



Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Thinking with Christ's mind • Loving with Christ's heart • Serving with Christ's hands



A Message From Terry

DEAR FAMILY CALLED LPC,

Please mark your calendar and plan to participate in all the special Holiday Happenings at Lakewood Presbyterian Church:

NOVEMBER

- 23 Preschool Thanksgiving Program & Feast
- 25 LPC Thanksgiving Meal
- 27 Dinner & Decorating the Sanctuary
- 28 First Sunday of Advent
Advent Sermon Series:
Advent from a Prophet's Perspective - HOPE
Communion at both services
Music will include:
The King Shall Come, Alan York, vocalist
Creator of the Stars of Night, LPC Chancel Choir

DECEMBER

- 1 Wed Dinner & LPC Children's Choirs present My Best-friend and Candles of Christmas
- 4 Gingerbread Workshop
- 5 Second Sunday of Advent
Advent from a Prophet's Perspective - PEACE
Music will include:
Jesu, Thou Art Watching Ever, Ali Stewart, vocalist
O Day of Peace, LPC Chancel Choir
- 8 Wed Dinner & musical offerings by the LPC Music Ministry
- 12 Third Sunday of Advent
Advent from a Prophet's Perspective - JOY
Music will include:
Prepare Ye the Way and In the Bleak Midwinter, The GraceNotes

- 14 Preschool Christmas Program and Reception
- 15 Wed Dinner & 50th Anniversary of the Lakewood Sanctuary
- 18 Youth Advent Conspiracy Lock-In
Rodney Cleveland & First Coast Ringers Concert
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Advent from a Prophet's Perspective - LOVE
LPC Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra
present: A Thrill of Hope by Joel Raney
Young Adults Tacky Christmas Sweater Party @ Pastor Katie's House
- 20 LPC Music Ministry at San Jose Manor
- 22 Wed Dinner and Caroling
- 24 Family Christmas Eve Worship Service with Live Nativity
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Handbells and Choir
- 26 10:00 a.m. – One service "Celebrating Christmas"

WITH LOVE,

Terry



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December 2010

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30	Sunday Service
9:45	Sunday School for Adults & Children
10:30	Fellowship Time in Benz Hall
11:00	Sunday Service

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Our deadline for item submission is the 15th of the month. Email Lori@lpcjax.org or place articles in the newsletter mailbox located in the church office. Please include your name when submitting an article. Articles may be edited for content and length.

**REMEMBER, ONLY ONE
WORSHIP SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26,
AT 10:00 A.M.**

WN @ LPC

Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and program at 6:45 p.m. each Wednesday in Benz Hall. Our December schedule is:

- 1 Christmas Joy Dinner
Youth music
- 15 Holiday Concert
- 22 Caroling
- 29 No program.

Children under 10 eat free; adult meals cost \$6.00. E-mail dinner reservations by noon on Monday to Suzanne@lpcjax.org.

Music Notes

Christmas abounds with opportunities to enjoy the sounds of the seasons. Mark your calendars now, so you don't miss out!

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 6:45 p.m. – LPC's children will present their Christmas program.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 6:45 p.m. – LPC's annual Christmas variety show.

Saturday, Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m. – At LPC, the First Coast Ringers and Rodney will perform some of our Christmas favorites.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – The Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present A Thrill of Hope by Joel Raney.

Monday, Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m. – GraceNotes, Handbells, Hand Chimes and other musical talent from LPC will entertain the residents of San Jose Manor. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas Joy Offering

A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the PCUSA to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. Fifty percent of receipts are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council. Lakewood will collect the Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 5.



I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless

If you lost your home, your job or your health, what would you do? There are thousands of people in Jacksonville who have no one to turn to, no family and no one who can help them when a crisis occurs in their lives. That is the reason the I. M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless is there to help. Every night, the Sulzbacher Center is home to more than 330 homeless members of our community, (sadly to say many of whom are children.) But the center is more than just a night's lodging and a free meal. They are a place for reinventing lives and for restoring hope. Many years ago, LPC made the commitment to raise the funds to purchase the food, prepare and serve dinner four times a year for approximately 350-400 men, women and children at the center. Our next dinner will be prepared at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3, and served at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex if you would like to help with this ministry-reaching out to those less fortunate-right here in our community. Your help is needed!

Blood Drive

WHEN: Sunday, December 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: LPC Parking Lot

WHY: To give the "Gift of Life" and do our part to keep our community blood supply healthy.

