

Preaching Schedule

<p>Sunday, June 5 COMMUNION SUNDAY Be My Witnesses <i>Acts 1:1-11</i></p>	<p>Sunday, June 19 Lasting Letters <i>John 2:12-14</i></p>
<p>Sunday, June 12 Chosen <i>Mark 1:14-20</i></p>	<p>Sunday, June 26 Just Do It <i>Mark 3:13-19; 6:6-13</i></p>



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JUNE 2022

Loving One Another

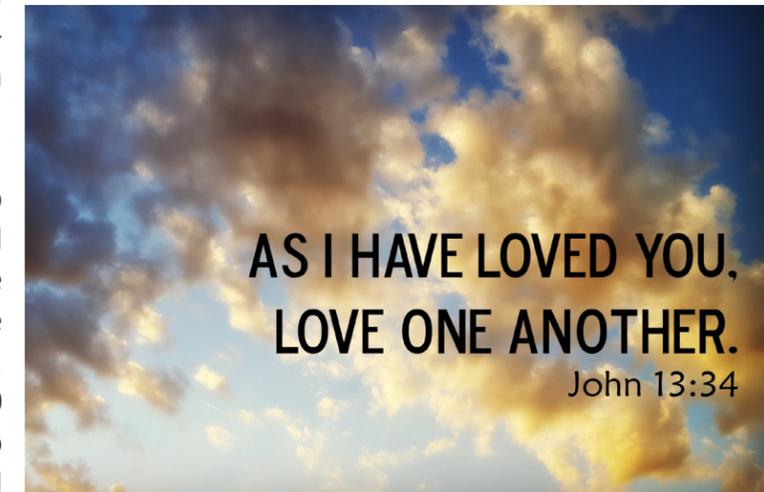
“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” - John 13:34-35

Jesus commands us to go the extra mile. But how far would you go to pick up a pair of cats that didn't belong to you?

Also, we have an amazing inreach. Inreach is all the ways that we love and care for each other within our church family.

Recently, a couple in our church purchased two cats from a breeder in Ashville, North Carolina. They were planning to drive to North Carolina to pick up the cats until one of them developed a serious health issue.

As your pastor, I see this all the time. When Diane McMurrin recently had knee surgery, the deacons and others from LPC delivered meals until she could get back on her feet again.



When a woman in our church lost her home and had to move very suddenly, a crew of volunteers from LPC helped her move her furniture and clean the house.

It seemed like the trip was cancelled -- until another LPC couple volunteered to make the trip for them. They travelled 800 miles, round trip, to pick up the cats and refused to accept any payment.

When Eric Hancock had brain surgery last year, a group of friends from LPC volunteered to do all of his yard work for several weeks, cutting the grass and weed-whacking his lawn.

As they shared this story with me, the couple were speechless with gratitude. They told me, “Peter, we’ve been Christians all our lives, but we’ve never experienced so much love and caring as we have at LPC!”

When my wife, Beth, wanted to create special quilts for all the members of her family, Cheryl Bogen volunteered to help and did the lion's share of the work.

Here at LPC, we have an amazing outreach to the community and the world.

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Associate Pastor
 The Rev. Stephanie Poblens

Senior Pastor
 The Rev. Peter Larson

WORSHIP TIMES
 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 10 a.m. Traditional Worship
 11 a.m. Modern Worship

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When a woman in our church was battling a serious form of cancer, a family in our church volunteered to pay for their transportation and housing to visit a hospital in another state.

When there is a death in the church, our deacons mobilize to host the reception and serve a delicious meal to friends and family. This is such an important ministry of the church!

Countless times I have visited people who are recovering from surgery or a major illness. Usually, they point to a big stack of greeting cards they have received from members of LPC – some from people they don't even know.

Outreach and inreach. Like breathing out and breathing in, both are important and necessary. As we share the love of Christ with a hurting world, we must not neglect the Great Commandment of Jesus to love one another.

