

## Parent Ed Gala—Friday, March 2

### Reasons to Support Parent Education's Spring Gala

- ≈SINATRA THEME
  - ≈FABULOUS FOOD
  - ≈SPACIOUS VENUE
  - ≈SHINING STAR
  - ≈MAGICAL MUSIC
  - ≈ENTERTAINING EMCEES
  - ≈LIVE AUCTION RAFFLE
  - ≈AFFORDABLE TICKETS
- My Kind of Town: Music, Martinis and More  
Delectable feast similar to last year  
Old Town's "Pandora on Green" has ample seating for everyone  
Parent Education instructor and innovator, Jan Roberts, will be honored  
Recording artist, Michael North, will bring down the house with Sinatra hits  
Chuck Osburn & John Cervenka are sure to make you feel welcome  
Back by popular demand, a raffle ticket could win you a LIVE AUCTION item!  
**Only \$75 if purchased by Feb 14<sup>th</sup>!**  
≈Contact Sarah Nagel: [sarahbartelsnagel@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbartelsnagel@gmail.com)

### Reasons to Support the Silent & Live Auctions

- ≈We rely on the proceeds to support our wonderful Parent Education Program
- ≈10% will bless children & families in need
- ≈It's easy: print a donation form from the Website or pick up at the Parent Education Office (x205)
- ≈Questions: ask Amy Powell: [spowellfamily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spowellfamily@sbcglobal.net)

### Reasons to Support 2012 Shining Star Recipient--Jan Roberts

- ≈She has blessed LCPC Parent Education for 20 years as a teacher
- ≈She has pioneered the Parent Only Classes for parents of Elementary, Tween, Teen, College Freshmen & Beyond
- ≈She writes the "Parent Coach" column in the La Canada & Pasadena Outlooks and has done so for almost 7 years
- ≈She has taught elementary school for 8 years (some at Palm Crest)
- ≈She has taught Sunday School at LCPC for 6 years & was an elder serving on Children's Ministry Committee
- ≈She has led workshops on family issues at LCPC and local churches, schools, and PTAs
- ≈She has assisted individual families through her personal Parent Coaching Business ☞



### DR. DALLAS WILLARD is coming to LCPC for the: *Heart and Soul: Forming Spiritual and Emotional Maturity Conference*

Don't miss this transforming event from WED, JUN 27 through FRI, JUN 29. Dr. Dallas and Jane Willard have labored for decades leading the church toward godly character and restored lives. What they have done is largely



invisible to the church, but truly revolutionary. Their lives have combined the search for spiritual and emotional maturity in ways that have profoundly changed how we live, heal, teach and train people around the world.

*Heart and Soul* runs three days and will demonstrate how a fundamental unity of identity must be achieved to change human character so that we mature relationally with God and others.

**Day One** features the leading developer of the Life Model, Dr. Jim Wilder, on neurotheology, Pastor David Takle on spiritual formation as a relationship of grace and Rev. Chris M. Coursey on how to train the human brain to hear God.

On **Day Two** Willard will show that spiritual maturity is a more complete form of emotional/relational maturity that is built on a larger sense of who we are in relationship to God and others. Don't miss Willard and his incredible passion for the transformation of the human soul that will build character and change how we live!

**Day Three** workshops will be led by a team of presenters who specialize in developing significant integrations of spiritual and emotional/relational maturity.

We are currently looking for homes that could host visiting speaker(s) for the conference. ☞

## Rock I & Rock II Alert

"Thank you!" to each of you who is faithfully paying on your Rock pledge or has fulfilled it. Rock 2 pledges were paid down by **\$797,328** during calendar year 2011. Significantly, an additional **\$43,781** was given by our congregation as gifts of cash or stock.

This year marks the fifth year of our Rock 2 campaign. For the majority of you who made commitments in the year the fund-raising officially ended, 2008. Others of you made pledges in the following year and have two years to go. The campaign anticipated that pledges would be paid in full over five years.

