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Outreach

The Outreach Committee has been privileged to help several individuals and groups this year in a number of small ways. This is a wonderful extension of Christ's love in our community. Do you know of a friend, neighbor or acquaintance who could use a helping hand in some small way? If so, please contact Anita Layfield, committee chair, with details. 585-582-2666 or layfield@frontiernet.net.

- Anita Layfield

Deacons

Thank you to Bev Gillette, Suzanne Nielson, Carol Bartold, Robin Hargrave & Carolyn Fleming for all their caring and devotion as Deacons.

The Deacons have had a busy year and are looking forward to another . We visited many of our shuts-ins this Spring, delivering a plant and some greetings. Postcards with prayers continue to go out each month. If you have not received a prayer postcard, you will by the end of the year. We continue the prayer chain and have had several concerns over the last few month. Please contact any Deacon if you have any prayer concerns. We have sent out many get well, thinking of you cards to several people within our church community. We thank Robin for her Eggs of Appreciation she created for the Easter season. We also thank Robin for the origami ships she created to celebrate Pentecost. We wish you a safe and wonderful summer.

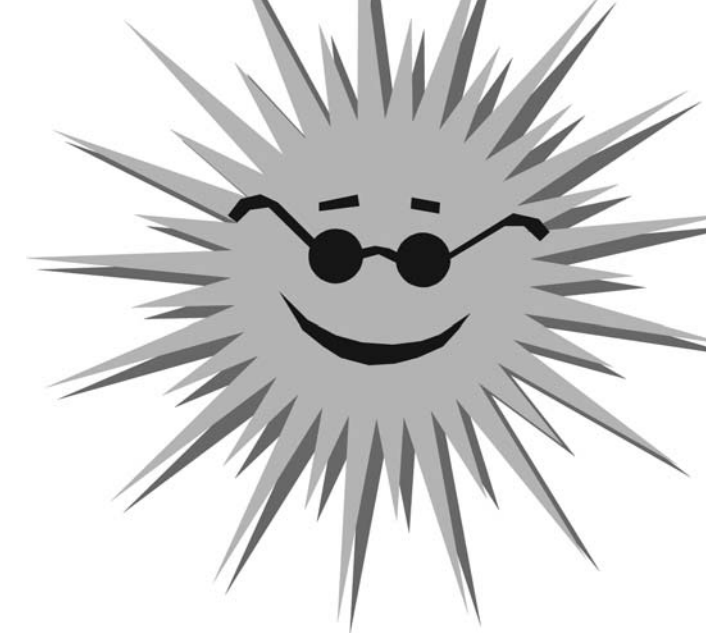
- Marilyn MacIntyre

Property Committee

The Property Committee is spending most of its energy helping to support the Organ Project. We work every other Saturday morning, from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM. There are many tasks to still complete, so please join us.

The committee also hopes to possibly replace the front steps and/or back concrete ramp this summer.

Lima Presbyterian Church Newsletter



Summer 2012

Schedule of Events & Services

Ongoing from June 12th

Farmer's Market is located on the front lawn every Tuesday, 3-6pm beginning June 12th and continuing through October.

June 17th

Summer worship hours change to 9:30am

June 23rd 8:30am to 1pm

Work days for the Organ Project. Come for a few hours or the whole time. There are many different projects to be completed, so come and see what you can do. No experience is necessary!

July 7th

Work day for the Organ Project (see 6/23)

July 10th

Deacon Meeting

July 17th

Session Meeting

July 21st

Work day for the Organ Project (see 6/23)

August 4th

Work day for the Organ Project (see 6/23)

August 14th Deacon Meeting

August 14th
2012 Lima Crossroads Festival
Visit the LPC pie booth, located by the front steps of the church.

August 18th
Work day for the Organ Project (see 6/23)

August 21st
Session Meeting

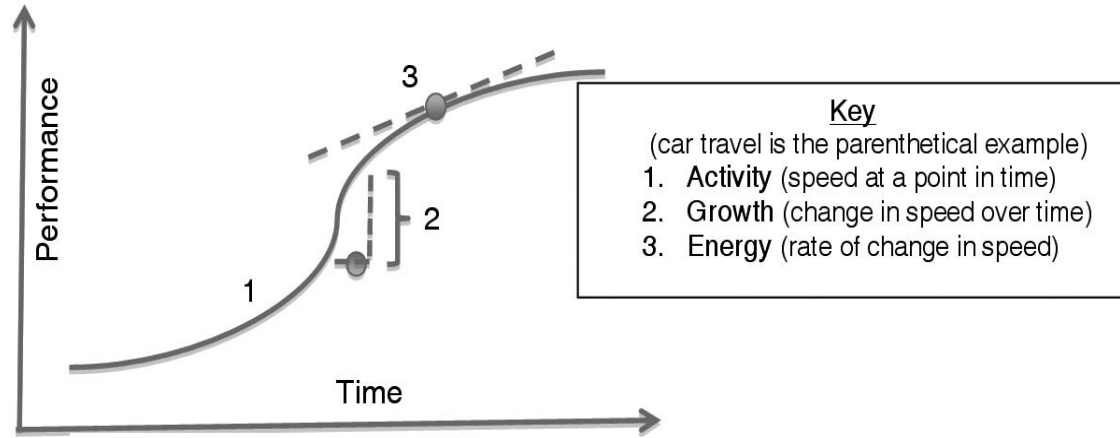
September 9th
Resume 10:30 AM worship

**Thanks to everyone
for all the hard work on the
pork dinner - the profit was
\$2,295.14**



A Church Calculus

This note is my periodic opportunity to tell you how I think things are going here at Lima Presbyterian. The approach I'll use came to me as I was listening to Paige Hargrave lament the difficulties she was having in her calculus class. It turns out differential calculus is a useful way of looking at how things are going. Let's take a look at how things are going in our church through the lens of differential calculus using the diagram below. The curved line represents illustrative happenings in the church through time.



