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## Mission & Outreach

### Psalm 100:2

Serve the Lord with gladness!

We continue to reach out to others through our mission giving.

- For Souper Sunday the congregation filled many grocery bags with items needed at the Lima Food Pantry.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for the Presbytery Missions Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People ministries was \$182.62.
- This year we participated in the "HOMES OFFERING" which nurtures the spirit and lives of the elders at Kirkhaven and Rochester Presbyterian Home. We matched the offering with funds from our mission budget. Each home will receive \$150.
- Our yearly mission contribution to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley was \$500.



*Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to the food pantry... including the pet food contributions!*

The Outreach committee provided 15 free Pork dinners to shut-ins and people in our community. These dinners were very much appreciated.

*- Marilyn MacIntyre*

## Schedule of Events & Services

<b>Summer Ongoing</b>	Farmer's Market is located on the front lawn every Tuesday, 3-6pm through October.	<b>June 20th</b> Session Meeting 7:00 pm
<b>Saturday June 1st</b> 8:30 am - 1:00 pm	Organ Project Workday	<b>June 22nd</b> Organ Project Workday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
<b>Sunday June 2nd</b> 10:30 am	Favorite Hymn Sunday-join us singing our favorite hymns Peter Geise and Pastor Dave Norton are creating the worship service around "favorite hymns" of the congregation. Bring your best singing voice!	<b>June 29th</b> Organ Project Workday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
<b>Saturday June 8th</b> 8:30 am - 1:00 pm	Organ Project Workday	<b>July 9th</b> Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm
<b>Sunday June 9th</b> 10:30 am	Last Day for Sunday School. Recognition of Graduates. Following service, join us for Sundae Sunday	<b>July 18th</b> Session Meeting 7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday June 11th</b> 7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting	<b>August 3rd</b> Lima Crossroad's Days TBA
<b>Saturday June 15th</b> 8:30 am - 1:00 pm	Organ Project Workday	<b>August 13th</b> Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm
<b>Sunday June 16th</b> 9:30 am	Father's Day -wishing all the "dads" a very happy day. Summer Worship Hour begins	<b>August 15th</b> Session Meeting 7:00 pm
		<b>September 1st</b> Resume 10:30 AM worship



## Dreamers and Doers

I'm a dreamer. I like to dwell in big ideas and big questions - God, truth, love, beauty and so on. My wife Debbie, on the other hand, is a doer. She wants to make things better. "How" and "now" are her concerns. So, for example, she sets out paper napkins as she prepares the kitchen table the night before for breakfast; I use them to jot down sermon



ideas. Dreamers seek to remove boundaries to open up possibilities. Doers seek to set boundaries so tasks can be defined. There is value in both orientations, but neither is sufficient as a life plan. In our better moments, Debbie and I find a kind of harmony between our two approaches.

Churches, too, have dreamers and doers in them. You can see how the new vision of our church contains elements of both: Faith and Love in Action Together. So the focus of this essay is, "How can we find harmony here at Lima Presbyterian Church (LPC) between dreamers and doers?" This is not just a dreamer question, because any church, including ours, is meant to be the whole body of Christ - all of us, dreamers and doers. Fortunately the Presbyterian Church (USA) has good guidance for us. They are called The Great Ends of the Church, a kind of high-level 'To Do' list for churches. Let's review each briefly, trying to catch both the dreaming and the doing in each.

### The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind

From the 1967 Brief Statement of Faith, "The Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior." We do preach a sermon here every Sunday, but around the county, the country and the world most people don't hear one. As a denomination we

tend to be relatively weak in mission and evangelism. Why do we seem to want to keep the good news of Christ so private?

### The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God

We all need a place where we can act out our faith with guidance and support. My sense is that we are doing that well within LPC, especially with mature believers. Now, for people inquiring about LPC, how would we answer the question, "What do you believe?" Psychologists tell us we more easily talk our way into believing than believe our way into talking.

### The maintenance of divine worship

We Presbyterians, who love decency and order, describe what should take place in worship in Chapter II of The Directory for Worship:

- Prayer - individual and corporate, praise and petition
- Scripture - read and proclaimed, explored and applied
- Sacraments - baptism and the Lord's Supper
- Offerings - self and substance
- Relating to each other and the world - community, welcome, love

We do all these things, but they are only the outward trappings of worship. What goes on in our hearts is what really matters. Worship is heart work. Our acts of love, justice, mercy and humility then reflect the state of our hearts.

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## Church School - Year in Review

In September, the students brainstormed how they would like to learn about the life of Jesus, the Bible and being a Christian this church school year. We voted on their TOP TEN and made that our church school curriculum for the year. Their list included Nature Walks, Visiting, Woodworking, Living Juicy, cooking, day of play, something with balloons, Jesus vs. super heroes, faith sharing, and others.

Paul Fleming stepped right up to lead our youth in two woodworking projects of their own choosing. Nicholas and Nathan thought a pie safe was a must, because of all the pies we make for our pork dinners. With Paul's guidance they also selected a smaller project, so that each of them could hand craft a Christmas gift for someone. The result of that project were many stamp dispensers made of a variety of wood species laminated together.

