

On the Road Again

In January I traveled to Fort Myers, Florida with a team of volunteers to help with hurricane cleanup in partnership with Samaritan's Purse.

It was hard work. For four days, we mucked out mobile homes flooded by the storm. We ripped out moldy flooring, dry wall and cabinets. We removed kitchen appliances and soggy furniture and cleaned up debris and broken glass. We worked with crowbars, power tools, shovels and brooms.

However, the main focus was spiritual. Every homeowner received prayer, counseling from Billy Graham chaplains and a special Bible signed by all of us on the cleanup crew. One woman committed her life to Christ the day that we worked on her home! What a joy to know that God used our team to reach this woman with the love of Christ!

Samaritan's Purse is at work all over the world doing disaster relief and assistance. Currently, they are providing relief to war refugees in Ukraine, and a mobile hospital to earthquake victims in Turkey. Although our church has supported Samaritan's Purse financially, this is the first time we have sent volunteers to work with them.

I was so impressed by the level of skill and organization. Samaritan's Purse provided us with a place to stay in a local church as well as all of our meals, tools and super-

vision at the work sites. In addition, they had a semi-truck equipped with mobile showers and another semi-truck filled with every tool you can imagine.

Most of all, I was impressed with the Gospel focus. In all the work they do with disaster victims, the focus is not just on physical needs but eternal salvation. What good does it really do to provide food, clothing or rebuild

homes if we do not address the spiritual need for Jesus and eternal life?

During the Covid pandemic, our church was not able to go on very many mission trips. I was so grateful to

make this trip with our team. In the words of Willie Nelson, it was good to be "on the road again." For the nine of us who made the trip, it was unforgettable. On mission trips, you develop deep bonds of friendship.

Of course, Jesus modeled this. Jesus didn't invite his disciples to sit in a classroom and listen to lectures. He invited them to follow him on a road trip, serving God and sharing life together. I hope we do more trips like this in the future.

Your servant in Christ,
Peter



Welcome New Members

BY STEPHANIE POBLENZ

Pastor of Pastoral Care and Family Ministry



GREG STURK, KATHY HAND, STEVE GILBY, LYNN & CAROL ALEXANDER, STEVE & ANN SCHWANKHAUS, BETH CREEGAN, SCOTT & KASEY REITZ, BILL & FAY MOORE, RICK REAMS, MEGAN ELLIOTT, BOB & KATHY LANE. NOT PICTURED: EMILY FRANK, PAULA REAMS, AND BETTY GILBY.

It has been a delight to welcome our new members into our church family! We had 19 individuals join LPC in our last New Members Class. If you see any of these friendly faces around, please reach out and welcome them warmly!

Steve and Betty Gilby are uniting with LPC by Letters of Transfer from Faith Community United Methodist Church in West Chester, Ohio. They moved to Lebanon in 2012 from Middletown, Ohio.

Kathy Hand is joining LPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. Kathy moved to Lebanon in August of 2021. She is the mother of three children and grandmother of five grandchildren. Kathy enjoys singing in the Sanctuary Choir and is a substitute volunteer in the church office.

Scott and Kacey Reitz are joining LPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. They were married in 2019 and have five children, Ian, Abi, Ally, Ava, and Collin, and one yellow lab named Baylee. Scott and Kacey work in the health-care industry in finance and technology. They enjoy travel, family, media of all sorts and their Peloton.

Ann and Steve Schwankhaus are joining LPC by Letters of Transfer from Faith Community United Methodist church. They are both retired and live in Liberty Township. Steve was a science teacher, coach, high school principal, and then a realtor. Ann was a professional harpist and French teacher at Mason High School. They have three children, five grandchildren and a rescue dog named Stormy. They keep busy with rental homes and enjoy music, gardening and just “hanging out” with friends.

Megan Elliott is joining LPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. She graduated from Lebanon High School in 2021 and is currently attending Miami University in Middletown. She works at the Coffee Caravan assisting special needs adults, and serves with youth ministry.

Emily Frank is joining LPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. Emily moved to Lebanon in July of 2022 when she married Daniel Frank, who is a member here. She is currently a retirement planning consultant at Fidelity Investments. She enjoys serving the high school ministry!

