

Lima Presbyterian Church
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Spring 2011
 Schedule of Events & Services

From the Deacons - Prayers

I believe, or hope, that all of you have experienced the power of prayers. Each Sunday we offer prayers for those of concern. With that in mind, Deacons are offering other opportunities to say prayers for each other.

Sunday Prayers

You may continue to share concerns on Sunday morning, by either stating your concerns during announcements or by filling out the prayer card located in your pew then placing the card in the collection plate.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Deacons have set up a prayer chain. We are able to pray for those with concerns, throughout the week, not just on Sundays. Contact Marilyn MacIntyre 582-2766 or amcintyre001@rochester.rr.com or any other Deacon. We then contact each other and say prayers for those of concern. This is confidential, only shared with those on the prayer chain.

The focus is to simply keep those in need in our prayers. Because we realize some people may be more private than we are, they may want to keep their concerns private or only share them with family and close friends, we do request that they are aware that their name is being recommended for the prayer chain.

Deacons are Marilyn MacIntyre, Brenda Pfeil, Anita Layfield, Melissa Holsopple, and Carolyn Fleming. Today I request prayers for the Deacons. Please Lord, guide us as we begin our mission of prayers for others.

Marilyn MacIntyre

One Great Hour of Sharing



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

When is the offering received?

Our congregation will dedicate all donations received throughout Lent on Palm Sunday.

Borrowed from <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/specialofferings/one-great-hour-sharing-offering>

Robin Hargrave

- April 17th** Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30 am
- April 21st** Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm
- April 24th** Easter Sunday, children will remain in worship at 10:30 am service. Annual Easter Egg hunt outside (weather permitting) following worship.
- April 25th** Operations Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm
- April 28th** Session Meeting starts with dinner at 6pm. Confirmands and faith partners invited.
- May 7th** Pork Dinner at LPC, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm Live entertainment until 6:00 pm
- May 15th** Confirmation of Riley Allen & Andrew Hargrave during our Sunday morning worship at 10:30 am. Church school students will attend confirmation.
- May 22nd** **NO CHURCH AT LIMA PRESBYTERIAN.** Group confirmation Worship service at Victor High School Auditorium from 11:00 am 12:30 pm, no church school. Others meet at LPC 10:00 am to car pool.



- June 12th** Church School Recognition during Youth Message and last day of regular church school, Ice Cream Sundae Sunday
- June 26th** Church School Car Wash - details to follow.

June 26 through September 4 Worship moves to 9:30 am. Summer church school activities will be provided during worship services. Anyone interested in volunteering for one or several Sundays is greatly appreciated. Please contact Robin Hargrave or sign up on the church school bulletin board.



Greetings in Joy from Your Pastor

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.
- 1 Corinthians 2:9



What is going on here at Lima Presbyterian? Not what are we doing, but what is God doing through us here? This is a big question that we took as the theme of our January joint Deacons/Session meeting. We began with another difficult question, God's call on our lives. What part of God's plan for the world are we to personally fulfill? This is not a question that can be answered first from the head, but only from the spirit. When it does come into consciousness, our lives come into focus - we know what we are doing and why. Life begins to make sense.

The same is true for the church as a whole. We have a God-given purpose, a purpose that our individual purposes will both lend support to and be supported by. The question we must ask ourselves as members of a church is, "What is God doing here and now, and how can we join in?" That purpose, or vision, is not an end point to, but the beginning of, a journey of discovery.

Rick Warren in The Purpose Driven Church lists the vision discovery process steps as:

1. See the wave of what God is doing
2. Catch the wave of what God is doing
3. Ride the wave of what God is doing.



Recently, our particular process has involved the following:

1. Understanding what God expects of us individually and collectively. We had an energizing Bible study series in January, February and March. During Lent, a small group is grappling with the relationship between healthy bodies and healthy spirits as revealed in our eating habits.

2. Connecting with God through prayer and spiritual discipline. The relationship between prayer and vision is well documented in the Bible. Our Deacons are engaged in a "Three Colors of Your Spirituality" exploration with the expectation that this will expand congregation-wide.

3. Seeking cooperation and connection with other congregations, since God's vision is certainly bigger than any single church. One example is our joint confirmation class, which involves six Presbyterian churches and which has attracted national attention. Another is an inter-denominational coalition of six churches in the Honeoye Falls/Lima/Mendon area which is funding and building a Habitat for Humanity house.

One hard thing for me in any process, but especially in an unfolding visioning process, involves timing. You see, I love the big picture, but I am naturally impatient and visions can't be rushed. Wish as I might, God responds to prayer in God's own time, and delay is not denial. On the other hand, delay in life may mean missed opportunity. I liken it to a perfectly placed, perfectly timed pass in basketball or football. If the pass is thrown too early, the receiver may not have gotten sufficient separation from the defender; if thrown too late, the receiver may have moved out of position. In either case, good intentions may lead to bad results due to poor timing.

So that's what we're doing at LPC; we're trying to remain alert for opportunities in the game God has chosen for us. We may never master this game, but we're out there on the field. The goal is not to win but to play well, for God's game is cooperative, not competitive. Still, a couple of perfectly executed passes would be nice as our vision unfolds. Stay tuned - and pray with us.

Yours in Christ,

Dave

LPC Outreach Committee is hard at work!

