

Celebrate Advent and Christmas Together as a Church Family



Advent Sundays

November 28, December 5, 12, 19

Throughout the season our services will feature a variety of music ensembles, choir, soloists and instrumentalists as well as Advent candle lighting.

Handel's Christmas Messiah

Sunday, December 5, 4PM

With Paintings of the Great Renaissance Artists
LCPC Chancel Choir & Orchestra
(see article, next column)

Christmas Market

Sundays, December 5 & 12

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by giving life-giving gifts to people who *really* need them. Shop together as a family. Ministries from near and far will be on our patio to explain how you can offer the gift of Christ's love and hope in very tangible ways to people around the world.

Parent Ed Advent Celebration

Wednesday, December 8, 6:30 PM
(see article, page 4)

Advent Day Apart

Saturday, December 11
(see article, page 3)

Family Advent Activity

Sunday, December 12, 4-6:30 PM
(see article, page 5)

Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 19
(see article, page 5)

Christmas Eve Services

Friday, December 24
4:00 & 5:30 PM

Led by the Children's Choirs and designed for families with children of all ages, and grandparents too!

7:30 PM (*note new time!*)

Praise Band and Candle Lighting

10:00 PM (*note new time!*)

LCPC Choir, featuring Alfred Burt carols with harp accompaniment, plus a pre-service concert commencing at 9:40 PM.

New Year's Eve Healing & Wholeness

Communion Service

Friday, December 31, 7:30 PM

Start your New Year celebration off right with our annual Communion Service which includes a special time for individual prayers, led by Rev. Dr. Chuck Osburn.

Handel's Christmas Messiah

With Paintings of the
Great Renaissance Artists
LCPC Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Sunday, December 5, 4PM,
Sanctuary



Join us for what has become an annual Christmas tradition for many people: enjoying Handel's glorious oratorio "Messiah." It is his most famous composition and is among the most popular works in the Western choral literature. The LCPC Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Friends will present the full Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah, plus a handful of choruses from Parts II and III in a stimulating and refreshing Christmas concert. Featured is a superb cast of soloists, including Lori Stinson (soprano), Diane Wallace (contralto), Matthew Thomas (tenor) and Gregory Geiger (bass). The concert will be directed by Jack Lantz, Director of Music & Worship Arts at La Cañada Presbyterian Church.

Using the original Handel vocal score and orchestration, the concert will be presented by a chorus of more than 50 singers, drawn from the LCPC Chancel Choir plus community members, accompanied by a Baroque orchestra of 35 players. Among the orchestra, Kemp Smeal will be featured on the church's new harpsichord.

Continuing the Ovations "4-D Music Experience," each movement of the music will be accompanied by high-quality projections of the great art of the most famous painters of the 13th through 20th centuries. The artworks enhance the musical experience in adding a visual dimension to the live music, in what Ovations is calling a "4-D experience."

Prior to the concert, at 3PM, Matthew Thomas will present a pre-performance lecture in the LCPC Worship Arts Center on the background of Handel's composition of "Messiah" and the librettist, Charles Jennens.

Handel's immortal masterpiece, "Messiah," is a moving musical experience, elevating and enriching the soul, and bringing the promise of the Christmas birth. Each time we hear it, "Messiah" comforts us through its familiarity and thrills us with the joy of rediscovery. It is a wonderful way to usher in the Christmas season. The concert will be held in the sanctuary. Tickets (\$15) are available from the church office at (818) 790-6708 or Lori MacDonald at (626) 794-1522 prior to the concert, or at the door. Please come and bring a friend for a special afternoon of great music and art. ☞





From Where I Sit . . .

Pastor Gary Dennis

Advent is almost upon us. It is a good time of the year to think about the importance of mercy. I've always loved these words of William Shakespeare about the importance, if not the power, of mercy.

The quality of mercy is not strain'd,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest:
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown;
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptred sway,
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's,
When mercy seasons justice. Therefore, Jew,
Though justice be thy plea, consider this,
That in the course of justice none of us
Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render
The deeds of mercy.

(William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act IV, Scene 1)

In the Advent preaching series, we will explore mercy from the perspective of four peculiar names in the first half of the genealogy of Jesus that is found at the beginning of Matthew's Gospel. The peculiarity is not just the inclusion of four women, but the inclusion of THESE women.

The four women are Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba and Mary. Tamar was forced to play the role of a prostitute in order to trick her father-in-law into keeping his promises. The fruit of this embarrassing union was one of the great grandfathers of Jesus.

