



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

October 2017

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

October 1 - World Communion Sunday

Table of Welcome

Isaiah 25:6-9 & John 21:9-17

October 8 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Keep it Holy

Psalms 19 & Exodus 20:8-11

October 15 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Across the Generations

Philippians 4:1-9 & Genesis 4:18-22

October 22 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesia reformata

Exodus 3:12-23 & James 2:18-26

October 29 - Reformation Sunday

Semper reformanda

Psalms 90 & Matthew 22:34-40

Adult Forum October Offerings 9:15 a.m.

Oct. 1 - Sabbatical Stories 1, Rev. Drew Henry

Oct. 8 - Sabbatical Stories 2, Rev. Drew Henry

Oct. 15 - Sabbatical Stories 3, Rev. Drew Henry

Oct. 22 - The Reformation at 500

Oct. 29 - Fall Prevention Part 2, with Pat Thorpe

The Gift of Music

I can only begin to express the gratitude I hold for the gift of this Following the Fiddle sabbatical. Over the coming weeks I will be sharing some of the stories and experiences from this season. I also want to hear from you how the Songlines touched your life.

However, first I say thanks: to you as a congregation for supporting and encouraging me on this journey; to my family for doing the same; to our Songlines Renewal Program Task Force members for their commitment and hard work; to our church staff, parish associates, seminary intern, congregational leaders, and COM liaison for stepping up and in where needed; to the National Clergy Renewal Program of the Lilly Endowment for their generous grant; to all the musicians, local and national, who shared their gifts and songlines; to all the fiddlers who taught me tunes and who encouraged me to discover my own style; to all of you who shared your Song Stories with the congregation; to the community members who participated in and spread the word about these events; and to God who gave us the gift of music, the very One who creates and calls us all.

The unfolding of these experiences will take time. Let us cherish the learnings and gifts gleaned.

For now, I leave you with a quote from the namesake of the Lutheran tradition. This month is being celebrated as the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther has rarely been accused of being subtle. He wrote:

“A person who...does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs.”

Ahhh... Luther.

Peace,
Drew

Adult Forum for October

Having returned from his sabbatical experience of "Following the Fiddle", Pastor Drew Henry will be sharing stories and reflections from his experiences including travels to Scotland and Spain during the Adult Forum on October 1, 8, and 15. On October 22 there will be a presentation in connection with the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, which began on October 31, 1517. The Adult Forum on October 29 will be a practical workshop on "Fall Prevention" presented by Pat Thorpe for the Health Ministries Partnership.

The Adult Forum meets each Sunday at approximately 9:15 am, following the Early Service, in the Upper Room.

Oct. 1 - Sabbatical Stories 1, Rev. Drew Henry.

Oct. 8 - Sabbatical Stories 2, Rev. Drew Henry.

Oct. 15 - Sabbatical Stories 3, Rev. Drew Henry.

Oct. 22 - The Reformation at 500 - Using excerpts of a documentary by Oxford historian Diarmaid MacCulloch, the presentation will take a quick look at the origins of the Lutheran, Reformed (Presbyterian), Anabaptist (Mennonite), and Anglican (Episcopal) Churches in the 16th century, and at some of the Roman Catholic response. The look back includes discussions with some of the Reformers' modern successors including the thoughts of the first women successors of Zwingli and Calvin in Zurich and Geneva, led by Ken Cuthbertson

Oct. 29 - Fall Prevention Part 2: Simple Balance Activities & What to do if you Fall. Presented by Pat Thorpe. It will be held in the recently recarpeted Upper Room, not the Sanctuary.

ONE BODY - MANY MEMBERS / ONE SPIRIT - MANY GIFTS: An ecumenical commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, sponsored by the New Mexico Conference of Churches, with Archbishop John Wester and various denominational leaders, including representatives of Santa Fe Presbytery and the

Synod of the Southwest. A vesper service of song and prayer will be followed by a community dialogue of the things that unite us.

Sunday, October 29, 2017

2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

St. John's United Methodist Church

2626 Arizona St. (near San Pedro & Menaul)

Albuquerque, NM

BEING AND DOING CHURCH - this special event offered by The Ecumenical Institute for Ministry has been rescheduled! 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 relationships specifically those involved in ministry, service, or education in their congregation. All are welcome and all will be respected.

