

Lima Presbyterian Church
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Lima Presbyterian Church Newsletter



Fall 2011 Schedule of Events & Services



Save the date - November 5th Roast Pork and Dressing Dinner

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 can be broken down into several donations.

All other items need to be at church Wednesday November 2nd

- (32) 1 lb. butter quarters
- (5) 1lb. Butter solid unsalted
- (8) WHOLE milk
- (2) 5lb sugar
- (12) small cans - 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
- (65) 9" HOMEMADE pies (All homemade pies should be at church no later than 3pm on Saturday.)



CASH donations will gladly be accepted by Judy. There are a number of items that we buy in bulk from U.S. Food Service and your cash will help offset the cost of the dinner.

Volunteer workers are needed on Sat. October 22nd
 8:00 am to make the applesauce.

Thursday - November 3rd - 9:00
 Work will begin in the morning for food preparation
 Cutting bread for dressing, cutting onions and celery.
 Please bring your own vegetable peelers and knives.

Friday- November 4th - 9:00
 Make stuffing
 Set all the tables, misc.

Saturday: November 5th - 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.*

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| Sunday, October 9th
Every Sunday at 12 noon | Fall Bible Study Series begins
American Hotel; through November 20 |
| Saturday, November 5th
4:00 - 7:00 pm | Fall Pork Dinner |
| Sunday, November 27th | Hanging of the Greens,
Church holiday decorating after church |
| Tuesday, December 13th
7:00 pm | Community Choir Festival
St. Rose Catholic Church |
| Sunday, December 18th
10:30 am | Christmas Pageant
during worship |
| Sunday, December 18th
12:00 noon | Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins,
after church, bring cookies |
| Saturday, December 24th
7:30 pm | Traditional Lessons and Carols Service |
| Sunday, December 25th
9:30 am | Family Prayer Service (30 minutes) |
| Sunday January 8th
Every Sunday at 12 noon | Winter Bible Study Series begins
American Hotel; through February 26 |

We Miss You...

*We would like to see more
 of our members on a regular
 basis. Please consider
 getting back in the habit of
 being a regular at our
 Sunday morning worship
 service.*





Message from the Pastor

We are a small congregation with traditional-looking building in a culture that idolizes the big, the new and the flashy. We are a village church in an urbanizing world that celebrates mega-churches. Should we be feeling dated? Inadequate? I don't think so. Listen to the apostle Paul sharing an important ministry principle with the young Corinthian church (2 Cor 10:12- 18)



We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they do not show good sense.

We, however, will not boast beyond limits, but will keep within the field that God has assigned to us, to reach out even as far as you.

For we were not overstepping our limits when we reached you; we were the first to come all the way to you with the good news of Christ. We do not boast beyond limits, that is, in the labors of others; but our hope is that, as your faith increases, our sphere of action among you may be greatly enlarged, so that we may proclaim the good news in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in someone else's sphere of action.



'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.' For it is not those who commend themselves that are approved, but those whom the Lord commends.

Notice how Paul balances the gospel vision with practical reality when he mentions that as ministers of the gospel we have each been given a sphere of action, which God has entrusted to us, noting that others have been given different spheres of action. Paul cautions us about overextending or overreaching our boundaries, directing us worry less about the scope of our activities, and more about who we are doing them with and for. In other words, we are to be grateful for the fields that God has given us to cultivate. The real measure of our success will not be the size of those fields but how faithfully we are doing our work in them.

I think we're cultivating our fields and proclaiming the good news quite well. Some examples are:

- Our third shared confirmation class has just begun with two more confirmands, Garrett Steiner and Jasmine Gonyea. This year our partners are the Presbyterian churches of Honeoye Falls and Penfield plus Christ Clarion in Pittsford. Classes run September through May.
- We are a founding member of the New Beginnings Coalition which is building a Habitat for Humanity house in the poorest section of Rochester. Our partners there are the Presbyterian and United Methodist churches in Honeoye Falls, Mendon Presbyterian, and Third Presbyterian along with St. Rose and St. Paul of the Cross Roman Catholic churches. Construction starts in November. Watch for volunteer opportunities.
- Our building is being lovingly cared for as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Also the actual construction work for our new organ is about to begin, both here and at Parsons Pipe Organ Builders.
- Two more of our popular Bible studies are scheduled for October/November and January/February. All are welcome. Bring a friend too.
- We've revamped our website (limapreschurch.org) and soon more sermons will be posted for those who cannot attend church.
- Our justly famous community pork dinner is November 5th, augmented this year by hundreds of compassion sayings on a "forest" of wooden poles in the sanctuary.

