

STUDENT MINISTRIES *EVENTS*

Student Events

Evolve (7th and 8th) and Encounter (9-12th)

Encounter (9th-12th Grade)

Sun., Feb. 4: Rest No **Encounter**
Mon., Feb. 5: Feeding Ministry 3:30 -
7 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 11: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.

Evolve (7th-8th Grade)

Mon., Feb. 5: Feeding Ministry 3:30 -
7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 7: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 14: **Ash Wednesday**
Pot Luck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Service at 6:30 p.m.

Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

Turning Around

Do you find it hard to admit your mistakes?

Most people do. Even when we know we have done something wrong, it can be hard – really hard – to say we are sorry. That's because we don't know how the person we have hurt will respond. We don't know if that person will forgive us.

Fortunately, we do know how God will respond when we tell Him we are sorry. He will always forgive us. Like the Father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, he will welcome us no matter what we have done. He will never hold a grudge or keep us at a distance. His love is too big for that!

Weekly Prayer List

Gary Cunningham, Sandra Dilbeck, Dick Kaufman,
Mike McIntosh and Maria Reny Kuyoc

Flowers This Morning are Given by

Marilyn McCaluey and family to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jack Hepp.

Harry, Eric, Margot, Victoria and Carl in remembrance of
their Father, Dean Buckner.

Attendance - January 28, 2018

8:45 a.m. - 251 11:15 a.m. - 144 Total - 395
Sunday School - 143
Offering \$9,418.50

Operating Fund Income thru January 2018 - \$143,597.17
Operating Fund Expense thru January 2018 - \$91,187.71

For Our Guests

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Guest Information on our attendance registration pad. We value your visit with us and this is a simple way of letting us know how we may better meet your needs. Thanks for visiting! We're glad you're here.

Parking--We have three locations for parking: the side lot on Silver St., the alley lot on Warren St. and the county parking lot directly across East St.

Rest Rooms are located in the hallway by the Welcome Center, on the lower level of the ARK and in the classroom office/wing.

Welcome Center--located in the Narthex area between the Sanctuary and the ARK. Please stop by and check out opportunities open to you here at Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School--Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Everyone Welcome

Adult classes located in the Classroom/Office Wing:

Faith Weavers- Jim VanDeGrift in Room 102
Faith Explorers - Gary Ensing in Room 305
Bible in Life - Jim Garrett in Room 306
S.A.L.T. class - in Room 304
Raising Godly Kids - Rachael Earley in Room 311
Vintage - Teens and parents of youth grade 7-12 in LPC Youth Center

Children's Sunday School

Ages 2 - 4th grade on the lower level the ARK
5th and 6th graders in the Rainbow Room

Nursery and Family Room

Ages 2 and under are welcome in our staffed nursery located between the Ark and the Welcome Center
We also have a Family Room with worship audio located next to our Welcome Center

Worship at LPC

Traditional Worship Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christian Education at 10 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Ark

Prayer teams available following worship
for those who desire prayer.

The Facility schedule is available on our video displays
and online at www.lebanonpresbyterian.org

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Soul Food: A Word from Peter

Welcome, Scouts!

This morning we welcome the Boy Scouts of Troop 186 and the Cub Scouts of Pack 436 and their families. We're so glad you are here this morning to observe Scout Sunday!

Troop 186 was established 36 years ago. In that time, the troop has produced 63 Eagle Scouts. Troop 186 is the largest Boy Scout Troop in Lebanon and one of the largest in our region.

Recently, we became the chartering organization for Cub Pack 436. They hold their meetings here on Monday nights.

Since 1899, the Scouts have been founded on faith in God and the Christian principles found in the Bible. The Scout Oath begins with these words: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God...". The founder of the Boy Scouts, Baden Powell, said, "No man is good unless he believes in God and obeys his laws."

The scouts have helped with many volunteer projects around our church, including the Christmas decorations, special concerts, the food pantry and spreading mulch.