Bob and Kathy Lane moved here from Michigan and previously attended the United Methodist Church in

Michigan. They enjoy traveling and DIY projects. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

Rick and Paula Reams are uniting with LPC by Letters of Transfer from Central Presbyterian Church in West Carrollton, Ohio. They moved to South Lebanon in 2022. They have three grown children, David, Erica, and Alex and two grandchildren. Rick works for WPAFB and Paula is the Dean of Nursing at Kettering College. They enjoy biking, hiking, travel and sitting by their pellet stove in their log cabin house.

Lynn and Carol Alexander are joining LPC by Letters of Transfer from the Park Methodist Church in Morrow. They lived there for several years after he retired from the USAF. They have two children and two grandchildren. They moved to Lebanon in early 2022.

Beth Creegan is joining by Letter of Transfer from Liberty Church and Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims. She works for the Fox News website and has transferred to the Cincinnati office. She is married and is the mother of two sons, Robert and Thomas. She enjoys reading and occasionally role-playing and board games.

Bill and Fay Moore moved to Lebanon from Beavercreek in February 2020. They have three grown children and two grandkids. They love outdoor activities. Bill retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base after working there for thirty-two years.

Greg Sturk is joining LPC by Letter of Transfer and lives in Lebanon.



UPDATE ON FAMILY PROMISE/INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Some background about our Family Promise of Warren County/Interfaith Hospitality Network program at LPC. Prior to the pandemic, four times a year for one week, we provided meals and dined with the families in the program. We provided evening activities and an overnight team to spend the night with the families. This was all done at LPC with LPC volunteers. For the last three years, Family Promise of Warren County/Interfaith Hospitality Network has been busy:

- They became affiliated with the national **Family Promise** program to better achieve their mission "*To assist families experiencing homelessness in Warren County, Ohio, to achieve sustainable independence through community-based response*". Interfaith Hospitality Network is the shelter piece of the program.

- Through grants, the families in the program have been housed at local hotels with a network of Warren County churches providing meals for the families.
- Through a grant, they purchased and are completing renovations of the old Shaker Inn Motel. Shaker Inn will be used to house the families as well as the Family Promise of Warren County staff.

For our next Family Promise of Warren County/Interfaith Hospitality Network LPC rotation, June 25-July 1, our hope is to be able to host the families at the remodeled Shaker Inn campus and serve as we did prior to the pandemic. It will be exciting to once again be with our families and to enjoy a relationship with each of them. We will keep you posted on progress in the next Chronicle.

Your IHN LPC Leadership Team: Chris Brown, Terri Catanzaro, Margaret Bondurant, Ally Bondurant, and Megan Terrell

Activating God Space

A.K.A. SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

For the last few months, we have been hearing about how some of our brothers and sisters reach out to those around them that may not know God. Hopefully, this has shown you, as it has me, that sharing Christ with others does not have to be difficult.

But maybe you still seem to miss opportunities more often than not. That's my story, too. So, this month I'd like to look at some ways we can prepare ourselves to share better and more often. Some of this is from Organic Outreach by Kevin Harney, and some is from what I've learned over the last year.

PRAY CONSISTENTLY – Pray for those that God has put on your heart, that He will open their eyes to Him, change their hearts, and draw them to Himself. Pray that God will help you to see them the way He does. Pray for boldness to speak up, and for wisdom to know the right times. Even when you say the “wrong” things, God can use it if you say it in love!

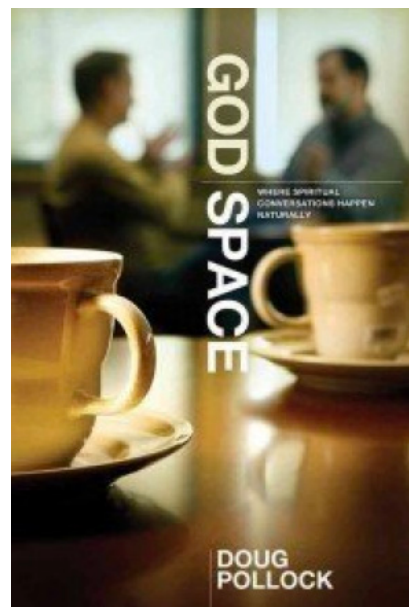
KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY – make sure it agrees with the Bible.

