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Leesburg, Virginia.

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October 25, 2009

Following the 11 a.m. service

Out on the church lawn and in the Fellowship Hall

Wear some comfortable, harvest clothes

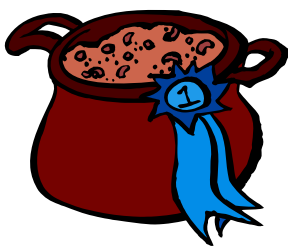
Come for food, fun and fellowship

Dessert Contest — Have a great dessert?

Think it's a prize winner?

Bring it out for all to enjoy!

*Our judges will be the newest
members present!*



Chili Cook-off — Have a great chili recipe?

Bring some to share. Hot and spicy or cool and mild, we're certain it will please someone's stomach!

Games and activities for the kids! Fellowship time for adults!

Deadline for October Newsletter: October 18, 2009

News from the Session

Under the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order, the session is responsible for “the mission and government of the particular church.” The session is composed of the Pastor and elders in active service. Currently, thirteen elders serve on LPC’s session, which is moderated by Rev. Debbie Persons.

Among actions taken by the Session in August and September:

Received into LPC membership Adrian Amado by Profession of Faith, and Maral Amado, Chris Pamboukian and Nora Pamboukian by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Approved a request to baptize Whitney Ann O’Neill, daughter of Timothy and Caroline Ashbaugh O’Neill, and granddaughter of Don and Jane Ashbaugh, on October 4, 2009.

Approved a request by the Loudoun Museum to use the LPC facility during the Leesburg Hauntings on October 23 and 24.

Shifted the responsibility for overseeing the nursery and its personnel from the Deacons to the Christian Education Committee and Karen Werner. The Session also thanked the Deacons for doing a great job overseeing the nursery.

✦ Moved \$500 in the 2009 LPC budget from the Property Committee to local mission, to help meet pressing needs for assistance in the community.



The LPC Book Club welcomes new and returning members to its mornings of fellowship and engaging literary discussion! We meet in the Lounge on the second Friday of each month. Our upcoming reading selections are listed below; past selections can be found on the church website. Please contact Jennifer Marsh with questions (703-779-0042 or jmcleanmarsh@hotmail.com)

- October 9 *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
- November 13 *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell
- December 11 *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford
- January 15 *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

“The LPC Book Club is a joyful group of readers who come together in a Christian environment to explore a wide range of literature in a safe and nurturing atmosphere. We welcome and value new, diverse points of view. Our aim is to grow individually and together strengthening our faith and our community.”



Circle I

Circle One had its first meeting of the fall on September 10. A relaxed morning of conversation and study was enjoyed by all, as were some muffins and coffee. Circle One meets the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please feel welcome to join us at our next meeting, October 8th, when we will begin the study “Joshua – A Journey of Faith.” We’ll save you a seat!

Emma Clemens and Ruth Circles

Emma Clemens and Ruth Circles kicked off the 2009-2010 season on September 2nd with a fun, delicious potluck picnic at the home of Faye Vance.

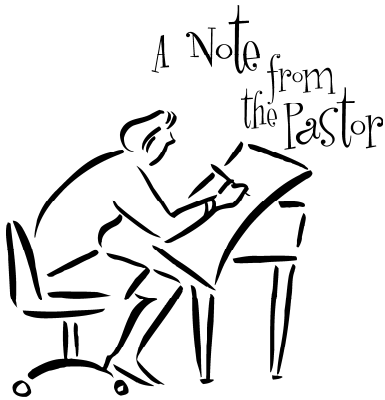
Betty Lowenbach led us in the first lesson of this season and will also be leading us in our second lesson on the Book of Joshua.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7th in the church library at 7:30 p.m. All women are invited to attend. Our time is spent both learning and socializing. If you have any questions, call Helen Taylor on 703-777-6338.



October 31st
**Set your clocks
back 1 hour**

LPC Book Club



Musings on MANNA.