The second embarrassing woman in Jesus' family tree was a woman who wasn't pretending to be a woman of the night. She was one. Rahab "the harlot" is best known for assisting the spies of Israel. I believe she is the only "woman of the night" mentioned in Jesus' genealogy, in Faith's Hall of Fame in Hebrews, chapter 11, and in the Book of James as an example of good works. Again, she is one of the great grandmothers of Jesus.

The third woman is so embarrassing that Matthew will not call her by name. We simply read, "the wife of Uriah." Matthew makes it clear. She was not the lawful wife of King David. We know her as Bathsheba, more a victim than a perpetrator in the most scandalous seduction in the Bible. This most embarrassing woman was also one of the great grandmothers of Jesus.

The fourth embarrassing woman was Mary, the mother of Jesus. Imagine, a woman giving birth outside of marriage. Two thousand years later, there is no embarrassment for us. This was the work of the Holy Spirit, yet that was not as easily said when Joseph, Mary's fiance, discovered that his wife-to-be is pregnant

and there had been no sexual relations between them. How do you explain this in Nazareth, to Mary's family, to Joseph's, or the neighbors? This was so embarrassing that the only option was to send Mary away from Nazareth to stay with her relative, Elizabeth, in Bethlehem. Yet, watch what God is about to do. What follows is absolutely amazing.

If Matthew simply wanted to be radical and include some women in Jesus' genealogy, he could have chosen Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah – the wives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. These were four model matriarchs but instead Matthew chooses Rahab, Tamar, Mary and Bathsheba.

Finally, except for Mary, none of the women is Jewish. Tamar was a Canaanite, Rahab a Jerichoite, Bathsheba, through marriage, a Hittite. What was going on? I find Martin Luther helpful. He wrote, "In these strange Gospel couples God's desire to show how much love He has for sinners [is seen]." Luther continues, "It is as though God intended for the hearer of the genealogy to say, 'Oh, Christ is the kind of person who is not ashamed of the sinners – in fact, he puts them in his family tree.'"

Then, Luther brings this truth home, "Now if the Lord does that here, so ought we to despise no one ... but put ourselves right in the middle of the fight for sinners and help them" ("Sermon on the Day of Mary's Birth," 8 September 1522, 11:2371).

That means that God can even use people like your pastor and you. That gives me great hope and encourages me to explore further God's mercy, especially as it relates to offering mercy to others. ☞

Following Jesus. Partnering with Jesus. Loving Jesus.

Following Jesus means recognizing the value of giving and supporting the church. Indeed, stewardship is one of the most profound ways that Christians have of following Jesus. It is the way that we take care of what is important to God. Following Jesus means being a good steward of the resources given to us and blessing others.

Partnering with Jesus means glorifying God in our giving. One way to do this is through our individual stewardship. When you give to our church, you are partnering with Jesus to serve others. It is an opportunity for us to join Jesus in glorifying God. God never asks us to give beyond our means. Big or small, every gift is a blessing. Loving Jesus means loving others with our giving. Each day, someone walks through the doors at LCPC and into the love of Christ. They find this love in our small groups, children's and youth ministries, Parent Ed, adult care and outreach ministries, that touch those at home and reach to the far corners of the world. Stewardship, and the support it provides for our church's ministries and programs, is one way we love others through Christ.

Our annual stewardship campaign began on Sunday, October 17, in which our church family committed itself to providing financially for LCPC. Please prayerfully consider your intended support and complete the Partnership Agreement for 2011 that you receive in the mail or in the worship bulletin. Sunday, October 31, is Partnership Sunday when we will collect the Partnership Agreements at each of the three services or you can mail back your Agreement to the church.

Take Time. Reflect. Pray.

Consider what God would have you give to support the ministries and programs of LCPC. Thank you for your faithfulness! ☞

Rock 2 Giving Alert

As we move through the Fourth Quarter of 2010, many of us begin to plan what we will pay this year on our 5-year commitment to Rock 2, how we will arrange the funds and when we will make the payment. The typical 5-year commitment period for Rock 2 giving ends in December 2012.

The Session and Building Committee assumed in their budgeting process that pledge payments will be made periodically throughout the 5-year period to reduce the construction loan to a final long-term balance of \$1 million. To date, they feel that giving is basically "on track," despite the recessionary economy.

We ask our faithful givers with pledge balances to prayerfully consider the amount they can give for 2010 and make their gifts before year end. To God be the glory! ☞

Did You Know that LCPC has a Seminary Care Team?

