

Grapevine

Worship God. Equip Disciples. Love and Serve the World.

*"Let justice roll down like water and
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
Amos 5:24*

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Recently, YLPC had a "stress test" and we passed with flying colors. Late Thursday, April 18, some bad actors cut through a portion of our above ground backflow pipes and stole valuable materials, leaving our church campus without access to water. The park across the street was hit as well. Though several key church leaders were out of town at the time, our response was prompt and thorough. We were able to connect with each other, share information, make a plan, and implement it. Members of the Facilities Committee filed the police report and began shopping bids. Members of the Worship Committee communicated with ushers, the choir, our liturgist, and our guest preacher to ensure that the show could go on. Our Deacons rallied to get the word out to our members as quickly as possible. The congregation responded with characteristic grace and good humor.

This little adventure revealed several marvelous strengths in our system and our people. We work well together, making wise decisions and acting quickly. Each person brought their own set of strengths and experience to the situation, yielding the best possible results. We have strong relationships with local law enforcement, City staff and our insurance company, all of whom have been a great help to us. The incident also revealed a few areas for improvement, some of which church leaders were already addressing.

After collecting three bids, we contracted with a plumber for repairs, which are already underway. We expect to have water flowing again within the week. We have filed a claim with our insurance company and, based on our experience, we are hopeful that we will be reimbursed for most of the costs of the repairs. Along the way we learned some things that will be helpful to us as we decide what's next for the space where the modulares used to be. In just a week or so, this will be another story we tell about how God is faithful to us, and how dedicated YLPC's leaders are to the work of the congregation.

A few folks have wondered about the people who committed this crime. Are there any suspects? Will they be brought to justice? We will continue to work with local law enforcement, but the truth is, we may never know who did this or why. I believe this was a crime of opportunity, not of malice. While this is an unfortunate event, there are much worse things happening in the world, and I'm proud to be a part of a church that is working to bring comfort to those in need. One of our elders responded in that spirit, imagining that whoever did this, did it to feed their family and pay their rent. Whether or not that's true, I hope each one of us can find our way to respond with love, compassion, and forgiveness. That's the story I want to tell. Through all of this, I am particularly proud and thankful to be...

With you in ministry,
Lynn.

This Month at YLPC

Upcoming Meetings:

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Warmup
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.	Youth Group
Sundays @ 11:30 a.m.	Choral Scholars Rehearsal
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.	TLC Bible Study
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday, May 1 @ 7:15 p.m.	Worship Meeting
Friday, May 3	Church Office Closed
Saturday, May 4	Young Adult Literature Lovers' Festival
Saturday, May 4 & 18 @ 8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship
Wednesday, May 8 @ 2:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 9 & 23 @ 3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Saturday, May 11 @ 10:30 a.m.	HIS-OC Centerpiece Set Up
Sunday, May 12 @ 10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Tea
Monday, May 13 @ 4:00 p.m.	Caregiver's Support Group
Tuesday, May 14 @ 9:30 a.m.	Priscilla Circle
Tuesday, May 14 @ 7:00 p.m.	Esther Circle
Sunday, May 19 & 26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Charity's Closet Donations at YLPC
Tuesday, May 21 @ 7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Monday, May 27	Church Office Closed- Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 28 @ 7:00 p.m.	Improv Drum Circle



Invitation to Mother's Day Tea – Sunday, May 12



By Jules Vanderschraaf

We cordially invite you to a Mother's Day Tea on Sunday, May 12 after worship! We will be serving scones, tea sandwiches, and cookies with tea.

Please contact Jules Vanderschraaf at (714) 356-9857 if you would like to bring something to share.



Mission of the Month: HIS-OC

By Susan Cash

We are celebrating and supporting the good work of HIS-OC (Homelessness Intervention Solutions– Orange County) in the month of May. HIS-OC continues to expand its services transitioning people out of homelessness. They currently run four programs that assist people who are homeless or close to being homeless. Through the integration of job training, therapy, case management, and education they provide a long-term guided process to achieve self-sufficiency.

There is a role for you!

✧ **Support** by attending the HIS-OC fundraiser “Message in a Bottle” on Thursday, May 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Placentia Presbyterian Church’s Trinity Center, 849 Bradford Ave. in Placentia. To purchase tickets, follow the QR Code to your right or call (714) 993-5774 x1006.

✧ **Come Be Creative!** We are making the centerpieces for the tables of the HIS-OC fundraising event as a gift from YLPC to HIS-OC. Come meet at church on Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. to be part of this project. There will be step by step guidance as we construct messages of love and encouragement to decorate each table. Come join in this fun morning!



Spring Cleaning for Charity’s Closet Benefits HIS-OC

Sundays, May 19 and May 26

Bring your donations of gently used or new items to church. We will collect your donations in the parking lot before and after church on May 19 and 26 and take them to Charity’s Closet in Placentia. Sales from Charity’s Closet directly benefit HIS-OC.

- **Clothing:** For men, women, children, accessories, shoes, purses, hats, belts, scarves
- **Houseware:** kitchen, dishes, glassware, lamps, pictures, home décor, collectables, antiques
- **Small Appliances and Electronics:** clean and in working order. No computers or TVs
- **Books:** newer fiction preferred
- **CDs and DVDs**
- **Linens**
- **Seasonal Décor**

What could be better?

Clean your closets and help HIS-OC!



Young Adult Literature Lovers Festival – May 4



Calling all Young Adult Literature Lovers! Join us Saturday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m. with a trek starting from the YLPC campus and ending at Santa Monica High School where Yallwest is being held.

