

Hearts Full of Gratitude

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace...” Philippians 1:3-7a



A couple of weeks ago, my Stephanie and I were taking a walk and she turned to me and said, “I love where we live. It’s so beautiful. I love our home and I love our church.” After all the joys and challenges of our transition to LPC, this husband’s heart was full of gratitude at hearing those words.

As we prepare to round month nine of my tenure among you good saints, I am reflecting on the abundant generosity and deep gratitude that is present in our life together. I have observed you and I do not cease to thank the Lord Jesus for the genuine love with which he has blessed this congregation which overflows in acts of kindness, faithfulness, and service. All of this results in thanksgiving to the Lord.

Here are some reflections from a heart full of gratitude:

The *love offering* we received on October 6 for Valley Hope Church (EPC) in Black Mountain, NC in the wake of Hurricane Helene totaled over \$8,600! With our Mission Committee’s addition, we sent \$10,000 in disaster assistance to our brothers and sisters who are ministering to their neighbors in the name of Jesus. You can read about how Valley Hope Church is using our generosity in their community on page 10.

The *bottled water* donation which filled more than two pickup truck loads is now being used to literally sustain life in the small and remote town of Poga, TN. You can read more about that on page 10.

I am so thankful for our *choir* who has sung beautifully and led us faithfully over the last 16 months during this “interim” time. They adjusted to Patti’s leadership last season, and then to Marlene’s direction this season, being flexible and faithful as we all await our next permanent Director of Worship and Music. Thank you for persevering so beautifully over these many months!

Our *deacons* serve with such joy specifically through the ministry of food and hospitality at Wednesday Nights Together. What a blessing it is every Wednesday at 5:30 to enter the Ark and eat a wonderful meal with our church family. I know that meal doesn’t just happen! Every week our deacons labor all afternoon to bring that meal to our tables and I am so thankful that they do. It’s not just food. It’s tasty love that binds this family together around our dinner tables.

Thinking of food... our *feeding ministry* participants cook good and hearty dinners for people who need it every Monday evening. As our guests are served and cared for through the gift of hospitality, Jesus is magnified and feeds us all-- the served and the servers. Praise His name!

I'm grateful for our *safety team* who watches over and protects us while we worship and serve and minister to our community. Did you know that they regularly train so that they are prepared to render aid in time of need? They are vigilant and ready, as well as faithful and kind. They have had the occasion to connect hurting people to services they need both inside and outside our church because they watch and notice need. "Thank you, Safety Team for doing what you do!"

Friends, I could go on and on. I could give thanks for your donations of candy for the candy hunt, or volunteering for our Family Promise weeks, or for the quilts sewn with love in every stitch, or for Sunday School teachers, WNT leaders, student leaders, audio/visual techs.... actually, I do give thanks for all of these and for many more! My heart is full!

All of this generosity, and all the gratitude it creates, is the result of the grace of Jesus in our lives. We are partakers of grace. God has been so very generous with us. What a blessing to be generous with others!

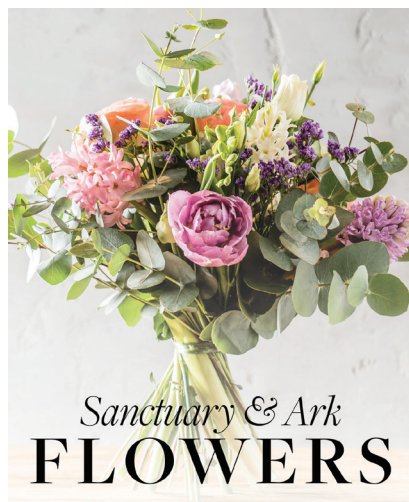
From a Heart Full of Gratitude,
Pastor Jeff

"When we practice giving to others, God changes us, and we gain the unexpected blessing of receiving extra joy as we become more like Christ."



2025 Quilt-A-Thon

The LPC Quilters would like to extend an invitation to all seamstresses in the church and friends of LPC to come and share the joy of quilting. The Quilt-A-Thon is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship for all who join us. Come for a few hours of every week. We would love to have you join us. We will be meeting every Monday in January for five weeks from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Rooms 310, 311, and 306 on the third floor of the church. The third floor kitchen will be available to us so plan to come and have lunch with us. The only skills required to participate are: straight line sewing, ironing, hand sewing, unsewing, or you can just lend a hand as a support person. All the fabrics will be precut into kits so we will begin sewing on day one (1/6/2025). The Mission Committee has designated Warren County Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network as the charity that will be the recipient of our quilts again in 2025. The quilters are accepting both monetary donations and donations of 100% cotton fabric. For additional information, please contact Sharen Benner at 513-509-5278 or email at ghbenner@yahoo.com.



