

The Grapevine

August 2026



Looking Ahead to Autumn! Small Group Sign-Ups Are Coming!

Small groups are a wonderful way to grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of God's Word, and build meaningful relationships within the body of Christ. Whether you're new to our church or have been attending for years, we'd love for you to be part of a group this fall.

Sign up on one of these Sundays:

- August 30
- September 6
- September 13

We hope you'll prayerfully consider joining a small group this autumn!

CHURCH NEWS

LPC Church Picnic!

**Sunday, August 2nd (Como Park Gazebo Shelter)
12:00pm, with lunch being served at 1:00pm (rain or shine)**

Church will provide: meat, paper products and table settings, lemonade and bottled water

Each family please bring a dish to pass! Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly for the meat for the picnic.

Plan for lawn games, fellowship & a fun time together! Feel free to bring a chair if you would like to sit somewhere other than at the tables in the gazebo.

Communion in August will take place on Sunday, August 16th.

Prayer Gathering—Monday, August 10th @ 1:00pm in the Church Library

Church Office Summer Hours (July & August)

Monday through Friday, 9am - 1pm

Pastor Kelly has a new email! Please use the following email to reach out to Pastor Kelly: knegus65@gmail.com

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE NEGUS FAMILY: We have extended the Meal Train calendar. Please continue to help the Negus family in this simple way that eases the challenges they have at home. God bless all you do in the name of our loving Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit.

<https://mealtrain.com/r0gv9l>

Sound Room Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the LPC Worship Service Livestream, Sound Board control and Screen Presentations during our worship services.

Any eager young men or women who would be interested in doing any of these functions during the worship service; please provide your name and contact information to Marie in the Office, or send an email to Office@l-p-c.org so we can reach out to you and arrange training.



LPC Musical Worship Academy

Greetings, beloved LPC families ~ We are thrilled to launch the LPC Musical Worship Academy this month!

You can sign up your child(ren)/teens who would like to begin lessons. I am hoping we can coordinate one or two mornings per week when I can teach the lessons consecutively at the church. Once the school year starts, we can figure out lessons time that work for each family based on public/homeschooling schedules. I'm hoping to begin formal lessons as early as next week, if we get folks on board this week.

As a reminder, this is a no-cost ministry only for **members of LPC**. Registering the kiddos will help me with parent communication on weeks/days when I might have to cancel or need to plan recitals and special events. When you register, one of the options is a Music Theory/Music History class; feel free to select that as well as an instrument if your child(ren) might be interested in a music theory/music history class at the church this fall! I'd love to give them exposure to music theory, history and some of the foreign languages. Voice is an option, and can be paired with any instrument.

Sign up online here: <https://l-p-c.org/ministries/youth-ministry/>

Any questions, please contact Raffi at raffi@L-P-C.org.

You are welcome to join in the One Year Chronological Bible Sunday School Class as we transition to the New Testament in September!

When we return to our full Sunday Schedule in September, the One Year Bible class will be transitioning to the New Testament throughout the Fall. Our Old Testament readings have displayed humanity's inability to overcome sin and the need for a savior in Jesus Christ as the ultimate and only resolution to the problem of sin. Our Adult Sunday School class resumes at LPC in room 114/115 on Sunday September 13th with the Persian King Cyrus the Great allowing the Jewish people to return to Jerusalem in 538 BC following his conquest of Babylon. The transition to the New Testament takes place with the September 24th readings.

The daily readings are available online, including the opportunity to listen to the readings along with a brief daily commentary at: <https://chronologicalbibleblog.com/>

Paper copies are available for purchase at this link:

<https://www.amazon.com/Chronological-Bible-Premium-Slimline-Large/dp/1414337671>

LPC Ladies Ministry - Coffee and Connections with dessert!

Join us for an informal time of coffee and fellowship at the home of Becky Young (call the church office for the address)

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

What to bring: bring yourself and a friend

RSVP with the church office 716-684-2277, or email theoffice@L-P-C.org

Hope to see you then!!

LPC YOUTH



SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Family Gathering & Camp Duffield Reunion!

Friday August 7th - 5:30pm

Additional details will be available soon, please watch for information posted on our church website.

Junior & Senior High Summer Bible Study!

All 7th through 12th graders are invited to a Bible Study focusing on 1 Corinthians, meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am beginning Wednesday, July 8th and ending Wednesday, August 26th.

Come for food, friendship and faithful living in Jesus!

Contact Raffi Wright, LPC Youth & Music Director with questions (raffi@L-P-C.org).

Join the GroupMe to stay connected!



FILL A BARREL FOR GBENEKORO

As you know, LPC has adopted and supports an EPC church plant in the village of Gbenekoro, Sierra Leone. Gbenekoro is one of the villages where the Kuranko tribe lives. They are an unreached people group, and a very closed Muslim group to the gospel. This year we were able to come alongside the Gbenekoro Church in their outreach into the surrounding Kuranko villages by supporting six church planter/evangelists working in six different villages. Asking each of them how LPC could help support their ministry in practical ways other than prayer and financial support their responses were almost unanimous. "The communities we work in are extremely impoverished and what would help our missionary work the most would be resources to carry out the good news of Jesus Christ, bibles, bible learning and activity materials, clothing, food, and farm tools." Praying for the Lords direction in how our congregation could be directly involved in the work we were led to EPC Pastor Tom Holmes, in Manor, PA.

So, Let's Fill a Barrel for Gbenekoro! There will be a blue barrel in the downstairs hallway.