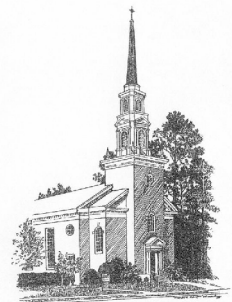
HOW YOU CAN HELP: Register to donate online at www.igiveblood.com or sign up in the Church Narthex or Benz Hall.

Please mark your calendar and plan to donate.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LPC SANCTUARY!

Be sure to come and celebrate the 50th birthday of LPC's Sanctuary on Sunday, December 19, 2010. Along with the Christmas cantata, a brief reminiscence will be shared. Then, between services, a 50th Birthday Party—with cake, punch, and slide show—will be celebrated during the Sunday School hour in Benz Hall. No Sunday School that day. Come and enjoy the fun!



E - Corner

The First Evangelist? As we read again the wondrous story of a child born in an unlikely little town of Bethlehem in Judea and joyfully celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, a peculiar question comes to mind. Who was the first evangelist? I'm sure many would say well, of course, it's Jesus himself. That would be a good answer. But certainly others would also be good candidates. Certainly any one of Jesus' disciples (with the possible exception of Judas Iscariot) could be among the first evangelists. Simon Peter was, after all, the first disciple to be called and went on to glory as the "rock" upon which the Church was to be built. Then there's Levi, the tax collector whom we call Matthew. Certainly his spreading the "good news" is legendary. The same could be said for the other Gospel writers: Dr. Luke, John Mark, and John, "the beloved Apostle," who contributed not only a Gospel and three letters but is traditionally thought of as the author of the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John. And we must not forget the Apostle Paul who through both personal journeys as well as numerous letters might be thought of as the greatest evangelist, but perhaps not the first. But as we read these wonderful stories during Advent and Christmas, let's not forget John the Baptist. He was the messenger who baptized with water those who repented of their sins and was sent to prepare the way for the promised Messiah. So don't forget John the Baptizer as you meditate on the question of the first evangelist. May the hope, peace, joy and love that Christ brings this sacred season reign in our hearts eternally! A Joyous Christmas to all-The Evangelism and Church Growth Ministry Team

The Youth Group at Lakewood

Youth Group Regular Sunday Night Schedule 2010-2011

4:30 – 5:30	Middle School Youth Group
5:30 – 6:00	All Youth Music
6:00 – 6:30	All Youth Dinner
6:30 – 8:00	High School Youth Group

December 5	Regular Schedule
December 12	Youth help in Worship-go out for lunch
December 19	No Youth Group
December 26	No Youth Group

MS boys and girls are invited to the Man Camp Retreat and the Girls Retreat Shape Up. Both events will be held Feb 20-21 at Camp Montgomery. Watch for registration forms.



Child's Play Preschool at Lakewood

There is nothing like planning for and celebrating Christmas through the eyes of our Preschoolers! From the moment we return after our Thanksgiving holiday we are making beautiful decorations both for our school and to take home, making those exciting surprises for Mommy and Daddy and of course practicing for our annual Christmas Nativity Musical Program. Again this year it will be held in the evening, 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, December 14 in the church Sanctuary. We invite you to attend this beautiful and heartwarming event that will surely get you in the Christmas spirit.

We will also be collecting food, toiletries and gift cards for U.C.O.M. as our Christmas Outreach Project.

The Preschool Staff joins with me in wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas Season and a happy, healthy New Year.

In His Love,
Gail Baker, Director

Young Disciples

These K-3rd graders meet following The Children's Time during the 11:00 worship service.

Dec 5.

Symbols in Worship -
Chrismons.

Dec 12.

Birth of Jesus.

Dec 19.

Remain in Sanctuary for LPC
Chancel Choir Cantata.

Dec 26.

Worship Isn't Just for Sundays.

If you have questions, contact:

Paul Chrisman 737-1293
Doris York 993-2117

Help LPC "GO GREEN"!

To receive a monthly newsletter by e-mail, contact lori@lpcjax.org, tell her "I'M GREEN" and you'll be removed from the mailing list. In May we mailed 396 copies; in December only 187! We need to reduce our paper mailing to 79, so we need 108 more households to sign up so we can meet our goal. When mailing fewer than 200 copies, we can't use the bulk mail rate, so we will have to pay first class postage of \$.44 for each newsletter.

