

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOLIVIA MISSION TRIP INFO MTG: TODAY, LC-5, 10am. Please join trip leaders, Susanna and John Aalbers to see a short video about the Orphanage in Bolivia, Ninos con Valor, where this summer's Mission Trip to Cochabamba, Bolivia will be focused.

NEW OR GENTLY USED BLANKETS/SLEEPING BAGS NEEDED: We are collecting new or gently used blankets or sleeping bags to distribute to the La Jolla homeless community. Please feel free to drop these off at the Reception Desk. Melissa Guccini melissag@ljpres.org.

INTERFAITH SHELTER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: Saturday, Feb. 6th - 20th. LJPC will be hosting 12 individuals this year for the Interfaith Shelter. We need help with setup, overnight hosting & meals. Adults and students, be a part of our 30th year of helping those working to leave homelessness behind. Jon or Bev Mangerich, 483-9654, jonm360@gmail.com

CLIPPERS DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP: Friday, Jan. 8, 6:30, Fellowship Hall. Clippers host retired Navy Captain Mark Cedrun. There will be a dinner, followed by Captain Mark Cedrun telling the 'Captain Phillips' Story. To RSVP and for dinner assignment contact Grace Decker at 858.638.9103 or decker-g@pacbell.net or Anne Holst at 858.453.6724 by Monday, Jan. 4.

GRIEF CLASS: Tuesdays, January 19-March. 15 (not Tue. 2/16 after President's Day), LC-5. Rev. Scott Mitchell will be offering a "Good Grief" class for those struggling with loss this holiday season. The cost is \$20 for materials. RSVP to Scott at 858-729-5595 or scottm@ljpres.org.

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING: Are you a good listener and compassionate Christian? Would you like to make a difference in the life of someone going through a difficult time? Contact Leslie Evans for more information about the next Stephen Ministry training class. Beginning in January 2016. Leslie Evans, 858-414-4758.

JOIN A GROWTH GROUP AND GET CONNECTED IN 2016: Growth Groups will follow the new sermon series. Signups start January.

Mondays, 7:00-8:30PM, Young Women 20-30's: UTC area. Jennifer Gotenstein, facilitator

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00PM, Men & Women: Lee's home. Cherry Lee, facilitator

Wednesdays, 9:15-10:45AM, Young Moms: LC-3, Drop in group. Erika Hill and Brooke Phelps, facilitators

Wednesdays, 11:00am-12:30PM, Men & women, all ages: Clancy's Home. Paul Kelly, facilitator

Wednesdays, 4:00- 5:30PM Men & women, all ages: LC-9. Jay Wegrzyn, co-facilitator

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00PM, Families: LC-3, Dessert and Childcare. Facilitator- Jim Sedgwick

Wednesdays, 7-8:30PM, Women of All Ages: LC-4, Drop in group. Nancy Kilgallon, facilitator

Thursdays, 10:30-12:00PM, Women 50+: Various home rotation. Caroline Meade, facilitator

Thursdays, 7:00PM, Men & Women, All Ages: Vincent's Home. Stephen Vincent, facilitator

2nd & 4th Fridays, 9-11:30PM, Women: LC-5. Beverly Haines, facilitator

For any questions or to sign up for a group contact Brooke Phelps, BrookeP@ljpres.org.

STOCK DONATION: If you donated Tanger Factory Outlet, Tesla Motors, or Fidelity stock to the church, please contact Daryl Bryant, 858-729-5552, so that it can be included in your giving.

ADDITIONAL PARKING AVAILABLE: In the Bank of America lot, located on the corner of Kline and Fay Ave. (across from The Cottage).

FLOWERS: Dates are available to provide Chancel flowers for the Sanctuary. Carole Franks, 858-459-6520 or Wendy Browning, 858-459-6839.

ONGOING EVENTS

GOLF AND GROW: Mondays, 9:00am, Mission Bay Golf Course. Lee Browning, 858-459-6839.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MID-WEEK PROGRAMS: High school, Sundays, 7-8:30pm; Middle school, X-Zone (4th and 5th grade) and X-Change (2nd and 3rd grade) Wednesdays, 5-7pm. Mike Sedgwick, MikeS@ljpres.org or Susie Dhus, SusieD@ljpres.org.

