



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

January 2017

Sunday Worship Service

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

January 1: First Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m. Single Combined Service

Songlines

Psalm 148 & Colossians 3:12-16

January 8: Baptism of the Lord

Come to the Waters

Psalm 29 & Matthew 3:13-17

January 15: Second Sunday after Epiphany

Look!

Isaiah 49:1-7 & John 1:29-42

January 22: Third Sunday after Epiphany

To whom do you belong?

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

January 29: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

SOTC

Micah 6:1-8 & Matthew 5:1-12

The Songlines of Our Lives

2017 brings us an incredible gift. Thanks to the generosity of a grant from the National Clergy Renewal Program of the Lilly Endowment, Las Placitas Presbyterian Church will enter into a season of renewal this summer. The congregation will explore the Songlines of Our Lives through a series of events planned with remarkable musicians. Be on the lookout for a schedule of the summer's offerings. I will be away, beginning May 15, on a four month sabbatical "Following the Fiddle" as I delve into and deepen my own love for music.

"Lilly Endowment intends for this program to enable pastors to live for a while at a different pace and in a new environment, in Sabbath time and space," says Dr. Christopher L. Coble, the Lilly Endowment's vice president for religion. "We can think of no better way to honor these hardworking, faithful men and women than to help them experience personal growth and spiritual renewal in ways that they themselves design and find meaningful. We regularly hear that these renewal experiences are transformative for pastors, their families and their congregations."

Transformation is what we seek as we explore The Songlines of Our Lives. Song has shaped this congregation from its beginnings. Whether we are tone deaf or pitch perfect, music holds deep power for us all. I invite you to take advantage of the variety of renewal opportunities that will be provided to you this summer. I surely intend to do so. We'll have stories to share when we get back together.

In a [recent conversation with Krista Tippet](#), Alice Parker affirmed, "My understanding is that if we have ears, the realm of music is open to us." I look forward to the gift that will be opened to us as we enter into The Songlines of our Lives.

Peace,
Drew

Adult Forum in January

Following our holiday break, the Adult Forum resumes on January 8th with a **final** three week series from *The Bible for Dummies*. Then, at the end of the month, we will begin a five week series on "The Whys and Wherefores of Presbyterian Worship" exploring what Presbyterians believe about worship, and how we put those beliefs into practice. For the worship series, we will use the new revision of the PCUSA Directory for Worship as our guide. The Adult Forum meets in the Upper Room at LPPC, gathering at about 9:15 a.m. following the early service.

January 1, 2017 - no class

January 8, 2017 - "The Beginning of the End: The Revelation of John" (*Bible for Dummies, chapter 23*)

January 15, 2017 - "The Bible and the Abrahamic Faiths" (*Bible for Dummies, chapter 24*)

January 22, 2017 - "Michelangelo, Milton, and Movies: Art, Literature, Life, and the Bible" (*Bible for Dummies, chapter 25*)

January 29, 2016 - "The Whys and Wherefores of Presbyterian Worship, Part 1: The Theology of Christian Worship"

~ Rev. Kenneth Cuthbertson

Earthcare Fellowship

Autumn Gifts/Winter Treasures

December 21st, local poets read original poems by the light of a single candle in the church sanctuary to celebrate the changing seasons. Over 75 people attended the Winter Solstice Poetry Reading themed "Autumn Gifts/Winter Treasures. It was a wonderful event. Donations brought in \$218 for the Earthcare ministry.

~ Leland Bowen

Childrens' Christian Education

Our next Christian Ed meeting will be Sunday, January 8th, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please plan to join us for the Spring planning.

We are in need of Teachers and Assistants for Sunday School classes.

We will be planning the Pizza Cooking class on January 15th. This class will start at 9:00 a.m. with our chef, Diane Herrera Shepard, and is for our mid high and high school children. We plan to sell these after the main service for \$2.00 each. We need a lead person for this event. Please volunteer!

It's not too early to begin planning for Vacation Bible School! We are looking for a chair or co-chair for the 2017 VBS right now.

