



**Come Together in Prayer**

**Sunday, September 5  
6 p.m. in the Narthex**

A Gathering for Prayer will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 5, in the Narthex. We are a band of people seeking the face of God and entering into conversation with Jesus about the many things that are on our hearts. Join us to pray, listen, and meditate.

**Preaching Schedule**

**Sunday, Sept. 5**  
*Communion Sunday*

**Water into Wine**  
*John 2:1-11*

**Sunday, Sept. 12**

**An Unseen Miracle**  
*John 4:46-45*

**Sunday, Sept. 19**

**Do You Want to be Well?**  
*John 5:1-17*

**Sunday, Sept. 26**

**Loves, Fishes or Life?**  
*John 6:1-15*

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*Loving People to Christ*

**A Servant's Heart**

Our church is blessed with a gifted and dedicated staff. However, the greatest strength of LPC is our volunteers. Working behind the scenes are scores of men and woman who maintain worship, care for the facilities and contribute to the life, mission and ministry of our congregation. With no fanfare or applause, they feed the hungry, care for the homeless, pull weeds, plant flowers, set up chairs and paint walls.

In many churches today, they can't find volunteers. As a result, they have to hire professional help. I am grateful to serve a church with so many eager and willing volunteers. It would take a much longer article to list them all, but I would like to mention just a few of them.

**David and Patty Kuyper** are constantly here at the church fixing all kinds of electrical problems.

**Tony and Mindy Moore** are the owners of Cardinal Landscaping. For many years, they have cut and maintained our lawn at no cost to the church.

If you appreciate the decorations in our Sanctuary, you can thank **Jan and Mike Watsell**. They work very hard to beautify the Sanctuary.

**Bernie and Margaret Uchtman** maintain the beautiful plants growing in our Atrium. When plants are sick and dying, they replace them.



**Mike Schneider** (husband of Donna) has tackled various woodworking projects around the church. He built the bookshelf in the Atrium, the offering collection boxes used in the Sanctuary and Ark, and oak frames for signage in the hallways.

For many decades, **Diane Harrelson** has been in charge of planning and organizing communion at LPC. She has a passion for the Lord's Supper!

Week after week, we rely on volunteers to set up chairs for worship in the Ark. These include **Terri and Jack Catanzaro (Elders)**, **Gary Ensing**, members of the **Building and Grounds Team**, **Neil Tunison**, **Phil Craig**, **Del Everett** and our **Boy Scout Troop**.

For many years, the exterior lighting of the church has been in need of repair. Recently, a family in our church made an anonymous donation to install new lighting.

Would you like to serve? There are many ways you can volunteer, even the smallest contribution is needed.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Business Administrator, Sherry Showalter in the church office 513-932-2751 or email [sherry@lebanonpresbyterian.org](mailto:sherry@lebanonpresbyterian.org) and she will help you find the right spot where your skills are needed.

Your servant in Christ,  
Peter



Over the years, **Dean and Mary Deerhake** have contributed thousands of volunteer hours. They paint and repair damaged walls, pull weeds and provide hundreds of hosta plants that are sold at our church rummage sales.

In our church office we rely on volunteers to answer the phones, greet visitors and help with mailings and other tasks. Our office volunteers include **Jaclyne Andrews**, **Rick Beckwith**, **Jean Bell**, **Kathy Brown**, **Carol Carraway**, **Lana Johnson**, **Dave and Nancy Lupberger**, **George Meloy**, **Debbie Scarborough**, **Rhea Vezmar** and **Dick Wardrop**.

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**Worship Times**  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10 a.m. Traditional Worship  
11 a.m. Modern Worship

**Senior Pastor**  
The Rev. Peter Larson

**Pastor**  
The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

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## Reflections on Reach Out Weekend by Stephanie Poblenz



In early August we were able to have an entire weekend dedicated to reaching out to our community. On Friday we collected school supplies for a local school. We had a table set up on the Silver Street parking lot while people walked by on their way to the Blues Fest. We were able to collect five buckets full of supplies that we have been able to donate to local schools for the year. The photo you see is of Chris Brown and Chris Dorsch (Elder) who were an incredible presence and engaged lovingly to those who showed up to give supplies and those who walked by.

