

# Perspectives

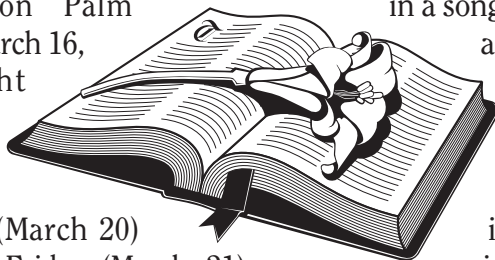
LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2008

## Services Come Alive For Holy Week

**Between Palm Sunday and Easter, LNPC Offers  
Community Several Worship Opportunities**

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church will offer four seasonal worship services during Holy Week, including the Children's Pageant on Palm Sunday, March 16, candlelight services on both Maundy Thursday (March 20) and Good Friday (March 21), and Easter Celebration Services on March 23.



with His disciples, and the arrest and crucifixion of our Lord. The Pathfinders' children will lead the congregation in a song of hope as we anticipate the resurrection of our Savior on Easter morning. This special service will be held on Sunday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Pageant on Palm Sunday will feature LNPC's children and youth as they portray Jesus' life during Holy Week. Children of all ages will participate in this dramatic portrayal and music presentation. We'll experience His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper

For Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m., attendees will have time to reflect as they participate in a service of hand washing followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Communion). As Jesus washed his followers' feet in an act of humble service, attendees will

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# LNPC News

## Katrina Kitchen Is Back!

The Katrina Kitchen is back and bringing with her some traditional Southern dining delights. Join us on March 9, for a great lunch of MissMis Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, and King's Cake for dessert.

This event is more than just excellent food, but a send-off for LNPC's Mississippi Mission team, according to Carl Knutsen and Jerry McCloskey, who are team co-captains for the mission trip. LNPC members, both adults and youth, will travel there April 5-12 to help families in Mississippi who are still trying to recover from the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina. Even if you aren't able to participate in the mission trip this year, you can still be involved by signing up to become a sponsor. For example, sponsorship opportunities include a Care Kit for a Mississippi church member for \$10; or a team van for the week for as much as \$500, and everything in-between. Also, feel free to become a member of the special prayer team whose mission is to pray for our members on the trip.

Please plan on stopping by in Gard Hall for a good lunch, great fellowship, and pictures from our past trips to Mississippi.

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## The Rainbow of Love

Starting on March 30, Rev. Fred Davis, a retired ordained minister and new member at LNPC, will lead a very special eight-session adult class entitled "The Rainbow of Love."

The series is based on 1st Corinthians 13, a popular and commonly used set of verses in many weddings. He will be discussing the preeminence of love, the spectrum of love, the tenacity of love, and love's immortal elements.

Classes will be held in the conference room from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. through May 18.

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## Holy Week Services

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be invited to wash each other's hands to symbolize service to one another and the Lord.

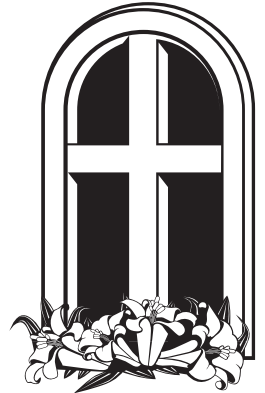
The next evening, the Good Friday Service of Tenebrae, also known as the Service of Darkness, commemorating the suffering and death of Christ will also be held at 7:30 p.m. This powerful service begins with candles lit throughout the sanctuary symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World. As the service progresses, candles are extinguished dramatically portraying the fading light of Christ as he leaves the world. Readings will be given with music and liturgical dancers interspersed throughout the service. In addition, special music by the Chancel Choir, Worship Ensemble and Liturgical Dancers will be performed at both services.

The week will culminate with Easter Celebration services on March 23, rejoicing that Christ has risen. Celebrate with a full choir, uplifting music and special instrumentation to help us experience the joy of Jesus' resurrection. Services will be held at 8:50 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

"Come experience Christ's last week of ministry with his followers," said Dr. Randy Steele, head pastor at LNPC. "We begin the week seeing Christ's triumphant and humble welcome to Jerusalem through eyes of children. Then, we'll experience his last meal with disciples on Maundy Thursday; and meditate on his trial and death for Good Friday, culminating to the celebration of his resurrection and new life on Easter morning."

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us and take part in any and all of these services.