Outstanding Rock 2 pledges total **\$1,856,924** as this year begins. We ask that you make every effort to complete your Rock 2 pledges by the end of 2012, so that we are on track to reduce our construction loan to a \$1 million long-term loan that the congregation approved.

Unfortunately, there are outstanding pledges to Rock 1 that will not or cannot be paid as expected. Some members

have experienced difficult financial times during our recession and are unable to fulfill their pledges. Others have moved away and cancelled their pledges. This shortfall affects our budget and needs to be recovered along the way.

We ask those of you who did not make a Rock 2 pledge or who are new to our congregation within the past five years to prayerfully consider making a gift to our building program in 2012. You can place checks in the giving envelopes available in the pews, with a notation "For Rock 2," or contact Linda Nydam (Ext. 230) at the LCPC office to arrange a gift of stock.

Some of you may be willing to contribute more than your original pledge. We welcome additional giving.

Let's pull together to meet our budget expectations and make **Building on the Rock** a complete success. To God be the glory! ☞



## The Next Step



### Begin the Journey Here

One Weekend OR Four Sundays

Friday, Feb 24  
6:30-9:00pm

Mar 4, 11, 18, & 25  
11:00am-1:00pm

Sunday, Feb 26  
3:00-8:00pm

Demarest Family Life Center, Room 309

Meal provided; Childcare provided (reservation required)

This class is specifically designed to help you identify where you are on the journey of following Jesus and discovering a "next step" on your journey at LCPC. It describes the one requirement of being on the Christian journey and the four spiritual practices to help you along the way. In addition to the above, if your next step is membership at LCPC, this is the class for you.

Register online at:

[www.lacanadapc.org/get-connected/new-members-class](http://www.lacanadapc.org/get-connected/new-members-class) OR  
Contact Barbara at [Barbara@lacanadapc.org](mailto:Barbara@lacanadapc.org), (818) 790-6708, X215 ☞

## LCPC Calendar of Events

### February 2012

1-3	Parent Ed Open House		"The Welcome" Tour
5	Communion Sunday	4, 11, 18 & 25	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
	"The Welcome" Tour		Four-session "Begin the Journey Here" class
20	Church offices closed for Presidents' Day	9-10	Ovations Children's Choir Concert
21	Companions	11	Daylight Savings Time begins
22	Ash Wednesday		Third Sunday in Lent
23	Lectio Divina in Community	18	3rd Grade Bible Sunday
24-26	High School Winter Camp		4th Sunday in Lent
24-26	Ovations: Shakespeare 3 Ways	19	Session meeting
24 & 26	Two-session "Begin the Journey Here" class	20	Companions
25	Outreach & Adult Formation Retreat	22	Lectio Divina in Community
	First Sunday in Lent	23	Children's Ministry Family Lenten Activity
27	Session meeting	25	Deacon Flock Sunday
			5th Sunday in Lent
			Ovations Trombone Concert

### March 2012

2	Parent Ed Gala	30-APR 1	Men's Retreat
4	Second Sunday in Lent		
	Communion Sunday		

## Giving "On the Go"



LCPC now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for donors to give at any time from their smart phone. Users will first need to register at our online giving page ([www.lacanadapc.org/giving](http://www.lacanadapc.org/giving)). Once donors have visited the site and registered their password, simply scan the image pictured here with your smart phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader, and then log-in to make your contribution.

Please contact our business office if we can assist you in learning more about these new features. ☞

# Parent Education



Photo by Laura Repstad

## 2011 LCPC Parent Education Year-end Board Meeting (12/12/2011)

**Back Row:** Sue Mercer, Christa Peitzman, Beth Shupper, Anne Bierling, Jana Van Dyke, Erin Hunt, Sloan Walsh, Sarah Nagel and Lynley Gross

**Middle Row:** Noelle Duryee, Ginger Wilson, Amy Powell, Sandy Ravana, DeDe Cook, Gabrielle Aker and Lynne Graves

**Front Row:** Alaina Samuel, Cary Horne, Jan Roberts, Mary Van Amringe, Christa Evans, Deena Keys and Nicole Ravana

## LCPC PARENT EDUCATION

If you have a child age 0-18, we have a class for you!



