



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

September

Fall Back

While time doesn't change until November, September is when we fall back into our full schedule here. The change of pace offered by the summer has come and gone. Cool mornings alert us of the coming of fall.

We return to our full worship schedule on Sunday, Sept 9th, with services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. For those who like to get up early and for those who enjoy a bit more time on Sunday mornings, this is a welcome return. The choir will rehearse the first Thursday in Sept at 7:00 pm and will return to worship on Sept. 9th. If you have considered joining the choir, now is a great time!

Our Sunday morning Christian Education classes will begin in full swing in September with our children and youth welcoming us back on September 9th with a pancake breakfast. They will begin raising funds to help pay for Triennium next summer. Dana Howarth, our youth ministry coordinator, is organizing youth events for the fall including dinners here locally and combined events with other youth groups in the Presbytery. The Christian Education Committee, chaired by Chantel Tarin, will need Sunday School teachers and assistants. Please volunteer.

Our adult education opportunities also restart in September. On Sept. 9th, the Sunday morning adult forum will begin the Horizons Bible Study "God's Promise: I Am With You." Participants will reflect on how the promise of God's presence speaks beyond the pages of the Bible, to our own lives. The Monday Night Group will begin reading together *A Century of Faith*, our congregation's story, in preparation for the celebration of our 125th Anniversary in 2019.

As you can see, this is a re-activating time in the life of the church. Don't just fall back - jump in!

Peace - Drew

September 2018 Worship Services

September 2 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
— "Creator of the Heavenly Lights" Psalm 15
& James 1:17-27

September 9 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
— "Favoritism" Psalm 125 & James 2:1-10

September 16 - Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost — "Tongue Tied" Psalm 19 & James
3:1-12

September 23 - Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost — "Wisdom from Above" Psalm 1 &
James 3:13-4:3

September 30 - Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost — "Prayer and Healing" Psalm 124 &
James 5:13-20

Upcoming Adult Forums *God's Promise – "I Am With You"*

The Adult Forum for this Fall will be using the *Horizons Bible Study* by Amy Poling Sutherland, prepared for Presbyterian Women.

God's Promise – "I Am With You" looks at how God is present with us in life's many circumstances, looking at stories about Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Gideon, and others. It looks at how God promises to be with us in times of uncertainty, discouragement, and powerlessness.

The author is the co-pastor, with husband Joshua, of First Presbyterian Church in San Marcos Texas. She is a 7th-generation Presbyterian minister, having grown up in Las Cruces, NM.

The Adult Forum resumes on September 9, at approximately 9:15 a.m. (following the early

service) in the Upper Room. Several copies of the study book are available.

Schedule:

Sept. 9 – Introduction

Sept. 16 – “God With Us Wherever We Are”

Sept. 23 – “God With Us In Our Uncertainty”

Sept. 30 – “God With Us In our Discouragement”

Christian Education

Our first Sunday School classes will begin on September 9th, followed by our traditional “Pancake Brunch” immediately after the service at 10:30.

This 2018-2019 year we have eight High School youth, five Middle School youth, ten elementary youth and two preschoolers. As our numbers continue to grow, we are looking for more teachers and assistants.

We have some very fun and exciting plans for the coming year!

Chantel Tarin

Updates

Presbyterian Church in Honduras [Sue E. Hoff]: Dori Hjalmarson and David Gill [the church received a letter dated 11 June 2018] are working on a project for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church in Honduras. Last year the PW of the PC(USA) awarded a Birthday Offering to the Presbytery of Honduras to help them buy Villa Gracia, an active 32-bed retreat center near Tegucigalpa. It was appraised for \$340,000 but was offered to the Presbytery for \$170,000 since the owners were retiring Presbyterian mission co-workers. **The Honduras Network, consisting of four Presbyteries that are supporting Dori**, have thus far raised \$55,000 of the \$70 needed to complete the sale. The Presbyterian Women of Honduras are already running Villa Gracia on a provisional basis and Dori is there

regularly for retreats with women and theological training of pastors. I hope your mission committee might consider honoring Dori by supporting the purchase of this retreat center that will be important for her ministry and life-changing for all the Presbyterian churches in Honduras." The Mission Committee recently sent Dori \$110,00. As a committee we don't that the funds to make up the difference. Was wondering if any church members wanted to get with the mission committee members to send Dori another check. It certainly DOES NOT have to be for \$15,000. There are four presbyteries that are supporting Dori. So if we give a little and others in the four presbyteries give a little - who knows what the outcome will be! [Questions, etc. see/call Sue E. Hoff, 505-404-1705, suehoff722@cableone.net.]

