

Yorba Linda  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Grapevine

**"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God."  
2 Corinthians 9:11**

There is something about our life of faith that is too good to be true. Well, lots of things, I suppose, but this one takes me by surprise every time: when we give, we get more in return. It's a common chorus heard from people returning from mission trips. It's true for kind souls who give sacrificially of their time, sharing themselves with those who are suffering. It's the experience of those who donate items to Charity's Closet and those who bring food once a month for Yorba Linda Food for Families. And it's true when we give a portion of our income to the work of the church. In any number of circumstances, our giving has an impact on our living.

The God we worship and serve is so good, so generous, that God blesses faithful followers who contribute to the Kingdom of Heaven. It's not a bribe or a reward, just the natural overflowing of God's goodness and grace. When we invest a part of ourselves in what Christ is doing in the world, we, in turn, are blessed. That blessing takes a different form for each of us. Some enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that they are contributing to the life and work of the church they love. Others find it meaningful to be connected to the work of God, not just in their hearts, but by expressing that commitment through their finances. Several among us can give personal testimony to the ways the Spirit has been at work in their lives through faithful stewardship.

This year, I want to invite more of you to experience that kind of blessing. Your Session and I are grateful for the steadfast support of so many of our members over the years. Our Stewardship Committee's goal this year is to invite more of our members to pledge their gifts to the church. Some of you may be able to increase your giving this year; that is always welcomed and encouraged! We hope those who have not pledged to the work of our congregation will consider doing so this year. That way you can join in the blessing of being spiritually enriched as you match your faith with generous action.

You'll hear more about our plans over the coming weeks through our Stewardship mailing and upcoming worship services. Please prayerfully consider how you will participate in what God is doing here at Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church.

With you in ministry,  
Lynn

**October 2018**

**MISSION  
STATEMENT:  
WORSHIP GOD.  
EQUIP DISCIPLES.  
LOVE AND SERVE  
THE WORLD.**

**Sunday Morning  
Worship  
9:30 AM**

Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church  
19301 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886  
714.777.6822

[www.ylpc.org](http://www.ylpc.org)  
Email articles to [info@ylpc.org](mailto:info@ylpc.org)



# Alternative Giving



Learn about three tax favorable, tax deductible ways of giving to YLPC: IRA required minimum distribution direct to YLPC, avoid taking into income then deducting it, donation of appreciated stock direct to YLPC, avoid taking into income then deducting it, and naming YLPC in your will or trust. Directly following worship on October 21 in Room 6.

# Fall Festival & Camp Out!

The weekend of October 26 promises to have something for everyone!

**Friday, October 26** - For those who love the outdoors!

Everyone is welcome to come and hang out and join us under the stars for s'mores! Campers will set up Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for two nights of camping in the parking lot. Bring your tent or RV.

**Saturday, October 27** - All congregation campus clean up led by our facility team. Stick around for afternoon fun with a game of hand and foot or participate with your family at the crafting tables.

Saturday evening everyone is invited to gather at 5:00 p.m. for a pot-luck chili cook-off!



Sunday morning we will join together in the sanctuary for Worship.

# Missions



## Mission Possible: November is Mission Month

A mission, according to the internet dictionary, can be defined in at least 19 ways. I like this one: "an important goal or purpose that is accompanied by strong conviction." If you know anyone at YLPC who participates in a mission, whether it is Hot Meals, HIS Picnic, YLPC Food for Families, CASA or Kenya, you know that the operative phrase is "strong conviction." During November, the Mission Committee is celebrating everyone who operates with a strong sense of service-in-action. Please join us for these special events as well:

**November 7 Habitat for Humanity Dialogue** – A habitat can be defined as "a person's usual or preferred surroundings". Habitat for Humanity strives to make each family's "usual surroundings" the best they possibly can be. Whether you build with Habitat or just want to hear more about how they accomplish their mission, please come to the multi-purpose room after church on November 7 for a conversation with Habitat OC's CEO, Sharon Ellis, and two families who recently moved into the McFadden homes. You'll find food for your mind, refreshment for your soul and snacks to fuel your body as well! If you have questions, please contact Anne Sively or Roxanne Ford.

**November 18 Alternative Christmas Fair** – If it's November, then it's time to get your Christmas shopping started! I know, I say that every year and every year I get behind – but not this year! The Alternative Christmas Fair will feature several new vendors as well as some old favorites. Join us with your pockets jingling on the patio after church. We will highlight several mission opportunities and every dollar you spend will go to support the mission of the nonprofits represented.

