

Casting Our Nets

Put out into deep water, and let down your nets for a catch. - Luke 5:4

Jesus calls us to be fishers of men – actively sharing our faith and capturing men and women with the good news of salvation. This isn't optional – it is the duty of every disciple.

The question is: how do we go fishing in this modern age when the fish are not biting? There was a time not long ago when we knocked on doors, handed out tracts, advertised in the Yellow Pages or displayed our faith on bumper stickers. Today, these methods are not effective and would probably frighten people away.

The best way to share our faith is by building relationships with people we already know. Invite them to coffee.

Start a conversation. Ask them what they believe and listen prayerfully. Instead of blurting out answers, follow up with questions. When we truly listen, the result can be life-changing.

Another way is through the internet. In our world today, the internet has become the main form of social interaction. Unfortunately, people spend more time on their screens than they do interacting with actual people.

For this reason, it is essential that we share our faith through social media. Just as the disciples used fishing nets, we need to use the internet. When people ask spiritual questions today, they turn to Google. When people are looking for a church, they do it by live-streaming before making an actual visit. How do we adapt to this new reality?



In January, our church received a \$7,000 grant from Midwest Presbytery to expand our digital outreach. This might seem like a lot of money but actually, there are churches that spend millions on digital media. Rachel Guerin, an LPC member who works professionally in digital marketing, has volunteered her time to help us launch a

one-year campaign. She is an expert in this field with a lot of experience and creative ideas.

I am excited to see what Rachel will do. In the meantime, we need your help.

When you see the church post something on Facebook or you watch live streaming on YouTube, please share it with others! This is very simple – it only takes

a mouse click. However, if all of us did this it would expand our digital outreach by thousands of views, I am sure.

In this dark world, we need to share the light of Christ. The need is greater than ever.

You can do this very simply by hitting the “share” button once or twice a week.

It costs nothing and it may have an eternal impact on someone you love.

Your servant in Christ,
Peter

SOCIAL MEDIA AT LPC



80,130

TOTAL VIEWS



22,712

TOTAL HOURS WATCHED



451

SUBSCRIBERS



915

LIKES



762

SHARES



300

AVERAGE WEEKLY
VIEWERS: 8-30 A.M.

110

AVERAGE WEEKLY
VIEWERS: 11 A.M.



1400 Followers



Men 29.6%



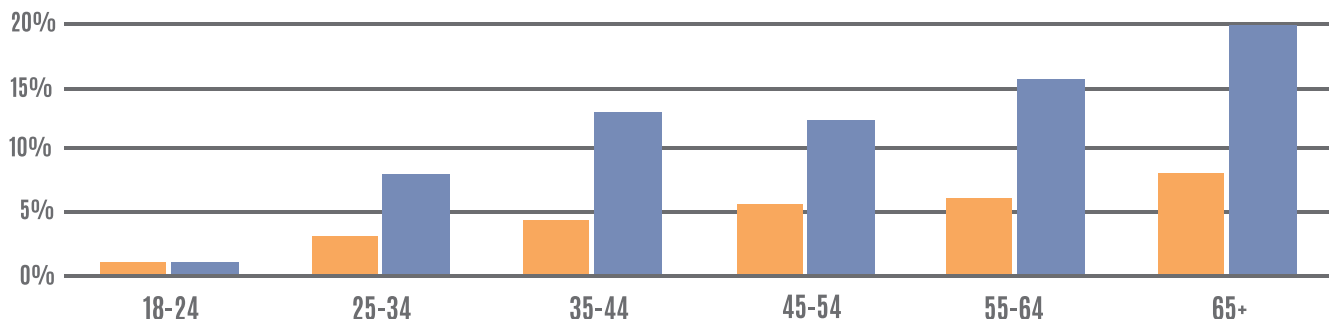
Women 70.4%



Facebook

Audience

AGE AND GENDER



Welcome Debbie Scarborough

BY STEPHANIE POBLENZ

Pastor of Pastoral Care and Family Ministry

We are thrilled to introduce Debbie Scarborough as our part time Financial Secretary. Debbie will be handling all our financial needs in the office a few days a week, as well as continuing to volunteer in the office doing some administration work. Debbie has jumped right into ministry and her new role. Sherry Showalter, our Business Administrator, says, "The whole staff is over the moon to have Debbie on board!" Rev. Peter exclaimed that "she fits this job and our staff like a comfortable shoe!"