II Semester  
begins Feb 7



learning. growing. friends.

### New Babies Class!

Feb 9—May 31

Taught by the reputable  
Nanette Brown!

- Register Online
- Call for Affordable Payment Plans

### New Reduced Childcare!

\$100 / child / semester

Wed & Thurs am

## Helping Families Thrive in 2012 II Semester Begins FEB 7

The LCPC Parent Education program is welcoming all returning and new participants for another fantastic semester of classes for parents of children 0-18.

II Semester begins the week of February 7th offering 13 classes—including the NEW BABIES CLASS beginning on February 9<sup>th</sup> for babies born 8/1/2011 to 12/31/2011. This foundational babies class is taught by the reputable Nanette Brown—mom of 6.

Also during II Semester, we are offering new reduced child care rates! Children 0-5 can attend childcare on Wed. & Thurs. mornings for \$100/child/semester while you participate in class.

Everyone is encouraged to attend a FREE TRIAL CLASS to experience the 34-year legacy of our *Parent & Child* and *Parent Only* classes.

Go to [www.lacnadapc.org/parented](http://www.lacnadapc.org/parented) for schedules and online registration-- or call (818) 790-6708, X205 for questions and affordable payment plans. ☺

### Call for a Free Trial Class

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(818)790-6708x205



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# Children's Ministry

## Vacation Bible School Registration



Dive in and discover God's underwater universe! Explore the depths of God's Word at VBS 2012 with Operation Overboard – Dare To Go Deep With God! Through interactive lessons that are easy for kids to apply to their lives today, they will “go deep” into God's Word, exploring Bible stories of people who revealed deep faith by knowing how to “Depend on God, Dare to care, Claim Jesus, Choose to follow and Change the world.”

VBS will be JUL 16-20, 9:00AM -noon for children 4 yrs (by 11/1/12) – entering Kindergarten and 9:00AM-12:15PM for children entering 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration will begin SUN, MAR 11, at 8:45AM in CP 303. Cost is \$40 per child.

Contact Heather Henry at X252 or e-mail [heather@lacadapc.org](mailto:heather@lacadapc.org) for more information.

## Come and Join Us!



We currently have volunteer openings in infant-K classes!

In Tiny Explorers (infants) we are looking for nursery volunteers for the 1st & 4th Sundays at 9:25.

In Story Seekers (3 years-K) we have 2 roles in the classroom, teachers and helpers. The teacher is responsible for guiding the class through their activities of the morning. Teachers receive the curriculum ahead of time and it requires simple prepa-

ration. Helpers have no advance preparation; they serve as the second adult in the room and assist the teacher in all the activities. All volunteers sign up to serve at least once a month, the same Sunday (1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th) each month.

We need:

Red Room (3 years) Helper & Teacher at 9:25

Yellow Room (4 years-preK) Helper & Teacher at 9:25

Blue Room (K) Helper at 9:25

## Craft Collection

Children's Ministry is collecting old CD's for a craft and decorating project. If you would like to donate some CD's you no longer want please drop them off at the church for Karen or Heather.



## Indian Village & Adventure Mountain Summer Camp

### Save the Date: JUL 22-27

It's once again time to start thinking about a trip to Forest Home. The 47 kids that went to Winter Camp this January had a blast! Now we are getting ready to attend The Village and Adventure Mountain for summer camp.

### The Village

(children entering 3rd, 4th & 5th grades)

Campers live in a teepee with 6 or 7 other children and each teepee is part of a tribe in which children learn to live together in an environment of respect and caring for others. Activities include swimming, a nature center, wild games, hiking, council fires, and trail and teepee talks.