Reflecting on mission can itself be inspiring. Henry Martyn was a missionary to India who happened to come from my ancestral home of Truro, Cornwall in the UK. He reminds us that the Spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become. However you chose to serve, we pray that you feel the "strong conviction" that is the Holy Spirit alive in you.

# Children's Ministry

## Emmaus Road Sunday School

In September, our children studied the Old Testament story of Samuel. God spoke to Samuel and God speaks to us today. Each station focused on listening for God. In the Imagination Station, children designed pillowcases. In the Interpretation Station, children learned the hymn "Here I Am Lord" and illustrated the verses. A variety of listening games were played in the Information Station.

In October, we will study David and Goliath.

### Spiritual Practice: Hearing God's Call

The Bible is full of examples of God speaking to his people in dramatic ways – burning bushes, dreams and visions, angel visitations, in clouds of smoke and pillars of fire... How do we hear God's call today? How do we listen for God's word in our own lives? Help your children understand that God is with us today, just as he was for Samuel. God still speaks today! God's voice is heard in many different ways:



- Bible study & Preaching**
- Worship**
- Hymns, music in worship**
- Sunday school and Bible study**
- Sacraments – baptism and communion**
- Prayer**
- Dreams and Visions**
- Conscience - the "still small voice within us"**

In the next few weeks, identify the ways God is speaking to your family. Will you answer God's call?

## Youth Ministries



Our students have continued to work their way through the New Testament by studying the four gospels as well as taking a "road trip" through the book of Acts. We will wrap up the New Testament this fall.

Students will also have the opportunity to participate in both fellowship and service activities this fall. In addition, there are opportunities for students to participate in the life of the church. If your student is interested in being a liturgist or serving in the church in some other way, please contact Michelle Almeida at [studentministries@ylpc.org](mailto:studentministries@ylpc.org) or catch her on the patio after church. Also, if anyone in the congregation would like to support youth ministries with their time or talents, please contact Michelle.

Parents, keep your eyes peeled for youth fall updates coming soon to your inbox! We will continue to meet during Sunday school every week, except the first Sunday of the month when we remain in Worship for communion.

# Los Ranchos Anniversary Celebration

## OUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

50 years in the making

Menu featuring Small Delights  
Memories, Music & Merriment

**4 p.m. Sunday, October 14**  
**Placentia Presbyterian Church**

\$10 Donation  
RSVP on our website at  
[www.losranchos.org](http://www.losranchos.org)



## October

Charles Grieb	10/02
Lauren Kittredge	10/03
William Kittredge	10/03
Carol Jacobs	10/04
Matt Kelley	10/04
Riley Roberts	10/05
Steve Hamersma	10/06
Mike Ragole	10/09
Kathryn Johnson	10/11
Phyllis Graham	10/12
Kathy Brandes	10/14
Joshua Rosenthal	10/14
Fred Hebein	10/19
Michelle Almeida	10/21
Lori Gube	10/22
Kyle Irvin	10/22
Kristin Matthews	10/25
Doug Sproal	10/26
Matthew Merritt	10/28
Abigail Braun	10/28
Chris Hebein	10/29
Mike Sun	10/29
Hannah Green	10/30

## Stewardship Corner

*"Since you get more joy out of giving to others,  
you should put a good deal of thought  
into the happiness that you are able to give."*

**Elenore Roosevelt**

Please turn in your pledge cards by October 31!



## Thank you!

Dear YLPC Family,

We can't thank you enough for the overwhelming love and support you have shown our family after Cory's passing. We have appreciated all of the visits, cards, calls, messages and flowers we have received. Thank you to everyone who helped with his service and reception. I heard many comments from those outside of our church about how beautiful everything was and about how caring our church is. It was just perfect!

Thank you to those who have helped to make my load easier as I have returned to church and school. This would have been so much more difficult without your help and support. I am feeling truly blessed and loved. This is what being part of a body of Christ is all about. You have shown us what it means to be part of a community of believers and for that I will always be grateful.

