



# 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,

Did you happen to read the Times-Union article on Sunday, January 22, titled, Experts: Pastor burnout results from unrealistic expectations? I thought it was timely, not only for me, but for all of us as we are just about ready to embark on my Sabbatical. In the article were two paragraphs that really hit me. Let me share them with you:

While there are more resources now to help pastors, studies show they experience higher rates of depression, hypertension and weight gain — and lower morale — than those they are serving, said Daniel Sherman, a former pastor and founder of the online ministry PastorBurnout.com.

His website lists some alarming statistics taken from a variety of surveys and publications: 80 percent of ministers say their jobs negatively affect their families; almost 60 percent say they would leave ministry if they had another vocation; and about 90 percent say they work more than 50 hours a week.

I will have been ordained 30 years this June 27, 2012. And prior to my ordination I worked in the church as a paid youth professional for 7 years (including my three years in seminary.) I've been doing this a long time! I love my work in the church ... I get paid to love people! Pretty amazing! But there is so much more to the call. After 37 years I am ready for a Sabbatical. I have met with Katie and Rodney. I've met with the Sabbatical Planning Team, both in 2010 and in 2011. Together we've decided that April 19 – July 19, 2012 would be the appropriate time to take the leave.

The ancient Taoist text, Tao Te Ching ("The Way of

Life") records these words: "Who is it that can make muddy water clear? But if allowed to remain still, it will gradually become clear of itself." We all need time to allow the "muddy water" to clear. God understood that and created Sabbath.

My Sabbatical plan encompasses four things: rest, reconnect, refocus and restore.

Rest speaks for itself ... Beach days!!

Reconnect with some of the people in my life who have shaped me, molded me, assisted me in becoming the person and the minister I am today ... Visiting former churches.

Refocus: Life is a continual journey in which we all try to understand who we are, what we are called to do, why we are here, all in relation to our faith ... Examining the transformational times in my life.

Restore: All of the above brings me to the main reason for taking a Sabbatical: in the rush of life and in ministry, often God gets left behind. My hope is that there will be a restoration of relationship ... a new empowering experience of the presence of God in my life.

Prior to my departure and while I am gone, we are inviting *YOU* to participate in Sabbath through *Sabbath Connections*, a series that Katie and I will be conducting during Lent. As a congregation, together we'll be able to:

- ♦ Learn more about the biblical mandate to observe the Sabbath.
- ♦ Study the book Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives by Wayne Muller. The Wednesday night programs through Lent will be geared around the book, as well as Sunday morning opportunities. (The book will be available in Benz Hall soon ... contributions appreciated.)

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### 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Email [Lori@lpcjax.org](mailto: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.

## 🎵 Music Notes 🎵

### LPC Concert Series

An exciting new venture for LPC is the Lakewood Concert Series. Funds were given in memory of Ernst Mueller to provide some lasting musical gift to the church and community. Plan to attend these events and bring guests to enjoy great music in a great setting.

The opening concert will be an ALS Fundraiser held on February 26 at 7:00 p.m., and will be performed by the Jacksonville Masterworks Chorale and Orchestra. The Choir and orchestra will perform Handel's Zadok the Priest, Britten's Festival Te Deum, and the Gloria by Francis Poulenc. The Gloria was premiered in 1961 by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Pro Musica Chorus and is considered a 'new masterwork' of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This will be a very enjoyable evening of exciting choral music.

Jacksonville Masterworks Chorale is in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year of promoting the choral art to the people of Greater Jacksonville. For more information, visit [www.jmcsings.org](http://www.jmcsings.org).

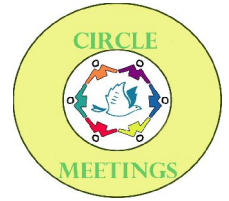
The second event of the series on March 4 will be Brahms and Friends. Bobb Robinson, baritone; Jane Christeson, mezzo-soprano; and Michael Rickman, piano, will present a program of beautiful music by Johannes Brahms. You may remember Bobb Robinson as he was the baritone for the Chancel Choir's presentation of The Seven Last Works of Christ last year.



