



The News of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

June/July 2010

From the Pastor...

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)



When I came to Las Placitas in January of 2008, it was in the role of transitional pastor. Session and I understood that a transitional pastor's role would take into account not only the standard interim tasks, but also the far greater transitional tasks of positioning a congregation for spiritual and corporate health in times of great change.

Many of these tasks have happened. Communication is far improved at LPPC. Meetings are structured so that people from various committees with similar interests share common time on meeting nights in 'convivio' to share ideas. The administration of the church has been strengthened to take into consideration new staff and the increasing work done by volunteers in times of financial uncertainty.

For me, some of the most important work has happened as the outcome of deeply spiritual 'coffee and conversations' that have taken place periodically in my tenure. Out of this time of spiritual dreaming has come the extraordinary mission known as Casa Rosa. When Casa Rosa opened in August of 2008, it served eight families. Now it serves over 70 in a week and is completely self-supporting. In unique and vital ways, it is a place to honor the relational nature of Christ, by not only offering packaged food, but coffee and breakfast, occasional health screenings and community outreach that connect the clients of Casa Rosa and the church. The greater community of Placitas has taken this mission to heart and supports it through volunteering on Saturdays and through generous funding. Casa Rosa is the miracle of loaves and fishes right in our midst.

Other mission callings are blossoming as well. LPPC has expanded its outreach to other local

organizations and is considering a more formal relationship with churches in the country of Cuba.

You have seen the beautiful quilt done by members and friends of this congregation to assist in our mission giving. The raffle for that will happen in December.

This is a church of high creativity and enthusiasm. It's commitment to earth care is deep. It is a church that values the questions and concerns of its members and honors the varieties of spiritual experiences that its members have.

This is by far the healthiest church I have had the honor to serve as an interim/transitional pastor. It is facing financial difficulties at the present time, but that is not surprising considering the economic conditions in the country right now. So many seek to be faithful to God's call for LPPC, but understand that call in a variety of ways. I expect this to be a temporary challenge. Plans are underway to address these issues. LPPC is working with a stewardship consultant and has put together a stewardship team to help LPPC dream. At the core of this challenge is the necessity to understand all the ways we are called to be stewards of God.

This is a church that is not afraid to face tough questions and to keep communication strong even when there are significant differences in theology and faith understanding. Some have felt it necessary to step down from positions of leadership, but they stay strongly supportive of the church. LPPC knows its strength is in being a community in the Body of Christ that is open to all who hear God's still small voice.

I leave Las Placitas with both sorrow and hope. Sorrow for all the people I shall miss at LPPC. Hope for all the possibility this church has as part of the Body of Christ. It has been an extraordinary journey and I feel blessed to have walked this piece with all of you.

Grace and Peace, Elizabeth

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:4-7)

What Commissioners and Delegates Do at General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church is being held this year (July 3-10) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is a bi-annual event that decides much of the work of the larger church. It is supported by all the churches in the denomination through our per capita contributions.

Our commissioners are: Rev. Guillermo Yela, Camino de Vida New Faith Community, Albuquerque; Elder George Austin, Socorro Youth Delegate; Irene Pallardy, St. Andrew, Albuquerque.

By now, all 173 presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have elected their commissioners to the 219th General Assembly (2010). Those commissioners (712 in all) and 221 advisory delegates will make their way to Minneapolis to serve in their respective roles when the assembly meets in July.

But their work as commissioners and advisory delegates will have begun long before the gavel sounds to convene the assembly. Let's imagine that 'Blossom Creek Presbytery' has elected 'Helen' as a commissioner and 'Peter' as a young adult advisory delegate to this year's assembly. Let's follow them as they fill their respective roles before, during, and after the assembly.

Before the Assembly

The work that Helen and Peter will do during the time leading up to the General Assembly may be equally or more important than what they will do at the assembly.

One of their first activities will be orientation— a responsibility of Blossom Creek Presbytery. Some presbyteries will do this in a single meeting, others in a series of gatherings. Blossom Creek will join other presbyteries in its synod for an overnight event that, among other things, will introduce Helen and Peter to other commissioners and advisory

delegates and build a sense of community among them.

The two will learn about such things as parliamentary procedure, what a General Assembly does, and the responsibilities of commissioners and advisory delegates. They will learn about Minneapolis and the daily schedule for this year's assembly. They will also take a look at the overtures coming before the highest governing body of the PC(USA). They will watch short orientation videos for commissioners and advisory delegates provided online by the Office of the General Assembly (www.pcusa.org/ga219) to supplement the information from Blossom Creek.

