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## A FAREWELL FROM PEG

It has been my pleasure to serve you for the past 40 years. In that time, many changes have occurred. These changes have affected the building, the hours of worship, the senior pastor, the choirs, the instruments, and the duties of the music staff.

Arriving in 1971, I found a wonderful pipe organ, a beautiful and inspiring sanctuary, and a tired facility with a quite large staff. Jack Hart was Senior Pastor, and we filled the sanctuary twice every Sunday morning, at 9:15 and 11:15. Jack Hart was followed by Dick Watts, Paul DeBeer, Howard Reed, and Jim Butler. It has been my privilege to serve them all, as worship hours changed to 10:00, 10:30, 8:30 and 10:30, and back to 10:30. The Kilgore building transformed our facility into one of welcoming light and well-planned functional space.

Hired as Organist to work with Cam Bunting, I played for worship services, rehearsals, and weddings, funerals, and memorials. When the 1976 decision was made to eliminate a full-time mu-

sician, our staffing needs quickly changed. I was asked to “hold the department” together until a successor to Cam could be found and to find the necessary staff. Many volunteers were needed as well as trained musicians to lead our choirs. How blessed we have been to have these gifted and dedicated people here. As my role changed, so did the title, from Co-ordinator of Music to Director of Music and then to Minister of Music. With an emphasis on children and young talent, we have added Children of Note, Chapel Orchestra, Flute Choir, String Ensemble, Cuatro Quartet, and Celebration Singers as well as many soloists. I offered private music study in theory and composition, music reading, harpsichord, and organ, and many LPC members took lessons. Some have gone on to church music careers.

This generous congregation has made possible the purchase of many instruments, adding to our Holtkamp pipe organ, handbells and two Steinway

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### Coming in July:

- Monday, July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY – Church Closed
- Tuesday, July 5 – BIBLE STUDY ON “ACTS OF THE APOSTLES” 9-week study begins (see page 6)
- Sunday, July 10 – WORSHIP IN THE PARK & BRUNCH – Lakewood Park & Woman’s Pavilion

# A Word from the Pastor

— The Rev. Dr. James C. Butler

In just a few weeks we will be celebrating LPC Organist and Minister of Music Peg Limkemann's retirement. It has been a privilege to work with Peg for nearly ten years. Over the course of her music career, Peg has worked with scores of pastors and associate pastors, including nearly a dozen or so here at LPC. She deserves a medal of honor for that alone! I have worked with a number of church musicians through the years, all of whom enjoyed making music in church and supporting others to do the same. But the thing that I noticed early on and which I have always appreciated about Peg is her ministry of attentive pastoral care, not only to singers and instrumentalists with whom she has labored, but also to many members of the congregation at large. She has truly been a colleague in ministry with me and the other pastors who have served LPC. All of which is to acknowledge what we are all feeling—that there will be a “vacuum”

left after Peg retires, not only in terms of her organ playing and oversight of LPC's ministry of music, but also her able presence on the program staff, and the pastoral support she has provided for many of us.

While we are feeling the loss and the anxiety that comes with it, we must also trust that God will “supply our needs...” (Philippians 4:19). Please join me in prayer that the Spirit will guide and oversee the process of transitioning from Peg to the next person who will help us to sing and make music for God's glory. The interim organist selection team is in place and working; pray for them.

We are going to give Peg a festive “finale” to celebrate her 40 years at LPC on Sunday, June 26, during and after the 10 a.m. worship service. Please make every effort to be present and honor someone who has served LPC so faithfully through the years. ❖

## A CELEBRATION!



### Peg Limkemann Day

June 26, 2011

Special events are planned for Sunday, June 26! Peg will play for the 10 a.m. worship service, with Chancel Choir, children and instrumentalists participating. At the close of the service, there will be a special tribute to Peg in the Sanctuary and then wonderful refreshments will be served in the Atrium. Mark your calendar for this occasion in the life of our congregation and bring your family and friends to honor Peg for her 40 years of service to LPC.



## Library Lines

Come in and check out our books on gardening. Summer is approaching! Time to read a good book.

### NEW BOOKS

*McGowan's Return* by Rob Smith—Darnell Wilson, a LAKEWOOD detective, poses the possibility that a single person may be responsible for three murders separated by years.

*The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis—The writer, in a dream, boards a bus on a drizzly afternoon and embarks on an incredible voyage through heaven and hell.

*Leave a Candle Burning* by Lori Wick—Reveals the joy that comes to those who are willing to trust God's own plan for their lives. ❖



## Peg

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pianos as well as several console rehearsal pianos. We have added a lot of percussion, a full complement of Orff instruments, tone chimes, a harpsichord, the Ruggles tracker organ, timpani, alto and bass flutes, C, D, piccolo and herald trumpets, and replaced the carillon.

