

# Perspectives

LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2008

## LNPC Fall Schedule

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church is very excited about our Fall Schedule and the events to come, especially after a great summer of ministry and programs, we are kicking off our Fall schedule with a big event in September.

### The Kiev Symphony

The Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will be performing in the church Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each. For ticket information, call the church office at (949) 249-1218.

### Small Groups

The second great ministry opportunity for you begins the week of Sept. 14. During this week LNPC will begin a new, all-church small group experience for everyone who would like to connect with others in a caring and supportive community with growth in their faith of Christ by reading "Life on Loan". If you are interested in joining a small group or forming a group with your friends, call Karen Skinner at (949) 218-2505.

### New Members Seminar

On Sept. 13 LNPC is offering a seminar for those interested in learning about our church, faith, and Christian discipleship. Anyone who would like to experience Christian community and learn about church membership is encouraged to attend. Come and

learn what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ. The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. in Gard Hall and will end at 3:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Call LNPC office at (949) 249-1218 to register or for more information.

### Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry is ready to kick off their Fall Schedule with Pathfinders (children's after school program) resuming on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 3:30 p.m. All children from Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to come for a fun afternoon of Bible stories, music, recreation, and crafts. Call Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres at (949) 249-1218 ext. 220.

### Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry is excited about their Fall Schedule and all the thrilling events scheduled.

- There will be an All Family School Year Youth Kick-Off Friday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m.
- Fish (senior high) will be attending a Youth Rally at Irvine Presbyterian Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- There will be a Youth Booth set up Sunday, Sept. 7 to register for Confirmation. Cost of registration is \$45.00. Call Prentice Park at (949) 249-1218 ext. 223.

**Sunday School** for both Children and Youth Ministries will begin Sept. 7.

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### Music Ministry

- The Children's Choir is starting back up on Monday, Sept. 8 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir will begin practicing again Thursday, Sept. 4 from 7:30 p.m - 9:00 p.m.
- The Spain Choir will be leaving on tour Wednesday, Sept. 24 and returning Tuesday, Oct. 7.

*\*For details look inside this issue.*

# Preparing Your Legacy

In the wall of the sanctuary narthex is our LNPC time capsule to be opened at the 100-year anniversary of the construction of the worship space. What message do you guess will be shared at that time? We won't know for another 87 years, but those who packed it will leave a message about what was important for those who open it. How would you like to leave a message about what is important in your life to future generations without waiting for 87 years? You can, by using the LNPC Endowment Fund.



Through the LNPC Endowment Fund, each of us can continue what was meaningful to us and at the same time, support the work and mission of LNPC. You can leave an eternal legacy in the name of Jesus Christ.

It works like this. Through gifts and bequests, the fund is conservatively invested to steadily grow in value over time. The income generated by the fund (the principle is never spent) is distributed annually for the needs of the church or community (the focus is on mission-related work). Donors have the option of designating the gift or allowing it to be used where it is most needed. LNPC administers the fund under strict guidelines adopted by the Session. The goal is to sponsor activities that are not ordinarily funded by either the annual Operating Fund or Building Fund.

By combining our collective gifts and bequests we can hope to accomplish much more than we could individually. For example, if we meet our immediate goal of \$5 million in commitments, which will eventually, translate into at least \$200,000 of income annually! Wow – just think of the possibilities with that much income. And there is no reason to believe the fund will not eventually grow much larger than that.

Remembering the work of Christ in our estate planning is only one element of a comprehensive plan that each of us should review every so often. To assist you, LNPC is sponsoring a series of free estate planning seminars beginning in late January or early February. There is no charge and no commitment involved and we are hoping most of our congregation will eventually take advantage of these seminars. Watch the bulletin for more information and more details as they emerge over the fall and winter.

While most of us will not be around for the time capsule ceremony, we each have an opportunity to leave a meaningful legacy through planned giving right now!