~ Charmaine Lawrence

Tip from Health Ministry Partnership

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season can leave little time for taking care of yourself. Self-care does not have to be time-consuming! If you have 2 minutes...

- BREATHE AND STRETCH
- DOODLE OR DAYDREAM
- SPEND TIME WITH YOUR PET
- LAUGH
- ACKNOWLEDGE ONE OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- DRINK A GLASS OF WATER

Session

As Clerk of Session, this time of the year I begin preparing our churches annual statistical reports. Much of this information I enter into a PC (USA) database, while other reports are required by our presbytery, the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

Certainly some of the data is also incorporated into LPPC's 2016 Annual Report, which will be available online later this month in addition to hard copies, which will be distributed during our congregational meeting, Sunday, January 29th, after second service.

In reviewing our church member listing, I also compiled a list of folks who have been members a long time; some of these congregants even grew up here in Las Placitas Church!

50 + Year Members

Willie Arriola: 1957 = 59 years
Vivian G. DeLara: 1961 = 55 years
Viola Duran: 1958 = 58 years
Norma Jaramillo Martinez: 1959 = 57 years
Jim Maduena: 1964 = 52 years
Francis Montoya Escarcida: 1958 = 58 years

40 + Year Members

Phyllis Broome: 1972 = 44 years
Sally Curro: 1972 = 44 years
Vivian D. DeLara: 1972 = 44 years
Geraldine Escarcida: 1972 = 44 years
Juan Escarcida: 1972 = 44 years
Anna Howarth: 1972 = 44 years

30 + Year Members

Leah Army: 1984 = 32 years
Bunny Bowen: 1980 = 36 years
Leland Bowen: 1980 = 36 years
Jack Brock: 1980 = 36 years
Sonja Brock: 1980 = 36 years
Yvonne Escarcida Brown: 1983 = 33 years
Catherine Harris: 1977 = 39 years
Bruce MacLaughlan: 1984 = 32 years
Wilda MacLaughlan: 1984 = 32 years
Gail McGough Maduena: 1984 = 32 years
Mia Vigil: 1981 = 35 years

25 + Year Members

Martha Clift: 1987 = 29 years
Cliff Dahm: 1987 = 29 years
Rhea Graham Dahm: 1987 = 29 years
John Escarcida: 1989 = 27 years
Nancy Walker: 1989 = 27 years

Happy New Year, Bill Lumm

Worship and Music

Your gifts of time and talent made a difference!

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank Pat and Jim Quick for their donation of our new pre-lit Christmas tree. It, along with the pueblo ornaments given to us by Pat Thorpe, beautified our sanctuary for the Advent season. Our nichos were filled with nativity sets shared by our congregation. We're grateful for the many volunteers who helped with the Hanging of the Greens and the lighting of the luminarias on Christmas Eve. Kudos to Erica Chambers, Katherine and Karl Gustafson, Sally Curro, Christine and Russell Mink, Betty Milstead, Larry O'Hanlon, Martha Ritchie, and Janice Langdale for decorating the sanctuary. On Christmas Eve Michael Crofoot; Joan and Steve Chewning; Ida and Randall Benton; Delfina, David, and Xavier Hernandez; Drexel and Dana Douglas; Ken Cuthbertson; Doug Calderwood; Leslie, Larry, Elijah, and Walker O'Hanlon; Trip Jennings and Kathryn Jennings; and Amy, Jacob and Christian Dapolito gathered to light nineteen dozen luminarias. Your gifts of time and talent made a difference!

Songlines Summer Dates

Pull out your calendar! Planning is well underway for our LPPC Songlines Summer events. Drew Henry will be on his own Songlines sabbatical from May 15 – September 15, 2017, and we have the support of the grant from Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for both Drew's summer and for ours as a congregation as well.

We are very excited about the schedule we have *so far* for our Songlines journey together this summer.