Yum, yum, . . . I just had a mid-morning snack from last night's MANNA supper—Julie Koochagian's chicken salad *a la* THE SILVER

PALATE. Partaking of just one excellent offering of last night's buffet prompts me to reflect on the benefits (in addition to the leftovers!) of LPC's MANNA program.

Essentially, it is a mid-week moment of nourishment for body, spirit, and mind. When folks get together for dinner and sit around tables with well-worn friends and brand new acquaintances and share with each other the goings-on in each other's lives, our bodies and our spirits are revived. MANNA becomes not just another activity in our busy schedules that can wear us out—but becomes a time when participants feel less weary when they leave than when they arrived. Just talk to someone who regularly attends!

Our interim Christian Educator and I are hoping that we are offering food for the mind as well for children and youth/adults. Karen is leading children on an exploration of the different *Fruits of the Spirit* and I am leading the adults on an exploration of Christian theology.

Actually, I'm offering theological "morsels" according to the letter of the alphabet that I draw at the previous Manna's dinner. What? Last night (first MANNA) we "snacked" on the morsel of **Armenianism**, the counter-theological movement to Calvinism and the underpinnings of most American Christianity. Also last night I drew the letter "U" and now must come up with a theological morsel that begins with this letter to present and discuss with the adults and interested youth at next week's MANNA. And don't worry—if I draw Q or Z or X—I can handle it! This was a midnight brainstorm—the combining of two of my loves—games and theology!

So, I encourage you to try MANNA—this mid-week moment of nourishment of body, spirit, and mind. "Taste and see that the Lord God (and God's community) are good!"

Debbie

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Mom's Alive!

Mom's Alive of Leesburg Presbyterian Church is a group of mothers with children of all ages, which meets once a week, on Friday mornings from 9am—11am. Our mission is to provide a social and supportive atmosphere for mothers in a Christian setting through fellowship, education and outreach.

Areas of outreach include: LPC Preschool, Inova Loudoun Hospital, new/sick mothers, U.S. military, and LPC homebound, among others. We participate in many fun activities, and while we are still working on our Fall 2009 schedule, we have planned scrapbooking, apple picking, and recipe swaps. Every meeting consists of fellowship, snacks, devotions, and an activity. Business meetings are held monthly.

Childcare in the nursery is provided free of charge in order to allow the mothers of Moms Alive! a chance for fellowship and a respite from their children. Moms need not be members of Leesburg Presbyterian Church to attend. All are welcome!

For more information, see the bulletin board outside of the nursery, or contact Sarah Jones, MA! Secretary, MASecretary@lpcva.org or Lauren Vogan, MA! Public Relations, MAPublicrelations@lpcva.org. Please stop by and see what we are all about!



Windy Hill Community Clothing Drive for Children

The clothing drive for children returning to school has been quite a success. Clothing of all kinds, gently used and some new, were donated so that youngsters heading to school will look and feel great. Thanks to all who contributed these so dearly needed articles.



The Peacemaking Offering

October 4th will be a busy and very special day for Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

The day is World Communion Sunday; it is also the day that churches receive this PCUSA special offering. This year we are reminded that “Justice and Peace shall kiss each other.” Augustine in his commentary on Psalm 85 said, “Do justice and you shall have PEACE” and Martin Luther King wrote, “True peace is not merely the absence of tension, but it is the presence of justice.” Take some time to do some additional reading: Psalm 85: 9-14, New American Bible, and you will see how much a part you have in helping to assure peace. It has been said, it is important to do things right, but it is more important to do the right things.

This special offering, The Peacemaking Offering, serves in our own neighborhoods, in our country and around the world. Twenty-five percent of this offering remains for local use. There are increasing numbers of hungry people/families in Loudoun, who rarely get a hot meal. The Mission and Witness Committee would like to designate LPC’s 25% to the local Salvation Army. This organization

has put together a hot “meals on wheels” which will take hot dinners into the community. It is the beginning of churches and agencies working together with the Salvation Army to send a canteen with prepared meals to sites in Leesburg and Sterling. The gift of our support from this special offering will make a big difference.