Ministry News and Notes-October 19, 2010

Administration:

Cash position good, but September expenses exceeded income by \$24,500. The Administration and Stewardship ministries will merge in 2011. Pledges are behind-letter sent to all members asking them to bring their pledge current. Session members were asked to do the same. Approved utility charges were moved from Administration budget to Capital Campaign. Will review the Cash Account and Capital Campaign Liabilities Accounts as some entries have been coded to the wrong account. This will assist the Building Committee with future planning. The Building Committee will meet October 17 to discuss the remaining renovation work on the Youth Hut. The 2011 budget and salaries will be discussed at the November ministry meeting.

Building & Grounds:

Sidewalk and grass repair were completed during the September 25 work day. A work day will be scheduled in October to remove plants and shrubs from the Youth Hut prior to construction. 4-6 ballasts will be purchased to replace those used in the Youth Hut renovation.

Building Update:

Adair Curtis reported there is a meeting with the contractor on October 21.

Christian Education:

Reviewed background screening requirements for volunteers spending four or more hours per month with minors. Child protection policies for Lakewood need to be established. Policies will be developed by Katie Robb, Associate Pastor, and the C.E. Moderator. A potluck dinner will be scheduled in November. Ministry discussed the book "Out Live Your Life" by Max Lucado as a potential offering.

Communication:

September 30 is the one-year anniversary of the revamped website; we've had 6,300 visitors in that time. Average page views per month are 2,262. Ministry credits at least one new member and several guests as a result of the website. Ministry is researching placing the Advent Devotional Guide on the website and is investigating adding audio sermons to the website. Members have been offered free Wednesday night dinners as an incentive to sign up for the e-Herald. 365 copies of the July Herald were mailed; only 206 in October. The ministry will hold a phone campaign to encourage members to sign up for the Herald by e-mail. Ministry has begun planning 2011 goals.

Congregational Care:

Meals were provided for the Carr family. A luncheon was provided for the family of Mildred Bergman following the memorial service. Phone calls by office staff to homebound members are going well.

Evangelism and Church Growth:

Calls to first-time visitors were assigned. E-Corner blurb for November will report on LPC's Servant Saturday Event. 25 volunteers participated in the cleanup of University Blvd.

Outreach:

Financial discrepancies were found and will be addressed by the Moderator. 21 units of blood were collected during the September 26 Blood Drive. The Sulzbacher dinner on September 10 was understaffed. Lakewood ICARE house meetings were held to recommend our congregations concerns, as a Justice Team member, for the upcoming Justice Season. The ICARE \$700.00 membership fee was paid anonymously. A new mission concerning sex addiction was introduced to the Ministry. Motion made, seconded and carried for Lakewood Presbyterian Church to become a member of ICARE.

Program:

Attendance: Youth Night-75; Theatre Jax-54, Oktoberfest-60, Stewardship-103. December programs are: 1-Christmas Joy and Youth Music; 8-Annual Christmas Variety Show; 15-Holiday Concert; 22-Caroling.

Stewardship:

Peacemaking Offering collected \$1,042.41 during World Communion Sunday on October 3.

Worship:

2011 Advent Devotional Guide theme is "Advent from a Prophet's Perspective." Submissions are due by October 12. Artwork will be provided by the Young Disciples. Twelve acolytes were commissioned on October 10. The Ministry will decorate the Sanctuary for the Service of Thanks on November 17 with the cornucopia and banner. Poinsettias will again cost \$8.00 per plant. Bulletins will have inserts for donors on November 21, 28 and December 5. Flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 11 and available for DOVES the same day. Important dates: November 28-First Sunday in Advent and Communion; December 5-No Communion; December 26-One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Unfinished Business:

Locking of Benz Hall:

Dick Wallace contacted local churches who all have very different physical plants and varied solutions. The use of the Sexton was suggested. Terry Lucarelli will research this option and discuss it with the current Sexton.

New Business:

Nominating Committee representatives are Harriet Newkirk, Ellen Schubert and Cole Succi. The Committee will meet on October 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Announcement:

Crop Walk will be held on November 7 at 2:00 p.m.

