



The News of the People of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church March 2019

Perdón

Perdón is the Spanish word for forgiveness. You say it when you have hurt someone and ask for forgiveness. *Perdón*. In the verb form (for forgiveness is an active choice we make), it is also used to offer forgiveness - *te perdono*.

This Lent we are using *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond and Mpho Tutu as our guide in this practice of forgiveness. Desmond and Mpho Tutu are both Anglican priests from South Africa. They are father and daughter. Desmond Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa following apartheid. Mpho Tutu was working on a Ph.D. in forgiveness at the time of the book's writing.

One of the things I so appreciate about their work are the practical steps they offer for how to engage in the process of forgiveness. *The Book of Forgiving* lays out a fourfold path for healing ourselves and our world. In the introduction, Tutu writes, "The quality of human life on our planet is nothing more than the sum total of our daily interactions with one another. Each time we help, and each time we harm, we have a dramatic impact on our world."

The Fourfold Path laid out in *The Book of Forgiving* includes the following steps: (1) Telling the Story, (2) Naming the Hurt, (3) Granting Forgiveness, & (4) Renewing or Releasing the Relationship.

I invite you to engage with us in this deep exploration of forgiveness. We all both need to be forgiven and need to forgive. Our Monday night book group will be reading this book. Our adult forums during Lent will explore the steps. Our worship and preaching will engage the Fourfold Path.

"Forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other." (Col. 3:13)

Peace,

Drew

March 2019
Worship Services

March 3 - Transfiguration Sunday -
Colossians 3:12-17 "Understanding
Forgiveness"

March 6 - Ash Wednesday - Service at 7 pm
- Healing and Wholeness

March 10 - First Sunday in Lent - Luke 15
"Telling the Story"

March 17 - Second Sunday in Lent -
Matthew 18 "Naming the Hurt"

March 24 - Third Sunday in Lent - Matthew
5:23-24 "Granting Forgiveness"

March 31 - Fourth Sunday in Lent -
Ephesians 4:31-32 "Renewing or Releasing
the Relationship"

Upcoming Adult Forums

March Adult Forum – During Lent the Adult Forum will be focusing on topics from *The Book of Forgiving* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his daughter, Rev. Mpho Tutu. Forgiveness lies at the heart of both Christian thought and practice. It frees, heals, and opens a way to reconciliation and peace. The Adult Forum meets soon after 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning, following the early service, in the Upper Room.

March 3 - Forgiving - A Path for Healing

March 10 - Forgiving - Telling the Story

March 17 - Forgiving - Naming the Hurt

March 24 - Forgiving - Granting Forgiveness

March 31 - Forgiving - Renewing or Releasing Relationship

April 7 - Forgiving - Needing Forgiveness

April 14 - Forgiving - Forgiving Yourself

Children's Christian Ed.

March continues with exciting events for Christian Ed!

The Christian Ed Committee and the youth continue to fundraise to reach their goal for Triennium and Ghost Ranch. On March 30th (2pm-4pm) there will be a Jewelry Fundraiser at the Tarin-Scrase home, 16 Calle Cholla, Placitas NM, 87043. Please invite your friends and neighbor's to join for finger foods and jewelry shopping.

Tom Luley has graciously offered to host the youth in his home for dinner on March 3rd. Thank you, Tom and all the members of the congregation who have volunteered to open their

home and get to know the youth on a more personal level. These events leave lasting impressions on our future congregation leaders.

Many congregation members have expressed the interest in wanting to learn about the youth and their activities so there will be a youth wide congregation dinner on April 7, 4-6pm. More information to come....

Christian Ed Committee

Fellowship News

THE STAINLESS CART IS STILL MISSING FROM THE KITCHEN. IF YOU SEE IT, PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE KITCHEN.

Fellowship will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 16

with a Fund raiser:

Dinner: Indian Tacos

Entertainment: Live Music

March 16, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P. M.

There will be live music and Indian Tacos on the menu and

Sopaipillas for dessert

Coffee

A donation of \$10.00 will be appreciated

See you all at the dinner

Joan Dennis, Fellowship Chair

Finance Committee

On Jan 29th, the Session voted to approve the 2019 Operating Budget and the congregation approved the terms of call for the Pastor at the Feb 3rd Annual Congregational Meeting. The approved 2019 operating budget reflected the additional giving from pledges and private donations which enabled Session to fully fund all committee requests. While the Pastor did not get a raise this year, he did get, at his request additional paid vacation. Some of the individual committee line items were adjusted to more closely align with the actual expenses from the previous year, however the total amount requested by each committee was unchanged and each one was fully funded. The finance committee will continue to monitor the budget throughout the year, provide quarterly reports to pledge donors and committee chairs, and report on the status of the church reserves to Session each month.

