



Soundings

Lambertville United Methodist Church



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Pastor's Page

"Endings and Beginnings"

"...For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 29:11

Summer salutations brothers and sisters in Christ!

I write this knowing that this will be the final newsletter article you receive from me. I have been trying, for a couple months now, to think about what I would say to all of you in this moment of change and transitions. I have been your pastor for the past four years. Over the course of those years, we have learned together and grown together. We have had difficult conversations and uplifting moments. There has been laughter and tears. If I were to give an honest assessment of our time together, I would say that overall, we have been able to do some very good work in the name of Christ. We weren't able to accomplish all we had hoped to accomplish, but what we did achieve we achieved honestly and through the work of our hands and the faith of our hearts.

There has been a quote on the wall of my office for the past year and a half, a quote that I placed there during a time of difficulty when it became hard for me to see the future hope (yes, this does happen to pastor's from time to time. We are, after all, just as human as all of you). While I cannot recall where the quote came from, it reads:

"No one would assume that there is no point to the plot of a novel while he is still in the middle of it... The truth is that the purpose will be revealed later on."

Brothers and sisters, times of pastoral transition are never easy for anyone involved. Churches lose pastors they have grown close to, have built memories with, and have traveled together in faith. The pastors themselves must also say farewell to people they have been building relationships with, caring for, and teaching.

Everyone involved sits with all the "what if's," the uncertainties, the fears. Endings are hard to walk through no matter what shape they take.

Yet this is not simply an ending for any of us. Rather, it can be helpful to view it as a time of new beginnings. Our stories are not done being written, we are merely transitioning from one chapter to another, as the quote on my wall reminds me daily. The Bible encourages us to remember our future hopes in times like these. As the Israelites were facing exile, God raised up the prophet Jeremiah to remind them that their story was not yet over. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* While they saw exile as an ending, God reminded them that it was simply not the case. God wasn't done with the Israelites, and God's not done with all of you.

I hope this month will be a time of fond farewells, memories shared, and, of course, laughter. I expect there will be tears. But my hope will continue to be in Christ, who continues to call us to go out into this world to make disciples of Jesus Christ, to build bridges, and to bring others into community. Know that you will, as all my previous and future churches, be in my prayers, as I hope I will be in yours. God has wonderful things in store for all of you here at Lambertville United Methodist Church, and I cannot wait to celebrate your successes from afar in the future.

All honor and glory be to the God who turns every ending into a beginning,

Reverend Bryan Kilpatrick

ONE Worship service

On Sunday, **May 31** we will have ONE Worship service at 10:00am with a potluck immediately following. **If you signed up to bring a breakfast dish then thank you.**

Grubby Sunday

Please join us on **Sunday, May 31** for Grubby Sunday. This is a time where we spruce up the church for spring. We have many projects to complete, the more hands the better. This will take place immediately following the potluck.

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. We are currently reading through Isaiah.

Bell Choir

We will be taking a hiatus from Bell Choir until September. Thank you so very much to Cheryl Rayle for leading us and for Russell for setting up tables and copying music for us. We appreciate both of you!

Junior Church

Junior Church is every Sunday at 10:30am during church service. If you have a K-8th grader please bring them to church to learn the stories of the Bible.

Youth group

The youth group will be taking a hiatus for the summer. Their last meeting will be June 7 at 6:30pm, they will start up again in September. The mission trip will be July 26-August 1.

Ushers needed

If you can help out by ushering at either the 8:30 or 10:30 service, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Thank you! If you need direction on what this involves we can help with that as well.

Greeters needed

If you would like to help out by greeting people and handing them a program then please sign up for either first or second service on the sheet in the narthex.

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.

May Mission

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Humane Society, we were able to give them many different items.

June Mission

For June, the outreach team found it fitting to donate to the Veteran's Center since we will be celebrating our freedom on July 4. We have a list of needed items printed in the program, they will also take any monetary donations that you would like to give. Please mark Veteran's Center on your giving envelope on the specials line

Bedford Fireworks

Join us in the church parking lot on **June 26** for the annual Bedford Fireworks. They are set to go off at dusk. Bring your favorite lawn chair. We will have food for purchase.

Help with weeds

It is that time of year again when all the nice weeds start to come up around the church and in the memorial garden. If you can help with pulling weeds then feel free to stop by anytime you have a free minute and pick to your hearts content. Thank you!

Pastor's going away potluck

Pastor Bryan's last Sunday will be June 14. We will be having ONE Worship service at 10:00am with a cookout immediately following service. Dianna planned the menu and if you can bring any of the following, please let the office know:

Baked beans
Potato salad, macaroni salad or pasta salad
Brats
Cheesy potatoes
Deviled Eggs
Thank you!!!

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Zach Krabach will be having his Eagle Scout court of honor here at the church on Saturday, June 20. If you would like to come support him this will take place at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. Zach is the person who constructed our picnic tables that are all around the grounds.

The ducks left the building!

The ducks made it safely out of the memorial garden and to the creek!



