

MAINSTream



“Honour thy
father...
as the **LORD**
thy **God** hath
commanded „
thee....”

Deuteronomy 5:16

Latrobe Presbyterian Church

JUNE, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Deacon Prayers of the People PENTECOST 11:00am Worship with Communion 2:30pm New Member Orientation	29 Office Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday	30	31	1	2	3
4 First Summer Service at Unity Chapel 8:30am Worship with Communion - Unity Chapel 11:00am Worship with Communion - Main Street 2:30pm New Member Orientation	5 No Deacons Meeting	6 No Christian Education and Nurture Committee	7	8	9	10
11 8:30am Worship - Unity Chapel 11:00am Worship 2:30pm New Member Orientation	12 7:00pm Evangelism and Membership Committee	13 No Worship and Music Committee Meeting 6:00pm Mission and Society Committee	14	15 10:00am JOY Steering Committee	16	17
18 8:30am Worship - Unity Chapel 11:00am Worship	19 8:00am Meals-On-Wheels 7:00pm Session	20 8:00am Meals-On-Wheels 6:00pm AlAnon Annual Dinner - Vogelsang Room	21 8:00am Meals-On-Wheels 1:30pm Property and Finance Committee	22 8:00am Meals-On-Wheels	23 8:00am Meals-On-Wheels 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	24 2:00pm Shaffer Wedding - Main
25 8:30am Worship - Unity Chapel 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Patriotic Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30	1



June, 2023

*"Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers."*

Psalm 1:1-3

Lately, it seems like everywhere that we look something is bursting into bloom. We are surrounded by the colors of spring, the green of the grass and the trees, the vibrant hues of different flowers that are opening up all around us. When I pull into the church parking lot, I can smell the beautiful aroma of the lilac trees as I walk past them. The flowers in the prayer garden are truly a sight to behold. We see all around us the new life of spring.

These colors and smells and sights help us to remember the truth of the words of Scripture. At the very beginning of the book of Psalms, we find a sharp contrast drawn between two groups of people. The first group of people, which the psalmist refers to as the righteous, are those who seek to follow God's ways. The way of the righteous is characterized by studying God's law and meditating on his word. These people are compared to trees planted by streams of water. They grow. They bloom. They are healthy and strong. They demonstrate life to the world. The new life of spring that we see all around us can serve as a tangible reminder to us of the new life that God offers to us in Christ.

This first group, the righteous, is contrasted with another group that the psalmist calls the wicked. The wicked do not follow God's ways. They do not learn from his word. They do not reflect the life of God to those around them. The wicked are also compared to vegetation. However, instead of being compared to strong and beautiful trees planted by streams of water, they are compared to dead chaff that the wind blows away. They do not show life to the world, but death.

So, as we enjoy the beauty of spring that we see all around us, may we be reminded of the hope and promise of God's word, that when we seek to live in God's ways and reflect on his word, that we are like mighty trees planted by streams of water.

God bless,

Pastor Derek



Preparing Gift of the Heart Kits

As a mission opportunity, Mission & Society offers the congregation an opportunity to assemble 100 School Kits as part of PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program and Church World Service **Gift of the Heart Kits**. The chosen kit is the School Kit and follows a prescribed format that has an estimated value \$15. The assembled kits will be forwarded to Church World Service for distribution to disaster areas. As you can imagine, floods, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, and fires wipe out so many needed items including what students need in school. The School Kits provide students with materials to help them begin to reestablish some normality in school life.

Each kit includes:

- 1 — pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 — 70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10 1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper. Do not include filler paper.
- 1 — 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 — hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 — new pencils with erasers
- 1 — large eraser
- 1 — box of 24 crayons
- 1 — cloth bag, 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles

What can you do?

We need sewers to make the bags following a provided pattern, shoppers, financial supporters (a.k.a. checkwriters), and attendees to come together to assemble kits.