Helen and Peter will spend the greatest amount of their preparation time reading the business items that have been submitted to the General Assembly for consideration (<http://pc-biz.org>). While they will read all of the overtures and reports, Helen will pay particular attention to the items for Committee 6 (Church Orders and Ministry), and Peter will focus on the items for Committee 3 (GA Procedures), which are the committees to which they have been randomly assigned by a computer.

During the Assembly

Helen and Peter will arrive in Minneapolis in time to attend preassembly events, which include antiracism training and "Riverside Conversations"— opportunities for commissioners and advisory delegates to hear about and begin discussing among themselves some of the major items coming to the assembly.

The two will take their assigned seats in the plenary hall in time for the opening session of the General Assembly on Saturday afternoon, July 3, during which they will be commissioned for their work. That first evening they will cast their vote for the new GA Moderator. They will gather with others at the assembly and thousands of Presbyterians from the local area for opening worship the next day. And they will join everyone on an island in the Mississippi River for the Minneapolis Fourth of July fireworks display that evening.

Beginning Sunday afternoon and extending into the next two days, Helen and Peter will participate in their respective assembly committees, which are two of a total of nineteen committees. They will hear presentations on the business items they studied in advance, some of which may involve hearing from overture advocates and having designated times for open hearings. Their



committees will reach decisions that will go to the full assembly for information or for action.

All of the committees will complete their work by Tuesday evening. The remainder of the week will be plenary days as the full assembly hears reports from each committee and acts on committees' recommendations. Helen or Peter might feel moved to speak to the assembly about an item being considered. Like all of the other commissioners and advisory delegates, the two will listen carefully and prayerfully to the discussion, and Helen will cast her vote as she feels led by the Spirit.

Intermingled among the committee meetings and plenary sessions will be a variety of activities, many of which will take place at mealtimes—seminary gatherings, award presentations, gatherings of different constituencies from across the church and around the world, just to name a few.

If Helen and Peter are typical of former commissioners and advisory delegates, they will note that daily worship was a highlight of their assembly experience, as well as the opportunity to visit an exhibit hall filled with resources and displays of every kind. They will also mention the enrichment and inspiration from having met so many Presbyterians from across the country and truly feeling connected to the larger church.

After the Assembly

Helen and Peter's jobs are not finished once they return home. After they catch up on their sleep they will begin the critical work of sharing their experiences and interpreting the actions taken by the 219th General Assembly. Most likely they will be asked by Blossom Creek Presbytery to make a presentation at one of the stated meetings. Their home congregations will want to hear from them, as will other congregations in the area.

After it's all over, Helen and Peter, along with the other commissioners and advisory delegates to this year's General Assembly, will have discerned together the mind of Christ for the PC(USA). And to that, we will say, "Well done, good and faithful servants." (Matt. 25:21, NIV)

Keeping Up with the General Assembly

You can keep up with the business and activities of the General Assembly by visiting the official web site for the 219th General Assembly (2010) (www.pcusa.org/ga219).

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Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

On Sunday, May 23, the PNC and LPPC as a congregation reached a major milestone in the search for a new pastor. Following the Pentecost service, the congregation held a lengthy meeting. After many questions to gain information, LPPC voted to call a Designated Pastor. Pro and con debate was at a minimum. That afternoon, the Church Information Form (CIF) began the process to be posted on the PC(USA) website called the Church Leadership Connection, where prospective pastors will see it and submit their Personal Information Forms, or resumes. The CIF will also be posted on the church's website. You may read it either place.



A Designated Pastor is a pastor who is designated to work with a congregation for a specified period of time or term, in this case two years. After this term the Designated Pastor can 1) be renewed for another term, 2) be called as the Pastor, or 3) lacking mutual consent to continue, the Designated Pastoral relationship dissolves. A Designated Pastor is called when a church has a situation with which they are struggling. At LPPC, it is the budget.

By searching for a Designated Pastor, LPPC is letting prospective pastors know that our current budget will not sustain a full-time pastor over the long term. We are stepping out in faith that a pastor will be called who will have the skills and abilities to work with LPPC and bring our giving back into balance with our expenses. We will have the term of two years to accomplish this together. We hope that after two years the Designated Pastor will become the pastor, or, if not, we will be ready as a church to call another full-time pastor.

The PNC will conduct the search for the Designated Pastor with the same diligence and care to which we have already committed. The search will still be a national search. We are praying to find a pastor who has the skills for our current crisis, and the heart for Las Placitas over the long haul. Please pray with us to find God's

good choice for Las Placitas Presbyterian Church for many years to come.