I praise God for our scouts and their leaders. Please take a minute this morning to meet, greet and get to know them.

Sermon Notes: The Turning Point

Blank lines for sermon notes.

F3 - Fitness, Fellowship and Faith

Just in time for your New Year's Resolution, all men are invited to participate in F3 Lebanon. The mission is to plant, grow and serve small workout groups for men for the invigoration of male community leadership. Workouts take place at the LJHS Football field, or here at LPC in the Ark when there is seriously adverse weather (or freezing cold). January and February workouts will be in the LPC Ark. Workouts begin at 5:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 7 a.m. on Saturdays, and last about 45 minutes. For questions, please contact Steve Fennessey at 513-518-5799 or scfennessey@gmail.com.

The LPC Book Club

will gather on February 8 in the Church Library at 7 p.m. The Many Lives & Secret Sorrows of Josephine B by Sandra Gulland is our book. It is historical fiction regarding the early life of Josephine B, from her youth to her early 30's when she wed Napoleon Bonaparte toward the end of the French Revolution. Any questions, please call Carol Carraway at 513-228-0537. All are welcome.



Sweethearts Dinner Saturday, February 10

Student Ministries is hosting a Sweethearts Dinner and Dancing on Saturday, February 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The night will be a romantic dinner for couples and will help send our high school students to the Yucatan on their cross-cultural mission trip in June. Let us treat you to Chicken Parmesan, a pasta bar, mixed vegetables, mixed green and caesar salads along with decadent desserts! Child care reservations for ages 0-10 upon request when purchasing tickets (donations per child encouraged). Tickets will be available for purchase today only, price per person \$20. Please join us for dinner, dancing, and fellowship.

Reading Glasses Needed

The Mexico Missions Team is once again collecting reading glasses of all strengths for our trip to Mexico on Feb. 17. Your donations help people do simple tasks as well as read the Bible, the newspaper, and generally helps make life easier. We will keep a box in the Narthex during Sunday services and will transfer them to the office during regular business hours. Only reading glasses please. We have no way to distribute prescription glasses.

Soles 4 Souls

Our Boy Scout Troop 186 will be collecting new and gently-used shoes today as we celebrate Scout Sunday. The shoes will be donated to needy and homeless people through Soles 4 Souls Ministry. Boxes will be provided to receive your donations.

Women's Retreat

Registration forms available at the Welcome Center or online at www.lebanonpresbyterian.org/ministries/womens-retreat

Dinners for Eight - March 2 and 3

All adult members and visitors are invited to sign up for Dinners for Eight on March 2 and 3. We will be meeting in homes to share a meal and get to know one another better. Each host family will provide the main course and attendees will each bring a dish to share.

Name(s): 1) _____ 2) _____

Phone Number: (____)____-_____

Sign me/us up for dinner on:

- ___ Friday night, March 2
___ Saturday evening, March 3
___ I can do either evening.

- ___ I (we) am signing up to be a guest for dinner in someone else's home.
___ I (we) am willing to host a dinner in my home and prepare the main course.

List any allergies to food or pets: _____

I/We have attended LPC for approximately _____ years (just a ballpark guess).

Please place in Offering Plate

This Week's Cover Art

The Prodigal Son

Edward Riojas has been creating artwork professionally for 35 years — maybe more. He received a fine art degree, then worked a three-year stint in advertising before spending nearly 31 years in the newspaper industry.

Riojas has built a reputation in the secular and sacred realms as a masterful illustrator and fine artist. His sacred, representational style has been likened to the Northern Renaissance, but Riojas can also throw a goofy curve ball when it comes to illustration. Today, his work is found in sanctuaries, institutions, private collections and markets throughout the U.S. and across the globe.