- Perhaps you are interested in being part of a sewing circle (if you don't have a sewing machine, you could cut out and pin fabric pieces).
- Perhaps you would like to purchase scissors or pencils or other items else on the list.
- Perhaps you would like to donate funds.
- Perhaps you would like to pray for the project and for the students who will receive the kits.

We will be sewing and collecting items over the summer to conclude with a covered-dish dinner event in the late summer to early fall.

Please watch for bulletin inserts offering you ways to become involved!



Dear Friends at LPC

Thank you so much for your cards, calls and letters as we battle some health issues. A special thank you to Cindy Soltys who provided transportation and accompanied us to medical meetings, taking notes and making sure we had them when needed. Cindy, thank you for being a wonderful friend and helpmate.

Susan and Rob Endersbe

Dear Caring Christians

Thank you for sending prayers, beautiful cards and get well wishes during my recent hand surgery.

You are a truly uplifting group of individuals.

Your sister in Christ,

Jean Wright



LPC will be providing Meals on Wheels June 19 through the 23. Please consider donating food items including jello packs, pudding cups, cheese crackers, pretzels, teddy grahams, fruit cups and home-made cookies and / or quick breads! We would like to switch it up a bit and add a slice of quick bread instead of cookies (zucchini, banana, blueberry and lemon just to name a few). Please no food containing nuts. There is a sign up sheets in the back of the Sanctuary. If you cannot sign the sheet, please call the office with what you will be bringing so we are not doubling up on one item.



THE SUMMER CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

UNITY CHAPEL

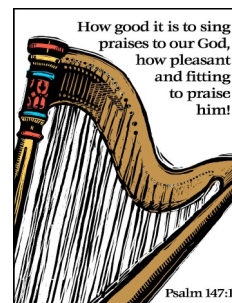
TRIO PHONON

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 7:30 PM.

BEO STRING QUARTET

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 7:30 PM.

General Admission— no advanced tickets—\$15 at the door. Donations benefit the Westmoreland Youth Symphony Orchestra.



SUMMER HOSPITALITY TABLE HOSTS

Cookie Teams are in recess for the summer. If you would like to continue the tradition of having cookies and drink with your fellowship at Main Street and you would volunteer to provide cookies. please sign the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.



June 4	Ardi Hill	Maria Kildare
June 11	Two People	Per Week
June 18	Four Dozen	Cookies Each
June 25	Drop Off	Or Bring Sunday
	If you wish to join a team in the Fall	Please contact the Office

Greater Latrobe Ministerial Association
(GLMA)

Food Pantry Item for the months of:

MAY AND JUNE

SHAMPOO

JULY AND AUGUST

SOAP AND BODY WASH



A big thank you is extended for the great support LPC gives to PC(USA) and Church World Services initiatives.

The Mother's Day Blanket+ collection netted \$ 240 for disaster relief.

Our May Two-Cents-A-Meal (hunger program) donation was \$392.69

The Pentecost Offering, which supports children at risk, brought in \$685.

Thank you for being a great mission minded church.

Cheers to the Years! 80+ Birthday Party

Cheers to the Years! was a grand celebration!

The JOY Steering Committee thanks everyone who was a part of *Cheers to the Years!* on Saturday, April 29: the LPC members who are 80+-years-old and agreed to be interviewed; their families and friends and the church family members who attended the celebration; and the 66 interviewers who interviewed the Honorees. This truly was an intergenerational event!

The afternoon included a slide show of the Honorees' photos, music of their favorite hymns and songs, a catered luncheon, and entertainment by the Laurel Harmony Chorus. Most importantly, the celebration and the *Cheers to the Years!* book focused on the life stories of the 62 LPC Honorees who are the bedrock of our church. Their experiences, wisdom and advice are treasures for all of us. LPC is indeed blessed!

The *Cheers to the Years!* book is available to anyone for a donation of any amount. Books can be picked up in the Church Office during the week or after worship on Sundays.



SAVE THE DATE!

