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LPC WELCOMES NEW ORGANIST

Following several months of work, the Interim Organist Search Team is pleased to announce that Paula Maust will be joining the LPC staff in mid July and will play her first service on Sunday, August 7. A special welcoming reception will follow the 10 a.m. service.



Ms. Maust, a native of Berlin, Pennsylvania, holds the Bachelor of Music degree in Church Music and Organ Performance from Valparaiso University in Indiana. She is currently pursuing the Master of

Music degree at The Cleveland Institute of Music and is a student of world-renowned concert organist, Todd Wilson. She has just completed a sacred music internship at Christ Episcopal Church, Hudson, Ohio, and has a distinguished record of service to other congregations as organist and choirmaster.

While a student at Valparaiso, Ms. Maust was appointed Assistant to the Director of Chapel Music and was also student conductor of the Kantorei Chapel Choir. Her experiences and training in worship planning and music are impressive, including serving on the liturgy planning team at Valparaiso, and organist and choir director for the university's evening worship services. In 2008, Paula was the winner

of the Immanuel Organ Scholar Competition in Chicago, the 2009 winner of the Concerto Competition at Valparaiso, and recently won a scholarship from the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Maust's musical interests are wide; in addition to the organ, she enjoys playing continuo (keyboard) in the Case-Western Reserve/CIM Baroque Orchestra and other chamber ensembles. She also enjoys the scholarly pursuit of liturgical theology—the history and traditions of Christian worship. Some of her recent research has focused on the music and theological writings of the twelfth century Christian mystic and philosopher, Hildegard von Bingen, and J. S. Bach's church cantatas in early Lutheranism.

In addition to her superlative skills at the keyboard, the search committee was impressed with Ms. Maust's warm personality, her appreciation of and experience with a wide range of sacred musical styles, her knowledge and love of church hymnody, and her success with children and youth music ministry. She will be with us for at least one year, perhaps as long as two, but eventually hopes to study in Europe as a Fulbright Scholar. In addition to organ service playing, she will accompany the Chancel Choir, ensembles, and vocal and instrumental soloists. Her office hours will be announced as the program year begins in September. We are thrilled to welcome this gifted young church musician to the LPC staff. ❖

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Coming in September:

- Monday, September 5 – LABOR DAY – Church closed
- Tuesday, September 6 – Dr. Jim Butler returns from Sabbatical
- Sunday, September 11 – RALLY DAY! Return to Fall worship schedule
- Tuesday, September 12 – Primary Election

A Message from the Pastor

— The Rev. Dr. James C. Butler

It seems like this is a “season” for goodbyes and hellos at LPC. We just said goodbye to Peg Limkemann, a long-serving and beloved staff member of this church. Peg said hello and goodbye to hundreds of church members and dozens of pastors and staff members over the course of her forty years at LPC. Once again I was proud of this congregation as you honored her ministry of music among us with a generous departing gift and words of thanks and blessing.

As anyone can see from the cover article of this edition of *Open Door*, we will soon be saying a welcoming “hello” to Peg’s successor—Paula Maust. Paula was the number one choice of the organist search/interview team. After having met and started to work with Paula, I can understand why. She is an accomplished organist, a highly-trained church musician, a thoughtful and creative worship planner and leader, and a person of deep Christian faith, filled with energy and enthusiasm. God has blessed us again with an

outstanding organist and wonderful new addition to our church staff. Paula will play her first service at LPC on Sunday, August 7.

I will be saying goodbye for eight weeks beginning July 11 for my first-ever clergy sabbatical which all of you approved at the Annual Meeting in February. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Personnel Ministry who first suggested late last year that I consider a sabbatical for rest and renewal, and to all of you who subsequently approved it in my 2011 “Terms of Call.” If you want to know more about clergy sabbaticals and why I am being given one, an information sheet has been placed in the various literature racks in the church building. Rest assured, I will NOT be interviewing for another job, and I trust LPC will NOT be wooing a new pastor. So, please help squelch those kinds of destructive rumors if you hear them. What I am going to do is travel, dig in the dirt and sand, read, pray, and most importantly “let go of the wheel.” You will be in capable,

experienced hands during my sabbatical. Sharon Budin and Bill Noyes will take turns preaching. It is a downer for clergy when we work hard preparing a dynamite sermon and very few people show up to be blessed by the prayerful work we have done on your behalf. I ask you to support my colleagues in ministry with your presence on Sunday. Pastoral care will be provided by Sharon Budin and our new lay caregiving team. Please notify the church office if you or someone you know becomes hospitalized or needs pastoral attention. If I know myself as well as I think I do, I will be eager to get back behind the wheel and say a happy “hello” in September—but refreshed and rested and with a full tank of gas.