In God's name, your Planned Giving Committee: Bill Lee, Jim Settles, Claire Burrill, Craig Lacy, Ron Reynolds, Steve Galloway, Pastor Randy Steele and Pastor Duncan McColl.

## LNPC Finance and Operations 2008 Income and Expense Report

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Year to Date
<b>Operating Fund</b>								
Income	63,398	47,217	66,758	51,151	59,501	61,513	70,294	419,832
Expenses	67,879	60,627	64,859	57,197	60,795	61,641	66,253	439,251
Net Income (Deficit)	(4,481)	(13,410)	1,899	(6,046)	(1,294)	(129)	4,041	(19,419)
<b>Building Fund</b>								
Income	10,802	9,054	11,272	15,022	7,785	12,526	10,009	76,470
Mortgage (prin+int)	(11,798)	(11,798)	(11,798)	(11,798)	(11,798)	(11,798)	(11,798)	(82,586)
Other Expenses	–	–	–	–	–	(28)	–	(28)
Net Income (Deficit)	(996)	(2,744)	(526)	3,224	(4,013)	700	(1,789)	(6,144)
<b>Building Fund Cash Reserve:</b>		64,155						
<b>Note Payable – Bank of the West:</b>		322,243						

# A Message from Randy

## Kiev Symphony Orchestra

After a great summer of ministry and programs, we are kicking off our Fall schedule with two big events in September that I don't want you to miss. First, I am excited to share with you that The Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will perform in our Sanctuary on Saturday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. Three years ago we had these 140 gifted musicians in our church and homes for a fabulous concert and ministry. For those of you who were fortunate to hear them when they performed in our church, you know the caliber and quality of their music. This year promises to be even more spectacular.

For those who have not experienced their music and ministry, let me share with you their vision. Realizing that music has a profound effect on the hearts of people, the Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus proclaims the love of Christ and truths of the Scripture through great Christian classics in its concerts. This is the cornerstone of their mission and the vehicle that has uniquely opened up so many doors to them in their country.

The group began in 1992 when Roger and Diane McMurrin were invited by an Episcopal priest to come to Kiev, Ukraine, to perform

Handel's Messiah. Roger hired 35 Ukrainian professional singers and a local orchestra to premier this work, which had been prohibited by the Communists for seventy years.



**Dr. Randall Steele**

The concert hall was overflowing with people that night, and the enthusiastic audience experienced "an explosion of Light" as their souls were touched by a glimpse of God's glory. Audience attendees came up to Roger after the concert saying, "You have to tell us more about this Jesus..." This left a lasting impression on the McMurrins and shortly afterwards they felt the call to leave their life in America, and move to this former Soviet country to continue their ministry to the people of Ukraine.

Since their return in 1993, the Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus have premiered over 82 Christian classics, many of which have been aired on radio and television across Ukraine. On eight tours of the United States, the KSOC has introduced Americans to Ukraine and the extensive ministries of Music Mission Kiev.

Tickets for the concert are \$20.00 and you may pick them up on Sundays or in the office. This is a wonderful way for you to share this gift of music and ministry with your neighbors and friends. We have 450 tickets and 100 have

already been sold. I would love to see a sold out concert!

## Small Groups

The second great ministry opportunity for you begins the week of September 14. During this week LNPC will begin a new, all-church small group experience for everyone who would like to connect with others in a caring and supportive community and grow in their Christ faith.

We will meet twice a month and read together a wonderful book, *Living Life on Loan*. Each group will meet for Bible study and sharing for 6 sessions. We will finish before Thanksgiving.

If you have been looking to build relationships with others and grow in your faith, then sign up on the patio after Sunday worship, or call the church office. You may sign up as individuals and we will place you in a group, or you may sign up as a group. All you need to be a host is a TV and a DVD player. It couldn't be easier or more fun! I am praying for at least 20 new groups. I know this will be a great experience for us all.

In Christ's love,

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

# SHARING *Our Caring*

## Life of the LNPC Community

We rejoice at the birth of Benjamin David Steele, son of Dan and Jennie Steele and grandson of Randy and Ann Steele, who was born on July 29, 2008.

