

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Encounter (9th-12th Grade)

Evolve (7th-8th Grade)

Sun., Dec. 16: **Christmas Party** 7-9 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19: **LPC Christmas Carol Sing and**

The Hoover's, 412 Calumet Farms Dr., Lebanon

Potluck 6 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19: **LPC Christmas Carol Sing and**

Wed., Dec. 26: **No Evolve**

Potluck 6 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 2: **No Evolve**

Sun., Dec. 23: **No Encounter**

Sun., Dec. 30: **No Encounter**

Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

Mary

When you stop and think about what Mary heard from the angel Gabriel, you realize that her response is truly amazing. Gabriel told her she was going to have a baby, even though she was an unmarried teenage girl. At that time, there would not have been anything more damaging to her reputation. And as if that weren't enough, Gabriel told her this baby was the very Son of God, the Messiah, the Promised One. She was going to have to tell her husband-to-be Joseph not only that she was going to have a baby but that they were going to be the parents of God.

And what did Mary say? Basically, she asked one question, and then said, "Okay, sounds good."

I am always amazed at Mary's calmness and strength, especially because she was so young. But then, what else do you say when God picks you to do something so special? You say, "Okay, sounds good."

Weekly Prayer List

Bruce Bingham, John McMinn, 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

Attendance - December 9, 2018 Combined Worship

10:30 a.m. - 340

Sunday School - 76

Offering - \$9,082

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

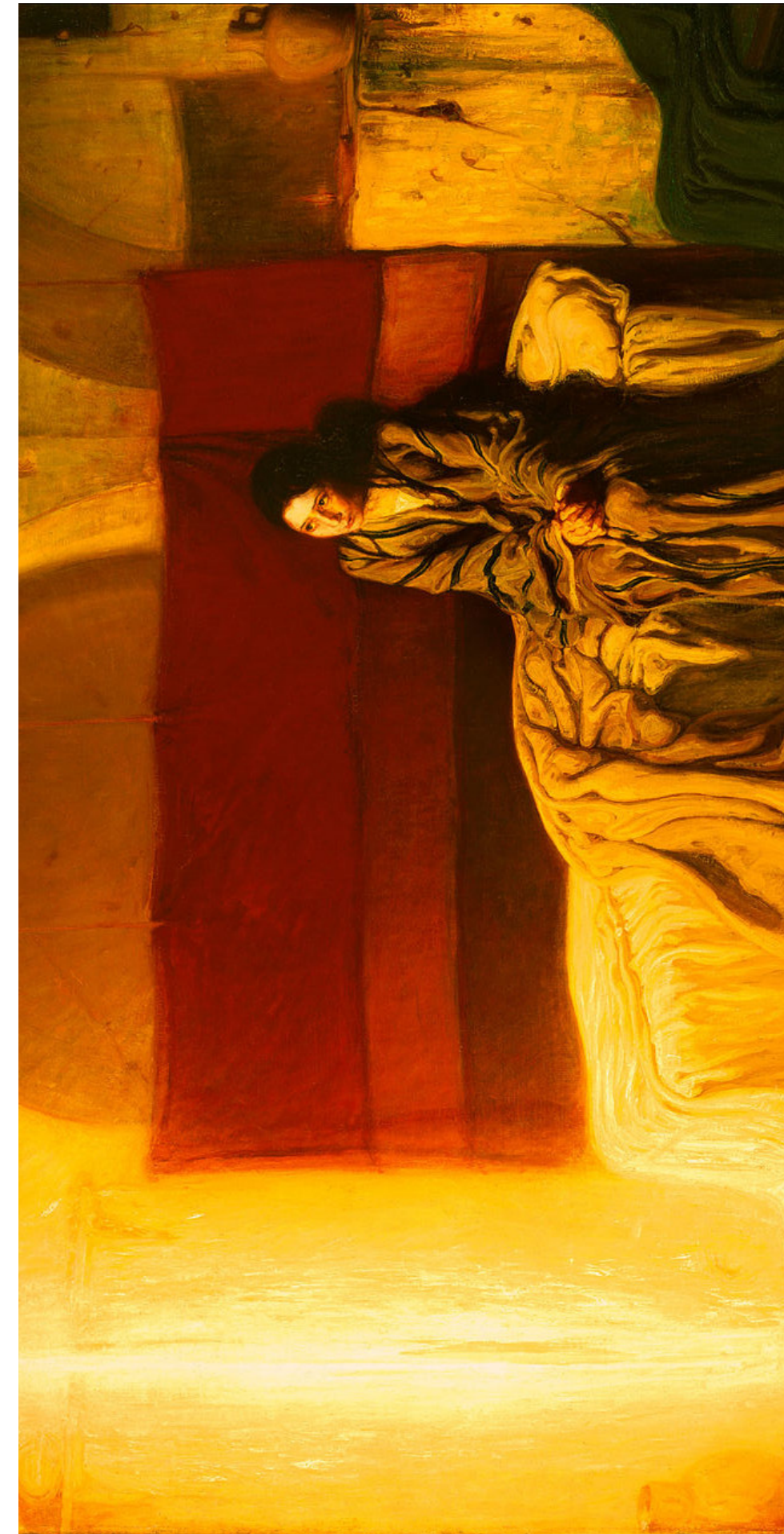
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Soul Food: A Word from Peter

