



# The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

September 2017

## Sunday Songlines Worship Services \*8:30 a.m. & \*10:30 a.m.

**September 3, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:30 a.m.** Worship Leader:  
Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

**September 10, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship Leader Trip Jennings \*  
Songlines Guest Artists – Matalie Wham and  
Kay Huggins

**September 17, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship Leader: Rev. Drew Henry \*  
Songlines Guest Artist – Billy McLaughlin

**September 24, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship Leader: Rev. Frank Yates \*

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## Adult Forum Offerings

The Adult Forum resumes on Sept 10, soon after 9:15 a.m. (following early service) in the newly refurbished Upper Room.

**September 10 - *Singing the Good News***: a lively look at the role of singing in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, and the early evangelical movements of the Moravians and the Wesley brothers in the 18th century. Selected excerpts from two BBC documentaries by historian Diarmaid MacCulloch with instrumental and choral performances of music used to teach the faith and share the good news in ages past.

**September 17 - *Drew and Billy***: a presentation by returning Pastor Drew Henry (YAY!) and special guest Billy McLaughlin... probably involving fiddles!

**September 24 - *A Cuba Pilgrimage***: Ruling Elder Virginia Watkins will be sharing information and reflections about her journey to Cuba earlier this summer with a group sponsored by Pastors for Peace.

**October 1 - *Following the Fiddle / Songlines***: Pastor Drew Henry will be facilitating a time of reflection on his, and our, experience of the recent sabbatical season.

~ Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

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## Monday Night Group

The Monday Night Book Group will resume on September 11, at 7 p.m., in the Upper Room. The first meeting will be to plan and choose the book or media for the Fall.

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## Give today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so.

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey**. We need your help. Please give generously.

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to:  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org).

Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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### Summer Songlines

September brings us amazing music to round out our Summer Renewal Songlines.

**Sunday Sept. 3:** Communion Sunday with Pastor Ken Cuthbertson preaching. Susan Siebert will share her personal Song Story.

**Sunday Sept. 10:** The 10:30 service will include our guest Songlines presenters Matalie Wham and Kay Huggins. Matalie has a graduate degree in music, with a specialization in improve jazz, and has been the accompanist and music director at New Life Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque for over thirty years. Rev. Huggins was the founding pastor of the Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, and later served the New Life congregation. Their Songlines presentation will blend music theory and theological reflection, illustrated with Matalie's playing.

Sally Curro will share the amazing LPPC Song Story.

**Saturday Sept. 16, 7:00pm:** "Finger Tapping on Acoustic Guitar" is a **free concert** with Billy McLaughlin. The concert will be held in the

LPPC sanctuary. Tickets will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends!

**Sunday, Sept. 17:** We are eager to hear the music and cultures that our Pastor Drew Henry explored as he Followed the Fiddle on his sabbatical. We will warmly welcome him as he shares the worship service with his friend Billy McLaughlin, renowned acoustic guitarist.

**Sunday Sept. 20, 9:15 a.m.:** Adult Forum with Pastor Henry and Billy McLaughlin

**10:30 a.m.** Worship at LPPC led by Pastor Henry and Billy McLaughlin

Billy McLaughlin is recognized internationally as a world-class guitarist, composer and inspirational performer who has appeared on Billboard's Top Ten Chart. Previously signed to Virgin Records' Narada label, McLaughlin has 14 CD releases, 3 National Campus Entertainer of the Year Awards, 5 Minnesota Music Awards and his decades of national concert touring earned him the Hall of Fame Achievement Award.

But in 1999 McLaughlin vanished from sight as his career crumbled due to a little-known neuromuscular disorder called Focal Dystonia. After suffering several years without a cure, he embarked on an unlikely attempt to regain his career by re-learning his instrument left-handed. His remarkable comeback is captured in the PBS documentary film Changing Keys and a concert film called Coming Back Alive featuring McLaughlin with string orchestra and a reunion of his longtime rock band.

Now serving as Ambassador for Awareness for the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, McLaughlin is the winner of the 2010 Public Leadership in Neurology Award\*\* whose previous winners include Paul Allen, Julie Andrews, Leon Fleischer and Michael J. Fox.

McLaughlin has resumed an international schedule of concert appearances and keynote speaking. He resides in his home state of Minnesota where he is proudly raising two boys.