Your servant in Christ,
Peter



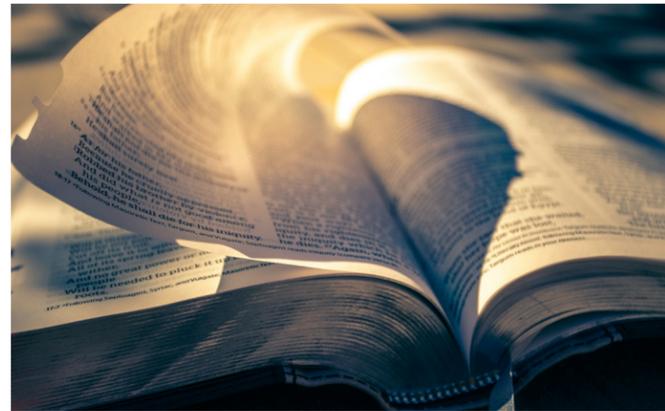
This month we honor the following men and women for their loving service to Jesus Christ and the church:

Phil Craig, Dave Kuyper, Dave Lupberger, Steve Newby, Rick Oliver, Mike Schneider, Roger Sims, Jim VanDeGrift and Mike Vezmar for cleaning out the flowerbeds and laying mulch.

Mike Schneider for making the frames for the directional signs.

Rick Oliver for hanging the directional signs.

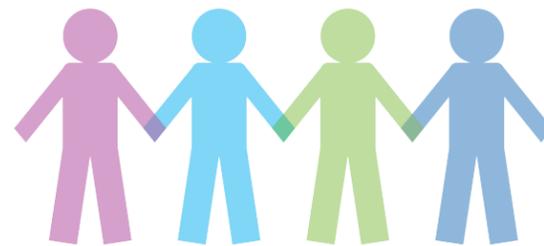
Dave and Patty Kuyper for various electrical work.



Read The Bible IN A YEAR OR TWO

We find ourselves at the halfway point in 2022. Are you still reading your Bible regularly? We are praying that the words you read and ponder in your heart will reveal a special truth that you need for the journey you are on. We pray for God to BLESS and ANOINT you through the Holy Spirit as His words have a profound and lasting effect on your lives. Just this week Fran and I pushed ahead a week. We are reading every word aloud. Stay the course and honor your commitment to read the entire Bible in a year or two.

The Bible pushers,
John & Fran Morris



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.

iPray

Prayer is bringing your worries to God. Faith is leaving them there.
- ANONYMOUS

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

For Andrew Johnson and our students as they prepare for their mission trip June 11-18 serving with Genesis Church in Mercedes, Texas.

For Vacation Bible School the week of June 6-10, that the Holy Spirit would be at work in the lives of our children and volunteers as we share the Good News about Jesus.

For our Afghan refugee families, as the two fathers start work and the older children attend summer camp at the Countryside YMCA.

For our All-Church Celebration Sunday, June 12 as we invite neighbors to join us for a free meal served by food trucks.

For our Scout Troop 186 as they travel July 24 to the Florida Sea Base to spend a week living aboard sailboats.

For the spiritual renewal of our church, community, nation and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, that we would see a revival in our land.

Session Report

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

Approved a motion to elect Ron Warncke and Doug Morgan as Elder Commissioners to attend the EPC General Assembly June 21-24 at Ward Church in suburban Detroit, Michigan.

Received a report from Courtney Wilson and Pastor Larson that our Afghan refugee families are settling in, learning English and starting work soon. They are very grateful to the church.

