

# Grapevine

*"Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God."  
Luke 9:2*

Jesus was just getting rolling in his ministry, and already, he was sending his followers out to be a part of that work. He was clear on his mission and he knew that the work wasn't for him alone. If I were God, I don't think I would do it that way. Better to leave the important work to the experts: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Maybe an apostle or two. But that never has been God's M.O. God gathers us in for worship, praise and renewal, God prepares us for the work set out for us, and then God sends us out to be a blessing to the world. Hey! That kind of sounds like our congregation's Mission Statement!

**Worship God.** Like breathing in and breathing out, our life together is a continuous cycle. On Sunday mornings God gathers us in. We sing, confess our sins, receive forgiveness, hear the word and respond in prayer and generosity. The quiet and reflection stills our souls; the fellowship of the church family lifts our spirits. That one hour of corporate worship trains us to live our whole lives in a spirit of worship. We hear the bird chirping outside our window and sing our own praise for the wonders of creation. A friend or loved one gently speaks the truth that we have caused harm, and we are a little quicker to say, "I'm sorry." We hear that a co-worker has lost his father and we lift the family in our prayers.

**Equip Disciples.** This is like the pause at the top of a breath, when you hold the air in and soak up all its goodness, fully oxygenating your blood. YLPC has a broad range of on-going bible studies, each of which is welcoming new participants. Trained in the school of scripture, we can be nourished in the word and shaped to live as God intends. Our new caregiver support group nurtures those who care for others. On February 2, more than twenty members of our church will be attending a workshop planned by members of our Presbytery called "Homelessness Demystified." We can partner with other Christians to know better how to respond to the needs that Christ has placed on our doorstep.

**Love and serve the world.** Even the most relaxing deep breath needs to be exhaled. This is how we share the love and mercy we receive from God with the world. That love and service is expressed through our thoughts and prayers, our financial gifts and donations, and by the offering of our time, our presence and our labor. It's a blessing to have a part to play in God's great plan for the world.

This is a great mission statement. It's easy to understand and remember, it's undeniably scriptural, and it is how God has called us to live. I am so grateful to be sent out with you in this most important work.

With you in ministry,  
Lynn.

February 2019

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

**Sunday Morning  
Worship**

**9:30 AM**

Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church  
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Yorba Linda, CA 92886  
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# Homelessness Demystified:

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos  
Encourage all men and women to attend!

## Homelessness Demystified: Creating Awareness, Understanding, & Solutions

Saturday, February 2, 2019  
Suggested donation \$10

9:30 a.m. Check in & Continental Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Program

Speakers:

**Professor Jacob Avery**

University of California, Irvine

**Helen Cameron**

Jamboree Housing

**Mohammed Aly**

OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition



The following items being collected for the OC Poverty Coalition:  
New socks and underwear for men and women; feminine hygiene supplies.

## Mardi Gras Follies

Save the Date!  
March 2, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 5:30 with the show to follow. \$5 ticket will include a Cajun style dinner and follies show. Put your act together and sign up with Cindy Hebein at 714-655-3510 to join the show. Tickets will be available after church on 2/17 and 2/24 or for sale in the church office.



## Women's Retreat

Presbyterian Women's Retreat  
March 29 & 30  
"Unexpected Jesus"  
Speaker Candie Blankman

Save the Date! Cost is \$50  
For lodging please book Volare Hotel in San Clemente. Call 949.361.3000 and mention "PPC Retreat" \$170.50 for 2/rooms including tax. Rooms must be reserved by February 15.

*Yorba Linda*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Missions Update

Mission beyond our campus:  
The Presbytery of Los Ranchos Basic Mission and the  
Presbyterian Mission Agency

## What is the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)?

It has a long history dating back to the 1830's, when the church was sending missionaries to China and India. Today, PMA operates four areas of ministry: Compassion, Peace & Justice; Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries; Theology, Formation & Evangelism; and World Mission. Each area works collaboratively to be, as the PMA Annual Report notes, "Christ's hands and feet in today's world." Within these areas, PMA works worldwide on



**Poverty**  
**Combating Racism**  
**Disaster Response**  
**Education**  
**Human Trafficking**  
**Immigration Refugees**  
**Food Justice**  
**Peace & Reconciliation**  
**Young Adult Volunteers**  
**New Worshiping Communities**

The Presbytery of Los Ranchos also has a Basic Mission program. "This", in the words of Tom Cramer, Presbytery Co-Executive for Vision & Mission, "is the work of the presbytery, which is to support congregations and mission partnerships. 70% of your giving stays in the presbytery and 30% of it goes the Presbyterian Mission Agency. There are multiple groups/committees/teams at both levels, presbytery and PMA, which facilitate mission and nurture congregations toward vitality. The staff at both levels (including me) work with leaders from congregations to implement the plans approved by the presbytery and the national church."

