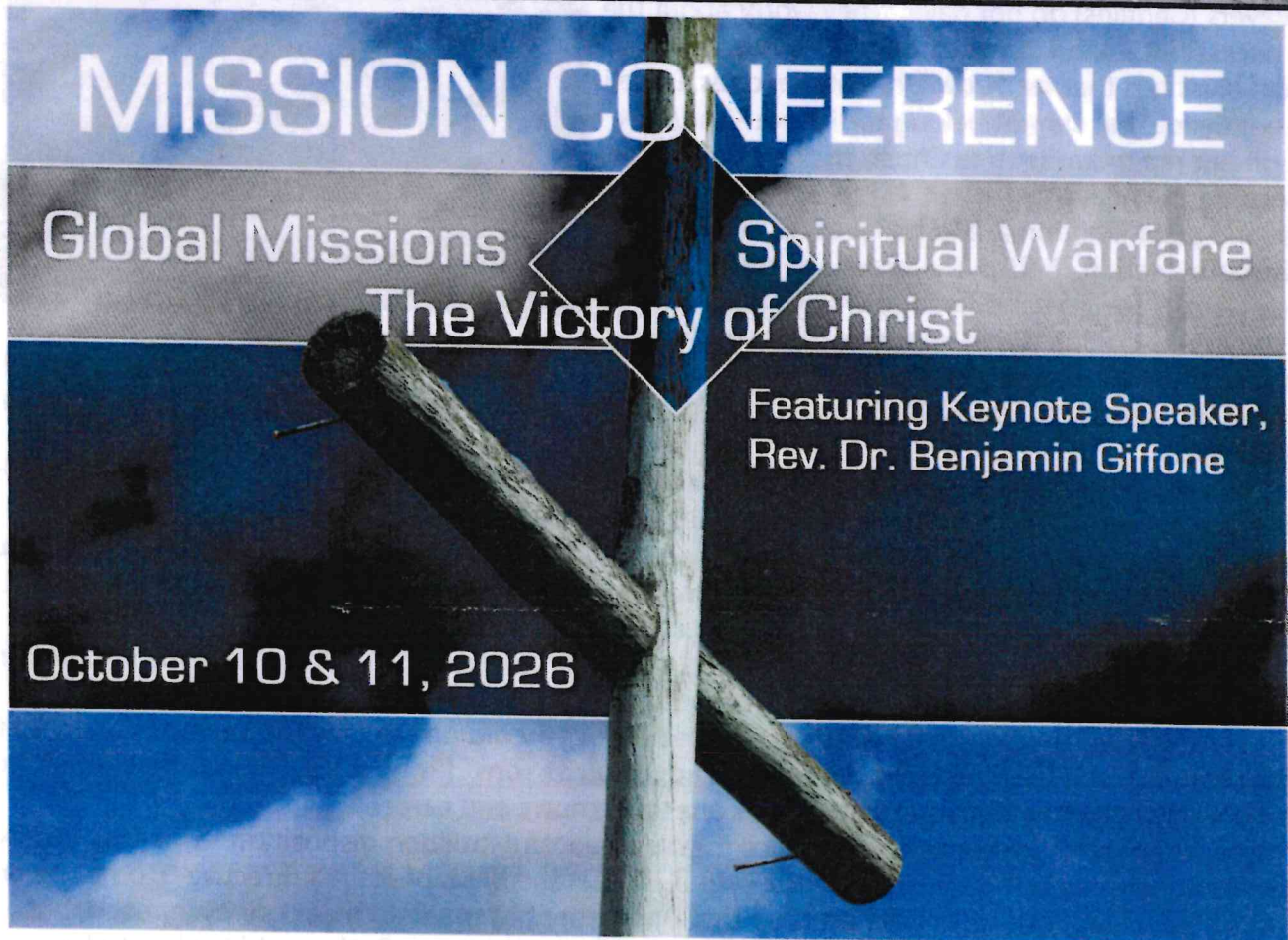


The Grapevine

October 2026



LPC ANNUAL MISSION CONFERENCE

October 10 & 11, 2026

The **Harvest Dinner** will be taking place Saturday, October 10th at 6pm & the **Soup Sunday Luncheon** on Sunday, October 11th following our Adult Education Hour. Sign up to attend by calling the church office!

Our Mission Conference is a wonderful time to come and meet our supported missionaries, hear about their ministries and the way God is using them to spread the Gospel throughout the world. This is sure to be a blessed time for all!

For a full schedule of the weekend's conference, please visit:
<https://l-p-c.org/ministries/missions/>

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Your Heavenly Father Knows

"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all." (Matt. 6:31-32)

(Taken by permission from "Anxiety – Knowing God's Peace" A 31-Day Devotional for Life by Paul Tautges)

In today's passage, Jesus brings up a relationship that unbelievers (Gentiles) do not have. They worry about the basic necessities – food, drink, clothing. But we have spiritual blessings that far outweigh material ones as well as a confidence that cannot belong to the non-Christian. Through our repentant faith in Christ, *the* heavenly Father has become *our* heavenly Father. He takes care of the animal and plant kingdoms, and he loves his children infinitely more (Matt. 6:25-30). Therefore, we should not be anxious (vs 31). We have no need to worry about our basic provisions (vs 32). What supports this confidence in our heavenly Father's personal care is the gospel. The redemptive work that Jesus completed to deliver us from the penalty of sin also rescues us from the orphanage of the Evil One and places us into the family of God.



