



The Back Pew

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Leesburg, Virginia

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June 2012

Announcing the *Generation to Generation* Capital Campaign

It is an exciting time at Leesburg Presbyterian Church. We have a steady stream of new members joining the church to include several families with young children. We also had a very successful Youth Sunday on May 6th, during which middle school and high school aged children did a splendid job of delivering God's word at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. In addition, we are less than two months away from the Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia as well as the Youth Retreat to Massanetta Springs. Finally, both the children's Christian Education program as well as the LPC Preschool continue their exemplary work. Yes it is an exciting time at LPC and the future looks bright.

With the future of Leesburg Presbyterian Church in mind, and after much discussion, the Session of LPC has authorized the launch of the *Generation to Generation* capital campaign to raise funds to address the capital improvement needs of our beautiful church. All members of the church were sent a letter dated May 10th, 2012 providing details on this capital campaign, as well as there being announcements at both services on May 13th. Since this is such an important initiative for LPC, and also due to the fact we have received several questions on the capital campaign, we included this announcement in this month's edition of *The Back Pew*.

How did the name *Generation to Generation* come about?

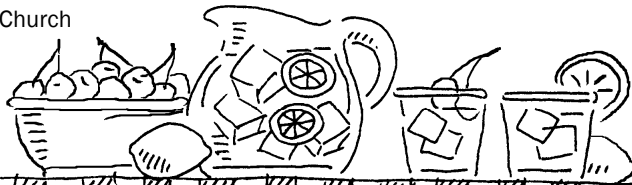
In addition to having the most beautiful church in Leesburg, we also have one of the oldest. Our building has served as a house of worship to many generations for over 200 years, and we hope will be home to future generations who praise and serve our Lord for another 200 years at least! With this in mind, we felt that the name perfectly conveyed what we are trying to accomplish with the campaign.

How is the campaign going so far?

The campaign is off to a great start due to the generosity of Brad and Kathy Brown and Judy Sweezy and Sam Condent. Judy and Sam made a pledge to cover the cost of repainting the pews, and Brad and Kathy pledged funds toward the replacement of the worn out carpet in the narthex and sanctuary. We also received a surprise gift of \$15,000 from the estate of a former member of LPC, which was authorized by the Session to go into the capital campaign. Finally, while not officially part of the capital campaign, Fred and Rebecca Caprio made a very generous gift of \$25,000 towards securing a second staff member at LPC who will focus their time and energy on Christian Education. What a great start!

How were the \$350,000 minimum goal and \$500,000 stretch goal determined?

The Session conducted a "walk-through" of our building and property recently to identify areas that needed and are projected to need repairs/improvements now and in the not too distant future. The total of these items (which were listed on a spreadsheet that accompanied the May 10th letter mailed to the congregation) is \$317,300. The minimum goal of \$350,000 allows us to make these repairs/improvements as well as set aside some extra dollars in the capital reserve fund for future needed work that is sure to come up. The stretch goal was based on research that the Stewardship and Finance Committee did on other church capital campaigns. In a study conducted by Volkart, May &



Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, June 10th

Our annual church picnic begins immediately following the 10:00 service on the front lawn.

Deacons will provide fried chicken and drinks.

Congregation Members are asked to complete the buffet by signing up to bring a cold side dish or dessert or making a \$10.00 contribution toward the cost of food.

Bring blankets & chairs and prepare to enjoy an afternoon filled with games & laughter with your church family.

All are welcome!

High School Graduate Recognition



During worship on June 10th we will recognize and honor our five high school graduates. We are so proud of this significant milestone in their lives and we are happy to report on their future college plans:

- Fred Caprio – University of Pittsburgh
- Allyson Conway – Virginia Tech
- Nate Ritsema – Christopher Newport University
- Mary Paige Rodgers – Mary Washington College
- Krista Spivey – Longwood University

Parents of college grads: please send us the details so we can acknowledge them in a future issue of *The Back Pew*.



Summer Worship Schedule

We will observe our summer schedule of one worship service at 10:00 a.m. beginning on Sunday, June 3. We return to our 2 service schedule on Sunday, September 9.

JULY 1st - BLUE GRASS SUNDAY and POT-LUCK LUNCH! CALLING ALL PICKERS!

