

# Grapevine

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**“What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.”**

#### **Psalm 116:12-14**

The psalms model for us a way of responding to God’s love and protection. When God spared the Israelites from sickness or provided them with a special blessing, they came before the congregation and made their offering. Along with that gift, they would tell the people what God had done for them. It turns out, the Hebrew language doesn’t have a word that means thanks. The word we usually see translated “thanks” actually means something more like “testify” or “make known.” The way they said thank you to God was to give their gift and tell their story.

This year has been one for the books, and one we’ll be glad to put behind us. But each one of us has something to be thankful for, a story of God’s steadfast love. We’ve been spared the worst of the physical and economic effects of COVID, though our lives most certainly have been impacted by it. As a congregation, we’ve been able to continue almost all our ministries, even expanding our Worship and Mission in ways we never would have dreamed possible a year ago. God has protected us and provided for our needs! We have a story to tell of God’s gracious love. I am so grateful for God’s goodness and am excited to see the vibrant ministry that God has in store for us in the years to come.

Let’s follow scripture’s example and say thank you to God by giving our gifts to support God’s work in this place. That makes our pledge more than just the business of the church or doing our duty; it turns mailing that pledge card into an act of worship.

Watch your mailbox for our annual Stewardship mailing. You’ll find an informative letter and a pledge card with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to the church for the coming year and

then use the envelope to return that pledge card by Friday, October 30. I hope you’ll join me in saying thank you to God for all that God has done for us through this challenging and unprecedented year.

With you in ministry,  
Lynn.

# Outdoor Worship Service



Join us for another Outdoor Worship Service on October 25 in the parking lot at YLPC. You can listen from your lawn chair or from inside your car on the radio.

# Parking Lot Camping

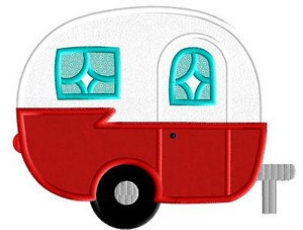
*By Midge Kittredge*

Calvin's Campers will be once again take on the wilds of Yorba Linda at YLPC!

The Wilds aka the "parking lot" camping will take place Friday, October 23 through Sunday, October 25.

We will be enjoying some physically distanced time together. Feel free to stop by for a masked chat during the weekend or better yet, bring your RV, a tent, or just a sleeping bag and join in this fun outdoor event.

We'll be giving more details as the date approaches. For immediate questions please email Midge Kittredge, [midgekittredge@gmail.com](mailto:midgekittredge@gmail.com).



# Boy Scout Fundraiser



Come support Boy Scout Troop 538! During the weekend of October 24 -25, the Scouts will be selling Poinsettias to raise funds for a new equipment shed. The shed they were using was unfortunately lost in a fire last year. If you could help them replenish this invaluable tool, it would certainly be appreciated! "Point-shed-ias" would be purchased that weekend and become available in late November. Thank you for your support!

# Still Church

## Upcoming Meetings:

Sundays @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 7 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 7 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, October 5, 12, 19 & 28 @ 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, October 13 @ 9:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday, October 13 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 14 @ 9:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, October 14 @ 4:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 14 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, October 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 9:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, October 3, 17 & 31 @ 8:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday, October 20 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday, October 23-25  
 Saturday, October 25 @ 9:30 a.m.

Youth group by Zoom  
 Deacons' meeting by Zoom  
 Worship Committee meeting by Zoom  
 Safe Gathering Team  
 Priscilla Circle by Zoom  
 Esther Circle by Zoom  
 Mission Committee meeting by Zoom  
 Caregiver's meeting by Zoom  
 Stewardship meeting by Zoom  
 TLC Bible study by Zoom  
 Men's group  
 Session meeting by Zoom  
 Calvin's Campers  
 Outdoor Worship Service

## Mission

**Charity's Closet is now open!**  
**Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays from 12-4 p.m.**  
**134 Bradford in Placentia.**

## Charity's Closet

Charity's Closet opened in March 2006 to provide financial support to families living at H.I.S. House. The shop was created as a unique boutique thrift shop. They specialize in new and gently used women's, men's, children's clothing; shoes, purses, and accessories; jewelry, new and vintage; kitchenware, unique decor items, linens, books, and much more. On holidays they feature wonderful decorations and clothing to reflect the season. The shop is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers, several of whom are members of YLPC.

Donations of clothing or household goods are accepted at the back of the store during business hours. For everyone's safety, masks are required and physical distancing advised. Please visit their website at [charityscloset.org](https://charityscloset.org)

## Need To Talk About It?

*By Michelle Almeida*

I don't know about you, but I feel like God is showing us so many issues surrounding race in our society. But I don't always know how to talk about it with others, or how to respond to it! I am hoping to put together a group of people who are interested in learning more about racism in America and how to have helpful conversations with others.