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:

Brenda Wobser, Rich Schroeder, Phyllis Dudek, Pat Villarreal, Cathy Roberts, Debbie Krabach, Sandy Reilly, Tom Mavis, Sandy Stinefield, Dave Shadler, Marcia Brown, Mary Anne Bair, Carol Mavis, Carol Rayle, Heidi Barnette

Shut-Ins:

Sue Roach, Brenda Wobser, Vicki Clouse, Rose Leighty, Ethel Mull, Mary Jones, Lanice Andres

Extended Church family & community:

Cindy Vedra’s brother-in-law, Pat, Debbie Needle’s, brother, Kay Platt’s brother Wayne Stewart and sister-in-law, Ruby, Cathy Robert’s cousin, Sister Ann, McIntire’s sister-in-law, Marianna, Jim Villarreal’s cousin, Barbara, and sister, Ellie, Brooke Brown’s mom, sister, and friend’s, Bonnie and Steve, Susie Chandler’s brother, Jim, Phyllis Dudek’s son, Jeff, Mary Jones’s friend, Chris, Jim Dornberg’s sister, Nancy, Dick Light’s son-in-law, Nac, Joyce Earley’s son, Jim, Paul & Linda Leonard’s friend, Kathy, Marsha Frank’s sister, Sandy, Mary Anne Bair’s sisters, Judy & Susan, Sandy Reilly’s son Jed

Military serving :

Alex Perry
Amanda Needles

Sympathies

Our sympathies go out to the Smotherman family on the loss of their mom, grandma and great grandma, Marcia Smotherman

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

Praise time

We pray for many people on our prayer chain and we would love to hear any praises that you may have. On the last Sunday of the month during the prayer time we will be updating the congregation with these praises. Feel free to write these down so that they can be shared during this time.

Thank you

The Smotherman family would like to thank LUMC for the many visits, cards and prayers given towards our family and specifically Marcia Smotherman for over 30 years. Years you have shown love and caring towards her in good times and trying times. Anyone who visited her saw her eyes light up when you came in. She loved her church family and she felt the love from you. We also want to thank everyone who came to support us on Friday and to all of you who sent condolences. We appreciate all of the love poured out to our family.

**Lambertville United Methodist
Church Mission Statement:**

Guiding everyday people into an amazing connection with Jesus

Vision Statement:

Equipping ourselves with the armor of God to build bridges and bring others into the kingdom



**May Soundings
are sponsored by:
Norm & Denise Spohler– in honor of
their 29th Anniversary!**

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market runs every Saturday from 9:00am-1 in the church parking lot. There are many vendors to peruse. Come on out and take a look, they also have food trucks!

Funny Jokes

Moses is wandering around and he finds the burning bush. He looks closer and sees that while the bush is clearly on fire, it is not burning up. He just can't believe his eyes, and in his amazement he says "No way!"

Then, a voice comes from the bush, and says "Yah way!"

The pastor cleared his throat as he approached the pulpit. "I'm sorry if my voice sounds a bit weak today," he told the congregation. "There's been some sickness going around the office, and you all know I hate to be left out of anything."

We soon learned that our new church had an elder with a sense of humor. "At this church," the elder said, "We follow the Noah principle of two by two. We have two Italian elders, two bald elders, and two very handsome older elders. I'm not Italian, so I'll let you guess which group I'm in."

I worked at a Christian retreat center for a year, mostly serving food. One night, several families came down to dinner, I had someone behind me say, "My water broke." I looked around nervously. To my relief, it was not a pregnant woman. It was a nine-year-old whose plastic cup had snapped in half.


A man and a young boy sat at the same table during a church lunch. The man realized he knew the boy's mother.

"Moms are great, aren't they?" he said. "What would we do without them?"


The boy replied, "Finish my playdates on time."

The church was holding baptisms during the service, so they brought in a large tub. As the sermon continued, a boy near the front stared at the tub. He nudged his father. The father turned and the boy whispered, "Where did they get such a big bucket for the leaking roof?"





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JUNE BIRTHDAYS 2026

- 2- Chet Kosakowski
- 3- Gary Konz
- 4- Andrew Palmer
- 4- Judy Nicholes
- 6- Ashlee Kilpatrick
- 7- David Bodine
- 7- Bev Rojem
- 8- Joyce Earley
- 9- John Bartholomew
- 9- Mary Alice Jones
- 12- Paul Leonhard
- 12- John Andres
- 15- Carol Bibler
- 17- Steven Conn

- 20- Megan Kosakowski
- 23- Dakota Bliss
- 24- Nicholas Mosher
- 24- Bill Keesee
- 25- Mia Tennant
- 26- Chad Ohneck
- 27- Wanetta Sorge
- 28- Laci MacQuisten
- 28- Amy Dawes
- 28- Tim Horace
- 29- Maryann Hulsebus
- 29- Sandy Ritchey
- 29- Sandy Lewandowski
- 29- Angie Nowakowski
- 30- Lucas Kilpatrick



Happy Birthday



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10:00am– ONE Worship service 11:00am– Potluck 12– Grubby Sunday 6:30pm Youth group	1 10:00am– Pickleball 5:30pm Softball 6:15pm– Softball @ Crossroads	2 10-11am food pantry 9am– Figure factory 5:30pm Softball 5:00pm– Twirl MI 5:45pm Girl Scouts 8:00pm– Basketball	3 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am– Pickleball 4:30pm Baseball 7:30pm Basketball	4 9am– Figure factory 5pm-6 food pantry 5:30pm– Twirl MI 5:30pm Softball	5 5:00pm Baseball 7:30pm Basketball	6 9:00am– Farmer’s market Graduation party 9:00am– SPRC staff meetings
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