

Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

All Together

Paul was a Jew, a descendant of Abraham by birth. But Paul spent much of his time preaching and teaching people who were not Jewish – people we call Gentiles. The world made a clear distinction between Jews and Gentiles at that time, but Paul understood that they should be friends. The reason was simple: Jesus brought them together.

Think of it this way...when you go to a friend's birthday party, you might not know everyone. But everyone knows your friend. Your friend is bringing people together from different parts of their life to celebrate their special day. Jesus does the same thing with us every day. He brings us together from different places. He brings us together even though we have different personalities and different interests.

If you find yourself focusing on what makes you different from the person sitting next to you, remember that you are both here because of Jesus. Let Jesus bring you closer together today.

Weekly Prayer List

Bruce Bingham, John McMinn, and Ron Lucke
Marianne and Chuck Duerré

Flowers This Morning are Given by

Judy Fisher and family in loving memory of Bill Fisher,
Harriet and Meryl Gray and Joe and Rosemary Fisher.

Attendance - Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:45 a.m. - 264 11:15 a.m. - 154 Total - 418

Sunday School - 145

Offering - \$12,864.05

Giving 2018

Operating Fund Income thru December 2018 - \$1,147,661

Operating Fund Expense thru December 2018 - \$1,113,080

Giving (General Contributions) 2019

Year to date giving \$12,781 - 1.11% of our 2019 goal of \$1,137,030

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)

Garry Benner Lee Bollow Shelley Bondurant

Cheryl Bogen Chuck Duerré Chris Dorsch

Dave Hanley Ned Earley Rita Poth

Larry Oury Joe McKenzie Robert Terrell

Bernie Uchtman Mike Schneider Elly Wilson

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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No Longer Strangers



Soul Food: A Word from Peter

Alien Invader

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...
- Hebrews 12:1

In 1883, the kudzu plant was first imported from Japan for an exposition in New Orleans. Very quickly, the fast-growing vine became popular as an ornamental plant that provided shade for front porches.

Kudzu also was used for cattle fodder and to prevent soil erosion. The government even funded the planting of kudzu, providing 85 million seedlings to farmers and paying them to grow it.

What no one realized is that the kudzu vine would become an alien invader, spreading rapidly and destroying native plants in its wake. Despite control efforts, kudzu is currently spreading at a rate of 150,000 acres annually. Today, Kudzu is known as, “the vine that ate the South.”

Our cellphones and digital devices are like the kudzu vine. They started out as a good and useful thing but now they have invaded our lives to the point where they consume every waking moment. This morning, we will look at some practical ways to curb our addiction to digital media and restore our relationships.

Sermon Notes: No Longer Strangers

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, January 27 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of receiving the annual report, and electing at-large members to the nominating team. Please join us for this important meeting.

Celebration Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The **MLK Coalition of Lebanon** is planning a weekend of celebration on January 20 and 21. There are many activities being planned which you can find at the MLK Coalition of Lebanon website or Facebook page.

The theme of this year’s event is **“Choose Kindness, Respect, and Love.”** It would be a wonderful thing if our community including our youth would come together in an act of solidarity and love to support this theme for our community and country. These activities include a food drive and an art experience at the Countryside YMCA at noon on Monday, January 21.

In addition, we want to invite everyone to join the MLK Peace March. We will meet at 12:45 p.m. here at the church on Sunday, January 20 to begin the march to show our commitment to the goals of kindness, respect, and love. After the peace march, there will be a reception at the church followed by a time of stories and discussion.

Lastly, the evening service celebrating our theme and honoring the life of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at the Resurrection Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 21. Please consider being a part of this uplifting and joyful service.

The Isaacs to Appear at LPC

The award winning family group “The Isaacs” is coming to LPC 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. Tickets are \$15 and on sale now at itickets.com. Tickets will be available for purchase here at the church beginning this week during regular office hours. 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 or you can sign up online via the church website lebanonpresbyterian.org.

Coming Alongside

will meet on Tuesday, January 15 at Ruby Tuesday’s near Kings Island. The address is 5456 Kings Center Drive just off of Kings Mill Rd (also Rt. 741). We will meet at 12 noon. Please call Carol Carraway at 513-228-0537 by Jan. 14, if you plan to attend. All ladies at LPC are welcome!

Nursery Ministry Director Needed!

The Children’s Ministry Team is seeking a director for its new Embrace Nursery Ministry. We are looking for someone who wants to see more families with young children at LPC and who is willing to be part of the Children’s Ministry Team as we develop this part of our ministry. If you are interested, please contact Ann van der Merwe – ann@lebanonpresbyterian.org or 614-648-0608.

Evolve (6th, 7th, 8th) Believe Weekend Feb 15 & 16

Believe is a 24 hour event for current 6th, 7th & 8th graders produced by Christ In Youth, an organization that has been putting together age-intentional events all over the world for almost 50 years. It takes place in a large auditorium, where your child will worship alongside tons of other students their age. It’s literally an experience they’ll get nowhere else. It’s also one of the safest and most well-organized events for students in the country! We will be staying overnight at Woodland Lakes Christian Camp in Amelia. Cost is \$70 until Jan 30 when it goes up to \$85. Go to lebanonpresbyterian.org/students/evolve for more info and to sign up.

Encounter (9th-12th) is going on Spring Break! March 22 - 29

Hey high school students! Go hiking with Encounter in Tennessee’s Cumberland Mountains for only \$150. ANY current high school student is welcome so invite your friends! Go to lebanonpresbyterian.org/students/encounter for more info and to sign up.

Evolve (Current 6th, 7th, 8th) Stronghold Summer Camp June 8-14

Evolve is a blast! It’s fun because it has a purpose! We want kids to meet Jesus Christ through God’s Word and through our leaders -- but we need everybody’s help to do this! Have your students invite their friends and classmates who need to meet Jesus! Mark your calendars now! Be a missional family and invite your student’s friends to camp so that they can meet Jesus at Camp Stronghold in Oregon, IL. The cost is only \$250. Go to lebanonpresbyterian.org/students/summer for more info and to sign up.

Encounter (Current 8th-12th) Yakama, WA Mission Trip June 29-July 7

Each year LPC’s high school students (Current 8th-12th graders) go on a mission trip where they learn to serve God and to work in His Kingdom. We intentionally provide a new opportunity each year so that students can experience ways in which God might be calling them to follow Jesus in their future. This year we are planning a trip to Sacred Road Ministries to minister to the Yakama Nation in Washington State June 29 - July 7. LPC’s cost before any fundraising is \$750. We plan to lower the cost through fundraising. Current 8-12th graders are encouraged to go to lebanonpresbyterian.org/students/summer for more info and to sign up.

Save the Dates for VBS Galilee, June 3-7

We know you might already be planning for summer vacations and programs so we want you to know that VBS will run from June 3-7. We will be going to Galilee to visit with Peter and hear about his amazing adventures with Jesus. Stay tuned for more details!

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8:45 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Ministry Minute
Lenten Devotional Cathy Riffin

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Prelude Julie Shelton
O All Glory Be to God on High Timothy Albrecht

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Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

People: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous.

Leader: The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

People: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Leader: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

Leader: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

All: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn

And Can It Be That I Should Gain? Hymn 473

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession Ann van der Merwe
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Assurance of Pardon

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Offertory

Canticle of Fellowship

Sanctuary Choir

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WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-11

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People: Thanks be to God.

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