We wanted to allow Debbie to introduce herself by asking her a few questions about her new role and what she is looking forward to.

1) How did you end up at LPC?

A. My family moved to Lebanon from Pennsylvania when I was a child. We were Methodist and my parents looked for a church for a long time. My mom worked with a lot of people who came here and eventually mom and dad decided to try out LPC. My dad said he finally found his church family. My dad was my idol and I knew how much this church meant to him. Dad passed in 2013, and then after a year, I wanted to commit to being a part of that church family. So, in 2014 I took the class, and I've been here ever since! My mom also volunteered in the office for a long time, so it has been fun to have that family legacy as well.

2) What do you like most about being at LPC?

A. The people! I have made so many good friends and I just feel so at home here.

3) What do you like most about being in the office?

A. Same thing! Everyone is just so nice and patient.

They are all willing to work with me. There is not a better place for me to work. It is so amazing being around friends and Christians in a workplace. Being able to be here every day surrounded by love has been such a blessing.

4) What would people find most surprising about the work you get to do at LPC?

A. In terms of volunteering, making labels for the cupboards. That was a random and very big job. But I think my favorite has been blowing up balloons for Andrew and the youth. That was a very fun day. Volunteering helps me get to know more people, especially doing the attendance. The interaction with everyone makes each day exciting, you never know who is going to walk in the office!

5) What are you looking forward to most in this role?

A. I can't wait to get to a point where I feel really comfortable with everything and at ease with making the monthly reports happen. Everyone in the office is so helpful in having patience with me as I learn the ropes.

6) How can we as a church be praying for you?

A. Patience! There are a couple of situations in my life that I could use an extra helping of grace and patience, so that would be greatly appreciated.

When you see Debbie around church, make sure to give her a warm hug and congratulate her on this new role!

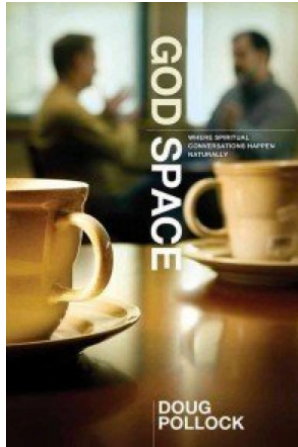


Activating God Space

A.K.A. SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Have you ever had a God Space conversation that was totally unexpected?

At a recent meeting, several of us were talking about potential follow up to God Space where we could practice God Space conversations, so we could all feel more comfortable reaching out to others. John & Fran Morris, Joe McKenzie, Jim Garrett, Karen Kilpatrick and Terri Catanzaro agreed that getting more comfortable talking to our church family would be a good place to start. Asking people “What’s God doing in your life?” might help us talk about Jesus.



As the meeting progressed, we had said that we need to invite some younger folks to be part of the group. Not too long after that, a lady in her 30’s, we’ll call her Barb, came into the meeting and grabbed a chair. Barb asked if she could join us and introduced herself. We introduced ourselves and thought God had answered our request! After intros, Jim Garrett decided to ask Barb “What’s God doing in your life?” Barb responded she decided it was time to get involved in Alcoholics Anonymous.

We listened to Barb as she explained what brought her to AA. Jim responded that Jesus loves us all. When Barb realized she was in the wrong meeting, she asked why we were meeting. Our response was, “To learn how to better reach out to those who don’t know Jesus and to share the light of Christ”. Barb shared that one of her parents was Catholic and one was Protestant so what do you do with that? She asked what is the difference between the two. We had a good discussion about that. The conversation flowed so naturally and we ended up agreeing that Jesus doesn’t care what denomination we are. What is important to him is that we are following him. God did answer our request! He brought us a young person and gave us a perfect opportunity for a God Space conversation!

