



# CROSS PURPOSES

Langhorne Presbyterian Church  
*Sharing the Life of Jesus*



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## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

► *How will you Serve and Share in 2012?*

Two commands – Love God, love others.

Matthew 22:37-39 says- *Love God...love your neighbor as yourself.*

What does that look like?

Invisible Neighbors – If you don't see them, you're not looking. Is that an oxymoron or is it real? As one who claims faith, do I see those in need? If not-why? If I do see them, what is my response?

Questions I must ask myself, as I desire to live and model the faith I claim:  
(from Tim Keller's "Living in a Pluralistic Society")



- Am I an "Accommodationist"- do I live like an **immigrant** by adopting internally and externally the culture around me losing my distinctiveness as a believer in Christ?
- Do I "Privitize" faith by living an **oreo** form of life appearing on the outside to look like a believer, yet inside thinking and believing exactly like the culture around me?
- Am I "Militant" in my faith, thinking of myself or my lifestyle as superior to those around me? Do I find myself hostile or condescending to those who don't yet claim faith?
- Am I a "Revivalist" in my faith? Is my primary agenda to grow numbers in the church? Do I spend anytime outside of the church loving those in need or those who don't claim faith?
- Am I "Engaged" with my faith and the culture around me? Am I living as a "resident alien" with a passion and love for God that draws others to Him? Why or why not?

The goal is to be engaged! Sadly, I must admit, I find pieces of myself in each of these models. We will soon have an opportunity to become engaged, together. See the invitation to serve and share below!

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## World Vision's 30 HOUR FAMINE

Will you join me in the engagement mode by being a part of this year's 30 Hour Famine?

We currently have 19 different ministry sites needing and waiting for your safe, assisted engagement. The sites are listed on the sign-up board in the Narthex. The ministry sites are open to anyone 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up even if you are not signed up to participate in the fasting/overnight part of the event.

Mark your engagement commitment for Saturday- February 25<sup>th</sup> and contact Barb Chase @ 215-779-0665 or email her at [barb.lpc@verizon.net](mailto:barb.lpc@verizon.net) to volunteer to help at one of the ministry sites on Saturday.



## From the Pastor

► *Engaged in Action!*

The dictionary definitions of the word busy range from “engaged in action” to “fully of distracting detail.” February is going to be a very busy month at LPC; definitely of the engaged in action sort.

We will begin the month as the Home Team sends the Away Team off for a week of mission and ministry on the shore of Lake Atitlan in the Guatemalan highlands. Our sent folks will provide medical care and medications, children’s activities and support for the Spring of Hope School and its students, building repair and filters for clean water. We will proclaim the gospel in word and deed across the barriers of language and culture, praying that the Holy Spirit will convert our clumsy efforts into life-changing power. The Guatemala mission week is just a reminder that we serve a sending God.



On Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for our Annual Congregational Meeting. Sometimes remembered as a nitpickers delight as we argued over the nickels and dimes of the church budget, LPC annual meetings are more and more a celebration of what God has done through (including a balanced budget) and has planned for us. And it is this remarkable time when we vote for new elders, deacons, trustees and others to serve us in the name and for the sake of Christ. Confidently we say, “God has called you through the voice of this congregation.” We will celebrate a calling God.

On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will gather to worship and to celebrate Josh Andrzejewski’s ordination as a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). This is both the end and the beginning of a journey for Josh and it has been a gift and a joy for LPC to have played such an important role in the journey towards ordination that now comes to an end. Josh will be ordained into his service as a chaplain at the United Methodist Family Service home for youth. Josh has been well prepared for his work and I am delighted to be a part of the ordaining commission. Those who knew Josh in his growing up years and those who do not know him well are invited to this time as we celebrate an equipping God.

Finally, the last weekend of the month is 30 Hour Famine Weekend, the annual event that calls our kids to an awareness of the reality and the main of hunger in our world – far away and close to home. In addition to our amazing youth program we have come to expect, this year we are organizing an “adult track” for those who sense a call to serve but not to sleep on the Fellowship Hall floor. Watch for sign-up for a taste of mission on Saturday morning, February 25. Then on Sunday we will celebrate the reality of our caring God.

It’s going to be a busy month as in “engage in action.” How will you be busy in February?

*Bice*

## Milestones among Our Church Family

► *Updated on January 9<sup>th</sup>*

### MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:

*Let love and faithfulness  
never leave you. -Proverbs 3:3*

#### **Lee & Middie Thomas**

Lee and Middie celebrated  
their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **John & Nancy Jenca**

John and Nancy celebrated  
their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAY:

*Gray hair is a crown of splendor;  
it is attained by a righteous life. -Proverbs 16:31*

#### **Laurence Haemer**

Larry celebrated his  
94<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 12, 2011.

*Sometimes our knowledge is a  
little less than perfect. If you know  
of other milestones that should be  
noted, please call the church office  
Monday through Friday from  
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.*

## Annual Congregational Meeting

► *Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.*

*All are encouraged to attend, to be informed, and if  
listed on the roll of active members, to vote.*

### The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Revise the by-laws
- Elect elders, deacons, and trustees
- Elect an auditor
- Elect members-at-large to the 2012-2013 Congregational Nominating Committee
- Review and receive the 2011 Annual Reports
- Receive the 2012 Annual Budget
- Consider amendments to the Pastor's Terms of Call
- Conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation.



### **Supervised childcare is provided for infants and children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Parents will sign their child(ren) into the appropriate room for supervised care prior to the start of the meeting, or keep their child(ren) with them during the meeting. Those 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are to be in attendance at the meeting. No children should be unattended in the building during the annual meeting.



