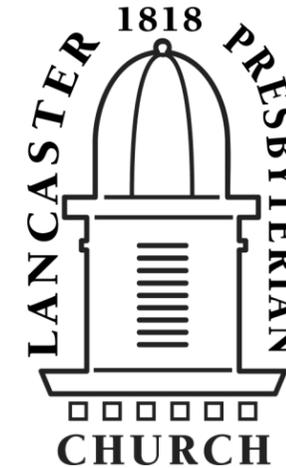


The
Grapevine

February 2018



Lancaster Presbyterian Church will be 200 Years Old in 2018!!!



Historic Celebration Service

Wednesday, February 7th — 7:30pm

The first documented Session meeting was February 7, 1818.
Commemorate the beginnings of our church and its history during this special evening event.



Bicentennial Worship Service

Sunday, February 11th — 9:30am

Gather together in one special Sunday service as we celebrate God's faithfulness to Lancaster Presbyterian Church for the past 200 years!

Be a part of these kick-off events!

Watch for other bicentennial events throughout the year.

For the LORD is good.

His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.

~Psalm 100:5

Kele-Communication



Lancaster Presbyterian Church has not always been called by the same name. The earliest beginnings of this congregation date back to a window of time spanning from 1803 to 1817. Through these fourteen years settlers gathered in each other's homes for fellowship, prayer and the reading of God's word. It seems reasonable to expect that the stirrings that culminated in the foundation of the congregation became implanted in the hearts of the faithful during these early years. It was a time before name or corporate identity, and yet it was a time leading to the existence of a church. The name by which this congregation is recognized in terms of official corporate trust law is "The Presbyterian Society of Cayuga Creek." This name is rarely used with the exception of one or two times a year in the formal opening of meetings of the congregation or corporation. Indeed the Town of Lancaster itself was not even formed until March 20, 1833. Yet, through all of the long years this congregation has been one Lancaster Presbyterian Church, continuously called into existence by the faithfulness of God, loved and sustained in every step along the way in God's steadfast love. Truly, "The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions

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never fail. They are new every morning; great is [His] faithfulness" (Lam 3:22-23).¹

Lancaster Presbyterian Church's forbearers knew the lovingkindness of the LORD. They lived it. They loved God and they loved His people. They had to love the LORD in order to endure the challenges of that day. It cannot have been easy to serve the founding of this congregation. Men like Benjamin Clark and Elias Bissell were among the founding settlers of the region: they had traversed the "purple mountain majesties" in ever finding their way to these "fruited plains," these "amber waves of grain."² They knew hardship and privation. They understood what it meant to live in the east shadow of Lake Erie where it is possible to see four feet of snow in eight hours. They did not have weather forecasts. They went without all wheel drive, snow tires, chains and studs. But they hitched up the team that cold stormy Saturday morning in February 1818, and they gathered faithfully together with thirteen brothers and sisters in Christ for the purpose of organizing this church.³

They had been meeting for years to attend publicly to matters of faith in Jesus. Ever since 1810 they had gathered faithfully in the old Log School on the Leonard Blackmon farm. Asa Field and Benjamin Clark were among them—sound men of God worthy of honor. These men were ordained elders under the Congregational and Presbyterian Plan of Union of 1800. They were not pastors or teaching elders. They were ruling elders, and yet they served their neighbors willingly—conducting services, ministering to the sick and officiating funerals in celebration of the transition of life in Jesus on earth to life in Jesus in heaven.

All of these neighbors remembered the startling move of the LORD's hand in their midst when two friends who had suffered long estrangement over some forgotten grievance became drawn together in revival. In the face of the greater working of God in their community, the two friends' mutual concession led to confession and forgiveness, and they joyfully composed their quarrel. Every heart in the community was touched by this gracious manifestation of reconciliation. Sinners converted, and long standing hostilities were resolved throughout the settlement. There is a unity

that can only come through the powerful ministrations of the Holy Spirit as He pours out the love of God within human hearts (Rom 5:5). This congregation traces its roots to the prevailing realities of reconciliation and unity in the outworking of God's great work of redemption. Everyone who is one with Jesus is one with everyone else who is one with Jesus. It is fitting then to emphasize that Lancaster Presbyterian Church was founded in a move of the Spirit bringing redemption, reconciliation, revival and unity to the faithful settlers of our region whose legacy this congregation now embraces in faithful trust.

