



Soundings



Lambertville United Methodist Church

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Pastor Bryan Kilpatrick

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Going Up to Jerusalem

"We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; They will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again."

-Luke 18:31-34

Grace and peace to you, brothers and sisters in Christ!

It is my hope that this letter finds you as well as can be, and that you have found this Lenten season to be spiritually fulfilling as we continue to prepare ourselves for Christ's Resurrection at Easter. Over the course of this season, I, like so many within our church, have been delving into the Gospel of Luke to draw nearer to our Lord. While I have read through the Gospel of Luke numerous times, along with the rest of the Bible, this time through I find myself being drawn to a single idea: ***Jesus is a man with a limited amount of time.***

I believe Jesus began to get a sense that his time was limited as he fasted in the wilderness for forty days. I believe that as he called his disciples, he knew that he was not long for this world (depending on which Gospel is being referenced, most scholars believe Jesus' earthly ministry lasted anywhere from 1-3 years). I believe that he was well aware of his own mortality as he taught throughout the countryside and healed the sick wherever he went. I believe that the Transfiguration, while wonderfully symbolic in a variety of ways, also served as the moment when Jesus knew that it was time to begin his final journey to Jerusalem.

This is what I believe, and maybe you believe similarly, maybe not. Yet it continues to fascinate me that the Disciples constantly refused to believe that Jesus would one day die. It is a perfectly understandable thing to long for a better outcome, as we all know what it feels like to lose someone or something we love, and we know the denial that

that can arise when we are faced with that realization. Still the fact remains that in spite of their denial, ***Jesus was a man with a limited amount of time.***

I wonder if we don't need to spend more time with this idea. After all, if you're reading this, you are a mortal human, which means that ***like Jesus, we are all people with a limited amount of time.*** And while we believe in the Resurrection and in the life everlasting, the fact remains that to get to that reward; we will one day have to die. It's not something we like to think about often, yet I wonder if part of the reason Jesus seems to constantly remind his Disciples that he will not be with them forever was to get them to begin to think about their own mortality.

How do we act when we are faced with a deadline? Some might procrastinate, others might frontload all the work they feel called to do and coast to the deadline in question. But perhaps Christ is inviting us to use the knowledge of our own mortality to motivate us to live better and be better from now until our deadline. Jesus knew he was going to die, and yet he fed the hungry and healed the sick, bringing life into the lives of others. He knew he was going to die, and yet he gathered people to him and called them friends. Jesus knew he was going to die, and yet everywhere we look in the gospels it seems like that knowledge allowed him to live more fully as he continued his journey up to Jerusalem. Knowing that he would die, Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem, and until his very last breath on the cross, ***he not only lived, but he brought life to others.*** As we move into Holy Week and the Passion of Christ, let us also remember that one day our time will come as well. The question is, what will we do with our lives until then?

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Trustee information

The Trustees have been completing projects around the church, one large one was the window on the back wall of the sanctuary. This required sanding, filling in large holes, sealing and painting. Another project was putting tar around one of the chimneys and yet another one was fixing the narthex closet. Thanks to the Trustees we should no longer see rain coming in the building! The Trustees have had 3 different carpet companies out to get quotes for new carpeting through the narthex and hallways. Also, thank you to the Trustees for taking the last of the Christmas decorations out to the barn and bringing in what we needed for Easter!

Trustees—Cemetery Lots for sale

The church is in possession of several cemetery lots at Toledo Memorial Park. They are being offered to the congregation at \$800 per lot (current price from Toledo Memorial Park is \$1200 per lot). If you are interested in purchasing a lot or lots, please contact the office.

ONE Worship service

This **Sunday, March 30** we will have ONE Worship service at 10:00am with a potluck immediately following. Please bring a dish to pass or just yourself and join us in great fellowship.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, **April 12** we will be having an Easter egg hunt event. Registration starts at 1:30pm and the egg hunt will start at 2 and go until they are found. Bring your little ones and come enjoy a fun time at the church! If you can help out with this please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Game Day

On Sunday, **April 27** we are planning a game day! This will take place from 3-5 and we will have a variety of games to play and snacks to enjoy. Mark your calendars for this fun event!



Morning Bible Study

Every Wednesday we have a Bible Study in the narthex at 9:30am. During this hour of study we focus on a specific book of the Bible and gradually read through it while discussing what is happening. It is a very informative and fun group to be part of. Come on out and see what this group is about!

Women in Faith postponed until May

The First meeting of the Women in Faith will be postponed until May. Further information will be given when this meeting gets closer.

