

# STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Encounter** (9th-12th Grade)

**Evolve** (7th-8th Grade)

Sun., Dec. 9: **Family Caroling** 4-6 p.m. meet @LPC  
 Sun., Dec. 16: **Christmas Party** 7-9 p.m.  
 The Hoover's, 412 Calumet Farms Dr., Lebanon  
 Wed., Dec. 12: **Evolve Christmas Party** 6:30-8 p.m.  
 The Ryan's 4636 Handy Way, Lebanon  
 Wed., Dec. 19: **LPC Christmas Carol Sing and Potluck** 6 p.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 23: **No Encounter**  
 Sun., Dec. 30: **No Encounter**

## Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

### More Books for Kids by Max Lucado

**The Crippled Lamb** – Another fictional story set around the Christmas story, this book tells of a little lamb who cannot run and play like the other lambs in the flock. His friend, a thoughtful cow, reminds him that God has a special place for those who are different...and he ends up wrapped around the baby Jesus.

**You are Special** – This is one of Max Lucado's tales of Punchinello, a wooden Wemmick who doesn't feel very special because he can't sing, lift heavy things, or do much of anything. But when he visits Eli, the Wemmick-maker, he realizes why he is still special.

**You are Mine** – Another story of Punchinello, this one tells of how the Wemmicks try to out-do one another buying boxes and balls. Punchinello joins in, thinking he can win, but he finds he has lost much along the way.

### Weekly Prayer List

Bob Morrison, Don Colston, Ron Lucke and Vance Greene  
 Marianne and Chuck Duerré

To follow Marianne Duerré's progress please sign up  
 at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org)

### Attendance - December 2, 2018

8:45 a.m. - 226      11:15 a.m. - 133      Total - 359  
 Sunday School - 68  
 Offering - \$26,553.05

Operating Fund Income thru November 2018 - \$1,008,406  
 Operating Fund Expense thru November 2018 - \$1,032,628

# 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.

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

**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 313  
**Bible in Life** - Jim Garrett in Room 306  
**Young Adult Ministry** - Andrew Klenk/Rachel Jaynes/Joy Seick in Room 307  
**S.A.L.T. class** - in Room 309  
**Raising Godly Kids** - Rachael Earley in Room 311  
**Vintage** - Teens and parents of youth grade 7-12 in LPC Youth Center

**Children's classes** located on third floor of the Classroom/Office Wing:

**Embrace** - Ages birth to 2 years old in the Nursery (main floor)  
**Explore** - Preschool to Kindergarten in Room 301  
**Excite** - 1st through 4th Grade in Room 302 and 304  
**Engage** - 5th and 6th Grade in Room 305

### Nursery/Family Room

We have a 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.

**Session** - (Session minutes are available in the church office)

Steve Fennessey	Garry Benner	Lee Bollow
Mark Masthay	Cheryl Bogen	Chuck Duerré
Cathy Riggan	Dave Hanley	Ned Earley
Alan Steinkirchner	Larry Oury	Joe McKenzie
Richard Wardrop	Bernie Uchtman	Mike Schneider
Carolyn Lucke - Clerk of Session		

# Worship at LPC

Traditional Worship Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
 Christian Education at 10 a.m.  
 Modern 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](http://www.lebanonpresbyterian.org)

### Lebanon Presbyterian Church

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

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 Office Hours - Mon-Thurs 8 to 4 p.m.; Friday 8 to 3 p.m.  
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## Jacob's Gift

written by Max Lucado (1998)

This Max Lucado classic tells the story of a young carpentry apprentice named Jacob. His teacher, Rabbi Simeon, notices that Jacob is very gifted in the art of carpentry – far more than any of his other students. So, he takes a moment one day to talk to Jacob about his gift for woodworking. He reminds Jacob that God has given him this gift so he can share it with others.

A few days pass and Jacob is busily working on his project – a feed trough – while also helping his father with the family inn. He is so tired from all his efforts that he falls asleep at the woodshop and wakes to see a bright star. He follows the star and finds a young woman without a place to keep her newborn son warm and cozy. He remembers the words of the Rabbi and decides to share his feed trough with the little baby, even though it means he will not have a finished project to show to the Rabbi.

When Rabbi Simeon learns what Jacob has done, he asks him why he made such a choice. Jacob responds by telling him that he remembered what his teacher had told him...that “when we give a gift to one of God’s children, it is like giving a gift to God.”

I chose this story as the basis for our child-led worship for two reasons. First, the Christmas story is at the heart of the fictional narrative, and it is important for all of us to focus specifically on the birth of Jesus in this season of the year. Second, the way the narrative addresses gift giving is both beautiful and Biblical. We need to remember – in this season and throughout the year – that God has given us gifts so we can share with one another. Jacob shows us this when he recognizes that his talent for woodworking is a gift from God...and that means everything he builds is a gift God wants him to share. To have our children explore this story through their own talents of singing, speaking, acting, and praying means that they can share their gifts just like Jacob does...and they are sharing them with all of you.

