

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

- There is a **Quiet Room** available in the back of the church across from the Nursery for families with infants and small children if needed.
- **Nursery Care** is available for infants through 3 years old in the Nursery located in the east hallway of the church.

Sunday School Classes for Children & Youth

- ◆ Families start worship together in our Sanctuary. During the service the children are invited up to the front steps for the Children's Message.
- ◆ After the Children's Message, all Pre-school through 5th grade students are escorted to their respective classrooms (listed below in bold) by their Sunday School teachers. Parents are welcome to join their children.
- ◆ After the service parents can pick up their children from their classrooms in the McCullen Center building next to the church.
- **Pre-school and Kindergarten children – Sunshine Room** located down the sidewalk to the left as you exit church.
- **1st and 2nd Grade students – Room 204; 3rd – 5th grade Room 202** located on the second floor of the McCullen Center Building.
- **Youth (6th – 12th grade) - Garage (Youth Room)** located on the 2nd floor of the McCullen Center Building. Youth gathers at 10:40 am.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children Ministries:

Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres
@ 249-1218, ext. 220 or kids@lnpc.org



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a dynamic program designed to nurture mothers with children from infancy through kindergarten. If you, or someone you know are looking for: a 2 ½ 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, 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 310-3168 for registration information.



Pathfinders Christmas Session (Wednesdays from 3:30-5:15pm)

Wednesday, December 3rd we will start our Christmas session of Pathfinders. Come join the fun as we learn the gift of Jesus' birth through Bible stories, music and crafts. The children will also be practicing the living Nativity for our Christmas Eve service December 24th at 4pm. All children K-5th grade welcome cost is \$10 a child.

Youth Ministries:

Prentice Park @ 249-1191;
or lnpcyouth@gmail.com



Rock & FISH is our weekly gathering for junior high and high school students. It's a place where students come together to explore what it means to live as a community of faith. Students will build meaningful relationships with God and each other as they share their stories and discover how it fits into a bigger story- God's story. We will share meals, have intentional time of "fun", meaningful worship and experience the Bible creatively and in depth to see how it comes alive in our lives today.

ROCK (grades 6th-8th) meets Mondays 5:30pm-7:30pm

FISH (grades 9th-12th) meets Wednesdays 7pm-9pm

Location: Both jr. high and high school gatherings meet in the "Garage" which is our youth room located directly up the staircase (of the McCullen building) found in the rear-left corner of the parking lot and through the gate.

Announcements:

- ◆ **Confirmation** Monday's at 4 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

South County Outreach – Needs peanut butter, jelly, Top Raman, canned soup, canned fruit, canned chili, tomato sauce, boxed potatoes, and canned beans. Thank you for helping the South County Outreach.

Ushers Needed – Christmas Eve for all three services (4 pm, 7 pm and 10 pm) and to substitute for those regular Sunday's for vacationing ushers during December. Contact Karen Skinner at 18-2505 or email her at karenskinner48@yahoo.com.

Christmas Eve – Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church will be holding 3 special Christmas Eve services on Wednesday, December 24th; Family Nativity & Candlelight Service at 4 pm, Worship & Candlelight Celebration with Worship Ensemble at 7 pm, and Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service with Chancel Choir and Soloists at 10 pm. We hope to see you there in celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sunday, December 28 – There will be only one service at 10:30 am. A New Year, New Beginning!

Presbyterian Women on the move! – We continue with our great service project, working with Kathy's House, an emergency shelter for women and their children in San Juan Capistrano. For our January project, we will work to take down Christmas decorations, do some front yard work, and help to set up their new on-site office. Join us on Saturday, Jan. 3, to help. We meet at 9 a.m. in the LNPC parking lot and go from there. Time commitment is 2-3 hours once a month plus time for lunch, if you'd like to join us. It's a great way to help a very deserving group and to get to know other women in the congregation. We'd love to have you join us! Also, larger projects available and donations of canned and packaged food needed. For more information, call JoAnn Renning at 362-8270.