- March 16 at 10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Children's Pageant
- March 20 at 7:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday
- March 21 at 7:30 p.m. – Good Friday
- March 23 at 8:50 & 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Lilies For The Sanctuary

To purchase lilies for decorating the Sanctuary during the Easter Season, fill out the form below and return it to the church office. Lilies are \$12 each, and the last day to sign up is Monday, March 17. Mail in your form to: LNPC, 30071 Ivy Glenn Drive, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 or FAX to: (949) 249-1599.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies \_\_\_\_ at \$12 each

Given in honor of:

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### March Birthdays

- |                     |                      |                        |                       |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1-Robert Naeve      | 7-Sarah Kamariotakis | 14-Brian Mangan        | 22-Ashley Montgomery  |
| 1-Max Weber         | 7-Bill Leber         | 14-Dick Wiggers        | 23-Mark Montgomery    |
| 2-Judy Grant        | 8-Tom Adams          | 15-Helga Mantele       | 23-Ted Vaeches        |
| 2-Jean Shelton      | 8-Kent Lacy          | 16-Mary Decker         | 24-Desley Adams       |
| 2-Andrea Adams      | 8-Debbie Perkins     | 16-Emma Lee            | 24-Krisha Hartman     |
| 2-Marjorie Anderson | 9-Lynn Dodge         | 16-Ken Rohde           | 24-Ian Hopkins        |
| 2-Scott Beckett     | 10-Allison Naeve     | 17-Nancy Dudley        | 27-Kristen Robelotto  |
| 2-Hal Carpenter     | 11-MacKenzie Skelton | 17-Marilyn Weber       | 28-Helen Campbell     |
| 2-Richard Chung     | 11-Kristen Spalding  | 18-Fred Barker         | 28-Linda Schmidt      |
| 6-Steve Adams       | 12-Tim Link          | 19-Anastassia Hartmann | 29-Lauren Hohman      |
| 6-Ethan Banyard     | 13-Astrid Brescia    | 19-Kurt Neufeld        | 29-Maryon Hudson      |
| 6-Tory Kartchner    | 13-Vicki Davisson    | 19-Daniel Wright       | 29-Betty Von Der Lohe |
| 6-Craig Lacy        | 13-Mary Hatt         | 20-Jaime Colley        | 30-Doris Black        |
| 6-Elle Smith        | 13-Barbara Rohde     | 20-Sam Johnson         | 30-Derrick Carter     |
| 6-Valerie Weber     | 13-Jeni Wiggers      | 21-Alexander Phillip   | 30-Sarah Estes        |
| 7-Bob Forshee       | 14-Kelly Knutson     |                        |                       |

### March Anniversaries

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|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1-Ronnie and Colleen Veruto | 11 years | 16-Howard and Hope Lane   | 57 years |
| 2-Bill and Sistie Stevens   | 51 years | 21-Clifford and Ellie Fox | 55 years |
| 2-Robert and Virginia Naeve | 23 years | 26-Helga and John Mantele | 46 years |

## Announcing the Spring 2008 Programs of The Musica Sacra Singers

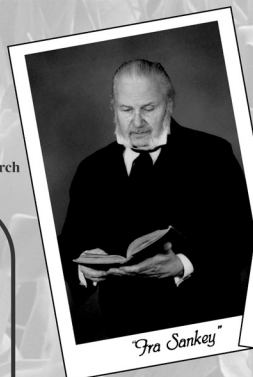
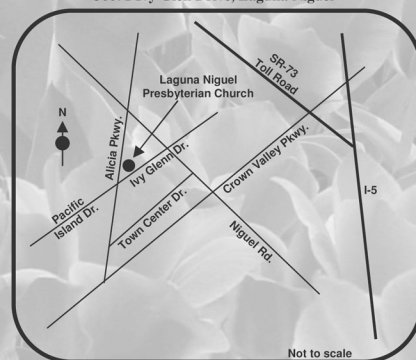
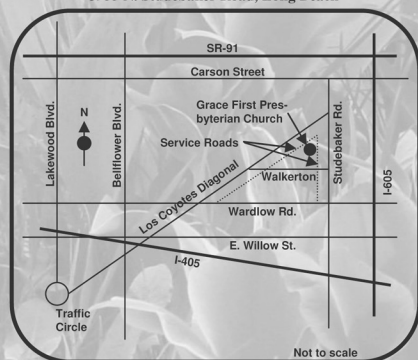


The Musica Sacra Singers will present identical programs under the direction of Dr. William Lock on consecutive Sunday afternoons in March at 4 PM. The program on March 2 will be at Grace First Presbyterian Church in Long Beach, and the March 9 program at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church in Laguna Niguel. Maps showing the locations of the two churches are given below.

