

LVCC News

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The Shepherds' Corner

By Dave Mader

Now that the Easter season is behind us, let's not lose our focus on the sacrifice that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ made on our behalf. Let's make a resolution to rededicate ourselves to our God and the work he has prepared for us to do.

Remember in 2 Peter 3:9 where we are told:

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Remember the work God has assigned to us is to seek and save the lost, for but by the Grace of God go we.

Your Elders

Teens/Young Adults

By Carl Carpenter

Our youth have been very busy so far this spring. Amanda and Michaela were involved in the Cedar Crest High School production of Grease. Eric O. is slowly closing in on his final project to become an Eagle Scout and Andy and Chris are gearing up for finals. Eric B. is way too excited to graduate and head off to college.

The youth did an excellent job leading us in worship on Sunday evening, April 11. Some of our young men led songs, prayed and taught on the subject of forgiveness. Our young ladies worked hard getting copies of songs together and working with the computer.

As usual we are eating way too much when we get together the first and third Sunday nights for small groups. Our Bible study these nights is based on the life of Craig DeMartino, a mountain climber who fell 96 feet and how God is helping him through his struggles. Some of our lesson titles are:

- ◆ "If God loves us, why won't he protect us?"
- ◆ "How can you best help someone who is suffering?"
- ◆ "How does your attitude impact your pain?"

Michaela had a great time at the Junior High Retreat at Camp Manatawny the weekend of the 17th. Amanda, Hannah H. and Skylar are looking forward to the High School Retreat the weekend of the 24th.

Our big summer event, Lake Raystown Retreat, will be Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20. Looking forward to an awesome summer!



Share a Smile—
It's Contagious

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Membership Ministry

By Bill Hayes

A part of the work of this ministry is handling requests for help, which are usually in the form of financial assistance. During this quarter, we have provided \$1,300 in assistance from our "Benevolence Fund." Since making a change from sending flowers on special occasions to sending edible bouquets (when appropriate), Daisy has reported that we have received good comments.

One of the things we are working on is making a couple of additions to the newsletter such as highlighting upcoming events and possibly a kid's corner recognizing their achievements. So far the feedback that we have received concerning the newsletter has been very positive. Lynnette is the person who organizes and arranges all of our articles as you see them. We want to acknowledge her efforts, as the presentation is important to its success.

Education – Martha has reported that we started the new quarter with teachers as follows: **Dave Cavic – Jr. & Sr. High; Chris Ondo – 5th & 6th grades; Mary Berger—3rd & 4th grades and Chris Evans – 1st & 2nd grades.** Be sure to recognize our teachers as their work is so important teaching God's Word to your children. Please take a moment to thank them!

Our first outdoor worship service for 2010 is just around the corner on May 30th at Lion's Lake. Please plan on attending.

The Membership Ministry continues to meet the second Thursday of each month, 6:00 PM at the home of Bill and Martha Hayes. We welcome new members to this ministry!

Missions Ministry

By Dave Cavic

During the **month of June**, we will be **collecting items for Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM)**. The following items are on the Food Bank Wish List:

- ❖ Pancake Syrup
- ❖ Peanut Butter
- ❖ Jelly
- ❖ Applesauce
- ❖ Canned Fruit

- ❖ Saltine Crackers
- ❖ Canned Pasta
- ❖ Spam or Canned Luncheon Meat
- ❖ Ketchup & Mustard
- ❖ Baby Food – All Stages

Toiletries

- ❖ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ❖ Soap
- ❖ Toilet Paper
- ❖ Kleenex
- ❖ Disposable Razors/Shaving Cream
- ❖ Deodorant (men's & women's)
- ❖ Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- ❖ Laundry Detergent
- ❖ Paper Towels

Boxes will be provided for you to put your donations in at the church building.

The "**Welcome Wagon**" is up and running. Special boxes with "Welcome to Lebanon Valley Church of Christ" labels were purchased and filled with snack items and a church mug for visitors and those new to our church family.

A **Community Clothing Exchange** is being planned. We will collect gently-used clothing and offer it to the community (including our church family) free of charge. **Start saving your donations and watch for more details on this project!** Great way to recycle!!

Barnstormers Baseball Game

Saturday, August 14th
Sign-up sheet
on bulletin board in the foyer
More details to follow!



Building Committee

By Rich Evans

The capping of the windowsills and painting of the windows is complete. The work was done by Patrick Brewer Carpentry. This work had to be completed at the risk of the insurance company. Prior to the work, the windowsills and a few bricks were loose.

We are actively seeking someone to wax floors and clean the carpets as our previous person has retired. If you have any suggestions, please take a moment to pass the information on to the committee.



