



A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14

Hilltop Highlights

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Join us During Holy Week



"Songs of
Loudest
Praise"

Palm Sunday Worship Service - March 24 at 9:45am

Come celebrate the Triumphal Entry with the waving of palms and joyful singing! Brunch will be provided by the Deacons following the service.



"Streams
of Mercy"

Maundy Thursday Service - March 28 at 7:00 pm

Contemplate the final evening Jesus spent with his friends before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Lights will be gradually extinguished during this Tenebrae service, symbolizing the coming darkness of Jesus' death. Nursery care will be provided.



"Prone
to leave"

Good Friday Prayer Stations - March 29, 11:00am - 7:00pm

Stop by any time to journey through the prayer stations. These interactive prayer stations will allow participants to reflect on Peter's experience of Jesus' final hours. All ages are welcome to participate. Plan on 45-60 minutes - stations will be in the atrium and Williams Hall



"And I
Hope"

Easter Services - March 31 at 9:00am and 11:00am

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with the body of Christ! No Sunday School classes for children or youth. Children in 1st grade and under will be dismissed part way through the service for Children's Church.



Upcoming Special Events



“Let’s Talk” Adult Sunday School 2/25 - 3/17

We know that sometimes talking about our faith can be difficult and even a little intimidating! However, talking is an important way we learn and grow as a disciple of Jesus. We hope that our new adult Sunday School class, “Let’s Talk” will help ease your fears. Each week we’ll look at a quote or idea from a theologian or pastor. Then, through guided questions, we’ll discuss in groups its meaning and how it might influence the way we understand ourselves or the world. So, let’s talk, listen, and learn from each other as we grow in faith!

Thomas Keesecker Concert Sat., March 9 at 3:00pm

All are welcome to join us to hear Thomas Keesecker, composer and pianist, as he presents a Celtic Lent concert. Filled with music, stories, and poetry, this event will be a wonderful afternoon of music. Bring a friend! The concert is free, and a free will offering will be accepted.

Deacon's Spring Red Cross Blood Drive:

Saturday, March 23, 8:00am-1:00pm

The date of the Deacons’ Spring Blood Drive is fast approaching, and Donor slots are still available. Help patients receive the lifesaving blood they urgently need and help the Deacons reach our goal of 30 Donors. You can donate blood if you are healthy, at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit to donate blood! Giving blood is easy and each donation can help as many as three people. Sign up today @ redcrossblood.org – searching for sponsor code LPPC. Appointments are required.



Lent Around the Table

An Intergenerational Dinner and Devotion



March 6, 13, and 20 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

RSVP through the link in your weekly email

The Church has Left the Building



Each year on the Sunday after Easter, we encourage members of our congregation to go out and serve in the community. This year, the Serving Team has been working hard to arrange a variety of service project opportunities that will be appropriate for people of various ages, interests, and skills. Sign ups for The Church has Left the Building will begin in March. Here are some of the organizations we will be serving with:

- Days for Girls
- Cradles to Crayons
- The Philadelphia Project
- The Norristown Hospitality Center
- The Daily Bread food pantry
- Visitation of LPPC homebound members
- All Church Prayer
- ... and more!

COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL
Music On The Hill
Partnering with Pillars of Light to Bring Awareness to Youth Mental Health in Our Community
Save the Date: May 4th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Local Musicians Food Carnival Games
Raffle Baskets Line Dancing
And it's All Free!

Upcoming Events for Youth

Youth Group All-Nighter: March 15-16- Middle School and High School students can enjoy a evening of activities, followed by a sleepover at the church! Contact Paige for more information.

The Philadelphia Project: April 19-21 - High Schoolers in invited to participate in a weekend of service.

Summer Trip Fundraiser: March 17 following the church service - Each youth will make a pot of soup to offset the cost of summer trips. Soup will be for sale for \$5 a pint.

Middle School Summer Trip: July 3-7 to The Great Escape in North East, MD

High School Summer Trip: July 18-20 at Camp Overlook in Virginia, and then joining the Intergenerational Missions Trip from July 21-26 in Morgantown, West Virginia.