We celebrate the baptism of Kara Nicole Lee, daughter of Heather and Yong Lee on July 6, 2008

On August 17, 2008 we rejoiced at the baptism of Connor Pierce O'Neill, son of Amy and Rob O'Neill, and grandson of Frank and Carlene Pearce.

Please remember the family of Jim Wilson (wife Linda) in your prayers. Jim died peacefully at home after a long battle with illness. A service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at LNPC on August 23rd.

Please pray for LNPC member Sara Irene Tarvaran and family as they mourn the loss of husband Adolph, Irene's partner of 41 years. A funeral service was held on August 16th at LNPC to celebrate.

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:

## At Home

Marjorie Crane; Maud DeKoning; Dave McComas; Donna McCullen; Connie Peace; Ron Pearce; Marjorie Phillips; Irene Vorland; Wally Sargent; Vannah Wells; Daniel C. Winther; and Dean Winter.

## In Health Care Facilities

Gladys Brassel; Michael Brescia; Willie Brown; and Dory Sargent.

## Friends and Family

Mary Abbott (friend of Nancy Humphrey); Jenna Aldridge (Ehlers' family friend); Eileen Algaze (friend of Chris Berry); Jack Anderson (friend of Lawrence Richardson); Kathy Anderson & family (sister of Carole Clement); Joyce Bodell (Ethel Janik's friend); Russell Bowden (grandson of Carol Durst-Winther); Erin Buenger (Quin Thornburg's niece); Susan Cambio (Hospice Coordinator); Dave Delancy; Matt Epperly (friend of Nancy Lacy); Phyllis Holder (Carolyn & Joe Ditto's friend); Linda Hanson (John Flannery's friend); James Humphrey (John Humphrey's father); Stephanie Joyce (friend of Nancy Humphrey); Gary Kirchner (friend of Penny Moberg); Karyn Lawless (JoAn & Jim Merklin's daughter); Sharon McColl (Duncan McColl's aunt); Trella Moyer (Marvel Anderson's sister); Richard Odgers (Richard & Marilyn Odgers); Lucille Pelletier (friend of Kathy Vangsnes); Frank (Marty) Reid (Gregory Reid's father); David; Riorden (Christine Clark's father); Roger Rhyne (Dunn family friend); Grayson Smiley & Mother (friend of Pat Knirk); Bob Ward (Judie Ward's brother-in-law); and Bob & Vickie Whale (friend of Kathy Vangsnes).

## In Iraq

PFC Michael Beach (Sue & Bob Kirkpatrick's nephew); Captain Dan Feehan (Khalifa family friend); Maj. Wayne Lacey (Lani Colleys' brother-in-law); and Rob Rowe (friend of Linda Wilson).

# Duncan's Desk

This week (mid August) I was called to my first crisis as a volunteer chaplain for Orange County Fire. I serve a battalion of six fire stations in South Orange County (Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, and Aliso Viejo). It is one way I can be involved in the local community. I was asked by a retired firefighter



**Rev. Duncan  
McColl**

to help his godson and a group of junior high youth deal with the impending death of their friend, 14 year old Nathan Gonzales. Nathan was hit by a car while riding his skate board sustaining severe injuries. Four hours after that phone call we were gathered at the local park for a community conversation. Over 50 people arrived, 35 teens and more than a dozen adults. The kids understandably showed a wide range of normal responses, some hugging and crying, others distancing by with jokes or playful pushing.

Many of the kids came alone, their parents away or not involved – and here was this crisis moment. It was then I noticed the moms acted together as a community. These moms and godparents cared for the entire neighborhood doing what they needed to bring healing and caring.

Christ's body, the church, is like those people. We care for our community particularly in times of crisis. If we take time now to be involved with and to know those around us, the opportunities will come. If we are alert, we can touch others for the Lord. At times it may be dramatic, at others time quietly and faithfully. You might be the person who reaches out to the lonely neighbor or a broken family. When the opportunities come, we can reach out like the retired fire fighter to bring reassurance. Together we can reach out to the people who God puts in our paths and become translators of God's loving care in their lives.