Added to programming were youth dinner-theater musicals, 15 seasons of the Festival of Music Sunday evening Concert Series, where we launched the professional careers of many area musicians, the Weeks annual memorial service, and the Benefit Concert.

What has been constant here has been the love of the people. I have felt the loving prayers when my parents died, celebration with the birth of grandchildren, and enormous support. God surely is in this place. ❖

## Music Notes

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### Music Ahead – 10am Summer Worship

#### June 5 • Ascension Sunday

Kathy Sands, Dennis Seeds

#### June 12 • Pentecost Sunday

Dorothy Lewis and Peg Limkemann, Judy Bulloch and Zoe Harper, and Bob Salem

#### June 19 • Trinity Sunday

John Noran, Chase Pennington, Nancy Odorizzi

#### June 26 • Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Chancel Choir, Carol-Crusader Choir, Tara Webb, Dorothy Lewis, Leah Hottel, and Don Shultzaberger

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### Musician News

The Chancel Choir honored several of its members for anniversary years of service.

## Majority of Presbyteries Ratify “Amendment 10-A”

In early May, a sufficient number of approving Presbyteries (87) was attained in order to remove a 1997 amendment to the *Book of Order* and replace it with language that many view as a return to historic Presbyterian principles and standards governing ordination and installation of church officers (Deacons, Elders, and Ministers). The Presbyterian Church (USA) has been embroiled in controversy and division for years following the addition of G-6.0106 “b” (commonly referred to as “fidelity/chastity”). There have been two other attempts to remove the 1997 language from the *Book of Order* both of which failed to be ratified by a majority of the Presbyteries. The voting data suggests that after years of impassioned debate around ordination and sexuality, the vast majority of Presbyterians are now ready and eager for a truce. The change will become effective on July 11, 2011.

The current text of G-6.0106 “b” reads: “Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life of obedience to scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among those standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practices which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained...”

The 1997 “b” amendment will be replaced with the following: “Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each

candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”

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Prior to the 1997 amendment, the *Book of Order* contained no explicit language addressing sexuality as part of the standards for ordination and installation. The new language essentially returns to the centuries-old Reformed tradition of requiring sessions and presbyteries to conduct thoughtful and

insightful examinations ensuring that officers: “are persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord...”; live lives that are “a demonstration of the gospel...”; live out their commitments made in affirmative answers to the ordination and installation questions/vows.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of this constitutional change is that a Session or Presbytery *may* (or *may not*), after thorough examination, vote to ordain and/or install a qualified, called, fit gay or lesbian candidate to serve as a church officer. Many congregations and church leaders opposed to the change have indicated that they are *not* planning to disaffiliate from the PC (USA) but are determined to “reform it from within...” and hope to establish non-geographic “affinity” presbyteries—a move requiring approval by a General Assembly. For more information, visit [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org) or [pres-outlook.com](http://pres-outlook.com). ❖



- Accepted John Hunter’s resignation from Session
- Elected Jack Calcott, Will Limkemann, and Ricky Haven to serve as LPC’s commissioners to the May Presbytery meeting
- Reviewed feedback about format and content of Session meetings
- Approved proposal from Worship Ministry for repairs to the sanctuary organ in the amount of \$19,830.00 to be taken from the organ maintenance fund
- Discussed implications for ordination and installation of church officers with the recent approval of Amendment 10-A to the Book of Order

## Pentecost Project

The annual Pentecost offering is designated to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$8 million for these ministries that benefit the younger members of God's family. One of the unique things about this offering is that 40% of it is kept by the local congregation for use on behalf of children at risk. The rest is divided to support General Assembly ministries with youth (25%), to support Young Adult volunteer opportunities (25%), and to support General Assembly child advocacy ministries (10%).

This year's theme "So I Send You" (John 20:21) reminds us that, as Jesus was sent by God to heal a hurting world, we too are called to that same task. We are called to act on the basis of faith. Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world.

You have probably heard the comment that "no one teaches you how to be a good parent." Young parents, who were not raised in a supportive, well-balanced environment themselves, can often benefit from the help of experts and the encouragement of others who are trying to improve their skills. The local percent of our Pentecost offering will go to provide just such help to some Lakewood families.

The City of Lakewood provides programs for children and youth but funding to these programs has decreased over the last several years. One such program is "Play A Day." It is a local effort which targets recommended kindergarten students and their families.

