



# The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

June/July 2017

## Sunday Songlines Worship Services 9:30 a.m.

### **June 4, Day of Pentecost**

Worship in the Garden & Potluck

### **June 11, Trinity Sunday**

Songlines Guest Artist – Charles Aguilar

### **June 18, Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Songlines Guest Artist – John Bullock

### **June 25, Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Songlines Guest Artist – Bill Carter

## 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](mailto:administrator@lasplacitaschurch.org) 505.867.5718.

## Songlines Summer Renewal special guests for June and July

### **Rev. Bill Carter - June, 24-25**

The featured performer at LPPC the weekend of June 24 – 25 will be Rev. Bill Carter. Bill is a multi-talented pastor and jazz pianist. On Saturday morning he will present a workshop on music in worship. He will present a jazz concert Saturday evening and will lead a Sunday morning worship service devoted to the Songlines of our lives.

Bill was raised in a Presbyterian church, developed his interest in jazz there, and answered the call to ministry. After earning a philosophy degree at Binghamton University, he prepared for the ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary. He now serves as Pastor and Head of Staff at The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Bill is a talented jazz pianist who formed the Presbybop Jazz Quartet. Eight recordings and numerous concerts later, the quartet has become nationally acclaimed for its music and liturgical leadership.

The author of seven books of sermons and numerous articles, Bill is frequently invited to speak at church conferences and workshops. His special interests are stewardship, faith and the musical arts, congregational vitality, and the art of preaching. He believes that "A good pastor is one who leads people in prayer, explores the scriptures, and asks how God is working in our lives."

Bill's schedule at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church the weekend of June 24 and 25 is *free and open to all*:

\* Workshop: "Jazz in Worship"  
Saturday, June 24, 10:00 - 11:00 AM  
\* Jazz Concert  
Saturday, June 24, 7:00 PM

\* Worship, Music and Songline  
Sunday, June 25, 9:30 AM

### **Dr. Cipriano F. Vigil - Sunday, July 16**

Our LPPC 9:30 Sunday Worship special guest will be Dr. Cipriano Vigil. Dr. Vigil is a talented award winning musician, performer, and ethnomusicologist from northern New Mexico.

After the worship service, he will kick-off our Vacation Bible School by helping the children make a cigar-box guitar and learn a song. The VBS children will present a program the following Sunday.

Cipriano Vigil was born and raised in Chamisal, New Mexico where at an early age he developed a passion for music and even taught himself to play the guitar by watching the *viejitos*, the village elders. After his undergraduate work, a music scholarship took him to the National Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico for a Masters degree in Ethnomusicology. He returned to New Mexico, obtained a Doctorate in ethnomusicology, and became a professor at Northern New Mexico College. It was there that the love of his childhood's music brought about an interest in the preservation and dissemination of the folk music of northern New Mexico.

His musical performances have won several awards, including the Governor's award, the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities award and a nomination for the National Heritage Award.

Be sure to attend worship on Sunday, July 16, 9:30 AM to hear the complex music and faith journey of this New Mexico treasure!

### **Carrie Newcomer - July 29-30**

The weekend of July 29-30 LPPC is honored to welcome Carrie Newcomer to our church community. She is an award winning, nationally known songwriter, recording artist, performer, and educator. Pastor Drew brought her to the

attention of the Songlines Renewal Team and has played her music in worship.

The Dallas Morning News said, "She's the kind of artist whose music makes you stop, think and then say, 'that is so true.'" Newcomer, a contemplative Quaker, cuts across secular and spiritual boundaries. Her song "Holy as the Day is Spent" has made several "Best of" lists.

In recent years, Newcomer has emerged as a prominent voice for progressive spirituality, as well as social and environmental justice. Carrie Newcomer facilitates workshops and presents keynotes on the topics of songwriting, spirituality and vocation. And her voice has been described as, "rich as Godiva chocolate."

We are thrilled to have her conduct a workshop, concert, and Sunday worship service at LPPC.

