

Preaching Schedule

Sunday, March 6
 COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sons or Slaves?
Galatians 3:26-4:11

Sunday, March 13
Is Your Joy Missing?
Galatians 4: 12-20

Sunday, March 20
A New Covenant
Galatians 4:21-31
Luke 22:13-23

Sunday, March 27
Freedom from Religion
Galatians 5:1-12



Lebanon Presbyterian Church

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 7:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Appointments Encouraged

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WE ARE ON THE WEB!

The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

Associate Pastor

The Rev. Peter Larson

Senior Pastor

11 a.m. Modern Worship

10 a.m. Traditional Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

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MARCH 2022

Knit Together

The souls of Jonathan and David were knit together... -1 Samuel 18:1

In October, some women in our church decided to make quilts for needy children in Warren County. Beds had already been provided by our church through the Build-a-Bed project. The quilts were something extra.

Very quickly, Sharen Benner organized a skilled team of quilters. Some came from LPC, some from other churches. One woman, Jenny Wyrick donated all of the fabric from her shop in Waynesville – a spectacular assortment of colors and patterns.

It was a massive project. For three months, the women held quilt-a-thons at the church. Hunched over their sewing machines, they worked for hours on end. Some of them ironed. Others did the actual quilting and stitched the layers of fabric together.

Instead of setting a goal, they decided to see how much they could accomplish. By the time the project ended, they had created 33 hand-made quilts – exactly the number needed to match the beds donated by our church.



Each quilt was one-of-a kind. Each quilt was a work of art. Each quilt was a labor of love. As one quilter told me, “In every stitch there is love and prayer.” On Sunday, February 13 the quilts were dedicated during worship. The following week, they were delivered to the children.

I hope and pray these quilts will be treasured for a lifetime. Already, the quilts have brought joy to the women who made them. In three months of quilting together, they have developed deep bonds of friendship. In a strange and mysterious way, “their souls have been knit together.” (1 Samuel 18:1).

Every quilt tells a story. One scrap of fabric might be from an apron worn by your grandmother or a dress worn by your mother. Alone, they have little value. Together, they create something priceless.

In the same way, the church is made up of all kinds of people. Like scraps of fabric, we are so different. And yet, the Holy Spirit knits us together, makes us one and creates something

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beautiful. In the words of the Apostle Paul, "But in fact God has arranged the parts of the body, every one of them just as he wanted them to be." (1 Corinthians 12:18).

The quilting project has had a ripple effect in our community. One woman heard about it and decided to donate two of her own hand-made quilts to the church. Those quilts will probably go to the Afghan refugees when they arrive.

I praise God for the quilters. By their example of love and devotion, they have inspired us all.

Your servant in Christ,

Peter



Wednesday Nights Together WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need volunteers to help keep Wednesday Nights Together running smoothly. If you would like to be added to our WNT Sign Up Genius list, please contact Christine Olding at 513-405-9590 or c.olding78@gmail.com.



iPray

*"Prayer does not change God,
it changes those who pray."*

-SOREN KIERKEGAARD

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

For the Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 12.

For the Senior High Retreat the weekend of April 2-3.

For the Afghan Refugees that God would remove the roadblocks and send them to us in His time.

For our Young Adult Ministry Team as they seek a summer intern to lead the outreach to college students.

For our children's choir and Beth Larson as they prepare to lead worship on Palm Sunday.

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

Session Report

The Session of LPC took the following actions at our February 22 monthly meeting:

Approved a request from Daniel and Rachel Sachs for the Marriage School to hold a benefit concert on Saturday, April 30.

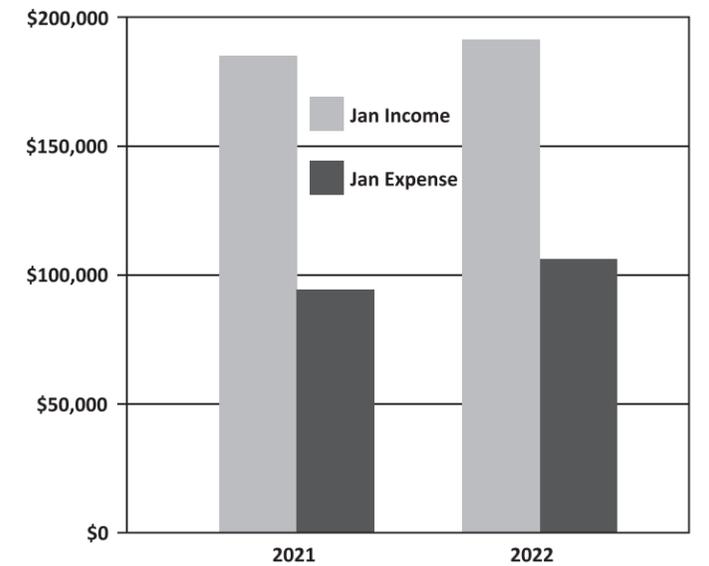
Approved two students from the Kaleo class, Ally Bondurant and Micah Earley, for membership in the church.