I have just recently been given the privilege to work more closely with the wonderful people engaged in this important aspect of our church. If you have questions, ideas or suggestions for outreach projects you would like to see us involved with - whether local or global! - please let me know with a note, a call, a conversation or an email. (Contact Information: Anita Layfield, 582-2666 or layfield@frontiernet.net)

Come join us for the semi-annual Pork Dinner on Saturday, May 7th. We will be serving family-style meals at the church from 4pm-7pm, and take-outs are also available.

If you would like to help out with this important fundraising event, please contact Judy Recktenwald at 582-2503. Gifts of food and/or cash and/or volunteer time are all gratefully received!

We are looking forward to being involved with Habitat for Humanity in a number of ways this year. Please plan to come join us, as many hands make light work, and the rewards of being involved are amazing! More information coming soon.

We are also looking for ideas of how best to be involved in the CrossRoads festivities this August. If you have ideas or would like to help out, I would love to hear about it!

Attention Teens, Seniors, Youngsters, and Everyone in Between: We're on the lookout for ways to get more involved in our community, lend a hand where it's needed and in general, give something back! Please contact Anita with your ideas, wish list and suggestions. Together we can make a difference!

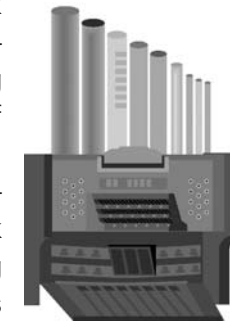
Many thanks to our hardworking committee members - Marilyn MacIntyre, Sue Muehleisen, Cheryl Keller, and Pastor Dave.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

Anita Layfield

Organ Project

More work was completed regarding the building of wind lines. Peter continues to work on finalizing the drawings of the new organ.



Confirmation News

Andrew and Brenda, Riley and Robin, and Pastor Dave have continued to meet monthly with the other confirmands, faith partners and pastors of area churches for Sunday night Confirmation Retreats. We have been exploring the tenants of our faith, the importance of prayer, and preparing to write personal statements of faith.

On Palm Sunday our group will be conducting worship for the residents of Kirkhaven. We will visit with residents, personally invite and escort them to the service, sing, pray and worship God together.

Then, in May we will confirm Riley and Andrew as members of Lima Presbyterian Church; first at our own church and then our entire church body is asked to join all the congregations of Honeoye Falls, Victor, Covington, Scottsville and Chili for a huge worship celebration. This event will be on May 22 at Victor High school, 11:00 am in lieu of worship in Lima. *Robin Hargrave*





Save the date - mark your calendar for Saturday May 7th!

The Roast Pork and Dressing Dinner

WE NEED YOU! PLEASE HELP!

Sign up sheets for food donations and volunteering are on the table in Fellowship Hall. Or contact Judy Recktenwald (582-2503)

The following is a list of food items we will need.

The larger quantities can be broken down into several donations.

All other items besides below need to be at church Wednesday, May 4th.

- (35) 1 lb. butter quarters
- (5) 1lb. butter solid unsalted
- (8) WHOLE milk
- (22) small cans of whole pitted black olives
- (5) 64 oz. bread and butter pickles
- (16) bunches of celery
- (20 lbs) onions
- (4) 32oz. Hellman's Mayonnaise
- (4) 32 oz. Miracle Whip
- (1) bottles apple cider vinegar
- (1) 5lb bag of flour

- (65) 9" HOMEMADE pies. (All homemade pies should be at church no later than 3 P.M. on Saturday.)

- **CASH** donations will gladly be accepted by Judy Recktenwald (582-2503). There are a number of items that we buy in bulk and your cash will help offset the cost of the dinner.



Volunteer workers are needed on

Thursday, May 5th

- Work will begin in the morning for food preparation
- Cutting bread for dressing, cutting onions and celery,
- Making dressing
- Please bring your own vegetable peelers and knives.

Friday, May 6th

- Make stuffing
- Set all the tables, misc.

Saturday, May 7th (Day of the Dinner)

- Kitchen help
- Afternoon set up,
- Table servers, coffee/drink servers
- Take out runners,
- Dishwashers, scrappers
- Clean up crew will be needed.

Please sign up on sheets in fellowship hall, or contact Judy Recktenwald (582-2503)

Thank you in advance for your generous support of this important church fundraising event.

Operations Committee

The Operations Committee is hoping to continue to progress some projects regarding the building. We just had the second set of large external doors refurbished and rehung. These are the doors closest to the church office, on the route 15A side of the building. This work was done by John Bailey.

We are using April to obtain and finalize some quotes on several projects:

- 1) Painting of the external windows and trim, along with the upper beige trim on the building.
- 2) Replacement of the plastic window coverings.
- 3) Rebuild of the front steps.
- 4) Repair of the rear ramp and steps.
- 5) Repair of one Fellowship Hall chimney.

- 6) Replace most of the downspouts at the front of the building.
- 7) Perform the annual slate inspection on the roof.
- 8) Brick replacement and repointing, as needed.
- 9) Refurbish the remaining two set of external doors.
- 10) Repair of the clock and church bee ringing.

The Operations Committee is meeting in late April to form a recommendation for Session approval regarding these possible projects.

We will also be posting a lawn mowing list for volunteers from the church to cut the lawn for 2 week intervals. It would greatly help to have a few volunteers.

Bob Pfeil



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FARMERS MARKET



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Tuesdays 3 - 6pm

June 14th - October 25th

Approved Grown Products

Fruits • Vegetables • Flowers • Plants

Baked Goods From Approved Kitchens

Vendors Welcome