



The News of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

November 2009



Worship at 9:15am only on November 22

As we did last year, we will only have one worship service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Please come for worship, have a lovely lunch at our Chili Pepper Café and stay to enjoy the fun of the Placitas Holiday sale. This year we will be selling Casa Rosa pins, gifts bags and Christmas items from SERRV.



HEALTH ISSUES

LPPC is taking seriously the increased risks associated with this year's flu season.

On Sunday mornings, we will pass the peace in a way that does not transmit germs and

are rethinking the ways we celebrate communion. Please watch for more information in the weekly bulletin.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday On November 15th

Many of you have taken the opportunity to attend the house meetings where we have been able to discuss the plans for 2010. Parts of those discussions have included the planning for our financial needs for 2010. If you have not attended a meeting then you will receive more information and an estimate of giving card in the mail. Please bring your estimates of giving cards to worship on Sunday, November 15th. However, meetings are being held over the next several weeks in people's homes, hosted by deacons and elders. We encourage you to sign up and participate. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn about our mission study, the pastor search process and our financial needs for next year. Look for the blue sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

House Meeting Schedule:

Nov 1: 2:00pm

Nov 4: 9:30am or 6:30pm

Nov 11: 9:30am or 4:00pm

Nov 12: 7:00pm



Casa Rosa Holds its First "Feedback Luncheon" with Clients

On Saturday, October 17, after the regular distribution at Casa Rosa, the board provided lunch for clients in Fellowship Hall with an open forum discussion afterward. There was lots of good food including beans, green chili stew, hamburger casserole, goulash, salad, fruit, carrot cake, home baked cookies, and Cajun trifle. Everyone ate their fill and then there was a discussion facilitated by Jeff D, Vice Chair of the Casa Rosa board. Jeff gave a brief summary of the results of the survey filled out by the consumers and placed in the suggestion box for three weeks prior to the luncheon. Jeff then posed several open-ended questions to get the feedback and comments flowing.

Numerous comments and constructive suggestions were made, which will be discussed at the next Casa Rosa Board meeting. Discussion included how to reduce the congestion at the entrance and sign-in area of Casa Rosa, a waiting area for clients out of the weather as winter approaches, and how to organize the flow of the shopping area more efficiently. It was suggested that these meetings become a regular event and scheduled at least twice a year. It was a productive time and will keep the board focused and on task as we move forward into the second year of Casa Rosa's existence.

During the approaching holiday season there are several activities scheduled. November 21 & 22, the weekend before Thanksgiving, is the annual Placitas Holiday Sale. The Deacons will be passing out Thanksgiving baskets on Saturday morning November 21 at the church. Then the Casa Rosa clients who are receiving baskets may come to the food bank and do their regular weekly shopping to expand their holiday menus.

Casa Rosa will have their Adobe House pins, the fundraiser for this year, for sale in the big tent and at the Chili Pepper Café on both days of the sale.

Come and finish your holiday and birthday shopping while supporting the very worthy cause of fighting hunger in Placitas. The profit from each pin allows Casa Rosa to provide approximately thirteen meals for our consumers. It's amazing that such a small amount of money can provide that much help in alleviating hunger.

Additionally, we continue the "Coats for Casa Rosa" project. La Puerta Realty remains a drop off point for coats, hats, gloves and scarves for Casa Rosa. Also, Jardineros has collected and contributed coats for some of our junior high age kids. Collection is ongoing at the church, so if you have any jackets or coats from toddler to adult size, or warm hats, gloves or scarves that are in good repair and you no longer need, all will be gratefully accepted. Clean out your closets and help keep Placitans warm this winter. You may deposit them in the blue bins in the hallway across from the church office.

Thank you to all the members and friends of LPPC and community members who have contributed money, goods and volunteer hours to the success of Casa Rosa. As we move into the second year of operation we continue to grow as the need increases and more residents in Placitas realize that the services we offer can empower them in successfully meeting the challenges that currently exist.

If you would like to volunteer at Casa Rosa on Saturday morning when the clients come for distribution, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Casa Rosa kiosk in Fellowship Hall. We do need volunteers for November and December for all jobs. If you have not volunteered at the food bank before, you will be oriented and there is a typed list of duties posted at Casa Rosa. It is very rewarding to meet the clients and realize their appreciation for what is offered.