MAKE TIME TO BE WITH THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS – Plan time with others who are far from God that He has put on your heart, even if it means changing things in your schedule. Go to lunch or dinner with them, plan an outing – whatever you could both enjoy.

TALK ABOUT YOUR FAITH - You don't have to evangelize all the time, but don't be afraid to say the name of Jesus in your conversations. When an opportunity comes to talk about your faith, don't hold back!

I have been praying for years for my family members that don't know Jesus. It can get discouraging. It seemed like every time I did speak up about my faith, I always said the wrong thing. But recently, I had one family member that started asking me questions about God. Wow! It seemed like it was coming out of the blue – but I know that God had been working in her heart and mine. She was responding, and I was ready. Above all, **DON'T GIVE UP!**

Karen Kilpatrick & Terri Catanzaro



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What Goes On Behind the Scenes

BY RICK MCNEELY

Minister of Worship and Music

Do you ever think about all that goes on behind the scenes to make worship happen? I'm sure some of the first things that come to mind would be the pastors studying and writing sermons, prayers, etc. The musicians picking music and rehearsing. Scheduling participants. Things like that. Would it surprise you to know there is so much more that goes into it? I want to share two examples. First, your worship ministry team, pictured here, has been writing the weekly devotions that have been going out during the current sermon series on the attributes of God. Each week they have been sharing their heart with us and I pray you find it as meaningful as I have.

Another is the passion of Del Everett for the Usher ministry of the church. The process of recovering from the pandemic has been a challenge for us all and some things have taken longer to find their new normal. One such area it is the Usher Ministry. We have been aware that there are some challenges in this area and we asked Del to

join us at a recent team meeting to get his perspective on how we could improve. You need to know that Del is a man after God's own heart! He is humble and passionate about the importance of this ministry. He shared his thoughts on the many things Ushers do every Sunday, that no one task is difficult, but if there are not enough people involved, everything cannot be accomplished. Example, one person cannot hand out friendship pads and collect them after service. Del quoted a prayer from the Church's Usher Manual which says "Bless, O gracious Lord, your servants called to minister as Ushers in your Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer acceptable service to you; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Del said it is very difficult to do that well right now because we don't have enough Ushers. He takes the interaction between Usher and visitor especially serious. "So many people have talked about their experience of LPC being a warm and inviting place. Well, If they don't feel welcome, they're not going to become part of the church."

The conversation continued into some specifics, and we came up with a couple next steps that I want to share with you all. Over the next few weeks, we will be revamping the structural chart and Usher Manual. Once that is complete, we will start to implement the new normal. Then, and this is where you come in, we are going

to have a breakfast/informational/training event in late April for anyone who has been, or who might consider serving on one of the Usher teams. Multiple teams are needed for all three services and a small number of



PICTURED WITH DEL EVERETT (CENTER), ARE WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS, JAN WATSELL, MOLLY LUCAS, NANCY HAIRE, GARY ENSING, AND JERRY HENTSCHEL.

people will not be able to help people "feel welcome" if they're spread too thin or if no one is doing it, which happens sometimes. Ushers are a vital ministry of the church, and we need more people from each service to get involved. "It isn't difficult, and it isn't a big-time commitment," as Del would say. So please be in prayer for this ministry and for the possibility that you might be called to serve in this meaningful way. If you have any questions about serving as an Usher, please contact anyone on the worship ministry team and make plans to join us for our Usher "reboot" breakfast in late April. More details about the breakfast will be shared in the next few weeks.

LPC Students Newsletter March 2023

BY ANDREW JOHNSON

Director of Youth Ministry

On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth group hosted a special potluck soup lunch that was a great success. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together and enjoy a warm meal before they went to their homes and parties to watch the big game. But more than that, the event highlighted signature soups brought by families and students. As followers of Jesus, we share a common bond that goes beyond our differences. We are united by the blessings that God has given us, and we are called to use those blessings to serve others. Each soup was different and rep-

resented family recipes and new trials. But what was most important was the spirit of generosity and gratitude that pervaded the event. We all have different gifts and resources, but when we come together to share them, we create something greater than the sum of our parts. And this is kind of what it is like to follow Jesus – to recognize that everything we have comes from God, and to use those gifts to build up the Body (the church) and to enjoy life together giving God the glory. All potlucks are like that but at this “Souper Bowl” lunch we felt the love of Jesus as we shared a table.



