Bill Humphreys here, with a note or two.

This coming Sunday, September 8, has the label of “Rally Day”. That may be a fairly common reference for congregations where Labor Day and the beginning of the local school year also signals the beginning of the “Church Year”. And rightly so, if “rally” means to gather for a cause. Let’s have a rally! Let’s meet to get to it! Or to gather our wits about us. To start something or return to what we were doing before.

So: let’s rally! Sunday, September 8, is our day to get together, in many cases, back together, for some good things to do in the life of the congregation. In this case, 9/8/19 is Sunday 1 for Adult Ed, occurring at about 9:30, between 8:30 and 10:30 worship services, with some good presentation and discussion led by the Rev. Ken Cuthbertson, on how we PCUSA Presbyterians read, understand, apply the Bible. No homework required. Just show up; just rally!

AND it’s a Sunday for flipping over the youth we like to know at LPPC. Flipping? Get it? They’ll do some of the flipping and we’ll enjoy the Pancakes as a result. After the 10:30 worship gathering, many of us, you included, I hope, will gather around the tables in the atrium for some good conversation with butter and syrup for the pancakes! And you? Just show up; just rally!

And what else is happening? If it’s not this Sunday, one Sunday soon the Chancel Choir will rally and participate in worship leadership with Mindy and Elliott. I’m thinking that there’s a place for you to join in the music if you’re at all able and available for the rally!

I think I read all about it: the LPPC book discussion gathering will rally on Monday evening coming up. YOU are invited and welcome to participate!

And then there are committee meetings and meetings of the Deacons and the Session. This “rally” just keeps happening!

What are you doing in the life of the congregation? In the large community? On the job? In your retirement?

That reminds me: for this coming Sunday, 9/8/19, there’s the afternoon Placitas Artists Series of art work in the atrium and a well-planned concert in the sanctuary.

And in the evening, there’s the Second Sunday concert in the parking lot at the Homestead shopping plaza.

And on the weekdays, the Placitas Senior Center is a good place to meet some neighbors for some exercise, shooting pool, and/or enjoying lunch together.

It’s September! Let’s worship and play and work together. Let’s rally!
ADULT FORUM

Presbyterians and the Bible

The Sunday morning Adult Forum resumes on September 8, beginning a two month series on Presbyterians and the Bible prepared and led by the Rev. Dr. Ken Cuthbertson. The series will begin with a look at historic Presbyterian beliefs concerning the Bible and its status as the written Word of God. The following classes will examine the set of guidelines for reading scripture developed by the former United Presbyterian Church (UPCUSA) in 1982. The weekly studies will focus on specific biblical texts to help illustrate using the various guidelines. There will be a one week break in the series on October 13, when Rev. Dori Hjalmarson will be visiting LPPC to talk about her work in Honduras. The Adult Forum meets on Sunday mornings, at approximately 9:20 a.m. following the early service, in the Upper Room.

September 8: “Bible Believing?” – Presbyterian understandings of what the Bible is and how God “speaks” to us through it. (The Book of Confessions, etc.)

September 15: “Christ the Center” – Reading scripture always in light of Christ, and God’s redemptive work. (Guideline 1)

September 22: “A Plain Reading” – Reading the Bible in light of its literary and historical context. (Guidelines 2 & 6)

September 29: “Word and Spirit” – Relying on the Holy Spirit’s guidance in interpreting and applying scripture. (Guideline 3)

October 6: “The Bible in Community” – Reading the Bible in light of the witness of other biblical authors and of the consensus of the Church across the ages. (Guidelines 7 & 4)

October 13: Our special guest will be the Rev. Dori Hjalmarson. Dori attended LPPC while working in Albuquerque after seminary, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Santa Fe at LPPC in August 2017. She is currently serving as a PC(USA) mission co-worker in Honduras, where she coordinates and coaches lay and pastoral leaders of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras.

October 20: “Wonderful Words” - Group members will be sharing favorite Bible passages and verses

October 27: “The Rule of Love” – All reading and interpretation is to be in accord with the commandment to love God and neighbor. (Guideline 5)

November 3: “Yet More Light…” – How the Church changes its mind. (This study will focus on the late Dr. Jack Rogers “model” from his studies on slavery and race, women, divorce, and homosexuality, etc.)

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The PNC wishes to thank everyone for their input on desired characteristics and skills of our next Pastor and we are busy analyzing the data provided. The survey remains open in case you missed the earlier announcements and wish to provide input. You may use this link to our online survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZF72ZRR

You will need to copy this link into your browser’s URL and it will take you to the survey to complete. If anyone prefers to complete the survey manually, please ask for a copy in the church office during office hours.

In addition to the survey, we are planning informal discussions to take place on Sunday, September 15, 2019 after the late worship service. We hope you will plan to stay to join a group to provide your thoughts in a
MEMBER PROFILE

YVONNE BROWN

Yvonne Escarcida Brown was born in Albuquerque and was raised in Bernalillo. She graduated from Bernalillo High School. She attended some administrative courses at UNM and CNM before her career in the banking business. After 2 weeks at teller school she worked her way up to loan officer, asst. manager and ultimately to branch manager. From 1992-2005 she worked at 1st Nat’l Bank which changed hands multiple times from First Security, Wells Fargo, to Bank of the West. From 2005-2010 she went to work for First State Bank and which is now US Bank. Since 2010 she has worked with Bank of the West which covers all the western states, as a training mentor to new hires. She works with them remotely. Her favorite job in banking was working in the area of operations, making the numbers balance and tracking down errors like solving a puzzle.

Yvonne married John Brown in 2005. She and John met while working at the Bank of the West. She invited him to an Isotopes game for their first date. She considers her “15 minute of fame” marrying John because he made her an instant Mom to his 4 children. Katie works in retail, John Jr. is an aerospace engineer, Mark is in the Navy and Frances just graduated from high school with an associate’s degree as a Medical Assistant. She will now work towards earning her nursing degree. John was the best Dad, teaching his kids how to cook, clean, garden, work on cars, fish, hunt and more. John passed away in 2008 but Yvonne is still in touch with her step kids.

Yvonne will soon start building her house next to her parent’s home in Bernalillo. She has a very special puppy named Sweetie. Her hobbies now are reading, needlepoint, playing with Sweetie, being with family and friends, and attending her Bible study group focusing on the writings of Beth Moore and Priscilla Shriver. Beth Moore is
the person she would most like to meet, and her study group will be traveling to hear Beth Moore speak in OK this fall.

Yvonne and most of her family traveled to Oahu in Hawaii for 8 days to attend her brother, John’s wedding in 2015. Then she, her mom, sister and brother in law went to Talum, Mexico to celebrate Lisa’s and Miguel’s 30th anniversary in 2018. Yvonne would like to travel to New Orleans, see the fall leaves in Vermont and travel to Nashville.

In case of a fire she would grab family photos. Her favorite things she wouldn’t want to have to do without includes her puppy, her jewelry, books and chocolate. People might not know about Yvonne’s sense of humor. She is the cut-up in the family.

Her favorite part about attending LPPC is the welcoming community with genuine people who really care. Yvonne has been coming to LPPC her whole life. Her grandparents lived in Placitas. They all attended church in the Upper Room. After church the whole family went to her 2 sets of grandparent’s houses for the day. She especially remembers eating peas from their garden and running around in their fancy clothes being told to not get dirty.

Yvonne has answered the call to serve a term as Deacon through 2021. She is on the Mission committee and was co-chair of the 125th Anniversary Celebration planning committee, often helps in the nursery and with her Mom, Geri is often working in the kitchen for church functions.

Wendy Ingram
Joan Chewning