

Perspectives

LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome Rev. Gary Mills!

We welcome Rev. Gary Mills as a parish associate here at LNPC. A parish associate typically works in a specific area on a voluntary basis to complement the staff and meet the needs of a congregation. Gary is an ordained PCUSA pastor who has been working at UPS until his recent



Rev. Gary Mills

retirement. Gary has taught Christian Ed, led worship and more, helping out in other churches during his years in the commercial workforce. Now we are grateful that Gary, who lives in Laguna Niguel, is able to assist us on Sundays. Welcome Gary!

Alissa's Greeting

Summer greetings! I'm giving God thanks for the wonderful blessing I've been gifted with to come alongside the youth and their families here at LNPC for the summer as interim youth director. For those who do not yet know me: I am a native of Orange County, raised Presbyterian, graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and was the Jr. High Director at First Presbyterian Church in San Luis Obispo for two years before moving back down to Orange County last summer. For a slight dose of personal trivia, I love music, ethnic food, theology and travel. And I hold two pole vault records. My near future aspirations include



Alissa Miller

earning a Master of Divinity. Where exactly this will lead both geographically and vocationally is unclear at this point as I walk with God on this road toward ministry.

My passion runs deep for ministering to youth when many are encountering a pivotal time of decision-making regarding their identity and theology. Having been involved with the LNPC youth over the last six months, I am confident that this summer will be a great one! As we send Prentice and Jennifer off with grateful hearts for what they have invested here at Laguna Niguel and for what God has done

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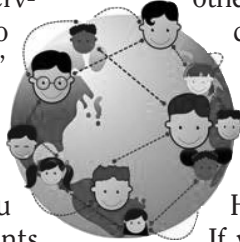
through them, we look forward to God's provision in the coming year for our youth. Fish has two exciting trips scheduled this summer. We're off to Texas for a mission trip and to Calvin Crest for summer camp. Both Fish and Rock have parties and weekly youth group events on the calendar as well. Looking forward in anticipation to serving God together in the coming months!

Blessings! Alissa Miller

LNPC News

Keeping Connected

E-mail connectivity is becoming increasingly important for members of LNPC – especially for those attending the Offering service, where there are no “Minute for Mission” opportunities. Please provide the church an e-mail address if possible, so we can keep you informed of current events. Typically, the church will send out a “blast” once per week highlighting upcoming events. Privacy: the e-mail list is only used for church business.



Greeters

We need people to be greeters at church on Sunday mornings. Its fun, easy, takes little time and is a great way to know people at church! If you would like to be a greeter, please contact Scott Troester at 362-5668.



High Seas Wish List

On the patio, the Children’s Ministry Team is looking for members and friends to help donate items for our VBC Wish List. The list includes food items, drinks, craft materials and 60 paper grocery bags that we need to set sail for a fantastic sea adventure for our church and the community! Please stop by the “High Seas Adventure” table for more details, and sign up to bring in some items. For more information, contact Heather Flower at hmflower@cox.net or Lorelei Amador at loreleiamador@cox.net.

Drivers Needed

The deacons are looking for members who would occasionally transport other members to appointments, church activities and or other destinations. Sign up at the Adult Education booth.



Helping Hands Ministry

Helping Hands needs Help(ers). If you have talents in anyone of the following areas, we can use you; carpentry, plumbing, electrical, lifting, assembly, disassembling, changing light bulbs, house hold chores, etc. We have a number of parishes that need assistance. Contact Sam Johnson at 661-2818.



South County Outreach

During the summer months, the SCO has a very hard time keeping food on the shelves. South County Outreach has seen an increase of people needing food and a decrease of food donations. During the summer, SCO donations slow down because school food drives donations stop when schools are out. South County Outreach always needs: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, pasta, canned vegetables, tomatoes, fruit, beans, chili, salad dressing, barbecue sauce, mustard, ketchup, pancake mix, muffin mix, and box potatoes. Thank you for helping South County Outreach this summer. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Green at lasagnqueen@att.net.