It is a long and complex process for an individual to discern and affirm his or her call to serve as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church. The LCPC Seminary Care Team is part of that process. Support is given by:

- Interviewing and maintaining ongoing personal contact with each applicant
- Offering prayer and emotional support throughout the process
- Serving as liaison between the candidate and Presbytery
- Providing financial support to seminarians in need

At this time, LCPC has the following seminarians under care:

- John Anderson – Completing PIF*
- Sharon Barker – Has returned to process, exact status to be determined by presbytery.
- Mike Bautista – Has PIF* out, seeking call.
- Joel Drenckpohl – Inquirer, CPM* this fall.
- Darenda Keil - Has PIF* out, seeking call.
- Marge Landwehr – Coursework at Fuller complete. CPE* at Arcadia Methodist
- Lynda Kay McPherson – All requirements complete, PIF* in progress. Working at Shadow Hills Presby Church.
- Darren Pollack – Has returned to graduate school, Ph.D. student at Calvin Theological Seminary | Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Claudia Zentmeyer- Training program for Lay Pastor

Seminarians often have financial obligations with which they need help. Financial help given by the church is dependent on the annual church budget. However LCPC does have a Seminary Scholarship Endowment Fund. All gifts are received with heartfelt gratitude.

Please pray for our seminarians. ☞

***(PIF) Personal Information Form** – to be filled out with personal information to be posted when candidate has completed all requirements and is pronounced ready for a call

***(CPM) Committee on Preparation for Ministry** – committee of local presbytery, works with Session of congregation who has seminarian under care through Inquirer and Candidate periods

***(CPE) Clinical Pastoral Education** – working under supervision, usually as hospital chaplain

Advent Day Apart—December 11

Advent is a season that invites us to reflect on Emmanuel, literally, "God with us." In this time we can ponder our life with God in the past, notice God in our present, and consider with hopeful anticipation God's promises to us between the "not yet" and what is to come.

If you have wondered how you might begin to explore the spiritual disciplines of solitude, contemplation and prayer, this Day Apart is for you. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner or just beginning to explore, this is one way to enter into a time and place set aside for prayer, meditation, reflection and renewal.

Join us on Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the beautiful grounds of Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in La Canada Flintridge. The day will include times of guided prayer and worship and free time for gentle quiet and solitude. Resources to assist you in your practice will be available. The cost for the day is \$25 and includes lunch and all materials.

For more information or to register contact Shelley Irvine at shelleyirvine@sbcglobal.net. Registration closes on December 7. ☞

"Continuing the Journey" Classes

A series of classes designed to help you on your "next steps" in following Jesus as Savior and Lord. Open to everyone, whether you are new on the journey or have been traveling for awhile.

All Classes will be held in Demarest Family Life Center

"Theology 101: The Basics of Christianity"

Rev. Dr. Gary Dennis
FRI, OCT 29, 7-9PM

"Overview of the Bible"

Rev. Dr. Chuck Osburn
SUN, NOV 7, 11AM-1PM

"Discovering Christ Within"

Rev. Kristin Leucht
SUN, NOV 14, 11AM-1PM

"Discovering Christ Between Sundays"

Rev. Jim Milley
SUN, NOV 21, 11AM-1PM

Child care available (\$5/child/class) for all classes by emailing sandy@lacadapc.org and making your reservation one week prior to the class. ☞



Parent Education Advent Celebration

Bring your entire family to LCPC on Wednesday, Dec. 8, to kick off the Christmas Season with a meaningful and festive family event – the annual **Parent Education Advent Celebration!**

Wednesday, December 8, 6:30 PM
LCPC Sanctuary & Family Life Center

The evening begins with the adorable 3 & 4-year olds presenting “The Christmas Story” in the Sanctuary. Immediately following are festivities in the Family Life Center including a Live Nativity, Holiday Crafts, Cookie Decorating and Refreshments. This is a fun evening for the entire family and is a wonderful way to celebrate the true meaning of the Christmas Season.