Friday, May 20 – Sunday, May 22, 2017: Don Saliers, author of *A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Reflections on Music as Spiritual Practice*, whose book inspired the theme for our summer. Don has spent his life with all aspects of church music, and is an organist and lover of hymns. Weekend events will include a workshop for church musicians on Friday, a Community Hymn Sing on Friday night, a Songlines workshop for the congregation on Saturday, and Sunday worship also to be focused on the Songlines theme. See more about the book he wrote with his daughter, Emily Saliers of The Indigo Girls: <http://www.abebooks.com/Song-Sing-Life-Live-Reflections-Music/14096939509/bd>

Saturday, June 24 – Sunday, June 25, 2017: Bill Carter, jazz musician, member of Presbybop and pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Clarks Summit. Bill will spend time with the congregation on Saturday, including a concert and Sunday. Listen to his music here: <http://www.presbybop.com/listen/>

Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30, 2017: Carrie Newcomer, singer/songwriter and poet/author. Weekend events will include a workshop on Saturday, a concert on Saturday evening, and Sunday worship including a sermon called "Sharing My Songline." Listen to her music at: <http://www.carriewcomer.com/>

Tickets will be sold for her Saturday night concert next year to help pay for her trip to New Mexico.

Friday, August 18 – Sunday, August 20, 2017: Ana Hernandez, self-described "composer, author, and mischief-maker." Events will include a Friday night potluck and singing that will be open to the community, an extended music-related workshop called Heartsong: Building Communities of Practice (read more here: <http://anahernandez.org/workshops/>) on Saturday that will be open to the community, and our Sunday service.

Saturday and Sunday, September 16-17, 2017. Drew returns! Billy McLaughlin, an Emmy winning composer and accomplished guitarist who overcame a remarkable disability will be with us. There will be a workshop on Saturday morning, a concert on Saturday evening open to the community, and then worship with us on Sunday with our Pastor Drew fiddling along with Billy's guitar! Read more here: <http://www.billymclaughlin.com/>

Believe it or not, we have even more music activities in the works as well, including youth oriented activities.

We need your help to make all these events happen!

In particular, we need several people to **donate frequent flyer miles** to arrange for transportation for some of our musicians. We will also need help with hospitality services, including refreshments for events, transportation for our guests to and from the airport, publicity, communications, and other activities.

Questions? Want to become more involved? Talk to any of the following individuals: Drew Henry, Carl and Jackie Allen, Doug Calderwood, Sally Curro, or David Scrase.

~ Doug Calderwood

Member Profile

Sue Markewitz

Sue was born and raised in Oakland, California. She has two older brothers who both still live in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In high school, she took a job typing title strips for a juke box company, which led to programming the juke boxes. That job led her to work for a radio station in San Francisco. Sue was the first female sales person of RKO General at KFRC radio in San Francisco. In the ensuing years she worked in advertising, television and finally as sales manager at KKSF radio which was part of Clear Channel.

Sue's husband John worked at a competing radio station and they were introduced by a mutual friend who thought they would be good business associates. This developed into a great friendship, and the rest of the story is history. They married in 1994. They share a blended family with Sue's son Michael and John's two daughters, Lauren and Lindsey. Michael and his family (including one grandson, Jaden) are recent transplants to Denver, Lauren works in San Francisco and Lindsey works in New York City.

Retirement was calling, and in 2005 Sue and John went on a road trip to find a new home, traveling from Arizona and driving up through New Mexico...which ended in Placitas. Standing on the lot, which is now their home, Sue felt a sense of peace and home. They built and moved into their current residence in 2006.

Sue's maternal grandfather, Walter Schmidt, was a professional baseball player, which probably led to Sue's love of sports. She played softball in the ad league in San Francisco into her forties. She now loves the game of golf, and enjoys varied sporting events on TV.

The most amazing place that Sue and John ever traveled to and experienced was when they stayed in a cave on the island of Santorini....and it had a bathtub made out of rocks.

Some of Sue's passions are cooking, music, reading, skiing....(Sue broke her ankle skiing two years ago...so skiing is still loved....maybe just a little less aggressively) and golf.

John and Sue are big dog lovers and have two rescue dogs, Gracie and Alfie....a very important part of their family.

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church is a wonderful place to worship....a warm and welcoming community that Sue is very grateful for. She loves the opportunity to give back to the Placitas community....especially during the holidays for people less fortunate.

~ Wendy Ingram