School Supplies for San Juan Elementary School

We are collecting school supplies this summer for one of the poorest schools in our district. The children in Vacation Bible Camp will be decorating the bags during VBC and filling them in July. The rest of the congregation will be filling these bags in August. All bags are to be returned to Eileen Green on the patio or in the bins in the Fellowship Building by Aug. 15. Feel free to purchase any or all of these items: BASICS; markers, colored pencils, folders to keep papers organized, wide ruled paper, spiral notebooks (wide ruled), erasers, #2 pencils, three-ring binders, small English dictionaries, The-saurus, English-Spanish dictionaries; EXTRAS; paper back books (grade appropriate RL1 or RL2 on back of book denotes grade), hair clips for girls, pencil grips, fancy pencils, rubber stamps, composition books, journals, personal note pads, and pencil pouches. If you would like to donate money, please put your check made out to LNPC (with school supplies on the memo line) in the offering plates on Sundays Aug 1, 8, or 15.



Words On the Wall

LNPC is looking to expand its team of people who run the “words on the wall” during Sunday services. Team members are needed for both the existing services, and the new contemporary service that started on April 11. If you are interested in becoming involved in this expanding ministry, please email Dave Flower at dcflower@cox.net.



A Message from Randy

Dear Church Family,

This month has been a very busy month around the church and we see signs of God are working in our midst. In Children's Ministry the members of the Children's Ministry Team have been preparing for Vacation Bible Camp, July 12-16. This year's theme will capture the kid's imagination through a high seas adventure. The camp is filled with super-charged activities for kids including recreation, drama, interactive music and crafts. Our staff and volunteers have pulled out the stops for a great week of sharing the Good News of Christ with our community, families, and friends. If you haven't signed up your children and their friends, there is still time. The week will end with a single service in our sanctuary (July 18) where you will see our children share their faith discoveries of the week. With a lunch after the service featuring "In and Out Burgers," we will all experience the excitement and joy of our children. You won't want to miss this week. Even if you don't have young children, drop by and experience the camp for yourself.

In Youth Ministry the Youth Ministry Team is busy getting ready for their mission trip to Texas. Many our senior high and college-age students along with several adults from our church will band together to help rebuild the Texas coast communities that are still recovering from the hurricane devastation of last year. With this year's oil spill, these communities need our love, support, and skills as we share with them our



Dr. Randall Steele

Christian compassion and concern. Our Texas Team will leave on Sunday, July 18 and will be gone for a week. Let's keep our Team in our prayers.

Also in Youth Ministry, a Search Team has been formed to fill our vacant Youth Director position. For the past two years Prentice Park has served our church and youth in that position. With his coming marriage (in August) he and his fiancée (Jennifer) have decided to move back to Seattle to be close to their families. Prentice has also accepted a youth position at his fiancée's home church. We are sad to see him leave, but are thankful for his years of ministry with us and for the joy we share with him in his coming marriage.

To date, we have received thirty dossiers of interested candidates for the open position. In the meantime, keep the Search Team in your

prayers and ask God to lead us to the right person.

God has been good to us by sending us Alissa Miller who will be our Interim Youth Director (see her front page article). Alissa is a gifted, talented, and experienced youth pastor and has already been volunteering in our youth program. She will work the months of July and August while we search for a permanent youth director and Alissa prepares for seminary in the fall.

In addition to Alissa, God has also blessed us with a new ordained pastor who will be volunteering his time and gifts with our church. He is a member of our Presbytery (Los Ranchos) and has been attending our church for several months. He will become our new Parish Associate and will function in ministry throughout our church as his gifts, interests, and time allow. I am so excited for you to meet him. He has a pastor's heart with skills to match. He will aid Emily and me in our ministry to you.

Truly, this has been a very busy month, but God is faithful and leading us forward. It is such a joy to serve with you and experience God's providential care for us. Enjoy the summer and experience God's renewing presence in everything you do!

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy".

SHARING

Our Caring

Baptism

Arianna Jade Lim 05/16/2010

Deaths

Glenn Parker 04/25/2010

Marian Walter 06/06/2010

At Home

Pam Anderson; Helen Archibald; Ben Askari; Nima Askari; Jean Bassett; Chris Berry; Lynn Bible; Marjorie Crane; Ceanne Curwen; Bob & Rose Erickson; Ethel Janik; Angie Kimberly; Bob Kimberly; Elizabeth Macaulay; Judy Mangan; Kay McCann; Linda Parker; Connie Peace; Marjorie Phillips; Irene Vorland; and Brice Yoder.

In Health Care Facilities / Hospital

Michael Duran; Lorena Neufeld; Bob Shaffer; and Dory Sargent.

