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Worship Schedule	
Sunday Worship	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Church School	9:45 a.m.

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

Sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter at [www.lpcva.org](http://www.lpcva.org)!

**OUR CHURCH ELDERS:** Jim Barnes—Clerk, Stuart Brown, Frank Gasperini, Jason Hovda, William Marsh, Donita Petersen, Pam Poisson, Holly Rhodes, Chuck Rodgers, John Sawyer, Beth Shockley, Kathi Stone, and Bill Wingardner.

**DEACONS:** Brenda Bengtson, Nancy Blaine, Rebecca Caprio, Sandy Gasperini, Kim Goldstein, Tom Gurney, Carla Holland, Julie Koochagian, Caroline Milne, Kristin Moats, Jennifer Morris, and Shirley Pearson.

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# The Back Pew

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February 2011

*“Church isn’t where you meet. Church isn’t a building. Church is what you do. Church is who you are. Church is the human outworking of the person of Jesus Christ. Let’s not go to Church, let’s be the Church.”*

This quotation came to my mind when I read an e-mail from a church member who declined an invitation to serve a particular ministry of the church. This person wrote: “I don’t believe this is the place for me at this time, but I do need to find a better way to serve our church.”

For purposes of brevity and clarity, I will use the male pronoun to describe this person and what I admire about his response.

1. He used the possessive “our”. This is not the church he attends or belongs to; it’s not the pastor’s church—but it is a community of which he is a member.
2. He wants to serve our church; he knows that servanthood within the community and for the community (though not limited to it) is part of being a member of the church.
3. He assumes the responsibility to be proactive in figuring out where he feels called to serve. Given his interests, his skills, his enjoyment of certain areas of work and service, where would the best place be for him to serve? He knows that the particular area of church service where he once found pleasure and meaning is not necessarily the place where he now wants and feels called to serve.
4. He has the wisdom and knows the freedom and the grace to say “no” to a particular service, but yet feels called by Christ to find the area of ministry to which he can say “yes!”

I would like to challenge all members of the Leesburg Presbyterian community of faith to think about this response as a model of your membership/discipleship/servanthood during the next year.

- \* Claim the possessive “our” when speaking or thinking about LPC.
- \* Take ownership of your discipleship and the initiative to “figure out” the areas or particular tasks of ministry you are led to serve.
- \* Feel the freedom to say no to that which is not your calling, and the responsibility to act on the calling that is yours.

Beginning with this Newsletter, we will have a corner called “Callings.” It will list two or three opportunities of church ministry to help our members figure out if this could just be the place they are being called to serve. This will never replace “recruitment” but with providential assistance it will produce surprises of grace for both the willing servant and the community of faith.

Grace and peace,

**Debbie**

### LPC Book Club



The LPC Book Club will meet on Friday, February 11 at 9:30 in the church lounge. We will discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. The title refers to the Sarajevo Haggadah, "one of the earliest Jewish religious volumes to be illuminated with images..., [which] survived centuries of purges and wars thanks to people of all faiths who risked their lives to safeguard it. Geraldine Brooks, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *March* [and former Waterford resident], has turned the intriguing but sparsely detailed history of this precious volume into an emotionally rich, thrilling fictionalization that retraces its turbulent journey (from Amazon.com)." Contact Jennifer Marsh for more information (703-779-0042, jmcleanmarsh@hotmail.com).

Other future reading selections are as follows:

- \* March 11 - *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
- \* April 8 - *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese
- \* May 13 - *Sundays at Tiffany's* by James Patterson
- \* June 10 - *Juliet* by Anne Fortier
- \* Summer (for September 9 discussion) - *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janzen

### Circle One

Circle One will meet Thursday, February 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the LPC library. Join us as we read together and discuss chapter 5 of our study of Revelation. Hope to see you then! For more information, contact Laura Herring, 703-777-7639.



### Bridge Group



Bridge Group meets weekly on Thursday mornings at 10:00 for a lively session of cards and fellowship. New players welcome. Contact the office if you would like to play (703-777-4163).

