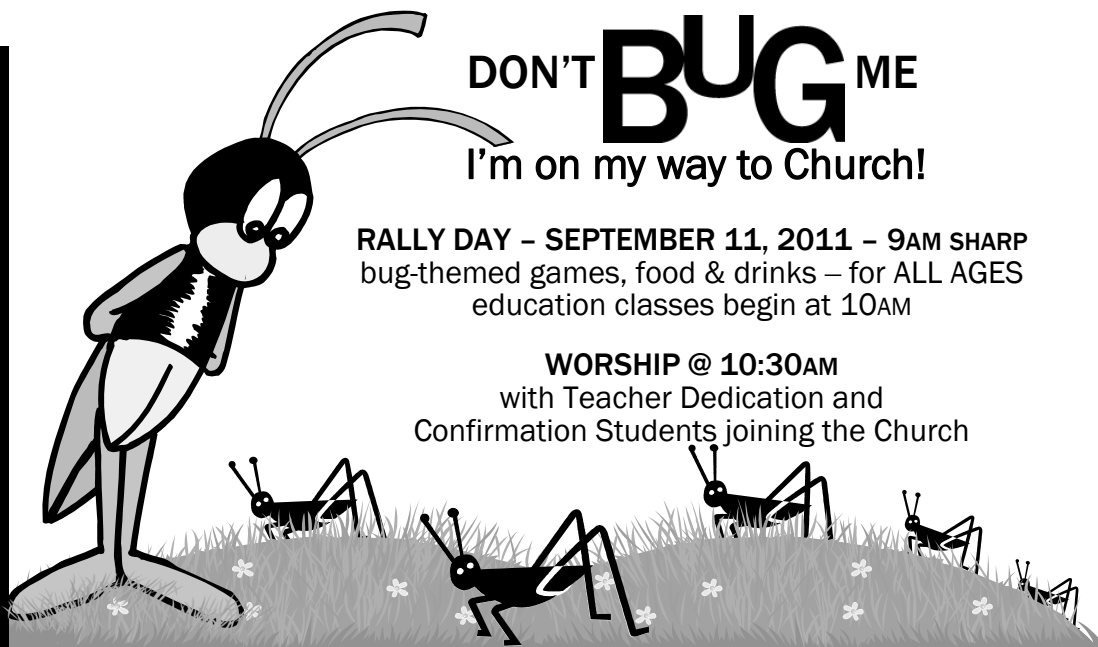




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*Open Door*

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DON'T **BUG** ME  
I'm on my way to Church!

**RALLY DAY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 – 9AM SHARP**  
bug-themed games, food & drinks – for ALL AGES  
education classes begin at 10AM

**WORSHIP @ 10:30AM**  
with Teacher Dedication and  
Confirmation Students joining the Church

## FALL SCHEDULE

beginning SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

- 9:00 – **Blood Pressure Screenings** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month) –  
Garbarine Room 114
- **Childcare** – The Ruth Child Care Room
- **Chapel Bells** (youth) – The Dorothy Hook Memorial Music Room
- **Children of Note** – Kathleen Gruber Classroom WeeKirk Room
- **Carol-Crusader Choir** – Unger Family Children’s Center
- **Reading Room** – The McKendry Library
- 9:30 – **PreK–K “First Steps”** – Kathleen Gruber Classroom WeeKirk Room
- **Grades 1-6 “Faith Journeys Sunday School”** –  
Unger Family Children’s Center
- **Youth** (Grades 7–12) - Youth Room 207
- **Adult Bible Study “Feasting on the Word”** –  
The Stephen E. Parker Room
- **Adult “Month of Sundays”** – Ansel Reed Room
- 10:00 – **Chancel Choir** – Wright Chapel
- 10:30 – **WORSHIP** – Sanctuary – *Music Dedication Sunday*
- 10:45 – **WeeKirk** – Kathleen Gruber Classroom WeeKirk Room
- 11:30 – **Coffee Hour** – Atrium of The L. Wilson Kilgore Ministry Center
- 12:00 – **Youth Fellowship** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month) – Lawther Hall

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### Coming in October:

- *Saturday, October 1 at 1pm in Lawther Hall – “Games for the Congregation” sponsored by the Membership Ministry*
- *Sunday, October 2 – Peacemaking and World Communion Sunday (see page 3)*