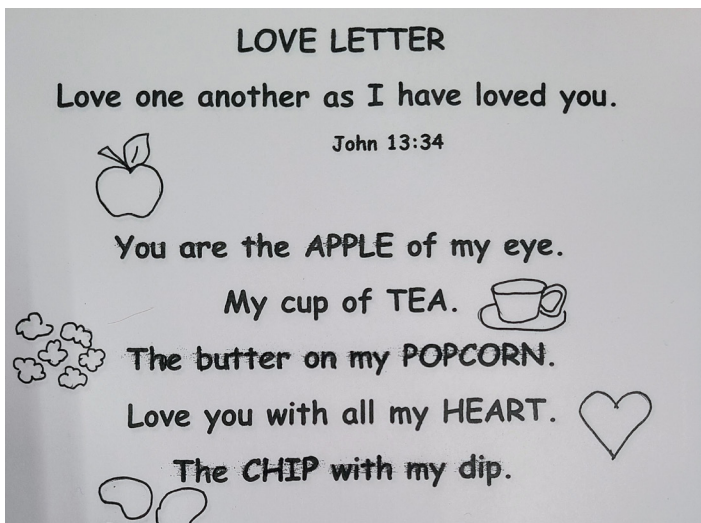
Serving For the King

BY TRACY UNTENER

Children's Ministry Director

The WNT Kids are learning about serving others for their king, Jesus. They have gotten off to a really strong start with each class doing wonderful acts of service for their family and friends. Soon they will be expanding their service reach to serve their neighbors and communities. Here is a service highlight from each class:

The preschool - kindergarten class recently put together gifts for family and friends. With each gift, they included a love letter highlighting the verse from John, "Love one another as I have loved you." What a wonderful way for them to share the love of Jesus!



The first and second grade class made night lights with pictures about Jesus on them, so their kids could give it to a friend who was afraid of the dark and could share about Jesus with them through the pictures. What a cool and thoughtful gift!



The third and fourth grade class made a foot soak for their parents to enjoy after a hard day's work. They also are completing weekly challenges to serve outside of class and are doing a spectacular job!



Engage 56, our fifth and sixth graders have drawn pictures that will go into our Lenten Devotional books, highlighting Jesus' journey through each week. They put a lot of thought into their drawings. They are quite the artists!



Afghan Refugees Find A Home in Lebanon



In April of 2022 our church welcomed two families of Afghan refugees who escaped from Kabul in the military airlift. Ten months later, these families are settled in jobs, homes and schools and making a new life for themselves.

“It’s been a tremendous challenge but also a great joy,” said pastor Peter Larson. “To see these families thriving and making progress is so rewarding.”

A skilled team of volunteers led the effort, including Chairman John Pohlman, Melody Bain, Nina Dorsch, Trish Garrett, Elizabeth Griffin, Doug Rhinehart and Courtney Williams. The team was responsible for providing housing, food, furniture, jobs, transportation and help with social services, immigration and medical needs.

For the refugees, fleeing from Afghanistan was a matter of life and death. “If these men had stayed in Afghanistan they would have been killed by the Taliban,” said Pastor Larson.

In amazing ways, God provided all of the resources to help the Afghan families. One family paid for a year’s rent for one of the rental apartments. Another family paid for all of the groceries until the two men found employment. Others in the community donated furniture. The Countryside YMCA provided free scholarships for the older children to attend summer camp. Some LPC women also provided sewing lessons.

Elizabeth Griffin helped the families apply for Medicare benefits. She also provided transportation. “My favorite part is driving Hamza to Head Start on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We spend that time singing the ABC song, counting buses, watching the traffic lights turn colors and navigating right and left hand turns. What a joy to watch him grow up in this environment without worry of war and fighting!”