Everyone is welcome to this FREE event...no RSVP necessary. ☺

*Photo from previous Parent Education Advent Celebration
Jack Erskine and Ryan Stanton (below)*

Generosity Water

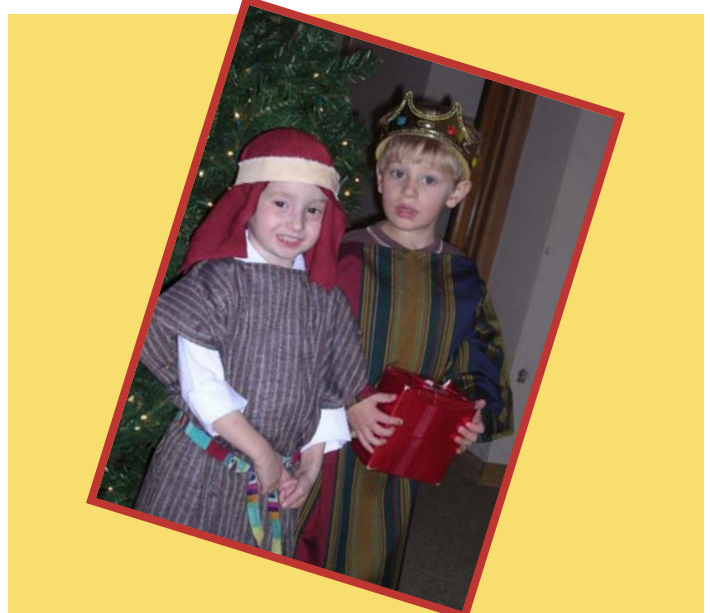
Did you know that 1 billion people (that's 1 out of 6) in the world today do not have access to clean drinking water? LCPC Parent Education is going to help change this global crisis. Through partnering with Generosity Water (www.mygenerositywater.org/), Parent Education has set out to sponsor building a well, which will supply clean & safe drinking water to a village of 400 people for 20 years!



In order to achieve this goal, Parent Education is offering “Generosity Water” bottles for sale. These reusable, stainless-steel water bottles make wonderful Christmas gifts, are well-suited for sports teams, and are a perfect complement to children’s lunch boxes. We encourage and appreciate your support by purchasing a water bottle – available through the Parent Ed office for \$15 each beginning November 1.

Your purchase not only supports LCPC Parent Education, it goes well beyond. This event helps raise awareness about the global need for clean water. And if we reach our goal of selling a minimum of 600 water bottles, we will contribute to the building of a well, which will bless families in a third world country for 20 years.

To purchase a Generosity Water bottle, please contact DeDe Cook @ (818) 644-0111 or visit us at www.lcpcparented.org for more information. ☺



*Below:
Parent Ed Staff: (seated, left to right) Nicole Ravana, Eileen Young, Mary Van Amringe
(standing, left to right) Nanette Brown, Barb Barber, Sandy Ravana, Christa Peitzman, Anne Bierling, Beth Shupper, Jan Roberts, Cary Home, Kim Murphy*

Parent Ed Spring Gala

**SAVE THE DATE for Parent Education's
Spring Gala!**

Friday, March 25, 2011





Birthday Party for Jesus

On Sunday, December 19, children in the red, yellow and blue rooms (3 years-K) will be dropped off and picked up in their regular classrooms, but will come together for a large group music and story time. We will also celebrate Jesus' birth with an exciting craft, singing Happy Birthday to Jesus and having cupcakes.

Preschoolers will have the wonderful opportunity to help children in need by bringing a gift for a baby. Gifts will be given to Olive View Hospital for families in need with newborns. Help your preschooler pick out a new, unopened baby item from the list below to bring to the party. Please do not wrap the gifts.

Suggested gift ideas are:

Undershirts, Hats, Socks/booties, Bibs, Bottles, Receiving Blankets, Baby nail clippers, Sleepers, Pacifiers, Disposable Diaper packages and Baby wipes.

Please do not bring toys.

Contact Heather (818) 790-6708, X252 or heather@lacadapc.org for more information. ☞



Photo from last year's Birthday Party for Jesus.

Family Advent Activity

Sunday, December 12, 4:00-6:30 PM

All families are invited to join us for a special Children's Ministry Advent Event. We will start the evening with the Children's Choir Christmas Concert at 4 PM. Then we will move to the Fellowship Hall for a meaningful craft and devotional. Lastly, we will share dinner together and your family will have the opportunity to take their annual "Nativity" photo (see below).

The cost is \$15/family and space is limited, so sign up early. RSVP to Heather (818) 790-6708, X252 or heather@lacadapc.org by December 5 and contact Karen (X202 or karen@lacadapc.org) for more information. ☞



Schwind family



Webster family

Jr. High Students Embark on Center for Student Missions (CSM) Mission Trip

This December 3-5, a group of LCPC junior high students will be going on a mission trip in downtown Los Angeles with the Center for Student Missions (CSM). This is truly an amazing trip. Over the course of the weekend the students participate in service projects that serve the homeless and low-income population.