To Lakewood Presbyterian Church,

This is a small gift of appreciation for making my mother's life much more enjoyable these last four years. I can't tell you how many times she shared lessons she learned during Sunday services and in the various Bible Studies she took part in. The people of the Church were important to her and I can't thank you enough for just being who and what you are. May God's blessings continue to flow over you like waterfalls!
Kay Taylor (daughter of Mildred Bergman)



To Our Lakewood Family,

Mike and I wanted to thank you for the adorable booties for our baby boy, Brayden. It means so much to know of the love that went into making them! Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers! Brayden is doing great & can't wait to meet his Church family! With Love, Michael, Melissa, Kaley & Brayden Farhat

To my Lakewood family:

Words cannot begin to express my thanks for the cards, phone calls, and other expressions of sympathy following Aunt Roberta passing away. I also appreciate the moving and touching service performed by Terry. Thank you so much for the love you gave me during this very sad time. Love, Roberta M. Davis

Dear LPC Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards and phone calls. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Much love, Blanche Cavanaugh

Dear LPC Family,

Thank you for your cards and gifts for Roberta Strickland's family and friends. She will be sorely missed by us all. Warm regards, Barbara Strickland

To all the folks at LPC (especially Frances & crew!) who helped with Ray's memorial – THANK YOU! With love and gratitude, Sue Mitchell

Dear Staff and Members,

We're getting to feel more at home, and it is nice to live here, but we miss each of you. Happy Thanksgiving! We will have our family here, so we're excited. Love, Conrad & Martha (Hale)

Please note these changes:

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PrattTV@gmail.com

Barb & Steve Matheson

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32257-9225

Home: 904.737.1160

E-mail & cell phone unchanged

Gary Soud

gsoud@comcast.net

NEW MEMBERS



Bob & Sue Mulvin
joined on October 31, 2010

11961 Lazarette Ct.

32258-1197

904-240-1262



Mark Spencer (with wife, Sheryl)
joined on October 31, 2010

7266 St. Augustine Rd.

32217-3232

904-307-6450

Sanctuary Flower Calendar

Dec 5 Fleming family

Dec 12 ADVENT

Dec 19 ADVENT

Dec 26 Barbara Jump

\$40.00 First Sunday/\$55.00 All other Sundays

The 2011 flower calendar is now in the Narthex. Sign up for your special date before someone else grabs it!





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Youth and Young Adults

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Minister of Music

Gail Baker
Preschool Director

Suzanne Deaton
Office Administrator

Lori Appenfelder
Church Office/Newsletter

Dennis Ice
Maintenance Supervisor

Birthdays

Michele Muskus, 12/2
Christine Gingrich, 12/3
Liz Perez, 12/3
Hannah Pound, 12/3
Jo Bahn, 12/4
Jo Ann Paylor, 12/5
Kim Fleming, 12/6
Madison Lee, 12/7
Lee Meadows, 12/7
Nancy Carlton, 12/8
Freddie Sherrill, 12/8
Michael Farhat, 12/9
Jackson Spencer, 12/11
Mary Tillman, 12/12
Kathy Williams, 12/12

Carrie Franklin, 12/13
Debbie Haug, 12/13
Jennifer Matthews, 12/13
Roger Bull, 12/14
Steve Matheson, 12/15
Cathy Sorensen, 12/15
Julia Towson, 12/15
Joe Woodlief, 12/15
Robby Andreasen, 12/17
Ron Kalapp, 12/17
Barbara Travis, 12/18
Dottie Decker, 12/19
Jeremy Lucarelli, 12/19
Patrick Smith, 12/19
George Barnwell, 12/20
Sue Donahue, 12/20
Atinuke Ogunsan, 12/21

Courtney Momberg, 12/23
Jason Pratt, 12/23
Beaumont Southwood, 12/23
Jim Estes, 12/25
Joan DeParle, 12/27
Chris Lawrence, 12/27
Barbara Matheson, 12/27
Ginny Sherrill, 12/27
Nancy Wheeler, 12/27
Sean McCall, 12/28
Mike O'Brien, 12/28
Christine Choi, 12/29
Bailey Darner, 12/29
Frank Pursley, 12/30
Terry Lucarelli, 12/29

Byron Ruland, 12/30
Nita Burger, 12/31
Beth King, 12/31
Doreen Pratt, 12/31

Anniversaries

Meg & David Sheffield, 12/17
Katie & Chris Seay, 12/23
Catie & Dick Wallace, 12/23
Peggy & Don Rawlins, 12/24
Carol & Ron Kalapp, 12/28
Lori & Andy Patterson, 12/28
Sue & Don Spencer, 12/28
Anne & Dana Jewell 12/31

We thank God for you! If your birthday or anniversary is not correct, or if it is not listed, help us update our records by e-mailing Lori Appenfelder at lori@lpcjax.org.