Real People

This will be a sign to you:
You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.
- Luke 2:12

Every year our church creates a Living Nativity with live animals and people playing the parts of Mary, Joseph, shepherds and wise men.

One year I was playing the role of a Wise Men, trying to remain as still as a statue. However, I must have moved because a little child suddenly exclaimed in wide-eyed wonder, "Look, Mom! Those are REAL people!"

Sometimes, we romanticize the birth of Christ. We make it seem more like a fairy tale or a fantasy. But the birth of Christ involved real people. For Mary and Joseph, there was the agonizing pain of childbirth, the stench of manure, and trying to keep warm in a freezing cattle shed.

In his book, "God Came Near," Max Lucado describes the scene that night in Bethlehem: "Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter."

Sermon Notes: Only Everything

Multiple horizontal lines for taking sermon notes.

Coming Alongside

The annual Christmas party for Coming Alongside will be December 18 at 12 p.m. at the home of Becky Adams. We will share a Pot Luck lunch and a white elephant gift exchange. Please call Becky at 513-932 3372 for reservations and details.

Commit to Reading the Bible in 2019

Are you up for a challenge? How about reading the Bible through in one year? Many people who would love to do just that never complete the task. John and Fran Morris have read the entire Bible each year for many years, and invite you to join them in 2019. Come visit their table in the Narthex after both services today and December 30, where they will be offering guidance and assistance to help you download the Bible App or even get a Bible. You will also be able to sign the Commitment 2019 challenge so they can motivate and encourage you as you begin your reading on day one of the new year. READY...SET...READ!

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.

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. 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.! 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 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

Sunday, December 23 Living Nativity 6 - 8:30 p.m.

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)



Wednesday Nights Together

Our Wednesday night meals start up date is just around the corner, Jan 9-March 20. This is a great opportunity to get to know others in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Along with that is an opportunity and need for volunteer cooks and servers. Please consider helping. You can email Karen Fannin at karen.fannin@yahoo.com.

Deacon Blood Drive

In just three short weeks our church will be hosting our first blood drive in 2019 on Jan 5 in the Ark from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Every day someone in the 15 local counties served by the Dayton Community Blood Center needs a blood transfusion. Won't you consider helping that person who will need your blood that week. Stop in on Jan 5. Appointment not necessary but available at www.donortime.com.

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

Third Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Ministry Minute
Bible in a Year John Morris

Chiming of the Hour *(Let us prepare our hearts to worship God)*

Prelude Sanctuary Choir
Sing We Now of Christmas

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 11:1-2;6-9) Rick McNeely

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People: The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

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All: They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

*Hymn
Once in Royal David's City Hymn 161

Lighting the Advent Candle
The Peace Candle Canilee McNeely and Brooke Taulbee

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. Randy Fannin
LORD Jesus, we want to follow you – but on our terms. We want to serve you, but on our conditions. We want to be your disciples, but not if it requires suffering or sacrifice. We call you King, but we want to be in control. We call you Master, but we disobey your commands. We call you LORD, but the truth is that we expect you to fulfill our wishes and desires. Forgive us, LORD, for getting things backwards. Forgive us, for believing there is some cheap and easy way to follow you. By your Holy Spirit, help us to surrender our lives to you completely. By your all-sufficient grace, help us to obey your Word eagerly and joyfully. And in doing so, may we find great reward. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

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Prayers of the People Tom Way

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication Andrew Johnson

Offertory Kathy and Wayne Anderson and Daniel Sachs
Away in a Manger arr. Gordon Schuster

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Terry Browning
Matthew 5:1-10 Pew Bible, page 683
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon Courtney Williams

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*Hymn
What Child Is This? Hymn 150

Second Scripture Reading
Luke 1:26-38 Pew Bible, pages 723-724

Sermon The Rev. Peter Larson
Only Everything

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn
Angels from the Realms of Glory Hymn 174

Charge and Benediction The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude Kyle Mazur
Hark the Glad Sound! arr. Kyle Mazur

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Lighting of the Advent Candle <i>The Hope Candle</i>	Canilee McNeely and Brooke Taulbee
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