Blessings,  
Pastor Duncan

# LNPC News

## Music Ministry

Do you hear angels singing? Why it's our children singing! LNPC Children's Choir is starting back up on Monday, Sept. 8 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please contact Lee Lee Truong at: [QuinlanKay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:QuinlanKay@sbcglobal.net) or (714) 425-6638 for more information.

## Food Drive

South County Outreach wants to thank you for helping to stock their shelves during the summer months. South County Outreach is starting to collect food for Thanksgiving in September and October. They need canned milk (for pies), turkey dressing, canned pumpkin, canned yams, and canned cranberries.

## Gifts for You

Do you feel "led by the spirit"? If not, would you like to be? On Sept. 19 and 20, LNPC will be conducting a Spiritual Gifts Ministry! The class will be Friday, Sept. 19, from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (includes breakfast and lunch). Our goal is to help each of you find out what your individual gifts are (there are SO many!) and how you can best utilize your gifts to glorify Christ – whether here at LNPC or in the community at large. Contact JoAnn Renning at (949) 362-8270 to let her know you will be attending – or sign up in the plaza at church. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Serving Those in Need

Presbyterian Women is a Wonderful group of women who focus on helping those in need, especially women and children. Any woman – young, old or in between – who attends LNPC can attend our events and help with our projects. We invite you to join us for

# HEALTH *Ministries*

## Community Emergency Academy

LNPC was represented at a 7-week course for Community Emergency Response. The course was offered free of charge by the City of Laguna Niguel. The purpose of the course was to train citizens on how to help themselves, their families, and the community in the event of a disaster. Pictured are Randy Steele, Ellen Pearce and Sandy Walden. Randy led a response team of approximately 20 volunteers in a drill at City Hall. The drill depicted an explosion scenario with many casualties and an unsafe environment. The City Fire and Ambulance services arrived and participated as part of the drill. Ellen and Sandy handled medical triage while Judy Grant was assigned to Logistics.



## Flu Shots

The Flu shots will be late this year – not just for our program but for the entire nation, since these shots are made in 3 sites, directed by the World Health Organization. The following is a notice from Hoag Hospital:

WHO is revising the prediction of next year's influenza virus strains and has decided to change all three strains. This is in response to this year's bad flu season when the vaccine missed most of the flu viruses. Instead of the normal H1N1 and H3N2 and the B strains, Brisbane/10 like subtype and Brisbane/59 like subtype will be substituted in. Malaysia B subtype is replaced with Florida B subtype also. Since it takes about 8 months to grow the virus, manufacturers had started in January guessing what the next year strains will be. Now they must start all over again. Also, the yield of growing Brisbane strains is usually lower. That will have an impact on the supply next year. All the above means we most likely will not see any shipment in September or October. No one is projecting a shortage yet, but a delay in our vaccination program is imminent.

– Chris Burke RN, MS • Manager, Health Ministries  
Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian

our Annual Kick Off Meeting & Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at Mimi's Café on La Paz in Laguna Niguel. We'll talk about our new project with Kathy's House in SJC and discuss existing programs with Friendship Shelter, House of Hope and Mary Magdalene Project, too. Great price – only \$15.00. Bring a friend! Please R.S.V.P. to Marilyn Campman at (949) 429-3851 or sign up in the plaza on Sunday!

## Thank you

I want to thank those who assisted Health Ministries in purchasing a second defibrillator and providing ongoing training. We now have two defibrillators, one in the narthex and one on the second floor of Gard Hall. We have 20 people trained in CPR/Defibrillator use and hope to sponsor another class this year.

—Ellen Pearce

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# CHILDREN'S *Ministries*

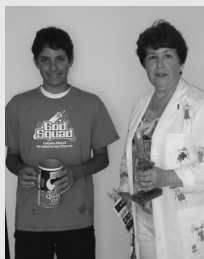
## Vacation Bible Camp Was A Huge Success!