With love,  
Kim Wisnia, Zachary and Austin



# Session Notes from September

- Lynn shared a reflection that coming through conflict together is the hard work. It is what brings us together in the unity of God. To live in harmony and unity doesn't mean we are the same but that we make righteousness happen. Our committees are looking at ways they can interact together and for new opportunities for ministry in our community.
- With the loss of charter member Monte Haberman on Aug 15, membership is now 224.
- Deacons thanked the Stewardship Committee for organizing greeters for the month of October. The newly formed Caregiver Support group is really meeting a need in our congregation and hopefully soon in the community. Dinner with Friends had 67 people sign up. A chili cookoff/camping weekend is planned for 10/26-28 and home communion is available for those who would like it.
- Christian Ed had no report.
- Facilities shared a worksheet with status updates on campus projects. They cautioned people not to put coffee grounds down the kitchen sink as it causes plumbing problems. They also reported the kitchen lights are now on a motion sensor and turn on and off automatically.
- Mission committee reported the Wise Guys fundraiser raised \$159, about half the cost of the backpacks. Alternative Christmas Fair will be held on 11/18. New vendors will be invited. Mission Month will be in November.
- 8 people showed up last Sunday to volunteer to help tutor young people at Oakcrest Terrace on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Others have also indicated their interest to serve.
- Nominating Committee had no report.
- Personnel reported they are doing a study on our non-hourly staff to make sure we are following state regulations regarding salaries.
- Stewardship provided August financials for Session approval. The committee is working on creating an account for "deferred maintenance projects".
- Endowment Committee recommended and Session approve the return of the current balance, approximately \$55,091.09 from the result of the sale of the Daniel White house to the general operating fund. A discussion about possible uses for this money was had with a decision to be made at a later date. Session approved and charged Stewardship with investing this money so that it grows until the cash is needed in a separate, safe, conservative way.
- Worship committee reported 230 new "Glory to God" hymnals will be purchased. They are currently on sale, with free shipping and free book plates. Old hymnals will be donated and some saved.
- Lastly, committee members, Sunday school teachers and youth workers were approved by the Session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Hills  
Clerk of Session

## August 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

**OPERATING FUND:** Summary Results: Through August, we expected to receive \$292,667 and actually received \$345,877. Also through August, we expected to spend \$290,135 and actually spent \$275,237. And reserved \$20,069 for funds budgeted but not spent.

	Operating	Mtg. Reduction	Total
Cash Position	\$ 369,949	\$ 29,321	\$ 399,270
Less: Restricted Funds*	\$ 124,404	\$ -	\$ 124,404
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 245,545</b>	<b>\$ 29,321</b>	<b>\$ 274,866</b>

\* Restricted funds are restricted to use for a specific purpose. These include designated gifts, program reserves, payables, reserves for building maintenance, and reserves for unspent program budget.

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND:** Through August, we have received contributions of \$22,420 and paid \$14,567 in principal.

# October

## Upcoming Events:

World Communion Sunday	Sunday, October 7	9:30 a.m.
Presbytery Anniversary Celebration	Sunday, October 14	4:00 p.m.
Singles Ladies Brunch	Sunday, October 14	11:00 a.m.
Alternative Giving Workshop	Sunday, October 21	11:00 a.m.
Fall Carnival & Camp Out	October 26-28	4:00 p.m.
YLPC Work Day	Saturday, October 27	9:00 a.m.

## Monday

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Church Office Closed  
Hot Meals 3:00 p.m. (Second Monday of the month)

## Tuesday

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Church Office 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Pilates Class 8:30 a.m.  
Priscilla Circle 9:30 a.m. (Second Tuesday of the month)  
Esther Circle 7:00 p.m. (Second Tuesday of the month)  
Session Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Third Tuesday of the month)

## Wednesday

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Church Office 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Caregiver's Support Group 4:00 p.m. (Second Wednesday of the month)  
Deacons' Meeting 6:00 p.m. (First Wednesday of the month)  
Stewardship Committee 6:00 p.m. (Second Wednesday of the month)  
Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. (Second Wednesday of the month)  
Missions Committee 7:30 p.m. (Fourth Wednesday of the month)

## Thursday

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Church Office 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Pilates Class 8:30 a.m.  
TLC Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Celebrate Singing 4:30 p.m.  
Gloria Ringers 6:15 p.m.  
AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

## Friday

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Church Office 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

## Saturday

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Men's Fellowship 8:00 a.m. (First, third & fifth Saturday of the month)

## Sundays

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Jubilate 10:45 a.m.  
Christian Education Meeting 10:45 a.m. (First Sunday of the month) \*\* Not meeting in October  
Single Ladies Brunch 11:00 a.m. (Second Sunday of the month)  
HIS Picnic 1:00 p.m. (Fourth Sunday of the month)



# October Events



**October 7**  
World Communion Sunday

**October 8**  
Hot Meals 3 p.m.  
Orangethorpe Christian Church

**October 14**  
Single Ladies Brunch  
Los Ranchos Presbytery Celebration

**October 21**  
Alternative Giving Workshop

**October 26-28**  
Fall Carnival & Campout

**October 26**  
YLPC Work Day

**October 28**  
HIS Picnic -  
La Habra Hills Presbyterian

Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church  
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