



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

June/July 2019

Beloveds of the LPPC Community,

For these first few weeks of the interim period, Karl Gustafson and I have the honor to serve as your Co-Pastors-in-Charge (a term we borrowed from the Episcopalians) until an Interim Pastor is chosen and in place. As we heard from Rev. Jim Brown of the presbytery's Commission on Ministry this last Sunday, a committee is already well under way in the search for an Interim Pastor. The process is also underway to select a Pastor Nominating Committee, which will consist of one Ruling Elder from the Session, one Deacon, and five members of the congregation. The Nominating Committee is at work to select those nominees, who will then work together on writing a Church Information Form (our church resume for ministers to read). Once that is ready, they will begin to receive and review the Pastor Information Forms (resumes) of ministers seeking a new call. "Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise..." it is hoped that the search will be complete in about a year, or a little more.

In the meantime, as we were reminded by Rev. Brown on Sunday, we as a congregation have much to do, as St. Paul once reminded the early Christians in Rome: "Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic -- be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home.... If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people." (from Romans 12:1-18)

The folk of this village and this congregation have shared the journey of faith and service for 125 years, and as we move into God's good future we continue the journey, and the story together.

"*Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.* We are the body of Christ!"

Blessings,

Ken Cuthbertson

Pastoral Schedule

Including one morning a week in the office-Tuesday

Ken- May 19 to June 9

Karl- June 10 to July 8

Ken- July 9 to August 4

June-July 2019

Worship

The June portion of the schedule is pretty well set, the July portion may be subject to change as we go forward, possibly including some guest preachers.

June 2 - Communion. Rev. Ken Cuthbertson preaching, assisted by Rev. Joyce Thompson. Scriptures: Psalm 133, John 17: 20-26.

June 9 - Pentecost. Guest Preacher Rev. Bill Humphreys. Scriptures: Genesis 11:1-9, Romans 8:14-17, John 20:1-18

June 16 - Rev. Karl Gustafson preaching.

June 23 - Worship at Sandia Conference Ground. No service at LPPC. (See separate announcement.)

June 30 - Ken C.

July 7 - Communion. Karl G.

July 14 - Ken C.

July 21- Karl G.

July 28 - Karl G.

August 4 - Communion. Ken C.

at the LPPC building on June 23. We will gather at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool up the mountain. Volunteers with higher clearance vehicles for the forest road would be very helpful and welcome! Please bring camping chairs or a blanket to sit on, sun hats, and a potluck/picnic dish to share.

Member Profile DON TURTON

Don was born in Buffalo, NY, lived in West Seneca, NY until Jr. High, moved to N. Boston, NY and graduated high school in Hamburg, NY. He volunteered for the Army and served for 3 years. He was trained as an electronic service repairman and was sent to Kaiserslautern, Germany for his last 2 years of service where he was also a diesel generator repairman. He returned to Buffalo after the Army and worked in a steel mill for 6 months so he could earn money for college. Then he attended SUNY in Geneseo, NY for 2 years before transferring to the SUNY College of Forestry in Syracuse where he earned a BS in Natural Resources Management. He then moved to Brattleboro, VT where he served as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 3 years. He worked with dairy farmers and other landowners to solve their erosion problems. Don wanted to further his education, so he moved to Seattle to the College of Forestry U. of Washington where he earned his MS in Forestry Hydrology.

His next move was to Oklahoma for the rest of his career. He worked at Oklahoma State University Dept. Of Forestry (where he met Jacque) as a Sr. Research Specialist in Forest Hydrology studying acid rain, biochemical cycling, water quality and forest mgmt. for 3 years. Don says that he spent a lot of his time in

LPPC YOUTH

The LPPC youth group is in need of two volunteers to be chaperones for their upcoming trip to Ghost Ranch Youth Week in Abiquiu. Ghost Ranch Youth Week is June 23 - June 29. Registration fees will be covered for chaperones. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Dana Howarth at youth@lasplacitaschurch.org.

Worship & Picnic at Sandia Conference Grounds on June 23

After a winter and spring of sufficient moisture, we are able to return to the Sandia (Presbyterian) Conference grounds for the first time in three years for our traditional outdoor worship and potluck picnic. There will be no worship service

the soil getting down and dirty or standing in the rain and stream water up to his butt measuring streamflow or collecting samples. This was followed by his earning his PhD in Agricultural Engineering at Oklahoma State U. He then obtained a faculty position at OSU first as Assistant and then Associate Professor until his retirement in 2015. His favorite job was being a professor at OSU where 40% of his time was spent teaching and the rest working on research on the effects of forest and wildland management on water quantity and quality. Every summer he taught at the OSU Forestry Camp in areas in CO, the UP of Michigan, northern Minn, Montana and later northern NM.

Don's hobbies now include: traveling, running, biking, cross country skiing, hiking, repairing their antique furniture, gardening, landscaping, photography and continually learning about life. His traveling hobby has taken him to many places such as: Greece, Sicily, Tuscany, Provence, Honduras, Germany and Switz, but his 2 favorites are seeing the Incan ruins in Peru with a trek to Machu Picchu and a 2018 safari trip to Tanzania where he saw the Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom come to life.

The person he would most like to meet is Mark Twain. Don enjoys his wit and practical approach to problems to life. He would like to sit across from him and chat on a long steam train ride across the West.

In case of a fire he would grab Jacque, their 2 cats, computer and family records. The 5 things he couldn't live without are: freedom, health, staying active, satisfaction that he is useful and that he has done good while on this earth.

Don and Jacque live in Corrales. They visited various churches in the ABQ area and settled on LPPC as their first choice. His favorite part about

attending LPPC is the small congregation making it easy to meet people and get involved, and the beautiful drive through the Sandias from Corrales each Sunday. Don is chair of the Earth Care Fellowship and helps on the building and landscape maintenance.

Wendy Ingram

Joan Chewning