

New Mercies

Great is Thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.



I'm a singer. I love to sing. I love to sing praises to the Lord Jesus with God's people! I've been listening to your worship services for the last few months, and know that you love to sing praises, too. One of my favorite hymns is "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Though there are others that are more majestic or beautiful, Great is Thy Faithfulness is always a necessary reminder of God's unending grace to us. God is faithful! Our God is with us at every turn and in every step. God reveals his will to us as we walk with him. His grace never runs out. His mercies never fail. His faithfulness never comes to an end.

We know this, don't we?

Over these last months, as you have celebrated and said goodbye to your beloved Pastor Peter and I have said goodbye to my beloved First Pres, we have known God's faithfulness in calling all of us to a new season, a new beginning of ministry together. God is so faithful!

As we are in a season of new beginnings under the providence and provision of our faithful God, here are a few things I want you to know about me.

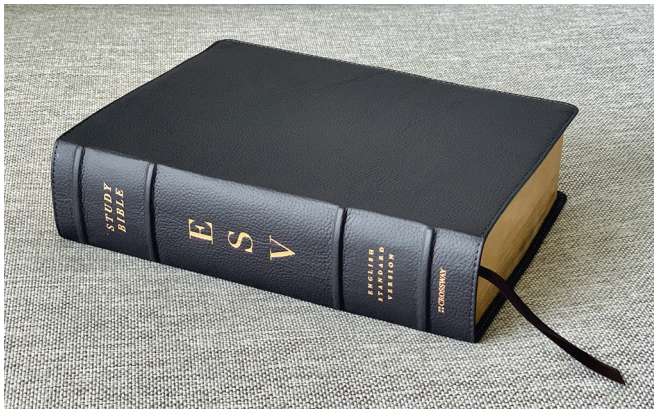
First, I love Jesus. I have been a Presbyterian since I was carried into Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Erie, PA when I was two weeks old. I have always known about Jesus. I came to know Jesus personally in the summer of 1990 as a rising high school senior. The Lord Jesus took hold of my heart through the study of his Word, and I surrendered to him. Jesus is my Savior and my Lord. Jesus is the only Savior and Lord. Jesus is our gentle Shepherd who lovingly leads us to himself and he is coming as a conquering king to judge the world and make it right again.

Jesus is all! In the light of this conviction, I seek to make Jesus the center of all my life, my ministry and the ministry of the church I shepherd. So, living out the teachings of Jesus with one another is a huge deal to me. Making Jesus known to those far from him is a constant concern. Growing closer to Jesus is my goal for all of us.

Second, I love my family. My wife, Stephanie, and I have been married for 26 years. She is an amazing helpmate and faithful support to me. She has been more than willing to come on this journey to LPC, and she saw the call here before I did. She is amazing, and I can't wait for all of you to know her better in the years to come. God has blessed us with four incredible children. I praise the Lord that they all look to him in faith and desire to walk with him. Julia, Joshua, Matthew and Jonathan are precious gifts to Stephanie and me and they will be to all of you as well. A long time ago, I decided I was unwilling to sacrifice my family on the altar of ministry. As I look at my children now, I know that was the right decision. I have never regretted it.

Third, I love the Word of God. The only rule for faith and practice for the believer is the Bible. In the words of the Westminster Confession, the Scriptures teach us "the whole purpose of God about everything pertaining to his own glory and to man's salvation, faith, and life." I read the Bible because I love Jesus and want to know him better and more intimately. Reading the scriptures, both in big portions and small nuggets, changes me to look more like Jesus. Since the Lord uses his Word to bring transformation in our lives, my mission is to bring the scriptures to God's people in an expositional way. This means that I preach most often verse by verse through a book of the Bible. You will

notice that I use the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Holy Scriptures in worship. I would encourage you to bring your Bible to worship so you can handle your personal copy of God's Word. If you are in the market for a new Bible, I'd recommend getting a copy of the ESV so that the version we hear in worship is the same version you are reading in your



own quiet time.

Over the next months and years, we will get to know one another very well. You will learn much more about me and the ways I shepherd and lead, and I will learn about all of you. I am eager to know you and hear your stories of faith in Jesus. With every step and at every turn in this season of our ministry together, we will lean into God's faithfulness, knowing that he has brought us together for his very good and pleasing purposes.

