



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

November 2017

Sunday Worship Services 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

November 5 - All Saints Day

The Great Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:8-9 & Matthew 26:26-27

November 12 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Giving Thanks

Psalm 117 & Matthew 15:33-38

November 19 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Thanks Giving

Psalm 147 & Matthew 20:29-34

November 26 - Christ the King

Thanksgiving Hymn Sing

Psalm 65:8-13 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Adult Forum October Offerings 9:15 a.m.

November 5 - *Forward Through the Ages*

November 12 – *Sifting and Sorting as One Ages*

November 19 – *No Adult Forum*

November 26 - *Mary Had A Baby*

Thanks Giving

Thanksgiving flavors the month of November in our country. Family and friends gather. Special foods are prepared and shared. We stop, if only for a day, to celebrate and give thanks.

Thanks-giving is also an appropriate lens through which to view our Christian life of faith. I've come to believe that gratitude and generosity are key markers of our spiritual health. Our own giving is our response to God's generosity.

During the month of November, you are being asked to bring your financial pledge for 2018 as a part of your offering one Sunday morning. The commitments you make provide vital support to the mission and ministry of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

First, I want thank you for the many ways in which you already participate in and support the life of this congregation. Please be generous in your 2018 pledge. My family and I join you in doing the same.

Second, I often get to hear from you about what being a part of this church means to you. So I would like to invite you to share those same stories with others. We'll have opportunities to do so in worship over the coming weeks. You might also take the following prompts to the tables of Thanksgiving that you will be sharing this month. Consider them as part of your giving thanks:

- Describe a memorable Thanksgiving experience.
- Share a moment of gratitude about what the church has meant/means to you.
- Tell about a meaningful gift you have given and/or one that you have received.

I wish you the best this Thanksgiving. We indeed have much for which to grateful. I join you in giving thanks for the life we share at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. God has indeed been generous with us.

Peace, Drew

Adult Forum for November

The Adult Forum will be in post-Reformation and pre-Advent modes on the first and last Sundays of November. In between will be a presentation by Sharon Lewis for the Health Ministries Partnership, and a Sunday off for the Placitas Holiday Sale. The Adult Forum meets each Sunday at approximately 9:15 a.m., following the Early Service in the Upper Room.

November 5: "Forward Through the Ages" - Reflecting on transitions happening within Christianity, and what it means to be and do church now. Led by Ken Cuthbertson

November 12: "Sifting and Sorting as One Ages: The Importance of Life Review and Reminiscence." Led by Sharon Lewis, presented by the Health Ministries Partnership.

November 19: NO ADULT FORUM - Placitas Holiday Sale.

November 26: "Mary Had A Baby" - introducing our Advent study by Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and Marilyn E. Thornton, based on four seasonal African-American spirituals.

See: <https://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com/Products/9781426795510/mary-had-a-baby.aspx>

BEING AND DOING CHURCH - this special event is offered by The Ecumenical Institute for Ministry, led by former NM Conference of Churches Exec, Dr. Wallace Ford, and by Jennifer Murphy-Dye of the Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The workshop focuses on the nature and mission of the church: how it all began and where we are now. It is designed for those desiring to deepen their understanding of church, churches and their relationship, specifically those involved in ministry, service, or education in their congregation. All are welcome and all will be respected.

Date: Saturday November 4, 9 am - 3 pm

Location: Fellowship Gathering area, lower level, First Presbyterian Church, [215 Locust NE, ABQ](#) (park in south lot, enter from Elm Street)

Price: \$20 including lunch for pre-registration (by Nov. 1); or pay \$20 at the door without pre-registering, but bring your own lunch!

Great content to be offered by Wallace Ford and Jennifer Murphy-Dye. This ecumenical event will follow up on the New Mexico Conference of Churches Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October 29.

Email: khuggins@eimnm.net

Phone: [505-873 4399](tel:505-873-4399), ext. 229

Please include name/s, church, email & phone; share diet needs

Cost: \$ 20.00

~Ken Cuthbertson

Earthcare

The Earthcare Fellowship of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church invites submissions of original poems for our 20th annual **Winter Solstice Poetry Reading**. The reading will be held on the solstice, in the church sanctuary by candlelight, interspersed with brief periods of reflective silence. The theme for this year is "*Sonidos~Sounds of the Solstice*".

Date - Thurs. December 21, 7 p.m.

Location - Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

Theme - "*Sonidos~Sounds of the Solstice*"

Submission Deadline - November 17, 2017

Submissions may be done by e-mail to:

lppearthcare@lasplacitaschurch.org, or by

snailmail to: Las Placitas Presbyterian Church,

P.O. Box 768, Placitas, NM 87043

Attn: Earthcare/Poetry".

