

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2006

## Welcome

If this is your first time at LNPC, **welcome!** LNPC helps equip people to live positive, transformed lives through the power of Christ within an inviting and caring community. Our prayer is that you will feel a part of our family through your participation with us today. We are here to support and encourage you in your faith journey. We look forward to becoming better acquainted with you in the near future. Again, welcome and God bless you richly!

**Pastor Randy Steele**

## Christmas Concert



**Saturday**  
**December 2nd**  
**7 pm**  
**RESERVE YOUR**  
**TICKETS TODAY!!**  
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## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS REGARDING THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

- **(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.)**  
Children (parents welcome also) come forward to the steps.  
After the Children's Message: Sunday School classes are held in the McCullen Center Building. (out the main doors to your left).  
Grades 1-2 meet in Classroom #204 (The Forest) (2nd floor).  
Grades 3-5 will meet in Classroom #202 (The Ocean) (2nd floor).  
Youth will meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Youth Room (10:30 service only).
- **Parents must pick up and sign their children out from their respective classrooms.**
- **A quiet room is available in the rear.**

## On Further Reflection . . .

*"A Great Cloud of Witnesses"  
Ripe for the Harvest*

Read John 4:27-38

God has sown the seeds and we have the privilege to reap the harvest, which is in huge abundance today. When we commit ourselves and our time and our money and our abilities, we are committing ourselves to be present for people who hunger and thirst after the living God.

- ❖ Why were the disciples surprised to find Jesus with this woman (cf. John 4:1-26)?
- ❖ What does "leaving her water jar" reveal about Jesus' impact on the woman? How did she impact others?
- ❖ How does the parable of harvesting apply to the disciples?
- ❖ Considering your interest in spiritual things this week, have you been more like the disciples or the woman? Why? What do you learn about being a witness from the woman? From the parable (vv. 35-38)?



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## SUNDAY NOTES

**Large Print Sunday Bulletins are available at the usher's counter.**

**ATTENTION:** Emergency response cards (fire, earthquake, etc.) are in the pews and will be posted in the rooms of the Sanctuary and McCullen Center. Please read this information.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**If you have any questions regarding any of the Bible Study classes, contact Mal Black at 240-6575**

### **Pastor's Study with Dr. Randy Steele**

Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm in the Conference room.  
No pastor's study on November 22nd.

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study and lunch with**

**Pastor Duncan McColl**-10:30 am in the Conference Room. Optional lunch at a restaurant follows the study. Open to all, no previous experience needed.

**Men's Fellowship-You're invited!** Wednesdays 7 am-8 am. Fun, fellowship, Bible study and encouragement. Contact Jerry McCloskey 495-2919, Gregory Reid 716-4119 or Rev. Duncan McColl 249-1218 x212.

### **Sunday Morning Drop-In - Adult Bible Study**

9 am to 10 am in the Conference Room. Anyone can attend, anytime.

### **Pathway to Purpose for Women** - Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 am - Conference Room.  
Instructors: Jean Shelton and Anne McComas

### **Focused Living Retreat - POSTPONED UNTIL 2007**

**DATE TO BE DETERMINED**

### **Adult Bible Study Groups**

#### **BETHEL OLD TESTAMENT**

- 4 pm Monday Jackie Settles home.
- 9:30 am Wednesday Room 201
- 7 pm Wednesday Room 201

**DISCIPLE THREE**-10 am Wednesdays. Conf. Room

## CHOIR AND MUSIC

**Contact Dr. Binh Vu 249-1218 x218**

**Chancel Choir Practice** - Thursdays at 7 pm

### **Pre-School Choir**

Meets Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4 pm.

**Children's Choir** -Children's Choir meets during Pathfinders Wednesdays from 3:30-5:15 pm. They will meet on November 22nd, even though there is no Pathfinders.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### **Progressive Dinner on December 9th**

**Celebrate the Christmas Holidays at the annual LNPC Progressive Dinner on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be three stops per group as you visit and dine in the homes of LNPC members. We are looking for host homes, as well, those who are interested in attending. Please call Ellen Hampsten at 949.495.7306 to make your reservation.**

**DEADLINE for reservations: November 30, 2006**

**Need a Stephen Minister?** Someone to listen to what's on on your heart? Call Rev. Duncan McColl 249-1218 or Stephen Coordinator, Carolyn Knutson 249-8980.