The program will include selections from a wonderful repertoire of inspiring sacred choral music by renowned English composers such as John Rutter, Gustav Holst, and Ralph Vaughan Williams, and outstanding American composers/arrangers such as Fred Bock, Lloyd Pfautsch, Daniel Moe and Carolyn Johnson. The 90-minute program will conclude with a visit from Fra Sankey, the famous soloist and songleader for the great D.L. Moody, along with an appearance of America's most prolific hymnwriter, Fanny Crosby, author of "Blessed Assurance".

4 PM on Sunday, March 2, at Grace First Presbyterian Church  
3955 N. Studebaker Road, Long Beach

4 PM on Sunday, March 9, at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church  
30071 Ivy Glen Drive, Laguna Niguel



Fra Sankey



Fanny Crosby

Concert parking and admission are free; an offering may be taken.

Visit the Musica Sacra Singers website at <http://www.themusicasacrasingers.com>



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**One Hour of Worship  
 One Hour of Personal Growth  
 One Hour of Service**

**See how this changes  
 your life!**

# A Message from Randy

Dear Church Family,

Last Sunday, at our Annual Congregational Meeting, we shared the joy of witnessing the Lord's work in and through our church in 2007. We were blessed with nearly a 10% increase in membership and a fantastic year in financial giving. Because of your generous and sacrificial contributions, we received enough pledges to "burn the mortgage" on the McCullen Center in two years and we fully funded our ministry and mission commitments in the 2007 operating budget (including a \$26,000 surplus). Thank you all for your participation in the Lord's work through LNPC. It was a great year!

At the congregational meeting, I also shared my excitement for 2008 and the goals I believe will move us into our preferred future. I truly believe the Lord will continue to lead us and bless us as we remain faithful in our ministry and vision.

Let share with you what I see for LNPC in 2008. I envision our church becoming:

**Outwardly Focused in Our Ministry** — Our church does not exist for itself, but for what hap-



**Dr. Randall Steele**

pens beyond itself. Therefore, our church needs to deploy people who out love, out care, and out dare the world. I see members of our church ministering where they live and work so that they are able to help other people come alive in their faith by accepting Christ's grace and love. I see our church participating in three new outwardly-focused ministries in our community in 2008.

**Intentionally Invitational** — LNPC is alive with new, exciting ministries and opportunities for people to grow in their faith. Therefore, I believe our best outreach program is that which contains the enthusiasm of our own members. I envision our own church members intentionally inviting six new family members, friends, or neighbors to personally share in the happenings of our church over the course of this new year. I see LNPC growing 20% in our active membership in 2008.

**Relationally Connected** — To be serious in our ministries to each other and the world, LNPC members need to be relationally connected with each other. Once a week they can be together to be open and honest about who they are and where they are hurting or hoping. They meet to be the

church to each other: to study the Word, to have fellowship, and to take an inventory on each other's ministries. I see LNPC developing a small group ministry that will spawn 20 new groups throughout our church in 2008.

**Functionally Missional** — If the church desires to speak a relevant, transforming message today as well as in the future, it must encourage, support, and equip men, women, and families to live their Christian faith in the arenas of their daily work, neighborhoods, schools, market places, and spheres of influence. The key for a relevant church is to develop ongoing strategies for effective ministry that puts the primary emphasis on the ministry of the laity. In 2008, I see the Session of our church developing a mission strategy that will empower, equip, and support our members in discovering their ministry passions and gifts for deployment in our world.

I pray you will join me in living out these goals and experiencing the dynamic and transforming presence in and through the process. Let's trust the Lord in our commitments and planning and see what the Lord will do!

In Christ's love,

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

# SHARING *Our Caring*

Congratulations to Stacy and Mike Malone on the birth of their daughter, Sydney Kiyomi.

Our prayers of support to two families: Fred Barker on the death of his father; and Judy Ruddiman on the death of her father.

## **At Home**

Doris Black; Gladys Brassel; Astrid & Michael Brescia; Marjorie Crane; Maud DeKoning; Gerrie Duran; Michael Duran; Vern Kindall; Donna McCullen; Connie Peace; Marjorie Phillips; Jan Pierson; Bill Ruddiman; Irene Vorland; Jim Wilson; and Brice Yoder.