### Monday Morning Stitchers

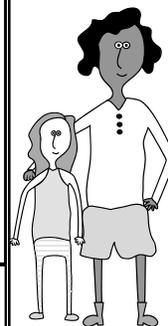


We have a great group of ladies that stitch on the 3rd Monday of each month at the home of Jane Ashbaugh.

We want to invite anyone that would like to join us. We are a very informal group—you can just bring whatever project you are working on and stitch and visit with us.

If you have ever wanted to learn counted thread, canvas work (needlepoint) or cross stitch on linen, now is the time! It's not just cross stitch anymore! So, check your calendars and see if you can join us on January 17th at 11:00 a.m. at Jane's house (420 W. Market Street). Please call if you have any questions. (703-779-0747)

### Mom's Alive!



Mothers with children of all ages meet on Tuesday mornings, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the church in the Lounge. Our mission is to provide a social and supportive atmosphere for mothers in a Christian setting through fellowship, education and outreach. If you have questions you may contact Sarah Jones at

MASecretary@lpcva.org or Lauren Vogan at MAPublicRelations@lpcva.org. All Mom's are welcome!

### Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles

Emma Clemens and Ruth Circles will meet Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:30 pm in the church library. Betty

Lowenbach will lead the lesson as we continue our study on the Book of Revelation. All women are welcome to attend.

Contact Helen Taylor at 703-777-6338 if you have any questions.



## Preschool Particulars for February

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is underway! Please tell your friends and neighbors that forms are available. Tours are being offered this month with the registration deadline of February 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Elaine Thiel, Director at 703.771.1461 or ettheil@lpcva.org

The school is thriving with Lunch Bunch at capacity and a new music program with Ginger Wilhoite! Just remember that the sound of children singing and making music may not be quiet, but it is a joyful sound!!!!



## Callings

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- \* A Sunday night meal for youth group- \$ contribution or meal itself; e-mail Kristin Petersen Evans, kpetersen415@gmail.com
- \* 2 x per year: Set up/clean up for after-worship Fellowship (light snacks provided by the church. Contact Deacon Rebecca Caprio, beccalee2000@aol.com
- \* A person(s) who is past the stage of parenting little ones but feels called and capable to serve little ones (and their parents) by leading Share-the-Care twice a year during the 11:00 worship service. Pastor Audrey and Kim Vigil have set a new program in motion—worship/prayer/play. e-mail: kim vigil , kvigil97@yahoo.com –or Pastor Audrey , dce@lpcva.org ; or call the church office 703-777-4163.

### Preferred Florist Program

Leesburg Presbyterian Church has begun a preferred florist program in partnership with J.Morris Flowers. Members will continue to sign up to donate flowers on Sundays. You may then contact our preferred florist to order your arrangement, or purchase your flowers elsewhere and bring them to the church by noon on Friday.



#### Why?

- ⊗ Fundraising—J Morris Flowers will contribute 10% of your purchase back to the church.
- ⊗ Convenience—The florist has a key so can deliver outside regular office hours.

#### How?

- ⊗ Contact Jennifer Morris at jenn@jmorrisflowers.com or 571-242-1150 to place your order.

## Vacation Bible School

Snacks, crafts, science, bible stories, singing, singing and more singing!!! Vacation Bible School (VBS) offers all this and more. Are you getting excited...I am. Pastor Audrey and the Christian Education Committee have commenced its planning for another fun and enlightening VBS. Our success starts with you! VBS 2011 needs volunteers to make it the best ever for the LPC and Leesburg communities. We need teachers, workshop leaders, shepherds, adults, young adults, and youth. We need you. Send me an email (dce@lpcva.org) or call me (703-777-4163) to let me know where you can serve. Also, there is a sign-up sheet hanging on my door. Leave your name, email and/or phone number. If you helped with VBS in any capacity in the past, I would love to hear from you. Share your reflections and ideas about previous VBS and your time for VBS 2011.

Let us have another great year of Vacation Bible School.

