

February 2020

Lenape Valley Church



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LENAPE VALLEY CHURCH

**Sunday, February 2**

**Communion**

9:30 am Traditional  
9:45 am SS baking  
**10:30 am Bake Sale**  
11:00 Contemporary

**Sunday, February 9**

9:30 am UnityWorship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
**10:30 20,000 Meals**

**Monday, February 10**

6:30 pm NOVA -  
Stewards of Children

**Sunday, February 16**

9:30 am Traditional  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 Contemporary

**February 21-23**

**Youth Retreat**

**Sunday, February 24**

9:30 am ESP  
11:00 Contemporary

**February 24-29**

Adult Mission Trip to  
Pearland, TX

**Ash Wednesday,**

**February 26**

5:00 pm Pasta Dinner  
7:00 pm Worship

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**Just a thought...**

*This is the day the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118:24*

The story is everywhere... you can't turn on the TV, pick up the paper, turn on the radio without seeing it/ hearing it... On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> a Zagorsky helicopter carrying 9 passengers crashed into the California hillside near Calabasas killing all on board. This news story would have hit the wire and soon been replaced by other news of the day, except that one of the passengers was Kobe Bryant, a basketball superstar. Kobe lived in CA, his basketball career played out with the LA Lakers, but his roots were here in Philadelphia. As a graduate of Lower Merion High School, he kept those roots strong, visiting often, encouraging students at his alma mater, enjoying the treasures of Philly especially cheese steaks from his favorite Louie's and Eagles football. Even though Kobe never played for the 76ers, Philadelphia loved him.

The news has been replete with details of Kobe's life. But as the story has developed we have also learned about the others on that helicopter who lost their lives. We read of a couple who died with their 13-year old daughter, leaving behind a daughter in college. We read of a mother/wife who died leaving behind a husband and a daughter who will turn 4 in just a few days. The stories go on, each so sad... each reminding us of how fragile life is.

Here at Lenape Valley we have had our own stark reminders of how fragile life is in just the few short weeks of this new year. Already in 2020 we have lost from our fellowship a mother who graced this world for 92 years and a young father, who leaves behind a young wife and two little children. One of the women who attends our Moms Bible Study commented, "These are the times you want to hold your children just a little closer and savor every breath they breathe." That's the sentiment of the Psalmist. "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) What a simple admonition. This day is a gift from God. Each breath we breathe, each thought we are able to think, each glimpse of beauty, each touch of love is a gift. This is the day to enjoy that gift.

Often, we spend valuable time and energy worrying about tomorrow. That effort steals away the opportunity to savor the day we have. There is nothing in God's Word that promises tomorrow here on this earth, but we have today as a gift. So...rejoice and be glad in it! Celebrate! Call a friend...hug a loved one...forgive the grievance that has created distance... breathe in... savor a taste, a glimpse, a song. *Be still* long enough to *know* the presence of God. This is the day!

Blessings!

Anita Bell



## PRAYER REQUESTS

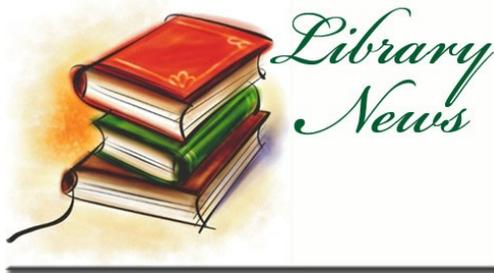
**IN OUR PRAYERS**, please remember this month:

Those in nursing facilities or Hospice Care: **Allen Franklin, Bob Cotton, Bill Rissinger, Howie Jensen, Willa Gourley, Sally Ann Sheldon, Liz Westcott, Betty Dodson, Marjorie Bennett**

Healing, restoration and comfort: **Kathy Mitchell, Pat Stranburg, John Buechner, Shannon Kirner, Michelle Bilyeu, Gerry Brockett, Dani, Jim Helmbold, Bob Wherry, Doug Baker, Bobby Dando, Audrey Rheiner**

Support and encouragement: Caregivers, and all those grieving, especially the family of **Chris Willard, the Medendorp family, and the family of Ruth Leets.**

Safety and protection for all **military personnel and first responders**, especially those deployed in the Middle East and Homeland Security.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Fiction fans can check out *Love's Rescue* by Christine Johnson as well as *All My Tomorrows*, a novella collection by three different Christian historical romance authors.