Sanctuary & Ark 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.

Annual Kickball Game

by Stephanie Poblenz



FAMILY MINISTRY HAD THEIR ANNUAL KICKBALL GAME AT THE POBLENZ HOME A FEW WEEKS AGO. WE HAD 50 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN A FUN GAME AND THEN ENJOYED FAR TOO MUCH PASTA! WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S GAME.



What the World Needs Now

Terri Catanzaro & Karen Kilpatrick



When we watch the news and see all the hatred going on around us, the tune “What the World Needs Now is Love,” by Dionne Warwick comes to mind. The chorus:

*What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing, that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love,
No, not just for some, but for everyone.*

Yes, we all need love. But where do we start? I suggest we define love. How does God define love? He defines it by giving himself on a cross for us and by commanding us to love our neighbors as ourselves – in a self-sacrificing way. And how does the Bible describe what love looks like? In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 it says, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

But can I really make a difference? Will it ever change?

In God Space, Doug Pollock talks about “Jesus glasses,” “the kind that allow us to see the world around us the way Jesus does. When we start to notice others with our Jesus glasses on, something happens inside us. Like a defibrillator, the Holy Spirit stimulates the heart of Jesus to beat in us. His compassion melts away the coldness in our hearts. Our callousness toward others is replaced with a genuine concern.” Search Google and watch the video *Get Service* which features a young man who is given glasses that allow him to see the real needs of those around him. Doug also suggests starting each day with this simple prayer: “Lord Jesus, as I interact with others today, help me to see them as you do.”

“An outwardly focused mindset causes us to start listening with our eyes, seeing with our ears, and responding with our hearts (if you watched the clip, you’ll understand that sentence.) And it sends others a powerful message: ‘I notice you! You matter to me! You matter to God!’ ”

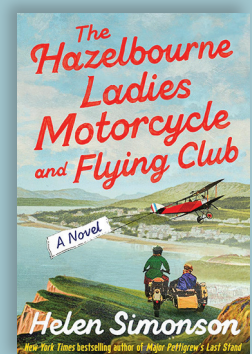
Put on your “Jesus glasses” and be the one to bring love and light into the darkness. Better get started. There’s lots of work to be done and Jesus wants us to be a part of it!

LPC BOOK CLUB | NOVEMBER 14 7:00 p.m. | Room 311

The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club by Helen Simonson

We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 311 to discuss the historical fiction account of a generation of young women in post-World War I England facing the seismic changes brought on by war and dreaming of the boundless possibilities of their future. Among their challenges: the hypocrisy of letting women work during wartime but not afterward.

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



Family Promise LPC Update

Our next rotation is Dec 1-8 at the newly remodeled Family Promise Warren County (formerly Shaker Inn). Signups will be available starting November 15 in the LPC Weekly Update. We will need dinner/fellowship hosts, overnight hosts and breakfast/lunch grocery supplies. Consider volunteering for a shift with others you enjoy serving with. Also, this Missions Ministry is great for families who want to serve together.

Keep these dates open for our 2025 Family Promise rotations:

Feb 23-March 2, 2025

July 13-20, 2025

Sept 21-28, 2025

Nov 9-16, 2025

We look forward to continuing this incredible ministry in the coming year as families work towards their goals of employment, housing, and education. If you have any questions, contact Terri Catanzaro at 513-288-2313, Marge Cunningham at 513-289-3959 or lebanonpcihh@gmail.com.

Your LPC Family Promise Committee, Terri Catanzaro, Marge Cunningham, Megan Terrell, Ally Bondurant



Coming Alongside

Hi Ladies! You are invited to a day of great food and fellowship. Please join us on **November 12th at The Village Inn Restaurant, 244 S. Main St., Waynesville, Ohio.**

We will meet at **11:30 a.m.** Please RSVP to **Becky Adams, at 513-460-8644.**

Please respond by **November 10th.** Looking forward to seeing all of you!