Workshop: "Heart and Soul: Songwriting as a Spiritual Practice"

Saturday, July 29, 12:30-3:30 PM

LPPC Fellowship Hall - Free

Reservations required, limited attendance, register by signing poster at LPPC or contacting Delfina Hernandez at 505-867-5718 or email to [administrator@lasplacitaschurch.org](mailto:administrator@lasplacitaschurch.org)

Concert: "Conversation and Music with Carrie Newcomer"

Saturday, July 29, 7:00 PM

LPPC Sanctuary - Tickets \$20

Delfina Hernandez at 505-867-5718 or email to [administrator@lasplacitaschurch.org](mailto:administrator@lasplacitaschurch.org)

Worship: Sunday Worship Music and Songline

Sunday, July 30, 9:30 AM

LPPC Sanctuary

Be sure to come and share these wonderful events that will help our congregation explore our Songlines!



## The Session

April was an exceptional month for new members; hence our third new member for April (which I promised to introduce and profile this month), is Matthew “Matt” Lewis.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Matt is the eldest sibling, having a brother and two sisters. Motivated out of the gate, at fourteen, Matt, an Eagle Scout, was “all in” on a challenge by his father (“you could never do this”), attending West Point, majoring in engineering physics and graduating near the top of his class in 1991. The day after graduation, Matt married his wife Anne.

Active duty life as a newly commissioned Second Lieutenant in our United States Army, Matt quickly rose through the ranks, attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and receiving a Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering in 2000. Three years later, the Army sent him for additional training at the Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where Matt earned a Master of Science in International Relations and National Security Studies. Then, in 2012 Matt studied at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government for two years, receiving a Senior Executive Leadership Certificate.

Deployment during Matt’s fifteen year military career consisted of overseas postings in Germany and Korea, while engaging in areas of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. Assigned to a combat aviation brigade Matt trained and flew both rotary and fixed-wing aircraft. Rising to the rank of Colonel/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) / Brigade Commander, Matt led 3,000 soldiers with 200 Army aircraft. He planned and implemented significant, large-scale missions through the successful deployment of these soldiers by sea and air to twenty bases in Southern Afghanistan to form a Combined Aviation force.

Upon return to the United States in 2015, Matt’s final assignment was at U.S. Army Headquarters as Chief Operating Officer Combat Readiness Center and Deputy Director of Army Safety. In this posting Colonel Lewis provided policy and oversight of the Army’s 26 Safety Program Areas

including accident investigation, radiation, explosives, infectious agents, chemical toxins, occupational health, and client relationships.

Upon “retirement” from the Army in October, 2016, Matt and Anne settled in New Mexico because they “value the environment and the peace it instills” within them. Coincidentally (or not), New Mexico is also home to Sandia National Laboratories, where Mr. Lewis is employed and Manager of the Engineering Department.

~ Bill Lumm Clerk of Session

## Children’s Christian Education

**How do we say “thank you” to our wonderful Sunday School teachers?** The ones who sign up every year, the ones who volunteer to substitute, the ones who assist in all our classes, the ones we can never pay back for the time, treasure, and talent they have given our children. They will smile genuinely and love the card and the beautiful plant given to them, but all they really want is the chance to work with children because that is where God speaks to their soul. Our dedicated teachers have been Trip Jennings, Tom Thomas, Jeff & Elizabeth Dickson, Tamara Hudson, Chantel Tarin, Leslie O’Hanlon, Carolyn Mann, Katherine Gustafson, Karen Martinez, Sally Gosnell and Judie Hendry. Our wonderful assistants and supporters have been Steve Chewning, Mary Helen Aguirre, Dana Howarth, Anna Howarth, Chantel Tarin, Janice Langdale, Beth Sherwood, Carolyn Mann, Tamara Hudson, Amy Dapolito, Carmen Douglas, Charmaine Lawrence, Katherine Gustafson, Martha Ritchie, Cheryl & Jack Ferrell, Ed Gosnell and Diane Herrera Shepard. We especially want to thank Charmaine Lawrence who led our Children’s Christian Ed program with dedication and enthusiasm. Charmaine’s leadership skills made this a smooth year for all!