When they first arrived in Lebanon the Afghan men were employed by Doug and Paulette Rhinehart, owners of Grandma’s Garden nursery in Waynesville. Eventually, they found jobs working at the Walmart in Lebanon. Financial

assistance from LPC for the families ended on January 31, with the goal of the Afghan families becoming financially independent.

“My role has been helping these families learn English,” said Trish Garrett. “At first this meant getting them signed up for the Warren County Aspire classes. Since last summer, it has involved finding volunteers to tutor each of the four adults individually two or three times a week and providing teaching materials for them to use.”

Melody Bain, a professional nurse, has grown very close to the Afghan families. When one of the Afghan women needed treatment at Bethesda North Hospital, she persuaded the hospital to forgive the large medical bill.

“I expected we would make an impact on their lives,” she said. “But I have to admit I have been taken aback and humbled by their impact on mine. Being the hands and feet of Christ with the other team leaders has been one of the greatest challenges and joys of my Christian life and certainly the most spiritually growth-producing endeavor I can recall.”

Courtney Williams says her faith has grown tremendously as a result of working with the Afghan refugees. “This is the first time I’ve ever participated in a mission like this,” said Williams. “Now I understand how it can bring a person so much closer to God.

“When we needed furniture and household items to fill the houses we had rented, I couldn’t fathom that we would get everything we needed, I had serious doubts, so I prayed hard for resolution. I was amazed to watch how the Holy Spirit moved through our church, and the donations poured in. Within one day of our wish list being posted, every single item had been purchased or donated.”



“We prayed for donations and they came. We prayed for affordable housing and found two landlords with servant hearts that wanted to help. Last week I prayed for a lawyer to help with an immigration issue and I got calls from two of them.”

The Afghan refugees were living in a hotel near the Miami International Airport when John Pohlman first contacted them a year ago. The impact of this ministry has been life-changing, he said.

“In the Dari language they say, ‘Shonna ba shonna,’ which translates, ‘Shoulder to shoulder,’” said Pohlman. “It is in that spirit that we met and worked together with the support of our volunteers, donors, in-kind contributors and LPC’s mission committee and Session. Through our work together, the families have become our friends and neighbors, as we continue to walk beside them in the future.”

20 Years with LPC

Please join us in celebrating both Rev. Peter Larson and Rick McNeely. They have been part of the LPC family for 20 years. We will be hosting a reception in their honor on Sunday, March 26 at 10 a.m. in the Welcome Center. Please read below and see how it all started.

GOD'S HAND

Twenty years ago, as a member of Session, I was asked to lead a search committee for the position of Music and Worship leader. At that time many members of the church had strong opinions about the kinds and type of music and worship we should have in the church. As I considered leading the search committee all I could think was "I hope that I can please at least 50% of the congregation with the person we are going to hire."

When we came across Rick McNeely's resume, we were immediately interested in his unique background and qualifications and decided to do a telephone interview with him. This was before Zoom so we met upstairs in the old pastor's study sitting around a speaker phone having a conversation with Rick. It was a very comfortable conversation and felt like we were sitting in the living room having a friendly visit. I can remember one of the questions asked was what tools he would need to be an effective music and worship leader at our church. Rick's answer was that he can lead worship with only a drum. This was an interesting answer and convinced us that he had a passion and a heart for simple, genuine worship.

When calling references, the theme that came out most was that Rick has an exceptional talent working with people and that he has a heart for worship. Rick has the ability to work with all types of music personalities and he especially enjoys working with people that haven't been involved in a music ministry. He is always teaching and encouraging them to develop the musical talent they did not know they had.



PASTOR PETER LARSON AND RICK MCNEELY.

Rick has an extensive music background and on a Sunday morning you will see him working with the sound crew, the live stream team, and leading choir. Then after the 8:30am service, scooting off to the Ark to lead the praise band. Rick has a vast knowledge of music. He is just as comfortable discussing a great classical work of the past, keeping up with the latest in contemporary music, or leading a bluegrass band. He also has many creative ideas to share that are conducive to worship.

We have enjoyed having Rick and his family as part of our LPC family. Some of you know Rick is a professional quality cook. This is a hobby that he shares in many backyard gatherings including impromptu music and singing from any that want to join in.