# Mission Corner



## ► Congregation Lifts up Missionary Team in Prayer



If San Lucas Toliman had a newspaper, this would be the most important headline of the week as far as the LPC away team is concerned. Please continue to keep your LPC Missionaries in your prayers. When we are flying in rough weather, or driving along narrow bumpy roads, tired after a long day or not feeling

so great, it is an awesome feeling knowing that there are several hundred brothers and sisters in Christ lifting us up in prayer. We do not take it lightly as we believe in the power of prayer. We actually pray that you are praying!

Do you know what the team’s daily schedule is like? By 6:00 a.m. we are on our way to the Spring of Hope, which is the PLM school in San Lucas Toliman. After breakfast on Monday to Thursday there is a teaching time led by Jorge Santizo or Pastor Bill. This helps the team focus on tying together scripture and the teachings of Christ with our work and guidance is provided explaining the difference in cultures and how we need to take that into account in every situation. Things just aren’t seen the same or approached the same way in other countries.

Then one team is off to the medical clinic and another off to do home repair. The medical team consists of three doctors from LPC and the full

Time physician in San Lucas Toliman who is totally supported by members of LPC. There is a pharmacy team that fills the prescriptions written by the doctors. There is also a children’s ministry team that reads and acts out Bible stories and provides arts & crafts. Somehow they manage to keep dozens of kids busy all day.

One of the unknowns is what village we will be going to, what the facility we will work out of is like, or how we will set up the clinic. We never know until we get there. Each clinic set-up can be a real adventure. One year we worked out of suitcases full of medicines on a dirt floor with only one small table to fill prescriptions. Another year we worked out of a large church with tile floors and lots of tables and chairs.

Being on Lake Atitlan, means sometimes we travel to the village by boat and other times by vans that can get really crowded and the roads can be very bumpy. It is definitely a sight to see our “portable” clinic arrive and get set up. Usually the docs are seeing patients within an hour of our arrival. Patients may walk for miles to get to the clinic and are lined up well before we get there.

Valuing your partnership through prayer,  
Your Mission Committee



# Mission Nights



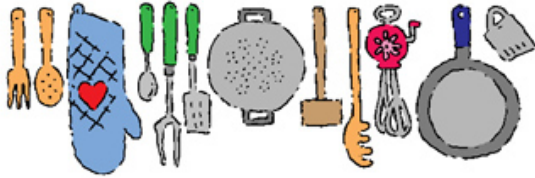
## ► Faith Acts Mission Nights

This month our Thursday evening Faith Acts program will include two Mission Nights. On February 9<sup>th</sup> we will have presentations from representatives of Hunting Park Christian Academy (HPCA) and Life Abundant (a Bucks County Prison ministry). On February 16<sup>th</sup> there will be presentations on Bucks County Housing Group and Promised Land Ministries (PLM). Come out and learn more about the Christian ministries that LPC funding supports.

# Children's Ministries

► *Active Learning*

## WHAT'S COOKING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



What does cooking have to do with the Bible? Children have what researchers call different “learning styles.” Some children do well in a traditional learning environment. Most do better with a more active style. Some learn more easily when they have a chance to use their hands and feet; or even cooking utensils.

Rotation Workshop Sunday School is designed to provide as many different “learning styles” as possible with the same Bible story. In four or five weeks we’ll cover Jonah or Moses or the Prodigal Son with four or five different teaching approaches. Your child is likely to excel in two or three of these approaches.

But what if they are not attending the week they would really shine? Consider more regular attendance for your child. Give your child a chance to shine!

Walt Hamel for Children's Ministries



## The Deacons' Corner

► *BCHG Apartment Partner*



One of LPC's Deacon Board ministries is as an Apartment Partner with Bucks County Housing Group of Pennndel. BCHG is a private, non-profit social service organization that provides a wide range of housing and related social services to homeless and low-income families. BCHG's primary goal is to assist families to attain permanent housing and financial security.

As an Apartment Partner, on a rotating basis, LPC Deacons outfit an apartment with household items and linens for a new tenant at BCHG's Pennndel location. Deacons also rotate holiday contributions for the current apartment tenant. LPC Deacons also support BCHG's Wheelz2Work program, which provides donated vehicles to BCHG tenants.

In addition, your continuing faithful support has allowed your LPC Deacon Board to:

- Make food purchases for the BCHG/Pennndel Food Pantry
- Begin a year-long monthly donation to BCHG/Pennndel Food Pantry
- Make an emergency donation to BCHG/Pennndel Food Pantry to help with damages incurred due to Hurricane Irene
- Provide nine holiday meal baskets, each with a \$20 Redner's shopping card, which were distributed to BCHG/Pennndel Food Pantry patrons
- Host BCHG/Pennndel's Community Toy Day in LPC's Fellowship Hall in December, where 121 families “free shopped” from toys donated by our LPC congregation and the community.

In His Service,  
Charlotte Hayn



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### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service - Chapel

9:45 a.m. Traditional Service - Sanctuary  
and Sunday School program

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service - Sanctuary

Church Office hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## Upcoming Youth Events

### Souper Bowl Sunday

February 5<sup>th</sup>

Join the "hype" of Super Bowl Sunday and redirect the energy towards providing food and snacks for your local food pantry. Once again donations collected will be used to purchase needed pantry items for the Bucks County Housing Group.



### Youth for Christ Impact Retreat

March 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

It's an awesome weekend in Ocean City, MD with great music and speakers and 3,000 other high school students, finding out what relevance God can have in their lives. Talk to Barb Chase if you are interested in going.

## Ladies Night Out

### Attention all Ladies!

Kathy Benjamin will be back with us on Friday evening, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of fun, fellowship and food.



She will again be teaching us some "Soul/Sole Therapy" and you need not have any special talents to participate. Just be ready for some fun and laughter. All who came last year had a wonderful time.

Hope to see you there!