**Come to
Bible Study!**

The Sunday morning adult class, led by Carl Carpenter, is continuing their study on **“Parenting”** and has proved to be very informative. There is something for everyone whether you are actively in a parenting role or not.

The Wednesday night adult class, led by Bill Hayes, is beginning a new series on May 5th entitled **“What is Heaven Really Like?”**

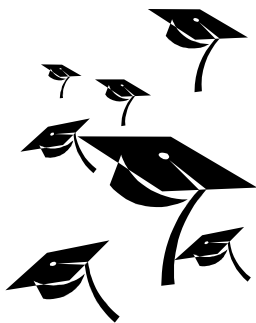
“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him---but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

When the scripture tells us that our life is but a vapor, we come to realize that life is all too brief and by faith we are confident that something better is waiting for us in eternity, but...what? What is heaven really like?

Questions will be addressed such as:

- How can we be sure that it's not wishful thinking and that there really is a place called “Heaven”?
- Where exactly is heaven located?
- What will we actually do there for all eternity?
- What will we look like in heaven?
- Will we know each other in heaven?

Join us as we turn to the Bible to learn about the “final frontier” – the ultimate mystery!



Eric Berger will be graduating from ELCO High School on June 11, 2010. He is a member of the Technology Student Association and Spanish Honor Society. He was recently named a Myerstown-Elco Rotary Club Student of the Month and also ELCO Practical Arts Department Student of the Month. He plans on attending Norwich University to study architecture. Eric lives in Richland with his parents Dennis and Mary Berger and brother, Andrew. One of Eric's favorite hobbies is trains and taking videos of them. Be sure to ask him about that! Congratulations Eric!!

Prayer Ministry

By John Koehler

Ladies' Prayer and Devotion time is held every third Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Koehler's. Ladies of all ages are encouraged to attend and share in what has proven to be a very beneficial time of learning and prayers. The topics are relative to life today.

Prayer Partners are up and running. Anyone interested in having a prayer partner can contact Gladys or John Koehler.

Every **second Wednesday of the month** at 7:00 PM a **prayer meeting** is held at the building. Please consider joining us as we draw closer to God in prayer.

We continue to have a **monthly prayer list** available for those in need as well as a **list of every family with someone dedicated to pray for a specific group of families** on a rotating basis. If you attend the LVCC regularly, someone is praying for you.

If you have an idea for the prayer ministry, please let John or Gladys know. If you would like to participate in some way and you are not sure what you can do, let's talk about it.

Are you working to improve your prayer life or are you just getting started? God wants it; Jesus taught it and set the example. **After you become a Christian, the most important thing you can do is to engage in a meaningful prayer time with our creator.** If you have not started, why not start today. Open up your mind and your heart and let God have His way with you. He created you, He loves you and He wants you to be in heaven with Him. We matter to God and He cares deeply about us. He is waiting and will listen as long as we want to talk. He will enable us with His power to handle life's situations.

Your prayer life is important---do not wait to start or to improve on yours.

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Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry (a time of singing, praying, Bible lesson, craft and a snack) for ages 4-10 is available in our upstairs classrooms at the 9:00 AM worship service. Six different teams of two persons or more take turns leading this lively, inquisitive group of children who will amaze you with their questions and desire to learn. Volunteers are always welcome. Please see Dawn Cavic if you are interested in helping with Children's Ministry.

On the second Sunday of each month, this age group remains in the auditorium for a special interactive Children's Message led by Carl Carpenter. If your child has not been receiving the monthly "Children's Minute" – please make sure Carl or Lynnette has your email address.

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Our Mission:

"To share Jesus and be known in the Lebanon Valley as people who are devoted to His teachings and who live and love like Him."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: 9:00 AM (2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH REMAIN IN AUDITORIUM FOR MESSAGE FROM CARL CARPENTER)

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES: 10:15 AM

SUNDAY EVENING

1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS – SMALL GROUPS – SEE LISTING BELOW

2ND SUNDAY – SERVICE AT THE BUILDING, 6:00 PM

4TH SUNDAY – F.I.S.H. – FELLOWSHIP IN SOMEONE'S HOME

5^H SUNDAY – PRAYER SERVICE AT THE BUILDING, 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

7:00 PM

LADIES' DEVOTIONAL

GLADYS KOEHLER'S HOME

3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 10:00 AM

Small Groups (1st & 3rd Sundays)

5:00 PM – John & Gladys Koehler

505 Hemlock Lane, Lebanon
717-279-6443

6:00 PM – Bill & Martha Hayes

253 Troon Way, Lebanon
717-272-8789

6:00 PM – Dennis & Mary Berger

111 Hickory Road, Richland
866-7892

Youth Small Group – See bulletin for time/location

Please be sure to check your weekly bulletin for any changes/updates