Quoting the artist — "This painting strives to capture the moment from scripture when the son is "Yet a long way off." Theologically, this is a significant phrase. It does not say "When the son finally got his act together." Neither does it say "When he realized perfection." This points to the Father's Grace. He made the effort to save us while we were making great strides in damning ourselves; He came to save us "While we were yet sinners." It also points to our utter inability to save ourselves by our own merit."

To read more about the art, directly from the artist, go to — http://theartcurmudgeon.blogspot.com/2015/09/the-father-and-his-two-sons.html

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Can God really save a person who seems to be totally lost?

Out of a Far Country

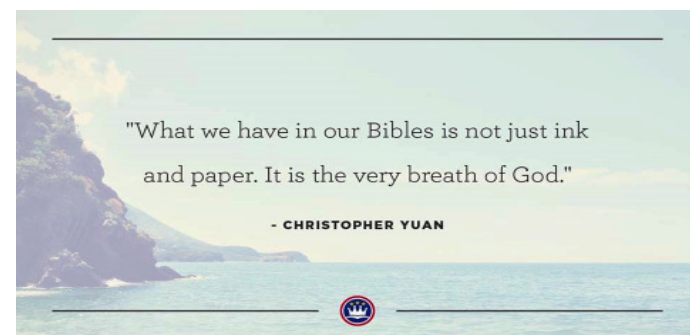
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at both the 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services

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Dr. Leon and Angela Yuan experienced years of heartbreak, confusion, and prayer. Through it all, God gave Christopher's parents the grace to rely on His power and focus on their own daily renewal and transformation. At the same time, God worked to turn Christopher's unbelief into belief, and free him from the bondage of drugs and promiscuity.

The Yuan family testimony offers an opportunity for LPC families to engage in critical conversations, including with their 5th/6th grade, junior high and high school kids. To serve the needs of families with younger children, we will also be offering a unique version of Children's Church on this Family Fourth Sunday open to preschoolers and all elementary-age children. Multiple leaders will work with different age groups to explore the Prodigal Son story. As you ponder your children's joining you in hearing the Yuans' testimony, you are encouraged to visit www.christopheryuan.com to learn more about Christopher's story and his ministry.



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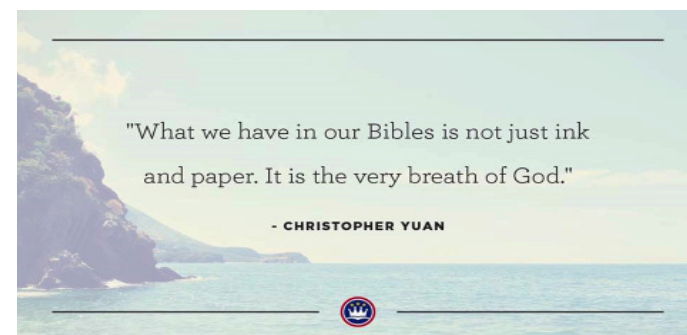
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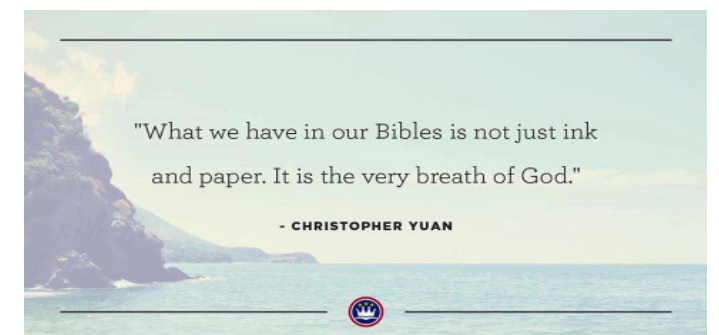
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*In a world of division and identity issues,
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Holy Sexuality & the Gospel:

In-depth testimony, teaching and discussion in two sessions.

9:00- 10:00 a.m. “A Christian Response to Sexual Identity”

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Terry Browning

Pew Bible, pages 444-445

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Luke 15:17-20

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

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