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## Health Ministry Partnership

### 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](mailto:slewis2@unm.edu)

Whether you're in a small church with limited resources, or in a larger place looking for a way to help your community find and/or build its collective voice, learn to play together, say yes to the Spirit, and be transformed, HeartSong is the workshop that will enable you to deepen your community of practice, through the shared creation of sound and silence. We will listen deeply to the spirit within, reclaim the joy of group learning by rote, utilize repetition, and engage our oft ignored ability to harmonize on the spot.

With simple chants and global songs, we'll have a day of transformation and deep fun. Sing your way to your sweetest identity, individually and collectively, each person open to sharing more of who they are becoming and confident that the spiritual work they do to become their best selves will be honored and be integrated into the larger community. There will be singing, drumming, movement, and group improvisation (Yes You

Can!), – all of which will leave your community with more tools to invite, encourage, and include absolutely everyone. All are welcome.

**Aug. 27** is a special Songline performance from violist **Willy Sucre** who is a major part of the chamber music scene in New Mexico and the world. He is often heard at the Placitas Artist Series.

Violist Willy Sucre is a member of the New Mexico Philharmonic and is the driving force behind the "Willy Sucre & Friends" concerts. Born in La Paz, Bolivia, Sucre studied at the Conservatorio Nacional de Música in La Paz; Colby College Chamber Music Institute in Waterville, Maine; Mannes School of Music in New York; and the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland.

He was conductor and music director of the Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra, assistant conductor and principal violist of the Canada Symphony Orchestra in Montreal, assistant conductor and assistant principal violist of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, and principal violist and guest conductor of the National Symphony of Bolivia, the Chamber Orchestra of La Paz, and the Albuquerque Chamber Orchestra. As a chamber musician, Sucre was the founder of the Cuarteto Boliviano, guest violist with various chamber music ensembles, and for ten years the violist of the Helios String Quartet.

Sucre's experience includes extensive chamber music concerts, lectures, school demonstrations, CD recordings, and television performances throughout South, Central, and North America. He spends most of his summers in South America looking for new works of chamber music by modern composers and encouraging composers to write new pieces, especially piano quartets. He enjoys performing with ensembles of diverse instrumentation.

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## Member Profile

### Diane Herrera Shepard

Diane was born and raised in Albuquerque. She graduated from Rio Grande HS and from UNM with degrees in Psychology and Biology. She then moved to San Francisco so she could be closer to her Dad's family who had settled there after WWII for work. Diane earned her Master's in Special Education from San Francisco State University. In S.F. she worked for the Human Rights Commission, was a special education teacher for The San Mateo County Office of Education, then later, a school principal. Her favorite job was as a college instructor at De Anza College in Cupertino, CA where she was a Special Educator and Educational Diagnostician (she completed educational assessments for college students with disabling conditions and taught specialized courses for students with educational and physical disabilities). Working with college students with special needs is her passion.

Diane is always learning. She took courses at La Universidad de Guadalajara in Spanish and Music in 1968. In 2000 Diane attended Magic School! She worked professionally as a magician for over 15 years and still enjoys performing. She has performed over 300 shows per year as "Diane the Magicienne!" From 2008 – 2012 Diane attended and graduated from Culinary School at the nationally certified program at CNM.

Diane met her husband, David in San Francisco. He was working for the San Mateo County Office of Education as a Public Information Officer. After retiring, Diane and David came back to NM. They moved to Placitas to be near family and David was able to design their custom home. That was 20 years ago. Diane has been widowed for 10 years. After returning to NM, Diane worked for UNM and CNM for over 10 years. She taught entry-level courses in reading, writing and student success. She taught courses for new faculty, conducted seminars for them, and has

published articles on student success and strategies for new college instructors.

Diane's hobbies and passions now are: teaching, cooking, promoting healthy lifestyles, fly fishing, outdoor sports, teaching English as a second language in Bernalillo and traveling.

Her 15 minutes of fame happened when she was asked to carry the Olympic Torch in 2002 Olympics. The parents of special needs students nominated her.

Diane's most memorable trip was when she walked El Camino de Santiago (500 miles) across northern Spain. Some of her other travels include: China, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Peru (Machu Picchu), Ecuador and Ireland.

If there was a fire, she would grab their wedding rings.

The things Diane would most want to not live without are: her Vita Mix, teaching, cooking and music.

Diane's favorite part about attending LPPC is the amazing and wonderful people!

Diane has been very busy offering her time and talents to LPPC. She has taught cooking techniques, presented cooking demos, taught teen cooking classes and classes for fund raiders.

~ Wendy Ingram & Betty Closser