What to include slightly/good used or new: bibles, bible teaching materials, kids and young adult clothes, shoes, sandals, tennis balls, deflated soccer balls, frisbee, reading glasses, farming tools.

If anyone has access to or knows where we can get more of the same barrels for future shipments, please let us know. They can be used but never for chemicals because they will be used for water storage after being emptied.

Your mission committee thanks you for your continued support in making the gospel known.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

It is time to begin thinking about packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The collection dates this year are November 16-23. If you bring your boxes to our church, we will be taking them to Eastern Hills Wesleyan, which is the next stop on their journey, on **Sunday November 22**.

Summer is a great time to start purchasing your school supplies because they are all on sale. It is also a great time to start thinking about what you would like to put in your boxes.

Here are some suggestions for things to include in your boxes:

- **School supplies**

Crayons, colored pencils, markers (Preferably Crayola brand items), pencil sharpeners, erasers, rulers, glue sticks, pens and pencils with no business/church advertising logos, small pads of papers/notebooks, small calculators, drawstring backpacks

- **Other suggested items:**

Flip Flops, Personal Hygiene items-Toothbrush, Plastic dish and bar of soap, washcloth, Jump ropes--the longer the better, Deflated soccer ball and pump, A sturdy bowl or cup and a spoon or spork, A plain colored T-shirt, socks, stuffed animals

- **For older children:**

Gardening/work gloves, Sewing Kit, Flashlight-Solar or LED--send extra batteries with the ends taped over

- **A few items that should NOT be included:**

Soap, Toothpaste, Candy and gum (both are no longer allowed and will be removed), Anything that requires an explanation--don't send games or crafts with English directions, Anything that is not brand new, War Toys, Anything liquid, including bottles of glue, anything glass that could break.

If you decide to wrap your box after it has been packed, the top and bottom must be wrapped individually. Every shoe box is looked through at the collection center in North Carolina. The shoe box recipients receive a gospel booklet presented in their own language. Shoe box recipients also receive an invitation to attend a 12 lesson follow-up discipleship program called the Greatest Journey. The cost of **processing each box is \$10.00**. You may include a check for this amount in your shoebox or you may donate this on-line at Samaritanspurse.org and receive a shipping label that you can tape on your box. If you donate on-line, it will also track your box and you can go on-line to Operation Christmas Child, Pack a shoebox, and Label Options. You should be able to see what country your box or boxes went to.

There will be a table set up by the lounge area under the sanctuary where there will be plenty of empty boxes. Help yourself!! Plastic shoe boxes work great as well!! You can also purchase boxes from Samaritan's purse directly if you like. They have 2 kinds--plastic or cardboard. **The website is: Samaritanspurse.org.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office at 716-684-2277.

Have fun beginning to think about packing your shoe boxes and be in prayer that just the right boy or girl will receive your box or boxes!! I would also ask that if you packed 1 box last year you might consider doing 2 boxes this year. Every box counts and there are lots of children around the world who may only receive this simple shoe box as a gift at Christmas!!

Prayer Page

Pray for the pastor: Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, we come before you to lift up Pastor Kelly. We ask that You lay Your healing hands on him, relieving his pain and restoring his body to full strength. Guide the doctors and medical team, giving them wisdom to find the right levels to treat the Parkinsons. We pray for peace and comfort for the Negus family. May this trial bring glory to Your name and allow Pastor Kelly to be strengthened by Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Praying for LPC ministries:

Session: The KAP prayer is to be prayer asking for the Lord's blessing upon and His help with the work of Session. Session this month wishes to offer the following KAP prayer requests:

- Session asks for prayer for the Session as work progresses towards finding a Transitional Pastor to lead LPC.
- Session asks for prayer for the persons [Transitional Pastor and Senior Pastor] that God has chosen to lead LPC.

Deacons: Heavenly Father, Thank you for your unfailing love through Jesus Christ. Remind us daily that we are fully known, fully forgiven and loved by You. Let your love transform our hearts so we may reflect your goodness to others. Lord, advance your kingdom in our community and our church. Open doors for the Gospel to reach those who are hurt, lost, discouraged or far from You. Let your love restore hope, heal hearts and draw people closer to You. Strengthen believers to stand firm in faith and help us walk in humility and love. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In Your Most Holy & Precious Name, Amen

Praying for our family

Pastor Kelly
Mike Bishop
Irma Zimpfer
KC Carlsen
Jan Majors
Dianne Perry
Judy Cavanaugh
Bill Stortz
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Paul & Carol Welker
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

Shirley Richard
Nancy Patterson
Dave Breckenridge
Millie Epolito
Jackie Harbold
Judy Kish

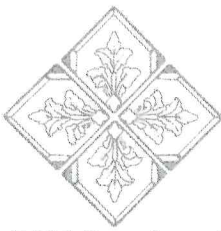
LPC's Military

Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II

LPC Prayer Ministry:

If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of the prayer email list please contact the church office by email (office@l-p-c.org) or call Marie in the church office at 716-684-2277.



Lancaster Presbyterian Church

5461 Broadway St. Lancaster, NY 14086

Phone: 716.684.2277

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus, Senior Pastor

Raffi Wright, Youth & Music Director

Non-Profit
US POSTAGE PAID
Lancaster, NY 14086
Permit #40

www.L-P-C.org

office@L-P-C.org

Purpose:

For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.

Core Values:

We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.

Address Service Requested