I hope you will be blessed by their gifts. I know they will be blessed to share them today.

## Project Angel Tree

**Angel Tree gifts may be brought to church today.** If you would like more information about Angel Tree or would like to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Julie Crago at 513-646-8797.

## Help Wanted

We are looking for a custodial sub – someone to fill in for our custodians when they take a vacation day and/or sick day. Their hours are 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Monday – Thursday and 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Friday. A job description is available upon request. If you have any questions or think you might be interested, please contact Sherry Showalter at 513-932-2751 or sherry@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

## Deadline Approaching for Prime Timers Event

Prime Timers will enjoy dinner together on Friday, December 14, prior to the choir concert, **Amahl and the Night Visitors**. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. and eat promptly at 5:30 p.m. We will finish in time to find good seats for the concert which will be followed by a light reception. The cost for the catered meal is \$5 per person. **Deadline to register is December 12. Reply to Fran and John Morris at johnandfran@aol.com or by calling at 513-932-0360.** Festive attire is in order! *Reminder: there are no Prime Timers events scheduled for January and February.*

## Giving Tree

Choose a tag or bottle from the *Giving Tree* that has an item you would like to purchase and return it, unwrapped with the tag or bottle to the church by tomorrow. Stop by the tree in the Narthex or outside the Ark. For more information, call Debbie Snider at 513-932-2789.

## Numbered Giving Envelopes

If you normally receive a box of numbered giving envelopes, they are available for pick today at the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact Gabrielle Pyles at 513-932-2751 or gabrielle@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

## Staff Love Offering

If you would like to express your appreciation to our staff and wish them well for the Christmas holidays, a love offering will be received today and December 16. Checks can be made payable to LPC marked “Love Offering.” If you prefer to make a donation to a particular individual, please make the check payable to that person. Please note, only checks made payable to LPC are tax deductible.

## The Isaacs to Appear at LPC

Multi-award winning family group “The Isaacs” are coming to THE ARK on Thursday March 14 at 7 p.m.! You can preview their wonderful talent as they perform with Reba McEntire during the “CMA Country Christmas” special airing Monday, December 10, at 8 p.m. on ABC. The Isaacs are a Nashville based, multi-award winning family group, whose unique style showcases tight harmony and blends influences of bluegrass, rhythm and blues, folk, country, and southern gospel. The group performs frequently at The Grand Ole Opry, Gaither Homecomings, and have received honors and nominations from the International Bluegrass Music Association, the Inspirational Country Music Awards, The Singing News, and the DOVE Awards. We are seeking volunteers to help with marketing, tickets, concessions, security, hospitality and roadies for this special LPC event. For more information on how you can help please contact Charlie Dilbeck at charliedilbeck@gmail.com or 513-623-3497 or Rick McNeely in the church office at 513-932-2751.



## Christmas at LPC

### December 9 Second Sunday in Advent

Today our children will be leading us in *Jacob's Gift: A Child Led Worship Experience* at our Combined Worship in the Ark.

### Friday, December 14 - Amahl and the Night Visitors 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Worship ministry will be offering Amahl and the Night Visitors. A light reception will follow. This one act opera will be presented with choir, soloists, and a cast of marionettes! Samuel and Rachel Sachs will be singing the roles of Amahl and his Mother! You won't want to miss this!

Saturday, December 15 Living Nativity 6 - 8:30 p.m.

### December 16 Third Sunday in Advent

Wednesday, December 19

### A Bluegrass Christmas Carol Sing and Potluck at 6 p.m.

Bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers, family, and your favorite holiday dish to this relaxed evening of sharing great food and all the carols with a folksy/bluegrass twist! Members of the congregation will be sharing some special music. It will be a fun night for all!

Saturday, December 22 Living Nativity 6 - 8:30 p.m.

### December 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent

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## December 24 Christmas Eve Services

6 p.m. Candlelight Family Service

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

9 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service

(all three services will be in the Sanctuary)



**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

### **WE GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements Ann van der Merwe

Mission Report

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Leader: Come and worship, come and worship!

**All:** Worship the one who is born for us this day.

Opening Song

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* LPC Kids and Congregation

### **WE PRAY**

Prayers of the Season Jocelyn Williams

Dear Father in Heaven, we know that we have sinned. We see the darkness around us, and we know that we are part of it. But into the darkness you have sent your light – your Son Jesus. We are so grateful for him, Lord, and we pray that you would draw us closer to him in this season.

We pray that you would draw the world closer to him, too. We pray for the many people still walking in darkness who cannot see his light. We pray that you would help us shine so that we might lead others to him.

We pray for those who need joy this season, Lord. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, for those who have lost jobs, and for those who have lost hope. Remind them of your light, Lord, and surprise them with the joy that can only be found in you. All this we pray in Jesus' name, AMEN.

### **Scripture Reading**

*John 1:1-14* Ally Bondurant

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**Rebecca** – Abigail Adams  
**Sarah** – Addie Taylor  
**Jacob** – Rory Earley  
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**Joseph** – Isaac Butler  
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