So, the next time you see a fellow Christian (or maybe even a not-yet Christian) and sincerely want to know – ask “What’s God doing in your life?”.

Terri Catanzaro & Karen Kilpatrick

LPC CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

It’s time to **CLEAN OUT** those closets, basements, and garages for the **2023 LPC RUMMAGE SALE** sponsored by the LPC Mission Committee and LPC Youth Encounter. Our **SALE ON MAY 6** will last from **8 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M.**

We take almost anything except old computers, TVs and other electronics, exercise equipment, construction materials, pianos, and large kitchen appliances. We will be taking in items from **MONDAY, MAY 1 UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 5 UNTIL 2 P.M.**

Sorry, we can’t store items before this time. More information and sign-up sheets will be available soon.



Meet Our New Organist!

BY RICK MCNEELY

Minister of Worship and Music



After months of searching, I am delighted to introduce you to LPC's new Organist, Leslie Catchpole.

Many of you know Leslie already. For those who don't, here's a conversation I recently had with her after she accepted the position.

RM: First, let me say congratulations! I know many people in the flock know you. Still I thought it would be a good idea to give us all the opportunity to get to know you a little better, so thanks for taking time to do this. What was your first introduction to LPC?

LC: 1988. My husband Tom grew up in the church. His parents sang in the choir and dad played violin in the church. He even served as Organist, Choir and Children's Choir director for a time.

RM: When did you first start playing the organ?

LC: I began playing the organ at age 11. My mother, who was also an organist, said when I could reach the pedals with my feet, I could learn to play. I learned on a Tracker organ built in 1903 at The First Baptist Church.

RM: You've served as organist here before, right?

LC: Yes. I was LPC'S organist from 1988 to 2002.

RM: What do you think about the organ here at church?

LC: This organ is amazing! LPC is blessed to have such an incredible instrument.

RM: Is there something particular about it that inspires you to play?

LC: This may sound odd but it just feels like home. Music is

such a huge part of my life. Having the opportunity to play such an amazing instrument is so exciting! It brings me so much joy to be back home!

RM: Tell me about your feelings on being a worship leader at the organ.

LC: The organist is such a vital part of leading worship. Churches in general have changed so much over the years. Many have gone to praise bands or leading from a piano. But in my opinion the organ, just as any other instrument, is vital in helping lead worship. As it says in one of my favorite scriptures, "Shout for joy, to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music, make music to the Lord with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn-shout for joy before the Lord, the King!" It's an amazing privilege and honor to be called into this position at LPC. God had placed this on my heart as a child. I'm humbled to have this opportunity to share it with LPC.

RM: I know you've wanted to serve in this position for a while. What are you most looking forward to in your role as Organist?

LC: It has always in my heart to possibly come back to LPC if the opportunity came about. But God had other plans for me. He's had me in training. He's better equipped me for such a time as this at LPC. I'm so thrilled and excited to see what God has in store for His kingdom.

RM: Now to the important question... What's your favorite cookie?

LC: Favorite cookie... either oatmeal raisin or my grandmother's yummy molasses straight from the oven.

RM: If there was one thing you'd like to say to the congregation regarding worship, what would that be?

LC: Come prepared. Put everything from outside to the side and give Him our ALL. Our whole heart, mind and soul. Come ready to worship the One true King, Jesus.

Encounter Leadership Retreat: A Discipleship Training Event

BY ANDREW JOHNSON

Director of Youth Ministry



We are excited to share with you our recent Encounter Leadership Retreat held on February 24th and 25th at Camp Lebanon in Lebanon, Ohio. This event was a discipleship training retreat for our Wednesday night leadership group, consisting of high school student leaders who are juniors and seniors, college students, and adults. Our goal for this retreat was to equip our leaders with the tools they need to disciple others and to encourage them to be intentional about fostering discipleship relationships with our students.