# A Message from the Pastor

– The Rev. Dr. James C. Butler

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**A**s I write this, I am at the mid-point of my eight-week sabbatical leave, which prompts me to say another huge “thank you.” I wanted to tell you how things have gone so far. The first twelve days of the sabbatical were spent traveling with friends in Europe—England, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Right after the service at Lakewood Park on Sunday July 10, I flew out of Cleveland, and after a two-hour layover at JFK airport in New York and a seven-hour flight, landed in London at 8 a.m. (that’s 2 a.m. in Cleveland). Now I understand what jet lag feels like. In London, I visited the British Museum, toured Westminster Abbey (sort of a giant Gothic mausoleum), attended Evensong at St. Paul’s Cathedral, saw the Crown Jewels and the ancient torture rooms at the Tower of London, gawked through the fence at Buckingham Palace (no Royal sightings...), and got to ride a double-decker bus and one of those funky London cabs.

Next up was a really fast train ride to Paris under the English Channel. Paris is the most beautiful city I have ever seen. First stop was Notre Dame and walking along the beautiful Seine with all of its beautiful bridges. While managing the huge crowd of tourists at the Louvre, I had a celebrity sighting. Standing three

feet from me gawking at an Egyptian statue was Joan Rivers and her daughter and grandson. Other highlights were the impressionist art museum, the Sacré-Cœur high above the city and lots of other gorgeous old churches, the Garnier Opera House, the Eiffel Tower, wonderful food, and on and on. We spent one day on a private tour of the Normandy beaches where the infamous Allied “D Day” invasion occurred in WW II. We walked inside German artillery bunkers hidden in the landscape while our guide explained in detail General Eisenhower’s massive military operation that served to liberate France and eventually defeat Hitler. My friend’s grandfather managed to survive the landing on Omaha Beach only to be killed in a pasture field as they pushed Germans south. We visited his grave at the American Cemetery overlooking the beach. I believe it’s one of those “thin places” between heaven and earth. I was moved to tears by what I witnessed there.

Next stop was Brussels, Belgium and the “world heritage site” cities of Gent and Brugge, which have been preserved in time from the Middle Ages. The last leg of the trip was to the beautiful old city of Amsterdam which has tens of thousands of bike riders (more dangerous to pedestrians than cars!) and a huge network

of canals that keep the water out of houses and businesses. Highlights included the house where Anne Frank and several other Jews were hidden during the German occupation, the Van Gogh and Reich art museums, and lots of old Reformed Churches that are nearly empty on Sunday morning. The trip was wonderful but exhausting. Traveling is hard work! I also enjoyed a week at the Jersey shore and a few “one tank trips” to see old friends and special places.

After 21 years of preaching, it took me a while to let go of the weekly sermon anxiety and the gnawing feeling that I should be accomplishing something. The sabbatical has been everything I hoped it would be, and more. I must thank my colleagues on the church staff who have taken on extra work while I have been away. And hats off to Sharon Budin and Bill Noyes who have been preaching and leading worship. They have given *all* of us wonderful gifts! Bless you, Sharon and Bill.

I look forward to seeing everyone after Labor Day. I believe I will be quite ready to get back to work—rested, renewed, and thankful for the privilege of serving this congregation. ❖

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## Music Notes

The Music Department is pleased to have Paula Maust as our new organist. Welcome, Paula!

### September 4 • 10am Summer Worship

Noah Budin, Neil Davis

### September 11 • Rally Day; 10:30am Worship returns

Chancel Choir returns

### September 18

Laura VanDale, worship soloist.  
(First Sunday of music groups for children and youth at 9am.)

### September 25

Fedora DeMattia



# Peacemaking Offering 2011

It's not too early to begin thinking about World Communion Sunday and our Peacemaking Offering for 2011. (Actually it is always a good time to think about peace and justice issues but we emphasize them on the first Sunday in October.) As you may know, twenty-five percent of the Peacemaking Offering stays in our community for a project that we designate.

This year the Mission Outreach and Justice Ministry has chosen the Community Re-Entry Program of the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry (LMM) as the recipient of our local

contribution. You may be aware that North Presbyterian Church and the LMM offices will be sharing a renovated building that will allow both to continue to operate current programs. It seems as if extending this partnership through the Peacemaking Offering is an especially good choice this year.