Family and Friends

Jenna Aldridge (Ehlers' family friend); Mahin Amirfathi (MOPS assistant); Sholeh Askari (Ben Askari's wife); Paul Barrios (Claudia Vitalich's son-in-law); Joy Beaudine (Erik Borg's cousin); Joyce Bodell (Ethel Janik's friend); Lee Brechtel (Audrey Hart's friend); Harold Bullard (Khalifa family friend); Joan Catroneo (Edie Sholtz's niece); Lou Cenegy (friend of Scott Troester); Mitch & Kristine Chausse (Steele's family); Cindy deBrauwere (Marian Potter's daughter); Brian Dunn & Madyson Marquette (Arlene Dunn's family); Jim Easton (Sloan Purcell's father); Cameron English (Barbara Rennie's brother); Janet Faunce (Wright's sister); Gary Finney (Tom Julian's friend); Lawrence Fitsch (Patricia Adams' friend); Judy Flannery (John Flannery's sister-in-law); Maxine Fry (Gary Fry's mother); Marcy Gehrke (Linda Bare's friend); Robin Griffen (Carol Durst's friend); Linda Hanson (John Flannery's friend); Jerry Heard (Kristy Chernick's friend); Holquin Family (Heftys' family friends); Mike Khamis (Minton Paul's friend); Beryl Kendall (Dee Wells' friend); Dwight Kramer (Phyllis Browne's friend); Pam Lauer (Humphrey's friend); Sharon Malone (Mike Malone's Mother); Earline McKee (Denise Carter's Mother); Edith Merz (Zink's friend); Trella Moyer (Marvel Anderson's sister); Nori Ondre (Joanne Pease's friend); John O'Shea (friend of Donna Riddell); Darryl Paulson (Clement family friend); Gina Perella (John Humphrey's friend); Lorene Petrucci (Nancy Humphrey's sister); Anthony
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Emily's Desk

On June 27th we elected a new class of Deacons to serve you in sympathy, witness and compassion. They will be installed on July 11th along with the elders of the class of 2013 and Ministry Team Leaders. A huge and hug-ful THANK YOU to our retiring deacons.



Rev. Emily McColl

Everyone has a deacon who contacts you and asks how we at LNPC can support you or pray for you as you grow and walk with Christ. If you are not sure who your deacon is, please call Pastor Emily at the church office and we will help you connect.

Thank you and good-bye to:

June Beeler
Jill Bone
Judy Grant
Cheryl Kelsey
Margaret Lee
Lynn Loper
Paula Matthews
Kay McCann
Jean Shelton
Veronica Skelton
Marc Skelton
Dee Wells

Welcome to:

Elected in March:
Kristen Robelotto
Ellen Hampsten

Elected in June:

Suzanne Chapman
Sharon Giuliano
Laurie Hefty
Martha Richardson
Donna Riddell
Sara Tarvaran
BJ Wiegman

The moderators for 2010-11 are:

Marilyn Campman—pastoral moderator (spiritual leadership and support)
Kathy White—executive moderator (administration and care)

Spotlight on Deacons in ministry:

Our Deacons are taking communion to homebound members every 2nd Sunday in the afternoon. This came about as a result of Circle of Care Ministry Team and expressed needs of some people to be included in the Lord's Supper. Sometimes these are intimate moments of 2 or 3 gathered together, and other times we have served as many as 10 people in a Senior Living Home. Christ is present in the bright eyes and warm hearts of people as LNPC reaches out to its neighbors!



Who do I call in an emergency? Who is my deacon? Who will know what to do?

Some information is hard to come by. With the health insurance privacy regulations, even the hospital won't call your church
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CHILDREN'S Ministries

High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible Camp 2010

July 12th – 16th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to children 4 years old through entering 5th Grade. Explore the mighty love of God through Bible Voyages, Clipper Crafts, Ship Rec. Games, Maritime Music, and Goodies from the Galley.



Register before July 4th!

\$50 for 1 child;
\$75 for 2 children; \$90 per family. (July 5th prices will be \$60, \$90, and \$110.) Download forms online @ www.lnpc.org or call (949) 249-1218 ext. 220.

