

The Grapevine

September 2025



Come and enjoy a special presentation

Searching for God through Art

Friday, September 26th or Saturday, September 27th

Lancaster Presbyterian Church will be offering a special presentation given by art history instructor, Alan Nowicki, who will once again go "Searching for God through Art." Part art history lesson and part theological discussion, Mr. Nowicki will weave a series of new stories about the creation of various masterpieces and how it offers a glimpse towards God. Historical information will be given on the artists and pieces, including the likes of Pieter Bruegel and James Tissot, to name a few. There will be two opportunities to see the presentation, Friday, September 26th at 7pm or Saturday, September 27th at 4pm. Come be inspired by the art and how it points toward something greater.

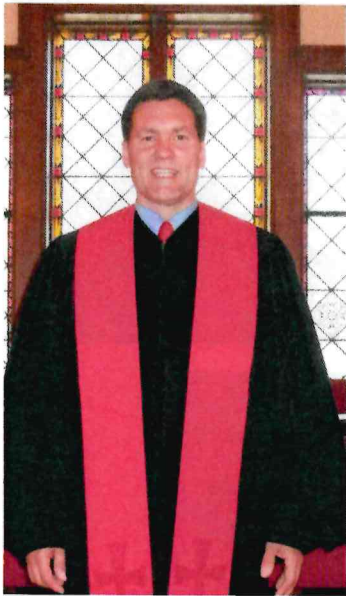


**Friday, September 26th at 7pm
Saturday, September 27th at 4pm**

**Lancaster Presbyterian Church
5461 Broadway St.,
Lancaster, NY 14086
(across from the Lancaster Library)**

**FREE and open to the public
Doors open a half hour before**

For more information on this and other events happening at Lancaster Presbyterian Church please visit their website at www.L-P-C.org or call the church office at 716-684-2277



Mosquitos

How do you deal with mosquito bites? Summer is wonderful, but the warmer and muggier it gets the worse the mosquitoes are. There is nothing like an angry red mosquito bite to focus the attention.

Does witch-hazel help? Maybe try pouring a little out into a thimble to dip a

cotton swab into and dab directly onto the bite. It might calm things down a bit. Then, too, a little cortisone cream squeezed out in tiny measure and smeared with a swab to the bite may affect some relief. Finally, a dab of calamine lotion plastered over the area still seems an effective solution to sooth the itch and ease the irritation.

Did God make mosquitoes? Do they serve any purpose? Is there any real benefit to these flying siphons? Are they part of a bigger plan or just a miserable mistake?

Forget about mosquitos for a moment, and think about hummingbirds. There hangs just outside the back door one of those red, white and clear hummingbird feeders where Dad can closely observe the activity of these cheerful little friends. To watch one for long is to invite all kinds of questions: How do they fly? How fast do their wings beat? What about their hearts? How far do they migrate? Hummingbirds can reach air speeds up to 45 mph. They can fly for 20 hours straight, and their migration patterns have been traced from 1,200 to 4,000 miles long. Their little hearts can beat more than 1,200 beats per minute in flight. Their wings beat 70 times per **second** and more than 200 times per **second** when diving. To keep from wearing their little systems out the Lord has equipped them with a hibernation-like attribute called torpor. In torpor, a hummingbird's heart rate, body temperature and metabolism all drop

dramatically to conserve energy and calories as needed, especially when the nights turn colder. Otherwise, the hummingbird's normal state is one of ceaseless activity. In order to sustain all this activity, hummingbirds have to be eating almost constantly, even while they feed their young. So apart from the sugar water in the feeder, and the nectar they scout from flowers, a major source of protein for these welcome little guests is bugs, flies, **mosquitoes** and spiders. Apparently, mosquitoes do serve a purpose after all, and from the perspective of a bird lover the understanding that such beauty thrives on eating mosquitoes is very satisfying indeed. Who knew?

Truly the LORD has made everything beautiful in its time (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Perhaps it is just possible to get excited even about mosquitoes as we think about the purpose they serve as food for our feathered friends. Now that's worth a few bites!