CASA ROSA AND THE JUBILEE GARDEN PROJECT



In May Casa Rosa started a garden project in conjunction with the Jubilee Garden across the highway from Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. Valerie F, a community member, offered to fund equipment, or seeds or plants or whatever was needed to initiate the garden project with input from Casa Rosa clients. Betsy M secured seeds and tender plants such as eggplant, tomato, and pepper from High Country Garden in Santa Fe. Juliet J volunteered to organize the work group and secure cold plants such as broccoli and cabbage at High Country Garden in Bernalillo, where she is working part time for the summer. Dan G, the overseer of the garden this year, agreed to supervise the Casa Rosa volunteers in the garden work. Max E plowed the garden with his tractor; Dan rotor-tilled, volunteers made the rows for planting and the seeds and plants have been put in.

About 20 people, who are consumers at Casa Rosa, have volunteered to help in the garden—planting, weeding, watering, thinning and ultimately harvesting. Excess harvest will be brought to Casa Rosa for those who cannot work in the garden, but still need the fresh vegetables. Since there has been more than usual rain and run-off from snow pack this year, there should be sufficient water for the garden to thrive. With the enthusiastic volunteers the garden project is well on its way.

If you have a home garden this year and have excess produce that you can't use, Casa Rosa clients would be most appreciative of fresh garden produce. It can be brought to the food bank on Friday morning between 8:30 and 11:00 when volunteers are sorting and shelving the Roadrunner delivery or on Saturday morning between 8:30 and 9:30 so it can be distributed to the consumers at the peak of freshness.

Casa Rosa continues to need the monetary support of the community and LPPC congregates, and has begun an awareness campaign of the "Nine Times Principle." Casa Rosa Food Bank is a partner agency with Roadrunner Food Bank in Albuquerque and orders food each week to distribute to Placitas residents on Saturday morning. Based upon the "Nine Times Principle," a cash donation enables Casa Rosa to purchase nine

times the amount of the donation through Roadrunner low-cost food. For example, for every \$1 that is donated, \$9 worth of food can be purchased; for every \$10 that is donated, \$90 worth of food can be purchased; for every \$100 donated, \$900 worth of food can be purchased. This is an awesome program that helps us help friends and neighbors in our community.

Casa Rosa has recently received an additional \$500 grant from Kohl's Cares for Kids A-Team through an event at which employees volunteered. After the Kohl's volunteers participate in a sponsored event, Casa Rosa can apply for a grant from their corporate offices. These funds must be used for needs of youth included in Casa Rosa's files. Foods that children particularly favor will be provided to supplement the breakfasts and lunches that they receive during the school year, but not during the summer. Our hope is that this will provide for a happier, more fulfilling summer holiday time.

We continue to hold the monthly Mobile Food Pantry in Fellowship Hall the second week of each month, which is open to all eligible Sandoval County residents. Turnout has been such that we have begun to order 3,000-3,500 lbs of food to meet the needs, which necessarily raises the price of the Food Pantry.

If you are interested in helping the food bank on any level—sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Mobile food Pantry, supporting the Jubilee Garden project, making a monetary contribution, donating specific food items, or giving precious hours of volunteer time—please contact Charlotte L through the church office at 867-5718. Checks may be made payable to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church (LPPC) with Casa Rosa noted on the memo line. Mail checks to: LPPC, Box 768, Placitas, NM 87043, or drop by the church office Monday thru Friday, 9am-1pm. Thank you to each and everyone who has assisted Casa Rosa and helped the food bank to remain sustainable.

~Charlotte L, Chair Casa Rosa

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is collecting any documents from church members that have relevance to our history. If you have anything at home such as letters between long-ago church members, pastors, any old programs or other paperwork that would help us preserve our past, please give to Wendy I. Emmet T will copy items onto archival quality paper and they will be stored

appropriately. The originals will be returned to you. Thank you.

MEMBER PROFILE: Vivian D.

While Vivian is a descendant of the families that settled in Placitas in the 1700's, Vivian was born in Albuquerque. She lived there until age seven because her Dad didn't have a means of transportation to get to his plumbing job in town. He rode his bike to and from work (15 blocks each way). Around 1952 the family moved back to Placitas - in time for Vivian to start pre-first (kindergarten) at Placitas Elementary School. Vivian graduated from Bernalillo High School.