When I see Rick's leadership in our church, I can confidently say that God had His hand on the work of our committee and LPC has been truly blessed to have Rick on our staff. I thank God for leading him to our church.

Gary Ensing



ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU

In the May of 2001, Margaret and I had been attending LPC for about two years. We unexpectedly received a letter in the mail informing us that our Pastor was being called elsewhere. His last day would be June 3rd. Being new to the Church, we had no clue as to how he would be replaced. In fact, we were wondering if he could be replaced. We prayed for God to give us a Pastor who teaches the word of God.

A Pastor Nominating Committee was formed to find his replacement.

We reviewed many applications, listened to numerous sermons on cassette tape (this was before streaming) and interviewed quite a few candidates. I was the lucky one that was asked to call Peter Larson and set up a phone interview. He happened to be in Seattle visiting his parents during that first call. We have a daughter in Seattle, so there was an instant connection between us.

The Committee interviewed him by phone (no Zoom or Teams back then). We all liked him and agreed to bring Peter and Beth from Bethlehem, PA to Lebanon. The first step was to hear him preach at a neutral site. The date chosen for that was November 10th, 2002, at the Hamilton Presbyterian Church. I will never forget Peter's message that day. He preached about being a "Soldier for the Lord."

which was very appropriate because of being Veterans Day. All of us were very impressed with Peter and Beth, so we arranged for the family to come to LPC for the congregation to meet them, hear Peter preach and vote on his call to LPC.

They came to Lebanon the first weekend in December. Since that was the weekend of the Horse Drawn Carriage Parade, there literally was "no room at the inn." We had to put them up at Kirkwood in Mason. Not an ideal situation, but just like Jesus' birth, it worked out fine.

It was a whirl-wind weekend for Peter and his family as we had things planned for every moment. I have no clue how Peter managed to prepare and clear his mind to preach on Sunday morning. Unfortunately, I don't remember that sermon, but the congregation voted to call Peter and his family to Lebanon. His first official day on the job was February 1, 2003. It took 21 months, but our prayers were answered!

What a wonderful teacher and person God sent to us! We got exactly what we thought we were getting, a man of God who preaches the Bible and lives it. I wish I could count the lives that Peter and his family have touched in their time here in Lebanon. I know people outside of LPC who talk about how wonderful Peter and his family are. We are all proud to call him our Pastor!

To Peter, thank you for being a "Soldier for the Lord", all you have done for those of us at LPC and many others in the community. To Beth and the family, thank you for sharing this Godly man with us. He has changed our lives!

Bernie Uchtman

Thank You

To all of you in the Church Office,

Your support throughout the years has helped make my job easier and has been so appreciated by all of us. The love offering and recognition at Church services were amazing and I felt so honored. Blessings to all! Heartfelt thanks!

Cindy Chambers



Dear LPC Family,

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all that showed your love for me through the cards, monetary gifts, and the many wonderful hugs (& even my favorite snack—popcorn) that I received my last few weeks at LPC. What an honor to work in the church that I grew up in and that was my mom's church for so many years. You have been so important to my faith journey and I look forward to what God has in store next. I am forever grateful to all of you.

God bless!

Gaby Pyles



Dear LPC Friends,

Thank you to the many people who provided gift bags, cooked, prepared/delivered a side dish or shopped/delivered ingredients for our Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network guests (4 families) that we hosted February 5-11.

Thank you for making our dream of providing healthy, nutritious meals to our families a reality. These families who are temporarily homeless really appreciate all you do.

The LPC Family Promise/IHN Leadership Team

A Note of Thanks,

The 2023 Quilt-A-Thon is a “Wrap”. Thank you to all the LPC Quilters, seamstresses and friends of LPC who offered hours of service, sewing skills and talents to the January quilting event. Thanks also to the Missions Committee for their monetary donation, the Rick McNeely family and other church members who donated fabric. Just as a quilt is more than a blanket, quilting is more than just sewing. It is a universal art form of color and design. We were blessed to have Wahida Siddiqi and Robia Karimi join us as we shared friendship, fellowship and laughter. The joy of quilting is a common bond of creating something of beauty and function in an environment where we teach and encourage one another. The quilts will be blessed on Sunday, March 12th at the 8:30 a.m. service and on display for all three services. The quilts will then be given to Family Promise of Warren County/Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Serving Christ Together,

Sharen Benner



Dear LPC,

Thank you for your support of Matthew 25 Ministries in 2022. With your help, we shipped over 1,200 truckloads of aid, carrying more than 26 million pounds of supplies to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims. It took ten years for Matthew 25 to ship our first 1,000 truckloads and now we shipped more than that amount in a single year!