May we bless his name for the glories of his grace and walk together to make him known in Lebanon and beyond.

Your Partner in the Gospel,
Jeff

Meet & Greet WITH PASTOR JEFF

Who is Jeff Moore?

If you would like to meet and talk with Pastor Jeff in a small group setting, that will be possible in March and April. Pastor Jeff will meet with members of the congregation in groups of ten.

The gatherings in the Atrium will be about an hour and a half long and will be scheduled Thursday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, and Wednesday evenings. Reservations may be made through Friday emails that begin March 1st. In addition, there will be signups on Sunday mornings at the Information Table. All reservations will be processed in the order that they are received.

A hostess from the Meet and Greet Committee will meet each group at the Ark doors as they arrive, so a door code will not be necessary. The groups will meet with Pastor Jeff in the Atrium. If you wish, come prepared to share your most treasured memory of LPC.

PLEASE NOTE: No reservations will be accepted by phone through the church office.

*Any questions, please call
Sharen Benner at 513-409-5278*



Coming Alongside

Coming Alongside will meet on March 19, at 11:30 a.m. at Mae Ploy's, a Thai restaurant in Lebanon.

Coming Alongside is open to any woman in the church who enjoys fun and fellowship over lunch.

For reservations, please call Inga Kimple at 513 490-2423 by March 12.

Better Together

by Stephanie Poblenz

Here at LPC, we are proud to be Presbyterian. I mean, it's even in our name! However, while we love the stereotypical things of Presbyterianism (i.e. Committees, potlucks, things good and orderly), we sometimes miss the connectionalism that is one of the markers of our tradition and history. While pastors and Session have some connection because of Presbytery events, it is often quite isolating for the remainder of staff or volunteers doing ministry week in and week out. About a year ago, a group of pastors in our Presbytery and I felt this as many of us had transitioned from youth or children's ministry into leading those who are doing that ministry. In an effort to better equip and care for the children's, youth, and college directors and volunteers of our churches, we petitioned the Presbytery to create a new committee focused on connecting the "Next Gen" workers.

At our last Presbytery meeting in February, this committee was officially approved! We had a lunch before the meeting that any Next Gen worker could attend to get connected and share resources and ideas. This is something that we are hoping to provide at every presbytery meeting moving forward. It is a huge step forward in helping not only the individuals who are on church staff to stay connected but also a great resource for those churches that are too small to have staff outside of the Senior Pastor. The majority

of the churches in the Midwest Presbytery are considered "small churches," or have less than 100 members. It is the hope of the Next Gen Committee that we can share resources with those churches that may have one or two volunteers doing their children's and youth ministry. We are so blessed at LPC to have an incredible staff and volunteers minister to our kids and youth, and the hope is to be able to share and support smaller churches as well.

Some of this work is already taking place, with a Midwest Presbytery Summer Camp taking place over the summer and at an annual Next Gen Workers Summit put on by the EPC. LPC is also leading the way in our partnership with 5.7 Church in Detroit and the mission trip our youth went on. Andrew and Tracy are already connecting with other Next Gen workers in our Presbytery. It has been a blessing to be able to be a part of change happening at the Presbytery level. I feel incredibly grateful to be a part of a church that believes in truly being connectional and being a part of helping other churches spread the Gospel of Jesus. Would you continue to pray for LPC's Next Gen Workers, as well as all of the volunteers and staff throughout the Midwest Presbytery as they minister to babies and college students alike for the sake of the Kingdom?



Last year's Next Gen Workers Leadership Summit in Orlando, Florida. All pictured are currently working in Next Gen Ministries throughout the country.

Encounter Leaders Thrived at Youth Leader Training in Nashville

by Andrew Johnson

In January, our Encounter Student Ministry saw three leaders—Meg Elliott, Daniel Frank, and Andrew Johnson—embark on a transformative journey to Nashville for the Youth Leader Training (YLT), an empowering event organized by Reformed Youth Ministry since 2008. At LPC, investing in the next generation of church leaders is a priority, and we were thrilled to witness Daniel and Meg's growth in ministry leadership. During YLT, valuable connections were made with fellow EPC youth ministry workers who shared a common goal.