The property they moved to was purchased by her parents, Ephraim and Ida DeLara, for \$50.00 per acre. It was purchased from Vivian's grandfather, her Mom's father, Jose Trujillo. The family house is in front of where Vivian currently lives. The house was in the shape of a horseshoe. The room in the center is still standing and is over 300 years old. There was a thick adobe wall in front of the horseshoe with holes big enough for the families of generations before to fight the Indians. The rest of the house has been renovated over the years.

Vivian recalls wonderful times in that home. Every afternoon her mom, sister and herself, would sing while making dinner, with Charlie playing the guitar. Her family spent many hours talking around the kitchen table. Vivian will always remember the laughter with many happy, sad and serious memories shared by her family. The family is still very close and continues to share with each other. Vivian has 5 brothers, Paul, Charles, Donald, Jeffrey, and Steve, one sister, Virginia, who recently passed away.

Vivian had a series of jobs over the years. She began her working life at Albuquerque National Bank as a bookkeeper. Next she worked at Felco Jewelry, in the waxing department, while also teaching jewelry-making in the evenings and selling Avon—all at the same time. Her next job was with Sandoval County Head Start as a teacher's assistant, while taking child development classes at UNM. This was followed by Bernalillo Public Schools in the cafeteria department as secretary, as well as helping prepare, serve and deliver the food and equipment to the various sites. Her final and favorite job was at Placitas Elementary School. She began as a school crossing guard and after

volunteering in the classroom was asked to sub for the secretary on leave. When that person didn't return, Vivian was offered the job and stayed for 25 years. Now retired, Vivian loves and misses all the kids.

LPPC has always been a very important part of Vivian's life. Her grandfather, Jose Trujillo, used to preach at LPPC as an elder when a supply pastor was needed. He loved reading the *Bible* to his grandchildren when they were very young and they loved listening to him read. He helped build our church.

Vivian's Mom was from the Gurule and Trujillo family (Albiria Gurule-Trujillo and Jose Trujillo, and on her Dad's side Florinda Gurule-Delara and Antonio Delara). Florinda and Antonio celebrated their 75th anniversary in our fellowship hall in 1992. They both passed on at the age of 98 years.

Christmas Eve was always very special at LPPC. Back when the Upper Room was the church, the children were always given a bag with Christmas candy, an orange and some nuts. Whenever Vivian sees an orange, even now, she thinks back to Christmas Eve at LPPC. One particular Christmas Eve, Vivian and her sister were given brand new patent leather shoes and new coats. They were taken to church by their grandfather, Jose Trujillo, who used to preach at LPPC. The snow was about three feet high and the girls were having a difficult time walking without slipping in their brand new shoes. Their grandfather was admonishing them for their clumsiness, until, he started slipping and they were able to keep him upright. They had to show respect so they could only smile and he managed a "thank you."

At that time the adults used to put on the Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve. And the children used to have bit parts, like singing. There used to be a staircase from the basement that lead to the Upper Room, northwest corner. Vivian remembers the kids coming up for their part of the pageant from the basement.

Vivian has three children, Nathan, Heather, and Eric. Heather has given Vivian 3 grandchildren, Joseph, Marissa, and Ava. She loves her family with all her heart, and enjoys spending time with them now that she has retired.

Although Vivian has recently retired, she hasn't really had time to think about her hobbies. She has been helping Heather with her home daycare

business whenever possible and will soon be taking care of her youngest grandchild, Ava, when Heather does her internship and takes on a new job. Vivian loves music and is happy to be back in the LPPC choir. She collects music boxes and will pass them on to her grandchildren. She loves to cook, especially when she knows what people want to eat. She still enjoys jewelry making.

Her favorite things are: music, returning to her old job when they need her help, crafts, helping her son Eric get his music published and loves family board games with her family and friends.

Vivian has traveled to Tennessee, where brother Jeffrey and his family lives. She's been to Texas, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, the Grand Canyon, California (all along the Coast), a little bit of Kentucky, and Illinois, Tijuana, Rosa Rito, Calafias (where Titanic was filmed), San Marino and Cancun, Mexico. She would really like to travel much more.

What Vivian loves most about LPPC are the music and the children. She loves being around people and loves to dance. There used to be frequent sock hops at the Catholic Community Center. If they could find two adults to chaperone, there was a dance. There were also frequent dinner and dance fund-raisers when a family or friend was in need of funds.

When Vivian was in middle school she started to help by washing dishes for the church dinners in the basement. She also loved Vacation Bible School. The Catholic kids would join during this week. Vivian also loved her trips to Ghost Ranch and Sandia Conference Grounds, as a teenager.