In 2022 we responded to disasters such as Hurricanes Ian and Fiona; flooding in Pakistan, Eastern Kentucky and Virginia; tornadoes impacting several regions of the U.S., the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, and more.

We distributed food to pantries and shelters throughout Greater Cincinnati; hosted a special event

for local children with life-threatening illnesses and their families; distributed personal care and gift kits to the elderly; delivered Christmas gifts and basic necessities to children in rural Appalachia, Haiti, and Ukraine, among other things.

Together we helped over 30 million people in 2022. We are grateful for your partnership. Your cumulative donations of \$7,581 in 2022 (plus three large donations from the annual rummage sale) makes an incredible impact in the lives of those we serve.

God's Blessings,
Tim Mettey, CEO of Matthew 25 Ministries



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Family Promise of Warren County (FPWC), I want to thank you for your generous support of the homeless families that we are so blessed to serve. Your donation in the amount of \$1653 for general operations and \$2581 for our building fund will support our mission to provide shelter, meals, hospitality, and support to families without a home.

Since October 1998, the Board, staff, and volunteers have dedicated themselves to our goal of maintaining the integrity and dignity of the family as they seek to build a better life. Through an individualized case plan, families in the program find or improve employment, better their level of education, are connected to resources and become housed. Network volunteers provide wonderful meals along with safe, warm, and comforting place to stay at their house of worship.

FPWC has provided service to those in Warren County for more than 23 years. In those years, we have been blessed to house 805 families to include 2295 individuals. A total of 1323 children were housed to included 138 unborn children. The face of homelessness in Warren County continues to be that of a 6-year-old

child. Additionally, more than 17,104 referrals were made to FPWC, many of which resulted in preventing homelessness. We continue to provide furniture to our graduating families as well as the community through our Heaven and Hearth furniture ministry.

Thank you for your support of Family Promise of Warren County. We take great pride in our mission and our accomplishments. We thank you for your support, as together we assist family with children who are without a home, to achieve their goal of housing and self-sufficiency.

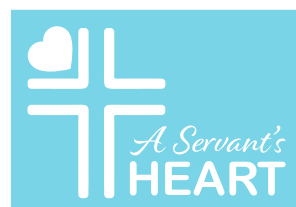
Sincerely,
Linda A. Rabolt
Executive Director, Family Promise of Warren County



Dear LPC Friends:

Just wanted to say thank you so much for opening your doors to some Young Life leaders to play basketball. It was such a fun treat for these college students! We were very blessed by the space. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Patrick Barboza, Southwest Columbus Young Life



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

Rick Beckwith and **Dave and Nancy Lupberger** for assembling the newsletter.

Scott Hobbs for his work on the roof.

Coming Alongside

If you are looking for a way to connect with the women of LPC, please join us for an afternoon of fellowship.

A Coming Alongside Luncheon will be held on **March 21st**. Any interested LPC ladies are invited to join us at BJ's Restaurant in Miamisburg at Austin Landing, 10563 Innovation Dr. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. at the restaurant. Due to the fair distance to Austin Landing, if you would like to be picked up at LPC at 11:10 a.m. under the portico, please let me know. I will be sure to meet you there. Otherwise, to simply attend, call Carol Carraway at 513-706-6113 by **March 17th**.