Missions Committee

Rebuilding Together Sandoval County - Charity Sale -- 854 Camino Don Tomas, Bernalillo. Store hours: every **Friday & Saturday** from 10 AM to 2 PM. Open for business and to accept donations every **Friday & Saturday**. New items arriving weekly. Also you can **deliver donations** to facility during store hours on **Friday** or **Saturday**, or contact Janice at 505-867-1139 or help@rebuildingtogethersandoval.org. Sue E. Hoff, Mission Committee Chair.

Member Profile

DAWN WOLF

Dawn was born in Pittsburgh, PA, #3 of 8 children. The family moved to Alexandria, VA when she was 15. Dawn graduated from Fairfax High School and went to work for the CIA as a clerk stenographer full time and later as a contract employee part time. Dawn and John married when she was 19. She was a stay-at-home mom until the kids were in high school. She returned to work at Northern Virginia Community College as administrative assistant to the business manager and later part time during registration. She loved this job because it gave her the chance to meet people from all walks of life. While at NOVA she took courses in travel and tourism, hoping to pursue her dream to see the world and someday work in the industry.

Dawn and John have twin sons and a daughter. Tim is a program support specialist at NOVA, and Ted does IT work for Navy Federal Credit Union in Vienna, VA. They live in Centreville, VA. Lori worked for several years for the US Committee for UNICEF in NYC as a grants writer and then in Idaho for the Henry's Fork Foundation. She currently lives in Bernalillo and works at Jericho Nursery.

Dawn and John discovered New Mexico in the mid-70s and moved to Placitas in the fall of 2000. Dawn is retired. John was a partner with a CPA firm in the DC area and CFO at El Pueblo Health Services in Bernalillo before retiring. He volunteers for Sandoval County Fire Dept. Dawn pursued her interest in becoming a Master Gardener.

Dawn used to sew for herself and Lori. She made their gowns for John's sister's wedding. She loved gardening, racquetball, hiking, biking and camping. She took a darkroom photography course and had a home darkroom. Now she

walks, practices yoga, works jigsaw puzzles, and makes jewelry as a hobby.

Dawn has two 15 minutes of fame. She placed 3rd in the Western Pennsylvania Regional Spelling Bee in 1955. She and John placed 1st in a disco dance contest in a bar in Alexandria in the 1970s and won \$25! She and John became interested in ballroom dancing and disco after hosting a dance and baton twirling group from Glasgow, Scotland.

Dawn has fond memories of two 6-week long family camping trips cross country in the 70s, seeing much of the U.S., and Canada. Dawn visited Lori when she was studying in Spain, and saw the highlights of Madrid, Valencia, and Mallorca. But her most amazing trip was a solo road trip from Virginia to Idaho in the fall of 1995 to see Lori. She loved the marvelous sense of freedom to drive when she wanted to, eat when she wanted to, listen to her choice of music, and just watch the changeable landscape go by. Just before arriving in Idaho, she received word that John was in the hospital, so she stayed only one night with Lori before heading home. John recovered, and two months later she and John had Thanksgiving dinner at Bryce Canyon.

Dawn's bucket list is short – she would love to learn Spanish and sign language. She, her husband, and daughter took the beginning class in signing, but regrettably didn't continue. She would love to take an around-the-world trip by private jet - but she would settle for a riverboat cruise in Europe or a trip to Australia & New Zealand.

Dawn's favorite things are red wine, flowers, maps and Google Earth, rocks and minerals, and the sounds of nature. Dawn says if she had a do-over, she would become a geographer or geologist, and would learn to play the piano or violin.

Dawn's most prized possession is her diamond and wedding ring. She doesn't always wear it, but she would grab it in case of a fire along with her two cats, Fiona and Tony.

Dawn would love to see her good friend Marie who passed away in 2010. Marie was older and like a mother figure to Dawn as her own mother died shortly after Dawn was married. The two became friends when they both worked at NOVA and continued that friendship with a weekly phone call after Marie moved back to Ohio.

A funny story about LPPC is the occasion several Memorial Garden volunteers went to a Placitas resident's home to dig up a three-leaf sumac. They found the shrub to be miniscule and joked about how many people it took to dig up a tiny shrub. The shrub did not survive the transplant, so Dawn purchased another one from a nursery. Sometime later, the resident saw the flourishing shrub in the garden and thinking it was her donation remarked to Charles Little how well it had done. Charles just smiled and didn't say a word.

Dawn was Chair of the Memorial Garden for a number of years, has helped in the kitchen and with the Holiday Show, and served one year on the Personnel Committee. In 2005 Dawn was diagnosed with bilateral acoustic neuromas which are benign tumors on the hearing/ balance nerves that have caused hearing loss. Recent surgery to drain 2 cysts has cleared her facial pain followed soon after by radiation on the tumor. She feels blessed to have weathered this for so long without symptoms and to have so many caring friends at LPPC who are there for you no matter what. She loves Peace hugs and Drew's Benediction that reminds us to always care for each other.

Wendy Ingram
Joan Chewing