Our July 4th celebration will begin on Sunday, July 1st with a special service of American hymns and songs –all accompanied with a bluegrass band led by Eric Nanz! From “I’ll Fly Away” to “This Land Is Your Land” to “May the Circle Be Unbroken” – we will celebrate and sing our faith, bluegrass style.

Eric is wanting anyone who would like to join the July 1st Blue Grass Band to let the church office know so he can send you charts for the music. There will be a couple of rehearsals before the worship service.



Vacation Bible School!



When: July 8-12, 2012
Where: Leesburg Presbyterian Church
Who: Rising K thru 5th grade
Time: 5:30 pm Dinner
 6:00 - 8:30 pm VBS
Cost: \$25 first child, \$15 each additional child in family
 Check payable to "Leesburg Presbyterian Church"

Registration: Forms may be picked up at the church or downloaded from the church website.
http://lpcva.org/vbs2012_files/registration_form.pdf

Please drop off or mail registration and payment to:
 Leesburg Presbyterian Church
 207 West Market St
 Leesburg, VA 20176
 703-777-4163



Completed registration form and fee are due at the LPC office by **Sunday, June 24, 2012**. Priority will be given to members of LPC and STJ until June 11, 2012. Registration includes 1 music CD per family and dinner nightly.



Volunteer Information

Leaders and helpers are still needed for bible studies, science and games workshops. Leaders plan the activities, helpers assist the leader.

Grade level Group Leaders provide structure, but do not plan lessons. Group Leaders are needed for K—1st, 2nd—3rd, and 4th—5th.

Meals Team - helpers are needed to prepare and serve dinner. LPC will serve on 3 nights of VBS and St. James volunteers will serve on 2 nights. Meals team helpers will stay only till 7:00 PM.

Volunteer forms may be picked up at the church or downloaded from the church website. http://lpcva.org/vbs2012_files/volunteer_form.pdf. Please drop off your form in the church office or email Juli Barnes at jatbarnes@msn.com to volunteer.

PRESCHOOL PARTICULARS



Thank you to everyone for making this school year so wonderful!!! However, we do bid farewell to two wonderful Board members, Janice Bowden and Jason Hovda...we will miss their input, wisdom, and help in working with the Preschool! Graduation was exciting and Camps are in session!! We have a few openings left in the afternoon 3's and Pre-K classes. Contact Director, Elaine Thiel for more information. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you next Fall!

Generation to Generation Capital Campaign

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Associates (a Minneapolis-based market research firm) on over 1,000 church capital campaigns recently completed, churches raised an average of 1.7 times their annual gift income (for campaigns that were run by the churches themselves). \$500,000 represents 1.4 times LPC's annual gift income and we felt was a great target to help further secure the financial future of our church.

Was the current operating budget considered for addressing these capital improvements?

It was initially, but the reality of the situation is that the scope of work needed to make these repairs/improvements cannot be funded within our operating budget. It requires additional funding above and beyond the normal annual gifting that LPC receives. For this reason the capital campaign was approved by the Session.

How long is the *Generation to Generation* campaign scheduled to run?

It is scheduled to run for three (3) years, through June 30th, 2015.

Do the capital campaign gifts have to be a one-time lump sum payment?

No, gifts can be lump sum or gifts can be pledged over the course of the three (3) years, and can be fulfilled on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

Do the capital campaign gifts have to be in the form of cash?

No. LPC also has the ability to receive gifts of stock, bonds or other capital markets assets such as mutual funds. Gifts of appreciated capital market assets can provide other tax benefits above and beyond the charitable deduction for the gift itself.

If I have additional questions on this capital campaign, who can I ask?

Any of the members of the Stewardship and Finance Committee would be happy to answer any questions you may have on the campaign. Those members are Pam Poisson, Doug Sweeney and Steve Potter.

CIRCLES

Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles

Wednesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

Our last meeting of 2011-2012 year will be June 6th. We will meet in the church library at 7:30 pm. Our final lesson on the Beatitudes, *Greatly Honored Are You Who Put Your Honor on the Line for Christ's Sale*, is taken from Matthew 5:11-12, 23:29-36 and Luke 6:22-23. Shirley Pearson will lead this lesson. All women are invited to attend.

Circle One

Friday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.

The women of Circle One meet each month for a time of fellowship, study and spirited discussion. Please accept our open invitation to join us Friday, June 1 at 10:00 am in the church library as we conclude our look at the Beatitudes. No advance preparation needed. If you have questions about the study or Circle One, contact Laura Herring at 703-777-7639.