**Faithfully Fit Forever** An exercise program for the body, mind and spirit. Fridays 9 am. Call Anne McComas 363-7172 or the Church office 249-1218.

**Kids' Closet** Please join us for a sorting party every Wednesday 3:30 – 5 pm at the Kids' Closet shed. We get drop-off donations each week, and need YOU to sort with us. It's easy, local and fun! Call the office for more details, and put us on your calendar.

**LNPC Diners** – Are you new to LNPC and finding you have “Patio Panic?” If you are finding it difficult to make friends on the patio after church, here is a great solution! Sign up for LNPC diners! Next quarter runs January through April, the last Sunday of each month. Contact Barbara and Ken Rohde at [barbararohde@juno.com](mailto:barbararohde@juno.com) or call 487-7370. Forms are available in the Narthex.



**Christmas Worship Festival “A Season, A Savior, A Star”** Come celebrate the birth of Christ through music, dance and word. Share the good news of Christ with your friends and neighbors on Saturday, December 2nd at 7 pm. Your donations make this Christmas program possible as an outreach to our community. Sponsor an instrument (\$80); Meals for our musicians (\$20); and/or Support printing, publications and music (\$20). Please pray for our music ministry during this time of preparation. Seating is extremely limited. **Act today to reserve your free tickets.** Today – not tomorrow. We want YOU to be there! Ticket distribution will begin today.

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

It's almost time to “spruce” up our Sanctuary for Advent and Christmastime! We will kick-off our green hanging party with FREE pizza at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 29 in Gard Hall. Join us to make our Sanctuary even lovelier.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Mops (Mothers Of Preschoolers) & Moppets** - Wednesdays 9 – 11:30 am. For mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. **MOPPETS:** Childcare during MOPS meeting is in a preschool-like setting. Every MOPPETS morning is filled with Bible stories, games, songs, crafts and playtime. Questions? Call Kristen Spalding at 481-3080.

**Pathfinders** - Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:15 pm Kindergarten through fifth grade. Snacks, recreation, bible stories, music, and art. Call Stacy Podres, Janice Ehlers, church office 249-1218, x220 or Ann Boscardin 495-2082.

**NO PATHFINDERS ON NOVEMBER 22ND**

**Connect 45 (Junior ROCK)**  
New program for 4th and 5th Graders  
Meets on the 3rd Friday of the month

**ROCK** – Junior Highers – Grades 6-8.  
Mondays 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

**FISH** – Senior Highers - Grades 9-12  
Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm.

**A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** – Join LNPC MOPS for an inspirational morning of testimony by Jana Alayra and singing on Wednesday, November 29th in the Sanctuary from 9:30 – 11 am. Sorry, no childcare available.

**FAMILY ADVENT SUNDAY** – Come join us Sunday, December 3rd following both services for brunch and a fun family Christmas craft. Christians view Advent as a time to prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas with the lighting of candles, and in many homes, the start of Advent calendars. RSVP to Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres at 249-1218 X220

**PATHFINDERS CHRISTMAS SESSION**  
K-5th grade, Wednesdays from 3:30-5:15 pm. November 29, December 6 and December 13th, we will celebrate the birth of Christ through Bible stories, music, crafts, and recreation. During Pathfinders we will also practice the Nativity scene that the children will perform at our 10:30 am Christmas Eve service. Come join the fun and bring a friend or two!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**—Children of LNPC, with the support of our congregation and Mops, packed over 55 shoeboxes to be sent to needy children all over the world in celebration of Christmas. Thank you for all your help and support.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AND FAMILIES:** All are invited to a pot luck Christmas Party in Gard Hall Wednesday night, **December 13** starting at **6:00 p.m.** Last names beginning with **A-I** bring a main course dish, **J-R** salad or appetizer and **S-Z** a dessert. RSVP Nancy Humphrey 218-5176.