Our Lord is always good. We can't always see it, but it's always true. Whether we walk in peace and plenty, ease and security, or hardship, trial and great challenge, we walk with Him. He is worthy of our trust. "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us" (Philippians 4:13). As we continue in the kingdom work of the Fall of 2025, let us walk in the joy of the Lord.

I love you all!
Pastor Kelly

Adult Education Class - *Learning to Love the Psalms*

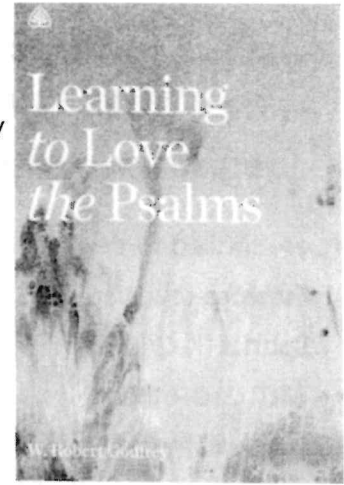
Beginning Sunday, September 7th @ 11:00am

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new video series this Fall called "Learning to Love the Psalms", with Robert Godfrey of Ligonier Ministries.

The Book of Psalms is one of the greatest treasures the Lord has given to His people. Through these sacred poems, God has given us a rich songbook and a divinely inspired guide for our prayers. Dr. Godfrey provides an overview of the Psalms with the specific goal of learning to love them through a study of their themes, structure, and beauty. Each class centers around the ~ 20-minute feature video by Dr. Godfrey with class discussions around some specific Psalms.

In addition, dispersed throughout the Fall/Winter/Spring terms, there will be 10 single lessons called "Book at a Glance". Five of these lessons will be led by Laurie Muscato and will cover the Old Testament books Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua. Each lesson will give a bird's eye view that allows us to see what place the book has in the Bible narrative, why it matters, and how it points to Jesus. The other five books to study are the single-chapter books of the Bible; Philémon, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Obadiah led by various members of the Adult Education Committee. These books are often overlooked due to their brevity but are significantly relevant for today covering such topics as avoiding pride, rejecting deception and fighting for the faith.

The class meets in Waith Hall right after church beginning on September 7th. There will be some time to grab a cup of coffee and chat before class begins. To attend this class, you do not have to be a Bible scholar with all the answers; just a hunger to learn about God's Word and to enjoy some fellowship.



Sunday School (nursery to 8th grade)

Meeting weekly on Sunday mornings

11:00AM

Beginning Sunday, September 7th

Sunday School is a place for children to make friends and grow in character, a free safe place for the children of our community—focusing on character education through the teachings of Jesus, with an emphasis on love and forgiveness.



Prayer Gathering - Monday, September 8th

Come and pray silently or aloud, but join with fellow believers in praise, thanksgiving, confession and petition. 1:00pm in the Church Library

Weekly and Year to Date Giving

August 24th Gifts

\$5,413

Weekly Required Budget

\$10,519 x 18 remaining

2025 Received

\$280,658

2025 Annual Budget

\$470,000



How to Give Online

- 1. Scan the QR code**
- 2. Visit l-p-c.org/give/**

**Wednesday Family Night 2025:
Awana @ LPC!
HUGE NEWS:
Awana is coming to LPC!
Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 10th**



We are thrilled to be launching Awana at LPC for:

- **Cubbies** (ages 3 – PreK)
- **Sparks** (K–2nd)
- **T&T** (3rd–6th).

Cubbies will meet in the LPC building from **6–7 PM** while **Sparks/T&T** will meet in the Potter's House across the street from **6–7:30 PM**.

Before Awana each Wednesday, we will have a **family dinner** (5:15 PM – 6:00 PM) with pizza from Picasso's! 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** (Bible study) with dessert and coffee. On select weeks, we'll also offer special activities for adults, such as crafting nights.

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 below (this can also be found on our website under Youth Ministry). Signing up ahead of time helps us to plan for accurate materials!

<https://lanaster-presbyterian-church-505410.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3066277>

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

THANKS FOR AN AWESOME SUMMER!!