May these slower weeks of summer bring all of us joy, freedom, and the peace of God which passes every human understanding. ❖

A Word About Our Pastor’s Sabbatical Leave from the Personnel Ministry



Clergy sabbatical leaves are intended to provide pastors an extended time away from essentially all of their church responsibilities. An information sheet about clergy sabbaticals is available in the church office and literature racks. Our pastor has been with us for nearly ten very busy, productive, and at times, stressful years. He needs a break. Beginning Monday, July 11, Dr. Butler will not be preaching or conducting worship at LPC or any other church, nor will he be providing pastoral care or attending to church administrative matters. Bill Noyes and Sharon Budin will preach and lead

worship. Sharon and our new lay caregiving team will be responsible for providing pastoral care and visitation—please contact the church office if you or another LPC member needs attention. Ministry chairpersons will be responsible for any matters relative to their committee’s work or oversight. We have asked Jim not to check office voice mail and email, so please do not leave messages or send email. In short, we want our pastor to rest, refresh, and recharge. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Jim will resume his responsibilities on Tuesday, September 6. ❖

Music Notes

Music Ahead – 10am Summer Worship

July 3

Zoe Harper and Kathy Sands
(Don Shultzberger is organist throughout July)

July 10 • Worship in the Park

Brass, Chancel Bells, Celebration Singers

July 17

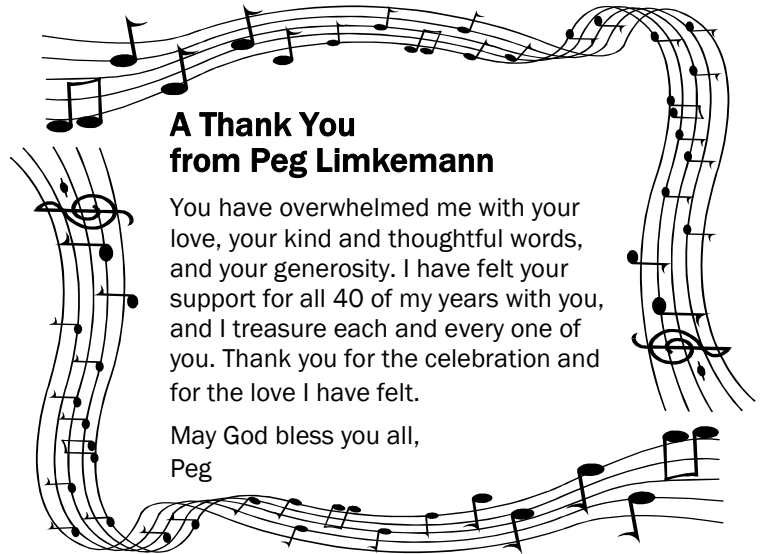
Kim Hook

July 24

Rhianna Zuby, Harmonies

July 31

Pam Wetula



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| <p>Meet our NEW MEMBERS</p> |  |  |  |
| <p>Please be sure to welcome LPC's newest members who joined the church on Sunday, June 12.</p> | <p>Nancy Stribula</p> <p>Nancy Stribula has been attending LPC with husband Ed and children David and Amy for many years while she also attended Roman Catholic mass. Following a period of reflection and prayer, Nancy made a decision to become a Presbyterian and join LPC. Nancy is an accountant. She and Ed make their home in Rocky River.</p> | <p>Ann Probst</p> <p>Ann Probst grew up in Scotland and has a beautiful accent. Although a life-long Baptist, Ann felt drawn to LPC, enjoys our worship services, and especially appreciates the accessibility of our church building as she uses a motorized scooter chair. Ann has three grown children and has retired after a long career as a nurse. She lives in Lakewood at the West-erly complex.</p> | <p>Andrea Christoff</p> <p>Andrea Christoff has been faithfully attending worship at LPC for over one year and recently joined the library committee. Andrea lives in Lakewood with her husband, Tom First, who is a professional musician. She is a pharmacy technician and enjoys quilting, needlework and pets.</p> |

Packing Kits for Those in Need

The Nurture & Discipleship Ministry will be packing kits for Church World Service (CWS) to help people in need. They will be collecting items to pack both Hygiene and School Kits. In the face of natural disasters, violence, or poverty, Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. School Kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.

