

Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

APRIL 2026

"Knowing, Living, Sharing... the Heart of Jesus"

Community Connection



**THERE'S
Room
FOR
You**

Friday, April 3rd
6:30pm

Sunday, April 5th
8:30am & 10:45am

All are welcome!
Come expecting to worship and
meet with the Risen King!
600 Shepherd St. Jonestown, PA

LEBANON FREE CHURCH

J-R⁺OCK

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for J-ROCK
2026 info!

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Pray that God would reveal HIS plans for our next season of ministry. Pray that He would help us meet this goal of eliminating the mortgage. Pray that God would show each of us what our contribution would be as we align with HIS vision, for us being HIS hands and feet.

**Lebanon Free
TALENT SHOW
& Spaghetti Dinner!**

**Sat, APRIL 11
5:00 pm**

*See lobby counters
Sign up for talent
by 3/29
Dinner by donation*

KIDZ HARVEST



Friday, April 3rd & Sunday, April 5th— Easter Services at Lebanon Free - All are welcome to attend and we encourage you to invite family and friends to remember and celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. No regular Sunday morning programming. Nursery/toddler care for infants thru 3-year-olds will be available for families. Pre-K thru 5th grade children will sit with their families in the main services. We will provide coloring books and crayons for all children in the services.

Sunday, April 26th— ONLINE REGISTRATION begins for Summer VBS—June 14-18!

You will be able to register as a volunteer or a participant. Children need to be “potty-trained” 3-year-olds thru 5th Grade to attend VBS. This years theme... **EMERALD CROSSING—**

An Irish Journey through Psalm 23.



April Events:



- Wed, April 1st – **NO AWANA** due to Easter Week
- Wed, April 8th – Regular **AWANA** plus **“Double Share Night”** Each section completed in Sparks and T&T will result in double the shares you receive for the final Awana Store.
- Wed, April 15th – Regular **AWANA**
- Wednesday 22nd – **AWANA Store Night #3 / Spring Offering**
- Wednesday 29th – **AWANA Closing Ceremonies!** Our final AWANA of the ministry year. We will celebrate the year with all the clubbers and enjoy drinks and snacks. Parents are invited to stay with us for the night!

300-Box OCC Summer Packing Party 1st Week of July
(More info to come)

- Donate items - Amazon Wishlist
- Financial donations can be made through online giving; designate OCC.
- Let's continue the momentum from 2025!

Thank you for your support!

Student Ministries - Middle School/High School

SMT (Sun Morn Truth) - Sundays at 10:45am for MS & HS
(2nd floor—Youth Worship Center)



TUESDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm

- Mar 29** - Journey to the Cross
- Apr 7** - Life Groups
- Apr 14** - Pizzapalooza
- Apr 21** - Connect Night w/upcoming 5th graders
- Apr 28** - No RISE



MONDAYS, 6:30-8:30pm

- Mar 29** - Journey to the Cross
- Apr 6** - No HSM
- Apr 13** - Life Group Challenge Night
- Apr 20** - Life Groups
- Apr 27** - Volleyball Tournament

Young Adults

Join us on Sundays at 10:45am in Room C1 for our *talk-back* sessions.

Join us for our **SERVE NIGHT** on April 22!

Follow Facebook (Lebanon Free Young Adults)

Combined Event—Sunday, March 29, 5:00-6:30pm

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Don't miss this reflective, multi-sensory experience through the final days of Jesus' life here on earth. This annual event for our MS and HS students takes on a different format each year.

The church family is invited to make reservations to attend the Journey from 6:30-8pm on Mar 29. Sign up in the church lobby or contact Lisa Longenecker.

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Studies— "JOHN - Believe I Am"

by Megan Fate Marshman

Bible Study is open to all women and you are welcome at any time! Our studies meet every other week.

Marketplace - 7:00-9:00pm,
Fellowship Hall
Mondays, April 6 and 20
(Sorry, no childcare available.)

Truthseekers - 9:15-11:30am,
Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays, April 8 and 22
(Registered childcare available.)

Women's Connection Class A Study in 1 Peter

Sunday mornings, 10:45am
in Room O12
Lorraine Truax facilitating.
Begins March 29.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast -

Every third Saturday of the month.
Join us April 18, 8:30-10:00am at Heisey's Diner.
Gail Foster leads.