We went on this trip last year (see photo below right) and the leaders and students had a wonderful time. The highlight of the weekend was a prayer tour through the city of Los Angeles. We drove through some of the poorest parts of Los Angeles and learned about the families that live and work there as we prayed for the neighborhoods. We stopped and got out at a local school where the students were asked to describe the difference between that school and their own schools. Some of the main differences were fences with barbed wire around the property, no trespassing signs, and no grass around the playground. The tour ended by driving through skid row to the Staples Center and we were all shocked by the proximity of these two vastly different areas and lifestyles. Over the weekend we also worked at a local food bank, planned a vacation bible school lesson for some kids at a low-income housing complex, went to a predominately African-American mega church, and enjoyed meals from all around the world.

As the junior high staff, we are so excited about going on this trip again this year. It was really amazing to watch the students come to a deeper understanding of the cycle of poverty and some of the conditions in their own city. We all felt empowered and encouraged to do something in order to help the less fortunate who live so close to La Canada. Most importantly we all saw how God is present in every circumstance and life, no matter what the situation.

It is our prayer that the students who participate can grow closer to God by serving His Kingdom. We would appreciate your prayers as we are preparing for this important weekend and when we are on the trip. If you know a junior high student who may be interested in this trip, contact Stephanie Thurling at stephanie@lacadapc.org for more details or to sign up. ☞



Contributed by Stephanie Thurling, Asst. Director, Jr. High Ministry

Go For Baroque: An Ovations Multi-media Concert Event

Saturday, November 6, 4PM

Join us for a step back to 18th century Venice and the Baroque music of Antonio Vivaldi. Featuring the La Cañada Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra, this concert presents Vivaldi's little-known, but exquisite "Magnificat" and his well-known and favorite "Gloria". Featured soloists for these works include Lori Stinson, soprano, Diane Wallace, alto, and Matthew Thomas, tenor. The concert also includes another Vivaldi favorite "Concerto for Two Trumpets and Orchestra" featuring Raymond Burkhart and Kevin Brown as the bravura trumpet soloists. The concert will be directed by Jack Lantz, Director of Music & Worship Arts at La Cañada Presbyterian Church.

This concert also introduces LCPC's new harpsichord, built by a team of church members, led by Dwight Tudor and decorated by Nancy Freeman. Kemp Smeal will perform Vivaldi solo harpsichord works to demonstrate the instrument's colors and capabilities, as well as use the harpsichord in the orchestra for all of the music on the concert.



A special touch: each movement of the music will be accompanied by projections of the great art of the most famous painters of Renaissance Venice and Florence. The artworks enhance the musical experience in adding a visual dimension to the live music, in what Ovations is calling a "4-D experience".

Prior to the concert, at 3 PM in the Worship Arts Center, Matthew Thomas will present a pre-performance lecture on the context of Antonio Vivaldi's music in early 18th century Venice.

The concert will be held in our sanctuary. Tickets (\$15), available in advance by calling Lori MacDonald at (626) 794-1522, the church office at (818) 790-6708 or at the door. Please come and bring a friend for a special afternoon of great music and art. ☞

Antonio Lucio Vivaldi (1678-1741)



Singers Welcome and Wanted for Handel's Christmas Messiah

Sunday, December 5, 4PM

To "sing in" the 2010 Christmas season, please join us in the chorus for Handel's Messiah at LCPC. Singers in all sections (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) are welcome and needed.

The LCPC Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Friends (including you, we hope) will present Part I (Christmas portion) of Handel's Messiah, plus a handful of choruses from Parts II and III in a stimulating and refreshing Christmas concert on Sunday, December 5. Featured is a superb cast of soloists, including Lori Stinson (soprano), Diane Wallace (contralto), Matthew Thomas (tenor) and Gregory Geiger (bass). The concert will be directed by Jack Lantz, Director of Music & Worship Arts at La Cañada Presbyterian Church.

We shall use the G. Schirmer edition, and have extra copies for singers. Dress will be white tops (shirts or blouses) and black bottoms (pants or skirts).

Rehearsals will be held on the following three Thursdays at 8:30 - 9:45 PM in the Burcham Rehearsal Hall on the LCPC campus at 626 Foothill Blvd, La Canada 91011: November 11, November 18, December 2 (dress rehearsal with orchestra).

Please join us to sing Handel's Messiah to celebrate this 2010 Christmas season.