On Saturday we hosted a booth at the Blues Fest. We had bubbles and face painting for all of the children, as well as a lot of other information and free water that we were able to hand out during the heat! It was a great event where we were able to meet and tangibly love those who are in our community. For a first time Blues Fester it was so much fun to see the community gathered together and just enjoying downtown and all of the great community programs we have in Lebanon.

Sunday was our Back-to-School Sunday. We prayed for our students, families, and school employees as they entered back into the school year. It was a touching morning filled with prayers and interactions from the students of our church family. Andrew, our Student Ministries Director, also had the opportunity to care for Lebanon High School's faculty. You can see his article for more information about that wonderful morning.

All in all, it was such a blessing to be able to be a part of a weekend that was so full of outreach, tangible caring, and ministry from our congregation. I look forward to continuing to engage in relationship with our church family and community as we enter into the fall season!

# iPray

*It's not that you lack time to pray. You lack the desire.*  
- Anonymous

Please pray for the following concerns of the church in the coming month:

For the Session as they meet on Saturday, Sept. 11 to receive a report and recommendations from our Long Range Planning Team.

For Stephanie Poblenz as she is examined by Midwest Presbytery on September 17 or 18, that she will be approved to serve as EPC Pastor.

For our mission worker in France, Belka, who was involved in a multi-car collision in August. Pray that he will be able to replace his vehicle.

For India Gospel League after the loss of 74 pastors who died as a result of COVID. Pray that God will raise up new leaders to continue the work.

For Kickoff Sunday on September 12 as we gather for breakfast and worship.

For the start of Wednesday Nights Together on September 15, that many adults and children will come to eat, fellowship and grow together.

For the spiritual renewal of our church, community and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, that the Holy Spirit would deepen our love for Jesus Christ.

## Session

The Session of LPC took the following actions at our August 16 monthly meeting:

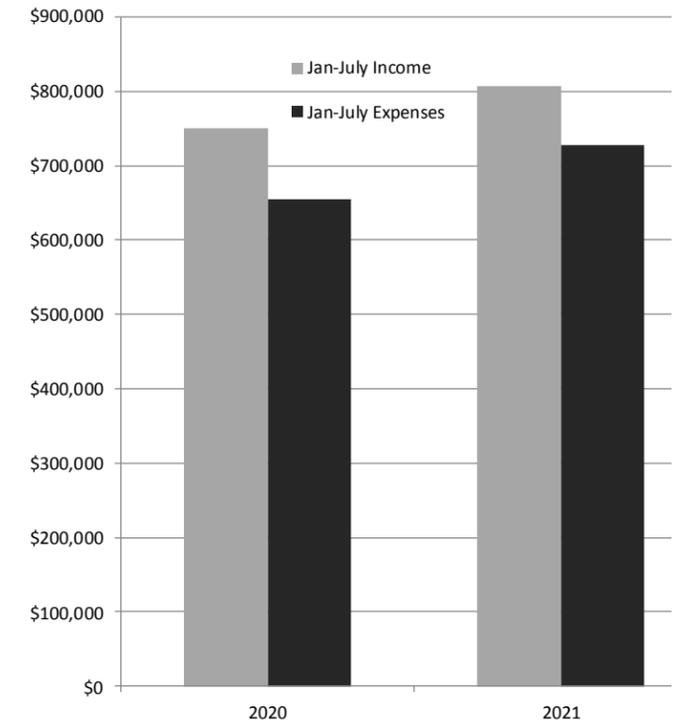
Approved a request by the Garden Club of Ohio, Dayton District, to hold a raffle while using our facilities on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Received a report from the Finance Team that our income has exceeded expenses by \$78,000 as of July 31.

Approved a recommendation from the Reach Out team to collect school supplies and cash donations for Lebanon City Schools on Friday, August 6.

Approved a request from the Worship and Music Team to continue distributing communion with individual, self-serve packets, due to increasing concern about Covid. In addition, the Session approved a recommendation from the Worship and Music Team that a love offering be taken at the Farm Hands Bluegrass Concert at 6 p.m. on September 12, with proceeds going to support the band's ministry. This action was approved informally, via email.

## LPC Income and Expenses



## Financial Giving

As always, we rely on your faithful giving to support the mission and ministry of LPC. You can send your pledge by mail or you can take advantage of the online giving. To begin online giving just go to our church website at [lebanonpresbyterian.org](http://lebanonpresbyterian.org) or text "give" to 513-443-5522, or scan the QR code below, by going to your camera and focusing on the code, then just touch the website QR code banner that pops up on your phone. You will be directed to the Suran website for giving at LPC.