If you can assist on Friday morning with the off-loading and shelving of the delivered goods from Roadrunner please contact Charlotte L by calling the church office at 867-5718.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership committee is starting to profile our members. We know that there is a rich history in our longer term members and our newer members have an interesting story to tell as well. We hope this will help everyone get to know one another better. We



intend to have a new profile each month. The person profiled, if possible, will provide photos of themselves in their younger years. The profile as well as photos will be on the Membership kiosk. Please take a look at the kiosk after you have read the profile. Martha C has agreed to maintain the LPPC scrapbook. The profiles will reside there for your reference.

WILLIE A



Willie was born and has lived his entire life in Placitas except for a few months spent in Madrid, Golden and Gallup when his Step Dad worked in the mines. Willie's biological Dad died when he was six.

Willie attended school in Placitas. There were two buildings for the schools. One housed grades 6-8 and was located between the current Catholic church and the Mission building. Grades 1-5 were located in two rooms of the Mission building. It had a long porch around it with a bell on top that called the children to school - which Willie enjoyed getting to ring. There were three teachers for the school and they came from Pena Blanca. They rented housing in Placitas during the school year. During the summer, Willie was hired to chop the wood for the school's wood stove. Kids used gunnysacks over their shoes to protect their feet from snow and cold.

Willie lived one block from the school. That home is no longer standing, but Willie's current house is near his old home. He has lived there since 1948.

Willie has two sisters and three half brothers still living. He was 2nd from the oldest. Willie has four daughters, one deceased son, and two sons living. They all live in Placitas except one daughter who lives in Bernalillo.

Willie's favorite job was running cattle because he loved to ride horses. From 1960 to 2005, he leased land on Cabezon peak for his cattle. He would go out there every weekend to work the animals and would work at his construction job during the week. He worked in Albuquerque for a company making concrete pipe for bridges for 38 years.

His favorite hobbies and pastimes now are dancing (Country and Spanish, which includes polka) every weekend, taking care of his garden during the summer, bowling every Monday in the winter and participating in the Senior Olympics. He competes in the following activities in the Senior Olympics:

basketball, horseshoes, bowling, 8-ball pool, dancing, Frisbee throw, soccer kick and baseball throw. He has been the state champion in horseshoes every year he participated. He has so many metals he needs to build a new cabinet!

The five things that Willie wouldn't want to have to live without (excluding family and friends) are: beans, chili, potatoes, dancing and the Senior Olympics.

His favorite part about attending LPPC is that it keeps him in line with Christ and helps him in his life.

Willie plays the guitar and accordion and enjoys watching sports on TV.

Some history about LPPC

There used to be a fence going north to south where the Fellowship hall currently is running near the Upper Room. There was an outhouse out by Hwy 165. The only door to the Upper Room was on the back side up the stairs. The Upper Room and basement were the entire building. Someone else owned the land on the other side of the fence.

History of the area

Everyone got around with horse and buggy. They used to head north to cut their wood for heat. They didn't get electricity until the '40's and radios were battery run when there was money for batteries.

People celebrated June 24th – San Juan Day. They would bury a rooster live in the ground with the head showing. The competition was to try to pull the rooster out of the ground while on horseback! There also was a Placitas baseball team. They used the field near the windmill.

There was a large youth fellowship led weekly by Mr. Candelaria, who came from Albuquerque to meet and teach the youth.

The T & T grocery store in Bernalillo used to be the Bernalillo Mercantile, where clothes and everyday necessities could be bought.

Look for photos of Willie in Fellowship Hall.

Would you like to join LPPC?

Would you like to learn more about the church? Please join us after the 10:30am service on Sunday, November 15. We'll meet in the Upper Room and answer all your questions. If you are

interested, please contact Pastor Elizabeth or Wendy Ingram or call the office (867-5718).

FROM THE DEACONS...

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE

WOW...the holidays are fast approaching! In the coming three weeks the deacons will be collecting food items necessary to assemble Thanksgiving baskets. This annual event is the Christian way to give thanks by remembering those less fortunate. Please visit our display on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall for a complete list of items required for each basket. And then go shopping! Your donations of food (or money) can be brought to church through Friday, November 20th. Our success is limited only by your generosity! The deacons would love to be able to collect, organize and distribute 50 Thanksgiving baskets to fellow families in Placitas.



DINNER ON US!

Thursday, November 26th: Thanksgiving dinner at LPPC! Last year, our first year for this now annual event, a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings (served on china!) was enjoyed by twenty-two happy, hungry and thankful attendees. The deacons provide the turkey, dressing and gravy and do the dishes! You just bring your favorite side dish or desert. Let's make this a real happening at our church by all participating!