"Box Tops" - Please continue to collect box tops and put them in the envelope on the stand beside the door to the sanctuary. We give them to the Menaul School. Questions contact Sue at 505-404-1705. Thanks.

"At the Placitas Holiday Sale in November, we have the first space in the tent by the church. I have one person who said they would help me set up. Please begin thinking about signing up to help sell them for a few hours at a time on both Saturday & Sunday. I will be getting the list asking for volunteers the middle of September. Questions contact Sue at 505-404-1705. Thanks much."

Help the Deacons provide meals to those in need: The deacons could still use help from church members to provide meals. There is a sign up sheet on the cork board outside the sanctuary. Thanks so much. Sue E. Hoff, Moderator of Deacons, 505-404-1705.

Member Profile
September 2018
JACQUE FLETCHER

Jacque was born in Wilmington, DE, and was raised in nearby Kennett Square, PA, with her two sisters. She earned her BS in Biology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, and her Master's degree in Botany from the University of Montana. She spent 3 years as an Instructor of Biology at the University of Texas at Arlington before going back to school at Texas A&M, where she earned her PhD in plant pathology. She did her post-doc at the University of Illinois, where most of the U.S. horseradish crop is grown. Jacque "saved the world's horseradish crop" when she figured out that bacteria carried by leaf-hopper insects were causing the crop failure. In 1984 Jacque was hired by Oklahoma State University as an assistant professor in Plant Pathology. She was promoted to associate professor, full professor, and then attained the honorary status of Regents Professor. She worked there for 33 years and -- though now retired -- retains the title of Regents Professor Emerita. Jacque met her husband Don Turton early in her time at OSU.

Following the 9/11 airplane attacks and the anthrax letters that soon followed, Jacque's career changed direction. Serving as president of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) at that time, she was frequently called to Washington, DC, because Congress and the U.S. government recognized that agricultural production was among the critical U.S. infrastructures and sought input on how to protect plants and crops from biological agents that would put the U.S. food supply at risk. Jacque worked with the FBI and other national security/defense agencies on crop biosecurity. In 2007 she brought this effort back to OSU, where she established the National Institute for Microbial Forensics & Food and Agricultural Biosecurity (NIMFFAB). Although Jacque has retired from her leadership position with NIMFFAB, she still interacts with the institute's faculty members who continue the work there, researching and advocating for plant biosecurity.

After she retired from OSU in the fall of 2015 Jacque and Don moved to Corrales. They used to come to NM frequently because they loved NM's landscapes,

culture, people, history, activities and food. They looked at homesteads in Placitas, but wanted a place to plant a garden easily. They settled on Corrales because of the plentiful greenery and farm atmosphere. Although Jacque is technically retired, she is still working almost full time as a consultant. She works with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), for a company that develops diagnostic tests for plants, as well as consulting for the National Academy for Science on a study of citrus greening disease in Florida, and the National Science Advisory Board on Biosecurity.

Jacque says she has had two "15 minutes of fame." One was being the President of APS. The other was when she met Vice President Joe Biden in the White House while she was there for a meeting. The person she would most like to have met is Norman Borlaug, Nobel Prize winner and founder of the Green Revolution, who developed high-yield disease-resistant wheat varieties, thereby averting starvation for millions around the world. It was his book and teachings that first inspired Jacque to specialize in plant pathology.

Jacque and Don have traveled a great deal, but her favorite adventure was their 2010 lodge-to-lodge trip, hiking to the ancient Inca citadel of Machu Picchu in Peru on a trail that took them over the 15,000 ft. pass of the nearby Salkantay Peak. The trip was 9 days long.

Her bucket list includes some day travelling to Africa, Patagonia, Alaska and New Zealand. In case of a fire, she would grab her 2 kitties -- Willow and Perkins. Jacque's hobbies are: gardening, hiking, reading (especially historical novels) and traveling.

The one thing she wishes she had done was to have owned a horse when she was younger. Her 5 favorite things are: chocolate, books, music, cats and nature.

When Jacque and Don first came to LPPC they were most attracted to the sense of community, warmth and friendliness. They jumped in right away and we are so happy they did! Jacque is currently involved with the Earth Care Committee, the Memorial Garden, Membership Committee and the church library.

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Wendy Ingram

Joan Chewning