



Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Thinking with Christ's mind • Loving with Christ's heart • Serving with Christ's hands



A Message From Terry

DEAR FAMILY CALLED LPC,

Hopefully by now you know that I will be taking a three month sabbatical after Easter ... beginning on April 19, and then returning to the office on July 19. I know there are those of you who are wondering, "Why should he get three months off? I've worked all my life and have never been given three months off!"

Well, let me see if I can help you understand.

Sabbath Connections is the theme that Katie and I chose for the Lenten and Easter season, inspired by a book by Wayne Muller, *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives*. Many of you have already picked up a copy and are joining us in this study on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. The very first page of the book charts out the course for the journey we will begin together. Muller writes:

In the relentless busyness of modern life, we have lost the rhythm between work and rest.

All life requires a rhythm of rest. There is a rhythm in our waking activity and the body's need for sleep. There is a rhythm in the way day dissolves into night, and night into morning. There is a rhythm as the active growth of spring and summer is quieted by the necessary dormancy of fall and winter. There is a tidal rhythm, a deep, eternal conversation between the land and the great sea. In our bodies, the heart perceptibly rests after each life-giving beat;

the lungs rest between the exhale and the inhale.

We have lost this essential rhythm. Our culture invariably supposes that action and accomplishment are better than rest, that doing something—anything—is better than doing nothing. Because of our desire to succeed, to meet these ever-growing expectations, we do not rest. Because we do not rest, we lose our way. We miss the compass points that would show us where to go, we bypass the nourishment that would give us succor. We miss the quiet that would give us wisdom. We miss the joy and love born of effortless delight. Poisoned by this hypnotic belief that good things come only through unceasing determination and tireless effort, we can never truly rest. And for want of rest, our lives are in danger.

I have been charged with the responsibility of being the spiritual leader of this congregation. I don't know about you, but I find that to be an awesome and daunting task. Muller's hypothesis centers around that short sentence that begins the second paragraph: "All life requires a rhythm of rest." In the thirty-plus years that I have been a part of the leadership of the church, I don't believe I've really taken seriously the importance of Muller's statement or for that matter the words of Christ when he said, "You are not made for the Sabbath, the Sabbath is made for you." (Mark 2:27)

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30	Sunday Service
9:45	Sunday School for Adults & Children
10:30	Fellowship Time in Benz Hall
11:00	Sunday Service

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Our deadline for item submission is the 15th of the month. Email Lori@lpcjax.org or place articles in the newsletter mailbox located in the church office. Please include your name when submitting an article. Articles may be edited for content and length.

🎵 Music Notes 🎵 LPC Concert Series

Enjoy an evening of Brahms and Friends, the second event in the Lakewood Concert Series – Sunday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary – featuring acclaimed guest artists: mezzo-soprano Jane Christeson, baritone Bobb Robinson (you may remember his wonderful performance last year in *The Seven Last Words of Christ*) and pianist Michael Rickman. It's sure to be a special evening. The concert is free! Please come and invite your friends.

"BE GREEN" IN 2012!

Join our growing list of "E-Readers" (282!) and sign up for the full color version of the e-mail newsletter. E-mail Lori@lpcjax.org.

P.W. Night Circle

The Priscilla Circle of Presbyterian Women meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 10. Come and share a slow cooker meal while we study the Beatitudes. For more information, contact Lynn Holmes at 223-3409, or Roberta Davis at 448-1361.



Serve at Sulzbacher Center

Please mark your calendar for March 22 to volunteer to help at the I. M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless. LPC is scheduled to prepare and serve dinner for approximately 400 men, women and children. We begin the preparations at 3:00 and then serve dinner at 6:00. If you cannot be there to help with the preparations, we also need volunteers to help serve the dinner. Please watch for the sign-up sheet that will be posted in the Narthex on Sunday, March 11. Your help is needed and very much appreciated!



Summer Camp Time!

2012 Summer Camp catalogs for Camp Montgomery are in the Narthex, or visit www.montgomerycenter.org to learn more.

Camps fill quickly, so don't delay registering your youngster for this wonderful experience. If you'd like to talk with a camper or other parents about Montgomery, speak with Rev. Katie Robb.



One Great Hour of Sharing

On Palm Sunday, April 1, Lakewood will collect the [One Great Hour of Sharing offering](#), which supports [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#), the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) and the [Self-Development of People](#). You may also donate \$10.00 by texting **OGHS to 20222**. Your support of this special offering continues to make a difference in the lives of others!