March Mission

We raised **\$710** for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)! Thank you so very much for your generosity!

Bed Build Fundraiser

As you probably noticed, we have a bunk bed set up in the narthex. This is the bunk bed that we will be making in May as our May mission. We also need bedding for these beds. They need twin or twin XL sheets, pillowcases and comforters. The gentlemen in charge said that heavy comforters, quilts or fleece tie blankets are needed. Please put any donations directly on the bed. Thank you! This mission will be ongoing from now until our bed build on **May 18th**. So far, we have raised **\$2590**. We need to raise **\$7500** before May to cover our church's portion of materials.



Volunteer opportunity

If you can help organize the men's luncheon please reach out to the office. This would include getting ahold of Red Star before the luncheon to make sure that they have enough seating for everyone who would like to attend and fielding phone calls for RSVP's.

Kroger rebate

If you have a Kroger card and would like to add our church to your community rewards, we would greatly appreciate it. This costs nothing to you, but our church gets a check quarterly for all who put our name down. If you need help with this process, please ask the office and we would be happy to assist you.

Lawn mowing

It's that time of year again. We are needing volunteers to mow the lawn on a weekly basis. If we have enough people sign up this would only require you to mow once a month or less. If you have never mowed before and would like to help out with this, reach out to the office and we will get you set up for a tutorial on the mowers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex after Easter for anyone who can help us out with this. Thank you!



Membership News

"I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgiving be offered to God for all people."

(1 Timothy 2:1)

General Intercessory Prayers:

Families dealing with Depression, Grieving Families, Marriages, Missionaries, Service Men & Women, Shut-ins, Unemployed, Unspoken, Youth

Individual Intercessory Prayers:

Ward Gambrell, Joyce Zuccarell, Marcia Brown, Terrie Houck, Brenda Wobser, Jan Harvey, Bob Houck, Rich Schroeder, Phyllis Dudek, Mary Jones, Don McConnaughey, Pat Villarreal, Cathy Roberts, Debbie Krabach

Shut-Ins:

Colleen Fisher, Sue Roach, Barb Frobel, Vicki Clouse, Rose Leighty, Elsie Rochlitz, Marcia Smotherman, Ethel Mull

Extended Church family & community:

Cindy Vedra's brother, friend, Lyndell and friend, Jim, Debbie Needle's, brother, Kay Platt's brother Wayne Stewart and sister-in-law, Ruby, Cathy Robert's cousin, Sister Ann, Dianna Snyder's son, Jeremiah and husband, Tom, Kilpatrick's cousins, Jamie and Terral, McIntire's sister-in-law, Marianna, Jim Villarreal's cousin, Barbara, brother, Ron and sister-in-law, Karen, Brooke Brown's mom, sister, and friend's, Bonnie and Steve, Susie Chandler's brother, Jim, Carole Rayle's daughter, Tori and mother-in-law, Bonnie, Aileen Pyle's brother, Don, Bobbie Garrison's sister, Joann, Heidi Barnette's niece, Isabella, Phyllis Dudek's son, Jeff, Ed Smith's Grandson, Garrett

Military serving :

Alex Perry
Amanda Needles

Sympathies

Our sympathies go out to the Krabach family on the loss of their brother-in-law

Our sympathies go out to Ron and Pam Hudson on the loss of Ron's brother

***If you would like to remove or add your loved one to the list please contact the office at:
office@lambertvilleumc.org**



Lent Study continues

It is not too late to join Pastor Bryan for Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the library. This study will conclude on April 16.

Lent Soup Supper continues

The soup suppers for Lent continue, the dates are April 2, 9, and 16 at 6:00pm.

Maundy Thursday service

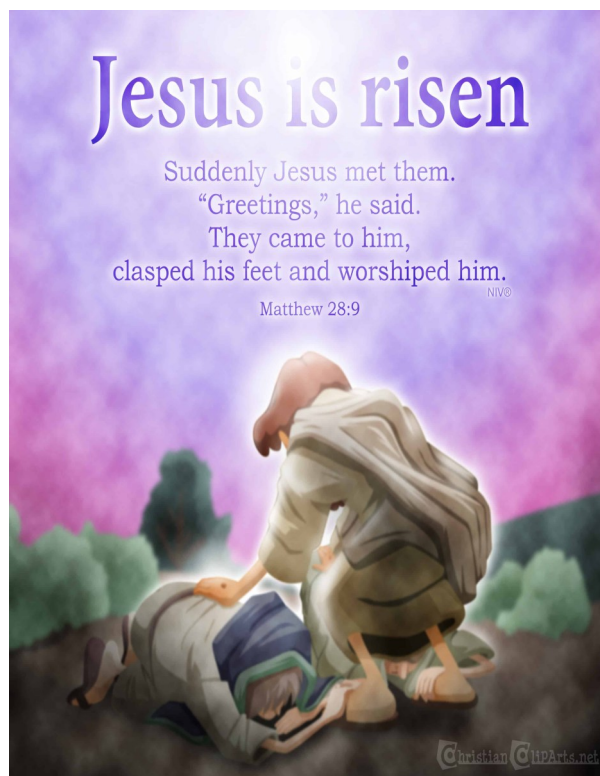
Join us on Thursday, **April 17th** from 8-12 or 5:00pm-7:00pm to reflect on the events of Holy Week. We will treat this time just like we did for Ash Wednesday where you can drop-in between those times during the day and Pastor Bryan will be there to join you.

