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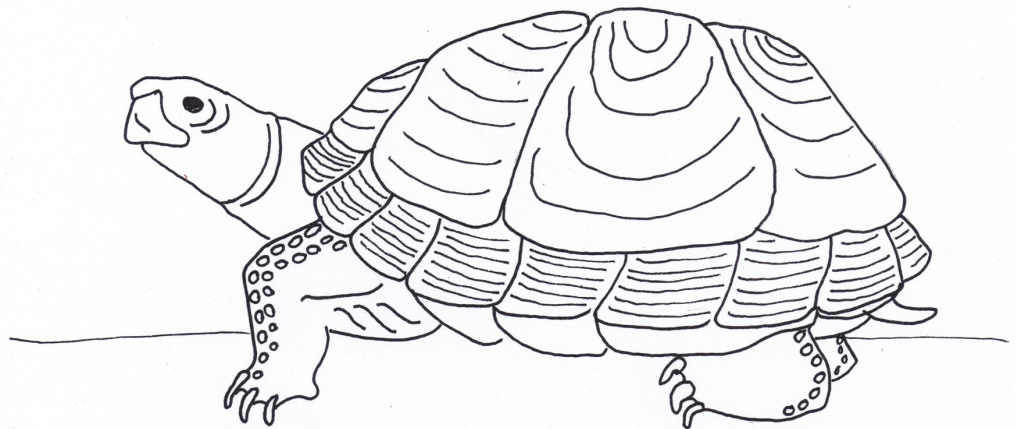
MUSIC SERVICE

Sunday
May 8
10:30am

On Mother's Day, May 8, we are bringing a most unique and powerful work to worship. For our 19th annual Weeks Music Service, Karen Weaver has chosen *Song of Wisdom from "Old Turtle."* Based on the children's book "Old Turtle" by Douglas Wood, the piece is written for choir, piano, violin, lots of percussion, narrator and didgeridoo. A didgeridoo is a long, tubular instrument native to Australia. Used originally for communication between indigenous tribes, the instrument produces a low rumble.

The narrator tells the story throughout, and the choir and instruments repeat the words, interpreted musically. The work tells about the creation of the earth and the trouble brought first by animals who can't agree on who God is and then by people who can't agree either. Old turtle is the voice of wisdom, coming out of chaos to clear up the matter.

All will be conducted by Karen Weaver. This is a perfect time to bring your friends. ❖



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Coming in May:

- Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day Brunch
- June 24-26 – PW Synod Gathering, Findlay, Ohio (see page 4)
- Sunday, June 26 – Peg Limkemann's Retirement Celebration (see page 3)

A Few Updates from Our Pastor

– The Rev. Dr. James C. Butler

Over the course of several ministry “venues,” I have seen how important it is to keep people aware and up-to-date on the events and new things occurring in the life of the church. Despite solid attempts to keep a congregation “in the know,” there always seems to be someone (or two or three) who missed a newsletter article(s), or a bulletin announcement, or a spoken word during a Sunday morning service, or who just was not aware. So, in an effort to keep everyone updated and aware, here are a few things that may or may not be news for you.

Weeks Music Service – I am VERY excited about this year’s Weeks Service on Sunday, May 8 (Mother’s Day). The choir is preparing a remarkable piece of music based on the award-winning children’s book, *Old Turtle*, by Douglas Wood. It is not only a beautiful piece of music, it is profound and inspiring and appropriate for all ages! I strongly encourage you to bring friends and relatives to church that day.

Interim Organist Position Update – At the Annual Meeting in February, Peg Limkemann announced her plan to retire this summer after having faithfully served LPC for 40 years as Organist and Minister of Music. In March, the Session approved a proposal by the Personnel Ministry to establish an Interim Organist position and to form an interview/selection team.

The members of the team are: Matt Greif and Brian Case (from Session Personnel Ministry), Sara Lindberg, Don Shultzaberger, Laura VanDale, and Karen Weaver. The goal is to have an interim organist selected and at the

console by August 1. The interim period will provide an opportunity to take a breath, thoroughly review LPC’s current and potential music and ministry, and to staff accordingly. Following Peg’s retirement, a sub-committee of the Worship Ministry will be overseeing the scheduling of ensembles and soloists and other duties on the current Minister of Music position description.