Ernst Mueller  
1942 – 2011

### New P.W. Night Circle

The Evening Circle of Presbyterian Women is off to a good start. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 10 at Lakewood. Come and share a slow cooker meal while we study the Beatitudes. For more information, contact Lynn Holmes at 223-3409, or Roberta Davis at 448-1361. The group meets the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



### Beth Moore Bible Study

Our Thursday night Bible study group has begun our 8 week study of the book of James by Beth Moore. Meetings are held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Robin Momberg – [5039 Bradford Road](http://5039BradfordRoad). Dinner is served each week. To sign up, call the church office at 733-8055, e-mail Meg Sheffield ([sheff4@comcast.net](mailto:sheff4@comcast.net)), or Robin Momberg ([scarlet9@comcast.net](mailto:scarlet9@comcast.net)).



### Winter Enrichment – February 25

Join us at Montgomery Presbyterian Center for a wide variety of classes and workshops offering everything from spiritual growth to helpful workshops for planning worship and education in your church setting. The success of this event is not just in the numbers who attend but in the transformation it offers our churches through wonderful, engaging and spiritually uplifting time spent together in the name of Jesus Christ. Celebrate your Presbyterian identity by joining us to learn and grow together. Help make this event a great way to enrich your church programs with creativity and spirituality. Look over the courses offered [and sign up today](#).



### Save These Musical Dates in 2012

The Chancel Choir is preparing a presentation of Part III of Handel's Messiah to be presented on May 20. The children's choirs are working on The Easter Tree which will be presented on April 25.

Plan to attend both of these events provided to you by your church family members.



### Vacation Bible School 2012

*Adventures on Promise Island* will be held June 11-15 (Mon-Fri) from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This program is open to children age 3 (potty trained) through boys and girls completing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration will begin May 1. If you would like to volunteer to work in this ministry area, please contact Doris York at 993-2117.



## The Youth Group at Lakewood

LPC Youth Ministry has a new Sunday schedule for the 2011-2012 school year:

Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) – Fellowship! (Lunch & Fellowship) – 12:00-1:30 / Music 1:30-2:00

High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Music 5:30-6:00 / Dinner & Youth Group – 6:00-8:00

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, the MS & HS youth will help in worship with ushering and liturgy, and then gather MS & HS together for an activity or outing.

Feb 4 - Souper Bowl Service Blitz - Breakfast at LPC and then service work (8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) Mayor Alvin Brown is scheduled to speak at the breakfast.

Feb 5 - Sub Sale – On this Super Bowl Sunday, plan to stay out of the kitchen by placing your order for a fresh, delicious sub sandwich prepared by our LPC youth. You can order a 6", a foot-long, or the famous "super-sub", a whopping 2-footer! (You can even pick up your sub and snack on it if the congregational meeting goes long!) Order forms are in your Sunday bulletin, or call the church office. Order deadline is Wednesday, February 1. We'll also have a Bake Sale.

Feb 5 - Souper Bowl of Caring – "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." This was the prayer of a single youth group more than 20 years ago. Since then, their efforts have expanded to raise more than \$81 million for local charities around the U.S. LPC Youth have collected over \$3,500 since 2003 with simple soup pots and your contributions. Funds go to U.C.O.M. We'll be out there again on Super Bowl Sunday, so please contribute what you can! On Saturday, February 4, we'll host and participate in the Service Blitz as well.

Feb 11 - Sweetheart Dinner – Invite your sweetheart or friend to join you for the annual Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, February 11. Benz Hall will be transformed into a romantic Italian bistro and the LPC youth will serve a 3-course spaghetti dinner. You can't beat all that LPC love!! Reservations are required by calling the church office or signing up on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights in Benz Hall. Hourly seating's from 6:00-8:00. \$15.00 per couple.

### Youth Schedule for February:

- 4 Souper Bowl Service Blitz.
- 5 Sub sandwich & Bake Sales; Souper Bowl of Caring.
- 11 Sweetheart Dinner.
- 22 Ash Wednesday – Prepare pancake dinner.
- 25 M.S. Broomball begins at 5:15 p.m.
- 26 Regular schedule.