We were not always his children. Before we were born again, we were "children of wrath, like the rest of mankind" (Eph. 2:3). We were God's enemies (Rom. 5:10; Col. 1:21). But when God opened our hearts to the gospel and we believed in Jesus, we were set free from the penalty and power of sin. God "delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son" (Col. 1:13). His amazing grace initiated our adoption as children of God (Gal. 4:4-5).

Spiritual adoption is the gracious act of God by which he places the believer in Jesus into his family and gives him the full rights and privileges of mature sonship. In light of this adoption, the apostle Paul explains why we should not be controlled by fear: "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons" (Rom. 8:15). Unlike unbelievers, you have a heavenly Father whom you can turn to – one who knows and cares.

This secure relationship should produce in you a peaceful, trusting disposition – one that is different from those who do not have God as their Father. This is the basis of Jesus's directive "Do not be anxious." Children of God can rest in the promise that our Father has made to meet our every need, but "Gentiles (unbelievers) seek after all these things." Our relationship with God should lead us to have heavenly priorities and a distinct outlook that is unbound by anxiety. Because you are God's, you don't have to worry. As pastor Philip De Courcy says, "Anxious care, or illegitimate concern, is out of place in the company of Christians and certainly in the presence of God." When our hearts settle into the reality that the God of the universe is our very own, personal heavenly Father, there is no longer a need for us to be anxious. He knows our every need and will provide for us.

Do you know God as your heavenly Father – and, if so, what difference is that making in your life? Does it help you to no longer worry?

MEAL TRAIN UPDATE FOR THE NEGUS FAMILY

Hi, everyone! I just wanted to let you know that I have made a few updates to the Meal Train. Thank you so much for all the love and support you have provided so far—it has been greatly appreciated! After talking with Lisa, it seems that the dynamics at home have changed, so we will be suspending the Meal Train for the time being. The page will remain open, however, and gift cards are still appreciated. If you would like to send a meal occasionally, please feel free to contact Lisa directly to see what might be helpful. Thank you again for your continued care and support!

**Congregational & Corporate Meeting
Official Call to a Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 4, 2026 @ 12:00pm**

The members of Lancaster Presbyterian Church are hereby called to a Congregational and Corporate Meeting of Lancaster Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Society of Cayuga Creek which will be held Sunday, October 4, 2026 in the sanctuary at 12:00PM for the purpose of:

- Receiving an update on the new pastor search
- Approving the members of the Pastoral Search Committee
 - ◊ Session is nominating the following 7 individuals: Larry Cornwall, Ed Carlsen, Denise Boettcher, Esther Kibbee, Shaun Babcock, Becky Young, Kevin Selkregg
- Answer any questions

The Elders wish to provide thoughtful and complete answers to any questions, therefore, the Elders request that all questions be submitted by Friday, October 2nd.

Questions may be submitted to the Church office email [office@l-p-c.org] or feel free to place them into the Office mailbox outside of room 17.

The One Year Chronological Bible Sunday School Class has transitioned to the New Testament!

The One Year Bible class has transitioned into the New Testament for the remainder of 2026! We'll be doing an overview of the 4 Gospel accounts, reviewing the key audiences they were written to and how they focused on Christ as *humble servant*, *100% God/100% Man*, and promised *King and Savior*. We'll also look at the roles of the *Sanhedrin*, *Pharisees & Sadducees*, *High Priest*, *Herodian Rulers*, and *Governor of the Roman province of Judea*. Our Adult Sunday School meets in room 114/115 each Sunday, you are welcome to join us. The daily readings are available online, including the opportunity to listen to the readings along with a brief daily commentary at: <https://chronologicalbibleblog.com>

New Members Class Beginning Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm, Ed & Diane Carlsen will be offering a New Members Class. They are planning to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings for 4 sessions (possibly more if needed). If anyone is interested in becoming a member of LPC, please call the church office or speak directly to Ed or Diane.

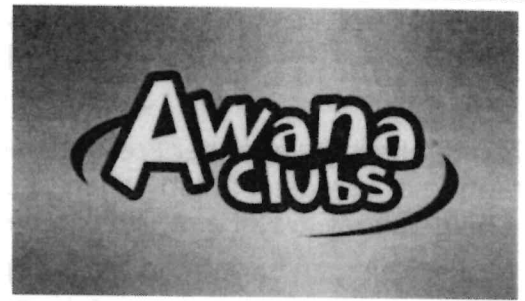
Mighty Warriors class will begin Sunday, September 27th, in the same classroom and at the same time as the Adult Education hour. We will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month, same as last year. This year we will finish the Ten Commandments and learn about how to lead godly lives from the book, "The Man God Uses" by Henry and Tom Blackaby. We will continue to grow in God's wisdom as we study His Word together!