The retreat was packed with sessions focusing on the discipleship process. This process included building meaningful relationships, sharing your story, asking intentional questions, life applications with accountability, discipleship responsibilities, sharing life through contact work, planning, and future vision. Our training emphasized that discipleship is the process of multiplication through relationships, which is a follower of Christ and walking in obedience to His commands.

Our leaders also learned that small groups

do not equal discipleship and that discipleship does not only happen through programming or when students come to church. Instead, they were reminded that discipleship happens through relationships at home and through intentional relationships at church.

During the retreat, our leaders also learned how to disciple a student, and they discovered some common misconceptions about discipleship. We discussed several Bible verses that reveal the biblical basis for discipleship, including Matthew 16:24, Matthew 28:18-20, and John 13:14-15.

We believe that our leaders are now better equipped to disciple others and that our students will benefit greatly from the intentional relationships that will be fostered through this retreat. We invite you to join us as we continue to focus on building intentional discipleship relationships with our students and to share life and the Gospel with them (1 Thessalonians 2:8). Together, we can work to build a stronger community of disciples who are committed to following Christ and making disciples.

Serving Jesus Everywhere You Go

BY TRACY UNTENER

Children's Ministry Director

As you have probably heard, the WNT Kids have been learning to share about Jesus and his love while doing acts of service in His name. They've learned about serving their family, friends, neighbors, and community. The kids learned that...



Loving others starts at home. These are the people we most often may overlook as needing our love and support. By serving our parents and siblings in love we show them the love of Christ - and that has big potential to change lives and families for good.



It is so important to bring our friends to Jesus. We do this by teaching them about the love of Christ through our acts of love and service - they see Jesus in us. Every day we have the opportunity to show our friends the love Jesus has for them. We need to be ready to stop our world and serve or help them.

In Jesus' eyes, being a neighbor has little to do with where you live, but lots to do with the attitude you

have. Jesus taught that we shouldn't just serve people who are like us, but we should reach out and help anyone in need- even when its not easy, comfortable, or convenient.



Jesus wants us to serve our community. People in communities can make a difference in each other's lives every day- either for the good or for the bad. Jesus wants us to show our communities His love.



The reason that we serve others is so much more important than the service we are doing. When we serve, we need to remember that we are doing it for Jesus, to show others His love. We should go out of our way, stop our world, to serve and help others. And each time we do so, we should point them in the direction of Jesus, His love and His salvation.



Thank You

Here is a note the LPC Family Promise/IHN Leadership Team received from one of our moms when we hosted Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network the week of Feb 5, 2023.

Dear LPC Friends,

Thank you for everything you are doing for me and my family.

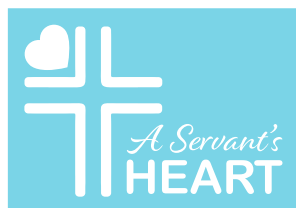
Mom with 22 month old



LPC Family,

The LPC Mission Committee would like to thank the volunteers who began the work on our sponsored Family Promise room at the former Shaker Inn. Robert and Janet Terrell, plus teens Jenna Terrell, Megan Terrell, Margaret Bondurant, and Andrew Bicknell cleaned, painted, laid new flooring, and installed new electrical outlets for future guests. Thanks everyone for giving up several Saturdays to make a loving and beautiful contribution.

The LPC Mission Committee



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

Rita Poth, Ginny Sims and Linda Fulmer for feeding the Building & Grounds Team on their workday.

Phil Craig, Dave & Patty Kuyper, Bob Lane, Bill Moore, Steve Newby, Mike (Donna) Schneider, Roger Sims, Neil Tunison and Mike Vezmar for participating in the Building and Grounds workday – many projects were tackled.

Ken Klann for replacing ceiling tiles.



DO YOU NEED SOME WORK DONE THIS SPRING?