CIRCLE 8: Thursdays, 10am-2pm, LC-3. Sewing and needlework. We make quilts, and knitters are needed! Please bring a sack lunch. Newcomers welcome. Ruth Preskitt, 858-453-0342.

LJPC BRASS: Thursdays, 7-9 pm, Chancel. Contact Colin Wied, cww@wied.com, for schedule.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, Slusser Hall. Now is the perfect time to join our choir! Contact Keith Pedersen, KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS): Thursdays, 10am-12pm. This year they will be studying Christian Living, James, and Christian Leadership. Registration costs \$35 per adult and \$10 per child. Cindy Condon, CindyCondon7@gmail.com, 858-775-0063 or lajolla.cbsclass.org

HANDBELL CHOIR: Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm, LC-3. All are welcome! Jennifer Sedgwick, Jennifer.Sedgwick@sbcglobal.net.

MOM'S CAFE: We will meet on Jan. 8! We meet the 2nd Friday every month. 10-11:30AM in the library loft. This month our topic is "Loving Your Husband Like God Loves You." Liz Fisher at momscafeljpc@outlook.com.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS: Sundays. Sonshine Singers (K-1st), 10:30-11:10; Joyful Sound (Grades 2-5), 9:45-10:30; Gloria Deo (Grades 6-12), 11:10-12. Kathy Fait, musicmomkf@gmail.com.

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS WILL BE ON BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: We will see you again in 2016. Everyone welcome. Brooke Phelps brookep@ljpres.org:

HEART AND SOUL: We will see you again Monday, Jan. 4! Mondays, 10:00-11:00am; Weds., 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall. Exercise for seniors and almost-seniors. Brooke Phelps, brookep@ljpres.org.

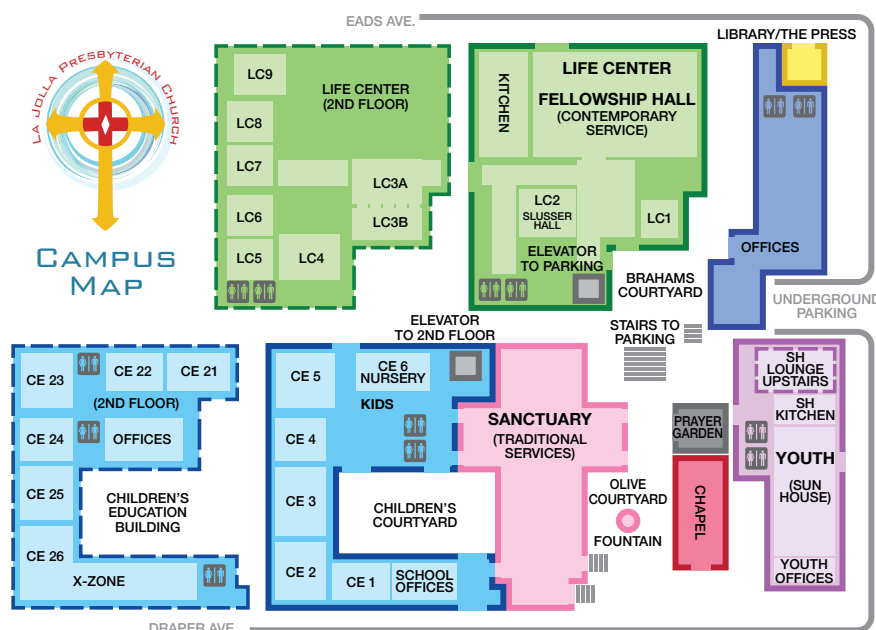
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: We will see you again Monday, Jan. 11! Mondays in LC-3 at 6:00pm for dinner, followed by the program at 6:45pm. See you there! Brooke Phelps, brookep@ljpres.org.