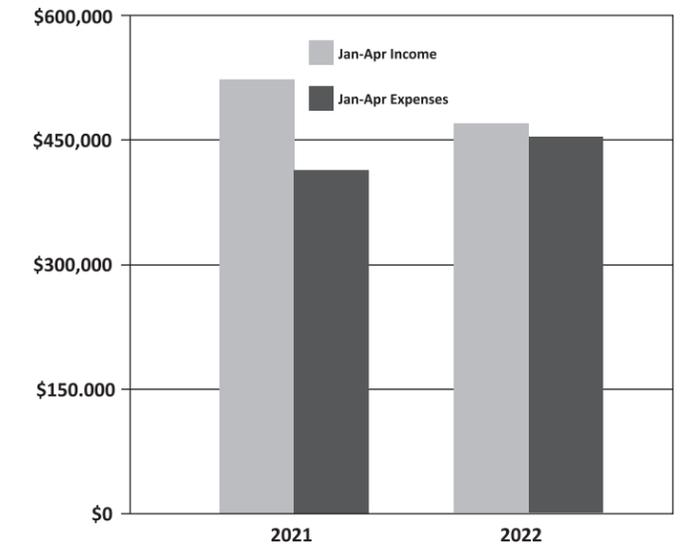
Approved a motion to hire Chloe Allman as our Young Adult Ministry Intern.

Approved a recommendation from the Worship and Music team that we spend \$14,942 to upgrade the lighting technology in the Ark.

Approved a motion from the Building and Grounds Team to spend \$10,000 to convert all of the church light fixtures in halls, classrooms and closets to LED. The work will be done in-house by volunteers to upgrade light fixtures.

Reviewed procedures for Elders to resume serving communion on June 5. Self-service packets will be available for those who prefer them.

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.

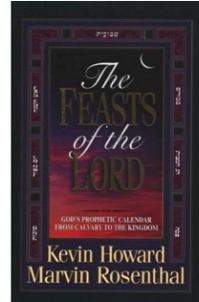


Summer Learning Opportunity: THE 7 FEASTS OF THE LORD

The seven feasts mentioned in Leviticus 23 aren't just days on a calendar; Israel's feasts are appointed by the Lord, and they are owned by the Lord. Together they form God's prophetic calendar, outlining the work of history's most important person...Jesus.



This class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from June 15 - July 20. We will journey through the Old and New Testaments to learn how the seven feasts connect with what is revealed in the rest of Scripture about God's character, Jesus' coming to earth as our Redeemer, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and Jesus' second coming. Join us in the joy of learning together—and bring your Bible! Led by James Martin.



Look for sign-up information in the June 3 and June 10 weekly LPC emails OR sign up before or after worship services on June 5 & 12.

Newlyweds

AT LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JORDAN AND RACHEL GUERIN



HANNAH AND ADAM BENS

LPC Flag Dedication

Please join us as we dedicate our flag on Flag Day, June 14 at 7PM. We



will gather around our new flag pole at the corner of Warren and East Street for the dedication. Our Boy Scout Troop 186 will be raising the flag. The dedication will honor our 1st responders, military and medical community for their service.

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. You must provide your name and contact information to have your thoughts brought to the proper person or group. Don't want to fill out a card? – just email comments@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

Meet Chloe Allman

BY STEPHANIE POBLENZ

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

"I am a rising senior at Miami University majoring in English Education. I also am a leader at LHS Young Life. I'm originally from Middletown, and I graduated from Monroe High School. My family is local, and I moved to Lebanon in the fall in order to better serve the community as I lead here! I am really looking forward to being more plugged into the Lebanon community."

What are you looking forward to most this summer?