## Adventure Mountain

(children entering 5th & 6th grades)

This camp has an African jungle theme where campers live in “safari tents” that give them the opportunity to sleep inside or out on their private deck under the stars. Campers also learn about people who have been missionaries to remote areas of the world. They have the opportunity to sign up for activities like survival training, journalism, team sports, radio production, fine arts and nature discovery.

Cost to be determined. Registration begins at 8:45AM on SUN, MAR 11, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Children's Pavilion. Contact Heather Henry ([heather@lacadapc.org](mailto:heather@lacadapc.org) or x252) for more information. A \$100 deposit will be required to secure a spot.

## Family Communion Class

In our church, we believe that it is up to the parents to determine if their children are ready to take communion. We ask that the children be baptized and be instructed in the meaning of communion. As a way to help parents teach their children about the meaning of communion, Kristin Leucht teaches a Family Communion Class. All 4th through 6th graders and their parents are invited to participate in this class. The 3-part class covers communion, baptism and worship as well as what it means to be Presbyterian.

This is a 3-part class for at least one parent and child to attend all classes together. The 3 dates are: SUN, MAR 25, SUN, APR 29, and SUN, MAY 20, from 11:00AM-12:00PM in the Children's Pavilion. If you have any questions or to sign up for the class, please contact Kristin ([kristin@lacadapc.org](mailto:kristin@lacadapc.org) or x201). ☪

## Men's Retreat 2012: "Give Me a Break!"

**MAR-30-APR 1**

Registration: Gloria Hill at [Gloria@lacadapc.org](mailto:Gloria@lacadapc.org)

Cost: \$295 for double room

Beach, golf, bike riding, or just taking a nap. It's waiting for you at the Pierpont Inn in Ventura. Far enough away to get away. Close enough to get there Friday evening.

But it's not just the fun. It's the nourishment your spirit needs. Rev. Dan Baumgartner, Senior Pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church, will help us open ourselves to God, along with the guys who are there to share their stories and lives together. Dan has repeatedly led men's retreats with topics ranging from "Work & Faith" to "Sexual Purity in an Impure World."



Rev. Dan knows what it is like in the business grind through his 10 years as a Director with CARQUEST Auto Parts. He had plenty of time to reflect on that life while at Princeton Theological Seminary. Then Rev. Dan spent 14 years as a pastor before starting at Hollywood Presbyterian in November 2010. Dan and his wife Anne have three children—sons Jesse and Nick and daughter Dana. As a newly empty nester, Dan has more time now to run, bike and hike. He also is a voracious reader.

Mark your calendars and contact Gloria today to register or register on Sunday mornings in the NartheX. We are going to have a great time. Face it. You need a break. And spiritual nourishment. Let's do this. ☪

## Women's Retreat: APR 20-22

Join us at Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara for our annual Women's Retreat with our very own Gini Frederich as guest speaker and music by Janet & Judy.

For as long as she can remember, Gini has been passionate about listening for God in life's most ordinary moments.

Gini studied Christian Education at Wheaton College; she also graduated from Fuller Seminary as a Marriage & Family Therapist. For many years, she trained counselors and therapists "how to listen." For 15 years, she also had a private practice in psychotherapy; and it was there, listening to women's struggles and joys, that Gini felt God's call to "listen" on much deeper levels.

Currently, Gini is a full-time wife and mother. She has found it challenging and humorous to continue to study prayer, silence, and meditation in the midst of her noisy and active household.



Please join us! Together, we just might find God in some very unexpected places. ☪

## Silent Retreat at St. Andrew's Abbey

It can be hard to hear what God is trying to tell us amidst all the noise and busyness of our lives. Set aside a couple of days to really be still and listen. Sign up now for the 2012 Silent Retreat.

Due to limited availability, reservations are being taken for double occupancy *only*. If registration is not full, limited single rooms may be available. Registration is open to all, but LCPC regular church attendees have priority through **Sunday, February 5**. Thereafter, registration will be confirmed for those on the waiting list.

Retreat begins with dinner on Friday at 6:30 PM and concludes on Sunday around noon, following a closing LCPC worship gathering. You are invited to stay through Sunday lunch.