FEBRUARY 2025
Dinner For Eight
SAVE-THE-DATE
FRIDAY, FEB. 21
SATURDAY, FEB. 22
SUNDAY, FEB. 23



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WNT Kids Rock!

by Tracy Untener

At WNT Kids, we've learned so much in the last few weeks. We learned about how much God loves us, and how sin separates us from Him because He is pure and Holy. We discussed the Ten Commandments and how they prove that we can't get away from sin on our own. We all have broken many commandments!



We talked about God's plan to redeem us through Jesus. We discussed that Jesus was born here on earth with the specific purpose of saving us from our sins. He died on the cross to take our punishment and clean our hearts from sin, and then because He had power even over death, He rose from the dead. Now we have a way to be made right with God, not separated from Him by sin.

We did an experiment with Skittles where we were the Skittles – all different colors, different “flavors,” and slightly different shapes. Then we put the Skittles into the shape of a heart because we are all a

part of God's heart. He loves us so much. And finally, we saw how what Jesus did for us on the cross and it was so beautiful... a beautiful and loving plan saved us from our sins to put us right with God again.



The kids discussed big questions like, “Why did Jesus have to die for us to be saved?” “Was Jesus worried about or dreading His suffering on the cross?” And for the older kids, “what exactly did that suffering entail?” We got a good picture of just how much Jesus loves us. The older kids even got into the Trinity as part of this discussion. We really went deep.

We're learning so much about God's big and wonderful plan for our lives at WNT Kids and we're having so much fun doing it! Please be praying for us as, in the next couple of weeks, we'll cover what it means to be saved and the children who are old enough will be given a chance to accept Jesus into their hearts if they haven't already.



Family Advent Wreath Making & Soup Supper

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
5:30 - 7:00 PM in the ARK

come and enjoy making an advent wreath with your family. All supplies provided. Sign up now for this **FREE**, meaningful, and fun event!



The church will be collecting non-perishable food items until November 22. Items may include but not limited to:

- **Sweet Potato (canned)**
- **Potato flakes**
- **Gravy (any type)**
- **Cranberry sauce**
- **Stuffing Mix**
- **Canned Vegetables**

A box marked "Thanksgiving basket donations" will be in the Narthex to deposit your donations.

Monetary gifts will also be accepted for purchase of perishables and to round out the grocery list to complete the baskets. Please include "Thanksgiving Baskets" in your memo space.

We're also seeking individuals who can help on packing and distribution day, Saturday, November 23. People are also needed to call recipients, transport non-perishables on Nov. 22, transport of perishable pickup Nov. 23, pack boxes, greet and distribute at curbside, deliver to shut-ins, and cleanup.

Please scan the QR code to the right, to view the available slots in SignUpGenius.



That's Gratitude for Ya!

by Andrew Johnson

It's November - time to say thank you. In today's fast-paced, often self-centered culture, it's easy to overlook the importance of gratitude and reduce it to a single holiday. As families, we sometimes reserve thankfulness for special occasions or when things go our way, but God calls us to be grateful in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18). A family posture of gratitude is about developing a lifestyle where thanksgiving becomes a regular and natural response to God's grace and provision. In my own life, I've discovered that practicing gratitude is key to truly receiving and experiencing the fullness of life in Jesus. Below are seven practical ways collected from a variety of sources to help your family cultivate a heart of gratitude that is anchored in God's character and woven into your everyday lives.

1. Make Gratitude a Daily Habit: Set aside time each day for family members to share what they are thankful for. Whether it's during dinner or before bedtime, this practice builds awareness of God's blessings, big or small. Gratitude isn't just for holidays like Thanksgiving. Regularly celebrate small victories, answered prayers, or meaningful moments. This keeps gratitude active year-round, showing children that thankfulness is a constant attitude rather than a seasonal event. Encourage specific expressions like "I'm thankful for the time we spent together today," to help children and teens recognize the little things God provides.

2. Tie Gratitude to God's Character: Consider shifting the focus from being thankful for blessings alone to understanding what those blessings reveal about God. For example, when you express thanks for provision, connect it to God's generosity and faithfulness (James 1:17). This helps everyone see gratitude as an act of worship that brings us closer to God through our new life in Jesus Christ. The Gospel reveals to us a God who, through Christ, offers us grace, forgiveness, and abundant life, inviting us to respond with thanksgiving. Our gratitude becomes a natural outflow of recognizing His sacrificial love and the undeserved blessings we receive daily.