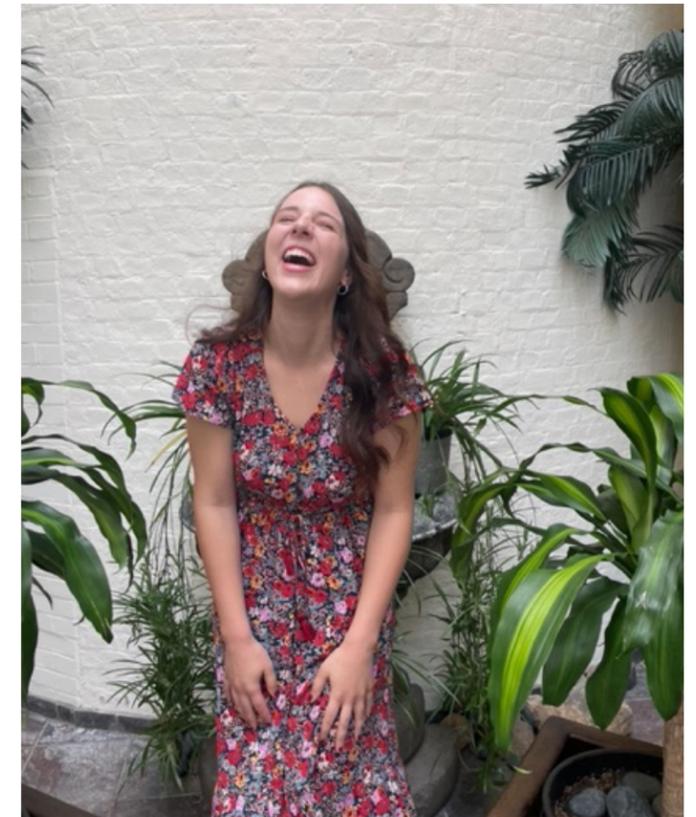
"Definitely community building with young adults. I feel like this period of life, which is full of transitions, is especially difficult, but also doing that without a community is even harder. I am hopeful to be able to create community for this age group, specifically at LPC, but also Lebanon as a whole to provide support and community for all college aged students."

What's a fun fact about yourself?:

As a future English teacher, I love to read (and enjoy recommendations)! I also really love to cook. I have celiac disease so I took a lot of time learning how to cook things that I can eat. So if you are gluten free, call me! We can be instant friends."

How can we be praying for you this summer?

"That I will feel the Lord pouring into me this summer, so that I can pour out to others. My number one priority will be my relationship with the Lord and also the community around me. So I would love prayers that those would be the central and intentional focus for me over the summer."



"ANOTHER FUN FACT IS THAT I AM PRETTY AWKWARD ABOUT TAKING PHOTOS, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS EXAMPLE"

What would your encouragement for college aged students be as we enter into the summer?

"Do not fear in this time, because it is so easy to feel alone. This summer we want to create a community that is not only here for the summer, but one that also goes with you as you leave for school. We want these relationships to last well past summer and get you connected with people who will be around the same school as you! Our goal is that the community we build here will continue throughout the entirety of the year and that you will feel connected and loved!"

LPC College-Aged & Young Adult

escg **LPC STUDENT MINISTRIES**

STUDENTS PARENTS LEADERS



Prayers for the Youth Mission Trip

Mercedes, Texas | June 11-18

1. Pray that the mission team will not let the fun and fellowship take the place of the mission.
2. Pray for the spiritual preparation and development of the mission team.
3. Pray for the flexibility of the mission team.
4. Pray for the financial support of the mission team.
5. Pray for the health, safety, and travel of the mission team.
6. Pray for the spiritual wisdom and loving service of the mission team.
7. Pray for the Spirit to open blinded eyes and that unbelievers would see Christ in all of his glory.
8. Pray for the spiritual development, strength, and growth of Genesis Presbyterian Church in Mercedes, TX.

High School Students

Andrew Bicknell
 Emmett Bicknell
 Margaret Bondurant
 Ally Bondurant
 Micah Earley
 Zeke Forster
 Eli Forster
 Lexi Hoover
 Theresa Olding
 Eli Paulman
 Samuel Sachs
 Jenna Terrell
 Meg Terrell
 Raegan Williams