## Deacons Visitation Team

The Deacons Visitation Teams have been on the move this Summer visiting members in nursing homes and those who are homebound! Nina Dorsch, Mary Jo Oliver and Debbie Scarborough stopped by to visit with Reva Cochran.



# Thank You

**Dear Congregation of LPC,**

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of Jesus. Thank you so much for your support of Love Packages. Millions of people will read about the wonderful savior because of you. This year it is our goal to ship 2,021 tons of Christian literature. We are off to a good start. So far we have shipped 1,341 tons, which is over halfway to our goal! The testimony below will illustrate the wonderful work God's word is doing in the lives of people and the continued need for the Christian literature that your help provides.

From Nigeria: We entered into a town called Sabongari in Kano State. This state has over 95% Muslim. We distributed Bibles there and now we have 185 new converts. We also went into a town called Ubolo where the majority of them worship idols and the Lord helped us. We gave out the materials and now the Lord has given us 75 new converts.

Please receive my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done for this ministry.

I remain Yours for Souls, Steve J. Schmidt.

Note: Besides your regular donations of Bibles and Christian materials, the LPC Mission Committee recently donated \$4,000 to Love Packages, the average cost to send one crate of materials overseas. Thank you for your support!

**Dear LPC Friends,**

Once again, the LPC team is doing another wonderful week hosting our six homeless families. The food is the best and so well thought out and planned out. Because of Covid, our families are still staying in hotel rooms, rather than the church. We love being at LPC and long for the days when we can safely return to your church facilities. Since we first started in 1998, Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County has provided shelter for 979 families including 284 individuals and 1,626 children, most of whom were under the age of 10. In addition, we served 141 unborn children and 27 children born in shelter.

Sincerely, Linda Rabolt  
Executive Director, IHN Family Promises

Svitlana is a Christian worker who shares the Gospel with orphans and children in far East Asia. Recently, she sent us this report.

**Dear Pastor Peter and Brothers and Sisters in our Christ Jesus,**

In this uneasy time, I would like to wish that every one of us could obtain faith, genuine joy and unbreakable peace which the Lord is generously pouring out on us! Let not any circumstances displace from our hearts and mind those truths that He is faithful to himself and to us, and that his love is unchanging! My soul is filled with worship to God and joy when I think about our common ministry and how God is sustaining us in His great work! I thank our God that I can continue the ministry as the conditions of the quarantine are loosened. Children are on their vacation now and it is possible for them to gather on the street in groups of 15. The ministry to our neighbors is needed more than ever. Who will proclaim the Gospel to people who are oppressed by fear and desperation? Please pray that our team would be well prepared and everyone would dedicate himself to the ministry to fearlessly preach his Gospel. Also, pray for our health.

With love in Christ Jesus our Lord  
and your sister, Svitlana

**Dear Andrew, Deacons and Congregation of LPC,**

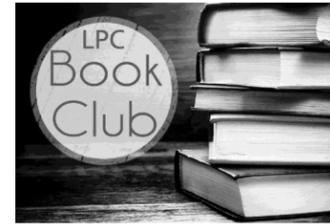
I wanted to say thank you for the bagels and coffee provided to our staff for their opening day meetings. But more importantly, thank you for your prayers, support and grace! Without a doubt, these have been some extremely tough years, but knowing that we are continually prayed for gives me encouragement and strength. Thank you, Andrew and LPC!

In Christ,  
Scott Butler, Lebanon High School Principal

**Dear LPC Friends,**

Greetings from Cambodia! I hope that you are having a wonderful summer, much better than last year's COVID summer. I am writing to thank you for your generous gift to help cover my living and ministry expenses here in Phnom Penn. Thank you for your continued love and care for me. You are such a blessing! Please keep Cambodia in your prayers. COVID continues to spread here and people are scared. Pray for the LORD's peace in this place.

Much Love, Becki Sardenson



The LPC Book Club will meet on September 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 311 to discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. This sweeping novel brings to life the Dust Bowl and Great Depression and the people who lived through it. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, *The Four Winds* is a portrait of America and the American dream as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation. For more information, or if you will need to attend via Zoom, contact Nina Dorsch at [ninadorsch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ninadorsch@sbcglobal.net).