## **In Health Care Facilities**

Willie Brown; Lawrence Richardson; Dory Sargent; and Dan Winther.

## **Family and Friends**

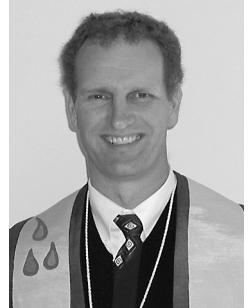
Kathy Anderson and family (sister of Carole Clement); Nancy Baumgart (friend of Claudia Vitalich); Kathy Biewenga (friend of Debbie Perkins); Joyce Bodell (Ethel Janik's friend); Russell Bowden (grandson of Carol Durst-Winther); Connie Burns (friend of Claudia Vitalich); Jerry Christensen (Marie Kaufer's step-brother); Dave Delancy; Matt Epperly (friend of Nancy Lacy); Linda Hanson (John Flannery's friend); Sally Lee Howd (Mal and Doris Black's friend); Mahalia Isas (granddaughter of Winnona's Gaviglio's friend); Barbara Katz (friend of Audrey Hart); Gary Kirchner (friend of Penny Moberg); Carole Larson (Marie & Ed Kaufer's friend); Karyn Lawless (JoAn & Jim Merklin's daughter); John Logan (Andy Logan's son); Denise McColl (Duncan McColl's relative); Trella Moyer (Marvel Anderson's sister); Quinn James Paulson (Ann Paulson's grandson); Marilyn Patterson (Sally Kappen's grandma); Lucille Pelletier (friend of Kathy Vangsnes); David Riorden (Christine Clark's father); Stephen Roebuck (Kathleen Roebuck's son); Janet Roffina (Edie Sholtz's daughter-in-law); Grayson Smiley & Mother (friend of Pat Knirk); Bob Ward (Judie Ward's brother-in-law); Nate Weber (Linda Bare's grandson); Bill Weldon (Ethel Janik's brother-in-law); Brian Welch (friend of Pat Knirk); and Bob & Vickie Whale (friend of Kathy Vangsnes).

## **In Iraq**

PFC Michael Beach (Sue & Bob Kirkpatrick's nephew); Lt. Robby Crotty and Capt. Katie Crotty (Jeff Crotty's brother and sister-in-law); and Maj. Wayne Lacey (Lani Colley's brother-in-law).

# Duncan's Desk

**E**aster is coming! For Christians it is most important holiday of the year far surpassing the commercially boosted time of Christmas. I think back to my childhood and I am grateful for the faith that my parents passed on to our generation. We in the church also pass on the faith to new believers and new generations.



**Rev. Duncan  
McColl**

One of the powerful and lasting sources of our theological understanding of God comes from the hymns we sing. They help us remember the story and capture powerful emotions all at the same time. One of my Easter favorites from childhood to this day is "He Lives." I can still hear my dad's deep voice bellowing out the verses in our car ride to church and the confidence it conveyed to me. The words from the refrain are powerful even for us today, "He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart."

My Easter prayer for you is that you can confidently know that the risen Savior who has overcome all the world's ills within your heart. In that confident power, we serve others and share the joyful good news.

Easter Blessings,  
**Pastor Duncan**

## One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is a nonprofit, ecumenical relief and rehabilitation ministry that provides for the needy all over the world. This ministry gives:

- immediate first-aid and more to victims of natural disasters, including earthquakes in Indonesia or the Mississippi hurricanes;
- help to communities build their own resources to feed themselves long term;
- wells overseas for safe drinking water;
- clean sanitation; and
- clean water for irrigating crops.

More than 100 countries receive support including: Bosnia, Bangladesh, Mozambique, Egypt, Sudan and Venezuela. You can learn more about this ministry by reading the flyer that will be stapled into the March *Perspectives*. Return the OGHS envelope to the church office or place in the offering plate by Easter Sunday, March 23.



## Easter Basket Project

Easter baskets, coloring books, crayons, small toys, stuffed animals, candy and artificial grass will be collected in Gard Hall and in the Narthex until March 16 (Palm Sunday) for families of the Marines at Camp Pendleton.

Bring in donations of empty or filled baskets. Toys must be safe for children under age 3 and due to allergies, candies may not contain peanuts. On March 16, feel free to join in assembling the baskets in Gard Hall after the second service. For more information, contact Margaret Lee at 230-8999 or Beverly Lee at 249-9277.

