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MARCH, 2023

Latrobe Presbyterian Church

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The blue shirts. That's what he called us — the blue shirts. He said that he was so happy to see the blue shirts coming because he knew it meant that someone cared. I had travelled, along with a group from my Presbytery, down to New Orleans on a mission trip organized through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We were working on the home of a man named Henry, although he told us to call him Hank. Hank's home had been devastated by Hurricane Katrina, and he was still trying to clean up the mess. Several of his neighbors had left, but he wanted to stay and rebuild. As I got to know Hank throughout the week, I realized how small my vision had been. I thought I had come on this trip to help people who needed help, to offer them something, but what I found was much bigger. I found people who had lost everything physically, but had a beautiful smile and a powerful testimony to share. I found God's people, that army of blue PDA shirts, working together to show the love of Christ in tangible ways to those in need, and I discovered anew the many ways that our God is powerfully at work in his world and how we are privileged to be a part of what he is doing.

This year, Redstone Presbytery will be taking a trip through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to Madisonville, Kentucky where we will help people whose lives were devastated by a powerful tornado that tore through the area in late 2021. We will be doing general rebuilding work, coordinated through PDA, and will be staying at the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, KY. They have converted several Sunday School rooms into sleeping quarters with bunk beds to host groups who come to help with rebuilding. (You can even see pictures of the accommodations on their website!) The church has a full commercial kitchen where we will prepare our food as well as full bathrooms available for our use. The dates of the trip are Monday, June 5th through Saturday, June 10th. The church can accommodate up to 35 people, so that is the limit of the size team that we can take down from Redstone. We anticipate the cost of the trip to be under \$300.

Please consider joining us for this trip with PDA and other brothers and sisters in Christ from Redstone Presbytery. The trip is open to all. There is no age requirement, and you do not need to have vast experience in building to come with us. If you are interested in participating or have further questions about the trip, please contact me, Pastor Derek Campbell of the Latrobe Presbyterian church. I would love to talk with you. You can reach me at pastorderek@latrobepec.org or call my cell phone at (724) 212-6094. Thank you for considering participating in this trip. Like Hank in New Orleans, the people that I have spoken to in Kentucky have shared with me about the incredible ways that they see God at work in their midst, and I cannot wait to see what God is going to do through this trip.

God bless,
Pastor Derek Campbell



Missions Committee

February 4, 2023 marked the reemergence of the Chili Cook Off and Mission Fair. To quote a friend that assisted with the Mission Fair in February 2020, “we brought it back!!” Presenters on behalf of Pine Springs, the Blackburn Center, Club Fred, Grandparents raising Grandchildren programs and Faith-in-Action were available to discuss their programs. In addition, Lisa McCracken spoke one-on-one with people about her mission trip to Jamaica. Other trifold displays represented Church World Service, Greater Latrobe Caring Fund, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian USA Special Offerings and past LPC Youth Mission Trips.

This Easter Sunday we will receive your offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing. This PC(USA) outreach funds the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. These three funds work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. Envelopes will be in the pews beginning March 26. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People and assists in areas of disaster through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Going forward, our LPC Mission and Society Committee and Pastor Derek are planning a Redstone Presbytery Mission Trip to Kentucky in conjunction with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This will involve construction work following the floods that took place in that area in 2022. The trip is planned to depart on Monday, June 5 and return Saturday, June 10. More information on this trip will be announced at a later date.

Your Mission and Society Committee asks for your prayerful consideration of your support to all these community and worldwide programs.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND NURTURE



2023 Chili cookoff was a success! All items used and needed were donated, therefore all \$816.57 raised was profit for our youth mission trip. There were 14 entrees for chili and 86 people attended the event. Overall winner was **Matt Sweeney, Ed McKinnon** took second place in the “other” category and 3rd place went to **Payton & Maddox McBroom and Frankie Balliett** in mild the category. A big thank you to everyone who attended, prepared chili, provided supplies and food, washed and dried dishes and helped in the lengthy set-up and clean-up.

