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Open Door

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

“But God, who is rich in mercy, has loved us even when we were dead in trespasses and made us alive together in Christ. We have been rescued by grace and raised in Christ, so that in the age to come we will see the immeasurable riches of grace and the kindness of God.”

—Paul the Apostle, Letter to the Ephesians, 2:4-5

Palm/Passion Sunday – April 17, 10:30 am

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus’ triumphal donkey ride into Jerusalem several days before his execution. The service will begin with a joyous procession and a stirring arrangement of the hymn, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor.” As the service concludes, the mood darkens as the congregation anticipates Jesus’ final days.

Maundy Thursday – April 21, 7:30 pm

The quiet, reflective evening service remembers Jesus’ last supper with the disciples in an “upper room,” his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, his appearances before Caiphas the High Priest and King Herod, and his final hour on the cross. The service will include a brief message by the pastor, Holy Communion, readings, and gradual darkening of the Sanctuary.

Community Good Friday Service – April 22, 7 pm

Sponsored and led by members of the Lakewood Ministerial Association, this one hour evening service will consist of music, readings, and brief pastoral reflections on Jesus’ last words from the cross. The service will be held at the Lakewood Baptist Church, one block east of LPC. Please feel free to use LPC parking lots.



Community Easter Sunrise Service at Lakewood Park – April 24, 6 am

Lakewood area clergy will lead an informal out-of-doors service at Lakewood Park. Attendees are asked to gather near the Woman’s Pavilion and then process together through the oak trees to the lakeshore.

Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection – April 24, 10:30 am

LPC will celebrate Christ’s resurrection and his promise of “resurrection life” now and “in the world to come” with familiar Easter hymns, inspiring service music, readings and pastoral message. Beautiful fragrant lilies will adorn LPC’s Chancel! ❖

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Coming in May:

- Sunday, May 1 – Youth Whirly Ball/Laser Tag
- Sunday, May 8 – Mother’s Day & Weeks Music Service
- Saturday, May 14 – Hunger Walk at 9am
- Sunday, May 15 – Good Company Concert at 4pm, Acolyte Appreciation Lunch
- Saturday, May 21 – Women’s Afternoon Tea
- Sunday, May 22 – Confirmation
- Sunday, May 29 – Summer Worship – 10am

A Word from Our Pastor

– The Rev. Dr. James C. Butler

If you were present at this year's annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 6, or if you read last month's *Open Door* newsletter, you are aware that some significant events and changes are on the horizon for LPC. Our leaders serving on the Session and its ministries (committees) are working together to ensure that LPC's mission and ministry remains strong and vital and continues unabated as we navigate coming transitions. I thought you would appreciate an update on some of them.

1 First. Minister of Music and organist Peg Limmekmann has announced her retirement. We will celebrate her forty-year-long ministry at LPC on Sunday, June 26. A team of people is already in place and planning a wonderful celebration. For now, save the date!

2 Second. The Session approved a recommendation from the Personnel Ministry to conduct a search for a part-time interim organist to begin August 1 and continue until a permanent staff person is selected. The interim transition period

will not only provide needed time for a search process, but also provide adequate time to review LPC's present and potential ministry of music, and staff accordingly.

3 Third. I am excited to report that a group of five people are currently engaged in a training program for our new lay caregiving/visitor ministry. They will assist LPC's clergy with pastoral care and visiting to hospitalized and shut-in members. We hope to commission them in June during a worship service.

4 Fourth. Plans are beginning to come together for my sabbatical leave from mid-July thru Labor Day. Preaching and pastoral care will be shared by LPC Minister of Discipleship Sharon Budin and LPC member, the Rev. Dr. Bill Noyes. The church's weekly programming and special activities will continue on unabated. I will keep you up to date as plans firm up. In the meantime, I am grateful for the overwhelming support and affirmation you all have given me. Thank you! ❖

The Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies (CEIRS)

Lakewood Presbyterian is the host site for the course, *God and the New Atheism* as CEIRS kicks off its 2011 Spring Programs. The course, led by Dr. Hugh Burtner, begins Monday, April 4 and continues through May 2 (no class on April 25) from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$60. Discussions about belief and nonbelief (or religious faith and skepticism) are not new in our history, but recent best sellers by Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and Daniel Dennett have sparked debates about "God and the New Atheism." The class will listen in on these debates, using Huston Smith's *Why Religion Matters* as an aid to discussion.