YLT Nashville, held at the Nelson Andrews Leadership Lodge at the Joe C. Davis YMCA Outdoor Center at Camp Widjiwagan from January 22 to 26, 2024, was more than just a conference—it was a gathering of passionate youth ministry leaders dedicated to equipping and reaching youth for Christ. The YLT experience revolved around three core pillars—**Equip, Connect, Encourage**—which laid the foundation for enriched knowledge, meaningful connections, and a rejuvenated spirit.

Equip: Enhancing Youth Ministry Strategies

YLT sessions provided our leaders with insights, tools, and strategies to enhance youth ministry effectiveness. Sessions like "Philosophy of Ministry" and "Non-anxious Leadership for Youth Ministry" deepened their understanding of theological assumptions and leadership approaches.



Daniel Frank, Andrew Johnson, Meg Elliott

Connect: Building Lasting Relationships

YLT emphasized forging meaningful relationships. Encounter leaders connected with peers from diverse backgrounds, creating a network of support and collaboration that extended beyond the event, forming a community dedicated to a common ministry philosophy.

Encourage: Renewing Spirits with the Gospel

Renewal through the Gospel was a key focus of YLT. The sessions addressed real challenges faced by youth leaders, offering encouragement and motivation to continue serving students. The impactful plenary session on "Partnering with Parents in Ministry to Youth" highlighted the crucial role of parents in a teenager's faith journey.

Our Encounter leaders attended various sessions, gathering practical tips from Effective Teaching to "Frontline Trauma-Informed Care." These insights will aid in building dedicated volunteer teams and handling crisis effectively. Armed with a toolkit of knowledge, skills, and inspiration, our Encounter leaders are set to positively impact our youth. Committed to growth in biblical, theological, and strategic aspects, Encounter aims to cultivate a culture of healthy relationships, empowered leaders, and flourishing students. Please pray for the growth of our leaders.



EPC Youth Workers Dinner Out @ RYMYLT

enc **LPC STUDENT MINISTRIES**
STUDENTS PARENTS LEADERS

RUMMAGE SALE 4.27.24

THE RUMMAGE SALE

is coming Saturday,
APRIL 27

Get ready to drop
off your stuff -

Monday, April 22
through
Friday, April 26

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.

Mark your calendars for our fun-filled, all-church **Scavenger Hunt** on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**, rain or shine. Teams will be given a list of items and will find all of them within the city of Lebanon during a ninety-minute search time. Then we'll meet back at the church for a pizza lunch.

Small prizes will be given to first, second and third-place teams. Join as a family, or just show up and be assigned to teams of 4 or 5. Teams must work together as a team (*no splitting up*). No prior experience or special talent is required, just your car and enthusiasm. No cost. The only prerequisite is people who want to have fun!



Please sign up by scanning this QR code or using the sign-up sheet on Sunday morning. Call Ann Loreaux if you have any questions at 513-228-2468 (*no texting*).

WHEN: Saturday, April 20, 2024

WHERE: Begin and end in the Ark at LPC.

WHO: All ages of LPC members and attendees.

TIME: 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Gather in the Ark no later than 9 a.m. Teams depart from church at 9:30 a.m. and return no later than 11 a.m. Eat lunch! Win prizes! Finish by 12 p.m.



God's Love is for Everyone!

by Tracy Untener



Our WNT Kids continue to learn about God's love and what it looks like to love others the way God does. In the last couple of weeks, we've been learning that God's love is for everyone. We talked about the time when Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well. There was some really good discussion about how this was unusual because Jews and Samaritans did not like each other, a Jewish man would not have spoken to a strange woman in public, and this particular woman had a lifestyle that was sinful. Why would Jesus show love and compassion to this woman? What does this mean for us today?



Let me tell you, folks, we could all learn from the kids' responses. All the kids said YES, we do! Some discussed how it can be hard to respond to others who are different from us with this kind of love. We said that we just need to keep trying and praying for our love to be more like God's. The first and second graders talked about how Jesus fed people, walked with people, talked with people, healed people, and loved them **NO MATTER WHAT!** They decided that we need to love like that!

