

A stack of several books with colorful spines (red, green, blue) is shown against a blurred background of green foliage. The books are stacked vertically, with the top book having a red spine and the bottom book having a blue spine.

Summer Reading List

One of my favorite things to do on these long, hot summer days is sit in the shade on my porch with a cold iced tea and read a book. Seems like I have a few books in play at any given moment. Here are a few I'm working through and some insights I'm gleaning.

The Wright Brothers by David McCullough. As a bit of a history buff, this seemed like the right book to read in coming to the Dayton area. Wilbur and Orville were masters of ingenuity and meticulous researchers. Before building their "flyer," they observed birds in flight for hours noting every detail of movement and gliding through the air. At a time when people told them that human flight would never be achieved, they persevered through criticism, crashes and people dismissing their pursuit as a crazy pipe-dream. *Gleaning:* do what the Lord has set your hands to do and do it with all your heart.

Truman by David McCullough. I've had the notion to read a presidential biography every summer. Last summer it was Chernow's *Grant*. This summer it's *Truman*. Known for his wide smile, spectacles and earnest labor as a senator, Truman persevered in the political arena where "nice guys" usually finish last. Frugal by nature, Truman chaired a committee during WWII that was responsible for oversight of defense spending. "The Truman Committee" was a watchdog that tried to ensure that every tax dollar allocated went to the war effort

and allied victory. It was this steady and dogged determination that made observers and influencers recommend him to the office of Vice President under FDR. *Gleaning:* do your job, not for human praise, but to the glory of God.

The Great Dechurching by Jim Davis and Michael Graham. Jim Davis is an EPC pastor in Florida who set out to understand why people in his church just stopped attending-- not only his church, but church in general. The result is this book, where he discovers five major profiles of people who have left the church. These five profiles have left the church for various reasons and some may be more likely to return than others. The two biggest takeaways for me are: 1) the number one reason people stop attending church is that they move and get out of the habit of attending, and 2) most dechurched people report that if they were invited by a friend or neighbor to attend their church, they would! The sad part is that very few Christians are inviting! *Gleaning:* In the midst of a culture that continues to shift away from Christianity and the institutional church, Jesus is still the Lord and his gospel still saves. We have no idea who would get plugged into LPC if we simply invite a friend or neighbor to join us for worship or an activity.

Leviticus by God through Moses. It's bloody. As many of you may know, Leviticus is usually the book that foils the "read-the-Bible-in-a-year" plan. The sacrifices, the

detail, the minutiae of the law, the blood-- it's off putting. Did I mention that there's a lot of blood in Leviticus? As I read, however, I see that the blood is a good and necessary thing because God is holy and we are not. If human beings are to be able to dwell in the presence of our Holy God, we must be covered and cleansed. Our sin must be blotted out. God gives us Leviticus with all the blood and all the detail because he made us, loves us and desires to be in relationship with us. The blood is the vehicle for that relationship. What a great God! Here's the thing though-- all that blood of bulls and goats could only temporarily cover the sin of the people. They were only righteous until the next sin. Even the high priest had to undergo extensive ritual purity washing in order to serve in the tabernacle because he was a human being caught in sin. So the blood and the priest were only temporary expressions of what was to come in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Gleaning*: I'm so thankful that Jesus is our great high priest and the perfect sacrifice that covers and cleanses us, making us holy and acceptable to God the Father.

So what are you reading and gleaning? I'd love to hear about it!

Happy Reading!
PJ

Coming Alongside

Hi Ladies! You are invited to a day of great food and fellowship. Please join us on August 20th at Acapulco Restaurant, 916 Columbus Avenue, Lebanon Ohio.

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Donna Kaufman, either by email - dduke401@yahoo.com or text 513- 239-9567. Please respond by August 18th.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!



Hello, LPC family! We will be publishing a 2025 directory, and we need all your smiling faces! Please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets for photoshoot dates on the LPC Information Table. You will also have the ability to sign up online, so please look for that in the weekly email updates. Pictures will be taken at the church in August and September. The Deacons will be calling their "flocks" as a friendly reminder. Please note that we would like to have our college students sign up prior to taking off for school. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call.

Rhea Vezmar: 706-207-3826

Christine Olding: 513-405-9590



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Letter from Young Adults

Hello LPC family!