When our Session voted to support Basic Mission in YLPC's budget this year, we voted to support both of these efforts, becoming a part of the giant river of human kindness that spreads around the world from us to Presbytery to General Assembly to everywhere there is need.

# YLPC Facilities Update



The facilities committee had a busy January working to keep our church beautiful and safe. The modular underwent some much needed repair to some of the aging wood. Sanctuary lights have been updated with cost-saving LED's. Trees have been cut or trimmed, and portions of the building exteriors have been painted.

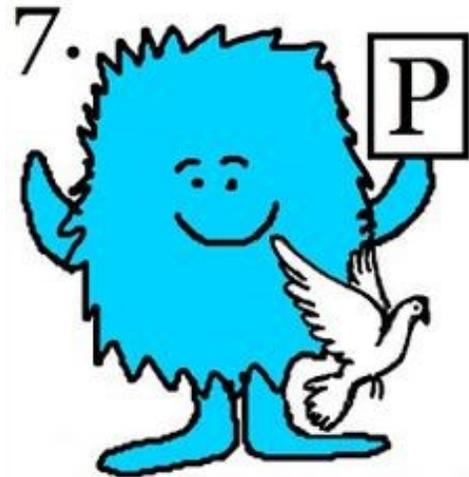
We were also treated to a two hour safety audit by the Orange County Sheriff's Department which we requested to ensure that we are providing a safe place to worship. Other than some minor recommended improvements (which are already being acted on) we came away with a glowing report from our local law enforcement. Watch for more building and ground enhancements in the coming months.

# Children's Ministry

## Emmaus Road Sunday School

During the month of January, we studied the Beatitudes found in the book of Matthew. In the Imagination Station, children discussed how the Beatitudes are an upside-down way of looking at the world, and to illustrate that point, they made pineapple upside-down cake. Children created blessing boxes using modge-podge to affix pictures of blessings, the words of the beatitudes, and tissue paper to the box. The boxes were filled with blessing challenges. Each day, children were encouraged to choose a challenge from the box so that they could be a blessing to someone during the day. In the Information Station, children reviewed the Beatitudes by playing a computer game called Galilee Flyer.

In February, children will study the story of Jesus and the Children.



Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Church House Collection ©

# Youth Ministries

In January, Youth Ministries partnered with children's ministries for a fun pajama game day to kick off the new year. The kids had a great time playing together and catching up while enjoying hot cocoa and popcorn. We also returned to our regular Sunday School schedule and spent some time reflecting on what each of us could do in our lives this year that would glorify God. Students were given journals to draw or sketch their vision for the year. They were encouraged to take their journals home and revisit that vision, perhaps do more journaling or sketching throughout the year. We're working on some fun activities for the students this winter and spring that will provide opportunities for fellowship as well as service that will reflect God's love for humanity and the world he created.

## Mark Your Calendar

### February 2

Nature walk to Carbon Canyon Redwood Grove, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Meet at trailhead on Prospect and Wabash in Yorba Linda. Please bring water, a towel to sit on, and a snack. Email Michelle Almeida with questions. ([studentministries@ylpc.org](mailto:studentministries@ylpc.org))



# Caregiver Support Group



Are you caring for a loved one? Perhaps you need some support, suggestions or strength.

You are welcome to attend YLPC's Caregiver Support Group. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, in Room 6 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to share concerns.

You will gather strength, hope and compassion from one another. Want to add your name to our list? Please contact Anne Sivley at [annesivley@aol.com](mailto:annesivley@aol.com) or Alison Lauderdale at [srlamol@yahoo.com](mailto:srlamol@yahoo.com) for more information.



## February

Scott Ventresco	02/03
Samuel Brandes	02/05
Jeff Irvin	02/05
Katie Stone	02/05
Allyson Thrasher	02/09
Glenn Green	02/10
Merf Jones	02/13
Karen Hendrickson	02/14
Mikayla Thrasher	02/15
Gavin Braun	02/18
Eva Rosenthal	02/21

## Flowers

Thank you to everyone who provided chancel flowers in 2018.