On that momentous Saturday, February 7, 1818, the Reverend James H. Mills of the Presbytery of Niagara came to act for the Presbytery in organizing the church. There were thirteen settlers present. All desired to be a part of what God was doing in the formation of a new congregation. Joyfully the confession of faith and covenant of the church were subscribed, and with prayer the body was pronounced a church of Jesus Christ belonging to the Presbytery of Niagara.

As "the elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor" (1 Tim 5:17), so Lancaster Presbyterian Church esteems the men who stepped forward that day to serve this people. Captain Henry Johnson, Asa Field and Benjamin Clark will always hold a special place in the heart of this congregation as its first elders. Asa Field did double duty as elder and deacon, and Elias Bissel served as Clerk of Session for sixty-one years.

Today, when the church receives a single member into a congregation of hundreds everyone rejoices greatly. What must have been the experience on that first Saturday morning in February when thirteen saints of the Lord stepped forward to publicly identify with the Savior? The salute of this congregation to those first members is loving and grateful, and Lancaster Presbyterian Church gives thanks to the Lord for His eternal faithfulness in affording this people a strong foundation in the faithful example of Benjamin and Olive Clark, Henry and Betsy Johnson, Asa and Anna Field, Martha Blackmon, Dorothy Bissel, Sophronia Root, Olive Pekham, Elias Bissell, Anna Jones, and James Clark.

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Church Announcements

Deacons

By: Gloria Chaves, Chair of Deacons

The Deacons of Lancaster Presbyterian Church are presently ten women who love the Lord and have committed to the calling God has given them to serve the physical needs of the members of our congregation. We provide meals and rides when needed and visit those who are no longer able to attend worship services. We bring the gospel of Jesus in everything we do. Flowers are present during worship services because of the loving care of Deacons. During 2018, the Deacons will be studying the parables of Jesus in anticipation of seeing them as a "guide and a searchlight into the knowledge of Christ as the gracious and glorious king of the kingdom." We will be using "Glory Veiled and Unveiled" by Gerald M. Bilkes, a professor at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At each Deacons meeting there is intentional prayer for those we visit and any others who are going through difficulties and are in need of prayer. We ask for your prayers as we seek to serve God by providing for the needs of our congregation.

To order Memorial Flowers, please contact Judy Dalconzo (683 7382 or Judy Domnick (681 5082). For necessary medical rides contact Pat LaVenture (684 0547). To volunteer to greet before worship services contact Judy Cavanaugh (683 1837).

Ladies Afternoon Prayer & Bible Study

The Ladies Afternoon Prayer and Bible Study group would like to invite all ladies to join us on February 6 at 12:30 pm for a couple hours of food, femalship and fun. We are continuing the DVD series, "Freedom From Fear" led by Dr. Michael Youssef. Each session is stand-alone, so new ladies may join anytime. Tea and dessert will be provided. Feel free to bring friends. Questions may be directed to Lisa McElhinny at 651-9218.

DAB Specials!!!

Sunday lunch and lesson for young adults (based on *your* topic suggestions)

- **Sunday Feb. 25th—Living with Regret, reflections on 1 Samuel**
- **Sunday, March 25th—TBA**

**Lunch at 12 Huntley Place @ 12:30p.m.
Lessons by Laurie Muscato**

Lancaster Presbyterian Serves

The Outreach Committee would like to announce "Lancaster Presbyterian Serves". This is an attempt to make our congregation aware of service opportunities available within the community.



Many of our members at LPC already serve our community on a reoccurring basis. Some work with Harvest House Good Neighbors and others minister to prison inmates through Kairos, as just two examples. However, as Christians we are all called to "Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13) This encompasses serving within our church, but also includes going out into our local community and serving to the "ends of the earth."