Please take a moment to read the bulletin inserts beginning with “In Our Own Backyard.” (September 20th bulletin). There are offering envelopes in the pews, and in this newsletter for your use. Let us pass on the Lord’s peace.

If you wish to know more about PCUSA’s special offerings, go to www.pcusa.org.



Welcome New Members

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YOUTH CORNER

Busy Fall Planned by Youth

Fall Youth Group! Youth group kicked off on September 22nd with a great event for the parents and teens. This coming fall we plan to do some community service, visit D.C. and a few other surprises. Just a reminder that we always welcome friends at youth group - and we'd love to see you all! Feel free to contact me (Kristin) at Kpetersen415@gmail.com if you have any questions, concerns, or if you'd like to provide dinner! **Happy Fall!**



Manna

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Manna Fellowship Dinners Resume Wednesday Night
September 23rd
and Conclude with a Potluck Dinner on November 11th**

We'll provide the food, you provide the fellowship!

October 7th -Italian Night
October 14th-Soup and Sandwich Night
October 21st-Meatloaf & Potatoes
October 28th -Chili & Cornbread
November 4th-Mexican Night
November 11th-Potluck

Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall; followed by a special series,

Alphabet Soup of Theology

lead by our pastor, Debbie Parsons from 6:40-7:15

Manna is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the folks you sit next to on Sunday mornings. Bring yourself and your family for a great evening!

As always, no RSVP is required. Our Deacons provide all the food, but if you're able, a small contribution of \$4 per adult, \$2 per child (max \$10 per family) is always appreciated! Hope to see you there!

Childcare provided for children age 3 and under.



Guess Who Is Coming For Appetizers? **YOU!**

When: 6:00-8:00 PM

Saturday, October 17th

Where: At a church member's home near you

What: An unforgettable night of fabulous food, stimulating conversation and lots of fun!

SIGN UP TODAY!!!! Bring your tastiest sweet or savory appetizer to share and enjoy a memorable night of conversation and fellowship. The purpose of the evening is to provide an opportunity for our church community to gather in groups at members homes. Whether you are a long time member, new member, or regular attendee, the evening will provide a delightful occasion to make new friends and meet new people. Singles, couples, old and young are encouraged to sign up. Complete the RSVP form in the Sunday Bulletin or call the church office sign up. Your host will contact you the week of October 5th to discuss the menu and details of the evening. Prepare for a relaxed and casual evening! Questions? Contact Donita Petersen at 703-771-7073.

Need a sitter for the kids? Contact Rebecca Caprio at 703-737-6363 for information and to make a reservation for childcare being offered at the church for newborn-age 12.



Help Stop Hunger!

Join the CROP Walk on October 24th

6 Miles on the W&OD Bike Trail

Leaving Purcellville Train Station at 8:30 a.m.

On October 24th LPC will once again be part of Church World Service's CROP Walk for Hunger. Last year we raised \$1,000 with several dedicated walkers. We know we can beat this! We're aiming for at least \$2k with a challenge target of \$5k. You can help us hit this goal. Just get a few sponsors and walk with friends, or opt to sponsor someone else. It's easy!

We have one official LPC team in the walk. For fun and a little friendly competition, we're also setting up sub-teams to join if you wish. If you have questions contact Pam Poisson (703-729-7953) or Laura Herring (703-777-7639).



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Choir	7:30 p.m.

OUR CHURCH ELDERS: Jim Barnes—Clerk, Kathy Brown, Ben Franklin, Frank Gasperini, Jason Hovda, Pat Kropp, William Marsh, Donita Petersen, Chuck Rodgers, John Sawyer, Beth Shockley, Bill Wingardner, and Chris York.

DEACONS: Nancy Blaine, Wendy Bourloulukas, Rebecca Caprio, Mike Christensen, Sheila Finney, Tom Gurney, Matt Howard, Julie Koochagian, Peggy Moats, Jennifer Morris, Shirley Pearson, Betty Robbins, and Wynne Rodgers

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The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.