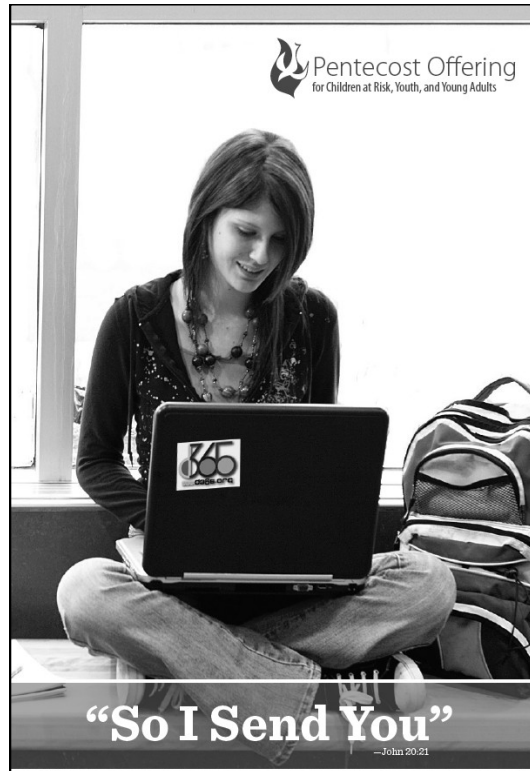
Groups of 10 kindergarten students in the same school are invited to join the program which meets for several weeks. At each session, families learn literacy skills from the experts in an enjoyable hands-on experience. The children are entertained while the parents learn the evening's skill. Then the families get together to practice the literacy-based activity in a "play" setting with the experts available for advice and assistance. At the end of each session, they go home with a kit that extends the learning and the kindergartener gets a book.

The program has operated for a few years and has proved to be very successful. Our support will help to provide the staff, literacy based kits, and the books. Ms.

Toni Gelsomino, who is in charge

of this project, will join us on Sunday, June 5 to tell us more about it. She will stay for coffee hour in case you have any questions.

An envelope is included in this mailing for your contribution and there will also be extras in the pew racks. Thank you for prayerfully considering your donation to this important work with children in need. ❖



## Do You Have Any of These to Share?

The City of Lakewood offers an outreach program at Madison Park for families of young children throughout the summer. It is open to all Lakewood families but is especially for those who can walk to that park. They need some things to help them run the program this year. If you would like to help, please leave your items in the basket in the Atrium on any of the first three Sundays in June and we'll deliver them. You can bring one thing or many—all will be gratefully received. ❖

sidewalk chalk  
play dough  
punching balls  
hula hoops  
stickers  
glue sticks  
sand toys  
kites  
bubbles

finger paint/paper  
beads for stringing  
plastic/nerf balls  
water color paints  
coffee filters/all sizes  
plain paper plates  
plastic magnifying glasses  
small plastic spray bottles  
small buckets with paint brushes



## Summer Growth Opportunities



For over 100 years, Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina has been “a place set apart” for spiritual rest, renewal, and recreation. People visit Montreat Conference Center to reunite with family and friends, to attend conferences or church retreats, and to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of God’s creation. Upcoming conferences include:

- **Youth Groups and their leaders:**  
June 5-11; June 12-18; July 10-16;  
July 17-23; July 24-30; July 31-  
August 6
- **Worship & Music:** June 19-25;  
June 23-July 2
- **Middle School Youth and their  
leaders:** July 20-24
- **Road Scholar – Elderhostels:**  
August 7-12; August 14-19; Sep-  
tember 11-16



Big Tent is nine national Presbyterian Conferences meeting under one roof, all at one time and all worshipping together. This event runs June 30 – July 2 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Registration is \$285 by May 27. Choose from the following conferences:

- Clergywomen’s Leadership Institute/Young Women’s Leadership Development
- Evangelism and Church Growth
- Healthy Ministry
- National Elders
- National Multicultural Church
- Peacemaking
- Presbyterian Communicators Network
- Racial Ethnic and Immigrant Ministries
- World Mission Matters



### Synod Gathering

Friday-Sunday, June 24-26, 2011 in Findlay, Ohio. The theme is “Blessed Are They ...” 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.

## Summer Bible Study

### Tuesdays with Luke—A Summer Experience!

Starting Tuesday, July 5, at 9:30 a.m., for nine sessions, we will be studying the book of Acts, written by Luke. Study will include music, bible reading, discussion, and video. The study will be led by Joyce Olson, Mary Ann Redifer and Rev. Sharon Budin. Child care will be provided if requested. Come as often as you can.



## Fellowship & Small Groups

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### **Acacia-Lydia Circle**

Tuesday, June 14 at 1 p.m.—Watch bulletin for location.

### **Double-Tithing Dinner Circle**

Thursday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m.—Meet at Tick Tock Tavern, 11526 Clifton Boulevard in Cleveland.

### **Psalm 139 Knitters**

Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume in September.

### **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

June 9 at 8 a.m. — Meet in Lawther Hall; all men welcome.

### **Dueteers**

No meeting in June.

### **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, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.—Meet at Centering Space, 14812 Lake Avenue [next to Lakewood Park, behind Lakewood Catholic Academy (formerly St. Augustine)]. They will dance inside or out, depending on the weather.



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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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**Celebrate Father's Day**

The Membership Ministry is hosting a brunch after worship on Sunday, June 19 in Lawther Hall. Come and bring your dad, brother, son, or uncle, as we celebrate this special day.