How is this Outreach? Showing love to our neighbors is one way we can bridge the gap between believers and those still seeking God, to make connections with people in our community, and ultimately share the Gospel. Consider inviting someone who may not know Christ to volunteer within the community alongside you.

Current Upcoming Opportunities include:

February – The Buffalo City Mission

Coordinator: Becky Young

Contact Becky Young or sign up online through Facebook.

- Friday, Feb. 16th – 6:30pm
Meal prep in the LPC kitchen
All ages welcome
- Saturday, Feb. 17th – 2:00pm
Take, cook & serve a homemade meal to 100 homeless men
Take the church van downtown to serve the meal, plan on returning to LPC by 7:30pm
Must be 16 or older

A few more opportunities over the winter and early spring months are in the works. If you aren't already serving outside of LPC, we would like to encourage you to find a way that you can serve our community. If you have a community opportunity to share with the congregation, please contact the Outreach Committee.

Our state faces significant difficulties, and New Yorkers are looking for a way forward. As Christians, we understand that God ordained three institutions: family, government, and church. Legislative Day attendees will learn how each of these three God-ordained institutions can partner together to solve the problems our state faces. **Join us at Legislative Day 2018 - and help lead the way for the Empire State!**

Albany, NY March 20, 2018 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Evening of Praise
Saturday Feb. 3rd at 7:00pm**

- 7—7:30pm gather for coffee & fellowship
- 7:30—8:30pm praise through contemporary music, prayer and testimonies

Summer Youth Camp Registration Opens February 1st

Developing a closer relationship to God, building relationships with others, playing games, making crafts, swimming, spending time in the sun – this is just some of what is waiting for campers at our annual Summer Youth Camp! Don't miss the opportunity to sign your kids up for this unforgettable week!

What: Summer Youth Camp

Who: students completing 3rd-8th grade

- 3 different age-based programs are available (see website for program details)
- Campers are encouraged to bring a friend!

When: Sunday, June 24th – Saturday, June 30th

- Campers arrive at 2:30pm on Sunday & leave after our closing celebration on Saturday morning (beginning at 10:30am)

Where: Duffield Camp & Retreat Center

- Sponsored and staffed by volunteers from Lancaster Presbyterian Church

Registration: OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST!

- Early Registration Deadline: **April 15th** (all campers registered by this date receive \$50 off)
 - Final Registration Deadline: **June 1st**
 - Registration forms available for print online or contact the church office for a paper copy.
 - Registration on a first come, first serve basis
- ◇ **2018 Note: Register early, as we anticipate that some programs will fill to capacity this year!**

Questions & Details:

- Visit the Camp page of our church website at www.L-P-C.org for details and registration forms
- Contact Bethany Potozniak at LPCcamps@gmail.com or 716.573.7810
- Attend the Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:30pm at LPC

High Schoolers:

- 9th – 12th graders that regularly participate in weekly Worship Services, Sunday School, or Youth Group are eligible to assist as staff. Interested youth MUST contact Bethany Potozniak by **March 1st**.

Kele-Communication continued.....

The realities for the first members of this congregation were challenging. They were without a pastor, but they had the Lord and they had each other. They were initially served by missionaries and stated supplies. The Reverend Wedlock figures prominently in the nurture and encouragement of the people in the early days, as do William Stone, Hugh Wallis and Hutchins Taylor. Under their generosity in sharing time and talents the church more than doubled in its first year—from thirteen members to thirty-one members by the end of 1818.

Our Lord has been faithful to His people here for 200 years, and His people have been faithful to Him. I feel so blessed and humbled to serve in the midst of such faithful men, women and children of God. God bless you, Lancaster Presbyterian Church!

All my love, Pastor Kelly

¹All Scripture quotations are from the *New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update*. (LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995).

²Katharine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward, "America, the Beautiful," *Hymns for the Family of God* (Nashville: Paragon Associates, 1976), 690.