Before our update, on behalf of the Young Adults, I just wanted to say thank you for your kind support and encouragement! Every week, our young adults are reminded how much our LPC family loves and cares for them by the snacks, sweets, and drinks our sign-up genius volunteers provide! Further, every Sunday I come into church, people ask me about how we're doing, if there is anything that we need, and if there is a way they can help us out. What a blessing our Young Adults, myself included, have in our LPC family.



Speaking of which, we've had the opportunity to begin getting to know our family better! For the last

two months, as is our plan going forward, our Young Adults have been hosted once a month by families in our church! Having the opportunity to meet the people in our church and deepen relationships has been wonderful. This month we were hosted by Pastor Jeff in his new home.



As we engage the Word of God in our Matthew series: "The Kingdom of God is Here," please continue to pray with me that our young adults would be lights in this world, confident and bold in their faith, and seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness in all that they do!

Once again, thank you for your support. May the Peace of Christ be with you,
Daniel Frank

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

AUGUST 25 | 2 P.M.

Come join us! For our annual church picnic, hosted by the Congregational Life Committee. **The picnic will be held on August 25, 2 -6 p.m. at the Armco Park Pavilion. This is a fun opportunity to meet and socialize with our church community.**

A couple of requests and reminders:

People with last names

A - P: Please bring a side salad.

Q - Z: Please bring a dessert.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, water bottles, and condiments will be provided. There will be signs posted to direct you to the pavilion. Plenty of games, children's activities, and a bounce house will be set up. Seating is limited outside so do bring a lawn chair if you plan to sit outside. We hope to see you all at the picnic!

Wednesday Mornings Together

by Tracy Untener



This summer, the LPC Children's Ministry Team has been hosting something new. We're calling it "Wednesday Mornings Together." For eight Wednesday mornings, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. we're spending time with our LPC Daycare kids. The kids rotate through three stations: Bible story time, craft, and games. We have been having a BLAST! It's so much fun!



They have been learning how no matter how big or small their problems are, they can take them to Jesus. He is always there to help and will always do what's best for them. We learned that sometimes He helps us in ways that we don't expect, like when Jesus healed the man at the pool of Bethesda. The man had expected to have to get in the water to be healed, but Jesus healed him on the spot, no water required.

We also learned that sometimes Jesus wants to help us help others with their problems. This was il-

lustrated by the story of the feeding of 5,000 using only one little boy's lunch, one little boy who was willing to step up to help and to share.



And this past week was my favorite week so far. We talked about how we can talk to Jesus when we are afraid. During our story time, the kids had fun telling stories about times when they were afraid. Many great examples were shared about fears of the dark, being chased by animals, being scared to go on a zipline, being afraid for their grandparents when they got into an accident, and being fearful when their parents had to do something a bit dangerous. Then the kids heard a story about a time when the disciples were in a boat in the water and were afraid, not only because of wind and waves, but because they saw a mysterious figure walking on the water! The kids learned that Jesus quickly assuaged the disciple's fears, because it was He who was walking on the water. We discussed how faithful and brave Peter was, wanting to walk on the water out to Jesus, and we discussed how he began to sink when he took his focus off of Jesus and let his fear take over. But, Jesus was right there

to help and save him, even when his focus and his faith wavered. The kids made wind and wave sounds, rowed their boats, and even got a little wet during this story! After the story, we talked about how we could focus on Jesus when we are scared by praying to Him or singing a song about Him. It was a fun lesson.



At the craft station, the kids made a really cool picture where they could make Jesus walk on the water. Miss Lynn even taught them a song about the story. They loved it! When they went to the games station, they played a game where they had to stay focused and carefully carry an egg on a spoon a certain distance to get it into their team's bucket. They talked about how this was like carefully staying focused on Jesus - especially when things get scary.



WMT has been so much fun, and I'm so thankful for all the volunteers who have shared their time and talents to make it happen!

Living Stones: Our Mission in Mexico

by Andrew Johnson



In June, our church sent 23 high school and college students on a mission trip to the Yucatan, Mexico. The theme was "Living Stones" or "Piedras Vivas," inspired by 1 Peter 2:4-5, which describes believers as living stones built into a spiritual house with Jesus as the cornerstone. This imagery resonated with our mission to build a physical church while strengthening spiritual bonds within our team and the local community.