Presbytery Voting on Proposed Amendments to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Constitution – As reported in the September 2010 edition of this newsletter, several amendments to our denomination’s constitution (*The Book of Confessions* and *The Book of Order*) were approved by the 219th (2010) General Assembly and are now being ratified (or not) by the Presbyteries. Among the amendments are the addition of the “Belhar Confession” to the *Book of Confessions*; a process to significantly reorganize and simplify *The Book of Order*; and perhaps the most controversial is a proposal to strike a 1995 amendment on ordination standards (commonly known as “B” or the “Fidelity/Chastity”) and replace it with standards that reflect historic Presbyterian practice. If approved, the amendment will end categorical prohibition of Sessions and Presbyteries from ordaining and/or installing qualified and called gay and lesbian persons to the offices of Deacons, Elders, and Ministers of Word and Sacrament, but it will not *require* a Session or Presbytery to do so. As of April 15, it looks likely that all of these amendments and more will be ratified by a majority of the Presbyteries. For more information about the amendments and the voting tallies, visit our denomination’s website: www.pcusa.org. ❖

Library Lines

Although we appreciate donations, because of limited space, please check with a member of the Library Committee before donating books. Please feel free to recommend books as we want you to feel this is your library.

NEW BOOKS

A Secret Gift by Ted Gup—Shortly before 1933, due to the depression in scarred Canton, Ohio, a small newspaper ad offered cash gifts to 75 families in distress. What happened?

Acts by Charles C. Williamson—Though titled “The Acts of the Apostles,”



this book is just as much about the “acts of the Holy Spirit.”

The Greatest Prayer by John Crossan—Rediscovering the revolutionary message of the “Lord’s Prayer.” This book is recommended and was donated by LPC member Jan Unger.

YOUNG ADULTS

Kathleen’s Shaken Dreams by Tracy Craven—A story of the depression.

Everyday Angels by Mark Moulton—A picture book on chance encounters with angels. ❖

Music Notes

Music Ahead

May 1 • Easter II

Chancel Choir, Chancel Bell Choir, Claudia Hook, John Noran

May 8 • Easter III • Weeks Music Service

Mary Beth Ions, violin

The service will feature a work based on the book *Old Turtle*. See page one for details.

May 15 • Easter IV

Don Shultzaberger, Chapel Bell Choir, Pam Wetula

May 22 • Easter V

Cuatro String Quartet, Susan Evans and Peg Limkemann, Carol-Crusader Choir, Laura VanDale and Tedd Roos, (last Sunday for choirs)

May 29 • Easter VI • 10 a.m. Summer Worship begins
Ryan Pennington, Neil Davis, Chancel Choir Quartet

June 5 • Easter VII

Kathy Sands, Judy Bulloch and Ryan Pennington, Dennis Seeds

Good Company Performs

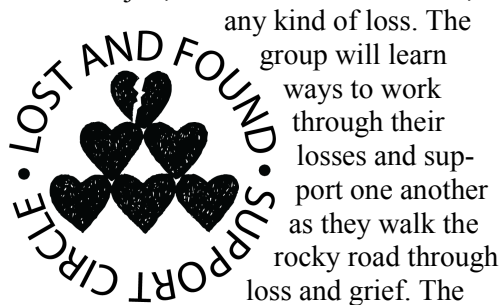
Good Company: A Vocal Ensemble, Karen Weaver, Director, will present a program of choral works entitled “Love Notes” on Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m. at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. The 30-voice mixed ensemble is featuring works by Eric Whitacre, Johannes Brahms and Stephen Sondheim. Guest musicians are Mary Beth Ions, violinist and Peg Limkemann, pianist. Robert Page, former director of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, will be guest conductor for his own arrangements of works by Stephen Sondheim. Susan Lezan is accompanist for Good Company. There is no admission charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken. A reception will follow in the Atrium. Plan to attend this choral event and invite your friends and family to join you!

Save the date!

Our beloved Minister of Music Peg Limkemann has announced her retirement for June 26, 2011. Plan to attend worship that day, with special music, recognition of Peg’s service to LPC and a special reception in the Atrium following the service. ❖

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. The group will learn ways to work through their losses and support one another as they 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 with the Rev. Sharon Budin. The group will meet for 10 weeks (with two weeks off), and will be co-led by the Rev. Sharon Budin and LPC member Karen Unsworth. ❖

Volunteer Opportunities

Angel Food Ministries

We are looking for more early morning volunteers to help drive to Elyria and bring back the food boxes that are ordered through our church. We are looking for people who can help out twice a year. You don't need to own a truck or van—just be willing to dedicate two and a half hours helping others in our community who depend on their monthly food box. It's a great way to do God's work and do it with a great group of people. If you are interested please contact Sheila Busser.