Debbie Norton poured her energy and enthusiasm into a series of Living Juicy lessons, again pre-selected by the youth. They took several weeks to study trust - of self, peers, parents, adults and God. They had weekly trust activities and created God Boxes to tangibly share some important stuff right with the Almighty Himself.

Carolyn Fleming led several cooking activities during advent with the youth and they contributed greatly to the cookie trays we delivered to members of our congregation while caroling for them.

Robin Hargrave focused her weeks with the students on expanding Bible and pray themes interactively. Through nature walks and play days upstairs we focused on learning the Apostle's Creed and read the whole Bible together - well, a children's version that captured the thematic overview at least. We familiarized the youth with the books of the Old and New Testaments and I bet each student knows the first five books of each testament. We tried to arrange visiting some of our church members who cannot always make it to worship during church school time, but have not been successful in that yet.

Claudia Gallipeau has a lesson planned for the fall that will teach the kids about the symbology in the Presbyterian Church USA logo. We welcome everyone to take a turn spending time with the youth on a Sunday morning; children need adult friends/mentors that are

not their parent or related to them and it really does take a whole church to raise a child! I'd be happy to offer any guidance I can or join you as you share with the youth. I know they are interested in hearing other people's faith journey and what makes coming to church so important to each of us.

Thank you to Debbie Norton, Paul and Carolyn Fleming for teaching church school with me over the past school year. It takes time, patience and dedication, but we all know it is a reward within itself. We are teaching our youth the stories and love of Jesus and they are sharing it with others.

With the love of Jesus,  
*Robin Hargrave*

### Notes and newsworthy...

The **organ project** continues along. Work days are every Saturday morning from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM.

Most of the internal structure is complete. The lower half of the external case has been installed with the upper case to be installed on June 1st.

The blower room work is just about complete and we project the first start up of the blower to be on June 1st.

The goal is to have most assembly work completed by the end of June so that Peter, and helpers can begin the task of installing over 1500 pipes.

Special thanks to Peter for all of his efforts in this tremendously large project.

*Operations Committee, Bob Pfeil*

Another successful **Pork dinner** was held on Saturday, May 4th. 376 dinners were sold, including over 180 take-outs.

The approximate profit from the dinner should be over \$ 2,300 which is very helpful towards contributing to our annual budget.

Special thanks to everyone who helps LPC out in so many ways during the dinner and who help to make it a special fellowship event.

*Judy Recktenwald*



## *Dreamers and Doers continued*

### **The preservation of the truth**

Truth is a great idea in the abstract. Living it tends to get complicated. Scripture is our best source of truth teaching, for the source of truth is God. This means that truth is not relative or circumstantial, but eternal. It also means that truth is not 'ours,' Truth is there, but we have to discern it in the moment. That's why in a troubling situation I try to remember the familiar question, "What would Jesus do?"



### **The promotion of social righteousness**

Jesus in his ministry clearly favored ordinary folks along with the needy, the rejected, and the powerless. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5) reflect this. As followers of Jesus, regardless of our advantages, it is our task, too, to end all types of oppression, confront the powerful, and care for those in need. The challenge comes when we realize that nobody's problem is not our concern - not the immigrants, not the poor, not the ignorant, not the addicts. While these challenges a huge, many are easily scalable. We can start small, but we have to start... and then persevere.

### **The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world**

When we deal with one another in love and deal with the world in love, the world has a far better idea of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. How did the early churches do this within? Acts 2:42 tells us, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." In other words, when we do the first four Great Ends, we are then ready to do this one. Together with number five, this end particularly requires a turning outward. The Great Ends tell us our church in Lima needs to also be God's church in the world.

Dreaming and doing. Faith and Love in Action Together. The Great Ends of the Church. May God continue to bless us in our ministry.

- *Pastor Dave*

## **Worship Committee**

### **Psalm 146:1-2**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Worship Committee is looking for ideas, suggestions, recommendations, for Sunday Worship Service.

Please jot down your ideas and put them in the suggestion box in fellowship hall.

One idea from worship committee is:

### **"Favorite Hymns" Sunday**

Join us on Sunday  
June 2nd at 10:30am



Bring your best singing voice or just come to enjoy the music. If you know someone who might enjoy listening to hymns, invite them to our worship service that Sunday.

Worship Committee is discussing some other special Sundays during the summer, such as casual Sunday with coffee (iced if it is very hot) and refreshments before and during the worship service.

Also we are planning a Vacation Bible School Sunday. Please join us throughout the summer, for regular worship, special music and occasionally some special worship services.

Summer worship is at 9:30am from June 16th through August 25th.

- *Marilyn MacIntyre*



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**FARM FRESH MARKET**



**Lima Presbyterian Church**

**Tuesdays June - October**

**3 - 6pm**

**Locally Grown Products**

**Fruits • Vegetables • Flowers • Plants**

**Baked Goods From Approved Kitchens**

**Vendors Welcome**

*Looking for a person to be next years Farm Market Manager as Bev is retiring from this position. Can easily be trained during this upcoming season...*