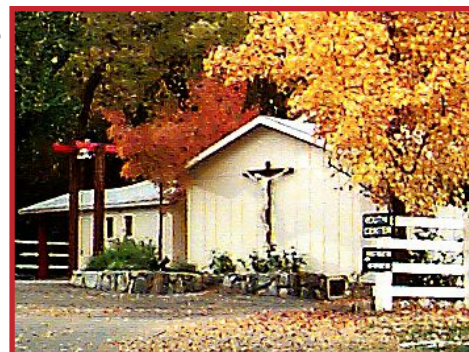
**Retreat Dates: February 17-19, 2012**

**Register online ([www.lacadapc.org](http://www.lacadapc.org))**

COST: Double room - \$180 per person

Single room (only if available) - \$250

\$50 deposit, refundable up until February 5. Balance due Sunday, February 12. Scholarships available: call Ann Anderson (818) 790-6169 or email [GranieA@charter.net](mailto:GranieA@charter.net). ☪



# Ovations



LCPC's Drama Ministry proudly presents, RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET this February, directed by Justin S. Fisher (THE LAST FIVE YEARS). This rock-opera, musical comedy based on William Shakespeare's THE TEMPEST is Part 2 in the LCPC Drama Ministry's 2011/2012 Season, "Shakespeare 3 Ways."

RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET is a unique way to experience Shakespeare's writing through comedy & song. This show is a hilarious mash-up of classic literature, science fiction, and golden oldies such as 'Teenager in Love', 'Born to be Wild' & 'Great Balls of Fire' which everyone will enjoy. "I wanted to do something new and challenging with the show, so we pulled together a wonderful cast that are not only actors and singers, but will also play instruments to provide the music. This production is fun for the whole family--with robots, aliens, and of course, TRUE LOVE! The pop-rock music blends with the excitement of the story and is a show you don't want to miss. FORBIDDEN PLANET proves once and for all that LCPC's Drama Ministry is 'Born To Be Wild!'" says Justin Fisher, LCPC's Drama Ministry Director.

The Drama Ministry will follow RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET, with THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) in May, a hilarious look at all things Shakespeare.

RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET will take place in the Worship Arts Center of La Canada Presbyterian Church for one week-end only: Friday 2/24 & Saturday 2/25 at 8 pm; Sunday 2/26 at 2 pm. General Admission \$15, student with ID \$10. Free parking, air conditioned and wheelchair accessible. ☞

## "God's Trombones and American Spirituals"

An Ovations Concert featuring LCPC Chancel Choir & Orchestra, Directed by Jack Lantz  
Sunday, March 25, 4PM

Join us for a special event as our Chancel Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Jack Lantz celebrate our great heritage of uniquely American hymns and spiritual songs from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Featured will be a very special work "God's Trombones" based on the published poetry of James Weldon Johnson. "God's Trombones" is based on inspirational sermons of the great African American preachers, re-imagined as poetry and reverberating with the musicality and splendid eloquence of the spirituals. These sermon extracts are combined with familiar African American spirituals into a moving musical and theatrical experience.

The concert also includes familiar American and African-American spirituals including "Deep River," "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Amazing Grace." From the Revolutionary War period are two William Billings hymns sung by the American soldiers on the battlefield: "Chester" and "When Jesus Wept." Rounding out the concert will be arrangements for choir and orchestra of 19<sup>th</sup> century American "shape-note" folk hymns, including "Saints Bound for Heaven," "Death Shall Not Destroy My Comfort," "We'll Shout and Give Him Glory" and "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

If you enjoy the great hymns of the church in stirring arrangements, this is the concert for you. Every arrangement is a gem and presents the inspiring texts in a very special way. Join us to bathe in the splendor of our great American folk hymn and spiritual music heritage.