## Activating God Space

In a 1961 Peanuts comic strip Linus remarked, "There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people...religion, politics, and the Great Pumpkin." Truly, these subjects can be highly contentious, resulting in heated argument rather than reasoned conversation. Indeed, the maxim "Never discuss religion or politics with those who hold opinions opposite to yours" has been cited in print since at least 1840. Yet, the Great Commission of the Church (Matthew 28: 19-20) requires that we "go and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." So how can we go against the social taboo of talking about religion and have a spiritual conversation with someone?

As a way of addressing this question, LPC offered God Space, a workshop presented by Doug Pollock during Wednesday Nights Together January 13-Feb 17 attended by approximately 100 people. One participant in the "God Space" class noted, "What Doug shared with us was revolutionary but obvious: many unbelievers would actually enjoy talking about spiritual things if they could be assured that we are listening respectfully."

Seeking to practice the skills we learned in God Space, several of us gathered for a six-week "Beyond God Space" Sunday school class that was offered May 2-June 6. After our last class, we all decided we wanted to keep the conversation going, to invite others to join us in actually "activating" God Space. So, we will be sharing our experiences and practices that together to create GOD SPACE in a series of LPC Chronicle articles, offering faith adventure ideas and challenges intended to help create "God Space" in practical, doable, and authentic ways. If you have a God Space story/moment/idea to share in this effort, please send it to [terricatanzaro@gmail.com](mailto:terricatanzaro@gmail.com).

Join the conversation—let's engage together and with others in spiritual conversations!



This month we honor the following men and women for their loving service to Jesus Christ and the church.

**Phil Craig, Dave Lupberger, Steve Newby, Mike (Donna) Schneider, Roger Sims, and Mike Vezmar** for doing numerous jobs around the facility on the Buildings and Grounds workday.

**Rita Poth** for catering a wonderful tailgate to kick off the Buildings and Grounds workday.

**Garry Benner, Mark Kinkelaar and Jack Catanzaro** for running cable within the church.

**Chuck Duerré and Jack Catanzaro** for conducting CPR classes for staff and Safety Team.

## All Church Annual Picnic

The LPC Picnic, hosted by the Buildings and Grounds team, will be held on Sunday, October 3 at the Warren County-Armco Park Pavilion. There will be fun activities for all ages including paddle-boating, a Bounce House for kids, fishing, Frisbee, a large playground and some great relaxing under the big shade trees! Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, potato chips and baked beans will be served at 4:30 p.m. Please come earlier and enjoy the beautiful park. Bring your favorite dessert or salad to share and your lawn chairs. We are looking for a few families willing to make homemade ice cream. If this is you, please contact Sherry Showalter. No tickets are needed. The suggested donation of \$5 per person/\$15 per family will be received at the picnic. Questions? Call Sherry Showalter 513-932-2751.



## Kick Off Sunday and Breakfast, September 12!

**What:** Bring the whole family for the annual fall kickoff breakfast: pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, fresh fruit and more. It's **FREE!** Because we are serving breakfast, there will be no worship at 10 a.m.

**Where:** The Ark

**When:** 9:45- 10:45 a.m.

**Why:** Learn about opportunities to grow in your Christian faith through Sunday School classes for Children and Adults, Wednesday Night Together classes, and Bible study groups.

### Fall Adult Wednesday Nights Together Classes

10 Wednesdays, September 15-November 17, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**The Holiness of God** Nothing is more important in our Christian lives than our understanding of who God is. Our study of R.C. Sproul's book will challenge us to think about the depths of divine holiness and understand how the person and character of God the Father affects every aspect of our lives. Allow one of the all-time classic works on God's character to guide you more deeply into the presence of God as you respond to His holiness. Led by Nina Dorsch.

**The Parables of Jesus** In the gospels, one-third of Jesus' teachings are given in the form of parables. As the consummate teacher and storyteller, Jesus knew these were the best way to communicate to His listeners the timeless truths about the Kingdom of God and the Christian life. But why parables, and more importantly, what does God want us to learn and apply to our lives today from these ancient stories? You'll probably be surprised how much you've been overlooking! Please join us as we study a number of the parables together, some of which leave many even today quite confused as to their meaning. No course book or study guides need to be purchased; just bring your Bible. Led by Steve Newby.