# SERVICE *in Action*

## Lunches for Homeless

LNPC is looking for someone who has a heart for the homeless to coordinate the "Bag Ladies," a group of ladies who get together monthly to make sack lunches for the Friendship Shelter in Laguna Beach. It's a three to four-hour time commitment. Contact Sandy Walden at swalden1@cox.net or 337-5579.

## Food Drive

Through the month of March, LNPC will be collecting pasta for South County Outreach (SCO). Let's see how many barrels of noodles and hungry mouths we can fill! There will be bins available in the narthex and the lobby of Gard Hall.

## LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2008 – Operating Fund Budget

	2007 Actual	2008 Budget
<b>Income:</b>		
Pledged Receipts	556,714.00	602,918.00
Non-Pledged Receipts	197,765.00	180,000.00
Other Income	8,995.00	7,600.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>763,474.00</b>	<b>790,518.00</b>
<b>Expense:</b>		
Personnel Administration	455,513.00	489,961.00
Building and Grounds	58,308.00	73,092.00
Utilities	37,700.00	37,900.00
Worship and Music	20,920.00	22,600.00
Communications	4,804.00	4,500.00
Connections	829.00	1,500.00
Finance and Office Operations	41,321.00	43,525.00
Stewardship	9,537.00	9,240.00
Congreg Life	2,600.00	1,600.00
Congreg and Community Care	1,837.00	1,400.00
Training and Development	7,330.00	5,000.00
Session	84,537.00	84,300.00
Christian Education – Children	6,282.00	6,700.00
Christian Education – Youth	4,766.00	5,200.00
Christian Education – Adults	1,129.00	4,000.00
*Missions and Issues	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>737,413.00</b>	<b>790,518.00</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>26,061.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

\*Funding for Mission and Issues is supported by Building Fund Mission Outreach fund.

# CHILDREN'S *Ministries*

## Children's Easter Pageant

On Palm Sunday March 16, at the 10:30 service, the children and youth of LNPC will present a dramatic performance of Holy Week.

You will be taken on a journey through the last week of Jesus' life. We'll experience His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper with His disciples, and the arrest and crucifixion of our Lord. The Pathfinders' children will lead the congregation in a song of hope as we anticipate the resurrection of our Savior on Easter morning.



## Creative Ministry Opportunity

Looking for fun, fellowship and an opportunity to help our children grow in their faith? Consider joining the Children's Ministry Commission Team.

The commission meets monthly on the second Tuesday in Room 204, across from the Children's Education office, at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11.

"We're looking for members who want to help with planning and implementing children's

activities and programs, including Sunday School, Pathfinders, VBC and Connect 45," said Stacy Podres, co-director of children's ministries.

For more information, contact Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres at (949) 249-1218, x220.



## Feel the Power!

Save the date for LNPC's Vacation Bible Camp "Power Lab" which will be held on July 21-25, 2008.

Children ages 4 through entering 5th grade have full access pass to LNPC's laboratory where we'll discover Jesus' miraculous power through Bible stories, music, crafts, drama, recreation and snacks.

Early registration begins Sunday, April 20.

## Did You Know???

"An aware parent loves all children he or she meets and interacts with – for you are a caretaker for those moments in time." -Doc Childre

**Questions? Contact Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres at (949) 249-1218 x220, or by email [kids@lnpc.org](mailto:kids@lnpc.org)**

## LNPC News

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## Spring Fashion Displayed on April 19

Ladies: are you interested in seeing what's the newest and latest in spring fashions? Make plans to attend Presbyterian Women's Spring Fashion Show and Lunch on Saturday, April 19, at the El Niguel Country Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

As part of this annual event, there will be a delicious lunch and attendees can bid on fun items at the silent auction. We need your help to obtain fun items for our silent auction – and to be our special guest at this marvelous event!

Please join the ladies of LNPC for a fun day. Watch for your invitation in the mail, and look for the sign up table on the plaza. For more details, contact Marilyn Campman at 429-3851.

## Lenten Series Continues

Lent is a time when Christians make themselves spiritually ready for Easter and Christ's resurrection from the dead. This year in preparation, Pastor Randy has led a weekly study to understand the Beatitudes not as an achievement, but as a blessing.

Two more classes will be held on Wednesday evenings in Gard Hall on March 5 and 12. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., and the study begins at 7 p.m. Sign up at the Adult Education booth on Sundays, or contact Donald Weber at 292-8253. Child-care is available by reservation.