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, March 4, 2023

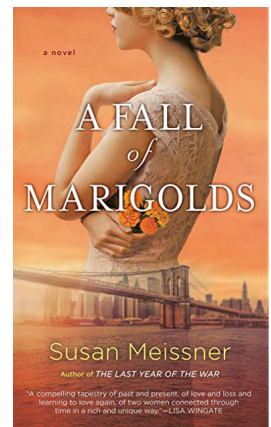
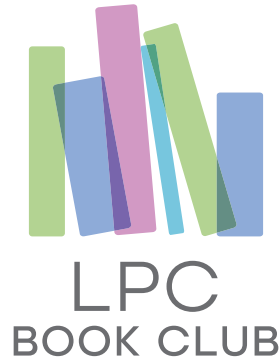
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Ark
Community Blood Center
937-461-3220



Please call for an appointment
We welcome Walk-ins too



We will be continuing our tradition of dishing up delicious Biscuits and Gravy!



The LPC Book Club will meet on **Thursday March 9 in Room 102**. We will be discussing *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. A beautiful scarf connects two women touched by tragedy: one a nurse on Ellis Island in September 1911, and another in September 2011 who works in a fabric store as she raises her daughter alone after the terrible day her husband died in the collapse of the World Trade Towers. Kathy Ungerman will lead our discussion.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR OUR LPC SHUT-INS

If you are a member or friend of LPC that is unable to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month in our worship service, we want to schedule a time to come to you. We have a clergy team at the ready. We need you to call, text, or email our coordinator, John Morris, to schedule a time that would work for you during the Lenten season. We can schedule you any weekday morning/afternoon through April 5. After reading this announcement, please call right away. You will receive a confirmation call and the name of the pastor visiting.

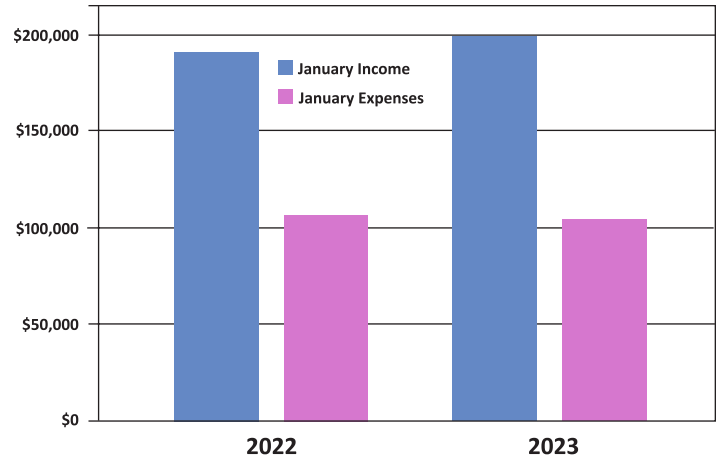
John ~ talk and/or leave a message 513-932-0360 ~ txt 513-508-1354 ~ email johnandfranm@aol.com



Congregational Life

Do you like the idea of creating spaces (such as the existing coffee area) and events (picnics/parties) to build an encouraging and strong LPC church family? The Congregational Life Committee (CLC) might be the place for you to serve alongside others who want to “love people to Christ by encouraging, supporting and training in the area of Christian hospitality with church events and fellowship opportunities (CLC mission statement).” Currently, the CLC meets once a month on the second Tuesday of each month. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Stephanie Poblenz at 513-932-2751 or stephanie@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

LPC Income vs. Expenses



iPray

*We have to pray with our eyes on God,
not on our problems and difficulties.*

- OSWALD CHAMBERS

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

- For our fifth and sixth grade students who are going on retreat March 17-18.
- For our junior and senior high students who will be on retreat March 24-26.
- For our Long Range Planning Team, that God would reveal his will and give them discernment and wisdom.
- For our choir and community singers as they prepare to present the second half of Handel's *Messiah*, that it will glorify God and draw people to faith.
- For our Personnel and hiring teams as they seek a new church secretary, organist and accompanist.
- For the spiritual renewal of our church, community and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, that the Holy Spirit would deepen our love for Jesus Christ.



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, March 5
COMMUNION SUNDAY
The Justice of God
Psalm 9

Sunday, March 12
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
The Wrath of God
Romans 1:18-25

Sunday, March 19
The Grace of God
Ephesians 2:1-10

Sunday, March 26
NO 10 A.M. SERVICE
The God Who Guides
Exodus 13:17-22



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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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