Other classes, like our preschool class, responded with action and had a great time making "love cards" for a nursing care facility. The Engage 56 class also made cards and included encouraging scriptures in them. The 3rd and 4th graders made "Thank You Valentines" to encourage all our deacons, who spend so much time loving others like Jesus did.

All of the classes had great discussions and responded in some way by showing God's love to others. If only we all had that kind of attitude - to be intentional and to try to share God's love with others through our words and our actions, "**NO MATTER WHAT!**"



In our experiment time, we learned that what people think and feel inside is not always what they show to us. The kids learned that God sees our hearts and knows all that we've been through and all of our thoughts, fears, and hurts. Even though we can't know people completely like God does, when someone seems different or unfriendly, we need to think about how God would respond and show them the same kind of unconditional kindness and love.

Okay, so we should do that most of the time, right? But do we really need to share God's love with e-v-e-r-y-o-n-e? Hmmmm...





JUNE 10-14
6 - 8:20 P.M.

If you are interested in helping
with preparation for VBS
(decoration design, decoration
set-up, work night set-up, etc.)
or helping during the week
of VBS (station leaders, crew
leaders, assistants, etc.) please
contact Tracy Untener at
tracy@lebanonpresbyterian.org.



ENGAGE 56

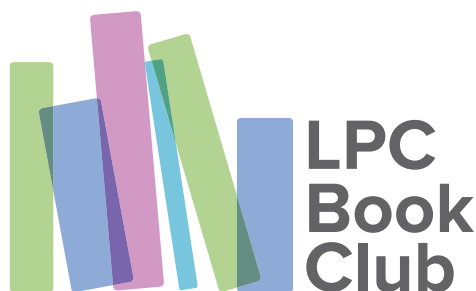
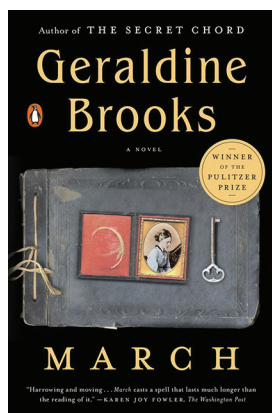
Attention 5th & 6th Grade Parents

Engage 56 Event: The Amazing Grace Race

Saturday, March 16 | 2 - 6:15 p.m.

What will this be like? Here's some basic information:

- Teams will travel to various members homes to complete fun challenges.
- Everyone will get to participate in each challenge. The challenges are a bit like Minute to Win It games.
- We will finish the race back at LPC, where we will give out awards.
- Then we'll head to Acapulco for an early dinner together. YUM!
- For more details and to sign up, scan the QR Code.



The LPC Book Club will meet on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 311 to discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *March* by Geraldine Brooks. This book focuses on the character of the absent father from *Little Women*, March, who has gone off to serve as a chaplain for the Union side in the Civil War, leaving his wife and daughters to make do in mean times. Using the journals and letters of Bronson Alcott, Louisa May's father, March emerges as an idealist in the little known backwaters of war. His faith is tested as he learns that both sides in this war are capable of acts of barbarism and racism. As he recovers from a near mortal illness, he must reassemble his shattered mind and body and find a way to reconnect with a wife and daughters who have no idea of the ordeals he has experienced.

For further information, contact Nina Dorsch at don.nina.dorsch@gmail.com.

Thank You

Dear LPC,

Thank you for supporting Elizabeth's New Life Center through the Giving Tree! Your response was incredibly generous! All your gifts combined gave a total of \$3,347.50. With your help, we are saving babies and changing lives. Thank you for helping us provide caring support to families. For any questions, please contact Lauren King at lking@enlc.life.

Thanks,

Lauren King, ENLC Development Officer - Lebanon

To my dear LPC family,

Thank you very much for your cards, prayers, caring, and love which have been so generously given to me as I recover from my surgery. My heart is overflowing with gratitude and love for you. You are a church family who are filled with the love of God and Jesus, and you show it through the Holy Spirit. My face is healing, though slowly, and I miss being with you all.

With thanks and love,

Lynn Steinkirchner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at LPC,

Praise the Lord for His provision, we are humbled by His care. Thank you so much for this wonderful, Love Gift Missions Donation! May the Lord continue to bless the work of our hands as we move forward in the path He has set before us. To God be the Glory!