Under the scorching sun, with temperatures reaching 103-104 degrees and dropping to 90 at night, we

worked tirelessly. The girls had air conditioning, but the guys did not. Despite the heat, we were committed to constructing a new part of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church at their Mahánaim site in Pisté, Mexico. Each bucket of rocks, sand and cement we poured was a physical manifestation of our spiritual mission. We were not just building walls but a community, unified and strengthened in Jesus.

This trip illustrated the lesson from Ephesians 4:3-6, which we studied in April. Paul encourages us to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Just as stones form a unified structure, we, as members of the body, come together in unity to reflect His love and purpose.

We helped build a fellowship hall in Pisté, pouring six columns and beams by hand, moving 9.11 cubic yards of concrete weighing 36,900 pounds. This effort was a testament to God's strength working through us. The bond with the local community exemplified communication beyond language through shared purpose and presence.

Memorable connections were made with the children in Pisté and Xocenpich. After each workday and lunch, we interacted with the community. Someone on our team bonded with an 8-year-old boy in Xocenpich through simple games and piggyback rides, ending with difficult goodbyes and

a request to play again. In Piste, daily lunches and volleyball games with the children led to deep connections. By Friday's fiesta (party), tears were shed over parting ways. After the church service, a girl gifted a necklace, symbolizing the unity of fellowship in Christ.

Our church has an over 80-year history with the Yucatan, starting with supporting a missionary. About 30 years ago, a group met a wonderful group of Presbyterians in the Yucatan. For 80 years, our church has supported mission work, aiding missionaries, churches, and pastors, building God's spiritual house across 1,200 miles and several generations. We are connected with the Ebenezer Church in Piste, our sister church, sharing the same mission and theological heritage.

We are grateful for the support and prayers from our church family. This life-changing trip for high school and college students was made possible by your prayerful and financial backing. Our prayer is that we continue to be living stones, building and strengthening the body of Christ wherever we are. Thank you for being part of this journey. Let us uphold the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace as we reflect His love and purpose in our lives.



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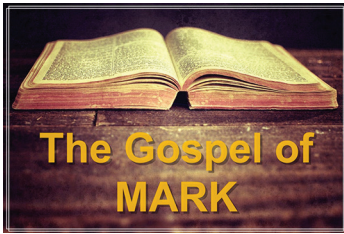
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Fall Adult WNT Classes



On Sunday mornings this fall, we will be diving into the Gospel of Mark and this WNT class will be focused on deeper application to the previous Sunday's sermon as well as study of context. This class will be mainly discussion based and if you miss a Sunday, don't worry! You can still join us and be part of the conversation. Led by Stephanie Poblenz.



Do you know that God is crazy about you? In Crazy Love, Francis Chan challenges us to pursue the relentless, all-powerful love of God. We will engage in honest self-examination, considering how to respond to that love with a selfless, Christlike life. Led by Nina Dorsch



Is prayer the most challenging area of your Christian journey? It doesn't have to be. Do you feel like your prayer life is becoming stale? It can be revived. Are you plagued by questions about prayer? Let's talk about those. The Prayer Course is a real and relevant look at prayer for everyone—from the committed follower of Jesus to the skeptic and the scared. The Prayer Course offers honest encouragement and real-life methods to refresh your spirit and help you practice life-giving and life-changing prayer.

Revolutionize your prayer life by learning:

- How to start praying
- How to keep prayer simple
- How to ask God for things
- How to cope with unanswered prayer
- How to pray without words
- How to hear God

You will be inspired by the power of prayer through the stories of Corrie Ten Boom, Joni Eareckson Tada, Saint Patrick, and many more. Led by Karen Kilpatrick.



Why doesn't marriage, our most intense lifelong relationship, come with a manual? We want our marriages to glorify God, but what does that really look like? We know God calls us to love and respect our spouse, but we need some practical steps to get there. The Marriage School offers The Third Option, a 14-week relationship skills course that helps couples build stronger, healthier marriages. This course is for healthy couples who want to grow stronger, committed couples who suffer from conflict or miscommunication, and couples who are in crisis. The class includes discussion, teaching and testimony. Cost: \$420 with partial and full scholarships available (free to LPC families). Led by Daniel and Rachel Sachs.