Upcoming Monthly Events



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 2, at 8:00am in the Atrium,
RSVP to Linda Hobbs at lhobbs@lppcmin.org (610)539-6635

NAMI'S Family Support Group

Monday, March 4, from 7:00-8:30pm in Rowland Parlor
This is a confidential support group for loved ones of people living with mental illness and is led by trained family members. Contact Heather Kearney with questions (hlkearney@comcast.net)

Caregiver Support

Monday, March 11, at 10:30am in Rowland Parlor
Contact Diane Benham with questions (dhbenham@comcast.net)

Men at Lunch

Thursday, March 14 at 12:00pm in the Library
Contact Ron Jobson with questions (jobson.ron@gmail.com)

Mom's Bible Study

Thursday, March 14 at Pastor Cara's house
Moms of kids and youth come chat and enjoy snacks from 6:30-7:00, followed by Bible study from 7:00-8:00pm. Email Cara Cavicchia for more info (ccavicchia@lppcmin.org)

Women's Lunch Bunch

Monday, March 18, at 11:00am in Rowland Parlor
Contact Ellen Beswick with questions (abeellen630@aol.com)

Stitchery Group

Tuesday, March 19, at 1:00pm in the Library
Bring your prayer shawl, needlework, or unfinished project and join us!
Contact Joan Boytim with questions

Empty Nesters Bible Study

Sunday, March 24 at 6:30pm
Email Cara Cavicchia for more info (ccavicchia@lppcmin.org)

Days for Girls

March 15, 25 & 26 at 11:00am

Upcoming Weekly Events

Zumba

Mondays @ 7:00pm in Williams Hall
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm in the Gym
Saturdays at 8:30am in the Gym

Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Library

Mens' Basketball

Wednesdays at 8:00pm in the Gym

From the Office of the Deacons

Easter Flower Fundraiser



On Easter we come together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and one of the great joys of the day is seeing the Sanctuary adorned with beautiful Easter lilies. Many of you may not know that the Easter flowers, along with the Christmas Poinsettias, are the Deacons' largest fundraisers. The money raised allows them to complete their missions and services for the church. Church members are asked to donate money to cover the cost of the flowers (whatever you'd like to donate) "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one.

After Easter, the Deacons distribute the flowers to those in our church family who are ill, homebound, had a death in the family, or are in need of cheering up. If you prefer, when you order you can designate who you'd like to receive the flowers. If you would like to order Easter flowers to honor a loved one and bring joy to a church member, please complete the order form below and return it to the Church office by Sunday, March 10, 2024. Printed booklets will be available on Easter, March 31. Deacon Easter flower order forms were included in your February Hilltop Highlights and are also available in the atrium or [by clicking here](#).



Military Care Packages

The Deacons will be sending care packages to our military men and women in time for Memorial Day. The care packages will include inspirational and devotional materials and other items. If you would like to ensure that someone serving in the military receives a care package, please [click here to fill out a brief google form](#), or provide their name and address to Linda Hobbs at lhobbs@lppcmin.org or 610-539-6635 extension 102. Please have this information to the Church by May 1, so we can get the packages in the mail in time before Memorial Day.

Welcome to our New Members!

Linda Etheldine Bradley

Melissa Ferstenfeld

Durlah Laverne Ford

Natalie Hoepp

Elaine Claire Skubick

Dian Trabulsy

[Click here to find out more](#) about LPPC's newest members

Michael Trabulsy

LPPC's 9th Annual Intergenerational Mission Trip

Will you Serve with us?

Each summer LPPC spends a week serving others through our intergenerational mission trip. Here's what you need to know about this summer's trip!

Dates: July 21-26, 2024

Location: Morgantown, West Virginia

Lodging: Dorms at the University of West Virginia

Cost: single occupancy room \$395, double occupancy room \$295 (per person), max per family \$1350 (please let us know if cost is an issue as we may be able to offer assistance)



Who is invited? You can come on your own, with a friend, with a spouse, or with your family. High Schoolers can come by themselves (in conjunction with the High School trip from 7/18-7/20). Younger kids need to travel with at least one parent/guardian.