New date: Saturday November 4, 9 am - 3 pm

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

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

Same 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

Health Ministry Partnership News

Forum October 29:

Join Pat Thorpe in the second Adult Forum on Fall Prevention on October 29th at 9:15 a.m. in the Upper Room. Pat will be teaching very simple movements that can be performed during your day in the home to improve balance. Attendees will receive instruction and handouts on self-testing to determine one's risk of falling. In addition, there will be a discussion and demonstration of what to do if you do fall. Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers or walking shoes.

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

30- Minute Healthy Cooking Methods and Menus with Chef Diane Herrera Shepard

Join the Health Ministry Partnership in offering a 5 Sunday series of healthy cooking workshops that will feature easy and nutritious preparation strategies and menus that anyone can enjoy!

October 1 Using Professional Cooking Tools and Techniques

October 8 Bread and Butter

October 15 Italian Easy Appetizer

October 22 Healthy Sauces

October 29 October Dessert

A \$5.00 per person donation at each session would be appreciated

Mission

Concert – to benefit Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, Friday, October 6. 7:00 p.m. Free-will offering. Refreshments following the concert. Second Presbyterian Church will host a concert to benefit the people of Puerto Rico and refugees from neighboring Caribbean Islands. Artists will include Maestro Guillermo Figueroa and his wife Valarie Turner on Violin, Artists from the New Mexico Jazz Workshop, Dr. Mariano Morales on keyboard, and other artists representing a variety of musical styles. For information call Gloria Mirabal, [505-920-3961](tel:505-920-3961) or mirabalg@msn.com.

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.

List of sewists:

Cheryl Ferrell - when in town.
Katherine Gustafson - when off work
Martha Clift
Vangie Dunmire
Leah Army
Catherine Harris
Geraldine Escarcido
Wendy Ingram - only in a pinch
Nancy Ullery



Member Profile

Virginia Watkins

Virginia was born in Assuit, Egypt to C. Bradley and Martha Watkins. Her father served for 6 years as Chaplain at the American Mission Hospital under the auspice of the United Presbyterian Church. At the end of the six years in Assiut and a year's furlough in the States, the family returned to Egypt and was then stationed in Alexandria, Egypt. The American Mission School had previously been operating in Assuit, but at this time had relocated to Alexandria. Virginia attended this school for every grade except third and ninth grades (the family was on furlough during those years). After graduation from high school, Virginia and family returned to Pittsburgh PA, which was home base for the family while on furlough.

Virginia attended Muskingum College in New Concord OH, where she received a Bachelor degree in Applied Music for piano and organ. She then attended the Manhattan School of Music in New York, and received her Master's in piano performance. She subsequently taught piano and music appreciation at Lebanon Valley College, located in Annville, Pa. She remained in this position for four years. While teaching at Lebanon Valley College a co-worker introduced her to John McNerney, who was visiting from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The couple married nine months later.

She and her husband moved to Lubbock TX, where John was employed as an Air Traffic Controller. Virginia started her Ph. D in Fine Arts at Texas Tech University. This pursuit was interrupted with the adoption of their two daughters, Christy and Melissa.

After her husband's graduation from Texas Tech with a degree in Human Nutrition, the family moved to Mansfield, CT and over the next 30 years lived in three towns in Connecticut. Virginia worked as a free-lance musician, but eventually returned to graduate school and received a Master's Degree in Social Work from Springfield College in Springfield, MA. She

spent the majority of her career in Social Work employed by the Department of Correction, counseling un-sentenced inmates with addiction problems.

In 2014, she and her husband retired to Placitas. It had been their dream to return to New Mexico, and the Placitas environment won their hearts.

Virginia's hobbies include walking her dogs, hiking, gardening, reading, cooking and travel. Coming from a missionary family, her family traveled to many countries as she was growing up. She and her husband have plans to take a cruise to the Greek Isles, but they also love to take short trips to explore New Mexico.

If Virginia could meet anyone, she would like to meet the Obama family because she respects the way they served two terms in the White House with the family intact and no scandals.

If there were a fire, Virginia would grab family photos. Five things she could not live without are coffee, time alone, keeping in touch with her siblings, chocolate, and last but not least yoga, especially at the studio in Bernalillo.

Virginia likes attending LPPC because she feels that she was drawn here as an individual in order to explore what her needs might be as she rediscovered her life as a retired person.

~ Betty Closser & Wendy Ingram