Listed to the right are the items needed for both kits. Items will be collected over the summer; the kits will be packed in September by LPC's children and youth. Please leave your donations in the box in the Atrium. Monetary donations will also be accepted to offset the cost of shipping the kits. Please make checks payable to Lakewood Presbyterian Church with the notation "CWS Kits" in the memo line. ❖

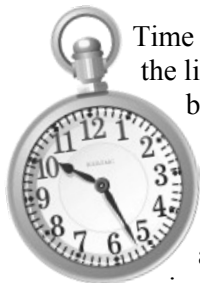
School Kit

- 1 – pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 – 70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10 1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper. Do not include filler paper.
- 1 – 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 – hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 – new pencils with erasers
- 1 – large eraser
- 1 – box of 24 crayons
- 1 – cloth bag, 12" x 14" to 14" x 16" finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles

Hygiene Kit

- 1 – hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 – washcloth
- 1 – wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
- 1 – nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards; remove from package)
- 1 – bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 – toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 – Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

Library Lines



Time on your hands? Come into the library and enjoy a good book! New at our library:

Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt by Anne Rice—

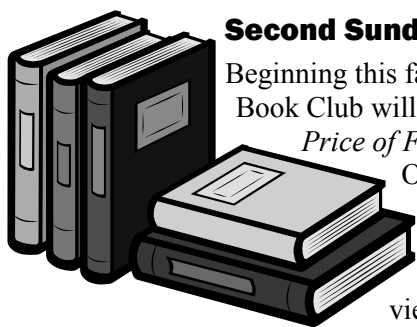
This is considered fiction and a riveting, reverent imagining of the hidden years of the child Jesus.

Christian History Guidebook by Carol and Roddy Smith—A concise and easy-to-read overview of the origins, experience and impact of the church.

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel—A journalist's personal investigation of the evidence for Jesus.

The Spirit of Community by Amitai Etzioni—Calls for a reawakening of our allegiance to the shared values and institutions that sustain us. ❖

Learning Opportunities



Second Sunday Book Club

Beginning this fall, the Second Sunday Book Club will be reading the book *The Price of Faith* by Marie T. Cross.

Over the course of the year, the group will study this *one* book—an insightful and holistic view of stewardship in all areas of our lives. The books are

available for \$8.50 from the church office. Sign up now to reserve your copy. A small number of books will be available to borrow for individuals who find the price of the book to be prohibitive. Second Sunday Book Club is part of the Month of Sundays Program and meets on the second Sunday of each month in Lucas Parlor at 9 a.m.

Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays with Luke—A Summer Experience!

This summer Bible study on Acts of the Apostles is for both men and women and begins Tuesday, July 5, at 9:15 a.m. for fellowship and 9:30 a.m. for class discussion. The series runs for nine weeks; attend as often as you are able. Study will include music, Bible reading, discussion, and video. Questions? Call Rev. Sharon Budin at the church. Child care will be provided if requested. ❖

June Session Highlights

- Commissioners offered brief reports of the May 23 Presbytery meeting, noting that the Moderator of the General Assembly and the Synod Executive were present and that LPC's recent gift of \$4,846.00 to the Dougbe River Presbyterian School in Liberia was celebrated
- Elected Bob Paraska, Ricky Haven, and Subhana Cathy Graf to serve as commissioners to the July Stated meeting of the Presbytery
- Had follow-up discussion from June 8 Session/ Committees plenary gathering on operating budget and mid-year financial status report and voted to assemble a Session retreat in the fall focused on stewardship and budget development
- Approved request from Property Ministry for expenditure of funds not to exceed \$4,500.00 from current operating budget for Detroit Avenue parking lot repair and sealing
- Personnel Ministry reported on the conclusion of search for Interim Organist and terms of contract for the new staff member
- Offered prayer for God's guidance and blessing of LPC's ministry and various needs of LPC members and friends ❖