**What's the Bible All About** We read the Bible at least every Sunday, but have we ever thought about where the scriptures actually come from? Who wrote all of it down, how did it get passed on from generation to generation, and how did it get into the format that we all see today? We claim that the scriptures really do hold the Word of God, so it is vital for us to know the history of how we got the Bible, and what it means for us at Christians. Our class will focus on the origins of the Bible, and how we can know the scriptures are truly the Word of God. This will be an interactive class, with space to ask questions and even play some games. If you have read the Bible cover to cover 100 times, or never opened it, you will find this class interesting! Led by Pastor Stephanie Poblentz.

To sign up for one of these three classes, use the sign up in the brochure available each Sunday or use the QR Code provided to your left.



**The Marriage School** Starting Sept. 8 and continuing through Dec. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Why doesn't marriage, our most intense lifelong relationship, come with a manual? We want our marriages to glorify God, but what does that really look like in daily life? We know God calls us to love and respect our spouse, but we need some practical steps to get there. The Marriage School offers The Third Option a 14-week relationship skills course that helps couples build stronger, healthier marriages. The course is designed for healthy couples who want to grow stronger, committed couples who suffer from conflict or miscommunication, and couples who are in crisis. The two-hour class includes discussion, teaching and testimony. Workbooks are included. Cost: \$420 with partial and full scholarships available (**free to LPC families**). Led by Daniel and Rachel Sachs. Sign up for **THIS** class at <http://themarriageschool.net/register-cincinnati.html> or use the QR Code provided.



## Thank you from Interfaith Hospitality LPC and Family Promise of Warren County

We are so grateful to all of those who assisted with Interfaith Hospitality Network LPC August 15-21. We started out the week with six families totaling 20 people. On Tuesday a family of two secured their housing. On Wednesday, a family of three joined the program. Thank you to the following for providing breakfast, lunch and dinner to our IHN families:

13 people who cooked for our families.

13 people who provided 22 prepared sidedishes for our families. This makes it so much easier for our cooks.

28 people who provided 152 supplies for our IHN families.

Jenna Terrell, Margaret and Ally Bondurant of our Youth Leadership Team for the 20 gift bags for each of our IHN family members.

The families really appreciate your efforts as they work on their goals of housing, employment, education and daycare. Here is some feedback we received directly from the families:

**Sunday:** The beef vegetable soup was a big hit, probably the favorite "meal" item for the day. The families loved the apple pie bars! One mom said she saved one and ate it for breakfast. They were so yummy. Two families shared that their boys loved the pancakes. A nine year old was excited for an easy, hot breakfast before off to school. One mom shared that her daughter enjoyed the eggs. The fresh veggies for lunch were also appreciated. All the families were looking forward to the bagels and cream cheese for tomorrow morning.

**Special goodie bags:** A dad shared he loved the Bible he was given. His wife and three children have recently started going back to church and he is overjoyed that he has a Bible he can now read from and take with him to church. One dad shared he loved the mug he received. He has to have cups that have a good seal and it works perfect for his needs at work. The moms loved their lotion, lip gloss, and face items. The blankets were also a huge hit. One mom shared that her nine year old son was excited for his football and played with it as soon as he could Sunday night.

**Monday:** breakfast and lunch was another success. A mom of four shared that her crew loved the fish sticks. She said they received a large container of them and her kids couldn't be stopped diving right in. She also shared that the pasta salad was her favorite. She said she had never had it with spaghetti noodles and really enjoyed it that way. Her family is Italian and when I spoke with her this morning she shared that she couldn't wait to eat the pasta bake for lunch. One mom, family of five, shared her 17 year old's favorite part of the three meals was the bagels for breakfast. Mom said she ate two of them on her own (one last night and one this morning) and the others were happy to let her have them as they are one of her favorite things to eat. One mom shared that they really enjoyed the pound cake. All the families loved the blueberries last night and the salad for lunch today.

**Tuesday:** best tacos they have received since being with us. They loved the corn cake with it and the fruit salsa with the cinnamon chips. Most of the families had never tried fruit salsa and were in love from the first bite. The families also loved the Naan bread and fresh veggies for lunch.