Pastor Larson reported that a new flagpole has been installed outside the Sanctuary, directly behind the church sign and was funded by private donations.

Allocated \$10,000 from the SBA PPP loan funds to be used for the Afghan refugee resettlement project.

Approved a request to provide a link on the church website for people wanting to donate to the Afghan refugee project.

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 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.



Thank You

Dear LPC Friends:

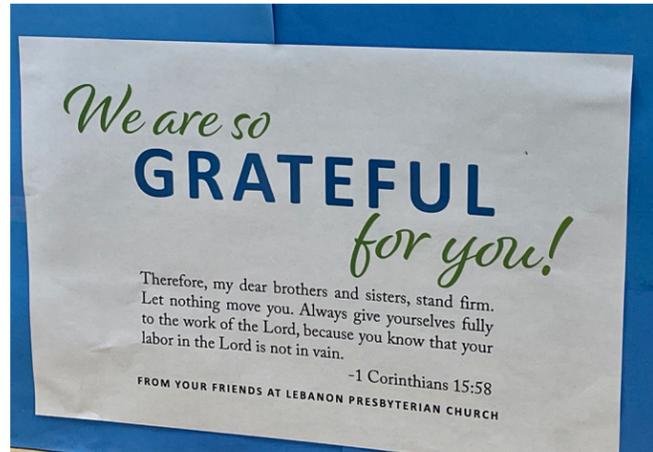
Just a short note to say thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity when you provided lunch for our staff on February 2. The day seemed lighter and brighter just knowing all of you were thinking of us. Thank you again.

Julie, Donovan Elementary School

Dear Pastor Peter:

I am writing this letter to thank you and your congregation for your part in calming our community. The scripture, "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good," (Gen. 50:20) could not be more true than it has been for the Good News Club ever since the Satan Club announcement on Thursday, January 20. Since then, six Donovan parents requested permission slips for their children to join the Good News Club. Turnout has been above average with 35 students. Three teachers at Bowman Elementary School would like to start a Good News Club at Bowman in the fall and are looking for people to join their team. A Donovan parent offered to help by bringing snacks. A Lebanon couple would like to help at the club when they are not in Florida in the winter, and another couple has offered to help the ministry financially. We were also contacted by people who want to start Good News Clubs in Goshen and Mount Healthy after hearing about us on the news. I am overwhelmed by God's goodness and how He is working. I know many are discouraged in our community, including teachers and staff, and we must continue to pray for them.

For Him, Carolyn Horton
Chair of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ohio and
Team Leader of Donovan Good News Club



Family Trampoline Park Event BY STEPHANIE POBLENZ

Early in February, I finally got my first real taste of winter in Ohio! Snow, sleet, ice! All coming three days before an event that the Family Ministry teams had planned at Altitude Jump Park. Lo and behold, the Lord was incredibly gracious in His timing, and Saturday morning arrived bright and sunny, yet still quite cold. The roads were clear, and all seemingly led to Altitude Jump Park. We had over 90 people attend our event!



Many of these were families that we know. A few were families from the Preschool or friends of friends who were invited. It was a beautiful time where kids could jump and get all their energy out that they had stored up over the two previous snow days and parents could talk with each other and not be worried about what their kids were doing. We had families with preschool students, all the way up to high school students there to help watch kids and jump with them. There were many games of jousting into a foam pit and seeing who could do the most flips in a row. We enjoyed time together in two party rooms that spilled out into the surrounding hallways. Way too much pizza was eaten, and there was just so much wonderful fellowship happening.



Overall, it was an incredibly wonderful event where LPC families new and old could gather together and enjoy a Saturday afternoon. It is always so encouraging to see God provide such meaningful times of fellowship and laughter. The Families Team is passionate about providing spaces for relationship building and creating a foundation for future ministry based off those relationships. We had two families begin to attend LPC on Sunday mornings after this event because of the relationships they made! Please continue to pray that our families would set aside time to gather, and that God would give us opportunities to engage in deeper conversations. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this wonderful church family.





Interfaith Hospitality LPC UPDATE

We look forward to providing meals, encouragement and prayers for our Interfaith Hospitality families who find themselves temporarily homeless. Our second of four rotations is **March 20-26**. Watch for the LPC Weekly updates for opportunities to cook, prepare side dishes and shop for needs starting Friday, March 4.

Thank you to the many who have helped with our IHN 1st rotation of 2022, January 30-Feb 5. We hosted 4 families which included 15 family members.

Family Promise of Warren County appreciated our flexibility and generosity in taking care of the families during the ice and snow emergency that week. So many of our church family stepped up to rework menus and came in to cook at off hours.

