

The
Grapevine

July 2022



**Welcome Will McCabe to LPC!
Special Reception on Sunday, July 17th
(following the 9:30am worship service)**

Please join us in welcoming our Associate Pastor Will McCabe to LPC. There will be a reception on Sunday, July 17th in Waith Hall following the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. We will provide a light refreshment of coffee, tea and sweets (coffee cake, muffins and more) as we get comfortable to greet and welcome Pastor Will into our church family.

I am well aware of the awesome bakers we have at LPC. If you would like to make one of your favorite baked goods to share with us on the 17th then please contact Brigitte Robinson-Selkregg at robinson784@roadrunner.com by July 10th.

Many thanks.

Abundant Blessings, LPC Board of Deacons

Brigitte V. Robinson-Selkregg, Moderator of Deacons



A beautiful outdoor worship service at Camp Duffield on Sunday June 26th!

Change

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Change is. For all of us, change is the continuing reality. Sometimes change is unwanted. Sometimes change is difficult. Sometimes change is just too much, but be that as it may, change is a part of our continuing experience.

Lisa and I experienced a measure of unwelcomed change when we visited Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, our old Alma Matter, while on vacation with our sons. It had been 24 years since we had last been on campus.

There were many changes, almost all of them for the better. There were architectural and functional changes that were tasteful and classy, just as we might have expected. There were communication and technological innovations that were exciting to contemplate for their implications and applications to today's ministry, but the cold, hard reality that confronted us in consultation with Admissions is that GCTS is faced with the hard responsibility of closing the beautiful, historic main campus where we were so privileged to study. The seminary expects to continue in some restructured form, but our beloved campus may not figure to be a part of Gaelen's experience should our Lord call him to seminary there. And that's OK. It's not my first choice, but we frequently deal with unwanted change and view these steps as just another opportunity to trust our Lord in His goodness. When confronted with difficult or unwanted change here below, we know that God is good, and He never changes. Another change that I hadn't really anticipated the emotional response welling up as it did came in the experience of driving through the part of New York State with which I have associated Mom and Dad MacVean now for most of my life. Familiar place names and NYS Thruway exits bring back fond memories of the days when Lisa and I were courting, and the welcoming destination of the MacVean family home has awaited me in Johnstown these many years whenever I was able to visit. It felt so strange to drive through that familiar part of the world and look to where I should always expect to see Mom and Dad MacVean and realize that they are no longer there. We know where they are and praise the Lord for His goodness in this assurance. But it is still hard to come to terms with the depth of this particular change. It feels as though a chapter of life has closed to us, one of the longest, deepest, and most significant passages to be

written here below has come to an end. This change is not easy, nor should I expect to find it so. But again, we have the unfailing assurance of God's unchanging goodness to comfort us through turbulent adjustments. We live in the simultaneous unfolding of the now and the not yet, with a dual citizenship in both earth and heaven. What awaits us is too wonderful for comprehension, just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM" (1 Corinthians 2:9). We know that there is a heavenly reality wherein Jesus is even now dwelling with the spirits of His dear ones who have preceded us into His presence in glory (Luke 23:43). We know that the day is coming when "the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:15b-17). How wonderful! We have these assurances on the authority of one, the Apostle Paul, who was taken up to heaven and heard inexpressible words which a man is not permitted to speak (2 Corinthians 12:2-4). Paul saw heaven, so we can take it from one who knows that the best is yet to come. That is why he can say with utter certainty, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). This is the unshakable reality that undergirds our hope and conviction in the midst of the sometimes tumultuous insecurities of the present. God does not change, and He is good. Everything else changes, but God does not change: "For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6). Indeed, "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19). God is good, and He never changes: "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow" (James 1:17). One of the highest expressions of confidence in God's goodness and unchanging faithfulness comes in the wake of some of the worst suffering that God's people have endured in history. Whatever hardships or unwelcome changes that we may be enduring, we take hope in the assurance that the steadfast love of the LORD never ceases: "This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. *They* are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I have hope in Him.' The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. *It is* good that he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD" (Lamentations 3:21-26). Please join me in holding fast to the promises of God's unchanging goodness through whatever challenges we face in this life. Truly the best is yet to come. I love you all! Pastor Kelly

Monthly Prayer Meetings at LPC

Prayer meeting continues to meet from 1:00-2:00 on the second Monday of each month in the church library. We are looking for you to join us as the first believers gathered for prayer. "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers." Acts 1:12 "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:12 "And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31 God's people have always gathered together to praise the Lord, and to seek His guidance. Please come and just sit in silent prayer if you would prefer. Can we fill the library with praise and supplication so that we have to move to a bigger location? We should. Are you concerned about our nation? Change begins with the prayers of God's people.