WE HAVE MANY STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO EARN MONEY FOR THE MISSION TRIP TO DETROIT BY COMPLETING PROJECTS THAT YOU HAVE AROUND YOUR HOUSE. CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE, BASEMENT, OR ATTIC! MULCH YOUR FLOWERBED! TRIM YOUR HEDGES! EDGE YOUR SIDEWALKS! WASHING WINDOWS! MOWING GRASS! TALK TO YOUR PLANTS? THEY ARE WILLING TO EARN THEIR WAY -- HELP SUPPORT THEM AS THEY TRAVEL TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN TO WORK WITH CAMP RESTORE AND 5POINT7 CHURCH. IF YOU'VE GOT A PROJECT, CONTACT ANDREW JOHNSON VIA EMAIL ANDREW@LEBANONPRESBYTERIAN.ORG.

Deacons Blood Drive

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

7:30 AM-1:30 PM

The Ark at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
Please call to schedule an appointment
at 937-461-3220

Walk-ins are accepted as space allows.

The number one reason people donate blood is to help other people! Our last Blood Drive in March positively impacted over 120 lives! So much depends on you!

Thank you for your continued support of Community Blood Center. For more information contact Sue Waits: 513-374-4496 or abwaits@yahoo.com

Schedule an appointment today!



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LPC Apparel

We are excited to announce LPC apparel is available for purchase. The sale will run until Monday, April 17. Once the sale is completed, we will not be able to order additional items. Physical samples are available to view at the church office or at the Information Table on April 2 and April 16. Please fill out an order form, be sure to include payment and return to either the church office or the representative at the Information Table. Please do not leave payment at an unattended place within the church. All payments must be received by Monday, April 17 to complete the order. Please contact Sherry Showalter at sherry@lebanonpresbyterian.org or 513-932-2751 with any questions.



The following items will be available with the new LPC logo on the left chest portion of the shirt.

T-SHIRT \$15



COLOR: Charcoal Heather Gray

SIZE: Small - 3XL

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT \$25



COLOR: Black

SIZE: Small – 3XL

LADIES V-NECK \$20



COLOR: Light Heather

SIZE: X-Small – 3XL

LADIES ¼ ZIP \$80



COLOR: Heather Gray

SIZE: Small – 3XL

MENS ¼ ZIP \$80



COLOR: Heather Gray

SIZE: Small – 4XL

Coming Alongside

All ladies are invited for a luncheon and fellowship. We will meet at Twin Dragon
7763 Tylersville Rd. West Chester at
11:30 a.m. on April 18th.

If you would like to carpool we will meet at 11:10 a.m. at the church. Please RSVP to Donna Kaufman by April 12th. You can text or call at 513-239-9567 or email me at dduke401@yahoo.com if you are able to come. Also let us know if you wish to carpool.

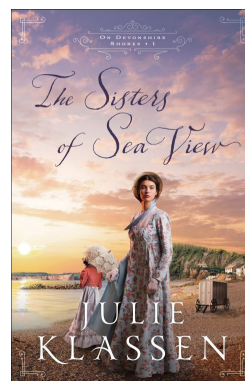
Dinners For Eight

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent *Dinners for Eight*. Twenty-seven adults were involved in the event which was hosted in three homes. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to those that opened their homes and hosted a dinner: Joe McKenzie, Marge & Dan Cunningham, and Fran & John Morris.

Please mark your calendars for the next *Dinners for Eight* which is scheduled for September 22 - 23, 2023.



The LPC Book Club will meet on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 311. Vicki Dalzelle will be leading our discussion of *The Sisters of Seaview* by Julie Klassen, a novel set in England's Regency period (1811 to 1820). When their father's death leaves them impoverished, Sarah Summers and her genteel sisters open their home on the Devonshire seashore to guests to make ends meet and provide for their ailing mother. Some of their guests have come for a holiday, others for hidden reasons of their own. The guests' stories, the stories of the townspeople, and the joys and trials of the Summers sisters reveal the power of friendship, loyalty, love, and new beginnings.