³All historical reflections are founded in the work of Robert Earl Blaney, *150 Years: Being the History of the Presbyterian Society of Cayuga Creek*. (Lancaster, NY: Lancaster Presbyterian Church, 1968), 1-7.

Lenten Ecumenical Worship Services

Wednesdays during Lent, with a light lunch following.

Wednesday, Feb. 28—Lancaster Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 7—St. Mary's of the Assumption

Wednesday, March 14—Blessed Mother Teresa

Wednesday, March 21—Holy Mother of the Rosary

On Wednesday, February 28th, LPC has the honor of hosting one of these services and luncheons. A kitchen crew is needed to service a light soup lunch. Please speak to Marie Babcock if you would like to help either by making a batch of soup, providing a batch of cupcakes or helping the day of the event. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletins.

Youth Groups at LPC

Bible Discussions - Games - Activities - Retreats - Service Opportunities



3rd—6th Grade

Each week will focus on a different character trait

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

7th—12th Grade

God: The Promise Keeper

Sundays 7-9pm

3rd—6th Grade Youth Group Events!

- **Wednesday, Feb. 28th—Mother/Daughter Event at 7:00pm** (during regular youth group time) **More details will be coming home soon!**
- **April 6th-8th—Spring Retreat at Duffield Camp & Retreat Center**
 - ◇ Meet at the church on Friday, April 6th at 1:30pm
 - ◇ Travel in the church van to Camp Duffield
 - ◇ Return to the church on Sunday April 8th at 4:00pm
 - ◇ Visit the Events page on our church website for the required permission slip

Junior/Senior High Youth Schedule—February & March

February

- **Sunday, Feb. 4th – Superbowl Party**
Meet at the Carlsen Home (94 Elm Place, Lancaster)—6:00pm
Girls bring drinks, Boys bring snacks & desserts
Pick up at the end of the game
- **Sunday, Feb. 11th – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7—9pm**
- **Saturday, Feb. 17th—Girls Night Out, Boys Night Out** (details to follow)
- **Sunday, Feb. 18th – No Youth Group** (Winter Break)
- **Sunday, Feb. 25th - Youth Group @ Potter's House, 7 – 9 pm**

March

- **Sunday, March 4th – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7 – 9 pm**
- **Sunday, March 11th – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7 – 9 pm**
- **Sunday, March 18th – Bowling at the Moose Club**
(*in place of regular youth group--note the time change!)
Meet at the Potters House at 6:00pm and walk to the Moose Lodge
\$6.00 per person
Pick up at the Potter's House at 9:00pm
Permission slip required (available on the church website)
- **Sunday, March 25th – Youth Group @ the Potter's House, 7—9pm**

Coming in April!!!!

Junior/Senior High Retreat to Camp Allegany

Friday, April 20—Sunday, April 22

Visit the Events page on our website (www.L-P-C.org) for more details!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Christian Education Committee Mtg—7:00pm	2 Craft Fellowship—10:00am	3 Evening of Praise—7:00pm
4 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Scout Sunday SS & AE—9:45 Jr/SrHiYG Superbowl Party—6:00pm	5	6 Ladies Afternoon Prayer & Bible Study—12:30pm, Worship Committee Mtg—7:00pm	7 Bicentennial Candlelight Worship Service—7:30pm No Choirs & Youth Group	8 Women's Evening Bible Study—6:45pm	9	10
11 Bicentennial Worship Service—9:30am No SS & AE Jr/SrHiYG—7:00pm	12	13 Deacons Mtg—7:00pm, Trustees Mtg—7:00pm	14 Choirs & Youth Group	15	16 LPC Serves—meal prep in LPC kitchen @ 6:30pm	17 LPC Serves—take meals downtown to serve, meet at 2:00pm; Jr/Sr High Boys Night Out/Girls Night Out
18 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 SS & AE—9:45am Congregational Mtg—12:15pm; Soup Lunch No Jr/SrHiYG	19 Office Closed	20 Stated Session Mtg—7:00pm	21 No Choirs & Youth Group Technology Committee Mtg—7:00pm	22 No Gathering In His Name Bible Study Grapevine Crew—10:00am, Women's Evening Bible Study—6:45pm	23	24
25 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 SS & AE—9:45am Jr/Sr HiYG—7:00pm	26	27	28 Lenten Service—12:00pm			