"So it is God's will that the prayers of His saints shall be great and the principal means of carrying on the designs of Christ's Kingdom in the world. When God has something to accomplish for His church, it is with His will that there should precede it the extraordinary prayer of His people." Jonathan Edwards

[In 1857-1858 there was] a movement of prayer that led to one million people becoming Christ-followers from a population of only thirty million in our nation. This movement of prayer was begun in New York City by a layperson named Jeremiah Lanphier. After failing to minister effectively to the immigrants in his church's neighborhood, he was moved to pray.

At noon on Sept. 23, 1857, in the Dutch Reformed Church on Fulton Street in New York City, Lanphier knelt alone. Before 1 p.m. six men joined him. Within a month, 100 men joined him daily. Soon, thousands of men began to pray each day at noon around New York City.

This resulted in one million Americans coming to Christ within a two-year span, as well as another one million converted to Christ in Great Britain and Ireland. The church was revived. Christians were never the same. The fires of evangelism were burning brightly. The advance of the gospel to the nations of the world was profound. Men like David Livingstone and J. Hudson Taylor, and eventually the Student Volunteer Movement, saw twenty thousand young people surrender their lives to missions. Additionally, these great movements of God impacted renowned men of history like Charles Spurgeon, D.L. Moody and William Booth. ~By Ronnie Floyd

Memory Lane



Trustees 1976

Standing: Carlton Tanner, Jim Olsen, Al Martin, Tom Anthony, Bob Dornan

Seated: Leroy Martin, David Burchette, Fred Merrihew, Peter Klaasesz



Session 1976

Starting front left: David Breckenridge, Ron Stasiowski, Earl Blaney, Dick Strock, Paul Geary, John Harty, Pastor Rettew

Summer Youth Groups with Gavin Hill & Ryan Carlsen!

Backyard Kids Youth Group (3rd—6th graders)

Meeting weekly on Wednesdays (6:30-8:00pm) throughout the summer at the Young's home located at 12 Huntley Place, Lancaster

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th—12th graders)

Meeting weekly on Tuesdays (7:00pm—8:30pm) throughout the summer at various locations. Drop off and pick up at each location.

Tuesday July 5th: Potter's House

Tuesday, July 12th: Negus Home

Thursday, July 14th: Pool party @ the Dunbar's

Tuesday, July 19th: Special Event—Honeoye Lake

Meet at the church at 9am to travel to the Young's cabin at Honeoye Lake. Permission slip is required and can be found on the church website.

Tuesday, July 26th: Chaves pond



Girls Summer Sewing & Craft Club

Tuesday mornings, July 12th - August 16th
10:00am—11:30am

Open to girls in 7th grade and older

Whether you've ever used a sewing machine or needle before or not, this class is for everyone who would like to be there! Most of the supplies will be provided and the church ladies will give guidance.

Meeting at Lancaster Presbyterian Church (corner of Broadway & Lake Ave.)

To sign up, please contact our Summer Youth Interns:

- Gavin Hill - hill.j.gavin@gmail.com 716-464-0841
- Ryan Carlsen - ryan.carlsen23@houghton.edu 716-359-6766

Option to make it a full morning by joining Ryan & Gavin at 9:15a.m. for Donuts & Devotions!

Be sure to contact our summer interns about summer youth groups & special events—frolfing, tennis, pickle ball, lawn games & to make a friend!

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 14-21. 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 20**. 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:

- 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 Pat Gerber at 668-2670. 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!!

DAB - Young Adult Ministry *But Why?*



It probably wouldn't take you a lot of time to identify questions you would want to ask God, but would it surprise you to know that God has a few questions for us too.

This summer we will be looking at the questions God has for us and the questions we have of God. The very idea that God enters into dialogue with us through his Word is an astonishing truth. It separates Him from all the other false gods and makes him worthy of our praise.

Join us for **DAB (Dinner and Bible)** – Lancaster Presbyterian's **Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-28)**

When: Every Monday evening beginning at 6:00 pm (dinner starts at 6)

Time: 6:00-8:30pm.

Where: David and Becky Young's home, 12 Huntley Place, Lancaster New York

Teachers: Laurie Muscato, Carolina Jackson, David and Becky Young, and guest teachers

Monday, July 18th @ the Babcock's home

Special Collection for PATH - People Against Trafficking Humans

During July - please leave items suggested below in the bin in the hallway across from rm 114-115.