Look for flyers and sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for both events.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

We will be honoring veterans during worship NEXT Sunday, November 8. If you would like the name(s) of veteran(s) listed in the bulletin that day, please write the information on a piece of the blank paper provided on the table outside of the sanctuary. You may leave in the basket or drop in the office in Cory's mailbox. You may also email to: lppcaa@lasplacitaschurch.org or call the office at 867-5718.



Please submit: first and last name, rank, branch of service, and area/time served. The deadline is very soon: this Tuesday, November 3.

Giving Statements now available

The 2009 Giving Statements (as of October) are filed alphabetically in a box on the table outside the sanctuary. Please take yours for review. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn I. All statements that remain after two weeks will be mailed on Monday, November 16.

2010 Officers Approved

During the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 25, the entire slate of candidates below was approved. Please keep these new leaders as well as our other elders and deacons in your prayers. The Pastor Nominating Committee starts its work in November.

Elders: Nancy U
(one other to still be elected)

Deacons: Vivian D. D
Beth S
Betty C (two-year term)

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Doug C
Linda B
John D
Anna H (Deacon Liaison)
Sue W
Jerri F (Session Liaison)
Leah A
Titus O (Youth Representative)
Glenn I
Gail M

Adult Christian Education

Adult Education Forum continues every Sunday at 9:15am, with an expanded version of "Living the Questions" through November 15th. Pick up a schedule on the table outside the sanctuary. All are welcome, even if you haven't attended before. (No forum on November 22 and 29.)

Women's Bible Study continues the second Wednesday of November. We are discussing the book, "Back to the Well" (Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels) by Frances Taylor Gench. This group is facilitated by Pastor Elizabeth and meets 10:00am to 11:30am Wednesday, November 12th only. All women are welcome!

Monday Night Forum continues at 7pm. The forum is watching dvd's and discussing the emergent church movement. Ken C leads the forum and we are grateful for his leadership.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers as counters on Sunday mornings, following worship. Please contact Vivian D. D. by calling the church office at 867-5718 if you feel you can help. Training is provided. Thank you in advance for your help.

NEWS FROM FELLOWSHIP

ENCHILADA DINNER (Fall Festival) was a huge success. Thanks to all of you who helped make it so!



PLACITAS HOLIDAY SALE

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The "CHILI PEPPER CAFÉ" will be serving breakfast burritos, pulled pork sandwiches, beans and cold slaw, and other goodies during the event.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to bake brownies, cut in 3x3 pieces and individually wrap. They can be brought anytime and put into our new freezer.

KITCHEN GETS NEW FREEZER

To make things a little more exciting, the freezer in the kitchen went out last Sunday morning. Thanks to Clara and Elsie and anyone else who helped get everything moved, we didn't lose any of our chili, beans or tamales. We knew this was going to happen one day, but just not now. We started talking about what to do.

The Health Department had suggested when the old freezer went out it should be replaced with a commercial freezer. We have a good track record from raising the money for the refrigerator, so we were given permission by Session and the Finance Committee to go ahead and get the freezer we found at Standard Supply—a single door freezer that lists for over \$6,000. Ron went down to look at it and the sales rep at Standard gave us a price of \$2,600. After we got our approval it was delivered that afternoon. It matches the refrigerator.

DONATIONS are needed to help pay for the freezer and checks should be made out to LPPC with 'Freezer Fund' in the memo line.

THANKS TO OUR CONGREGATION FOR BEING SO SUPPORTIVE!

MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS



The mission and outreach committee is busy getting ready for the Holiday Sale and the end of the year activities. We need your help to accomplish all we would like to do.

HOLIDAY SALE

We have a spot in the tent. We will be selling wine bags and Christmas gift bags, as well as coffee and brownies. We need workers and bakers. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk bulletin board for you to sign up for a work shift or baking brownies.

GIFTS OF HOPE

Look for the catalogue and basket with brochures from the various organizations that Gifts of Hope supports. This is an alternate giving program. You can select a local charity to support in lieu of giving a material gift for Christmas, birthdays, or anniversaries. A card is sent instead notifying the recipient that a donation has been made in their honor. The Gifts of Hope basket is located in Fellowship Hall.

Rebuilding Together Sandoval County is having a couple of work days in early December. If you would like to help, sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. They are also looking for someone to serve on their board. If you have an interest, contact Terry S.

Just Coffee is available in Fellowship Hall on the second Sunday of each month. We will also have our SERRV products and wine and Christmas gift bags for sale during this time as well.

We also want to sponsor the **Heifer Project** this year. We hope to involve the youth of the church.



Please pick up the *Mission and Outreach Newsletter* available on November 8th.

Thank you all for your continued support.

**December Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, November 23, noon**

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