Removal of the Greens – Sadly, what goes up must come down. Please lend a hand to help take down our Christmas decorations on Wednesday, January 7, 5:30 pm. Once again, pizza and drinks will be provided to nourish our efforts. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the patio beginning Dec. 14 or call Debbie Heath at 643-5300.



Women of LNPC Unite! Join us for our upcoming Annual Women's Winter Bible Study Saturdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31. We will meet 8:30-10 a.m. in Gard Hall over by the kitchen. Pick up your study book on the plaza at church. Contact Marilyn Campman for additional information at 949-429-3851. Committees are forming now for March 7 Spring Fling event at LNPC and April 19 Fashion Show. Call Marilyn to get involved now!

Christmas Concert DVD, The Perfect Gift! – This year's Christmas Worship Festival was spectacular, and the DVD is even better! Up-close, widescreen video with full Dolby Digital audio makes for a wonderful TV experience. We are rushing production to make the DVD available Sunday Dec. 21. If not successful, then we expect they will be available at the Christmas Eve services. Check the patio or call the Church Office (249-1218) to get your copy.

Stephen Ministry Program – If you would like a Stephen Minister to walk beside you through a crisis OR would like to be trained as a Stephen Minister please call Margaret Lee at 230-8999. Stephen Ministers are lay counselors who are trained to listen to people and provide emotional and spiritual support during difficult periods such as the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, a divorce, etc. Sign up on the patio for the Stephen Minister Training Class starting next January.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Drop-In Bible Study – 8:45 am Sundays, taught by Ron Reynolds. "Introduction to Revelation." The book of Revelation is one of the most important resources we have for understanding eschatology (end times). In this lecture Dr. Sproul introduces the book of Revelation.

"Bethel" Bible Study – A survey of the Old and New Testaments. Old and New Testament classes are offered. Sign up now at the Adult Education Booth on the patio or call the church office at 249-1218.

January Presbyterian Women's Bible Study – January 10, 17, 24 31. Books are available today, out on the plaza, for the upcoming Bible Study entitled "Becoming A Woman Who Loves" by Cynthia Heald. We will meet from 8:30 – 10:00am on the (4) four Saturdays in January. A light continental breakfast will be served. Sign up today on the patio and join us in January. The cost of the book is \$10.00.

New Bible Study Opportunity – Starts Tuesday, January 6, through Easter week from 12:30 to 2 "That You May Believe" is a study of John's Gospel that offers spiritually attuned, stunningly beautiful insights into the nature of Jesus and the meaning of faith. To enroll call Karen Vassey at 831-8925 or Jean Shelton at 643-1154. There will also be sign-ups on the patio after church each Sunday.

LNPC Finance and Operations Income and Expense Report

Our deficit in income has created a negative cash flow position. Please pay Operating Fund Pledges as you are able.

Operating Fund

	November	Year to Date
Income	62,158	647,485
Expenses	51,819	669,194
Net Income (Deficit)	10,339	\$ (21,709)

Building Fund

	November	Year to Date
Income	8,534	167,556
Mortgage (prin+int)	(11,798)	(129,778)
Net Income (Deficit)	(3,264)	\$ 37,744

Building Fund Cash Reserve: \$ 58,044

Note Payable - Bank of the West: \$ 241,384

For Further Reflection on Sunday's Sermon ...

"Christmas Family Portraits — The Hope-filled Family"

Read Luke 2:36-38

This Christmas ritual, in which we are now about neck deep, has the capacity to allow us to see what old Anna saw—the high drama of salvation. It doesn't matter if this is your first or, like Anna, your 84th year of the ritual. It doesn't matter if you are having the Christmas of your dreams or your nightmares, the ritual can open your eyes to holiness.

- Of whom does Anna remind you?
- What impact would Anna's startling prediction have on all who were listening that day? On the parent of Jesus as they returned home (vv. 33, 39)? On Jesus as he was growing up (v. 40)?
- What do you know about your baptism or dedication as an infant? Do you think your parents understand what is going on in your life now?
- Do you think God has a plan and purpose for your life like he did for Mary and Joseph? When has God brought along an "Anna" to confirm something in your life? How did this make you feel? Does it give you hope today?