Add all these activities to regular worship, ministry and mission, committee concerns and church school and there is a lot of God's work going on in this congregation. We may not be big or flashy, but I see strong faith at work here. I am so grateful for that sustained faith and the ongoing service of so many of you. Nor do you "boast beyond limits". In truth, you are making us what we aspire to be, "those whom the Lord commends."

*Blessings to you all.
Pastor Dave*

Dates and Events of Note

Please join us **October 2 for World Communion Sunday** and a special coffee hour presentation about our involvement with the New Beginnings Coalition of churches and its first project - the Habitat for Humanity building project.

Lima Presbyterian will celebrate their sponsorship of the **Lima Farmer's Market** on Tuesday, **October 18**, from 3-6pm. Come visit the Farm Market and enjoy a visit and some free goodies from LPC!

Interested in a new volunteer opportunity? The New Beginnings Coalition is looking for a representative from Lima Presbyterian to coordinate our **volunteers for the Habitat house build**. Also there is an opening on the communications committee that coordinates advertising, special events and spreading the word on what the project is all about. If interested, please contact Anita Layfield for more information. 585-582-2666.

Have some fall cleaning to do? The church is planning to sponsor a **scrap metal drive on Saturday, October 29**. More details to follow - but please save any and all scrap metal, except for things that contain freon. (no refrigerators, air conditioners, or dehumidifiers, please!) Other large appliances are welcome. If you need help transporting your scrap, we can make arrangements for pick-up. Watch the church bulletin for more information as details evolve.

The PIES are coming, the PIES are coming! As part of our fundraising for Habitat for Humanity and the New Beginnings Coalition, we will soon be taking orders for delicious pies from Kelly's Farm Market in Hilton. The pies are large and tasty and made from locally grown fruit. They will be ready for delivery just in time for Thanksgiving, or can be frozen and saved for Christmas. Watch for the special taste-test coffee hour coming soon, and place your orders early!

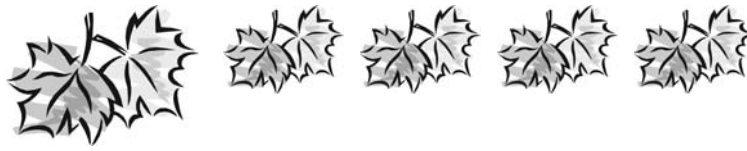
We have a few **Habitat for Humanity / New Beginnings Coalition** T-shirts left for sale. They are a striking 'construction-worker-yellow' with catchy black logos. Get yours while supplies last in preparation for the Habitat House build that will begin in November! See Anita Layfield for more information.

A search for compassion

from the Church School

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| CHARITY | LOVE |
| CHEER | OBLIGING |
| COMFORT | PATIENCE |
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Operations Committee:

The Lima Presbyterian Church has had several projects ongoing this summer/fall.

- The church bells have started ringing again thanks to Paul, Scott, and Bill.
- The tower clocks are working on 3 sides of the tower.
- The entire building is now lightning protected.
- Two new copper downspouts were installed in the front of the building.
- Flashing was repaired on a chimney on the Fellowship Hall part of the building.
- Our annual roof slate inspection and repair was completed.
- The third set of door restoration (parking lot side) are underway with John
- Bailey Custom Woodworking.

All woodwork surrounding the external windows of the church are currently undergoing a restoration. This is including removal of the old plastic covering of the windows, scraping, wood repair, recaulking, priming, finish coats, and a new plastic covering for all the windows. We also washed the windows. Work is scheduled to be completed this fall.

We will be working on getting the front steps redone before the end of fall.

Special thanks to the Operations Committee for their extra time during these busy activities: Paul Fleming, Scott Layfield, Don Bartold, Bill Webster, Robin Hargrave, Bob Pfeil.



Some Things You Might Encourage our children to do while waiting for worship to begin

·With pieces of paper, mark the hymns to be sung, read over the words.

·Mark the scripture readings so you can find them quickly.

·Think of the things you want to pray about in the Prayers of the People.

·Mark a star* for times everyone stands up.

While the sermon is being given

·Draw a circle around anything in the bulletin you don't understand. Ask about it after the service.

·Put a tick by the parts you want to talk about.

·Draw a picture of the readings.

Children are not the Church of the future. They are the church of the present. Children can know and experience God and have faith to share. We need to know that all of us are on the faith journey together and that God is active in all our lives. Worship can be the place and the activity where we seek God's will and presence for our lives together in community.

Robin Hargrave