Hugh Burtner, Ph.D., taught in the Department of Religion at Baldwin-Wallace College for 32 years, including courses in world religions, religion in America, recent religious thought, religion and the arts, science and religion, and various historical studies in the Christian tradition. Dr. Burtner is a clergy member of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church (retired).

Additional Spring 2011 Programs:

➤ Given his choice of Hebrew Scriptures, Rabbi Roger Klein was most enthusiastic about offering a four-week

course on the Book of Ruth, which he calls "The Ripest Fruit of Biblical Religion." The sessions will be on Wednesday evenings, in the beautiful Pilla Center at Ursuline College, beginning April 6 at 7 p.m., room PC 228. Cost is \$60.

➤ Returning again this year, Dr. Alison Benders is offering a Saturday retreat April 30 with a perfect subject for our busy world: "Creating Space and Time." The Retreat will be held at Heights Christian Church on Van Aken in Shaker Heights, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a box lunch optional and time for reflection and prayer. Cost is \$40 plus \$10 for a box lunch.

➤ A retired cardiologist, Dr. Paul Wright knew and worked with Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He is offering a lecture that tells the story of how she taught him to find the purpose of life. You can buy his book at the lecture—all proceeds from its sale go to Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. Come to Gesu Church on Sunday afternoon, May 1 at 3 p.m., then go to dinner! \$10 for the lecture. ❖

Register for any or all events online at www.ceirs.org or by calling 216-283-1507.

Music Notes



Music Ahead

March 27 • Lent III

Tim Miller, Chancel Choir

April 3 • Lent IV

Don Shultzaberger, Chancel Choir, Chancel Bell Choir, Carol-Crusader Choir

April 10 • Lent V • Youth Sunday

Kevin Ritter, Tanya Miller, David Miller, Claire and Ellen Corcoran, Chapel Bell Choir

April 17 • Passion/Palm Sunday

Laura VanDale/Tedd Roos, Chapel Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Marty Blachly-Cross and Pam Wetula

April 21 • Maundy Thursday

Chancel Choir, Sara Lindberg

April 24 • Easter

Peg Limkemann and Dorothy Lewis, Chancel Choir, Tim Miller, Chancel Bell Choir

May 1 • Easter II

Claudia Hook, John Noran, Chancel Choir, Chancel Bell Choir, Judy Bulloch and Ryan Pennington

May 8 • Easter III • Weeks Music Service

A work based on the book *The Wisdom of the Old Turtle*

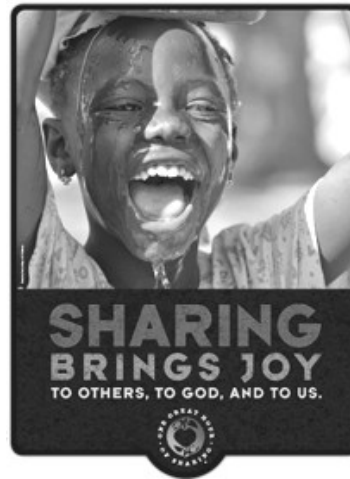
March Session Highlights

- Elected Dave Hobert, Ricky Haven and Bette Case to serve as LPC's commissioners to the March Presbytery meeting
- Elder training – Presbyterian Church Government 101
- Heard preliminary report on sanctuary window repairs
- Approved proposal from Personnel Ministry to form an interview team for Interim Organist position
- Offered intercessory prayers for many international, church related, and personal concerns

One Great Hour of Sharing

As images of the devastation in Japan dominated the media, it was comforting to know that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) was already prepared to help. Because of monies previously donated through the One Great Hour of Sharing, PDA was immediately able to contact its mission partners in Japan to offer assistance. And long after the TV cameras are gone, PDA will still be there helping rebuild lives

and communities just as they are in Haiti and Darfur.



The One Great Hour of Sharing collection benefits Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Programs, and the Self Development of People program and their partners in ministry.

These efforts offer

hope and help to those facing the challenges of poverty, disaster, and war. Because of support of congregations such as ours, these important programs are able to consolidate resources and use the expertise garnered over many years to offer necessary and appropriate aid. Presbyterians can be sure that their donations are put to good use to help God's children in need.