1. **Church Activity** (what we are doing) There is a lot going on as usual. Here are a few highlights.
• The farm market is in full swing once again for the summer. Besides providing good, fresh food, the market is a visible reminder of our active presence in the community. Thank you Bev Gillette.

- The Habitat for Humanity house we are building is almost complete. Stay tuned for news of the dedication ceremony, probably Saturday, June 23.
- Building an organ is a far more complex and time-consuming project than I had imagined. Right now the organ case and console are out being worked on, the Sunday school rooms and balcony are full of organ parts, and the chancel is ripped up. But we are making great progress thanks to many Saturday morning volunteers and the careful guidance of Peter Geise. The physical installation should be complete in September.

2. **Church Growth** (are we getting better at what we are doing)
[Paige, in calculus this is the first derivative. A positive (upward sloping) value is good, unless you are driving in a speed zone.] Are we getting better at being church, at loving and serving the Lord? I think so, although we will never be finished with building the kingdom.

- The deacons are enthusiastic and active in many ways that make a difference for our members, both those able to attend worship and those not able to.
- The session is filled with new ideas, thoughtful discussions of our future and touching sharing of their faith.
- Two more confirmands, Jasmine Gonyea and Garrett Steiner have joined the church. We are blessed with such great young people.

3. **Church Energy** (what is fueling what we are doing)
[The second derivative, Paige. Are we growing at an increasing rate (value greater than 1) or a decreasing rate (value less than 1)?] This is the most difficult to describe, but perhaps the one most important to our future. It is the atmosphere of the place, the smiles, the hugs, the simple joy of being together in the House of the Lord. It is the willingness to step up and go the extra mile out of a genuine desire to serve. I feel this from the choir, the deacons, the session and many others who seem to love to make this place run well. These expressions of who the Lord has called you to be are an unimaginable blessing to me.

So there you have it - the calculus of Lima Presbyterian Church. Now the next time someone asks you how things are going at church you can casually assess the situation in terms of differential equations - activity, growth and energy. Or you could invite them to come and see for themselves.

May the peace of Christ be with you.
Pastor Dave

Church School News

Congratulations Jasmine & Garrett on your confirmation, we are proud of you although it means our church school population is growing up.



With the graduations this month of Morgan Holsopple, Greg Steiner and Cassie Bowen, as well as the confirmations of five others in the past two years; we are a smaller church school group on Sunday mornings. Please know that even as you grow up and take on a greater role in church and worship; we always welcome you to attend Church school.

Our focus this spring has been on learning who the 12 disciples were by name and deed, understanding how they continued Jesus' work and how we also continue that. This summer we are hoping to commit the Apostle's or Nicene Creed to memory...if anyone has a fun, creative or fail proof way to do that and would like to help us, we welcome your ideas. If you know of any times when nursery care may be needed, we can arrange that with a heads up to... robinwhargrave@gmail.com.

Thank you again to Michelle Savard, Melissa Holsopple, Cassie Bowen, Anita Layfield and Carolyn Fleming for sharing the church school teaching with me. We each take one unit, just 5-6 weeks at a time and it is a great way to get to know the youth of our church. We welcome anyone who would like to join in teaching. We'll help you get started, which is really quite easy with our online curriculum.

Any recent confirmands interested or thinking about going into teaching? Teaching church school next year for a unit could be a great experience!

- Robin Hargrave

Noteworthy...

On May 5, 2012 the church hosted another delicious and wonderfully **successful roast pork dinner**. Many, many thanks to all who participated by offering their time, talents, energy and donations of money and goods to support this important activity in the life of our church! We are truly blessed that you are each a part of this wonderful church family!

Calling all pie bakers and pie enthusiasts! The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring our second annual Crossroads Festival Pie Booth on Saturday, August 4 to raise money to help support local charities. We need your help - to bake pies, to host the booth for a brief time, to come buy or eat pies, help set up or clean up - however you would like to help! Watch for more details to appear in the church bulletin in the coming weeks. If you would like to join us, please contact Anita Layfield to be included in the contact list for this fun event. 585-582-2666 or layfield@frontiernet.net. *Thank you for your support!*

Confirmation Class

On June 3rd, 2012 we confirmed two new members into our church; Jasmine Gonyea & Garrett Steiner. These two youth joined in group confirmation classes with a number of youth from Honeoye Falls, Penfield & Christ Clarion churches.

The youth gathered together once each month for Sunday evening retreats to delve into topics such as baptism, communion, what it means to be Presbyterian, the tenants of our faith, what difference it makes being a Christian celebrating Christmas and others. Two of the biggest endeavors for the group were visiting an area nursing home to offer Palm Sunday church service and writing their own statement of personal faith. The confirmands shared these faith statements with the confirmation group at our April retreat and then with Session over dinner in May. I trust I'm not alone believing that it was a memorable meeting with much shared.

Suzanne Muehleisen and I were proud to be faith partners with Garrett and Jasmine. We grew our faith right alongside them. Pastor Dave was incredibly active in each retreat, as well as dedicated to the preparation and planning end.

We all found that joining with other Presbyterian pastors, youth and faith partners was inspiring. It demonstrated to our youth that the Presbyterian faith is active and dynamic; and that there are more of us out there than they may think as part of a small congregation.