The new calendar for 2019 is now up. Sign-up in the Narthex to be a partner with us in our worship decor.



## Hearing Assistance

We each find comfort and inspiration in the word of God and treasure our time together in worship at YLPC. But what if you have difficulty hearing the word? We have wonderful news for you! YLPC has "assisted listening" capability during our worship services. The units can be checked out before the service from the soundboard operator's station and returned after the service. If you have your own headphones or ear buds with the small size standard plug, please bring them. If not, we have ear buds to provide to you which you can then reuse in future weeks. We hope that this new capability will be a blessing for those that need it!



## Per Capita

What is  
Per  
Capita?



### Per Capita Giving for 2019

Each year YLPC pays the full amount of our per capita assessment. These funds go to support the ministries of our Presbytery and our denomination.

This year, the fee is \$34.80 per member. You can find a per capita envelope in your offering boxes, or just write per capita in the menu line of your check. The Session and the Stewardship Committee would like to thank you in advance for helping to defray these administrative costs.

# Session Notes from January

January Session activities included the following:

- Membership remains at 203.
- Lynn and the Session spent time with a new PC(USA) devotional, "Developing the 7 marks of Congregational Vitality." A time of reflection and discussion centered on lifelong discipleship formation vs complacent Christian piety.
- The Deacons report included mention of the previous Sunday's Deacon Appreciation and plans for the upcoming Mardi Gras talent show on 3/2. The Deacons will provide Session with dinner next month at their February Session meeting.
- Stewardship did not meet this month as they have been busy finalizing the 2019 Operating Budget and took a well-deserved break. We finished the year with \$311,027 in unrestricted funds, well over the hoped for 6-month reserve. The budget will be presented to the congregation at their annual meeting on 1/27/19.
- Christian Ed requested a clear picture of receipts and expenses for last years Arts Camp. They received Session approval for a Youth hike at Carbon Canyon regional park on 2/2 at 9:00 a.m.. There will be a youth/elder bowling event in April and Summer Arts Camp 2019 will be held the first week in August.
- Facilities shared a worksheet with status updates on campus projects. It was reported that the new electrical box, breaker box and 8 each 30 AMP plugs has been installed. The modular repair was delayed due to weather. Nominating Committee reported that Betty Elsing-Bard and Rosi Rice will be installed this Sunday and they continue to work on the job descriptions for Elder and Deacon.
- Annual reports were approved by the Session.
- Extensive discussion was had about campus safety. Facilities and Mission Committees were each assigned tasks in response.
- Information regarding Basic Mission giving was shared with the Session. After some discussion, it was unanimously approved to amend the 2019 Operating Budget to include \$8,000 toward the Basic Mission of Los Rancho Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Hills, Clerk of Session

## December 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

**OPERATING FUND Summary Results** Through December, we expected to receive \$439,000 and actually received \$513,370. Also through December, we expected to spend \$430,038 and actually spent \$417,890.

	Operating	Mtg. Reduction	Total
Cash Position	\$ 462,331	\$ 26,527	\$ 488,859
Less: Restricted Funds*	\$ 177,831	\$ -	\$ 177,831
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 284,500</b>	<b>\$ 26,527</b>	<b>\$ 311,028</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 December, we have received contributions of \$34,620 and paid \$28,017 in principal.

# February

## Upcoming Events:

Youth Nature Walk	Saturday, February 2	9:00 a.m.
Single Ladies Brunch	Sunday, February 10	11:00 a.m.
Hot Meals	Monday, February 11	3:00 p.m.
Office Closed	Tuesday, February 19	
HIS Picnic	Sunday, February 24	1:00 p.m.

## Monday

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Church Office Closed		
Hot Meals	3:00 p.m.	(Second Monday of the month)
Adult Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	** Not meeting on February 4

## 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.	
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## Saturday

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Men's Fellowship	8:00 a.m.	(First, third & fifth Saturday of the month)
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## 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)
Single Ladies Brunch	11:00 a.m.	(Second Sunday of the month)
HIS Picnic	1:00 p.m.	(Fourth Sunday of the month)



# February Events



**February 2**  
Youth Nature Walk

**February 3**  
Meal for a Meal

**February 10**  
Single Ladies Brunch at  
Macaroni Grill in Anaheim Hills

**February 11**  
Hot Meals 3 p.m.  
Orangethorpe Christian Church

**February 19**  
YLPC Office Closed

**February 24**  
His Picnic

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