Send questions or comments to lebanonpcihn@gmail.com.

Your IHN LPC Leadership Team: Chris Brown, Terri Catanzaro, Margaret Bondurant, Ally Bon-

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



Steve Newby & Mike Vezmar for fixing the folding tables.

Rick Oliver for installing a new toilet and hanging a whiteboard.

Dave Lupberger, Steve Newby, Rick Oliver & Mike (Donna) Schneider for shoveling snow & ice.



Get CONNECTED at LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are not receiving our Weekly Update emails or our calls about immediate information, please contact Gabrielle Pyles at gabrielle@lebanonpresbyterian.org and we will get you added to our congregational lists.

DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION OR QUESTION FOR SESSION?

Comment Cards are available in the Friendship Pads. Just fill out a card and drop it in the collection box located in the back of the Sanctuary or Ark. Don't want to fill out a card – just email comments@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

Get To Know - Sohee Lee

BY RICK MCNEELY

Many of you have asked me to do an interview with Sohee and we had the opportunity to do that recently. Here's the result...

When did you first start playing music?

Having grown up in a Christian family, I was raised Presbyterian and baptized in a presbyterian church in Korea. I was exposed to church music and remember even as a young child mesmerized by the beautiful melody of hymns. Naturally, I started to learn piano when I was 7 years old.

When did you first meet Jesus?

I've known Jesus since I was born. However, I hadn't really met him personally. When I was around 20, I struggled with a lot of troubles in my life, I even denied God and his existence. That's when I met Jesus who was waiting. He didn't force me to come to him or judge me but he was just waiting to enter my heart. Jesus was waiting to give me the water of life as in John 4:14 'but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.' And I had to admit that God is real - and good. So good that he wants to die for me, and his love never runs out.

What is one thing you absolutely love about playing the organ for worship?

I love it when I hear the congregation singing hymns together with the organ accompaniment. I've read one study about when people sing together, their heart rates tend to synchronize and beat as one. I experience that every Sunday. I don't hear thousands of individuals singing, I hear one heart, one mouth. In unity as the body of Christ, we have one heart and one mouth to praise God!

How has your experience been so far at LPC?

Home and Family. I've been to so many churches (including Catholic, Lutheran, Jewish, etc..) and this is the church where I feel like I'm a part of the family. I have two ladies who said they've adopted me as their daughter. Thank you so much everybody for welcoming me and being a family, and friends of mine!!

I know you are interested in serving beyond playing the organ for worship. What's one thing you'd like to add to your ministry here at LPC?

I've suffered from mental issues. I've struggled to battle this for a long time and one thing that kept me alive was Music and God's word. I believe Music has the power to heal wounded souls. I have a music therapy program that I want to start, one for playschool children and the other for nursing homes. I've planned the 4-weeks music program for playschool kids but never had a chance to really start it due to scheduling issues. I hope I can start it once I graduate from UC!

What part of Korea are you from?

I'm from Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

What is one difference and one similarity you have found in Korean and American culture?

Korea has a unique concept of 'politeness'. For example, it wouldn't be acceptable to express my opinions to people who are older than me. My father always taught me not to say anything to older people but just put a smile on my face and simply nod on their opinion even if I don't really agree with it. On the other hand, I think Americans express their thoughts more freely. So, if you sometimes feel like I'm hiding something from you, please understand that I'm really not trying to hide something from you, but I'm trying to be polite!

If there was one Korean dish we absolutely had to try, what would it be and why?

You should absolutely try Bibimbap. It's just like a chipotle but more Asian style. Super healthy food.

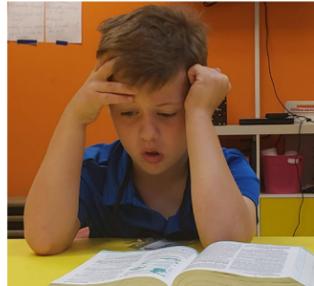


Spotlight on the 1st - 4th Grade Sunday School Class

BY TRACY UNTENER

“The B-I-B-L-E, yes that’s the book for me. I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.”

We all know the familiar song, and we all know just how important it is to read and learn from the Bible. In Sarah Untener's Sunday School class, the students are learning how to navigate the Bible. Each week they spend some time memorizing the order of the books of the Bible through various opening activities. Miss Sarah is also planning a lesson about what the notation of chapter and verse means when they are looking the verses up, and how you write out Bible verses. They put what they’re learning into practice when each child in the class looks up the Bible story. Of course, the class is in the Bible every week. In fact, they also work on memorizing key Bible verses. They get a prize if they can recite it by the end of the month. First, the children make a poster decorating it with pictures that help explain the verse to them. Then the verses are sent home with the kids, and they work on them at home with their parents. They also spend some time in class doing Bible verse memorization activities. The importance of “hiding God’s Word in their hearts” is emphasized, and Miss Sarah talks with the kids about why. The kids are doing a great job, and are learning a lot!