## Fore!

We are planning an LPC Golf Outing on Saturday, October 2 at 9 a.m. at Majestic Springs golf course in Wilmington. The cost is \$42 per person which includes a cart and 18 holes of golf. In the past, we have held a golf tournament to raise money for the school we support in Kenya, East Africa. However, due to COVID the school has been closed for the past year. For this reason, we are not doing the fundraiser this year. If you would like to golf with us, you can register by signing up on Sunday morning on a clipboard located at the Welcome Center. For more information please call Jack Victory at 513-907-1772.

## News from India

One of the global missions supported by our church is India Gospel League (IGL), the largest Christian evangelistic organization in India. Dealing with the Covid pandemic has been a huge challenge. According to official reports, more than 400,000 people in India have died as a result of Covid, although the actual number is probably 10 times higher than that because many people die at home and their deaths are never reported. Seventy-four barefoot pastors who serve with IGL have died from COVID, 60 of them in the past four months. Nevertheless, the work continues with many wives, sons and daughters stepping up to do the work of preaching and evangelism. In June, an oxygen generator was installed at the Christian hospital in the city of Salem, when IGL is based. The generator has saved many lives, and was donated by IGL. In addition, IGL has turned its conference center which holds 2,000 people, into a hospital to treat Covid patients. "This is a tangible way of showing God's love," said Matt Garrett, who serves as North American representative for IGL and lives in Dayton. In addition to church-planning and evangelism, IGL provides medical care, schooling, a large orphanage, daycare for children, a vocational training center and many economic development projects that empower women, many of whom are illiterate. Recently, LPC partnered with several other churches and to focus on the spiritual and physical needs of four small villages. Despite Covid, that project has been a beacon of hope and light for poor villagers and drawn many to faith in Jesus Christ. .



Matt Garrett



India Gospel League trains and equips thousands of barefoot pastors.

## Matthew 25 Ministries

Matthew 25 Ministries is celebrating 30 years of caring for a needy world. Matthew 25 Ministries has had the privilege of serving the poorest of the poor and disaster victims for 30 years. As we celebrate the past three decades of service, we are filled with gratitude for the many blessings that have allowed us to help millions of people in need, and the many generous partners, donors, and volunteers who have been a part of this journey. It's amazing to reflect on where we started and where we are now, and the work that has been accomplished along the way.

In 1990, founder Rev. Wendell Mettey made his first trip to Nicaragua and was astounded by the great need that he saw. Matthew 25 was founded the next year. Since then, the ministry has grown out of eight warehouses before settling into its current location in Blue Ash. Recently the ministry acquired the building across the street from this location, which brings the total storage and distribution area to more than 300,000 square feet. The building will primarily be used as a hub for disaster response and supplies, and will allow Matthew 25 to respond more quickly. Thank you for being a part of our work, bringing hope and help to the poorest of the poor, and to disaster victims throughout the US and around the world. Note: The LPC Missions Team regularly sends a half dozen large crates, called gaylords, to Matthew 25 after our rummage sales, in addition to contributing funds after disasters.

## What's Happening in Worship

by Rick McNeely

### Thank you, Daniel

LPC is blessed to have Daniel Sachs and his family as part of our congregation. Their musical offerings in worship are a true gift to us all. For a while now, Daniel and Rachel have also been leading The Marriage School which has helped many couples strengthen their relationships with each other and with God. Daniel has been the accompanist for the choir for many years and it is bittersweet to let you know that he is stepping down from this responsibility. We will miss Daniel at choir, but the great news is that he is not going anywhere. The reason for his stepping down, has everything to do with growth in the ministries of The Marriage School. "It wasn't an easy decision. However, moving The Marriage School to Wednesdays at LPC ultimately made a lot of sense. Also, The Marriage School is growing and therefore requiring more of my time (certainly a good thing!). I am hoping to continue playing the piano at LPC whenever possible." said Daniel. LPC's new organist Sohee Lee will be taking the responsibility of choir accompanist. We can be thankful that the Sachs family will continue to be a vital part of this fellowship. Also, we can pray for Daniel, Rachel and the boys and for The Marriage School as it grows. Please thank Daniel for his serving as accompanist the next time you see him.



### Bluegrass Gospel with The Farm Hands September 12

The Farm Hands will be performing a live concert in the Ark at 6 p.m. September 12. The Farm Hands are one of the most exciting and talented bands in bluegrass gospel music. The group features 5 award-winning singers, musicians and songwriters, including two long-time veterans of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. The event is part of LPC's Kickoff Sunday celebration and everyone is invited. The event is free. A love offering to support the band's ministry will be taken. If you want to know more about this exciting group, check them out at [farmhandsmusic.com](http://farmhandsmusic.com). You won't want to miss this!

