incorporate a newly acquired business into their network for United Agri-Products in Watsonville, CA. After several years there, he semi-retired (2007) and became a consultant until full retirement in 2014.

Mike and Georgia made their way to Placitas by way of traveling to Durango, CO looking for a retirement home. On their drive from ABQ airport they kept passing the turnoff for Placitas and being intrigued they decided to check it out and loved the area immediately. They bought their first home in Placitas 2005 and moved into their current home in 2014.

Mike's favorite job was his consulting position as an agronomist working with nursery and citrus crops. Looking back he wishes he had become a pharmacist but he followed his Dad's lead instead. His hobbies and passions are photography, skiing, hiking and fishing. Mike's photo was selected as the "Image of the Year" in NM Magazine in 2017.

If Mike could meet anyone in history (besides Jesus), it would be Leonardo da Vinci. Leonardo was so intellectually gifted in mathematics, his inventions and paintings, etc. Mike went to France where da Vinci lived at the end of his life. His home is now a museum that houses many of his inventions.

Mike has traveled to many areas but his favorites are Peru (the Inca trail), hiking the mountains of Patagonia and visiting the museums of Europe. Mike really doesn't need a bucket list because he is thankful that he was able to do everything he has wanted throughout his life. No regrets!

If there were a fire, besides Georgia, he would grab the hard drive for the computer. There aren't too many things he has not done, but at one time he thought he might like to try surfing. Five (6) things he couldn't live without are his camera, skis, backpack, coffee, wine and pasta.

Mike likes attending LPPC because of the people, the atmosphere, and he loves the uplifting feeling he has after attending services.

Betty Closser

Wendy Ingram