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit."
Jeremiah 17:7-8

Adult Connection Classes - - Sunday Mornings at LAEFC

- 8:00 am—**Adult Class - NT Book of 2 Corinthians**
(Room A8)
- 9:00 am—**Adult Class - NT Book of Hebrews**
(Room A8) *Will resume on Sunday, April 12.*
- 10:45 am—**New Women's Class - 1 Peter**
(Room O12) *Begins March 29. No class April 5.*

Men's Ministry

Men's Weekly Bible Study – "The Book of 2 Corinthians"

Authentic Christianity has never been about how put together we seem to be. It's always been about how God works powerfully through our shortcomings to accomplish His purposes for us. So, what does a successful life look like in the kingdom of God? In this eight-session video series, Pastor Rich Villodas describes how opening ourselves up in genuine relationships with others invites the power of Jesus to shine through our weaknesses. Offered every Wednesday at 6:15am in the Fellowship Hall and 6:30pm, upstairs in the Youth Worship Center.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Nothing says spring like our monthly prayer breakfast. Meet other men. Make new friends. Share prayer concerns. Get encouraged. Dig deeper & grow in faith. We meet 8:00-9:00am on the first Saturday of each month at Heisey's Diner. See you there!

More To Come . . .

We're on the move! Men's events are being planned for this spring, summer & fall. Watch for details in church announcements, weekly bulletins, and monthly newsletters. Questions or comments on Men's Ministry? Contact Joe Vangeli or Mark Thompson.





**ITEMS NEEDED FOR
APRIL:**

**Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Jello,
Knorr Pasta Sides,
assorted canned vegetables,
peanut butter, Ranch dressing
and reusable tote bags**

Food and household donations are given to the Jonestown Outreach Pantry (JOY) and/or to persons in emergency crisis that meet with a pastor. *Please consider bringing several items this month to help others in need.*

Collection baskets are located in the youth hallway.

**Sundays at LAEFC
Worship Services at
9:00am and 10:45am**

If you are unable to worship with us in-person, join us Sunday mornings at 10:35am on YouTube and Facebook.

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Office hours:
8:00am - 4:30pm

LEBANON FREE CHURCH
J-ROCK
MAY 1-3, 2026



REGISTRATION is open March 29 - Apr 19, online and in the lobby!

Lebanon Free Church is gearing up for our annual *Church on Mission* weekend, where we join together as a church family—all ages—to serve our local community in Jonestown, as well as surrounding communities, along with meeting needs within our own church family. J-ROCK is not only about what happens that weekend, but also about what God is doing in and through our church family, as we put our faith into action, *Sharing the Heart of Jesus*, all throughout the year.

The weekend concludes with a FREE Community Carnival at the Jonestown Park on Sunday, May 3, from 4:00-7:00pm! Invite friends & neighbors!

Thank you to all who participated in the Blood Drive at LAEFC on March 21. We had 59 individuals stop in to donate. Of those 59, 55 were able to give, which results in about 90 lives saved! Thank you, again! 'Hope to see you August 15 for our next blood drive.

EAGLES MINISTRY (ages 55+)

- Pastor Gary

Eagles, the bird variety, aren't known for their singing, but the Leb Free Eagles love to sing of our wonderful Savior! On April 26, we will be enjoying our bi-annual **Hymn Sing** at 4:00pm in the church lobby. This event is not only for the Eagles—everyone in the church family is invited to come and sing some of the great hymns of the faith. Traditionally, this has been a great inter-generational time with folks of all ages praising the Lord together. Consider joining us, young and old, for this special time. Sign-ups are available in the lobby.

There are three other events coming up soon for the Eagles:

-The Eagles will be involved in our church-wide J-ROCK weekend outreach. Individual Eagles will be taking part in a number of activities over the weekend of May 1-3, but on May 2 (morning and afternoon) we will have a time of singing, prayer and encouragement with folks in nursing homes and in homebound situations. This has been a wonderful and meaningful time for us all throughout the years. All ages are invited to join in. Indicate interest on your J-Rock registration.

- Friday, June 12, the World Premiere of the movie, "Elsa, the Art of Redemption" will be shown at the Junction Center in Manheim. The movie is an inspiring story based on the life of Elsa Hurst, who recently spoke at our Valentine's Diner. Tickets are \$15 each. Sign up in the church lobby soon, as they cannot hold seats for us and they may be sold out very soon.

- On Saturday, June 20, the Eagles will be going to the Bird-in-Hand theatre to see "Ned and Nancy see America- The Road Trip of a Lifetime." These dinner theatre experiences are always a highlight. Save the date! Sign ups will start soon and end by May 17.

The Eagles, as always, are blessed to be **Enthusiastic And Grateful Life-Experienced Saints**. Come join us!