We have super exciting fall events coming up! Join the GroupMe to stay in the loop!
Saturday, September 13th - First Youth Group of the school year!

Back to School Kick-off!!! Come for dinner, a Bible lesson & games! 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Sunday, September 28th - Apple Picking! Details will be provided soon!

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





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Ladies Bible and Brunch Series

Discerning the real Jesus from the counterfeits: Lessons from the Gospel of John

Mark your calendars for the following Saturdays starting this Fall:

9/20/25, 11/15/25, 1/24/26, 3/21/26, 5/16/26

Time: 10:00am-11:30am
Where: Lancaster Presbyterian Church
What to bring: A friend
Cost: a donation of \$13 for brunch if able

Ladies Bible and Brunch Series

Survey says:

Jesus is: a great moral teacher
Jesus is: a social activist
Jesus is: an unconditional lover of people
Jesus is: nonjudgmental
Jesus is: a great therapist – “live your best life.”

How good of a detective are you? Can you spot the error?

Partial truth is deadly truth. Recalibrate your spiritual senses and hear Jesus describe himself in his own words. Nothing matters more!

John 20:31 – “But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Ladies Bible and Brunch Journals

With a new season of Ladies Bible and Brunch beginning September 20th, we invite all interested women to join us in the Library from 6-7:30 pm September 10th, during Wednesday Family night, to prepare our new journals. Feel free to bring a journal to personalize if you have one. Scrapbooking decor, extra journals, and light refreshments will be provided free of charge.

LPC T-Shirts

LPC has new shirts available! We believe that wearing the shirt provides a great way of both showing your love for the church while also providing an opportunity to share the love of Christ with those you see in your day-to-day lives. Both kinds of shirts are \$15 each with kids shirts being free! Go to Marie in the main office after the Sunday Service or you can come by the church during office hours (9am-1pm) to get them. Cash or check will be accepted for payment.

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 17-24. 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 23**. 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 Pat Gerber at (716)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!!

SIGN UP FOR A SMALL GROUP!



Brothers and sisters, if you are ready for some deeper Christian fellowship, the discipleship of one another, and an opportunity to be in prayer with other believers, then a Small Group is for you. In case you are new to Small Groups, they are groups of 8 to 12 adults (plus whatever children belong to those adults) who gather twice per month in a host home in order to share fellowship over a meal, discipleship in the Scriptures and prayer, and laughter over relaxed conversation (and sometimes games J).

Please watch for a sign up table on September 7th through 14th. Or call the church office during that week in order to sign up. We look forward to hearing from you!

Prayer Page

Pray for the pastors: Lord God Almighty, would You help our pastors to humble themselves before You and under Your mighty hand, so that You will lift them up (Jas. 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6)? Guide them in what is right and teach them Your way (Psa. 25:9). May our congregation see that they are wise and understanding as shown by their good lives, and by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom (Jas. 3:13). Father, You have said that the ones You esteem are those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at Your Word (Isa. 66:2). May our pastors be such a person!

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

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:

Please pray for the marriage of Pastor Will and Cassandra McCabe.

Please pray for the details of relocation, new friends, old friends, job change and travel plans.

Please pray for the new Godly family of Mr. and Mrs. Will McCabe!

Deacons: Dear Heavenly Father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we remember how you began a covenant with your people thousands of years ago. The rich history, given to us in the scriptures, is there to teach us and to remind us of Your faithfulness and mercy; over and over again you show us that you will lead your people as they follow and obey. Please give us the desire to follow you, trust in you and to share with bold confidence your promises of salvation with all we meet. In Jesus name, Amen

Praying for our family

Marsha Haas
Judy Cavanaugh
Jeremy Miller
Bill Stortz
Al Martin
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Paul & Carol Welker
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Ron Stasiowski
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 684-2277.



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Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus, Senior Pastor

Rev. Will McCabe, Associate Pastor

Raffi Wright, Youth & Music Director

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.

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Worship with us every Sunday

9:30AM

Childcare is provided.

LIVESTREAM available on our LPC YouTube channel.

Sunday School & Adult Education

Every Sunday @ 11:00am

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