

Grapevine

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

***Point your kids in the right direction.
When they're old they won't be lost.
Proverbs 22:6
The Message***

IN THIS ISSUE

"We need more families in this church."

THIS MONTH

Have you said that? Have you heard someone else say it? Many of us look to new members and younger members as a sign of vibrance in the life of a congregation. I'm curious; do you know how many families we currently have at YLPC?

PW CIRCLES

Right now, twelve families – sixteen youth – are a part of our family of faith! That's fantastic! Some of them are new members who have joined in the last couple of years. Others have been with us since their lanky teenagers were coming to church in car seats. Just like the adults in the congregation, we don't see them all at the same time, but we had the joy of praying for many of them a few weeks ago as we sent them back to school with a gift and a blessing.

MISSION

After 18 months of hard work with Ministry Architects, we're ready to launch our fall programming for youth and their families. It'll start on Saturday, September 11, with a training for our teachers and volunteers. The next afternoon, we'll gather our families to bring them up to speed on our plans.

FINANCIAL REPORT & SESSION NOTES

For this new endeavor to succeed, it will need the support of the entire congregation. Some of you will share God's word with the kids when they meet on Sundays after church. Some of you will provide snacks. Some of you will work alongside our kids and families as they engage in the whole life of the church: as liturgists, singers, at the campus beautification day, on mission projects and more. Some of you will hold up our students and their parents in prayer. Everyone has a gift they can contribute to the effort.

We have families that are worth our investment of time, energy, and prayer. And the more we get to know them, the more we will benefit as a congregation. We need these kids to show us the way to God's future, as much as they need us to train them in the life of faith. I promise, after just five minutes talking to one of our kids about the way they see the world and what things are important to them, you'll be energized and inspired about what God is doing in our church and in our world.

With you in ministry,
Lynn.

This Month at YLPC

Upcoming Meetings:

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 1 @ 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 1 @ 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 1 @ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 4 & 18 @ 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 5 @ 10:30 a.m.
Monday, September 6
Wednesday, September 8 @ 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 8 @ 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 11 @ 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 12 @ 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 12
Sunday, September 12 @ 11:00 a.m.
Monday, September 13 @ 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 14 @ 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 14 @ 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 15 @ 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 18 @ 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 21 @ 7:00 p.m.
September 24-26
Tuesday, September 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

Worship Service
Chair Yoga
TLC Bible study by Zoom
Blessed Connections by Zoom
Deacons' Meeting
Worship Committee
Men's Group at Polly's Pies
C.E. Committee
YLPC Office Closed
Mission Committee
Stewardship Committee
Teacher/Volunteer Training
Family Gathering BBQ
Food For Families Collection
Single Ladies Brunch at Blue Agave
Caregiver's Meeting
Priscilla Circle
Outdoor Yoga for Teens begins on Tuesdays
Esther Circle
Lights of Los Ranchos by Zoom
Campus Beautification Day
Session Meeting
R.V. Camp Out
Drum Circle



Save the Date!

R.V. Camp Out

Care to camp in the wilds of Yorba Linda? The YLPC campers' group will take over the parking lot September 24 - 26 for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Bring your RV, a tent, or just a sleeping bag and join in this fun outdoor event. On Saturday night we will have all church chili cook off at 5:30 p.m. followed by line dancing. Early campers are welcome Thursday night, too. For more information please contact Cindy Hebein at cindyhebein@sbcglobal.net and sign up on the patio after worship!



Our Story: Service and Giving

Join us for an all-church dinner Saturday, October 9. You'll get an update on YLPC's financial process and hear stories of God's faithfulness and our generosity over the past year.

Chancel Choir

By Janet Thorson

Interested singers come "Play on the patio" or "Sing in the shade". We will meet Thursday, September 9 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on our beautiful patio. I'm bringing our new electric piano outdoors where we can space chairs to find a way to safely "Make a Joyful Noise". Adults and youth welcome.

We will have a mini Hymn Sing and also go through a few anthems. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect after this long break and discuss what "Choir" might look like for the next few months.

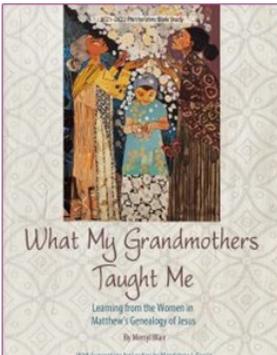
Questions? Contact Janet Keulen Thorson, Director of Music at jthorson@ylpc.org.



Presbyterian Women's Circles

By Janet Triplett

PW Circles will be reading and discussing the *Horizons* 2021–2022 Bible Study ***What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus***, by Merry Blair.



Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary - Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

Presbyterian Women's Circles beginning in September

Priscilla Circle	9:30 a.m.	2 nd Tuesday monthly
Esther Circle	7:00 p.m.	2 nd Tuesday monthly
Blessed Connections Zoom	9:00 a.m.	1 st Wednesday monthly
Lights of Los Ranchos Zoom	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday monthly

This study is open to all women! Each lesson is connected, but also stands alone, so attend as able. To check book availability contact Debbie McCracken at 714.273.3146 or order at this link <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/matthews-genealogy/>

Improv Drumming and Music Group

YLPC's improv drumming will resume meeting monthly, on the 4th Tuesday beginning September 28 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The Circle will be held outside in September and October while weather permits. Open to all adults! Invite family and friends. No experience needed!