Yallwest is a free Young Adult Literature Festival with author panels, free books, merch giveaways, food trucks, book signings, and more. Check out the website for all the details: YALLWEST. Take a look ahead of time to see which authors are doing signings and meet-and-greets so you know which books to bring.

This will be an all day event. Bring money for lunch, comfortable walking shoes, and weather-appropriate clothing! If you'd like to tag along and want to carpool, please contact Cam (714-420-7497) or Shelby Kesig (714-381-4725).

Congregational Meeting – May 5

We will hold a meeting of the congregation immediately after worship on Sunday, May 5 to elect church officers. Our Nominating Committee has done marvelous work, putting forward a full slate of church leaders, each of whom brings valuable gifts to the life of our congregation. Our thanks to those who heard the call of the Spirit and said, "Here I am, send me!" And thank you to the members of our Nominating Committee: John Israel, Ila Hitt, Anne Sivley, Dick Vouga, and Dave Wassenaar for a job well done.

Elders:

Kent Arnold – Worship Committee
Laurie Stokes – Stewardship
Linda Sung – Stewardship
Dave Wassenaar – Personnel

Deacons:

Wendy Grieb, Chris Sutton, Janet Triplett,

Endowment Committee:

Gary Hills

Nominating Committee:

Karen Green, Mike Jacobs, Dustin Hitt



Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise — June 2



By Kevin Jeffries-Phan

Our worship service on Sunday, June 2 will be a special service with the theme "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise." This special service will feature the Gloria Ringers, Chancel Choir, Choral Scholars, and Music Interns.

After the service, our Choral Scholars will be presenting the songs that they have been working on with our vocal coach, Natasha Valdes. It's going to be wonderful service with worshipful music and inspiring liturgy.

April Session Notes

- Session welcomed elder nominees to the meeting. The following Elders-elect were examined by Session. Dave Wassehaar, Kent Arnold, Laurie Stokes and Linda Sung.
- The Clerk reported that YLPC passed the Presbytery’s review of records. They were “found to be in order; no exceptions.” Well done, Chris!
- Lynn shared that there will be a joint meeting of the Elders and Deacons on June 15.
- Lynn led a lengthy discussion in regards to the new open space created by the removal of the modular. Ideas, needs, and resources for this area were discussed. Future discussions will include congregational input.
- The Deacons reported that the subgroup of Deacons is working to update and correct our membership databases. There will be a Mother’s Day tea in May and a Korean BBQ in June. Deacons-elect will be invited to the May meeting.
- Worship Committee shared that Dave Nicholson will be transitioning away from leadership of the AV board on Sunday mornings. He will continue with the YLPC on the Go emails and any technical support or special events, as needed.
- Christian Ed reported Church Chatter with our youth will be changing. It will be more of a study hall and include the Choral Scholars program. Session approved the Youth participating in Love Yorba Linda on 4/27 and a Young Adult Literature Festival at Santa Monica High School on 5/4.
- Facilities reported that a lot of the work surrounding the removal of the modular was done by volunteers and as people are aging, this type of work may need financial resources in the future.
- The Mission Committee reported that the focus of April’s Mission of the Month is Free Wheelchairs. They are also sponsoring two tables at HIS-OC’s Message in a Bottle fundraiser on 5/16. Seats are still available.
- Nominating Committee reported they have a full slate of nominees. Session approved a Called Congregational meeting for May 5, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers to serve as Elders, Deacons, Nominating committee and Endowment committee members.
- Personnel Committee reported a change to the contract with Paychex. Session approved the additional services including electronic time and attendance timecards and direct deposit beginning in May 2024.
- Stewardship presented March financials, which were approved by the Session. Income continues to be higher-than-expected and expenses lower than budgeted. A 3-year note that matured was invested with PILP at a higher interest rate. A Financial Procedures document has been completed.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Hills, Clerk of Session

May Birthdays

Bryce Hendrickson	5/1
Aaron Ford	5/2
Jerry Beason	5/3
Dixie Bradshaw	5/3
Karla Peterson	5/3
Judy Robert	5/4
Brigitte Wolverton	5/4
Chele Jacobs	5/9
Marian Williams	5/12
Kent Arnold	5/14
Jessica Schempp	5/18
Frieda Holman	5/20
Elana Rosenthal	5/20
Craig Matthews	5/22
Doug Uyematsu	5/22
Marge Cargo	5/23
Laurie Stokes	5/23
Summer Peterson	5/27
Gil Wolverton	5/28
Becky Sproal	5/31
Elaine Vouga	5/31

March 2024 Financial Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Operating Income		
Fellowship Income	\$ 153,083	\$ 107,792
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 4,699	\$ 4,347
Interest Income	\$ 7,997	\$ 7,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 165,779	\$ 119,639
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 123,423	\$ 132,465
Operating Income minus Expense	\$ 42,356	\$ (12,826)

YLPC Cash Position

	Operating	Mtg. Reduction	Total
Cash Position	\$ 785,932	\$ (18,475)	\$ 767,457
Less: Restricted Funds*	\$ 313,435	\$ -	\$ 313,435
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 472,497	\$ (18,475)	\$ 454,022

* 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.

OPERATING FUND Summary Results: Through March, we expected to receive \$119,639 and actually received \$165,779. Also through March, we expected to spend \$132,465 and actually spent \$123,423.

And reserved \$9,789 for funds budgeted but not spent.

MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND Through March, we have received contributions of \$600 and paid \$4,776 in principal. The current mortgage balance is \$63,585.