What will we be doing? Pastor Ted will be coordinating with the Montgomery County WV Commissioner to match us up with individuals who need work done on their houses. However, you do NOT have to be "handy" in order to come on this trip! Other types of volunteer work may also be available. Paige and MaryAnn will coordinate activities for elementary and middle school participants.

What does a typical day look like? The day starts off with breakfast and then everyone heads off to their worksites. Youth and kids will likely have shorter jobs and then have free time to enjoy fun activities (like swimming or bowling) in the community. Most folks will return late afternoon from their work sites and have time to clean up before dinner. After dinner everyone enjoys a time of singing and Bible study. Evenings are spent hanging out, playing games, and building relationships!

If you are planning to go on the trip OR if you are considering it or want more information, please [click here to fill out our interest form](#). You can also email Pastor Ted at tmingle@lppcmin.org with questions!



The evening sessions are fun for all ages.



The kids made the front page of the paper after performing at a local nursing home.



A local family enjoys their new deck

All Church Retreat

A Weekend of Fun for All Ages

Last month over 50 people from LPPC spent the weekend together at the Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA. A couple of inches of snow on Friday gave this weekend a particularly special and cozy feel, but the best part was having fun together and reflecting on our faith. Participants enjoyed good food and comfortable rooms, as well as relaxing by the fireplace in the hotel lobby. Free time allowed attendees to play games with friends or sit and enjoy a good book, and optional scheduled activities helped to ensure that no one was bored.

During our meeting times, everyone enjoyed the Olympic themed group games as well as worshipping together. Professor Jonathan Hobbs taught lessons about four different encounters with God from both the Old and New Testament. We reflected on listening to God's voice through the story of Elijah, wrestling with God through the story of Jacob, finding God through the story of Paul and living Out God's call through the story of the disciples. We ended the weekend by sharing communion together on Sunday morning. Special programming for children allowed families to engage with the Bible stories on age appropriate levels.



The All Church Olympics made for some good laughs and friendly competition.



We played games and did crafts during free time.



Each session included a time of worship.



Laser Tag, Dodgeball and a visit to the nature center were a few of the fun activities!



Thank you Notes

Dear LPPC,

Thank you for all the prayers, well wishes, get well cards and flowers I received before and after my recent surgery.

Jim Moser

Dear LPPC,

A huge thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, and the flowers as I recover from my fractured foot. The wheel chair and scooter have helped tremendously. It is wonderful to know the support is there when you need it.

Pat Kauffman

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the prayers, calls, flowers, cards and well wishes after my eye surgeries. It has been a blessing to know I have the support of my church family to help me through a difficult time.

In Christ, Tina Sawyer

March Birthday List

March 2

Katsuko Root

March 3

Clint Bean

Andrew Heck

Kris Sedlak

Tracy Williams

March 4

John Heyser Sr.

Marian Rebuck

March 5

Ross Dalton Jr.

Michelle Scandle

March 7

Hayden Tewell

March 8

Joan Boytim

Pat Grant

Landon Donoghue

Dan Potteiger

Chris Wentz

March 10

Chuck Horoho

Sandy Messner

Sarah Stewart

March 13

Sandra Rittenhouse

March 15

Leanne Wentz

March 16

Meghan Smith

March 17

Rusty Rahmer

Kate Schreiber

Bob Smull

March 18

Duncan McIntosh

March 19

Dave Beach

Bev Jones

March 20

Rick Stogdale Jr.

March 21

Rachel Rood

Lorraine Schoneker

Allison Stogdale

March 22

PJ Benesky

Melissa Hawtin

March 24

Dee Richards

March 25

Anna Klyce

Madeleine Lowery

Mary Helen McIntosh

David Welsh

March 26

Julie Stiefel

March 27

Beckie Eckert

Andy Rebuck

March 28

Lane Shearer

March 29

P.J. King

Barbara Nocton

March 30

Amy Hydock

Jeralyn Romano

March 31

Matt Dwyer

Abby Rice

Joyce Webber