The person Vivian would like to meet most is Jesus and would love to have lived in His time and someday she hopes to meet Him. "Oh what an honor!"

~Wendy I & Betty C

Mission

The mission committee is busy this summer going to the flea markets and farmers markets in the area selling gift bags, wine bags, SERRV products, *Just Coffee* and displaying the quilt and selling raffle tickets. We are trying to get the name of LPPC out to the greater community as well as bring in funds for the Missions that we support.

We just completed working at the Idalia Road Marketplace. It was quite an experience mostly because of the winds that were present that day. We plan on going again and hope for better weather. Our next time at Idalia Road Marketplace is June 22nd. Check out the photos on the website (www.lasplacitaschurch.org) of our venture.

Our next event will be Placitas Appreciation Day which is June 5th at the Merc Shopping Center. Then we plan on joining forces with the church sale on June 12th at the Placitas flea market at the MERC Shopping Center.

We are also talking to the wineries in the area to see if they will buy our wine bags. Matheson Winery bought 50 bags. We have some other places that are interested in purchasing some bags. As you can see we have a busy summer planned.

LPPC Sale

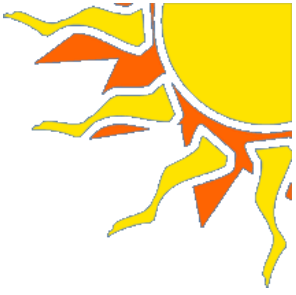
On Saturday, June 12, LPPC will hold a sale at the Placitas Flea Market at the MERC. Start your spring cleaning and bring us some good stuff to sell! We will accept all goods that are in good condition and that will sell. These include: good used clothing, children's clothing, household items, linens, camping goods, sporting goods, books, arts & crafts, lamps, tables, chairs. Please deliver large items (furniture, etc.) to the site on Saturday morning at 7:00am. Small items (in bags) may be delivered to the church on Friday afternoon, June 11) between noon and 6:00pm. (These items will be brought to the sale site on Saturday.) Questions, contact Geri E.



Earth Care Fellowship

Join us for "Waters of Life" on Sunday, June 20 at 4:00pm, in celebration of the Summer Solstice. We will gather at LPPC and carpool up to the Las Huertas Picnic Ground in the National Forest for a celebration of the earth and the longest day. This is a potluck event. Please bring a dish to share, and your own table service (plates, utensils, etc.). We do NOT plan to have a fire for grilling at the picnic area. For more information contact Leland B through the church office. A flyer with directions will be posted and distributed soon.





A Great Urgency: To All World Religious and Spiritual Leaders

My Relatives: Time has come to speak to the hearts of our Nations and their Leaders. I ask you this from the bottom of my heart, to come together from the Spirit of your Nations in prayer.

We, from the heart of Turtle Island, have a great message for the World; we are guided to speak from all the White Animals showing their sacred color, which have been signs for us to pray for the sacred life of all things. As I am sending this message to you, many Animal Nations are being threatened, those that swim, those that crawl, those that fly, and the plant Nations, eventually all will be affected from the oil disaster in the Gulf.

The dangers we are faced with at this time are not of spirit. The catastrophe that has happened with the oil spill which looks like the bleeding of Grandmother Earth, is made by human mistakes, mistakes that we cannot afford to continue to make. I ask, as Spiritual Leaders, that we join together, united in prayer with the whole of our Global Communities. My concern is these serious issues will continue to worsen, as a domino effect that our Ancestors have warned us of in their Prophecies.

I know in my heart there are millions of people that feel our united prayers for the sake of our Grandmother Earth are long overdue. I believe we as Spiritual people must gather ourselves and focus our thoughts and prayers to allow the healing of the many wounds that have been inflicted on the Earth.

As we honor the Cycle of Life, let us call for Prayer circles globally to assist in healing Grandmother Earth (our Unc¹I Maka).

We ask for prayers that the oil spill, this bleeding, will stop. That the winds stay calm to assist in the work. Pray for the people to be guided in repairing this mistake, and that we may also seek to live in harmony, as we make the choice to change the destructive path we are on.

As we pray, we will fully understand that we are all connected. And that what we create can have lasting effects on all life. So let us unite spiritually, All Nations, All Faiths, One Prayer.

Along with this immediate effort, I also ask to please remember June 21st, World Peace and Prayer Day/Honoring Sacred Sites day.

Whether it is a natural site, a temple, a church, a synagogue or just your own sacred space, let us make a prayer for all life, for good decision making by our Nations, for our children's future and well-being, and the generations to come.