Questions? Contact Nina Dorsch at don.nina.dorsch@gmail.com.



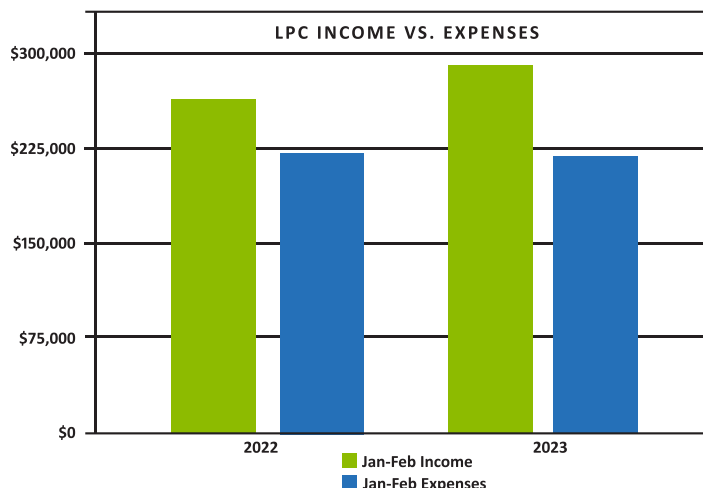
IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY UPDATE EMAILS OR OUR CALLS ABOUT IMMEDIATE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SHERRY SHOWALTER AT ADMIN@LEBANONPRESBYTERIAN.ORG AND WE WILL GET YOU ADDED TO OUR CONGREGATIONAL LISTS.

Session Report

The Session of LPC took the following actions at our meetings on Sunday, February 19 and Tuesday, February 21:

- Approved the following men and women as members of LPC: Kathy Hand, Scott and Kasey Reitz, Megan Elliott, Elizabeth Creegan, Steve and Ann Schwankhaus, Bill and Fay Moore, Greg Sturk, Bob and Kathy Lane, Rick and Paula Reams, Lynn and Carol Alexander, Steve Gilby and Emily Frank.
- Approved a motion to baptize Megan Elliott.
- Approved a request from Matt Phillips, Angie Phillips and Pam Allen to reinstate their membership in LPC.
- Approved a request for transfer of membership from Gary and Dora Lyn Brooke to Center College Presbyterian Church in Westerville, Ohio.
- Approved a motion to cancel the 10 a.m. service on Sunday March 26 for a reception honoring Pastor Peter Larson and Rick McNeely for 20 years of service to LPC.
- Approved a motion to elect Ron Warncke as a ruling Elder delegate to the EPC General Assembly June 20-22 in Cherry Hills, Colorado.
- Approved a motion giving permission for the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and the Marriage School (Third Option) to present ministry minutes during Sunday worship, since these ministries are very closely connected to the church.
- Approved job descriptions for the Financial Secretary and Office Coordinator.
- Approved a motion from the Personnel Team that office hours on Fridays be from 8 a.m. until noon (instead of 3 p.m.).
- Approved a motion from the Long Range Planning team to negotiate purchase of the Herkins House at the corner of Warren and Cherry Streets (final purchase will have to be approved by Session).

LPC Income vs. 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.

Need Prayer?

prayerlist@lebanonpresbyterian.org
will get your request to the
Prayer Warriors ASAP.

prayerrequest@lebanonpresbyterian.org
will get your request to a staff member
who will handle your request
confidentially and will only send out
information you would like shared with
our Prayer Warriors.

Preaching Schedule

Sunday, April 2

PALM SUNDAY

Popular

John 12:12-19

Sunday, April 9

EASTER SUNDAY

Turning Point

John 20:10-18

Sunday, April 16

The Mystery

John 16:7-16

Sunday, April 23

The Mission

Acts 1:1-11

Sunday, April 30

The Method

Acts 1:12-26



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WE ARE ON THE WEB!

The Rev. Stephanie Poblentz

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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