[Contact Pastor Katie](#) at 733.8055 with questions.

### "BE GREEN" IN 2012!

Join our growing list of "E-Readers" (274!) and sign up for the full color version of the e-mail newsletter. Contact [Lori@lpcjax.org](mailto:Lori@lpcjax.org).

### Young Disciples

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

Feb 5 Jesus at Work.

Feb 12 Special Jobs in Worship.

Feb 19 Practice to lead in Worship.

Feb 26 Lead in Worship.

If you have questions, contact:

Andy Patterson 646-2938

Doris York 993-2117

## PRESCHOOL NEWS



February... the love month!

Sometimes I think our preschoolers get just as excited about Valentine's Day as they do about Santa Claus. What a fun month February is at Lakewood Child's Play Preschool!

Friday, February 3, is our "Greatest Show on Earth" 4's Circus in Benz Hall at 11:30 a.m. Acts are being practiced, lines are being learned and costumes are being fitted as all our four year olds excitedly practice, practice, practice! Every class will attend, along with proud parents, grandparents and friends... join us; you won't be sorry. On Tuesday, February 21, we will be taking our circus "on the road" to our friends at Taylor Manor. Their residents look forward to our visits and love our circus performance.

Other special February events include Valentine's parties, the 4's Pajama Day during "P" week and Vision Screenings by Vision Is Priceless.

The staff is looking forward to seeing all of you as we host our first ever Wednesday night dinner on February 15. Join us as we plan a fun, enlightening and entertaining evening that children and adults will enjoy.

Contact Gail Baker (733-2027) in the Preschool Office for information about any of our events or activities, or stop by the office during school hours (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) if you have questions.

## PEPS PLANS!

Since February is known as the month for love, the PEPS committee has arranged for another lunch outing on Thursday, February 16, at 11:30 a.m. at the San Jose Country Club. We hope you will plan to join us for some fine dining in another elegant atmosphere. Our guest speaker will be John Gaughan, Chief Meteorologist for Channel 4. If you plan to attend, please turn in your reservation with payment of \$15.00 (cash or check) no later than the deadline of Monday, February 13. Place payment and reservations in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. The minibus will leave LPC at 11:15 a.m. for those that wish to be chauffeured.

## LPC Justice Ministry Update

What are you wondering about our LPC Justice Ministry?

Is it political? Justice is neither a Republican nor a Democrat issue. It's a God thing (He told us it was in Micah 6:8, for instance.) So no worries about politics. Our community justice organization, ICARE never backs a candidate of either party.

What has ICARE accomplished? Too much to list here. Check out the website: [www.icarejax.org](http://www.icarejax.org). And ask Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones or Linda Allen (your justice ICARE representatives) for a one-on-one.

What's a one-on-one? A great conversation between two of us to discuss what's important in our community and your concerns about justice issues. Doesn't that sound fun?

When is the next ICARE event? The Rally on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. The location TBA. We'll hear how things are going with the jobs research committee and also updates on past problems and actions taken. We'll carpool and/or take the minibus.

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- ♦ Experiment with our own personal Sabbath practices for slowing down, living deeply, and connecting with God.
- ♦ Participate together in some Sabbath experiences - including a walk on the beach with Terry before he leaves.
- ♦ Get ideas about Sabbath practice and Terry's Sabbatical on our LPC website.
- ♦ Learn from one another as we reflect on our experiences.

Sabbath Connections ... *YOUR*time to rest, reconnect, refocus and restore!