### Communion in a Time of Covid

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

As we continue to cope with the ever-changing COVID landscape, we want to keep encouraging one another and build each other up. We are still in the throes of the pandemic and are trying to do what is possible to regain some of the things we miss in our worship experiences. For example, we are looking at how to transition into a more normal way of serving communion. A team of Elders has been formed to explore options and we will keep you informed well in advance of any changes that may come. Also, we are looking at creating a new layout for the Worship Guide in hopes of better meeting the needs of the congregation in all three services. Our hope is to unveil this new design sometime in September. Through all the challenges we still face regarding worship and the life of the congregation in general, we ask for grace, patience and understanding be the norm as together we continue to weather this storm. May God's peace and grace overwhelm us all and remember, this too shall pass.

# Summer Family FUN! by Tracy Untener

Families had a great time getting together for fellowship this past month. Early in the month, we had pizza and swam at the Countryside Y.M.C.A. The kids didn't mind that the day was a bit chilly for swimming. They still went for it! We were able to visit with our church families, and to get to know and share upcoming events with families who attended from the LPC preschool, the Play School, and other visitors from our "Under God's Big Top" event.

Then, later in the month, families went to Pastor Stephanie's house for food and outdoor fun. God provided us with an absolutely beautiful day, and there was a great game of kickball, fun with a parachute, Giant Jenga, frisbees, and much more! We enjoyed Pastor Stephanie's enchiladas and had some great sweets for dessert. It was so wonderful to spend this time together. Look for more fun social events for families coming in the future!



## Wednesday Nights Together for Kids Starting September 15!

**WNT Kids for Preschool age thru fourth graders along with Club 56 from 6 - 7:15 p.m.**

Wednesday Nights Together Kids will be studying some of the parables that Jesus taught and how they relate to their lives today. They will be learning five special Bible verses along the way that will help them discover the importance of accepting Jesus as their Savior and of actually living their faith every day.

Club 56 is a ministry designed for 5th & 6th grade students. This is a group where students can hang out with others their own age, learn about God, and help others in the community. Club 56 will meet during Wednesday Nights Together (WNT) for Bible study. They will be taking a look at Daniel, and how he and his friends continued to follow God faithfully, even as they stepped into uncharted territory, and they will be discussing how Daniel's faith example applies to their lives today. This group will also have an outing once a month. Some of these outings will involve fellowship, some will involve service, but all will involve lots of fun! **Heather Forster and Rachael Earley are planning these outings. Save the date! On September 18, there will be a get-to-know-you event at Heather's house with pizza, lots of outdoor games, an inflatable obstacle course and other great activities!**

**Children's Christmas Musical Practice from 7:15 - 8 p.m.**

That's right, the children's Christmas musical is back! This year the group will be performing, "The Christmas Express – Finding Joy in the Journey."

*Every Christmas the passengers on the Christmas Express make the journey to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to celebrate the birth of Christ with a grand pageant. The question is, who will be chosen to ride the train on this special night and what kind of adventure will unfold?*

In order to make this happen, we need lots of kids to join, so sign up now! Sign ups available through the Weekly Update email or by using the QR Code provided.



## Many Parts But One in Christ by Andrew Johnson

Our youth group, Encounter Student Ministries, began the 2021-2022 year with an August pool party at the Pierett's. We are a small group community made up of students grades 7th to 12th, college age and adult volunteers. Our students come from a variety ... we have homeschoolers, private school and public school students, athletes and mathletes, geeks and gamers, bakers, makers, musicians and all of them Jesus followers. Despite the different interests, passions and school friend groups all of our students find a home in the Encounter community of faith and we enjoy living life together. On Wednesday nights this fall you may see students of all sorts enjoying some crazy active game in the Ark or hear loud praises being sung from the youth room. When you do, know that Jesus is working in their lives through our LPC church family.



## LHS Bagel Blessing

On Tuesday, August 10th LPC donated Panera bagels and Starbucks coffee to the faculty and staff of Lebanon High School. We are thankful for the opportunity to bless those who are blessing others. We pray for a healthy and safe school year. We pray that the teachers who love Jesus would be able to witness and minister well by how they love and care for the students of our community.