With Love in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Hector Reynoso and

The Session of Genesis Presbyterian Church

THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH OUR FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES

Thank you to the **28 LPC families** who shopped, cooked, and prepared side dishes for our 3 Family Promise families the week of February 4, 2024. We provided 108 meals for the families. The Family Promise families said the food was amazing and the desserts were appreciated. Also, thanks to the **Feeding Ministry** and the **WNT kitchen team** who provided Monday and Wednesday's dinner. A special thank you to **Terri & Jack Catanzaro, Connie Purdum, Ally Bondurant, Megan Terrell, and Tilia Lucas** for their efforts in the dinner/play date at LPC on February 8.

Serving Christ Together,

*Family Promise LPC Leadership Team: Terri Catanzaro,
Marge Cunningham, Ally Bondurant, and Megan Terrell*

Dearest Church Family,

On behalf of me and my entire family, I want to thank you all for your strong faith and for the continued prayers and support as we navigate through grief. Thank you for the beautiful service that honored Kayla's Christian life and met each person where they were in their belief. For the meal, the prep, and the cleanup. For the cards, calls, hugs, and texts. It is said often that LPC is a giving church; I am a witness to this. I am blessed and honored to be part of this family and I love all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Kat Svoboda

Thank you to the entire congregation for your support, care, and prayer during the transitional month. I was so deeply encouraged by the many notes and the "keep up the good work!" in the hallways of church. What a blessing it is to be a part of such a loving community!

Pastor Stephanie

Shaker Inn will soon be ready to house the temporarily homeless families. For our June 23-30 rotation, we believe we will be at Shaker Inn where we will provide Dinner (5:30-6:30), Evening Activities (6:30-8) and Overnight Hosts (7:30-7).

Are you called to serve a shift for our June 23-30 rotation? Three-hour training is required for the LPC core team and others who are interested in training. Training dates are either March 9, 16 or April 6 at Shaker Inn (other dates available). The LPC core team would serve alongside other LPC volunteers the week of June 23-30 to eliminate any concerns they would have as we leave our church home and move to Shaker Inn. Scan the QR code to sign up.



It has been a long time since we served the families face-to-face. Our play dates helped (pictures from February 8, 2024 play date). This is an exciting opportunity to make a positive, face-to-face impact on the families that we are called to serve. Remaining rotations for 2024 are September 15-22 and December 1-8.

Questions? Contact Terri Catanzaro at 513-288-2313(cell) or terricatanzaro@gmail.com.

Family Promise LPC Leadership Team: Terri Catanzaro, Marge Cunningham, Ally Bondurant, Megan Terrell



Deacon Visitation Team Spotlight



Carolyn Lucke and George Meloy visited with Lois and Bill Phillips at their home.

Need Prayer?

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

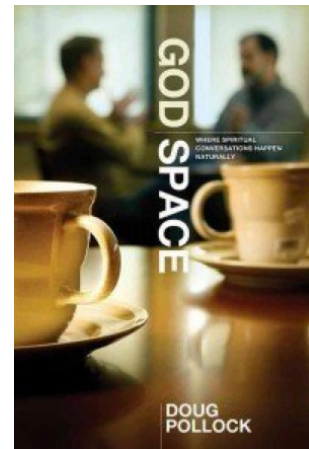
prayerrequest@lebanonpresbyterian.org
will get your request to a staff member who will
handle your request confidentially and will only
send out information you would like shared with
our Prayer Warriors

Activating GOD SPACE

A.K.A. SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

YOU NEED TO READ THIS>>> In the current WNT *Loving People to Christ* class, the 3rd week was about the Holy Spirit. Presenters John & Fran Morris shared that the Holy Spirit is always attempting to get our attention so he can lead (Acts 1:8, Galatians 5:22-23).

John & Fran were praying that someone would come across their radar who was a believer with a story. At a Financial Review at a local bank, IT HAPPENED. John noticed the bracelet of the financial officer, Matt. John said, "What Would Jesus Do?" Immediately, Matt said, "I will tell you what He did for me." They listened as Matt so naturally shared his story of coming out of darkness into God's Holy Light and being transformed as a born-again Christian. Matt's testimony was genuine and spirit-filled. They prayed with Matt. Matt also accepted their invitation to be a class guest speaker.