The concert will be held in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$15, available in advance by calling Lori MacDonald at (626) 794-1522, the church office at (818) 790-6708 and at the door. Please come and bring a friend for a special afternoon of great and moving music. ☞





**“So Who Is This MOTHER NATURE, Anyway?!”**  
Ovations Spring Musical

Music, sketches, comedy, dancing and media all intertwine to help you ponder the wonders of our world and universe.

This original show, created by Janet Boggs & Judy Brock, will feature the 55-member Celebrate Singers in songs like “Thank a Plant,” “93 Million Miles Away,” “Eight Planets” (or is it “Nine” Planets?!) and “What Can We Do To Save Our Planet?”

The dialogue, dancing and drama will tickle your funny bone and touch your heart. And make you think.

Is MOTHER NATURE really the one behind it all...?

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** Worship Arts Center  
**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m.** Worship Arts Center

Babysitting available for children ages 3 and under  
Free admission – a free will offering will be accepted ☞



**Faithlift**  
March 24, 2012  
8:00 am - 3:15 pm  
Registration & continental breakfast start at 8:00 am

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
Bonnie Keen

EARLY BIRD PRICE: \$35 (JAN. 15 - FEB 11)  
REGULAR PRICE: \$45 (FEB 12 - MAR 11)  
JUNIORS (8-12) AND TEENS (13-16): \$15

Contact Anna Kerr at 323-606-5241 for tickets or more information

**Faithlift 2012**

First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, 1760 Gower Street, Hollywood  
“God Knows My Name” with Keynote Speaker, Bonnie Keen, recording artist, author and speaker  
(See box at left for pricing)

LCPC Contact person: Mary Emily Myers (818) 952-1373 ☞

**OVATIONS 2011/2012**  
AT LA CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
A SEASON OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND ARTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**February 24, 2012**  
Friday – 8:00 PM  
**February 25, 2012**  
Saturday – 8:00 PM  
**February 26, 2012**  
Sunday – 2:00 PM

**Shakespeare Three Ways: Part 2 - The Musical**  
“Return to the Forbidden Planet”  
A Rock-Opera Retelling of “The Tempest”  
Drama Ministry

**March 9, 2012**  
Friday – 7:00 PM  
**March 10, 2012**  
Saturday – 4:00 PM

**Spring Musical**  
“So Who Is This MOTHER NATURE, Anyway?!”  
Celebrate Singers

**March 25, 2012**  
Sunday – 4:00 PM

**God’s Trombones**  
“Spirituals & Christian Americana”  
Chancel Choir & LCPC Orchestra

**April 6, 2012**  
Friday – 7:30 PM

**Were You There? – A Drama of the Crucifixion**  
Drama Ministry & Praise Band

**April 29, 2012**  
Sunday – 4 PM

**Musical Hilarity**  
“Serious Musical Fun”  
LCPC Orchestra

**May 18, 2012**  
Friday – 8:00 PM  
**May 19, 2012**  
Saturday – 8:00 PM  
**May 20, 2012**  
Sunday – 2:00 PM

**Shakespeare Three Ways: Part 3 - The Comedy**  
“The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)”  
A look at all things Shakespeare  
Drama Ministry

**June 15, 2012**  
Friday – 8:00 PM  
**June 16, 2012**  
Saturday – 4:00 PM

**POPS 2012: Rhapsody in Gershwin**  
Chancel Choir, Dancers & JL Little Big Band

**July 1, 2012**  
Sunday – 7:30 PM

**Americana Concert III**  
Chancel Choir & LCPC Orchestra

**Marital R & R**  
with the Hargraves

What marriage doesn’t need R & R? We ALL do!  
Not just “Rest & Relaxation,” but Restoration & Renewal.  
For ALL married folks who want a better marriage in 2012.

**DATE NIGHTS WITH A PURPOSE!**  
**Drs. Terry & Sharon Hargrave**

Dinner on your own with a guide to help you interact with the presentation.  
RSVP: barbara@lacanadapc.org; Questions: chuck@lacanadapc.org.