The Community Re-Entry Program provides practical assistance and support to men and women re-entering the community following incarceration and to those on probation. It helps to reduce recidivism and to enhance the quality of life for

both the persons and communities served. It offers a second chance to re-direct lives through services such as job placement, counseling, crisis intervention, and peer support.

Our guest speaker on Sunday, October 2 will be Mr. Charles See, Executive Director of Community Re-Entry. Several members had the opportunity to hear him at a Presbytery meeting last year and were quite impressed with both his message and his presentation. Mark your calendar now to be sure to be with us on World Communion Sunday to learn more. ❖

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## Library Lines

Check out your library's newest acquisitions!

***Living into Hope ... a Call to Spiritual Action for Such a Time as This*** by Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell

This author has Cleveland roots having been the first woman to be Associate Executive Director of the Greater Cleveland Council of Churches. She is known both nationally and internationally having served as executive director of the U.S. office of the World Council of Churches, former general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, and currently, serving as director of religion at Chautauqua Institution and as chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women.

Some of the comments about this book:

"Warm, clear and penetrating ... makes scripture come alive and life more meaningful than the average day's events would ordinarily signal it to be."

She "speaks out on pressing issues that face us today: love, justice, reconciliation, forgiveness and community. With a bold, distinctive voice, this visionary minister asserts that we have the capacity to transcend the barriers that separate us from one another. She poses that "Who is my neighbor?" may be the most crucial question in our world where so many are hungry and hurting and weary of war. She calls us to live life fully—not carefully or cautiously, but wholly engaged with the world and with the messiness of humanity."

In this book she addresses politics, international relations, prayer, etc. exploring how faith can guide us in making the pivotal decisions in life, as well as the everyday ones.

Her powerful and moving prayers are accompanied by tools for reflection on how faith shapes your life and can inform your actions.



We have added the following DVDs to our library. Come and check them out.

■ *Walking the Bible* (from the book)

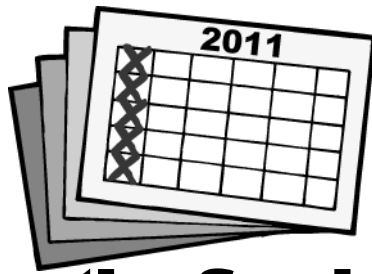
From *Nova*:

- *Ancient Refuge in the Holy Land*
- *The Bible's Buried Secrets*
- *Quest for Solomon's Mines*

From *National Geographic*:

- *Secrets of Jerusalem's Holiest Sites*
- *Writing the Dead Sea Scrolls*
- *The Quest for Noah's Flood*
- *Science of the Bible: Exodus Revealed* ❖

**M**onth of Sundays is a unique Adult Education opportunity in which each week of the month we



## a **Month of Sundays**

with Biblical Characters.

The *fourth* Sunday of each month (September 25, October

23, January 22, February 26, March 25 and April 22), will be an exploration of “Green Christianity”—how can Christians live into the commandment to be good stewards of our planet.

On the occasional *fifth* Sunday of each month (October 30, January 29 and April 29), we will enjoy a viewing of *Secrets of the Dead* from the PBS series by the same name.

You can attend all the sessions, only the sessions of a certain Sunday of the month (i.e. only come on the second Sundays) or attend whenever you are available to drop in. The classes are self-led and individuals will sign up to run the DVDs or lead the discussions with materials provided. ❖

host a different adult class. On the *first* Sunday of each month (October 2, November 6, December 4, February 5, March 4, April 1 and May 6), the class will be “Christianity’s Family Tree,” a look at denominations in the United States.

The *second* Sunday of each month (September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 11 and May 13), will be Second Sunday Book Club. This year we will study the book, *The Price of Faith* by Marie T. Cross.

On the *third* Sunday of each month (September 18, October, 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 18, April 15 and May 20), we will have an Encounter

## Picnic in the Park

**A**pproximately 75 guests, including LPC’s baseball team, enjoyed sunshine, laughter, Christian fellowship, and of course, great food at the congregational picnic on August 21. Special thanks to our grilling chefs, Joe Bales and Tim Miller; bingo hostess Yolanda Koskey; bingo caller Noah Budin and Bible quiz hostess, Sharon Budin.