**THIS WEEK AT LNPC**

**November 19 SUNDAY**  
 8:50 & 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
 9 am Drop-In Bible Study – Conf. Room  
 10 am Blood Pressure Screening  
 1 pm Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**November 20 MONDAY**  
 10:30 am Pathway to Purpose for Women – Conf. Rm.  
 1 pm Staff  
 4 pm Confirmation – Garage  
 4 pm Bethel OT – Jackie Settles Home  
 5:30 pm ROCK  
 7 pm Stephen Ministry Training – Library  
 7:30 pm Worship Ensemble – Sanctuary  
 7:30 pm Finance/Ops – Conference Room

**November 21 TUESDAY**  
 10:30 am Bible Study Brunch – Conference Room  
 7 pm Chancel Choir  
 7 pm Boy Scout Parents – Gard Hall

**November 22 WEDNESDAY**  
 7 am Men’s Fellowship  
 9:30 am Bethel – Room 201  
 10 am Disciple III – Conference Room  
 7 pm Bethel – Room 201  
 7 pm FISH - Garage

**November 23 THURSDAY**

**OFFICE CLOSED – HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**November 24 FRIDAY**

**OFFICE CLOSED – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

**November 25 SATURDAY**  
 8 am Trailblazers

**November 26 SUNDAY**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**At Home**  
 Pat Baerthlein Lynne Bible  
 Astrid & Michael Brescia Rene Chan  
 Maud DeKoning Moke Jones  
 Mika Langelaar Donna McCullen  
 Connie Peace Marjorie Phillips  
 Jim Wilson Brice Yoder

**In Health Care Facilities**  
 Willie Brown Dory Sargent

**Family/Friends**  
 David Blackburn (former member)  
 Russell Bowden (grandson of Carol Durst-Winther)  
 Connie Burns (friend of Claudia Vitalich)  
 Peggy Dupper (Ed Kaufer’s sister)  
 Richard Huizinga (Byer’s friend)  
 Cameron Kading (Carita Miller’s nephew)  
 Ray Knutson (friend of Lawrence Richardson)  
 Hannah Langford (friend of Audrey Hart)  
 Judy Osnain, (Stacey Podres’ mother)  
 Quinn James Paulson (Ann Paulson’s grandson)  
 Linda Prenezost (friend of Shirley Byers)  
 Stephen Roebuck (Kathleen Roebuck’s Son)  
 Grayson Smiley & Mother (friend of Pat Knirk)  
 Harry “Woo Woo” Stevens ( Carl Knutson’s friend)  
 Nita Snook (Karen Skinner’s mother)  
 Bob Tyler (B.J. Tyler’s son)  
 Jennifer Williams (niece of Karen Vassey)

**In Iraq**  
 Pfc. Rogers Brewer  
 Col. Kevin Casey (Shirley Byers’ nephew)  
 Pvt. Joshua Dunn  
 Col. Stu Finch (friend of the Kaufer family)  
 Todd Forshee DOD (Bob and Shirley Forshee’s son)  
 Cpl. Graeme Hillman with Canadian Forces in Afghanistan  
 (Bob & Jean Hillman’s nephew)  
 2nd Lt. Dan Feehan (Khalifa family friend)

**Our prayers and sympathies for the Blackburn family,  
 former members of LNPC on the passing of  
 David Blackburn**

**LNPC DEACONS TEAM WITH SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH FOR A FOOD DRIVE**

**A THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

What better way to celebrate the goodness that God has given to us than to provide for a needy family to celebrate Thanksgiving. LNPC, along with South County Outreach, will host a drive to **collect food today**. Dry and canned goods will be accepted to restock the LNPC Pantry with the extra going to SCO. In addition, we hope to provide fixings for a Thanksgiving feast for families. SCO is asking that we bring broth, canned cranberry sauce, gravy, canned milk, olives, pumpkin pie filling, stuffing mix and canned yams. You may adopt a family and bring all the ingredients together in a shopping bag or you may bring individual items. A barrel is provided for you this week on LNPC’s campus.

***As we give of ourselves, we become the gift God intended when we were formed.***