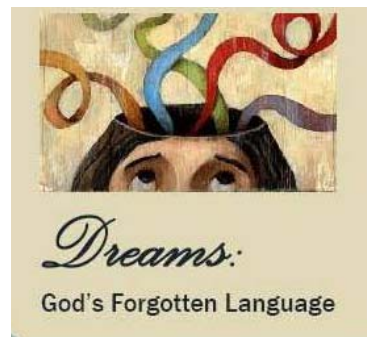


**MAR 3 & MAY 5**  
6:15pm, Fellowship Hall

\$10/couple

Childcare available by request

**FINALLY!**  
A New Year’s Resolution you can do!



You are invited to this three-week lecture series taught by Dr. Sara Dennis, a licensed Clinical Psychologist and Certified Jungian Analyst who has taught and led groups on dreams and ways to look for the Divine in the human soul.

Dr. Dennis will lead you in exploring dreams from the Bible, the early church, historical figures, and her own counseling experience. Those who are interested have the option to form a dream group at the end of this three-part lecture series.

MONDAYS, JAN 30, FEB 6 and FEB 13  
10:00-11:30 AM  
Cook Prayer Chapel

For more information: Sara Dennis, [lucyisn@charter.net](mailto:lucyisn@charter.net) ☞

## A Look Back at 2011

What a year for Outreach at LCPC! Through new and old ministries, leaders, staff, and partnerships to serve the poor and forgotten, Outreach has equipped all generations to be Christ's people both locally and around the world.

### Here are a few highlights from 2011



- ≈ 248 people went on 26 Go Journeys to serve and learn from the poor while contributing to LCPC's local and global outreach partners.
- ≈ 16,400 nutritious meals for the homeless were prepared by 79 people through 51 weekly volunteer opportunities in the LCPC kitchen.
- ≈ 782 suits and an additional 2,635 items of business clothing were collected and donated to job seekers across Los Angeles.
- ≈ 116 people came from 36 cities to visit LCPC's campus for an executive job fair.
- ≈ 300-400 gifts were wrapped for free in the Rite Aid parking lot across from the church for 125 community members.
- ≈ 700 shoeboxes full of Christmas toys, school supplies, and hygiene items were sent to needy children around the world.
- ≈ Through Christmas Market, LCPC members and friends purchased \$74,191 in alternative Christmas gifts to benefit our ministry partners, exceeding last year's numbers by over \$11,000.

We praise God for your part in these amazing ministries, and we look forward to embarking on yet another exciting year with you. ☪

## A Look Ahead in Outreach

Be Christ's person among the poor and forgotten this year. Here are just a few opportunities to consider:

**Plan a Go Journey this Spring or Summer.** Have you volunteered for one of LCPC's local outreach partners? Would you like others to serve with you? We are looking for Go Journey leaders to lead service trips to our outreach partners this spring and summer. Plan a special event for the end of school year. Or simply invite others to join you for your regular volunteering. Contact Megan to plan a trip.

**Attend a Sunday School Class on Global Church Issues Beginning May 6.** A 6-week series will begin at 11AM on Sundays to learn from global Christian leaders. Each session will be taught by a global scholar or church leader who is ministering globally or among immigrant communities in LA.

**Help Teach English in Ethiopia this June or July.** If you have a heart to serve the poor in a short-term, overseas setting, consider a mission trip to Ethiopia this summer. We are gathering a team for a 2-week trip to Ethiopia some time between June 13 and July 29 (exact dates will be determined by team members). Team members will help teach English to teachers at Light of Hope in Ethiopia. No teaching experience is required.

**Join a Team of Medical Professionals to Ethiopia in 2013.** A team of medical professionals is exploring a 2013 trip to Light of Hope in Ethiopia. LOHE is in process of building a hospital, and an LCPC team may join efforts to offer health and supportive services to this project.

**Visit the Schwinds on Africa Mercy Ship in Spring 2013.** Many have expressed interest and one family is already on board. Join this team to visit the Schwinds in their new ministry.