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH: We will see you again Jan. 13! Wednesdays at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone invited! Brooke Phelps, brookep@ljpres.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| 8:45 and 10:00 AM, Check In | | 8:45 and 10:00 AM, Pick Up | |
| Age 0-2: CE-6 | Age 2-3.5: CE-2 | Age 0-2: CE-6 | Age 2-3.5: CE-2 |
| Age 4-5 CE-4 | Grades K-5th: CE-22 | Age 3.5-5: CE-4 | Grades K-1st: CE-24 |
| High School and Middle School: Meet in SunHouse at 8:45 AM and Sit together at 10:00 AM Worship | | 11:00 AM Check In and Pick Up | 4th-5th: CE-26A |
| | | Birth - age 2 only: CE-6 | |

The Press Coffee Cart (in the Library) is open Sundays from 8 - 12:30 PM.



December 27, 2015
10:00am Combined Service



"My Favorite Gift"
Luke 7:36-50

Nurturing Equipping Going Celebrating

PRELUDE *'Air' in F* G. F. Handel
William Lullo, Organist

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148 John Griffiths, Elder

LEADER: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above. Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

PEOPLE: **Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars. Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. He set them in place for ever and ever; He gave a decree that will never pass away.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding,**

LEADER: You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds

PEOPLE: **Kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.**

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

PEOPLE: **He has raised up for His people a horn, the praise of all His saints, of Israel, the people close to His heart. Praise the Lord.**

INVOCATION John Griffiths, Elder

†**OPENING HYMN #192** *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

(Chorus) Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song? (Chorus)

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Chorus)

FLOWERS: The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Carl and Mary McIlwain in celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary on December 30.

† Please stand if you are able. Our thanks for leaving your discarded bulletins at either end of your pew.

After the service, please join our LJPC Community and enjoy coffee and scones in the upper courtyard.

CHURCH LIFE Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham
Lucy Anne Kaye Albrecht Galdikas,
daughter of Matthew Galdikas & Nicole Albrecht.
Celestine Beatrice Albrecht Pieter, daughter of Lukas & Olivia Pieter.
Madeline Taylor Williams, daughter of Jeffrey & Emma Williams
Rosie James Hill, daughter of Aaron and Erika Hill.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Scott Mitchell

CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'ere Blooming* Hayes
Cherylyn Larson, Soprano

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

†**OUR THANKS TO GOD #382** *Doxology*

†**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Rev. Scott Mitchell

PRAYERS AND PRAISE: Healing and Comfort: John & Joan K., Betsy W., Debbie T., Edith B.A., Allison B., Rosie S., Paul G., Trip B., Serena, Geri C. & Joseph C., Vicki J., Ilene S., Frank S., Patti G., Gladys G., Simone F., Benny T. Jr., Marty H., Kay K., Eslieh, **Guidance and Peace:** Dan P., Tom M., **Strength, Protection, and Encouragement:** Tyler, Christine W., Jaime A., Ashcraft Family, Selih B., **Praise and Gratitude:** Kristina K. **We Also Pray For:** Chanel C., Sara, Marilyn C., Ian J., Anja K., Sally K., Alex & C.J., Casey J., Lily R., Sophia, *For prayers, praise, or to be included on the prayer list, email: prayerdeacon@ljpres.org by Sunday night to be included in the next week's bulletin. Requests are held in confidence.*

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THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED Rev. Mike Sedgwick

“MY FAVORITE GIFT”

†**CLOSING HYMN #468** *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

†**BENEDICTION** Rev. Mike Sedgwick

†**POSTLUDE** *Finale from Concerto #5* G. F. Handel
William Lullo, Organist

EXCTING NEW BUDGET UPDATE: As you are aware the month of December is an important month for church finances. We receive approximately 18% of our operating income during this one month. As we entered December we were running behind approximately \$15,000 in overall revenue year to date.

Budgeted Income for December - \$385,000
Actual Income through December 22- \$170,000

LJPC has received a matching gift challenge of up to \$100,000 for any donations made to the LJPC Operating Budget between December 23-31, 2015. As you consider your end of year gifts we hope you will remember LJPC. We know that God has some wonderful plans for us as we move into 2016. Thank you for your generosity!

ARE YOU VISITING TODAY? Be sure to visit our Welcome Table in the Lower Courtyard to pick up your gift and complete a Visitor Information Card. If you need help navigating the campus, please ask us to help! And plan to join us again in worship soon. We're very glad you're here!