To register to sing or for more information, please contact Melissa Rinker at melissa@lacadapc.org or (818) 790-6708, X251. ☞



Masterworks for Clarinet: An Ovations Concert Event

Saturday, November 13, 4PM, Worship Arts Center

Featuring: Lynne Snyder - clarinet; Twyla Meyer - piano; Kate Marciniak - 2nd clarinet

Three wonderfully gifted musicians and members of the La Cañada community are presenting a recital of great music for clarinet and piano featuring an extended work for clarinet and piano by the great French composer and organist Charles-Marie Widor, a concerto by 19th century Swedish composer and clarinetist, Bernhard Crusell, and a work for two clarinets and piano by Italian opera composer, Amilcare Ponchielli.

Lynne Snyder graduated summa cum laude from Colorado State University with a B.A. degree in clarinet performance. She has performed with orchestras in Colorado and California and teaches master classes for woodwinds in the Los Angeles area, as well as teaching privately. When she is not in rehearsal or lessons, Lynne has the good fortune to be "Mom" to three of the world's best children and competes in triathlons.

Kate Marciniak graduated in 2005 from DePaul University's School of Music after completing her clarinet studies with Julie DeRoche and Wagner Campos. Now a sound effects editor at Warner Brothers Studios, she spends her free time performing with the Glendale Community Orchestra and studying Spanish.

Tickets (\$15) available through the church office at (818) 790-6708, Lori MacDonald at (626) 794-1522 or at the door. ☞

OVATIONS 2010/2011

AT LA CAÑADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SEASON OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND ARTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

<p>October 22, 2010 Friday-- 8:00 pm</p>	<p>"OLDIES but GOODIES" with Boggs, Brock & Pratt</p>	6
<p>November 6, 2010 Saturday-- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Go for Baroque "Music of Vivaldi" Chancel Choir & Orchestra</p>	7
<p>November 13, 2010 Saturday-- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Masterworks for Clarinet Lynne Snyder, clarinet</p>	13
<p>December 5, 2010 Sunday-- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Handel's Christmas "Messiah" Chancel Choir & Orchestra</p>	14
<p>January 23, 2011 Sunday-- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Three for Two Duo-Piano Concert Kemp Smeal & Jack Lantz</p>	15
<p>February 13, 2011 Sunday-- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Favorite Love Songs- A Valentine's Eve Treat Jack Lantz Big Band</p>	16
<p>February 18 & 19, 2011 Friday & Saturday-- 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Last Five Years - Musical Drama Ministry</p>	20
<p>February 20, 2011 Sunday -- 2:00 pm</p>	<p>The Fifty States- A Musical Journey Children's Choir Musical</p>	21
<p>March 11, 2011 Friday-- 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Great Hymns of Our Faith Concert & Recording Chancel Choir & LCPC Orchestra (Includes "Sing it Yourself" portion)</p>	25-26
<p>March 12, 2011 Saturday-- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Palm Sunday Coronation Concert "Music of Mozart" Chancel Choir & LCPC Orchestra</p>	28
<p>March 27, 2011 Sunday-- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>"Were You There"- A Drama of the Crucifixion Drama Ministry & Chancel Choir</p>	28
<p>April 17, 2011 Sunday-- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>The Screwtape Letters Drama Ministry</p>	28
<p>April 22, 2011 Friday-- 7:30 pm</p>	<p>POPS 2011: Last Train to Musicville Chancel Choir, Dancers & JL Little Big Band</p>	28
<p>May 13 & 14, 2011 Friday & Saturday-- 8:00 pm</p>	<p>"Americana" Concert LCPC Orchestra & Chancel Choir</p>	28
<p>May 15, 2011 Sunday -- 2:00 pm</p>	<p>La Cañada Presbyterian CHURCH</p>	28

November/December 2010 at LCPC

November

- 6 Ovations: Go for Baroque
- 7 Communion Sunday
- Daylight Savings Time ends
- "The Welcome" Tour
- "Continuing the Journey" class
- 13 Ovations: Masterworks for Clarinet
- 14 Shoebox Dedication
- "Continuing the Journey" class
- 15 Session meeting
- 16 Companions
- 20 Presbytery meeting
- 21 "Continuing the Journey" class
- 25-26 Church offices closed (Thanksgiving)
- 28 1st Sunday of Advent

December

- 5 2nd Sunday of Advent
- "The Welcome" Tour
- Christmas Market
- Ovations: Handel's Messiah
- 8 Parent Ed Advent Celebration
- 11 Advent Day Apart
- 12 Communion Sunday
- 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Family Advent Activity
- 19 4th Sunday of Advent
- Blood Drive
- Birthday Party for Jesus
- 20 Session meeting
- 21 Companions
- 24 Christmas Eve worship services
4:00, 5:30, **7:30, 10:00 PM (note new times!)**
- 25 Christmas Day
- 27 Church offices closed for Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve Healing & Wholeness Communion Service

Reaching Out in Pakistan

According to UNICEF, 100,000 Pakistani children are in danger of dying due to malnourishment.