3. Serve Together as a Family: Practicing gratitude extends beyond words—it's shown through actions. Find opportunities for your family to serve others. Acts of service cultivate a grateful heart by allowing your family to see the

needs of others and respond with kindness. Service also offers a perspective that reinforces gratitude for the blessings God has given.

4. Incorporate Thanksgiving into Prayer: Model prayers of thanksgiving by expressing gratitude to God in front of your children. Go beyond a routine "thank you for this food" and be specific, thanking God for His mercy, provision, or protection. Encourage each family member to add something they are thankful for during prayer time.

5. Use Scripture to Build a Foundation of Gratitude: Anchor gratitude in God's Word by reading and discussing verses like 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances." Memorize these scriptures together so the message of thankfulness becomes part of your family's rhythm. This practice helps establish gratitude not just as a feeling but as a response to who God is.

6. Encourage Journaling or Gratitude Lists: Encourage teens or children to keep a gratitude journal or an ongoing list in a obvious place in your home, writing down a few things they're thankful for each day. This personal habit helps cultivate a reflective spirit and teaches them to look for God's hand in their everyday lives. Occasionally come together as a family to share and discuss what each person has written.

7. Practice Gratitude Together During Difficult Times: It's easy to give thanks when life is going well, but demonstrating gratitude during hardships is where true faith shines. Remind your family of God's faithfulness in past difficulties and read scriptures that encourage thankfulness despite challenges, such as Philippians 4:6-7. Model this mindset by expressing gratitude for God's presence and support, even when things aren't perfect.

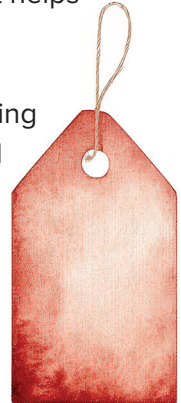
Cultivating a family posture of gratitude is about creating rhythms that center around God's character, His Word, and His blessings. By making thanksgiving an intentional, daily practice, families can experience a deeper connection with God and each other, transforming gratitude from a seasonal activity into a lifelong posture of worship.

Giving Opportunities

GIVING TREE

Our church is once again happy to participate in the Elizabeth's New Life Center Giving Tree Project to benefit The Lebanon Women's Center, a pro-life, non-profit pregnancy resource center that helps women to navigate unexpected pregnancies.

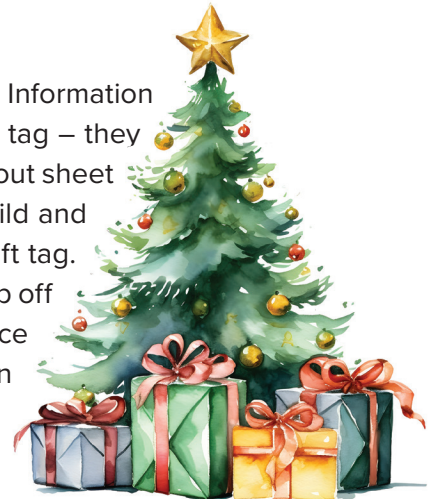
The consultants at the center encourage each mother to choose life for her child, providing her with assistance in her spiritual, material, educational, and medical needs. These material needs include baby clothes, diapers, wipes, bottles, and many other essential infant care items. We ask that your family share the joy of Christmas by donating an item listed on the Giving Tree ornament of your choice or wish list provided. Please do not wrap these gifts as they are used to help those in need throughout the year. Please return your unwrapped donated item to the church between December 1 - 18. For more information, please contact: Melody Bain at **513-260-6041** or at mel.bain2013@gmail.com.



ANGEL TREE

Share the hope of Jesus with a child in our community as we deliver a Christmas present and a personal message of love on behalf of their loved one in prison. It starts with a gift and opens the door for year-round ministry opportunities.

Beginning Sunday, November 24, Angel Tree tags will be available at the Information Table on Sunday mornings. If you would like to participate, please take a tag – they go quickly! When you select your child, please be sure to fill out the sign-out sheet so we know what child you chose. Then purchase a \$25 gift for your child and wrap the gift using the personalized message from their parent as the gift tag. **ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.** You can drop off your gift on Sunday morning at the Information Table or at the Church Office between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Thursday or 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. We can also make other arrangements if these times are not convenient. The children and their families will be attending a Birthday for Jesus on Sunday, December 15 to pick up their gifts.



If you have any questions or would like to hear of other ways you can help with this wonderful ministry, please contact Sarah Goodwin at goodwinsarah1121@gmail.com or Sherry Showalter at sherry@lebanonpresbyterian.org or call **513-932-2751**.