Worship in the Park

On Sunday, July 10 we gather at Lakewood Park for our annual **Worship in the Park**. The special service is held under the large oak trees behind the Lakewood Woman's Pavilion. Services begin at 10 a.m. Limited seating is available, however, attendees should consider bringing blankets or lawn chairs. Immediately following the service we will enjoy a **potluck brunch** in the pavilion. Please bring a potluck dish that will serve 8 - 10. If the dish requires refrigeration or warming, it can be dropped off at the pavilion prior to the service. Please include any special instructions with the dish. In the event of inclement weather, the worship service will be held inside the pavilion instead of on the grounds. ❖

High Tea Party a Success

The High Tea Party held on May 21 was a huge success with approximately 60 guests. The main table setting showed off the beautiful silver service and elegant candelabras. Complete with pink lemonade and pink geranium centerpieces atop each table, the Reed Room came to life with elegant splendor. The featured sandwiches and bakery received many compliments. Linda Senter played beautiful, soft background violin music that filled the room with lovely melodies. And, of course, all those beautiful hats and dresses were conversation highlights for everyone.

Helen Stuart and Joyce Olson presented guests with a lovely “Lord’s Prayer” ceremony. A very special thank you to all the wonderful Membership Ministry participants who volunteered their time and talent to make the “Tea” successful and very importantly donated all the funding necessary to implement this outstanding occasion.



Congregational Picnic on August 21

Mark your calendars for LPC’s Congregational Picnic for members and kids of all ages on Sunday, August 21 at 3 p.m. in Lakewood Park at the Kiwanis Pavilion North Section. Look for the ten red tables that have been reserved for LPC. We will provide table settings, beverages, burgers and hot dogs, complete with rolls and condiments. You will provide a dish to share. If you wish, bring lawn chairs for comfort. Surprise entertainment and games. Details to be announced in LPC August Sunday bulletins. Let’s make this a grand afternoon of Christian fun and fellowship. ❖

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Fellowship & Small Groups

Acacia-Lydia Circle

Will resume meeting in October.

Double-Tithing Dinner Circle

Thursday, July 14 at 5:30 p.m.—Meet at *Stone Mad Pub*, 1306 West 65th Street in Cleveland.

Thursday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m. Meet at *The Harp*, 4408 Detroit Avenue in Cleveland.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

Thursdays, July 14 and August 11 at 8 a.m. — Meet in Lawther Hall; all men welcome.

Psalm 139 Knitters

Wednesdays, July 27 and August 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the Reed Room. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome.

Dueteers

Tuesday, July 12 at 5 p.m.—Annual Picnic at Elmwood Park Pavilion in Rocky River. Bring your own picnic and chairs. Charcoal grill will be ready. There will be no August event.

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; reserva-

tions not required.

Dances of Universal Peace

Thursdays, July 21 and August 18 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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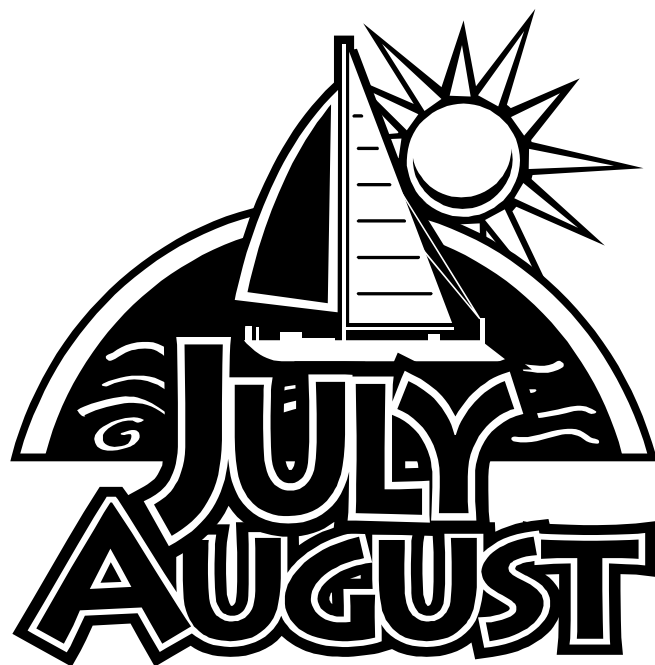
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Look Inside for Summer Activities at LPC!