Pakistan was devastated this summer by the worst flooding in 80 years. Still reeling from the horrific earthquake of 2005, close to 20 million people have been displaced, and much of the nation's infrastructure - roads, bridges, schools, health clinics, and electricity - has been destroyed.

But God is at work. Many Pakistanis have never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Pakistani believers are working hard behind the scenes to minister to those in need.

Your Faith Missions giving goes overseas to Pakistan to spread the gospel and help the poorest of poor in the neediest of countries. Our LCPC ministry partner, Naulakha Presbyterian Church in Lahore, has been collecting food and other supplies to distribute to those in need.

The Presbyterian church in Pakistan needs your prayers as it struggles to meet overwhelming needs. Thank you for giving so generously to Faith Missions. ☞



Relief work in Pakistan



The relief team from Naulakha Presbyterian Church

Operation Shoebox Project

SUN, OCT 24, was the kick-off date for our Operation Shoebox Project. Millions of hurting children's lives have been touched by this program of Christian relief and evangelism.

God uses a simple shoebox filled with toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, hygiene items, books, hard candy, socks and other items to bring joy to those in war-torn and poverty-stricken countries. The final date for delivery is NOV 14. ☞

Volunteer Expo 2010

Volunteers Show Love in Action!

Over 80 people signed up to serve in a new way through our Volunteer Expo. You can still join them. Contact Rev. Jim Milley at Jim@lacanadapc.org.



Photos Courtesy of George Lutes & Mary Emily Myers

Christmas in Your LCPC Library

Marie Abajian

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder.

We all look toward the holiday season with dread and joy. Most of the joy is due to memories past and the memories we hope to gain from the coming season. The dread, is all about the stress of the season. When Laura Ingalls Wilder was a girl, a typical Christmas was possibly one or two gifts, usually homemade and wrapped in fabric or some other item they had on hand. Their stockings were usually filled with nuts; if the year was a good one, there might be an orange or other citrus fruit that was brought in from the southern states.

It's not all about what you give and what you get that makes Christmas special. It's the memories you make and the religious significance of the season. We have a few books that will help you tone down the Christmas monster.

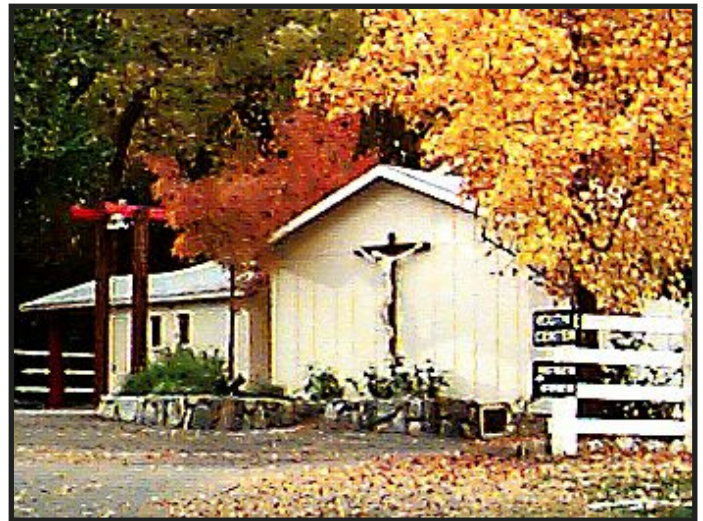
Unplug the Christmas Machine by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppack Staeheli is about reducing the stress of the Christmas season. It's all about putting LOVE and JOY back into the season. *101 Ways to have a Christian Christmas* by Brenda Verner, explores if a Christian Christmas is different from how you celebrate as a family. Check it out and see.

Another book to get you through the season and add a little fun to your day is *Christmas A to Z: Unwrap the Wonder of Seasonal Words and Phrases*. This book is a fun look at all those words and items you see around during the season. Did you know?: *Joy to the World* is a Christmas carol with Isaac Watt's words based on the scripture, and Lowell Mason's music which is believed to have been adapted from an older melody by Handel. Along with those interesting facts there are trivial questions throughout the book, a fun book to have on hand.