Lenten Soup and Study to begin March 1 and run every Wednesday through March 29. Soup will be served at 6:00pm and study will begin at 6:30pm. Signup sheets are in the back of the Sanctuary if you would like to volunteer to bring soup. Rev. Campbell explained he will be using multiple Lenten devotionals and prayers for this year’s study. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday, April 8, 2023- CEN will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt at Unity Chapel at 11:00 am. We will gather outside for our story, a song and then have the egg hunt. You are encouraged to bring a folding chair or blanket as you would on Heritage Sunday. The Chapel will be open to use the restrooms, but the story will be outside. The event will happen light rain or shine, we will only cancel for thunder or pouring rain. There will be light refreshments after the egg hunt as well. This is always a fun family event and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Sunday, April 9, 2023- Easter Sunday-We will have Sunday school as usual at 9:45am. Some fun Easter activities will be planned by Steve and Jan Mills on this morning.

Looking ahead; the last day of Sunday school will be **May 21, 2023**. Sunday school teachers will also be recognized during the worship service.



Greater Latrobe Ministerial Association

(GLMA)

Food Pantry Item for the months of:

MARCH AND APRIL

KLEENEX

Cheers to the Years!
80+ Birthday Party



The JOY Steering Committee thanks the 61 LPC members who are 80 and older and have agreed to talk about their lives and Christian journeys so the congregation can learn more about (and from!) them.

We also thank the 66 LPCers who have thoroughly enjoyed interviewing them during one-on-one sessions. Interviews will be completed by the end of February, and then the writing of everyone's story will begin. Every 80+-year-old will be asked to approve his/her story before it is included in a booklet to be presented at the *Cheers to the Years!* / 80+ Birthday Party on Saturday, April 29, at noon in the Vogelsang Room.

All LPCers are invited to the luncheon at which our 80+-year-olds will be honored! It is sure to be an all-church, intergenerational event! The afternoon will include hors d'oeuvres, a luncheon catered by Long's Catering, a slide show of the Honorees' photos that highlight their lives, the music they enjoyed, entertainment and much more.

Information about the *Cheers to the Years!* / 80+ Birthday Party will be forthcoming. Watch for a sign-up sheet in mid-March. For now, the JOY Steering Committee hopes **the entire congregation** will mark their calendars and plan to attend the April 29 party when we will honor the members who have been faithful and active at LPC for many years!

*Thank you for the many cards and calls as we
celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary.
It is nice to know that our church family
celebrated with us.*

You are all special to us.

Carl and Eileen Lint



FAMILY GAME NIGHT



The Evangelism and Membership Committee sponsored the first Family Game Night on Saturday, February 18 in the Vogelsang Room. About 30 of our church family—young and old—participated in a variety of games. There were board games, children’s games, card games and most important lots and lots of snacks to share.

Everyone had a fun time and we found we have some fierce competitors in the congregation. We were surprised when the allotted time was up and we are looking forward to sponsoring another game night in the future.

If you missed this one, please plan to attend the next one as you will be glad you did.



Each year we have been privileged to hear the joyous sounds of brass and timpani on Easter Sunday. The brass and timpani add a unique flavor to the service and helps our celebration of the Resurrection.

The funding for this event falls under special gifts. The Easter Brass is something we do not budget for out of pledges or offering contributions. The source of this underwriting has come from many different people over the years. Sometimes just one person has underwritten the entire amount and other times each musician has been underwritten by a different person.

If you would like to participate in funding an instrumentalist in honor or memory of someone please speak to Michael Long. A single musician may be underwritten for \$200 or, if desired, the entire ensemble for \$1,000.

With your help we will have a celebratory Easter!