Loaves and Fishes Sundays

First Sunday, June—September

FACTS:

- Last summer Interfaith Relief experienced empty shelves (possibly the impact of children out of school.)
- Last month, Interfaith Relief fed 1000 families.
- Perishable items, such as milk and meat, are also needed and are purchased by Interfaith Relief with donated funds.
- 100 boxes of cereal are distributed each month.
- Leesburg Presbyterian Church has been a partner with Interfaith and members have supported Interfaith Relief with donations of food and money for many years.

Starting June 3rd and then each first Sunday of the months of July through September 1st, (all Communion Sundays) let us all bring in food items for Interfaith. Then as we are fed and nurtured around the communion table, we are a part of feeding others less fortunate.

Suggested foods are boxed cereal, soup, canned meat, (tuna/chicken), pasta, 100% fruit juices, canned fruit, mac and cheese, and peanut butter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Tim & Krista Martino. Tim grew up in Batavia, NY and Krista considers Greensboro, NC home although she moved frequently growing up. Tim and Krista met while they were both elementary school teachers in Lovettsville. Tim is the new principal at Douglass Elementary School in Leesburg scheduled to open in the fall. They have two children, Cara, 8, who is a Brownie and Sean, who just turned 6 and plays T-ball. Krista grew up Presbyterian and when she visited LPC she felt at home and comfortable.

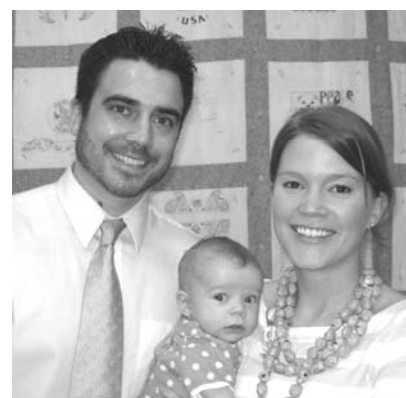
Karen Toomey. Karen was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Poolesville, MD. After graduate school Karen moved to Leesburg. She works in human resources for a government contractor. Karen is

engaged to Sean McCormack who works for the Loudoun County Sheriff's Dept. The wedding will be at LPC on August 18th. Karen grew up Presbyterian and although she now lives in South Riding she decided to join LPC as she hasn't found a church she likes better.



Laura Renaud. Laura grew up in Burlington, VT, where her family still lives. Her husband, Andrew, grew up in Connecticut. Laura taught 3rd grade before she had her children. Her hobby is writing children's books and hopes to get published. Laura and Andrew met at choir at Susquehanna University and continue to sing together in the Loudoun Chorale. They have two sons, Henry 3 and 20 month old Nathan. They moved to Leesburg a year ago for Andrew's job at Exelis. Although Laura grew up Catholic, she has joined many different denominations during their many moves and looks for a church that is welcoming and with a sense of community.

Matt & Sara Harney. Matt grew up in Great Falls and Sara grew up in Richmond. They met while in college at Longwood University in Farmville, VA. After they were married in 2008 they moved to this area. Matt works for EPL Archives in Sterling and Sara works for Hire Strategy in Reston. They have a 4 month old daughter, Morgan, who will be baptized on June 10. Both Sara and Matt had Presbyterian backgrounds and after buying their home in Leesburg, Sara began looking for Presbyterian churches. She said they fell in love with LPC the minute they walked in the door!



YOUTH-ON-THE-MOVE!



LPC youth will be on the move in June! Approximately 8-10 high school youth and 6 adults will be going to West Virginia after worship on June 17th for a week of mission work in Montgomery, West Virginia.

Same state but new site! The following week 11 middle school students and 3 adults will be attending the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference. The Christian Education Committee is very thankful to the church for helping to subsidize these trips through the congregation's generous bidding at the annual Dessert Auction and through funds from the Operating Budget.

**Community Service Family Day
Real Food Farm, Baltimore
Sat. June 2, 2012 9-12Noon**

The Mission & Witness Committee is offering LPC members, families and friends the opportunity to learn about urban agriculture and the challenges of getting real (healthy) food to neighborhoods in the heart of Baltimore City. Tyler Brown, son of Kathy & Brad Brown, is the Farm Manager at Real Food Farm and will direct several types of volunteer work projects on Saturday, June 2 from 9-12.