Vacation Bible School 2012

Adventures on Promise Island will be held June 11-15 (Mon-Fri) from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This program is open to children age 3 (potty trained) through boys and girls completing the 5th grade. Registration will be open via our website on May 1. This year we will also be looking for decorations and equipment that will transform our Sanctuary into an island! If you would like to volunteer to help with this program or have questions, please contact Doris York at 993-2117.



CHURCHWIDE GARAGE SALE!!

Saturday, April 28 --- 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

To benefit the youth Montreat and mission trips.

We need your good, reusable items!

Please help us out and make sure all donated items are clean.

We are not able to accept clothing, electronics or machinery that doesn't work, or upholstered furniture with excessive wear.

- Drop items off at the Youth Hut starting Sunday, 4/22.
- Youth and their parents will be available to make pick-ups at your house on Sunday, 4/22.
- Call the church office by Thursday, 4/19 with a description of items and to schedule a pick-up.
- Special arrangements can be made by calling Rev. Katie Robb at 833.8055 x20.

The Youth Group at Lakewood

LPC Youth Ministry has a new Sunday schedule for the 2011-2012 school year:

Middle School (6th-8th grades) – Fellowship! (Lunch & Fellowship) – 12:00-1:30 / Music 1:30-2:00

High School (9th-12th grades) – Music 5:30-6:00 / Dinner & Youth Group – 6:00-8:00

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, the MS & HS youth will help in worship with ushering and liturgy, and then gather MS & HS together for an activity or outing.

Youth Schedule for March:

Please read the LPC Sunday News and [This Week @ LPC](#) (Thursday e-mail newsletter) for youth group plans each week. [Contact Pastor Katie](#) at 733.8055 with any questions.

PEPS PLANS!

PEPS are planning a field trip on the Trolley car in Jacksonville. We'll visit the Sports Center and EverBank Field Stadium and enjoy the new sites and landmarks of our great city. The minibus will leave LPC at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15. Lunch will be Dutch treat at an area restaurant. If you plan to join us, please sign up on the Friendship Pad at church, or call the church office, no later than noon on Monday, March 12. We hope you can join us.

Young Disciples

These K-3rd graders meet following The Children's Time during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Mar 4 Follow Jesus.
Mar 11 Ten Commandments.
Mar 18 Thank You, God.
Mar 25 Forget It – Forgiven.

If you have questions, contact:

Ben Robinson 576.9551
Doris York 993.2117

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) NEWS

General Assembly per capita dollars help the church be the church and are related to the functions of the Stated Clerk through actions of the General Assembly.

Here's a brief look at what per capita funds at the General Assembly level:

- ! General Assembly meetings
- ! Permanent and special General Assembly committees and commissions
- ! Vocational matters
- ! Church Leadership Connection
- ! Immigration issues
- ! Presbyterian Historical Society
- ! Constitutional services
- ! Moderator of the General Assembly
- ! Communications
- ! PC(USA) statistics
- ! Middle governing body relations
- ! Representation
- ! GA publications
- ! Leadership development
- ! PC(USA)'s participation in the ecumenical world
- ! Office of the General Assembly
- ! A portion of the activities of the General Assembly Mission Council executive director's office

For complete details of the specific items that fall under each of the above categories, please visit the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) website link at: www.pcusa.org/percapita.

Did you know the Presbyterian Women of Lakewood collect cancelled postage stamps, Campbell's Soup labels, and Box Tops for Education? Collection boxes are located in the church office, or you can place them in the PW mailbox in the office, or the collection plate on Sunday. Thank you!

BAG LADIES OF LPC

On January 28, Pat Bloebaum presented a Bag Ladies workshop to Presbyterian Women at their annual gathering at Fernandina Presbyterian. Thanks to generous donors, the LPC group has been able to put a video of the October workday on YouTube. Also, we have created a website (designed with a larger font for easier reading) that is compatible with the LPC site, to assist people all across the country in creating Bag Lady groups in their communities. It not only contains the video—and is linked to the LPC website—but also contains an entire page of information about our beautiful church, so people everywhere can see what an outreaching congregation we are. Visit us at <http://bagladiesoflpcjax.weebly.com/>, send the link to friends and family members everywhere, and “sew” Bag Lady seeds all over the place.

Our hope is that the Bag Lady outreach begun in 2008 can grow into a Presbyterian-based project that can help shine a beam of hope to thousands of victims of abuse, homelessness, addiction, and other life problems in our country.

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Let me simply say that it is my hope that during my time away, I might find a rhythm to life and rest ... to work and Sabbath. I want to rekindle the love that I had for my God as a child and as a young idealistic pre-seminarian. My ultimate goal is to be in connection with God in deep ways ... ways that are essential, not just to me personally, but to my role as your spiritual leader.

I need this and so do you....