Easter Brass
Easter Brass

HOSPITALITY TABLE HOSTS



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| Team 8 | March 5 | Ginny Perry Susannah Calvo Nancy McKinnon Janet Ressler |
| Team 9 | March 12 | Tessie Gleckl Judy Hauser Dottie Lynch Robin Robl |
| Team 10 | March 19 | Kent Snyder Pat Speedy Beth Ann Vreeland Jean Wright |
| Committee | March 26 | Christian Education and Nurture |

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2023 Easter Flower Memorial/Honor Request Form

In Memory of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In Honor:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Donor's Name _____ Amount \$ _____

DEADLINE March 26, 2023



Come be energized

“To experience genuine human love, to be part of a community of love is to experience the presence of God.”

After some time away from the church, author Donald E. Miller returned to the fold. He writes: “One thing that brought me back ... was asking simply: What are the alternatives to the church? Where are the communities that sanction the pursuit of meaning and truth as a legitimate enterprise? that have material and personal resources to assist in this search? that provide regular occasions for confession of failures? that renew and inspire? that provide a setting where children are nurtured? where family members can be buried? where births can be celebrated? where social issues can be debated?”

Miller concludes: “There are a number of institutions that deal with one or several of these questions, but historically the church has demonstrated its ability to energize all of these activities.”

Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.

Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, “Close enough.”

Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

APRIL 2 THROUGH APRIL 9

April 2: Palm Sunday Worship—11:00am
Main Street

April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship—7:30pm
Main Street

April 7: Good Friday Worship—7:30pm
Unity Chapel

April 8: Easter Egg Hunt—11:00am
Unity Chapel

April 9: Easter Sunday Early Worship—
8:30am Unity Chapel

Easter Morning Worship—11:00am
Main Street

No Adult Sunday School

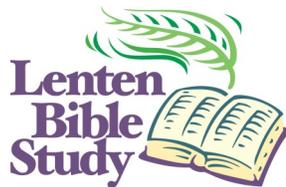
GREETER SCHEDULE

| DATE | GREETERS | USHER |
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| March 5 | Lisa Orr Rebecca Parry | II |
| March 12 | Jim Pevarnik Bobbi Jo Pevarnik | III |
| March 19 | Larry Ruffner Karen Stewart | IV |
| March 26 | Kent Snyder Tyler Stewart | V |



- 2 – Pat Speedy
- 7 – Sandy Wano
- 9 – Marge Buerger
- 14 – Susannah Calvo
- 16 – Diana Kreiling
- 21 – Mary Ruth Kucera
- 23 – Susan Mough
- 28 – Linda Parker
- 30 – Pat Speedy



Lenten Soup and Study will begin on Wednesday, March 1 and then run every Wednesday throughout March on the 8, 15, 22 and 29 .

Soup is served at 6:00 pm and the study then starts at 6:30.

NO SUPPER CLUB DURING LENT



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WHICH IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE OLIVER ROOM OF THE CHURCH. THE TIME OF THE STUDY IS 9:30 AM. PASTOR DEREK FACILITATES. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Palm Sunday



glory worship save celebrate passover Enter sunday palms leaves nameoftheLord
comes blessed praise riding colt Messiah Christ Savior Jerusalem Jesus Hosanna

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DATED MATERIAL-DO NOT DELAY



SHAMROCK — St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, “Is this one leaf, or three?” Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.

The **MAINSTream** is the Newsletter of Latrobe Presbyterian Church located on Main Street at the top of downtown Latrobe. Parking is beside the church, one block west of Depot St. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4:00 pm. Voicemail is available when the office is closed.

Every Sunday (September through May) we offer Christian Education for Adults at 9:30 am and children at 9:45 am, Worship at 11 am at Main Street and child care is provided.

During the summer (June through August) we worship at 8:30 am at Unity Chapel and 11:00 am at Main Street.

To our **RADIO** listeners, our worship service may be heard on **98.7 FM, 910WXJX AM** or **1480 AM** on your radio as well as thisisgold.net each Sunday morning. To **VIEW** the service, our service is livestreamed on Facebook Live at Latrobe Presbyterian Church.

You may connect through our website by choosing **SERMONS** under the **WORSHIP** tab and then clicking **View Livestream on Recording**.

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