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be on Easter Sunday and an envelope is included in this mailing for your use. There will also be envelopes available in the pew racks. For a few weeks before Easter, there will be bulletin inserts highlighting the specific work of these programs. There will also be one showing how some of the money is used right here in our area. The crisis in Japan won't be highlighted because it has happened since the materials were prepared, but you will know that PDA is already helping. You can learn more of what they are doing by going to the Presbyterian Church USA website (www.pcusa.org). Donations can also be mailed to the church. Just put OGH in the memo line and you will be sharing God's love with those in need. ❖

Attention Ladies of all Ages



You are invited to our “High Tea” party. It’s going to be a gala affair with delicious sandwiches, pastries, and of course, an excellent variety of select teas. Also for your entertainment, we’re having a surprise program along with beautiful music. More details coming in the next *Open Door*. Save the date: Saturday, May 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Reed Room. Please bring your mother, daughters, sisters, girlfriends. Reservations necessary; look for our sign-up sheet in the Atrium.

✞ The Membership Ministry

Nurture & Discipleship

Second Sunday Book Club

On April 10, members of the *Second Sunday Book Club* will discuss *Gilead: A Novel* by Marilynne Robinson, winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Sound interesting? Join the group at any time.

Faith Journeys Sunday School April Rotations



- The Last Supper and Communion: April 3 & 10
- Jesus and the Children: April 17
- No Sunday School: April 24 (Easter)

Youth Sunday April 10 @ 10:30 am

The Junior/Senior High class along with the Confirmation class will plan and lead a dynamic worship service based on the parables of Jesus. Please come and support the youth of LPC. ❖

New Grief Group at LPC

A new group called *Lost and Found* is a support circle for people experiencing loss—loss of a relationship, a friend or family member through death, loss of a job, loss of health or abilities, any kind of loss. We will learn ways to work through our losses and support one another as we walk the rocky road through loss and grief. The group will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning May 10. You must pre-register for the group with the Rev. Sharon Budin.

The group will meet for 10 weeks (with two weeks off). The group will be co-led by the Rev. Sharon Budin and LPC member Karen Unsworth. ❖



Presbyterian Women Events

■ PW Presbytery of the Western Reserve (PWR) Spirituality Retreat

April 2, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Olmsted Falls. This year’s theme is “And God Created Laughter.” Learn why laughter and joy are healing forces in our lives and tap your feet along with the Elders of Jazz.

■ PW Synod Gathering

June 24–26, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay, Ohio. The theme is “Blessed Are They ...” Keynote speaker is Chris Wolfe, Justice and Peace Committee, Churchwide Presbyterian Women. Enjoy a weekend of worship and workshops.

■ PW Churchwide Gathering

July 18–22, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.

Registration forms for these events are available in the Atrium.



WHAT?

Office Volunteer Appreciation Potluck
& Program: “Ohio’s First Ladies”

WHEN?

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 @ 6 pm

WHERE?

Reed Conference Room

RSVP to Marie Andrews @ 216-226-0514

Fellowship & Small Groups

Acacia-Lydia Circle

Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m.—
Attending evening Lenten Series.

Double-Tithing Dinner Circle

Thursday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m.—
Meet at Red Lobster Seafood Restaurant, 25615 Brookpark Road in North Olmsted.

Psalm 139 Knitters

Wednesday, April 27 at 10 a.m.—
Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Reed Room. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome.

Minis-Tea

Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m. in the Reed Room. Quarterly meeting for both active and interested persons. This ministry takes tea parties to home-bound members in a friendly visit.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

April 14 & 28 at 8 a.m. — Meet in Lawther Hall; all men welcome.

Dueteers

Saturday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. —
Meet in Lawther Hall for Potluck and Program: "Brain Fitness."

Chair Yoga

Therapeutic (chair) yoga improves balance and flexibility. Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Lucas Parlor. Cost is \$10 per class for drop-ins; reservations not required.

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Meet in Lucas Parlor for interfaith meditative moving prayer.



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- ◆ Celebrating the faith we share in joyous worship
- ◆ Relieving poverty and oppression, and eliminating social and economic injustice
- ◆ Watching over and affirming one another in love

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Orders are now being taken for lily plants for the Easter worship service on April 24. Plants may be ordered by bringing or mailing a check to the church office with the order blank below by *Monday, April 18*. The price of the lilies is **\$10.00**. You may either pick up your lily plant following 10:30 a.m. worship on Easter Sunday or gift it to a member who is unable to attend worship. Volunteers are needed to deliver the plants.



Easter Lily Order Form

Given in memory of _____

or

Given in honor of _____

Given by _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ plants.

Signature _____

- I will volunteer to deliver a lily to a homebound member.
- I plan to pick up my lily after 10:30 a.m. worship.