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the JOY Christmas Luncheon on **Saturday, December 16**, at noon in the Vogelsang Room. As in the past, the afternoon will include hors d'oeuvres and punch, a catered luncheon, entertainment and a handcrafted holiday keepsake.

The JOY Steering Committee looks forward to seeing many of you there!

GREETER SCHEDULE

MAIN STREET

DATE GREETERS USHER

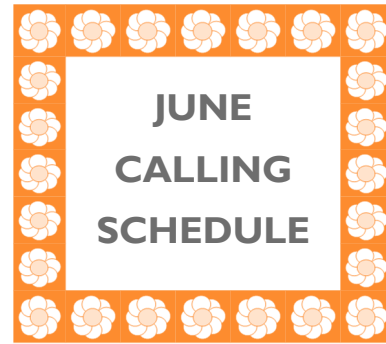
June 4	Jerry Musick Helen Auman	VI (UC) I
June 11	Lisa Orr Jan Mills	II (UC) III
June 18	Jim Pevarnik Rebecca Parry	IV (UC) V
June 25	Larry Ruffner Bobbi Jo Pevarnik	VI (UC) I



Lynda and I sincerely thank you all for thinking of our family during the difficult time of my sister Anne's passing. Your cards and prayers were so deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Chuck Sloan



June 1 Marge Buerger
June 6 Susannah Calvo
June 8 Diana Kreiling
June 13 Mary Ruth Kucera
June 15 Susan Mough
June 20 Linda Parker
June 22 Pat Speedy
June 27 Sandy Wano
June 29 Marge Buerger

Let Go and Let God

Let go of your problems and let God handle them.

Let go of your hurt and let God heal you.

Let go of your fear and let God sustain you.

Let go of your worries and let God bless you.

Amen



COLLEGE GRADUATES

NICK BUERGER

Nick, grandson of Marge and Ron Buerger, has graduated from Duquesne University magna cum laude with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration. He has accepted a position at Price Waterhouse in Pittsburgh.

SARA GRACE SPEEDY

Sara graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has accepted a position at Cleveland Clinic. Sara is the granddaughter of Harry and Pat Speedy.

SOPHIE VREELAND

Sophie, who graduated from Rollins College with a bachelor degree will be continuing her education in graduate school to obtain her Masters as a Reading Specialist. James and Beth Ann Vreeland are Sophie's parents and Jim and Betty Ann McHugh are her grandparents.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

DENNIS CARINI

After graduating from Jacksonville High School in January, Dennis enlisted in the Marines. He will finish boot camp on June 23 with a graduation ceremony. He will continue his studies in refrigeration and air conditioning.

FLETCHER HARVEY

A son of Doug and Janet Harvey, Fletcher graduated from Greater Latrobe Senior High School. He will attend IUP in the Fall majoring in Supply Chain Management.

JOSIE MARTS

Following her Greater Latrobe Senior High School graduation, Josie will be off to Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina to major in Marine Biology. Josie's grandmother is Nancy Marts.

OLIVIA MEADOWS

Olivia will graduate from Greater Latrobe Senior High School and EWCTC. She will enroll at WCCC to study in the medical assistant program. She is a granddaughter of Kay and Jerry Musick.

EMILY SWEENEY

A daughter of Laura and Matt Sweeney, Sr., Emily will be another graduate of Greater Latrobe Senior High School. She will then attend Grove City College to major in elementary education. She will also be twirling at Grove City. Grandparents to Emily are Karen and Gary Zimmerman and Sally Sweeney.

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Just like Dad

At the beginning of his ministry career, Jerry Steen supplemented his income by mixing animal feed. When his two young boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to the shower. "I didn't think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my older son doing something very strange," Steen recalls. "He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants." Curious, the father asked what the boy was doing. "I want to be dusty like you, Dad!" his son replied.

For Steen, that was an eye-opener. "I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father," he says, "a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything." What traits and qualities are you modeling and passing on — to your own kids and to anyone else who looks up to you?

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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