**Protons Lauren Spalding, Natalia VonGierke, Claire Valian and Maya Rettig at Sonic Sing & Play.**

LNPC shared "Jesus' Miraculous Power" with over 100 campers, 35 youth helpers and 30 adult volunteers during the week of July 21st-25th.

We topped off this wonderful week on Sunday with a VBC Family Service and all church BBQ. What fun it was to have the children sing the songs they learned during camp and then rush out of the Sanctuary to take a trip down the Super Waterslide before enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch.



**Funologist Carol Stocksdales and her lab assistant Ryan Scarff.**



**The Neutron girls having fun after Water Works recreation.**



**The Neutron boys at the Wacky Craft Lab.**



**The Power Lab, where we "Discovered Jesus' Miraculous Power."**



**The Electron girls during Hyper-Speed Games.**

### Save the Date!

Pathfinders (children's after school program) resumes Wednesday, September 17th at 3:30 p.m. All children from Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to come for a fun afternoon of Bible stories, music, recreation, and crafts. Pathfinders meet Wednesday afternoons at LNPC on the patio from 3:30-5:15 pm. For more information contact Janice or Stacy at 249-1218 ext. 220.

**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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## LNPC Children Are Impacting Our Community and the World

During Vacation Bible Camp our children collected 395 pounds of food for the local South County Outreach. Our donations touch the lives of many people in our community by helping 16 homeless families become self reliant yearly, 25 families receive pantry groceries daily, 799 families are adopted for the holidays annually, 10,000 families (over 30,000 people) are served yearly, and 600,000 pounds of food are distributed each year. A half million people have been served since 1989 and 60% of those served were children. We have been so blessed to be part of this wonderful mission work.



Also during VBC week the children dropped off 30 bags full of children's clothing for Kid's Closet. Kid's closet operates on campus and supplies local families with slightly used clothing that they may come by and pick out for their children. This has been a wonderful service provided under the leadership of Winnona Gaviglio for the families here in Laguna Niguel and surrounding communities.



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a dynamic program designed to nurture mothers with children from infancy through kindergarten. If you are looking for: a 2½ hour break; inspiration from incredible guest speakers; heart-to-heart relationships with other moms; fun crafts and creative activities; a delicious breakfast; meaningful conversations with adults; and an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ; then MOPS is for you! We meet from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. Childcare provided. Please call Kirstin Gerry at (949) 310-3168 or Christie Phillips at (949) 429-7771 for registration information. Fall session begins Sept. 10th. Register now – space is limited.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Mission Coin Drive

Vacation Bible Camp coin drive collected \$730.42 for our mission projects, one of which is helping Hageyo Galaha. LNPC children's ministry has been supporting her for the past 12 years.



**Hageyo Galaha**

Hageyo is now 17 years old and lives in a village in Kenya, Africa with her family. Throughout the past years while working with World Vision, LNPC children have been able to purchase goats, basic staples, clothing, school supplies, and provide medical check-ups for her family. The monies we provide are used for Hageyo, her family and sometimes her village. It has been wonderful to watch her grow up and know we have played an important part in her development.



## Upcoming Fall Mission Project

Our Sunday school classes and Pathfinder Kids will be apart of making individual supply packages (containing paper booklets and writing supplies) for the Iraqi children. Wayne Lacey, one of our own LNPC soldiers serving in Iraq, requested these packets for the children there. He expressed that this is a great way to strengthen the bond between the soldiers who will give out these supplies and the Iraqi children who are in great need of these items. Our children will be adding some their own art work, notes, and putting them together so our soldiers can distribute them to local children where they are serving.

## Missed Graduations

- Anne Marie Barrette, graduated from Stanford University.
- Ashley Montgomery, Bachelors Degree in Political Science from University of California, Berkeley; applying to law schools.

## Perspectives Corrections

