

**Encounter** (the place for High School students: grades 9 – 12)

**No Encounter** tonight.

**Feeding Ministry:** we will be serving at the feeding ministry again on May 3 (tomorrow). Come to New Freedom Church right after school.

**Encounter End of the Year Bash** next week from 7 - 8:30 in the Encounter Room.

**Evolve** (the place for Junior High students: grades 7-8)

**Evolve** this Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Evolve Room #303.

**Evolve** Wednesday, May 12 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Evolve Room #303.

**Evolve:** Chaos Wednesday, May 19 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Evolve Room #303.

**Corporate**  
a group for ages 18 to 25

We will meet this week on Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the home of Gary and Pam Allen, 2176 Sunflower Court, Lebanon to fellowship with one another.

Corporate group is led by Jake Rhinehart. Contact info: follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/corporateworks](https://twitter.com/corporateworks) or email [jake@lebanonpresbyterian.org](mailto:jake@lebanonpresbyterian.org).

Weekly Calendars are available at the Information Center, posted around the church or online at [www.lebanonpresbyterian.org](http://www.lebanonpresbyterian.org)

**Attendance - April 25, 2010**

8:45 a.m. - 155    11:15 a.m. - 210    Women's Retreat - 63    Total - 428  
Christian Education - 126  
Offering - \$15,690.48

Operating Fund Income thru April - \$396,232  
Operating Fund Expense thru April - \$341,110  
LPC Operating Fund Loan Balance - \$22,502

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## For Our Guests

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Guest Information on our attendance registration pad. We value your visit with us and this is a simple way of letting us know how we may better meet your needs. Thanks for visiting! We're glad you're here.

**Parking**--We have three locations for parking: the side lot on Silver St., the alley lot on Warren St. and the county parking lot directly across East St.

**Rest Rooms** are located in the hallway by the Information Center, on the lower level of the Kingdom Building and in the classroom office/wing.

**Information Center**--located in the Narthex area between the Sanctuary and the Kingdom Building. Please stop by and check out opportunities open to you here at Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

**Sunday School**--Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Adult classes located in the New Classroom/Office Wing:

Faith Explorers - Gary Ensing in Room 305

Faith Weavers - Jim and Rosie VanDeGrift in Room 102

Bible Study - various facilitators in Room 306

Parents of Teens - Nona McCauley and Cathy Riggin - in Room 313

Singles class - Jim and Ellen Albright - in Room 307

Children's classes located on the lower level of the Kingdom Building.

### Student Ministries

Lebanon Student Ministries is made up of Encounter (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) and Evolve (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>). The purpose is to create places where students encounter the real and living person of Jesus Christ through authentic relationships, practical teaching, relevant music, and meaningful service.

Encounter

Encounter (am) meets Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in Room 303.

Evolve

Evolve (am) meets Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in Room 303.

**Children's Church**--Children will be dismissed during each service.

Preschool Church – 3 - 5-year-olds - Rm 201

Children's Church - K- 2nd grade - Rm 301

Prayer teams available following both services for those who desire prayer.

### Ministry Staff

Peter Larson, Senior Pastor

Rick McNeely, Worship and Music

Esther Moreno, Children's Ministry

Bill Philips, Parish Associate

Ellen Albright, Pastoral Care

Nathan Sautter, Student Ministry

Jake Rhinehart, Young Adults

Greg Deeter, Business Administrator

### Elders

Ron Chasteen

Walter Legge

Don Lycan

Ed Smith

Kay Testerman

Jennifer Anson

Rick Bens

Gary Cunningham

Stan Lay

Dick Wilson

Donald Earnhart

Julie Fennessey

Yvonne Kempf

Carolyn Lucke

Barney Wright

# LIFE IS FRAGILE HANDLE WITH PRAYER



*So in the course of time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."  
- 1 Samuel 1:20*

## Lebanon Presbyterian Church

# Today May 2, 2010

Traditional Worship at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christian Education at 10 a.m. Sunday School

Contemporary Worship at 11:15 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room

Soul Food: A Word from Peter

## The True Test

*For where two or three come together in my name,  
there am I with them.*

- Matthew 18:20

In his book, "Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire," Pastor Jim Cymbala tells the story of how a dying, dwindling church in Brooklyn was transformed into a spiritual powerhouse. All of this happened, he says, because a small group began meeting to pray.

At one of their weekly prayer meetings, a visiting pastor from Australia stood up and spoke these words:

"You can tell how popular a church is by who comes on Sunday morning."

"You can tell how popular the pastor or evangelist is by who comes on Sunday night."

"But you can tell how popular Jesus is by who comes to a prayer meeting."

Prayer is the engine that drives the church. The true test of our love for Christ is how much time we spend in prayer.

## Prayer Requests

Ethel Gast, Judy Grosse, Jerry Creech, Barbara Sherwood, Susannah Ritter  
Becky Morman, Cindy Stegman, Iva Edmon, Annie Davidson, Virginia Pence.

## Military

Matt McGuire, Afghanistan • Lucas Cyr, Afghanistan • Kyle Rountree, Kuwait  
Ted Amburgy, Iraq • Bill McKee, Iraq • Craig McDonald, Iraq

## Flowers this Morning are Given by

Ed and Harriet Smith to the glory of God  
and in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary.