Annual Congregational & Corporate Meeting
 Sunday, February 18, 2018 @ 12:15pm
Official Call to a Congregational Meeting
 The members of Lancaster Presbyterian Church are hereby called to the Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting of Lancaster Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Society of Cayuga Creek which will be held Sunday, February 18, 2018 in the sanctuary of the church at 12:15PM following the 11 o'clock service for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report of 2017 and any other business that properly comes before the meeting.
Please note that the Soup Luncheon will take place in Waith Fellowship Hall, following the Annual Congregational Meeting.

- Weekly Schedule**
- Sunday**
- Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am
Nursery and pre-school child care during both services
 - Sunday School and Adult Education Classes — 9:45-10:45am
 - Junior & Senior High Youth Group 7:00pm —PH
- Monday**
- Men's Bible Study—7:00pm Rm.114
- Wednesday**
- Adult Bells—6:00pm — Music Room
 - 3rd-6th grade YG 7:00-8:30pm
 - Chancel Choir—7:00pm (Sanctuary)
- Thursday**
- Gathering In His Name Bible Study—10:00am
 - Worship Team Rehearsal—7:30pm



Prayer Page—February 2018

Pray for the pastors: O God, allow our pastors to enter Your rest (Hebrews 4, Matthew 11:28). Put Your yoke on our pastors. When our pastors are heavily laden or burdened, may they find comfort and peace in You, refreshed and renewed by Your power in every aspect of their life.

The Pray! Prayer Journal, Nov Press 2003, p.156

Praying for LPC ministries:

Session: As we prepare for the New Year, let's ask God how we can serve Him in new ways and ask God for energy and opportunities to make new inroads for the gospel message.

Mission Committee: Continue to **Pray for** the youth that attended the Sierra Leone Youth Camp held Dec 18-22. **Be praying that** those the Lord brought to faith in Jesus would grow in their faith, and influence their families and villages for Christ! **Pray they** would withstand the thwarts of the enemy in those efforts. Their culture is extremely satanic in its origin. Modern day Muslim dominated.

Christian Education Committee: Pray that the job description for the summer youth intern position gets placed in the right candidate's hands.

Prayer for our country: Pray for New York State legislators who are returning to Albany for the Legislative session. Pray for those who meet Tuesday mornings for prayer and Bible study sponsored by New Yorkers Family Research Foundation. Ask God to open the hearts of many of our national, state and local leaders, that they would seek God's wisdom.

Prayer for our world: Pray for the children in countries where parents have been killed or imprisoned for their faith. Pray that God will lead them to Christians who will love and care for them. Pray for Samuel Sesay and those on the Board of Directors of EduNations in Sierra Leone, that they will have wisdom and compassion in meeting the needs of the children in their care.



Please keep the families of Norma Pereny and David Bogey in prayer.

Norma went home to be with the Lord on December 20, 2017.

David went home to be with the Lord on December 28, 2017.

Praying for our family

Pat Shaner
Colleen Ludeking
Jackie Harbold
Doug Everts
Prudy Allein
Sue VanOrman
Janet Kranso
Rob Herget
Ken Gordon
Kathy Frank
Jan Stasiowski
BJ Rustic
Betty Glowacki
Terry Riordan
Al LaVenture
Sally Godfrey
Rob Benzel
Heather Cronk
Alice Hirsch
Nancy Lyon
Joyce Olivieri
Lettie Vona

LPC's Military Personnel:

Laurel Foss
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Steve Schuman

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Purpose:

For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.

Core Values:

We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.

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Lancaster Presbyterian Church!*

Celebrations Kick-off in February!

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