WATCH FOR SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES IN LATE AUGUST!



Women's Bible Study (Room 102)

ALL WOMEN are invited to attend the **FALL** class that will meet on Thursdays from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. from **Sept. 12 through October 31, 2024**. Our study will be *“One in a Million: Journey to Your Promised Land”* with Priscilla Shirer. Lessons will include Priscilla teaching on DVD, discussion time and workbook homework.

Book Fee is \$17.00.

We will learn to apply the story of Exodus to our lives and experience God's Power, hear God's Voice and journey to our "promised land." **If you plan to attend this class, please sign up by August 12, 2024, so we can get a book for you. Reply by emailing palmerjoyce9876@gmail.com or call/text Joyce Palmer at 513-258-6789.**



Fall WNT Kids and Youth

WNT Kids: Rockin' Centerstage

On Tour with Jesus!

Free & Fun Kids' Programming

For children Age 4 - 6th grade

Wednesdays | Sept. 11 – Nov. 13

6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

ENCOUNTER

Encounter Youth Group

GRADES 7TH-12TH

Wednesdays | 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: CAKE

Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment

Free and open to the community!

No tryouts required

For children age 5 - 6th grade

Wednesdays | Sept. 11 - Nov. 13 | 7:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 20 & Dec. 4 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal | Dec. 7 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Performance | Dec. 8

Family Promise Update



During the last week of June many LPC volunteers were blessed with the opportunity to serve a group of five temporarily homeless families through Family Promise of Warren County. This is the first time since before the Covid pandemic that we have been able to serve in person all week. What a joy it was to get to know the families and walk beside them as they began to build their futures with the guidance of the outstanding FPWC staff at their new facility at the former Shaker Inn.

As one of FPWC's host churches, LPC volunteers cooked dinner for the families each evening during our rotation week. Others donated grocery items

that families used to prepare breakfast and lunch for their families during the week. A group of dinner hosts enjoyed dinner with the families each evening. Activity hosts engaged in a variety of games, crafts, and other activities with the families after dinner, and overnight hosts spent the night on-site in comfortable rooms.

The new facility includes a large common room where families have dinner and enjoy evening activities together adjoining a newly remodeled kitchen where food is stored and prepared. There is also a day center area consisting of a classroom with computers, a playroom and nursery, a preschool playground, and staff offices. The former motel rooms on the long side of the building have been turned into the "neighborhood" where families live in rooms and suites of different sizes. Rooms for overnight hosts are also located there as well as facilities for laundry, storage, etc. An inviting outdoor area (still being developed) with a larger playground, a basketball hoop, a gaga pit, and a large grassy area with picnic tables completes the facility. It truly was a blessing to spend time there with the FPWC families. What a joy to serve with other host volunteers, some we met for the first time and others we got to catch up with. Our next rotation will be September 15-22. We hope the food will be just as good and that we have a few more people who feel called to join us as on-site dinner, activity, and/or overnight hosts.



Altar Flowers

Would you like to honor a special occasion or a loved one or give to the glory of God? You can get one or two floral arrangements to be displayed in the Sanctuary and/or Ark, which will also be mentioned in the Worship Guide. Please pick up the arrangement after the service.

If you are interested or have any questions, contact Naomi at 513-932-2751 or by email at naomi@lebanonpresbyterian.org. Please contact us at least two weeks before your desired date.

Clarksville, TN Homes Rebuild Trip

An LPC team partnered with Samaritan's Purse (SP) to help rebuild homes that were either destroyed or heavily damaged by the December 2023 Tornado that struck Clarksville, TN. It was an EF-3 tornado that ripped through the community and left at least seven people dead, 243 homes destroyed, and 1,711 heavily damaged homes.

After initial disaster relief, the Samaritan's Purse Rebuild Staff set camp in Clarksville starting in February 2024 and began calling for and organizing volunteers to join and work one or two weeks at a time. They have handled around 150 volunteers in total and have worked to repair or build-from-scratch approximately ten homes so far. This doesn't sound like a lot given that approximately 2,000 homes were affected, but these are either major expensive rebuilds or brand-new homes, each taking anywhere from two to four months to complete and at an average cost of approximately \$200,000-250,000 each.