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** our youth, led by Dana Howarth, will experience a get-together and work day with other churches in the Albuquerque area. Here

they will meet other youth and make new friends attending Ghost Ranch this summer.

Our mid high and high school youth will attend **Ghost Ranch Youth Week: Love Without Borders** June 25<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. We thank Dana Howarth for organizing this trip! 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. Tim and Tom Zehnder and Double Batch Daddy return with their musical exuberance. They will also be joined by special guests sharing their bold stories of Love Without Borders! What a great experience this will be! We thank the chaperones, Elizabeth Dickson, Amy Dapolito and Edward Lewis for guiding our youth through this week. We also thank Martha Ritchie for her tremendous behind the scenes support.

We are planning a fun **Songlines VBS** experience for our younger children, K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will take place July 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> with a musical performance on Sunday morning July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**“VBS: The Lord is my Song”** will include Bible stories, singing, dancing, instrument making and playing, composing and laughter. The musical skills of Judie Hendry, Elliot Smith and Edward Lewis will get us all feeling the rhythm and dancing. VBS will kick-off July 16<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 AM worship service with Cipriani Vigil teaching us how to make and play “cigar box guitars”. We will play, sing and dance July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:45 PM. Lunch will be served Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> and dinner each evening July 17-19<sup>th</sup>. VBS will end with a short performance of all we've learned in the July 23<sup>rd</sup> worship service at 9:30. We once again thank Nancy Walker for her kitchen skills and all the delicious meals she and her crew put together for VBS.

Anyone wishing to register their child please contact Sally Gosnell 771-0481.

~ Sally Gosnell, Children's Christian Ed

### Health Ministry Partnership

Placitas Community Center & Pat Thorpe, PT, will offer **A MATTER OF BALANCE** twice weekly for 4 weeks during June 12-July 6<sup>th</sup>, Mondays 12:30 - 2:30 PM and Thursdays 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

This class will be limited to 12 persons. and emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

#### YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling

For more information OR to register please call: 867-5325 or 400-9046

### Mothers' Day Out

Our MDO families have a busy summer planned. We all got together at the Kaktus Brewery in Bernalillo the end of May to plan for our two big events. There is a back patio where even the kidlets had a fun time. We were able to elect new officers since our current president and treasurer have munchkins heading off to Kindergarten. Both of these families have been in the program for about 8 years :-). This is a very bittersweet time of year for me, happy to see the munchkins move on but sad to say ciao (never goodbye).

This weekend, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, MDO will be participating in Placitas Appreciation Day. We will have tricycle races, piñatas, giant bubbles, painting projects, water play areas, and TONS of fun! We hope to see you there!

We will again be selling Sno-Cones during the July 4th parade! It is the COOLEST place to see and be seen! I love this event because some of my previous munchkins come by to visit....I don't know how they have all gotten so big, I have not aged at all 😊. Our current kidlets will decorate a float for the parade and help throw candy!!

August is exciting! New families join our MDO family, but we do say so long to our 5 year olds.

And so begins a new year!

Hope to see everyone this summer!  
~ Debbie Stueber

### **Introducing Edward Lewis**



My name is Edward Lewis, and I am currently a second-year Master of Divinity student at Princeton Theological Seminary. My wife Caite and I live in nearby Wyncote, PA, where she is in her second year of residency in General Surgery.

I was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. Initially brought up Methodist, I started attending Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in 8th grade, and have been a devoted member there ever since. I attended a Jesuit high school in Dallas, going on to study Communication at Trinity University in San Antonio.

After graduating, I spent a year as a PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer in Belfast, Northern Ireland. While there, I split my time working at a Presbyterian church in North Belfast and a local community center, while living in an intentional community with six other YAVs.

It was also during this year that I met Caite, who was serving as a YAV in Miami the same year. We reconnected at our re-entry retreat at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiú at the end of that year, and began dating long-distance shortly thereafter while she began medical school. After a few years of graphic design work in Dallas, I moved to South Florida to be closer to her while she finished med school, where I worked at a Chipotle Mexican Grill. There we made plans together for my pursuing seminary and her residency and wound up where we are now, finally marrying in the Princeton Seminary chapel last summer.