Community Meal

The Community Meal Committee is uncertain about whether or not to serve a meal on Christmas Day or move it to the week before Christmas. If there is anyone who thinks they would be available and willing to help with our meal on Christmas Day, please contact Sandy Shaw at 440-871-2423 or sandyr@oh.rr.com.

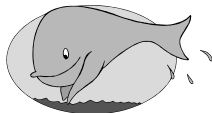
Nurture & Discipleship

Second Sunday Book Club

On May 8, members of the *Second Sunday Book Club* will discuss *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* by Wayne Mueller. Sound interesting? Join the group at any time.

Faith Journeys Sunday School May Rotations

- **Lost and Found Parables:** May 1, 8 & 15
- **End-of-year Party:** May 22



Parents of Graduates

Do you have a student graduating from high school, college or graduate school? If so, please e-mail a short biography of your son or daughter, including future plans, to lesliestewart@prodigy.net. We will include the bio's in the June issue of *Open Door*.

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 enjoyment, we're having a surprise program along with beautiful music. Save the date: Saturday, May 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Reed Room. Please bring your mother, daughters (kids welcome), sisters, girlfriends. And, be sure to wear a pretty hat. **Reservations necessary—RSVP required.** Look for our sign-up sheet in the Atrium.

✧ The Membership Ministry

LPC Nursery School Registration

Lakewood Presbyterian Church Nursery School (LPCNS) is currently accepting students for the 2011-2012 school year. We offer 3-year old, 4-year old and Pre-Kindergarten programs.

Presbyterian Women Notes

"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." –Isaiah 61:10

Laughter Shared at Retreat

Six women from LPC – Marie Andrews, Sue Heideloff, Claudia Meyke, Joyce Olson, Marlene Parker and Karen Unsworth – attended the Presbytery's Presbyterian Women's spiritual retreat last month in Olmsted Falls at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The delicious continental breakfast and lunch were prepared by the men of the church. The activities, jokes, prayers, hand-outs and music by the Elders of Jazz all supported the theme "And God Created Laughter." Did you know there are over 100 joyful scriptures? Here are seven times when it is necessary to laugh: 1) laugh when people tell you a joke; 2) laugh when you look in a mirror; 3) laugh when you make a mistake; 4) laugh with small children; 5) laugh at situations that are out of your control; 6) laugh at anything pompous, at anything that needs to puff its way through life; 7) finally, laugh when all your carefully-laid plans get changed.



PRESBYTERIAN
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"Your body cannot heal without play. Your mind cannot heal without laughter. Your soul cannot heal without joy." – Catherine Fenwick from *Love and Laughter, a Healing Journey*.

Synod Gathering: "Blessed Are They ..."

Friday-Sunday, June 24-26, 2011 in Findlay, Ohio. Keynote speaker is Chris Wolfe, Justice and Peace Committee, Churchwide Presbyterian Women. Choose from 10 workshops. \$60 early registration fee by May 31; \$80 afterward. Registration fee includes dinner on Friday; lunch and dinner on Saturday; and programs. Special rates for overnight accommodations, but close enough to commute. Registration brochures are in the Atrium.

Church Wide Gathering

Mark your calendar for next year's PW Church Wide Gathering: July 18-22, 2012, in Orlando, Florida. ❖

Fellowship & Small Groups

Acacia-Lydia Circle

Tuesday, May 10 at 1 p.m.—Watch bulletin for location.

Double-Tithing Dinner Circle

Thursday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.—Meet at Sweet Melissa's, 19337 Detroit Road in Rocky River.

Psalm 139 Knitters

Wednesday, May 25 at 10 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Reed Room. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

May 12 & 26 at 8 a.m. — Meet in Lawther Hall; all men welcome.

Dueteers

Saturday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. — Meet in Lawther Hall for potluck and a skit “The Committee Meeting” presented by players from Clague Playhouse.

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, May 19 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

April Session Highlights

- Heard reports from commissioners to the March Presbytery meeting
- Received instruction on the roles and responsibilities of the four governing bodies in the Presbyterian form of church government
- Had small group discussions on form and content of Session meetings
- Approved a capital campaign for sanctuary window repairs

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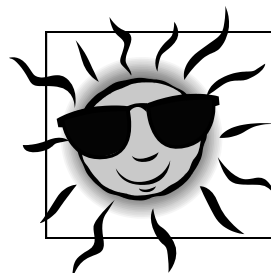
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REMEMBER!
10am Summer Worship
begins on May 29