Projects around the farm may include building end walls/doors for the hoop houses, planting, weeding, invasive species removal, compost spreading and bed preparation. Potluck lunch will be at noon. Families are welcome. Plan to bring your lunch and some food to share, your water bottle, wear close-toed shoes, and come dressed to work. Volunteering together in the greater community is a wonderful way to get to know those with whom you worship on Sundays! Please let us know if you would like to join



us so that we can provide directions and coordinate carpools. Volunteers who wish to carpool/drive in caravan will meet at LPC at 7:00 for a 7:15 departure. Contact Kathy Brown, 703-777-4656 or kbrown@lpcva.org

**GRACE TO GO MEAL MINISTRY
July 1
Volunteers Needed**

LPC will be hosting the food preparation at Deli South on Sunday, July 1 and September 2, 2:30 - 4:30. Sign up on-line at www.stjamesleesburg.org or on the paper signup sheet on the Mission and Witness bulletin board, or call Jeff or Trish Fraker (703-717-8049). No previous experience required. Come and join the fun and fellowship as we prepare meals for 180 local residents in need of assistance.

News from the Session

Current members of the Session are Jim Barnes (Clerk), Stuart Brown, Chris Folk, Jason Hovda, Randy Jackson, William Marsh, Pam Poisson, Steve Potter, Holly Rhodes, Kathi Stone, Doug Sweeney and Jane Wallace. Rev. Debbie Persons serves as Moderator.

We thank the elders who are completing their terms on the Session – Jim Barnes, Jason Hovda, William Marsh and Jane Wallace. On June 3, LPC will ordain and install elders for the Class of 2015 – Trish Fraker, Frank Gasperini, Tom Gurney, and Keith Markel. We thank them for their willingness to accept God’s call to serve LPC!

The Session has recently offered commendations for the following people:

- Steve Potter for his leadership on the capital campaign.
- Kathy Maybe, Jennifer Marsh’s mother, for generously providing dinner for the Vigil family while she was visiting from Seattle.
- LPC youth, Eric Nanz and Alana Read for conducting an outstanding worship service on Youth Sunday.
- Terry Bouma, Becky Sweet’s sister-in-law, for sharing her beautiful singing voice with us during the April 22 worship services.
- Nancy Vanzandt for her excellent, supportive leadership of the LPC Preschool Board.
- The elders and deacons who are completing their terms as church officers, for their dedicated leadership and support to the church.

Thank You Deacons!

We thank the deacons who are completing their terms – Rebecca Caprio, Tom Gurney, Julie Koochagian and Shirley Pearson. On June 3, LPC will ordain and install Deacons for the Class of 2015 – Kristen Moats, Florence O’Hey, Dennis Welsh and Sharon Schmidt. We thank them for their willingness to accept God’s call to serve LPC!

June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5/27 Worship 8:30 & 11:00	5/28 OFFICE CLOSED	5/29 Moms Alive! 9:00	5/30 Bible Study 10:00 Choir Practice 7:30	5/31	1 Circle One 10:00	2 Community Service Family Day 9:00
3 Worship 10:00 Installation of Officers	4	5 Moms Alive! 9:00 Deacons 7:00	6 Choir Practice 7:30 Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles 7:30	7	8	9
10 Worship 10:00 Summer Picnic	11 Preschool Board 7:00 M&W Ctte 7:00	12 Worship Ctte 7:30	13 Choir Practice 7:30	14	15	16
17 Worship 10:00 Youth Mission Trip>	18 Monday Morning Stitches 11:00	19 Moms Alive! 9:00 Session 7:30	20 Choir Practice 7:30	21	22	23
24 Worship 10:00	25	26 Christian Ed Ctte 7:30 Middle School Retreat>	27 Choir Practice 7:30	28	29	30



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Summer Worship Schedule

June 3—September 2

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

Sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter by emailing office@lpcva.org!

OUR CHURCH ELDERS: Jim Barnes—Clerk of Session, Stuart Brown, Chris Folk, Jason Hovda, Randy Jackson, William Marsh, Pam Poisson, Steve Potter, Holly Rhodes, Kathi Stone, Doug Sweeney, and Jane Wallace.

DEACONS: Glenna Bingham, Rebecca Caprio, Tom Chase, Sandy Gasperini, Kim Goldstein, Tom Gurney, Carla Holland, Julie Koochagian, Babe McGuire, Connie Niccolls, Shirley Pearson, and Nancy Vanzandt.

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