I feel blessed that my parents brought me up to have a deep appreciation for the rich and diverse cultural history of my native Texas as well as that of the Southwest. My brother and I consequently spent part of most summers in New Mexico and southern Colorado as youngsters. In my spare time, I enjoy fly-fishing, hiking, reading, historical research, discovering new music, learning to cook new things, playing with animals, and exploring new places.

I grew up in large suburban church setting, and have tended to find myself worshipping with similar congregations while living elsewhere. So, I am grateful and delighted to have the chance to serve your community at Las Placitas and to grow as I learn what it means to be a good and decent pastor in a close-knit community of faith. Your hospitality and familiarity left a great impression upon me when I first visited in September. I am also very excited to be with y'all during this music-focused period of renewal, as music has always played a major part in my own experience of worship. Until I arrive in June, know that you will all be continually in my prayers.

Peace be with you,  
Edward Lewis

## Member Profile

### **Jeannine Potter**

Jeannine was born in Houston, Texas and lived there for 20 years. She married, and she and her husband lived in Tyler and Midland, TX for several years. They spent the next several years living in Seward, NE, Amarillo and Tyler, TX, and then Springfield, IL where Jeannine worked at the Seminary bookstore as her husband continued to pursue his seminary education. After his graduation they moved to Amarillo where Jeannine and her husband worked with over 100 young people in 3 different groups.

They have two children – Janis who lives in Albuquerque, has her doctorate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and works for Sandia. Janis has 2 sons. Larry received his degree in architecture and lives in Grand Junction, CO. Larry and Christie have a daughter and a son. Larry has published a book on mining.

After her children were raised and finished college, Jeannine began her college career. She earned a BS degree in Psychology from West Texas State in Canyon, TX. After her graduation, and years being single, she married Mike and they moved to Houston. She established the first program for Displaced Homemakers (widowed or divorced women who had no job related skills) It was a very satisfying program, but after two years this program was closed due to funding. After the program closed Jeannine worked at private psychiatric hospitals. Later, Jeannine and Mike moved to Mike's hometown of Vancouver, WA, There were no private hospitals so she decided to switch careers and started working in a gift shop called "Touch of Country". She loved this job and worked there for 10 years becoming manager and buyer with 14 part-time employees.

Jeannine and Mike often vacationed in NM. Jeannine felt she was called to live here. She lived in Albuquerque, by herself for 2 years before Mike came to join her. They moved into their current house in Bernalillo in 2006. Before Mike moved here she worked with Special Needs

children at Los Ranchos in Albuquerque. She loved these children as her own.

Jeannine's favorite job was helping displaced homemakers – she loved the variety and helping people. If Jeannine could meet anyone, it would be Georgia O'Keeffe who she learned so much about while taking her art classes at West Texas State.

Jeannine has served as a Deacon, member of the Fellowship Committee, head of the Cuba Project and has been serving on the Mission Committee since 2009. Among other benevolent things the Missions Committee does, Jeannine traveled with a group to Cuba (before personal travel was permitted) to visit LPPC's sister church in Sabanilla, Cuba. The group took much needed clothes, medicine and money. She and others in the group stayed in churches. Her bucket list for travel includes Mexico City to see Frieda Kahlo's "La Casa Azul" ("Blue House"), and Diego Rivera's art work. She and Mike are also planning to return to Germany and visit Bayreuth where their friend Martin lives. He makes special shoes for people with foot problems.

Six things she would not like to live without would be coffee, wine, books, her computer and garden but most of all her cats Kiki and Benji. If there were a fire, she would grab her pictures, letters to and from her Mother, journals and books of poetry.

Jeannine became interested in attending LPPC after reading an article in the Signpost about what was happening at LPPC (back when LPPC took out a half page ad). She was impressed with how involved LPPC members were in helping other people. This is what she has always liked to do.

~ Betty Closser & Wendy Ingram