Here's Matt's story>>> Matt was raised in a faith-based family. He knew God but did not have a relationship with God. He went through the motions of memorized rituals and prayers but no Bible study. In high school, he endured the heartache and confusion of his clergyman/mentor being jailed for crimes committed in his ministry. Matt swore off religion. He told his fiancée that he would only believe what could be proven. As newlyweds, Matt was encouraged by his wife to attend the church she had grown up in. He relented with conditions and some fear.

From the moment Matt walked in, he was welcomed by the pastor; music was a live band with a praise team; prayers were off the cuff. He got something from the message and the Holy Spirit started working in his life. Matt got involved in a small group, praying in public and reading the Bible. Matt called it eye-opening when he realized that he could have a relationship with God. He has grown to be an enthusiastic disciple, having conversations with people like clients, friends and family.

We are all different in our approaches to evangelism: Matt finds many doors have been open by wearing his bracelet and creating God Space one person at a time; Fran & John find that prayer leads them to the right people. We are all learning that with the Holy Spirit leading, anything is possible.

Opportunity exists to share the fruit of the spirit with others naturally. Organic Outreach for Ordinary People by Kevin G. Harney states, "Evangelism, fueled by a love for God's glory and the joy of seeing lost people found, will become a natural and unstoppable force." First person to text Terri @ 513-288-2313 will receive a FREE copy of this book used for our class.

Terri Catanzaro, Karen Kilpatrick, and guest writers: John & Fran Morris

Session Report

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

- Retroactively approved canceling the 8:30 & 11 a.m. services on February 18, 2024, in order to have a joint service at 10 a.m.
- Retroactively approved the Boy Scout Troop 186 to hold five fundraisers in 2024.
- Approved changing Session meeting to the third Tuesday of the month.
- Approved Marriage School fundraising event on April 20, 2024.



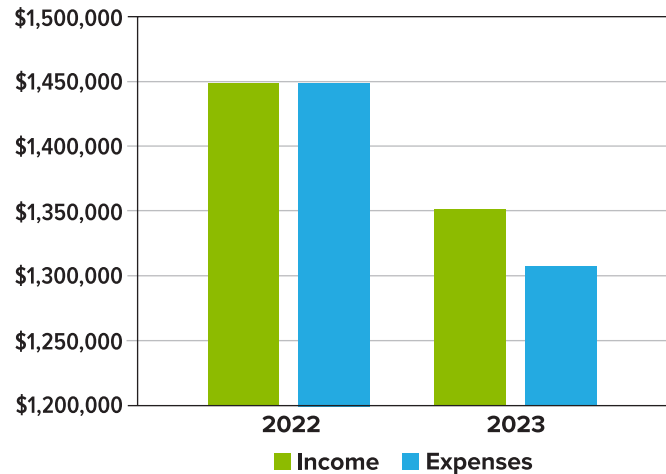
**THIS MONTH WE HONOR THE
FOLLOWING MEN AND WOMEN FOR
THEIR LOVING SERVICE TO JESUS
CHRIST AND THE CHURCH:**

Andrew Bicknell, Anna Bracey, Larry Bracey, Adam Campbell, Stephen Chee Wah, Daniel Frank, Alex Pierett and Nick Pierett for taking down the Nativity Stable.

Dave Lupberger and Steve Newby for painting Pastor Jeff's office.

Bob Lane for odd jobs around the church and the preschool.

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's QR code banner that pops up on your phone. You will be directed to the Suran website for giving at LPC.



Preaching Schedule

Sunday, March 3 COMMUNION SUNDAY Blood <i>Ephesians 1:7-10</i>	Thursday, March 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY Bought and Brought Near <i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i>
Sunday, March 10 Believe <i>Ephesians 1:11-14</i>	Friday, March 29 GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday, March 17 Blessing <i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i>	Sunday, March 31 EASTER SUNDAY But God! <i>Ephesians 2:4-10</i>
Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY Broken <i>Ephesians 2:1-3</i>	



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Pastor Stephanie Poblentz

SENIOR PASTOR
Pastor Jeff Moore

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



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