Onipikte (that we shall live),
Chief Arvol Looking Horse
19th generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe

[Arvol Looking Horse is the 19th generation keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle and holds the responsibility of spiritual leader among the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota People. He holds an honorary Doctorate from the University of South Dakota, and travels and speaks extensively on peace, environmental and native rights issues. He has been the recipient of several awards, including the Wolf Award of Canada, The Forgiveness Award, and the United Nations Juliet Hollister Temple of Understanding Award for his dedicated work for peace. A skilled horseman, he shares his knowledge with the youth on the long distance rides that take place throughout South Dakota.]

Youth News

LPPC sends two students to Triennium

James M and Titus O will represent LPPC at the Youth Triennium at Purdue University the end of July. This is an extraordinary opportunity for Presbyterian youth to come together with over 6000 others, to worship, to study and to have a lot of fun together. The Presbytery of Santa Fe is sending over 40 young people to this event and Titus and James are already making new friends in the preliminary Presbytery events. We send our love and blessing with James and Titus as they attend.

Baby Kits and Health Kits sent to Church World Service

Our youth gathered on Sunday afternoon, May 16th to pack up all the donations we had collected for Church World Service. We put together 10 full baby kits and 20 health kits that Church World Service will distribute in disaster areas around the world. Thanks to all who contributed to this project.

Office closed Monday, June 7 through Monday, June 14. The office will re-open on Tuesday, June 15. Please leave voicemail

messages as they will be retrieved daily. Pastor Elizabeth will be on education leave, June 7-19. If you are in need of pastoral care, contact Bill L. Betty M will coordinate worship activities. Pastor Elizabeth will preach on June 6 and 20. Rev. Michal Ann Pepper will be our guest preacher on Sunday, June 13. If you have financial questions, the financial secretary will be in the office on a regular basis, processing checks and requests for payment. Contact the financial secretary at: finance@lasplacitaschurch.org with questions.

If you have questions about how activities will be handled during this week, please contact the office before June 4. Thanks to everyone who makes activities and operations at LPPC run smoothly!

Sign up to sing during the summer while the choir takes a break. Look for the purple sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Reception for Pastor Lyman



There will be an all Church Farewell Pot Luck honoring Pastor Elizabeth on June 27 following the 9:15am church service at 10:30am. Please bring a dish to share and Fellowship will provide the coffee, punch and a cake. There will be a basket in which to place your farewell wishes.

Fellowship will be taking July and August off until Rally Day on August 29, when we will have our big pancake and waffle breakfast after the morning service. There will be a sign up sheet for coffee fellowship during the summer, over by the coffee pot. Please sign up.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Recently, at the BEA (Booksellers International Convention) Publishers gathered for their annual Ben Franklin Award ceremony sponsored by the Independent Book Publishers Association. These awards are open to all publishers and the more than half a million books published in 2009, regardless of the publisher's size or clout. All the major NY publishers as well as Independents are eligible.

In the "religion/religious issues" category, *Welcome them Home* won the award as the best religious book published in 2009. This is the work of our own Don T, and the work was completed here in Placitas before he and Nancy returned to the Midwest.

Don commented via email: "It is heartening that this serious topic is taken seriously and highlighted, and that religion is getting an award for approaching this issue of deep cultural relevance [caring for our returning veterans] and in leading the conceptual and programmatic discussions for our country—rather than just another charismatic type "inspiration/dogma" book being touted as the best that religion can offer our nation."

"It is a tribute to all of us involved... and let's not forget GOD, who apparently is still speaking! (and speaking through all of us, which is our call, isn't it?!)"

Congratulations from all of us here in the heart of the village of Placitas!

The Presbyteries of Santa Fe and Sierra Blanca invite you to join them for worship celebrating the installation of the Rev. Dr. Sallie M. Watson as Regional Presbyter and Stated Clerk

Friday, June 11 at 5:00pm, Second Presbyterian Church, 812 Edith Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM. Reception follows and all are welcome. (For directions go to: www.santafepresbytery.org.)

June Worship Highlights:

Sunday, June 6, 9:15am worship—Baptism of Annabella Mayorga; fellowship following service

Sunday, June 13, 9:15am worship, Rev. Michal Anne Pepper preaching

Sunday, June 20, 9:15am worship—Father's Day—Rev. Lyman preaching;

Summer Solstice event, gather at LPPC at 4:00pm

Sunday, June 27, 9:15am worship—Pastor Elizabeth's last service; farewell reception following service.

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