College Students

Jaclyne Andrews
 Riley Ardrey
 Autumn Guttery
 Nicholas Pierett

Adult Leaders

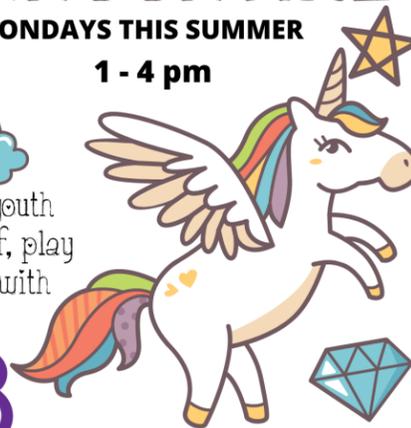
Bryan Anson
 Inga Kimple
 Ned Earley
 Matthew Poblenz
 Canilee McNeely
 Andrew Johnson

AFTERNOONTIME

MONDAYS THIS SUMMER

1 - 4 pm

hangout in the youth room: watch stuff, play games, chillax with friends!



Bible Sunday

BY TRACY UNTENER

On May 1, we celebrated Bible Sunday. This was our second year of gifting Bibles to children in 2nd grade and higher who have attended Sunday School and/or Wednesday Nights Together on a regular basis, and who have not previously received a Bible from the church. We gave 17 Bibles out! The families also attended a brunch reception after worship, in which we had a time of sharing. Staff, parents, and children shared about Bibles they owned that held special memories or significance.



One mom, Sylvia Potts, shared how she had left her Bible behind in Romania. The Bible was very special to her because it was her grandfather's Bible, and it had his notes in it. She liked reading what he'd written in the Bible; seeing how God had spoken to him. After several years, a family friend who was coming to the United States was able to bring the Bible to her, and she was overjoyed!



Vivian Garter, a child going into 3rd grade, shared about special times she and her mom had reading the Bible together. Reading the Bible each night with her mom meant a lot to her.

It was a wonderful Sunday! The children were excited to receive their Bibles and some have begun bringing them with them to Sunday School, and telling us about what they are reading at home.



Thank You

Dear Pastor Peter, Session and LPC:

Thank you for the \$1,000 gift for Kostya and his ministry in Ukraine. The money has been sent to Kostya's bank account in Kiev.

Sincerely, Roger McMurrin



IN APRIL OUR CHURCH DONATED MORE THAN \$28,000 TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AID FOR REFUGEES IN UKRAINE. MOST OF THE MONEY (\$25,131) WENT TO SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO ESTABLISH FOUR MOBILE HOSPITALS AND PROVIDE AID THROUGH LOCAL CHURCHES IN POLAND, HUNGARY AND MOLDOVA. A SMALLER GIFT (\$1,000) WENT TO A FRIEND OF ROGER AND DIANE MCMURRIN, KOSTYA, WHO IS DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND MEDICINE TO ELDERLY PEOPLE TRAPPED IN KIEV. AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR KOSTYA SENT US A VIDEO THAT WE SHARED DURING WORSHIP. IN THE PHOTO (ABOVE), KOSTYA IS PICTURED WITH WOMEN FROM A TANK CREW IN THE UKRAINE ARMY.

To Our LPC Family,

We are so grateful to all who attended Mom's Celebration of Life last month. We felt such joy and support from all of you. Thank you for the encouraging and uplifting cards, phone calls, and hugs. A special thank you to the Deacons who put together a delicious meal of casseroles and crusty bread.

God Bless!

Gabrielle & Michael Pyles, Jeff & Katy Palmer

Dear LPC Members and Staff:

Thank you for the loving support I received during this difficult time. Your friendship was meaningful and comforting.

*Fondly,
Marilyn Slorp*

Thank you to the many who prepared a side dish, cooked or provided supplies for our March 20-26 Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network rotation. Here is a thank you from a family we served.

LPC IHN Committee

Hello Everyone!

Romans 15:1-2

Thank you for helping me build on this new journey God has for me and my children. Stay blessed.

*With love,
Mom of 4 children*

LPC Family,

I would like to sincerely thank our LPC family for the tremendous support our family received at Tom's sudden passing. Words cannot say enough how supportive you have been. It will always be remembered. God has truly blessed us with you all.