WITH LOVE,

Terry

How is it possible to adequately thank my Church Family for all of it's support during (and now after) Al's battle with cancer? I appreciate so much the wonderfully prepared meals, (I'm still writing thank you notes-hope I don't forget anyone!) cards, smiles, pats on the back, little squeezes on the shoulder, hugs, and prayers—all of which express your love and friendship. Missy (my bonus daughter) was amazed with all the sympathy cards we received while she was still here. It meant a lot to her to read them and know that so many people she didn't even know cared about her dad and his family. As one of my thank you cards says, "The love of God is revealed in every act of kindness." We love you and appreciate you. Debby (Moon) and family



We had a wonderful response to The Blood Alliance plea for donors on Sunday, January 29. We registered 29 on the Bloodmobile and had four first time donors for which we are truly grateful. To avoid waiting too long to register & donate, consider pre-registering online at www.igiveblood.com to reserve your time slot and shorten your wait. The next blood drive will be March 25, from 8:30 am – 12:30 p.m. Again, thank you for your continued dedication to The Blood Alliance and remember your one-pint blood donation can save up to three lives! Sincere thanks, Barbara Jones, Blood Bank Coordinator

Sanctuary Flower Calendar

Weekly arrangements cost \$55.00 each.

Mar 4	Meg & David Sheffield
Mar 11	Lori Appenfelder
Mar 18	Sue & Don Spencer
Mar 25	Connie & Rob Darnier

The 2012 Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. The only available dates to dedicate Sanctuary flowers are May 27 and August 26. [Contact Lori Appenfelder](#) to sign up for one of these dates. First come, first served.

WN @ LPC
(Wednesday Night @ LPC)

Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. in Benz Hall. Our program follows dinner around 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Theme: *SABBATH*

Join your Lakewood family for dinner on Wednesday nights during Lent as Pastors Terry and Katie guide us through a study of *Sabbath*, a book by Wayne Muller. The subtitle says "Finding rest, renewal, and delight in our busy lives." Please join us in this learning experience as we prepare for Terry's sabbatical and discover how we can also enjoy Sabbath.

Menus for March are:

- 7 Beef stroganoff (Hope Brank), noodles, sides, dessert, pumpkin roll.
- 14 Shepherd's pie (Hope Brank), bread pudding.
- 21 Meat tortellini, portabella mushroom ravioli, salad bar, fresh bread, tiramisu.
- 28 Beef roast (Hope Brank), steamed veggies, chocolate kahlua trifle.

Join us for these wonderful evenings of food, fun and fellowship at Lakewood.

Adult meals	=	\$6.00
Youth (under 10)	=	Free!

Deadline to make dinner reservations is Monday at noon. [E-mail your reservation](#) to the church office, or phone 733.8055.

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Birthdays

Jennifer LaMont, 3/1
Amie Graves, 3/3
Crystal Austin, 3/4
Lenora Wilson, 3/4
Ellen Schubert, 3/5
Will Dyer, 3/6
Colin Farhat, 3/6
David Bahn, 3/8
Katie Robb, 3/8
Carol Stratikis, 3/9
Lindsay Sheffield, 3/10
Greg Appenfelder, 3/11
Haidyn Griffin, 3/12
Mark Stater, 3/12
Avril Wylie, 3/14
John Bier, 3/15
Linda McDonald, 3/15

Johnibel Roberts, 3/15
Dorothy Hodgins, 3/16
Steven Matthews, 3/17
Nancy Momberg, 3/17
Joe Sherrill, 3/17
Michael Sullivan, 3/17
Carol Kalapp, 3/18
Stacey Pena, 3/18
Anne Smith, 3/18
Brad Clapsaddle, 3/21
Roberta Davis, 3/24
Belinda Gallogly, 3/24
Riley Lee, 3/26
Travis Woodlief, 3/27
Neill Keith, 3/30
Sue Mitchell, 3/31
Deborah Saddington, 3/31

Anniversaries

Gerry & Bruce Roberts, 3/3
Diane & Stan Pilinski, 3/4
Amanda & Trey Southwood, 3/5
Judy & Paul Chrisman, 3/7
Dianne & Tom Copeman, 3/16
Penny & Dudley Mendheim, 3/16
Susan & Will Dyer, 3/18
Larry & Lorie Strange-Paylor, 3/19
Katie & Jim Estes, 3/20
Kara & David Neall, 3/20
Connie & Rob Darner, 3/28
Barbara & Art Travis, 3/28
Gina & Jim Coarsey, 3/29

We thank God for you! If your information is not correct, or if it is not listed, help us update our records by e-mailing Lori Appenfelder at Lori@lpcjax.org.