Mission Update

By Betty Elsing-Bard

Yorba Linda Food For Families

Summertime is one of the most important times for Yorba Linda Food For Families.

Our church family generously donated a good supply of much needed items to Yorba Linda Food for Families last March. On September 12 we will hold another drop-off in the church parking lot. There will be an E-ZUP and table set up for you to drop off your donations before worship at 9:30 a.m. Thank you in advance for your gifts.



The items below would be very helpful!

- Diapers (size 5 and 6 only)
- Wipes
- Hygiene Products
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Soap

Hot Meals

YLPC volunteers resumed serving Hot Meals in person in August! Instead of welcoming guests inside to serve a hot meal, we prepared our famous Presbyterian pasta along with green beans, pizza and pineapple and dessert and served dinner boxes outside to our guests. If you would like to join a team of volunteers on the 2nd Monday of the month, please contact Betty Bard at 714.329.3413. Meals are served at Orangethorpe Christian Church in Fullerton.



Facilities Update

By Mike Jacobs

The Facilities Committee is hoping everyone is enjoying the freshly planted flowerbeds on either side of the Sanctuary entrance, thanks to the efforts of Mike and his Ozark Landscaping crew.

Our committee continues to be active in making sure chairs, hymnals, and bibles are available for outside worship each Sunday, and were helpful in preparation for Summer Arts Camp. Plans are currently being made for a "Campus Beautification Day" scheduled for September 18. Details and a sign-up sheet will be available soon, so please mark your calendar. We will have projects for anyone who wants to participate regardless of ability. Let's all pull together to make YLPC more beautiful than ever, going into Fall.



We are also working in concert with the Deacon Committee who are planning our next YLPC camp-out scheduled for the weekend of September 24.

Once again our trees around campus are beginning to "outgrow their welcome", so we are looking into having them trimmed and laced in the near future.

Mark your calendar now for "Campus Beautification Day", September 18!

August Session Notes

- With the addition of 6 new members in July (Susan Cash, Penny Hansen, Bo & Sukhee Jun, and Robert & Julie Vanderschraaf) along with the sad passing of Gary Willett, membership is 192.
- Lynn reminded the Session of the upcoming retreat on August 28.
- Members from the Presbytery Council met with the Session for a dialog to gather insight on the relationship between local churches and the Presbytery.
- Deacons have been asked to get in touch via email, phone call or a visit with those people we haven't seen in a while. They are working on details for the upcoming RV Campout at the end of September. Procedures for the Deacon's Emergency Fund and its use were shared.
- Personnel is looking to add members to their committee.
- Stewardship presented July financials, which were approved by Session. The committee is seeking to find backups for our treasurer and financial secretary. With the forwarding of the Mortgage Momentum funds, our PILP Mortgage has been reduced by \$1000 a month or \$12,000 a year.
- Worship shared their appreciation for Summer Arts Camp and all who planned and participated. They continue to monitor ever changing health guidance as it relates to gathering.
- Christian Ed reported that 86 people registered for Summer Arts Camp this year. Their focus is now on September and a meeting with Ministry Architects.
- Facilities added their thanks to the many people assisting the Facilities Committee with Summer Arts Camp. Mike reported that many projects have been handled including an on-site tool box, hanging the mosaic outside the sanctuary and prep for a campus beautification day on 9/18.
- Mission Committee shared that Hot Meals was able to serve 59 people. The next drive by drop off will be 9/12.
- Nominating Committee did not have a report but added their appreciation for all the hard work at Summer Arts Camp.

Chris Hills - Clerk of Session

September Birthdays

Chuck Hayford	9/1
Zachary Thrasher	9/1
Dave Wassenaar	9/1
Gregg Henderson	9/7
Chris Hills	9/8
Jennifer Hebein	9/10
Bob Vanderscraaf	9/13
Betty Elsing-Bard	9/14
Jacqueline Green	9/14
Marlene Ventresco	9/14
Andy Hess	9/15
Cheryl Hoban	9/15
Carolyn Croom	9/16
Frank Stevens	9/17
Chad Hamersma	9/17
Brent McCracken	9/21
Madeline Neufeld	9/21
Jeff Dotson	9/23
Carol Hulsey	9/23
Jodi Elmore	9/25
Audrey Almeida	9/30

July 2021 Financial Report

OPERATING FUND Summary Results: Through July, we expected to receive \$194,130 and actually received \$248,954. Also through July, we expected to spend \$293,100 and actually spent \$265,401. And reserved \$30,370 for funds budgeted but not spent.

	Operating	Mtg. Reduction	Total
Cash Position	\$ 599,082	\$ (4,163)	\$ 594,919
Less: Restricted Funds*	\$ 263,069	\$ -	\$ 263,069
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 336,013	\$ (4,163)	\$ 331,850

* 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 July, we have received contributions of \$56,299 and paid \$61,829 in principal. The current mortgage balance is \$109,887.