The LPC-led team consisted of five individuals who traveled to Clarksville from June 23 through June 28. The objective, as it always is the case with SP, was to provide much-needed physical help, but more importantly, to offer spiritual and emotional support to the homeowners - whether directly if they are present and we get to meet them or indirectly via our labor of love.



LEFT TO RIGHT: JACOB YANES, ANDREW BICKNELL, PAUL SALCHAK, JOHN RAUCK, AND LARRY OURY.

We joined nine other volunteers from places such as CA, OH, IN, and NC, plus ten SP staff members (foremen, professional builders, logistics coordinator, cook, and superintendent).

We were all distributed across three construction teams, each consisting of four or five volunteers and a couple of SP staff (foremen and professional builders). The LPC team members collectively worked on two different homes - one was a major repair project, and the other one was a new build from scratch. We worked on siding, installing porch rails, painting, installing new floors, and installing vent ducts in attics, among other things.

We had many memorable experiences and circumstances...

The heat, for one, was intense. Temperatures in the mid-90s (it hit 98 one day) and in the 80s even at 9 p.m. It was mostly sunny with suffocating humidity most of the time... But putting the heat aside, we got to meet the homeowner of one of the homes on which we worked (a new build). His original home was totally destroyed, and he was left living in a tent with his wife and a special-needs adult son. They were eventually given a small camper (no running water) by another Christian organization that provided disaster relief in that area. As a result, he is living on-site where the new home is being built, so we got to see him every day. He is a Vietnam and Desert Storm Veteran. Sadly, he has stage 4 colon and prostate cancer and is not expected to live much longer, but he is extremely grateful for all our work and to know that his wife and son will have a home after all, at no cost to him. All paid for - yes, the debt has been paid (does that sound familiar?). We prayed for and with him multiple times throughout the week.

We also got to participate in many prayer sessions throughout the day, and there was time set aside for devotions and testimonies from the volunteers, as well as from SP staff members. One of the team members (a 17-year-old volunteer) gave his life to Jesus at mid-week. He was there with his jubilant grandfather - also one of the volunteers. Others shared their testimonies, their tears, their life struggles, happy stories, sad stories... one as memorable as the next.

Overall, it was a great team effort and a great week. Much work was accomplished (the homes are not finished yet, but we helped get them one week closer); and much physical relief, love and encouragement was provided. But most importantly, we got to share the hope of the Gospel with hurting homeowners in Clarksville, TN as well as with each other. All was done in Jesus' name. - by Jacob Yanas

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES: A TESTAMENT OF GRATITUDE AND COMMUNITY

As the summer draws to a close, Lebanon Presbyterian Church (LPC) reflects on the joyous celebration of Graduation Sunday, held on May 19th. This special day was an opportunity to honor and celebrate the achievements of our students and acknowledge the profound impact our church community has had on their lives. Beyond the recognition of their academic milestones, our graduates expressed heartfelt gratitude to the individuals and families within LPC who have guided, supported, and inspired them.

Andrew Bicknell, graduated from his homeschool program, plans to attend Sinclair Community College to study Construction Management. Andrew expressed deep appreciation for his parents and grandparents, whose unwavering support and encouragement have shaped his journey. He shared, "I have gone to LPC my whole life, and it has felt like home." Andrew looks forward to future mission trips and dreams of starting a residential remodeling company.

Ian Butler graduated from Lebanon High School and will be heading to Miami University in Oxford, OH, to pursue Finance and Entrepreneurship. Ian is thankful for the mentorship of Lee Bollow and the Lay Family, who have played significant roles in his life. Ian enjoys spending time with family and friends, and although he is uncertain about what the future holds, he is excited to see what college life has to offer.

Mitchell Hodges, another Lebanon High School graduate, is excited to attend Wright State University to study Exercise Science. Mitchell is deeply grateful to Andrew Johnson and Gary Ensing for their influence and support. Passionate about sports and fitness, Mitchell aims to become a personal trainer. He shared, "Through a fitness class at high school, I fell in love with weightlifting and the results of consistency." While Mitchell has loved playing baseball since he was three, he has decided to focus on his career goals.