Lynn told me about a book called *Anxious to Talk About It* by Carolyn B. Helsel that could be used for starting productive, loving conversations about race with friends, family and our community. You can find it at <https://www.amazon.com/Anxious-Talk-About-Christians-Faithfully/dp/0827200722>

Would you be interested in participating in a discussion group about the book? We could give ourselves about 5 weeks to read the book and then set a time to meet. Ideally, it would be great to meet outside, very distanced with masks off in order to see our faces due to the subject matter. That being said, if you are uncomfortable with that, let's talk about the possibility of doing it a different way. It's important that everyone feel socially, emotionally, and physically safe.

If you would like to participate please contact the church office at [info@ylpc.org](mailto:info@ylpc.org).

## Renovation Team

*By Heather Kenny from Ministry Architects*

The Renovation Team, comprised of Chuck Grieb, Karla Peterson, and Julie Micheli, has once again begun meeting monthly with Ministry Architects and has been hard at work. Several foundational plans for the youth ministry are being finalized: the Visitor Follow Up Process, Missing In Action Plan, and Youth Information Packet. In the works this month are the 2020/2021 youth ministry calendar, a detailed communication audit and plan for the youth ministry, and major event notebook creation. If you are interested in seeing any of the finished documents, please reach out to one of the Renovation Team members and they will be happy to share those with you. A big win for the youth ministry recently was the completion of the new youth room (the old nursery). Many of the youth were able to tour the new space following outdoor worship on September 19, and their reactions exuded excitement and enthusiasm for the future. Special thanks to Ila and Johnnie Hitt, Debbie McCracken, Shane Hendrickson, Kathleen Julian, Susan Barrett and Mike Jacobs for investing in our youth through the renewal of this space for them.



# September Session Notes

\*\*Session met on September 15 by Zoom video conference call.

- Correspondence from the Presbytery was shared. They recommend congregations take steps with their insurance companies to make sure the general liability covers the church should one or more congregants become ill. Also, a letter from Gigi Kelley, asking to be removed from church rolls was shared and acted on, with regret. Membership is 197.
- Deacons continue to reach out to members via Zoom and personal calls. The RV campout on 10/23 will possibly include a work party with physical distancing.
- Facilities reported temporary electricity is restored but still not enough to power the A/C in both buildings. Our contractors are working well with SoCal Edison and the City of Yorba Linda to expedite permanent power. Session approved the purchase of four EZ Up canopies and four tables for the patio. Session also approved a fundraiser by the Boy Scouts to sell poinsettias.
- Mission Committee reported good work on Mission projects including the Food Bank, HIS House, Charity's Closet, and United to End Homelessness.
- Stewardship reported that YLPC is doing well financially with three months working expenses in reserve. Session was made aware that one fourth of YLPC's budget comes from one family and we are thankful for this gift. Budgets are due to our Treasurer by 11/4.
- The Safe Gathering Committee recommended, and after much discussion Session approved, that YLPC adopt a Worship Schedule for the rest of this year as follows: Continue a Corporate Worship weekly service using our existing platform of online Worship presented through the YouTube application. Also, adopt a monthly Gathered Worship on the YLPC campus using previously adopted Safe Gathering/Social Distance protocols. Plans to return to gathered worship are underway.
- Christian Ed reported Adult Bible study will begin again with Jim Hickman via email, TLC is continuing, PW Circles started again, youth continues to meet with Karla, Ministry Architects are back on track and discussion of Advent plans have started.

Chris Hills - Clerk of Session

# August 2020 Financial Report

**OPERATING FUND** Summary Results Through August, we expected to receive \$331,071 and actually received \$334,301. Also through August, we expected to spend \$331,865 and actually spent \$328,555.

And reserved \$18,813 for funds budgeted but not spent.

|  | Operating        | Mtg. Reduction | Total            |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cash Position  | \$620,881        | \$9,290        | \$630,171        |
| Less: Restricted Funds*  | \$293,243        | \$-            | \$293,243        |
| <b>Unrestricted Funds</b>  | <b>\$327,639</b> | <b>\$9,290</b> | <b>\$336,929</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 \$10,100 and paid \$17,398 in principal. The current mortgage balance is \$182,336.

## October Birthdays

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Charles Grieb     | 10/2  |
| Lauren Kittredge  | 10/3  |
| William Kittredge | 10/3  |
| Carol Jacobs      | 10/4  |
| Matt Kelley       | 10/4  |
| Steve Hamersma    | 10/6  |
| Mike Ragole       | 10/9  |
| Kathryn Johnson   | 10/11 |
| 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 |
| Abigail Braun     | 10/28 |
| Hannah Green      | 10/30 |