Thank You

Steve and Betty Gilby would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the lovely meals supplied through the Deacon team. The meals were delicious and very appreciated during our extended recoveries. Our church family has truly been the hands and feet of Jesus!

Dear LPC Members,

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards during my recent pacemaker replacement surgery. Everything went well and my recovery time was short.

Ken Hollon

On Behalf of the Lebanon Corrections Kairos community, we thank you for the use of the church for our team formation sessions.

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 \$500 will support our mission to provide shelter, meals, hospitality, and support to families without a home.

We thank you for your support of Family Promise of Warren County. We take great pride in our mission and our accomplishments. We greatly appreciate your support, as together we assist families 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

Bottled Water Donation

Reporting back that we had a very successful delivery. We were able to drive the U-haul directly to Lower Shell Creek Christian Church in Roan Mountain, TN (3 minutes from the NC border). The church had an incredible operation with about 100 volunteers and rooms full of organized goods. It was very inspiring to see. While we were there, the water from your congregation was loaded on to pickup trucks and taken to the small community of Poga, TN, which is still in need of assistance. The donations from the church have already made a difference. Thanks again for supporting our efforts.

Hope in the Valley // The Impact of Your Generosity

Dear Friends of Valley Hope,

Thank you for caring for us, for seeing the devastation of our beautiful town, and for stepping in to walk alongside us on this journey. It means the world to us to know that we are not alone and that partners have come from around the country to help carry the load.

Your donation has made a tremendous impact. You have changed lives as your support has made it possible for us to provide nightly meals, water to sustain our neighbors, mental health services, and a wide number of other forms of support. We are immensely grateful to look around and see the ways our neighbors' immediate needs have been met through such abundant generosity. We are hopeful and honored as we begin the road to helping our community rebuild. These are our friends and neighbors, and we aren't going anywhere. We are meeting needs and building community across the table now, and we look forward to locking arms to rebuild in the year ahead.

The raging rivers that flooded our streets and swept away homes, vehicles, and trees took a heavy toll, and we cannot do this alone. Thank you for standing with us through your financial support. We are humbled and thankful for God's grace shown to us through you beyond what words can say.

With gratitude,
Anthony Rodriguez, Valley Hope Church

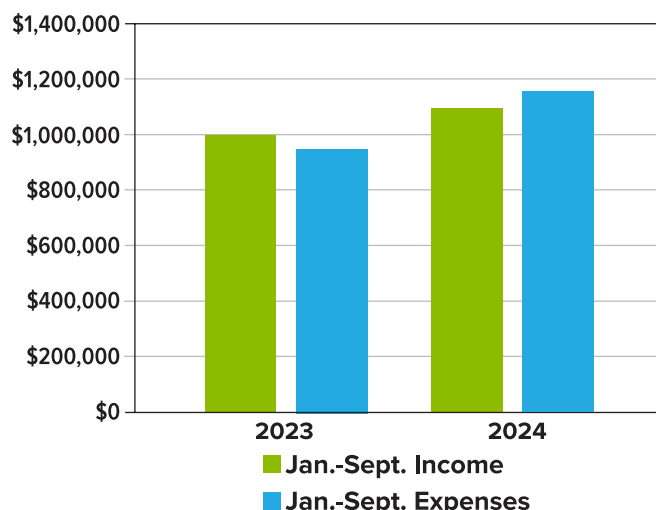
Session Notes

The LPC Session took the following actions at our October 2024 Meeting

- Approved Transfer of membership for Janis & Christine Skujins to Lighthouse Church.
- Approved holding one combined service on December 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ark for the Children’s Musical.
- Approved Meeting of the Congregation December 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to approve pastors’ terms of call, slate of Elders and Deacons, and receive the budget.
- Approved wedding of James Boatrite & DaQuayla Bias Thursday, October 31, 2024. Pastor Jeff Moore officiating.
- Approved wedding of Emily Fisher & Tim Terhume May 30, 2025. Pastor Peter Larson officiating.



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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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, November 3
COMMUNION SUNDAY
The Secret of the Kingdom
Mark 4:1-34

Sunday, November 10
He Is Lord
Mark 4:35-5:20

Sunday, November 17
He Is Life
Mark 5:21-43

Sunday, November 24
He Is the Bread of Life
Mark 6:30-56



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