1 Peter 3:12, *The Lord's eyes look on godly people, and he blesses them. His ears are open to their prayers.* Love in Christ, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Jackson

The Adult Bell Choir will be rehearsing weekly on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Music Room. All are welcome whether new to music ministry or an experienced veteran.

Prayer Gathering—Monday, October 12th @ 1:00pm in the Church Library

Wednesday Family Night & Awana Clubs @ LPC



Awana Clubs at LPC for:

- **Cubbies** (ages 3 – PreK): 6pm to 7:30pm in the LPC building
- **Sparks** (K–2nd): 6pm to 7:30pm at the Potters House
- **T&T** (3rd–6th): 6pm to 7:30pm at the Potters House

Our family pizza dinner (5:30PM – 6:00PM) with pizza from Picasso's will continue on Wednesdays before our Awana Clubs! We ask families to contribute \$1/slice, if possible. We strongly encourage parents to join their children for dinner, as it's a meaningful opportunity to grow in community together!

After dinner, the kiddos will go to Awana, and we welcome parents and guardians to join us for an **adult small group**. Wednesday night **adult small group** will be held during Awana (6 - 7:30 pm) with a focus on supporting parents and families. We will use the small group material biweekly, with topics of special interest and extra time for fellowship on alternate weeks. **Nursery care** (age 0 -2 years) is available for participants, so invite your **friends and young families**. We are making plans to subdivide/rotate the group as we grow.

***Awana** is a fun, Bible memory program for kids that helps them grow in their faith through Scripture memory, engaging lessons, and exciting games. **AWANA** stands for **Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed** (2 Timothy 2:15). At LPC, we believe that the Word of God is precious and powerful and that the memorization and meditation of it transforms hearts and lives. This powerful ministry teaches young minds and equips parents in leading their children in the way of the Lord!*

This is going to be a BLAST! We hope you join us!

Please sign up to join us by using the link found on our website under **Awana**. Signing up ahead of time helps us to plan for accurate materials!

SAVE THE DATE!!! TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th –12th grade)

Join the GroupMe to stay in the loop!



Saturday, October 17 - Missions Night! Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & Small Groups! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, October 24 - "Fear Not" Fest! Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, games & Small Groups! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, November 14 - Friendsgiving Edition Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, Small Groups & a Thanksgiving party! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, December 5 - Christmas Edition Come for dinner, a Bible lesson, Small Groups & a Christmas Party! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

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

Sunday School (nursery to 8th grade) meets every Sunday at 10:45am

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Games - Costumes - Candy
Cider - Donuts - Family Fun

LPC POTTER'S HOUSE & PARKING LOT

5477 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086



**Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Collection
Drop off your shoeboxes now until
Sunday November 22nd!**



It is time to begin 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 Church, which is the next stop on their journey, on **Sunday November 22.**

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 is 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:

- Transitional process: Please pray for the Elders as we seek God's will for a temporary Pastor.
- Fall semester at LPC: Please pray for the leaders, helpers, and participants of the activities that start up again this fall season.
- Pulpit supply: Please keep praying for the Worship committee as they seek Godly people to deliver the Sunday Worship message.
- Sound booth: Please pray for individuals to step forward and agree to help with this needed technology.

Deacons: Dear Heavenly Father, Please quiet our hearts and help us to be truly still. Remind us that you are God and we are not. Take the burden of things we cannot control off our shoulders. Open our ears to listen and speak to our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Give us grace to follow your gentle leading with peace and trust. "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10 AMEN

Prayer Spotlight: Our Home Members - Judy Kish

The Deacons would like to share a little more about the people listed in the bulletin for prayer under "Home Members". These are individuals whom the Deacons visit each month because they are no longer able to attend services in person. Though they can't be with us at church, they remain a very important part of our church family. If you would like to brighten someone's day, please feel free to send a card or note of encouragement to any of our Home Members. Addresses are available in the church directory or from a Deacon.

Judy Kish is a beloved home member who lives in a group home in Cheektowaga. Judy grew up attending church with her family, and her mother, Barb Kish, was an active member of the church choir for many years. Judy stills joins us for worship occasionally with assistance in her wheelchair and dearly loves her church family. Her brother, Bill, also visits LPC whenever he is in town from North Carolina. We are thankful that Judy remains a cherished part of our church family.

Praying for our family

Pastor Kelly
Matthew Blackwell
Mike Bishop
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.



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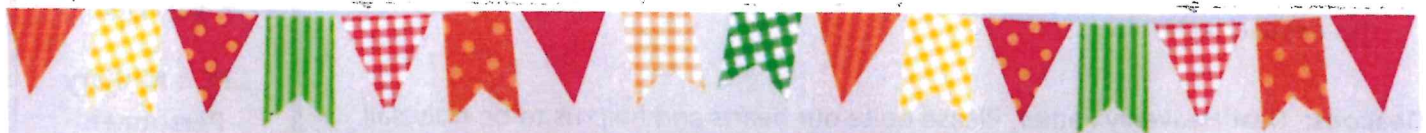
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For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
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Core Values:

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