*Our Deepest Thanks,
Shirley Carter and family*

Dear Pastor Larson:

Thank you so much for the gift of \$25,131 sent to Samaritan's Purse from Lebanon Presbyterian Church for our response to the refugee crisis in Ukraine.

I was in Ukraine last week to check on our teams and the work there. Our medical personnel have treated thousands of patients at our four emergency field hospitals and outpatient clinics, and we continue to distribute tons of relief items and emergency supplies through our local church partners.

While in the City of Lviv, I also preached an Easter message for a special television broadcast. It was an honor to be joined by the Ukrainian Easter choir, made up of members of several churches as well as those displaced by the fighting. Your generous support makes it possible for us to bring relief in Jesus' name to people who are suffering.

*Sincerely,
Franklin Graham*

Svitlana was born in Ukraine but has served for decades as a Christian missionary in Siberia, supported by our church. When the war broke out, Svitlana was visiting Ukraine. She fled the country and is now serving in Poland to help other refugees. Recently, she sent us this letter:

Dear Pastor Peter and Saints of LPC:

Thank you for your open heart to me and the Ukraine people who are suffering air strikes day and night. This period of life, which has a lot of questions and almost no answers, once again revealed God's faithfulness to us. Only He can give us peace and comfort in the days of distress. "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness!" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

My ministry with refugees continues. During Easter time, God gave me the opportunity to be in Poland, in Krakow and Warsaw, supporting women and children and inviting them to the Easter evangelization services. I also gave the children Christian books in the Ukraine language called, "The most interesting story," about Jesus Christ and salvation in Him. I also give people links to my songs and they listen to them.

In Poland, God led me to a Ukraine woman from the city of Bucha. Her name is Inga and she has two children, Ostap and Sasha, ages 9 and 11, who had experienced the terrors of war. People were killed in front of their eyes, with shooting at every building. During these attacks, they would simply lie under a fence, covering their ears and not making a move and in this way God saved them. For many days they were hiding in the basement until their grandpa managed to take them out, passing by many dead bodies. This was their evacuation "map." Every day, they could hear explosions and people screaming. Death was all around them but they managed to escape to Kiev and then to Poland. Inga had many relatives who were Christians, but she did not go to church. Now, she sees that it was the LORD who saved them.

Now a lot of refugees are open to the Gospel and they come to church. Pray that God would use me and other Christians from Slavic nations and locals in ministering to these women and children. It is impossible

to describe with words what we feel here and how distressed we feel for our families who still remain in Ukraine. I keep bringing the light of the gospel to the best of my ability to the people who surround me. I pray that God would show me where to live as He would like for his glory.

Today is the 81st day of the war. We don't know how long this is going to last, but one thing we do know for sure: homes and lives can be lost and taken away, but not the LORD our God and Jesus Christ, who defeated death and hell and sits at the right hand of God to make intercession for us. Thank you for your prayers about us and for your financial support.

*With love in Jesus Christ our Lord,
Your sister, Svitlana*

To our beloved church family,

We cannot thank you enough for all of the love and support you've given us, culminating in our beautiful wedding on Saturday. We can honestly say that if it wasn't for all of you, we wouldn't be where we are today, and we are so grateful for those of you who have loved us, prayed for us, encouraged us, invited us into your homes, and mentored us throughout our relationship.

As we enter into our lives together as husband and wife, we are reminded yet again what a tremendous blessing it is to have such a beautiful community of faith. Thank you again for the love you've given us, and we look forward to serving you, supporting you, and loving you together.

*In Christ's Love,
Jordan and Rachel Guerin*

To Scholarship Committee,

I want to thank the church congregation and Scholarship Committee for awarding me the Glory to God Scholarship. I appreciate you taking the time to go through my application and give me the scholarship. I will use this to help complete my studies at Ohio University next year.

*Thank you,
Brock Hodges*