Lexi Hoover, graduating from Lebanon High School, will be attending The Ohio State University Newark campus, with plans to transfer to Columbus State to pursue a nursing degree. Lexi is thankful for the guidance and friendship of Meg Elliot, Emily Frank, and Catherine Pierett. She values her time with friends and balances her social life with moments of introspection. Lexi's dedication to her studies and her nurturing spirit will serve her well in her future nursing career.

Catherine Pierett, also a Lebanon High School graduate, will attend Miami University of Middletown to study Business. Catherine is grateful for Emily Frank, Rachel Sachs, and Margaret Bondurant, who have been pillars of support. Passionate about music, art, and leadership, Catherine enjoys playing the guitar and leading in the LPC youth group Encounter.

Charles Smith, another Lebanon High School graduate, plans to serve in the Air Force National Guard before attending Miami University to study Business. Charles is thankful for Lynn Steinkershner's influence and support. His faith guides his daily decisions, and he is committed to serving his country and using his God-given talents to help others.

Courtney Fisher graduated from Kettering College with an Associates in Radiologic Sciences and Imaging. She has accepted a position at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, where she will fulfill her calling to work with children. Courtney is excited to embark on this new chapter, knowing that God has guided her path.

Haley Gilmour graduated from The Ohio State University with a BA in Speech and Hearing Science. She will pursue a Master's degree in Speech Pathology at Mount Saint Joseph University. Haley's journey is a testament to her dedication and hard work, having graduated in just three and a half years. She looks forward to continuing her studies and making a difference in the lives of others.

Alex Lay graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He will be relocating to Columbus, Ohio, for his new job. Alex's achievements are a source of pride for our community, and we wish him success in his new endeavors.

Will Terrell graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He has been actively involved in Cru and the Christian fraternity Beta Upsilon Chi, both of which have deepened his relationship with God. Will has enjoyed his time marching with TBDBITL and interning with Caterpillar. He will start his career designing engines for Caterpillar in Lafayette, Indiana, and will relocate there with his fiancée, Kayleigh, after their wedding in August.

Autumn Guttery graduated from Ohio University with a B.S. in Psychology. She has accepted a position with Young Life in Massachusetts, where she will continue her passion for working with students. Autumn's dedication to serving others and her love for building relationships will undoubtedly make a significant impact.

As these graduates embark on their new journeys, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and prayers. We are grateful for the profound impact they have had on our church community and the ways in which LPC has influenced their lives. May they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and service, always carrying the love, support and prayers of their LPC family with them.



Never Give Up

In Luke 18:1-8, Jesus tells a parable about a persistent widow to illustrate that we should always pray and not give up. I think that is essential to remember when it comes to praying for someone who doesn't yet know Jesus. Praying for our friends and relatives is the first and most important thing to do if we want them to know Jesus. It is God who changes hearts, and He can use all kinds of circumstances to get someone to think about Him. So, we need to start with prayer and continue to pray that God will draw them to himself and change their hearts. It can get discouraging I know. I have been praying for my family for over ten years, and suddenly, recently, I have seen several family members that wanted nothing to do with God, becoming open to Him. God is working in their hearts!

We also need to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to say the right things. And it is also essential to not give up when it comes to talking

about Jesus with others. So many times, I fail at recognizing or acting on opportunities God brings to me. But I have learned to not beat myself up too much – instead to get right back to watching for those opportunities, and trying to let the Holy Spirit lead me in when and how to speak.

We all know that Jesus has given us the command to make disciples everywhere (Matt 28:18-20). That includes people in our family, friends, and everyone we interact with. Let's start with prayer for people on our hearts, and for ourselves. Jesus promises that He will be with us until the end. He will help us fulfill our part in the great commission.

For support in your efforts, join us (the E-Team) on September 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 311.

Karen Kilpatrick and Terri Catanzaro

Thank You

Thank you to all who served our five Family Promise families the week of June 23 in their new facility at the former Shaker Inn. So appreciate the eleven people who provided supplies for breakfast and lunch; also to the eight cooks who provided dinner for the families. Every meal was tasty and we got a lot of compliments from our families on the food. So appreciate the twenty dinner and evening hosts who enjoyed dining, fellowshiping and playing with the families. Thank you also to the nine overnight hosts who spent the night on-site to support the families.