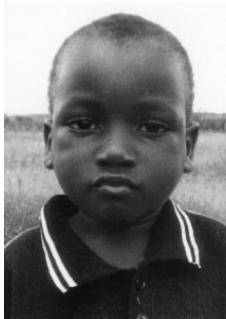


VBC Burger Bash Sunday, July 18th

In-N-Out Burger Bash after the Vacation Bible Camp service. There will be indoor and outdoor seating available and of course, the return of our Giant Water Slide for kids of all ages! Tickets are \$6.00 each and will be available Sundays on the patio or in the church office. Be sure to get your tickets early. The price will be \$8.00 at the door! IN-N-OUT Burger tickets \$6.00 Includes: cheeseburger or grilled cheese sandwich, chips, fountain drink and dessert.



VBC Mission Projects



**Hasani
Kazungu Baya**

The Vacation Bible Camp children will be participating in two mission projects this summer. First, they will be collecting school supplies for our sister school in San Juan Capistrano. Secondly, they will be collecting coins during the week of VBC to help care for our new World Vision Child, Hasani Kazungu Baya. Here's how you can help: bring in school supplies such as: crayons, markers, pencils, erasers, lined paper and copy paper Sunday, July 12th through Sunday, July 18th. There will donation bins in the Narthex and in

the Mc Cullen Center. Also, there will be a coin jar out for any extra change that you would like to donate our Children's Mission Fund.

Sharing Our Caring

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Purcell (Joseph Purcell's brother); Lori Rettig (Steve and Anu Rettig's sister-in-law); Tanya Rice (Scott & Kristen Spalding's stepsister); David Riorden (Christine Clark's father); Stephen Roebuck (Kathleen Roebuck's son); Debbie Schmidt (Sara Estes' friend); Grayson Smiley & Mother (Pat Knirk's friend); Alma Smith (Eileen Green's mother); Rocky Strickler (Carolyn Ditto's brother); John Stritch (Janice and Fred Ehlers' friend); Dee Dee Vasquez (Lisa Favor's cousin); Jan Walker (Edie Sholtz's friend); Rita & Norv Wenner (Marilyn Odgers' friend); William Weldon (Ethel Janik's brother-in-law); Jim & Debbie White & Doris mother (Bob & Kathy White's family); Roger Winqvist (Zink's friend); and Yvonne Woodhouse (Audrey Hart's family member).

Service in the Military & Mission

Spc. Michael Beach (Kirkpatrick's nephew); Spc. Josh Berryhill (Stidham's family friend); Ltjg. Christopher Bowie (Rena Kamariotakis' friend); Lance Corporal Kenneth Koch (Judy Ruddiman's grandson); Ens. Duncan Andrew McColl; Lt.. Col. Lisa Tice (Lois & Jerry Hansen's daughter); and Lt. Col. Craig Wiggers (Dick & Jeni Wiggers' son).



Congratulations to Our Graduates for 2010!

High School

Katherine Favor
Raquel Catherine Flower
Melanie Hess
Kelly Knutson
Becca Mangan
Rachel Kaylan Reid
Nick Robelotto
Kasey Seeman
Darian Tabares

College & University

Brian Bone
Angela Humphrey
Kimberly Christina Kruger

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A Charitable Trust

Could This Be Your Financial Salvation?



Before reading this story, be forewarned that charitable trusts are not for everyone! But for some, it could be a miraculous win-win solution to:

- Increase current income (*yeah!*)
- Reduce current income tax (*ah ha!*)
- Reduce estate tax (*yes!*)
- Benefit the church (*praise the Lord!*)

Too good to be true? For some, yes. But for others – hallelujah! In the paragraphs below we will outline the basis for this estate-planning tool. But before that, it is important that you realize LNPC is going to sponsor a free Sunday-afternoon seminar featuring a nationally-renowned estate planning attorney at LNPC to address this specific subject. This is a first for LNPC! Tentatively, the date of this event will be August 22nd following church, with lunch provided.

The speaker will be Tim Voorhees, who recently merged his law practice with Lloyd Copenbarger in Irvine. Mr. Voorhees has been an estate planner since 1978. During the 1980s, he consulted with a variety of leading investment firms to help develop investment policy statements and conducted asset allocation seminars with professors

2010 Endowment Grants

The Planned Giving Committee announced two grants based on income from the LNPC endowment fund. Children's Ministry will receive \$200 in a grant to fund five scholarships for VBC, and the Music Ministry will receive \$285 to support the children's music instruction program.

from leading graduate financial programs. Since 1990 he has focused on zero tax and charitable planning issues of concern to individuals with estates of \$3 million or larger.