## Life at Lebanon Presbyterian Church

### Prayer Time Tonight

Are you looking for a quiet place to pray? Do you need prayer for yourself, your family or a friend? Join us tonight at 7 p.m. in our Prayer Room for our First Sunday of the month prayer time. The prayer time lasts 60 minutes and you can pray in silence or out loud. We invite you to join us as we lift up concerns of our world, community and church.

### Club "56" The Club for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders

If you have any questions, please call Steve Fennessey at 513-932-0701.

Club 56 schedule:

Date	Time	Activity/ Event	Location	Drivers/ Chaperones	Cost
May 7	11 p.m.- 7 a.m.	Overnight @ Countryside YMCA	Meet @ YMCA	Yes	\$10



As many of you are aware, Daniel is our wonderful church pianist. He and his wife, Rachel, are having twin boys! You can imagine how hectic their lives will be for a while. The babies will join their big brother Sammy in keeping their parents busy. They are registered at Amazon.com for some of the larger items they will need, like a double stroller and another high chair, etc. School classes or small groups could go together. They could also use gift cards for things like diapers. Everyone's invited, hope to see you all there!

### Calling All Teachers!

This includes adult, teen, and children's Sunday School teachers so that you may be recognized for the blessing that you are! Please be in attendance for our LPC's Teacher Appreciation on Sunday, May 16. You will be recognized at both services.

### Church Picnic at Armco Park

will be held on Sunday, May 23 at the Warren County-Armco Park Pavilion. There will be fun activities for all ages including paddle-boating, softball, fishing, Frisbee, a large playground and some great relaxing under the big shade trees! Hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwursts, potato salad, coleslaw, potato chips and baked beans will be served at 4:30 p.m. Please feel free to come earlier and enjoy the beautiful park. Please remember to bring your favorite dessert or salad to share and also your lawn chairs. No tickets are needed. The suggested donation of \$5 per person/\$15 per family will be received at the picnic. Please call Greg Deeter in the church office, 932-2751, if you have questions.

### Interfaith Hospitality Network

Our church is hosting IHN this week. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to improve the lives of families in crisis. If you are not available during the week, perhaps you would be able to help with the set up today or clean up on May 9. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex today or you can call Barbara Aberlin 513-494-1549 or Ruth Miller 937-743-8090 for more information.

### LPC Cookbook

It's in process. Sponsored by the LPC Bell Choir who is trying to raise the funds needed for refurbishing the bells, the deadline to submit recipes is May 15. Please call or e-mail the following three people with your recipes:

**Becky Adams** - 2154 Columbine Dr. Lebanon, OH 45036  
932-3372 - rwadams24@embarqmail.com

**Rachael Earley** - 444 E. Silver St.-Lebanon, OH 45036  
282-6162 - racelist@yahoo.com

**Nancy Lupberger** - 1766 Wilmington Rd. Lebanon, OH 45036  
932-7963 - nlupberger@embarqmail.com

We are so excited, we already have some recipes. The goal is 400-500 entries and we are no where near our goal.

### Rummage Sale May 15

It's almost time! The LPC Missions Spring Rummage Sale will be held in the Kingdom Building on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone who has things to donate may bring them to the church on Thursday, May 13, and Friday, May 14. If needed, a pick-up can be scheduled. Hostas and other plants will also be sold; if you have plants to be dug, please call Nathan Sautter for a time. Our rummage sales benefit many mission projects; proceeds from this sale will benefit work projects for the Kenya Mission Trip and the Youth Mexico Trip, both scheduled for June.

### Prime Timers Trip to Freedom Center

Upcoming schedule. The May event for Prime Timers is a trip to the Freedom Center in downtown Cincinnati on Wednesday, May 12. We will carpool, and leave the church at 11 a.m. Then we'll stop and have lunch at Mimi's Cafe on Mason-Montgomery Rd. at Deerfield Town Center and be at the Freedom Center at 1 p.m. Any questions call Lois Bradford at 831-3739. **Sign up sheet in the Information Center. Other Dates to Remember:** Sunday, June 27 - 11:30 a.m. LaComedia's luncheon and presentation of "Church Basement Ladies," a musical comedy. Details at www.lacomedia.com.

### VBS is set for June 14-18

Can you believe that VBS will be here soon? Do you have a heart to transform children's view of God in fun and creative ways? If so, please sign up to be a VBS volunteer today! Sign up today in the Narthex. Set sail and experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love! At High Seas Expedition, kids explore the mighty love of God on a journey that will change them forever! High Seas Expedition is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! So mark this date on your calendar: June 14 -18 from 9 a.m. until noon.

## Attention Graduating College and High School Seniors!

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Gideons International George Henry

Time of Preparation Sanctuary Choir  
*Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright*

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Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.  
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Prayer of Confession Rick McNeely  
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Assurance of Pardon

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Offertory Sanctuary Choir  
*For A Moment*

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

\*Hymn Hymn 519  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

Scripture Reading Pew Bible, pages 190-191  
*1 Samuel 1:1-20*

Sermon The Rev. Peter Larson  
"Labor and Delivery"

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.  
Upon receiving the bread and cup, please wait before partaking,  
so that we may do so together.

**WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

\*Closing Hymn Hymn 622  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Charge and Benediction The Rev. Peter Larson

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