For more information about any of these opportunities, contact Megan Katerjian, Director of Outreach and Adult Formation: [megan@lcanadapc.org](mailto:megan@lcanadapc.org) or (818) 790-6708, X628. ☞

## Update on the Schwinds: Preparing to Board the Mercy Ship in March

By Kathy Starbird (Advocate for Mercy Ships)

LCPC members Steve Schwind, Lisa and their daughters have safely arrived at the Mercy Ship headquarters in Texas. Zodi and Elsa maintain their wonderful level of excitement and awe as they approach this new adventure in their lives. The Schwinds left for their new ministry in December, after receiving much prayer and encouragement, significant financial support, and lots of hugs from friends at LCPC.

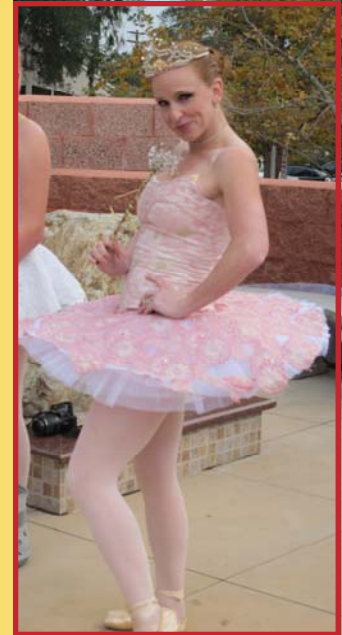
The four Schwinds will all be serving as ambassadors of Christ aboard the ship, which will be stationed in various ports of West Africa, by invitation of the governments. Steve will be involved in spiritual formation, cross-cultural relations and program development involving the some 400 people who live aboard the ship. Lisa will be the dental hygienist for all of the people on board, and she hopes to be involved in other aspects as well. The girls will be attending school aboard ship. They will continue to support the work of their parents by their participation in the telling of Bible stories. Steve can recite many parables and stories from memory from the Gospels, and Lisa and the children have worked out how to act them out. The girls also plan to visit people recovering in the hospital ward of the ship.

There are plans being laid for an LCPC missions trip to the Mercy Ship in 2013. The Schwinds deeply appreciate the financial support they are receiving from LCPC. They cherish the love, support and prayers of our congregation. ☞



# Life at LCPC

## Christmas Concert & Village



Photos on pages 10 & 11 by: Gloria Hill, Mary Emily Myers, Jim Shaw, Camille Tucker

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LCPS Sr. High Small Group Christmas Project  
Happy 100th Birthday!



← LCPC Charter Member, Eileen Heusser (seated in the middle), celebrated her 100th birthday on January 9 with some LCPC friends (including L to R: Doris Coates, Marge Nelson, Margaret Moses and Dona Crawford)

Right: Margaret Moses and Eileen Heusser →



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## Milestones

### Births:

**Lucia Clementine Phifer**, born December 29 to Luke & Emily (Roberts) Phifer. Proud grandmother is Jan Roberts, LCPC elder and Parent Education instructor.

**James Otto King**, born January 1 to LCPC members, Thalia & Caleb King.  
**Madelyn Quinn Curtis**, born January 13 to Jeff & Sarah (Hill) Curtis. Proud grandmother is Gloria Hill, LCPC staff member.

**Isaiah Michael Markonich**, born January 17 to Kevin & Amy Markonich. Proud grandparents are LCPC members, Steve & Shirley Markonich.

### Weddings:

Jason David Berns & Laura Alexandra Brereton (12/9/11)  
Robert Leonard McLinn & Barbara Whyte Brereton (12/17/2011)

### Deaths:

Art Littlejohns (longtime LCPC member; Doris Littlejohns' husband)  
Curt Noland (Eric Noland's brother)  
Esther Nydam (Dave Nydam's mother)  
John Richardson (longtime LCPC member; Diane Richardson's husband)  
C. Allan Spencer, (longtime LCPC member; Linn Dietz's father)  
Olive Turner (Cathie Reid's mother)  
Walt Winner (LCPC member)

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