So how do charitable trusts work? Well, there are a variety of vehicles and options depending on the individual situation (e.g., charitable gift annuities, deferred payment gift annuities, charitable remainder annuity trusts, and charitable remainder unitrusts). But here is a typical scenario. Let's assume a retired person has significant wealth tied up in real estate, stocks, a business, or other asset that has appreciated over the years. In addition, the asset may be generating little or no current income. If the asset is sold, it will trigger a large capital gain tax by both the federal government and the state government. The combined tax can easily amount to 38%. And that tax is likely to increase next year.

In addition, if the estate ("death") tax is restored next year (as is the want of the Obama administration), that same asset may result in a significant estate tax at the time of death. If not protected in a trust of some kind, probate expenses will take a further bite out of the appreciated asset.

By donating the property to the church (with the income to flow back to the donor), all of these problems are solved: 1) the church can sell the

appreciated asset without taxation. 2) the church can then re-invest the funds in higher income producing assets so the donor ends up with significantly higher current income, 3) the donor can take a tax deduction on the gift to reduce current income tax, 4) the annuity or trust distributes the income (and optionally some of the principle) back to the donor, and 5) the asset is no longer in the donor's estate, thus reducing the estate tax and probate costs. If the asset is eventually donated to the LNPC Endowment fund, the remaining asset will produce income to support God's calling long after the donor has passed – virtually forever.

To have an opportunity to interact one-on-one with a foremost national expert on these types of annuities and trusts, please plan on attending this one-of-a-kind seminar. There is absolutely no obligation – just an opportunity to learn from the pro. Members of every church in our Presbytery will be invited, so we expect a good turnout. Please watch for an updated announcement in the bulletin and on the website (www.lnpc.org) in August to confirm the date, which was not firm at press time. If you want to learn more, please plan on attending. And enjoy the lunch!

*By Bill Lee, Chair of the LNPC
Planned Giving Committee*



Tim Voorhees

Emily's Desk

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unless you personally give permission. Pastors are also bound by confidentiality rules.

- If you have a need, please call us at the office or your deacon! First!
- Please be clear about how you would like others to know or not know your needs.

You may be shy or think someone else will tell us, but it doesn't always happen. And if you do hear of someone in need, please ask them, "May I have permission to call the office or pastors?" This way we can follow up. We will ask if the information is confidential, if you would like it on the prayer chain, and what we can do for you. Needs vary—from meals or transportation to someone to sit with or talk with.

So what do you do? Call the church office.

We will take note and follow up to determine what sort of help we might be. This will initiate the process to begin caring in an appropriate manner. If the matter is confidential, rest assured the pastors WILL honor that request, even if we hear it from others.

If you are one who likes to help others, we have many ministries in which you may like to participate. You can be part of the chain of love that supports others in caring:

- Meal delivery
- Rides to doctors
- Help with receptions
- Connect with resources
- Health care ministry
- Flower delivery
- Cards or phone calls
- Prayer chain (email)

Remember, this summer Health Care Ministry team will have blood pressure screening on Sunday July 18 and

August 15 from 11 am to 11:30.



Small Group Bible Studies are a great way to meet others and grow in your knowledge of the goodness of God. We hope to find more ways and places to connect through studying the Lord's Word and applying it to our lives together. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Emily.

Congrats! Class of 2010

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Carrie Ann Lee
Kelly Margaret Williams

Trade School

Matthew Heath

**If you know of a grad who was not on the list, please contact the church office so we may acknowledge him/her.*



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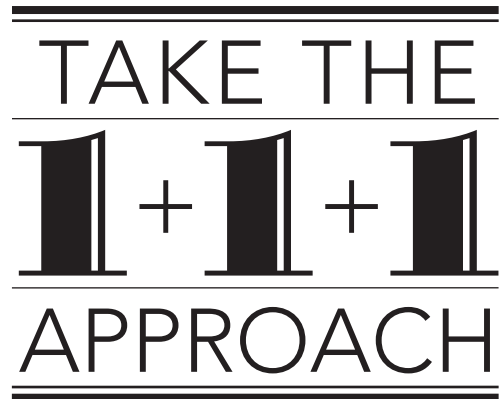
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**One Hour of Worship
One Hour of Personal Growth
One Hour of Service
— EVERY WEEK —**

**See how this changes
your life!**