

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

December 31, 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**

**Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Want to know more about our Church? Come to our Discovery Seminar on February 3rd.**  
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## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS REGARDING THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

- Children (parents welcome also) come forward to the steps for the Children's Message.
- Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.
- There is no Sunday School today.
- A quiet room is available in the rear.

## On Further Reflection . . .

God calls ordinary people and uses them to do great things

**Read Judges 6: 1-24 and 7: 1-22**

Gideon's story follows a Biblical pattern of God's "calling" on our lives. These verses tell how God used Gideon to help Israel in a time of need.

- Why is it so important to know the story of God's action for them in the past?
  - In what ways does Gideon trust God? How does Gideon resist?
  - How do the people of Israel learn to trust God's leading through Gideon?
  - Is there any question about the end of the story?
  - How does the story of Gideon give you encouragement to follow God's call in your life to meet a need of your community.
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## SUNDAY NOTES

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

**Rev. Duncan McColl will be on study leave at Austin Seminary in Austin, Texas for two weeks. He will return on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**2007 Offering Envelopes** Your envelopes are available in the Narthex today. We encourage you to pick them up to defray postage costs and to use your envelopes regularly. If you cannot locate yours, please contact the church office 249-1218. Thank you.

**Sanctuary Flower Donations** available for the following dates: **January 21st, February 1st through the end of next year.** Please contact the office if you would like to donate flowers on any of these dates. Forms are available in the Narthex.

**Our Daily Bread** - For personal and family devotions. A daily devotional is available free in the Narthex for December 2006, January and February 2007.

**Library News** – The library is OPEN! There is a great selection of books for adults and children. Look for the library cart on the patio and you can check out a book right there. Happy reading!!

### **Deadlines**

Perspectives due the 15th of each month.

Sunday bulletins due on Wednesdays by noon.

Email the church office mam@lnpc.org.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

### **DISCOVERY SEMINAR: EXPLORING CHURCH**

**MEMBERSHIP** - February 3rd  
8:30 am – 3 pm in Gard Hall.

Discover the joys of belonging to the LNPC family of faith. Ask your questions about the Christian faith and learn what makes Presbyterians unique. This seminar is taught by Dr. Randy Steele and Rev. Duncan McColl and is a prerequisite for membership. You will meet the LNPC pastors, elders and will undoubtedly make new friends. A continental breakfast and lunch is provided. Registration forms are available at the ushers counter in the Narthex. You may place it in the offering plate, or leave it in the church office (249-1218). Child care is provided if reserved at least one week in advance.

**Pastor's Study** 7-8:30 pm in the Conference room.

**Men's Fellowship -You're invited!** Wednesdays, 7 am-8 am. Starts again on January 3. A men's fellowship meeting in the name of Christ for 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.

**Disciple Three**–10 am Wednesdays. Conf. Room.

### **Bethel Old Testament**

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

## CHOIR AND MUSIC

**Contact Dr. Binh Vu 249-1218 x219**

**Pre-School Choir & Children's Choir** –Wednesdays from 3:30-5:15 pm. Starts again February 7.

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

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON DVD!** – If you missed the December 2nd extravaganza, or if you want to relive the moment, you will want a DVD or CD of the event. This year’s concert featured a symphony orchestra, the Chancel Choir, two

children’s choirs and numerous solo performances, and was professionally recorded in full stereophonic sound. Check the patio for availability - \$10 for the DVD, and \$5 for the CD.

**The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2007  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Acolytes** – Do you like seeing candles in our Sanctuary? We are looking for a few adults to oversee the acolytes at the 10:30 service. Please contact Stacy Podres or Janice Ehlers 249-1218 x220.

**Used Computers Needed** – If you are upgrading your computer for Christmas and have a Pentium 4 or newer, please contact the church office. We are collecting used computers for needy churches.

**Need a Stephen Minister?** Someone to listen to what’s 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.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** - The annual Christmas Joy Offering envelopes were sent out with the December Perspectives. There are also envelopes available in the Narthex. One fourth of the total offering will go to the Presbyterian Board of Pensions for assistance programs that support retired and active Presbyterian Church workers and their families. One fourth will go to Presbyterian-related Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges. One half stays here at LNPC for the pastors’ discretionary use in helping members in need. If you would like to contribute please put your check made out to LNPC in it and either mail it to the church or put it in the offering plate today.

**LNPC Diners**

Are you 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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Singles: \_\_\_\_\_ Couples: \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Children-Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Age group:

20's \_\_\_\_\_ 30's \_\_\_\_\_ 40's \_\_\_\_\_ 50's \_\_\_\_\_ 60's \_\_\_\_\_ 70+ \_\_\_\_\_

No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Pathfinders** - K-5th grade, Wednesdays from 3:30-5:15 pm. Our next session will start February 7th. Save the date. To sign up, contact Stacy Podres or Janice Ehlers. Come join the fun and bring a friend or two! 249-1218 x220

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

**FISH** – Senior Highers - Grades 9-12. Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm. Next FISH is January 3rd.

**Connect 45 (Junior ROCK)** - New program for 4th and 5th Graders. Our next activity will be Ice Skating on January 19th. Contact Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres 249-1218 x 220.

### THIS WEEK AT LNPC

#### December 31 SUNDAY

8:50 am Worship  
9 am Drop-In Bible Study – Conf. Room  
10:30 am Worship

#### January 1 MONDAY – HAPPY NEW YEAR

OFFICE CLOSED

#### January 2 TUESDAY

7 am Men’s Fellowship, Conference Room  
12:30 pm Stephen Supervision, Room #201  
7 pm Refocus  
7 pm Boy Scouts – Gard Hall  
7 pm Personnel – Conference Room

#### January 3 WEDNESDAY

9:30 am Bethel – Room 201  
10 am Disciple III – Conference Room  
5:15 pm Deacons’s Executive - Conference Room  
7 pm FISH - Garage  
7 pm Bethel – Room 201  
7 pm Pastor’s Study – Conference Room

#### January 4 THURSDAY

7 pm Chancel Choir

#### January 5 FRIDAY

9 am Faithfully Fit, Gard Hall

#### January 6 SATURDAY

8 am Trailblazers  
10 am Martha Circle, Gard Hall

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### At Home

Pat Baerthlein	Astrid & Michael Brescia
Maud DeKoning	Donna McCullen
Connie Peace	Marjorie Phillips
Jim Wilson	Brice Yoder

#### In Health Care Facilities

Willie Brown	Dory Sargent
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#### Family/Friends

Nancy Baumgart (friend of Claudia Vitalich)  
Russell Bowden (grandson of Carol Durst-Winther)  
Connie Burns (friend of Claudia Vitalich)  
Peggy Dupper (Ed Kaufer’s sister)  
Donna Garka (Stacy Podres’ Friend)  
Richard Huizinga (Byer’s friend)  
Dee Hupp (Carita Miller’s sister-in-law)  
Cameron Kading (Carita Miller’s nephew)  
Ray Knutson (friend of Lawrence Richardson)  
Diane Tells His Name (Reggie Karcher’s sister)  
Quinn James Paulson (Ann Paulson’s grandson)  
Linda Prenevost (friend of Bruce 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)  
Kevin Wagner (Jean Shelton’s cousin)

#### 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)

**Former LNPC member, Art Morris died December 26.  
Our prayers and sympathies go out to  
his wife, Betty and their family.  
A Service will be held in Newhall, CA  
on Saturday, January 6 at 1 pm  
Flyers and information available  
at usher’s counter or in church office.**