~ Leland Bowen

Health Ministry Partnership News

HMP has committed to continue to provide adult forums addressing physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual health. We are currently planning forums for the upcoming year. If you have a suggestion for a health topic, please email Leigh Plante at nlprn@aol.com.

Please join us at Adult Forum on November 12 at 9:15 a.m. as Sharon Lewis presents "Sifting and Sorting as One Ages: The Importance of Life Review and Reminiscence."

Many thanks to Pat Thorpe for presenting "Fall Prevention Part 2" during Adult Forum on October 29 and to Diane Herrera Shepard for incredible cooking demonstrations throughout October.

"To insure good health: eat lightly, breathe deeply, live moderately, cultivate cheerfulness, and maintain an interest in life."

– William Londen, July 19, 2012

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

Looking for new Wine and Gift Bag Coordinator to work with the
Mission Committee

1. This person really needs to know how to sew and cut out fabric.
2. The wine and gift bags are sold at the annual Holiday Sale held the weekend before Thanksgiving and after church in the Fellowship Hall between Thanksgiving and Christmas and any other time that the Mission Committee decides.
3. Money is put in the Mission Fund of the church and used for any worthwhile project that the committee decides.
4. In the past, we have taken our wine bags to various wineries in town and the Hoots Gallery in the Placitas Shopping area and sold them on consignment.
5. The coordinator duties:
 - a. keeps track of the inventory
 - b. buys more material if needed
 - c. cuts out bags to be sewn or have someone cut bags for them
 - d. find people to sew bags
 - e. collect bags for the sale
 - f. makes a work schedule for the sale
 - g. sets up the booth with the help of volunteers

This takes about 20 hours a year to accomplish. I usually spend some time cutting out bags and then bring them to church and hand them out to sewers. I usually have the committee insert the ribbon while they are meeting.

- Nancy Ullery

Member Profile

ED GOSNELL

Ed was born in Gladewater, TX which is near Tyler. He is the youngest of 7 children. When he was 9, his family moved to the oil fields of West Texas for his Dad's job. He lived in Crane and Andrews, TX where he graduated from high school. He attended South Plains Jr College in Levelland, TX for 2 years on a baseball scholarship (3rd base). Then he transferred to Texas Tech in Lubbock where he earned both his BS and Masters in Math with a minor in computer science. The most important event at Texas Tech though, was meeting Sally. They were introduced by Sally's twin brother who obviously approved of Ed! They were married 3 years later.

They moved to Alamogordo where Ed worked as a computer programmer at the White Sands Missile Range and Sally worked as an elementary school teacher. They lived there for 3 years before moving to Albuquerque where Ed worked at PNM for 30 years until he retired in 2004.

Ed was a computer programmer and held many other positions in IT. He ended his career as a database administrator. One of his biggest and most rewarding projects was installing the company's first electronic email system using the IBM office system in 1983. Ed loves the constant changes in technology in the IT field.

Ed and Sally's daughter Marie, lives in Indianapolis with her husband Matt and their 2 daughters: Kenzie and Codie (ages 5 and 3). She is a full time Mom and plans to return to her journalism field.

Ed and Marie participated in the Father-Daughter Indian Princess program while living in Albuquerque. One outing was at a member's home in Placitas on Tierra Madre. Ed fell in love with Placitas and shared it with Sally. They purchased their lot in Sundance Mesa, and 4 years later moved into their home on Mother's Day 1997.

His hobbies include: golf, duplicate bridge, reading, hiking and going antiquing with Sally. Ed belongs to the Albuquerque Bridge Club and enjoys playing all day for 5 days in a row in the local annual regional tournament.

The people that Ed would most like to talk to either past or present are; Abe Lincoln, one of our greatest presidents whose efforts preserved and strengthened the Union, Albert Einstein, for his brilliant brain; Charlie Rose, for his work ethic and genuineness; and Bishop Lamy of Santa Fe, who had a big impact on New Mexico history in the 1800s by reforming and expanding the New Mexico churches.

One of Ed and Sally's best trips was their 17 day trip to Italy after they retired. They traveled on their own usually taking trains between the four cities they visited. Their favorite trips also include hiking to Banff and to Mt. Baker in Washington State.

In case of a fire, he would grab the hand painted portrait of Marie at age 8, his golf clubs, and old family photos. The one skill that he wishes he had is to be able to play a musical instrument. The things he wouldn't like to live without are: his golf clubs, his PC, access to the internet and green chile cheeseburgers.

The part he most enjoys about LPPC are the services and sermons, the great people and the many friend connections he and Sally have made at LPPC.

Ed's role at LPPC has been as treasurer for 3 years, currently on the Finance Committee, helping with the PA system on Sundays, and helping Sally with Christian Education activities.

~ Betty Closser & Wendy Ingram