



# The Los Altos Life

Los Altos Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Last Sunday was the first Sunday in Lent, which was ushered in by Ash Wednesday. Don't forget, this is the beginning of our 40-day journey leading us to the cross, the empty tomb and resurrection. The celebration of Easter. It's a time for us to stop, slow down and reflect on our willing, servanthood relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 1:26-27 the bible tells us: <sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, (REFLECT) on what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

We also experienced an awesome Sweetheart dinner hosted by the men of Los Altos for all the lovely women! Many thanks go out to: Ben and son Ian Boushelle, Don Brady, Ray Clark, Robert Dunnington, Jack Gibson, Carl Hime Jr., and Stuart Pirrotta. Nice work comrades!

We also shared tears of sorrow and jubilee with the families of Steve Wildey and Coral Stupp, who are grieving the loss of these beautiful individuals, whom I'm sure were heaven-bound. They will truly be missed by all.

Thank you for your continued prayers, and remember as you journey to the cross "**God doesn't call the qualified, God qualifies the called.**" Amen!

Friends,

**Church Women United**, an ecumenical Christian women's group, will meet for the **World Day of Prayer** service on Friday, March 2nd at Asbury United Methodist Church, 10000 Candelaria NE. The service was prepared by the women of Suriname with the theme, *All God's Creation is Very Good*. Coffee fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the service. Childcare is available by calling Vicki Kerley at 298-9691 in advance. Come, bring a friend! For more information, please call Shirley Nilsson at 884-2467.

Thank you!  
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CWU Communications Comm.  
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Working with other churches and agencies around the world, Week of Compassion offerings help those in need abroad and in the USA. From hurricanes in the US, Puerto Rico & the US Virgin Islands to Wildfires in California to the refugee crisis in Europe and the Middle East, Week of Compassion responds to people in need. LACC is collecting for Week of Compassion during the February special offering. Thank you LACC for your generous donations that let all see God is doing more than we can imagine.



### ***Feed & Seed Thursday Night Bible Study***

Every Thursday evening.  
Fellowship and supper at 5:30 pm (*brown bag*)  
Study starts at 6:00 pm.  
***Join us around the table!***

### **The Prayer Corner**

#### **Those requesting special prayers:**

Naomi Bitela, Bina Caris, Cory Church's Mom, Judy, Geneva Jarrett, Hobbs' family, Virgie Key, Eartha Lynn's family, Coral Stupp's family, and Rinker/Wildey family.



#### **Guess Who?**

(#19 in a series of articles about current and past participants at LACC.)

**Guess Who** lived in the Grand Bahamas as a child while her dad's company was building things in the new city of Freeport. It was a great place to grow up...no TVs or radios and good neighbors. When **Guess Who** and her classmates wanted to get out of school, they would throw rocks on to the metal roof of the school house while the schoolmaster was at home eating lunch. When the winds picked up in the afternoon, the rocks on the roof made such a racket that school was dismissed.

Turns out it was also a good place to meet one's future spouse. **Guess Who** first met her husband when she was 11 years old. He was bringing supplies to the island for her father's company. Her parents befriended him, often inviting him to dinner when he was in port. However, **Guess Who's** mother refused to let his improperly-tanned-and-therefore-smelly work boots (the only pair of shoes he owned) in the house, so he left them outside when he visited.

**Guess Who** and her husband married in Maryland, where her family had moved so that she could attend high school. They've been married 55 years. When asked how many children they have, they say two plus the ones who needed us. Their children are following in their footsteps; **Guess Who** and her husband have 2 grandchildren plus those who their kids are helping.

**Guess Who** is pretty healthcare-oriented having served as camp nurse for the UMC Conference and raising children and grandchildren in health-related careers. **Guess Who's** face lights up when she talks of the children who have been helped by medical care provided by the Shriners. The children's needs seem so great and their medical conditions so dire, yet not that long after treatment, the children are laughing and playing like all children do.

The warm greeting that LACC provided, especially that greeting provided by Georgie, convinced **Guess Who** and her husband to join LACC after her husband retired.

Stats: Born in Wilmington, NC. Married. 2 children plus, 2 grandchildren plus. Attended High School in Maryland. Work: Secretary to the Comptroller of US Treasury, Dispatcher for Fire department. Began participating at LACC in the 2014; joined in 2017. LACC participation—Thursday Bible Study, Sunday School, Starfish Project, Children's Chat.

See the bulletin board in the Narthex on Sunday to see if you've correctly "guessed who."

# Week of Compassion gifts provide more than we can imagine

By Chuck Blaisdell for Week of Compassion

John Lennon's now iconic song asks us to "Imagine" - but his call is tinged with sadness and even hopelessness for our truly being able to realize a more just, a more abundant, a more peaceful world for each and every person. But we, who know the Good News of the Gospel, know that such imagining is not simply a wistful dream; we know what the

Apostle Paul knew when he wrote those closing lines to the Ephesian church, where he praised God as the one Who, indeed, "by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20-21).



For Paul is right: God's power is at work within us, and that power is the power to imagine and help make a better world a reality for all God's children. The theme of this year's [Week of Compassion Special Offering](#) is "More Than We Can Imagine." And God's power has been - and will continue to be! - at work through your gifts in more ways than you can imagine: through refugees finding safe haven, through those battered by hurricanes and fearsome fires who have been given some of the help they need to begin to put their lives back together, through development projects making clean and safe water available, and so much more. Your gifts work "around the world, around the year" to bring the love and hope of God in more ways than indeed we can imagine.



More Than We Can Imagine  
Week of Compassion Special Offering  
February 18-25, 2018  
[www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org)

## Special offering for Week of Compassion

Learn more about the special offering for [Week of Compassion](#), the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), or donate [online](#). Offerings will be received at LACC February 25. Your gifts to the Week of Compassion special offering and throughout the year lets all see that God is doing **More Than We Can Imagine!**

## Our Mission, Vision and Confession

### Our Identity

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. |

### Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

– *Micah 6:8*

### Our Mission

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth."

– *Acts 1:8*

### Our Confession

*As members of the Christian Church,  
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God,  
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.*

– The **Preamble to The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

## ***Los Altos Christian Church (DOC)***

### **Hours of Sunday Worship**

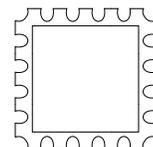
**Sunday School: 9:15 am**

**Sunday Morning Svc: 10:30 am**

**Evening Taize Svc: 5:00 pm**



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### **Los Altos Christian Church Staff / Support Staff**

Pastor: Anthony Lopez  
Administrative Assistant: (Temporary) Edie Dunnington  
Office Angels: Kristie & Georgie Gitzendanner, Iva Vest  
Janitorial: VanGuard Cleaning Systems  
Security & Property: Bob Dunnington / Stuart Pirrotta

#### **General Fund Information**

February 2018 funds: needed - 8,932 received \$6,008

#### **Capital Fund Information**

January 2018 : - \$90

#### **Attendance:**

Sunday morning : 55

Taize attendance: 6

Sunday School attendance: 11

### **Serving on Sunday, February 25:**

Elder: Cory Church  
Worship Leader: Kristie Gitzendanner  
Deacon: Eartha Lynn  
Greeter: Kristie Gitzendanner  
Sound Room: Bob Dunnington

### **Serving on Sunday, March 4:**

Elder: Jackie Metcalf  
Worship Leader: Ray Clark  
Deacon: Naomi Bitela  
Greeter:  
Sound Room: DJ Rinker



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