Good Friday

Our Good Friday service will take place on Friday, **April 18** at 12:00. Join us as we remember Jesus' death on the cross.

Easter services

Join us on Sunday, **April 20** at 8:30am or 10:30am for our worship services as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection!



**April Soundings
are sponsored by:
Cheryl Rayle— in honor of April Birthdays**

Board members

Many of you have asked about who our board members are and what they are responsible for. Below is a list of people on the committees and the things they take care of within the church:

Ad Council Chair: Marsha Frank– oversees all the committees, if you have an overall question about the church please see Marsha

SPRC Chair: Norm & Denise Spohler– This committee deals with all the staff, including the Pastor. The committee just revised all the job descriptions of the staff . They are also in close communication with the staff should they have a question or complaint.

Trustee Chair: Paul Leonhard– This committee takes care of the church building, parsonage and grounds. If there is something that needs fixed this is the guy to see.


Worship Chair: Susan Mitchell– This committee takes care of decorating the church for all of the special Sundays, they also get together with Pastor to help with any special days in the life of the church such as Ash Wednesday, Easter, Advent and Christmas. They also make sure all the parliaments and candles are ready to go for Sunday morning, among many other things.

Finance Chair: Kent Krabach– This committee oversees the church finances, Creates a yearly budget, works on conference finance paperwork, oversees the counters, and any other thing pertaining to finances here at the church.


Outreach Chair: Becki Parachek: This committee comes up with the monthly mission focuses, coordinates with the different organizations and plans events such as the Trunk-or-Treat and the Easter egg hunt.

***If you have a question and are unsure of who to ask, just reach out to the office or Pastor Bryan and we will direct you to the right person.**





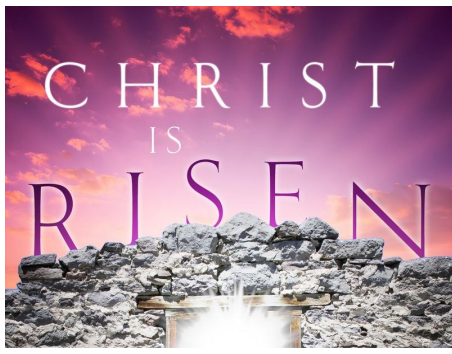
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2025

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| 1– Amanda Needles | 12– David Conn |
| 5– Daniel Trumbell | 14– Bob Smotherman |
| 6– Claudia Schroeder | 17– Linda Bodine |
| 7– Karen Daniel | 17– Jean Robinson |
| 7– Trevor Horace | 18– Cece Kilpatrick |
| 7– Pat Hinshaw | 19– Lu Ann Bauer |
| 8– Cheryl Rayle | 22– Jacob Lohr |
| 9– Linda Bartholow | 22– Sandy Stinefield |
| 11– Diane Shull | 28– Phil Lavoy |
| 12– Dawn Tyndall-Sheater | 29– Victor Robinson |
| 12– Eliza Smith | |
| 12– Brittany Smith | |





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:00am ONE Worship service 11:00am Potluck 6:30pm Youth group 8:00pm Basketball	31 10:00am– Pickleball 4:30pm– Softball 6:30pm Basketball 8:30pm Broom ball	1 10-11am food pantry 9am– Figure factory 5:00pm– Twirl MI 5:45pm Girl scouts 6:00pm Softball 8:00pm– Basketball	2 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am– Pickleball 1:00pm Custodial cleaning 6:00pm Softball 6:00pm Soup supper 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Basketball	3 9am– Figure factory 5pm-6 food pantry 5:00pm– Twirl MI	4 10:00am– Kathy Anderson’s school 7:00pm Basketball	5 8:30am Basketball 12:00pm Party– Micua
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