*WITH LOVE,*

*Terry*

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Dear Barnabas:  
 Thank you for the beautiful Christmas card and the enclosed message, "To encourage your Spirit." You do encourage our spirit by sending this beautiful card and its message. May God continue to bless you. Love,  
 Conrad and Martha Hale



Dear LPC Church Family,  
 Thank you for the picture postcard of the Lakewood Presbyterian Church. We miss you too, but are glad to have another Presbyterian Church nearby. Love and God Bless, Conrad and Martha (Hale)

Dear Church Family:  
 Thank you so much for the good cards, calls and prayers during Bob's time of illness. We appreciate all your loving concern more than we can express. Bob says to keep up those prayers. Thank you!  
 Linda Allen and Bob Stoltz

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FOLLOWING THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE ANNUAL REPORTS.**

**Sanctuary Flower Calendar**  
*Weekly arrangements cost \$55.00 each.*

Feb 5	Joy Akins
Feb 12	Bethany Atkins & Chip Hendrick
Feb 19	Dottie Stone
Feb 26	Bill Bossuot

The 2012 Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Only eight weeks are still available. At this time you may choose a second Sunday in 2012. [Contact Lori Appenfelder](#) with questions, or for a list of available dates.

**WN @ LPC**  
**(Wednesday Night @ LPC)**

Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. in Benz Hall. Our program follows dinner around 6:30 p.m.

February Theme: Tell Me a Story – Again!

Join your Lakewood family for dinner on Wednesday nights in February as we do what all families do around the dinner table – tell stories!

On February 1, Howard Beardslee will entertain us with a title – The Mind is a Funny Thing. Our menu will be burgers and brats, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw and apple pie.

On February 8, Roy Sharpe will join us again and tell us more about how Up the River North Carolina is a Funny Thing. Our menu will be a chicken/rice casserole.

On February 15 ☺, our Lakewood Preschool will present the dinner and program – Kids are a Funny Thing! Crafts will be facilitated for our kids while the adults learn about the programs, staff and children of Lakewood Preschool.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will begin our Lenten "story." This is Ash Wednesday and the Youth Group will be preparing pancakes for our meal before we go to the Sanctuary for our annual Ash Wednesday service.

Terry and Katie will continue on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February and during the month of March facilitating our Lenten series.

Join us for these wonderful evenings of food, fun and fellowship at Lakewood.

Adult meals	=	\$6.00
Youth (under 10)	=	Free!

Deadline to make dinner reservations is Monday at noon. E-mail your reservation to the church office, or phone 733-8055.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## Our Staff

Terence A. Lucarelli  
Senior Pastor

Katherine C. Robb  
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John H. Nicolson  
Pastor Emeritus

Rodney L. Cleveland  
Minister of Music

Gail Baker  
Preschool Director

Suzanne Deaton  
Office Administrator

Lori Appenfelder  
Church Office/Newsletter

Dennis Ice  
Maintenance Supervisor

## Birthdays

Saundra Farhat, 2/1  
Dixon Stater, 2/1  
Marie Hall Larsh, 2/2  
Paige King, 2/2  
Bruce Roberts, 2/2  
Samantha Clapsaddle, 2/3  
Diana Allen, 2/4  
Mary Darner, 2/5  
Helen Beechler, 2/8  
Scott Wallace, 2/8  
Susan Keith, 2/9  
Isaac Ogunsan, 2/9  
Diana Quinlan, 2/10  
Sydney Braswell, 2/12  
Fulton Woodlief, 2/13  
Matthew Estes, 2/15

Lynn Holmes, 2/16  
Larry Paylor, Jr., 2/16  
Madelyn Pittman, 2/18  
Will Dickey, 2/22  
Neil Eisinger, 2/22  
Liz Saunders, 2/23  
Peter Stratikis, 2/24  
Dan Pratt, 2/25  
Priscilla Tanner, 2/25  
Katherine Bossuot, 2/26  
Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones, 2/26  
Helen Taylor, 2/26  
Lisa Wetzel, 2/27  
Michael Barnwell, 2/28  
David Owen, 2/28  
Allison Pound, 2/29  
Meg Sheffield, 2/29

## Anniversaries

Marilyn & Bruce Harrington, 2/2  
Joy & Chuck Atkins, 2/6  
Pat & Ed Bloebaum, 2/10  
Bethany Atkins & Chip Hendrick, 2/19  
Diana & Gary Decker, 2/21  
Janet & Will Dickey, 2/25

We thank God for you! If your information is not correct, or if it is not listed, help us update our records by e-mailing Lori Appenfelder at [Lori@lpcjax.org](mailto:Lori@lpcjax.org).