Advent is another part of the holiday season beginning on November 28. Does your family have a traditional way to celebrate it? Do you do a weekly or daily reading or tradition? We have some books about Advent ranging from daily devotions to family traditions. *Manger and Mystery: An Advent Adventure* by Marilyn Brown Oden is a little like a daily Bible study, to help you explore the meaning of the season. *Joy for a Suffering World* is twenty-four meditations for Advent that will help you pray for our ailing planet. *While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent* by Mary Lou Redding is a Bible study that will give you some unique perspectives of Christmas and help you delve deeper into your spiritual life. Lastly, we have *Glory time for the Family: Advent/Christmas Devotions and Activities* by Sharon Lee. This book gives you conversation starters, prayers and songs to share with the family.

We also have books that are amazing stories of the season and they have beautiful artwork in them too! We have books that explain parts of the holiday season in more detail and then of course there are the VHS/DVD's, fiction and other materials that we have to offer. Stop by and see what we have for you. ☞

Silent Retreat at St. Andrew's Abbey



It can be hard to hear what God is trying to tell us amidst all the noise and busyness of our lives. Set aside a couple of days to really be still and listen. Sign up now for the 2011 Silent Retreat.

Due to limited availability, reservations are being taken for double occupancy *only*. If registration is not full, limited single rooms may be available. Registration is open to all, but LCPC regular church attendees have priority through **Sunday, February 6**. Thereafter, registration will be confirmed for those on the waiting list.

Retreat begins with dinner on Friday at 6:30 PM and concludes on Sunday around noon, following a closing LCPC worship gathering. You are invited to stay through Sunday lunch.

Retreat Dates: March 4-6, 2011
Register online beginning in January, 2011

COST: Double room - \$145.00 per person
Single room (only if available) - \$225.00

\$50 deposit, refundable up until February 18. We are sorry, but after 2/18, we cannot refund deposit. Balance due Sunday, Feb 25. Scholarships available: call Ann Anderson (818) 790-6169 or email GranieA@charter.net. ☞

Is This Your Area of Ministry?

LCPC Archivist Needed

Contact: Marie Abajian, mjabajian@gmail.com

Organized? Resourceful? Does this describe you? Perhaps your area of ministry is helping us with our archives. Member of a Mariner group is a plus. ☞

Life

at La Cañada Presbyterian Church

We Celebrated Pastor
Gary's 20th Anniversary
at LCPC!
Sunday, September 26

A delicious Texas-style BBQ was
served by the Dish restaurant!



Above left: Gary's step-mom & Dad;

Above Right: Gary, his sister-in-law and brother

Photos courtesy of George Lutes & Gloria Hill

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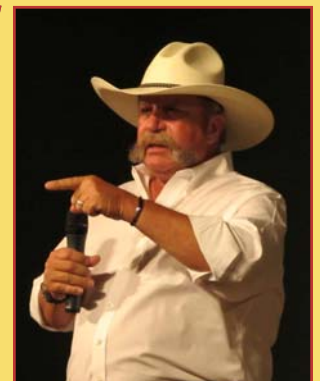
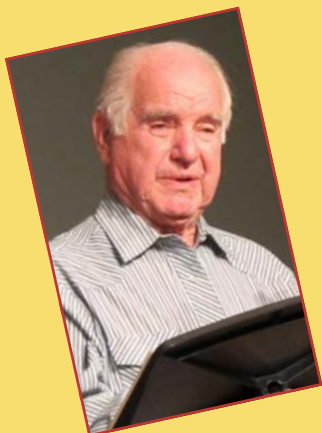
Boggs, Brock & Pratt & their band entertained us!



Gary and Sara express their appreciation



Gary takes a good-natured ribbing from emcee, Tyler Wright



Accolades from far and wide!

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Milestones

Deaths:

- ✠ Sue Barry's mother
- ✠ James Creighton (Greg Creighton's father)
- ✠ Roy Dahlson (Pat Dahlson's father)
- ✠ Lois Hawkins (longtime LCPC employee)
- ✠ Gordon Warnock (LCPC member)
- ✠ Rodney White (Marlene & Bob White's son)

Births:

- ☪ Kanan James Barton, born August 27, to Kelly & Kevin Barton. Proud great grandparents are LCPC members, Sherrill & Jim Carbonetti.
- ☪ Rocco Dominic Ravana, born August 22, to Rob & Andrea Ravana. Proud grandparents are LCPC member Sandy Ravana and her husband, Ron.

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