HEY! LOOK AT THE FUN CLUB 56 HAD THIS MONTH - SKYLINE AND THEN THE MADPOTTER!

enoco LPC STUDENT MINISTRIES

STUDENTS PARENTS LEADERS

Paint Applied!

BY ANDREW JOHNSON

Over President’s Day weekend students gathered to repaint Room #303B which is our games and hangout area. It has been almost 15 years since it was painted. The paint and artwork have served us for many years, seen many students and taken a lot of damage. We are excited for a new generation of students to cover the walls with canvases of their own new artwork. Our furniture is old and well worn and we hope to replace them with functional modular seating over time and eventually add some softer lighting. We are blessed to have had donations of a pool table, a ping-pong table and a foosball table. Our students love our youth room and feel like it is a safe space that belongs to them. We had a great time of fellowship painting the walls together and almost all of the paint ended up on the walls! Praise God! We will post the new artwork when it is done to Facebook on the LPC page.



ONE DAY Women's MINI RETREAT

Retreat Reboot!

WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT 2022
MARCH 12

Press pause for a moment on your regular weekend routine and come spend a day learning how to "Let Go and Let God" with the ladies of LPC during our pint-sized Women's Retreat.

New this year: high school ladies are invited!! The Women's Retreat Committee has restructured this year's event to be a one day, mini-retreat here at LPC on **Saturday March 12th, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** All the fun, fellowship and spiritual support of our normal gathering, condensed into one beautiful day!

Mark you calendars for March 12th and watch for registration information in the weekly update email. Looking forward to seeing you!

In Christ,
Women's Retreat Committee
(Terri Catanzaro, Debbie Kouns, Debbie Snider,
Connie Tunison, Heather Forster)



SAVE THE DATE!
DISCOVERY ON
ADVENTURE ISLAND
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 6-10 | 6-8 P.M.
If you would like to volunteer
to help with this adventure, please
contact tracy@lebanonpresbyterian.org

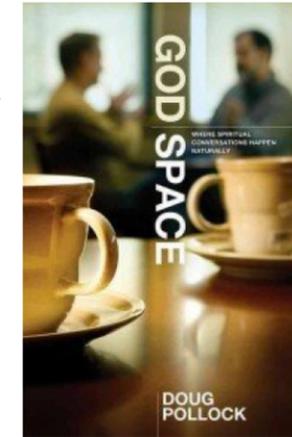
Future Graduates GRADUATION SUNDAY & LPC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

LPC offers college scholarships for high school graduates! Find the link at the bottom of the student ministry page on the church website. All scholarship applications are due March 15. We will be celebrating high school and college graduates in worship on Sunday, May 15 with a special breakfast at 9 a.m. for high school graduates and their families.

Activating God Space QUIZ

KAREN KILPATRICK AND TERRI CATANZARO

Has God been speaking to you about sharing the Gospel more? Would you like to know how to share your faith easier and with more "God conversations?" In his book, *God Space*, Doug Pollock shares this quiz so we can see what may be keeping us from being more effective in sharing our faith. Rate answer from 1 to 10, with 1 being NEVER, 10 being ALWAYS and 2-9 on a scale of SOMETIMES. Here are the questions.



1. Can you overlook un-Christlike attitudes and lifestyles in your efforts to connect with others?
2. Are you able to suspend your judgment for long periods of time around not-yet-Christians?
3. Do you consistently seek to understand the not-yet-Christians you know before seeking to be understood by them?
4. Are you patient enough to wait for the not-yet-Christians in your life to ask for your opinion?
5. Be honest: Do you like people who are far from God?
6. Do people who are far from God like you? For example: Are you invited to "party-parties?"
7. Does your body language communicate an open-hearted acceptance of the not-yet-Christians in your life?
8. Are you able to communicate acceptance to not-yet-Christians without endorsing their lifestyles?
9. In your relationships with not-yet-Christians, do you typically offer kindness rather than "rightness"?
10. Is your heart consistently broken and filled with compassion for the not-yet-Christians in your life?

ANSWERS

Did you get 85 to 100?

Congratulations! You might be frequently misunderstood by Christians, but the not-yet-Christians in your life are undoubtedly drawn toward the heart of Jesus formed in you. Keep walking in the light!

Did you get 65 to 85?

You must decrease, and Jesus must increase – one heart attitude at a time. Embrace the people and the situations in your life as God attempts to prune those heart attitudes that are not bearing fruit for His kingdom.

Did you get under 65?

Jesus needs to do something in you before he can do something through you. Consider spending less time doing religious activities, and more time asking God to do the soul surgery needed to form the heart of Jesus in you.

What is keeping you from being more effective in sharing your faith? Are you willing to ask God to change your heart attitudes and priorities?