## Winter Adult Education Classes

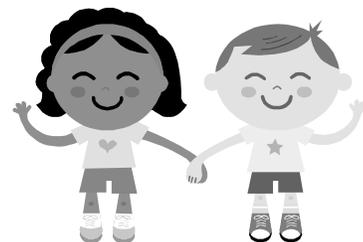
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### Effective Parenting in a Defective World: How to Raise Kids Who Stand out from the Crowd

Juli Barnes

February 13 – March 20, 2011

How do you raise successful, morally responsible children in our 21<sup>st</sup> century culture? Every day they receive messages from TV, pop music, the internet, and their peers that are contrary to the Christian ideals we are trying to teach them. Come to this six week video/discussion class to learn Godly principles and practical lessons in parenting from a Christian perspective. This class is geared towards parents of elementary through middle school, but all are welcome.



### Evangelism? But We're Presbyterians!

Frank Gasperini

February 20 – March 13, 2011

Please join us as Frank Gasperini leads a fast-paced four week course on the dreaded "E" word starting February 20, 2011.

We will discuss the history of Presbyterian evangelism and the modern connotations of evangelism, evangelist, and evangelical. Where do Presbyterians fit into this modern-day interpretation of theology, dogma, politics, and personal feelings? Where does LPC fit? More importantly, as individuals, where do we as Christians fit?

This class guarantees spirited discussion, hot evangelical topics (often that are misunderstood), fellowship, laughter, and an opportunity to grow in Christ together.

# Christian Education Corner

## Putting on the New Person in 2011

Praise God for God's faithfulness. God has given us new grace, new mercy, and a New Year. How will we respond to this new opportunity in 2011? Will we put off the "old person" in order to put on the "new?" As you are aware, there is no way to become a "new creation" unless we shed the "old stuff." In view of the fact that we are new creatures, it is appropriate for us to shed the old and put on the new. Look up 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:24-29; and Colossians 3:10 then reflect on the following questions:

- 1) **Ephesians 4:24-29** commands you put off the old self. What behaviors and attitudes is the Holy Spirit leading you to shed this year?
- 2) **2 Corinthians 5:17** declares that you are a new creature. How will you reflect this new nature this New Year?
- 3) **Colossians 3:10** says that the new self is renewed in knowledge after the image of God who created humanity. How will you respond to that truth this New Year?
- 4) **Ephesians 4:24** declares that the new self is created in righteousness and holiness. How should that fact impact you?

Thank You God! You have provided all of the resources necessary for us to live this new life this New Year.

— Rev. Audrey Wiggins

## Share the Care Make-over

Share-the-Care (STC) is getting a make-over. Starting in February, STC will transition to a **Children's Church** format. STC is a program for the younger children of our church. After *Time with the Children* during the 11:00 worship service, children ages 4 through first grade are led to the preschool classroom downstairs. The new format is designed to introduce a "worship" experience to our young children as we prepare them to go back into the main worship service when they are older. STC will be a time of singing, praying, hearing the message, sharing, and yes, a little playing. We hope that you will visit STC and provide your feedback on the STC makeover. The proposed new format:

Welcome  
Share-the-Care Prayer  
Opening Song  
Message  
Closing Song  
Center Time  
Snack  
Dismissal



## News from the Session

Members of the Session in 2011 are Jim Barnes (Clerk), Stuart Brown, Frank Gasperini, Jason Hovda, William Marsh, Donita Petersen, Pam Poisson, Holly Rhodes, Chuck Rodgers, John Sawyer, Beth Shockley, Kathi Stone and Bill Wingardner. Rev. Debbie Parsons serves as Moderator.

Among recent actions taken by the Session:

- Approved the church budget for 2011.
- Elected Jim Barnes to serve as Clerk of Session and Pam Poisson to serve as Treasurer for 2011.
- Approved the addition of Bennett and Grant Lutz to the Roll of Baptized members.

The Session offered commendations for:

- Pam Poisson, Julie Koochagian, and Sheri Nelson for their work developing the church budget for 2011;
- Bill Wingardner and Kathy Brown for their leadership of the fall stewardship campaign; and
- Nate Ritsema for sharing his musical gifts during many worship services.

♪ *what The world Needs Now Is Love, Sweet Love!* ♪

*Dessert Silent Auction*

*Sunday, Feb. 12*

*during fellowship after both services*

*proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trip*

*We need baked good donations and high bidders!*



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