Our door prizes were won by Sally Bales, Sharon Budin, Judy Bulloch, Dave Hobert, Joyce Olson and Hunter Davidson (baseball team member). Thanks to everyone who attended allowing us to offer our warmth and hospitality filled with Christian love.

Hosted by the Membership Ministry: Mary Adams, Sally and Joe Bales, Sue Heideloff, Cindy Chan, Claudia Meyke, Joyce Olson, Marlene Parker, guest members Nancy Miller and Charlotte Robertson. ❖

## Fellowship & Small Groups

### Acacia-Lydia Circle

Will resume meeting in October. Watch for details later.

### Double-Tithing Dinner Circle

Thursday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. Meet at 100th Bomb Group, 20920 Brookpark Road in Cleveland. Reservations to Sally Ebling at 440-333-1472.

### Psalm 139 Knitters

Wednesday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Reed Room. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome.

### Minis-Tea

Wednesday, September 21 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

September 8 and 22 at 8 a.m.—Meet in Lawther Hall; all men welcome.

### Dueteers

Saturday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m.—Meet in Lawther Hall for potluck and program: “Marvelous Music” presented by Nancy Wargo.

### Chair Yoga

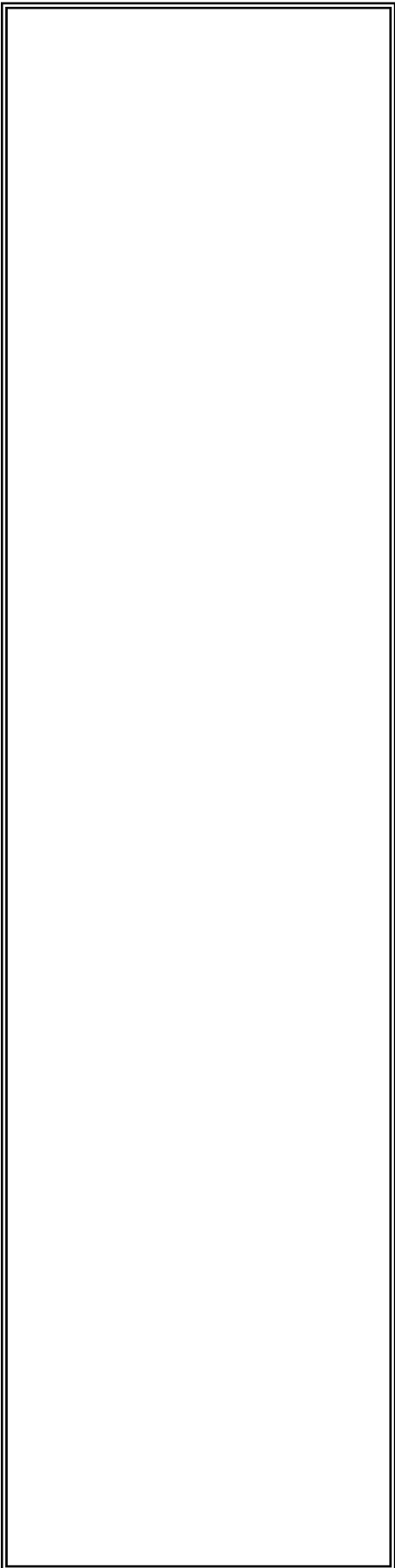
Therapeutic (chair) yoga improves balance and flexibility. Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Lucas Parlor. Cost is \$10 per class for drop-ins; reservations not required.

### Dances of Universal Peace

Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.— Meet in Lucas Parlor for interfaith meditative moving prayer.



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- ◆ Watching over and affirming one another in love

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Presbyterian Women  
in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve

**FALL GATHERING**

Saturday, October 8, 2011 ■ 8:30am – 2:00pm  
Fairmount Presbyterian Church  
2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio

**“Mission Memories”**

Virginia McCook of Maumee, Ohio will share her experiences visiting with our Native American faith sisters. She was a participant in the PW 2010 USA Mission Experience trip to the Dakota Presbytery.

\$8 in advance ■ \$10 at the door

Call Nancy Szabo at 440-992-4632 to register.