These items can be donated any time, but a special delivery will be made in early August to help meet ongoing needs at PATH.

- art supplies (markers, colored pencils, canvases, etc)
- mens and baby clothing, as well as womens
- underwear, bras, socks
- shampoo, conditioner, silk hair caps for African Americans
- toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant
- individual bags of doritos and chips

Thank you Claire Manley Smeltzer for alerting us to these needs!

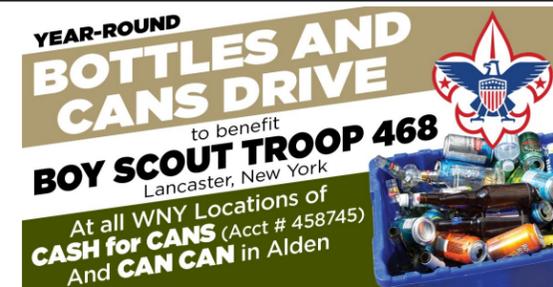
Staffing Youth Group this Fall

The Christian Education Committee is looking for additional volunteers to work with both youth groups beginning in September.

- Kids Youth Group (3rd - 6th grade) will meet Wednesday or Thursday evening.
- Jr/Sr High Youth Group will likely continue on Sunday nights.

We expect both of these groups to have non-church kids from camp and the community in attendance and your help and prayers are requested for these ministries. Please express your interest to David Young

Supporting Boy Scout Troop 468 Our boy scout troop will benefit from people taking their cans back and having the money go to the troop. Cash for cans has made it so easy to return cans and have the troop get the credit. You just have to mention the troop number. Thank you for your support!





Prayer Page

Pray for the pastor: Father, help our pastors to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings (Phil. 3:10). Since we know of their faith in the Lord Jesus and their love for all the saints, may we never stop giving thanks for them, always remembering them in our prayers. We will keep asking that You, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, will give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know You better (Eph. 1:15-17).

www.harvestprayer.com/resources/church-prayer/prayer-and-care-for-pastors/

Praying for LPC ministries:

Session: The KAP prayer is to be a prayer asking the Lord's blessing upon and His help with the committees' work. Session this month wishes to offer the following two KAP prayer requests upon LPC's programs:

Please pray for Ryan Carlsen and Gavin Hill as they join forces at LPC to reach and teach our youth about the joys of living with Christ as the center of their day-to-day life.

Please pray for the youth, that their hearts will be open to the teachings by Gavin and Ryan.

Please pray for the summer programs [camp, youth meetings, Worship Services] that hearts will be open and that people will draw closer to the Lord.

Deacons: Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, we thank you for your love and patience with us. We pray as a congregation that we would honor you in all we do. Father, we lift up the young people of our church and we pray for them. They have so much to deal with, they need your guidance. Give them the courage to stand firm in your word. We pray for our Associate Pastor, our summer intern and camp staff and the children that will be attending camp. Open their hearts to you Father. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus. Amen

Prayer for our country: Heavenly Father, Satan is stirring up chaos in this world and in our nation. Please strengthen Your people to stand firm against his evil attacks on the Church, the family and our Republic. Lord, keep Lancaster Presbyterian Church boldly faithful against all of the lies that would divide us and cause us to stumble. Give us whatever we need so that we can be a light to our community. Help us to reach out to those who don't know You and Your Son Jesus. Unite Your faithful people everywhere, in one body of faith and love as we stand for truth and righteousness.

Prayer for our World: Lord, please open the hearts of the people of Poland to the gospel. Help them to see and believe Your gift of salvation as they reach out with help for the Ukrainian refugees flooding their nation. Thank you for their help for those in need, and as they help with the needs of the flesh, let them see the faith of the many Ukrainian believers, and thirst for that same faith. Thank You that You bring good out of all things for those who love You as You work out Your sovereign plan for the Church in the world.

A Memorial Service for David Mustard will take place on Saturday, July 9th at 11:00am.

Praying for our family

Sandy Tadusz
Dave Breckenridge
Al LaVenture
Will McCabe
Jim Frank
Gabe Negus
Helen Markham
Mike Eaton

Home Members

Al Martin
Betty Glowacki
Don Metzger

LPC's Military Personnel:

Laurel Foss
Dan Pulley
David Boncore

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 684-2277.



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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:

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Sundays @ 9:30am
June 12 - September 4

***Traditional & Contemporary service styles
vary each week.
Child care is provided.***

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