We also appreciate the support of LPC staff and prayers of our whole church family at what turned out to be a much less than ideal time. Thanks especially to Sherry who did a lot for us behind the scenes sometimes with little notice.

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

Dear LPC Family,

Friday I walked out from the hospital in to the pouring rain. Nobody saw my tears of joy, or heard my praising and thanking the Lord for the good news. I am perfect - 9 1/2 months free.

How can I thank all of you my church family for all the prayers, week after week after week you never gave up on me. Flowers, visits, transports - serious cards, funny cards, crazy cards, and silly cards. Oh, you people you know how to make me feel special. I remember every one of you in my heart. Thank you. This is the kind of family I always wanted to belong to.

Love Always,
Rose Plunkett

A Heartfelt Thank You

Good morning, brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm sure that most, if not all, of us have heard Dr. Ron Warnke greet us with that lovely greeting on many Sunday mornings. For the longest time I thought it was a lovely greeting, which it is, and stopped there. I'm sure many of you did too. It wasn't until a recent illness that I realized that "brothers and sister in Christ is a very real thing that goes way beyond the lovely greeting and is alive and well here at Lebanon Presbyterian.

When I got sick it was very difficult for me to get around. No sooner did they hear about it, Rhea Vezmar and Christine Olding showed up at my door with baskets of food. I believe it was on that first visit that Christine mentioned something about brothers and sisters in Christ and in that moment it crystalized. It became more than a greeting. It became a real thing. It didn't stop with just the food for which, by the way, I am eternally grateful. They would call or text every day, ask how I was doing, pick up prescriptions, make Kroger runs and take me to and from doctors' appointments. I want to mention too, that Elizabeth Griffen and Mary Jo Oliver also brought and sent food and I thank them very much for their time and energy.

My point is this: "brothers and sisters in Christ" is much more than a lovely greeting. It's a living and breathing thing here at LPC, a gift from God. So, if you find yourself in a situation, like an illness, where you need help of whatever kind, talk to someone you know or call the church, and someone will respond even if they don't know you yet. I promise you. You don't have to go through it alone. That's what brothers and sisters in Christ is all about and more than that, it's who we are and what we do. And if it's someone you didn't know, chances are you will, as I have, make a lifelong friend.

Rick Beckwith

Deacon Visitation Team Spotlight



REVA COCHRAN & CAROLYN LUCKE

Servant's **HEAR**

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

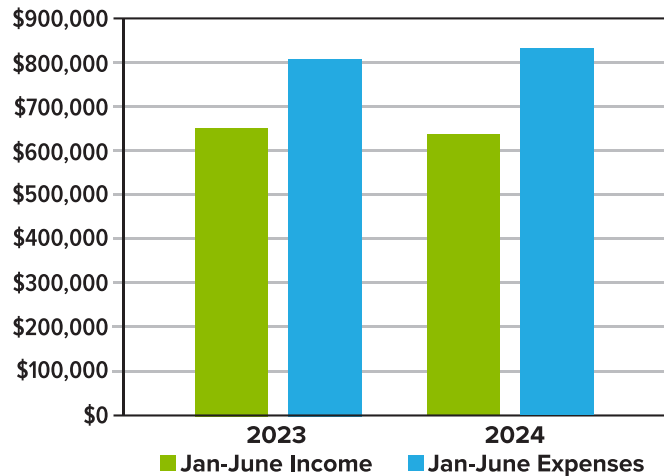
Dave and Patty Kuyper for electrical work throughout the building.

Rick Oliver for some plumbing work.

Ron Benedict, Steve Newby, Mike (Donna) Schneider, Roger Sims, and Jim Vandegrift for trimming bushes and trees and sprucing up the church grounds.

Mary Deerhake, James Martin, and Ann & Steve Schwankhaus for deep cleaning the Ark kitchen.

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 online giving. To begin online giving, 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, focus 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.



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Preaching Schedule

Sunday, August 4

COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Way of Love

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, August 11

The Heart of Jesus

Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday, August 18

Rev. Dr. Julius G. Mwamba,
Senior Pastor, St. Andrew's
Parish, Nairobi, Kenya

Sunday, August 25

Our Work

Matthew 28:16-20



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