New to the nonfiction shelf is Duncan Hamilton's *For the Glory* which details the inspirational life of Olympic gold medalist Eric Liddell (*Chariots of Fire*).

Stay warm and cozy up with a good read from your LVC library!



### LVC Men's Retreat—March 6-8

LVC men are cordially invited to attend this year's men's retreat, which will take place the weekend of March 6 - 8. We will again be joining the men from Grace Presbyterian Church in Jenkintown at the Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Center in Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. This year's topic is *Discipleship at Home and in the Community*, a topic that is relevant for all age groups. This retreat is intended for all men regardless of where you are on your faith walk. The cost of the full weekend retreat is \$190 with a Saturday only option of \$100. First time attendees may attend the entire retreat for \$100. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet can be found at the Welcome Center in the church lobby. **The payment deadline is February 15.**

For more information please contact Tim Tieperman at [timt@lenapevalleychurch.org](mailto:timt@lenapevalleychurch.org).



Youth Winter Retreat  
 February 21st-23rd  
 Departing from LVC @ 5:00pm



**LVC Youth are hitting the slopes!!**

Join us as we celebrate the beautiful winter season on retreat at the Mount Gilead Retreat Center and Camelback Mountain. We are leaving Lenape Valley Church on **Friday, February 21st at 5PM**, returning on **Sunday, February 23rd at 12PM**. More information can be found on the Youth Events page of the Lenape Valley Church website [www.lenapevalleychurch.org/youth-events](http://www.lenapevalleychurch.org/youth-events).



Please contact Matthias Bell by email at [wmiller@lenapevalleychurch.org](mailto:wmiller@lenapevalleychurch.org) **no later than February 6<sup>th</sup>** if you are interested in attending. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to come together over a fun weekend away as we continue to grow deeper in our relationships with each other and with the God who so loves us!!



## Ash Wednesday Pasta Dinner

February 26 ~ 5:00 - 6:45 pm

Adults: \$10.00

Children 4-12: \$6.00

Children 3 & under: Free

Summer Youth  
 Mission Trip  
 to Belize

Worship immediately following  
 at 7:00 pm



February 2020

### Mark Your Calendar!!! February 9, 2020

On Sunday, February 10, 2019 in a little over an hour more than 190 LVC members and friends packaged the ingredients for 20,088 meals that were shipped to the Hilarío Sanchez School in Nicaragua. It was a noisy, exciting, productive and busy time. The children were great runners and really enjoyed hitting the gong each time we reached a 1000 meal marker.

Let's do it again in 2020!

This special mission project will be in the fellowship hall and there are jobs for all ages. Here are a few examples: the children were runners between stations, participants of all ages packed meals or prepared them to be shipped, and participants who could not stand for any length of time sealed the meals for shipment.

Don't miss out on this fun filled event! Plan on joining us.

### Disaster Relief Needed:

Catastrophic and unprecedented **bushfires** in **Australia** have killed more than 22 people, destroyed hundreds of homes and burned hundreds of thousands of acres of land, causing massive **devastation** to wildlife, ecosystems and the environment.

Recently **Puerto Rico** was hit by a destructive earthquake recently and has still not recovered from the 2017 hurricane Maria.

**Samaritans Purse** is in place helping both of these countries. If you feel led to support needs caused by these disasters you can donate by going directly to the Samaritan's Purse website [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

Another way you can donate is to use the giving envelopes in the pews. Write either Australia or Puerto Rico on the envelope. If you write a check, make it out to Lenape Valley Church and write the country on the memo section. Thank you.

### March Madness is coming again!

We are in the process of collecting ideas for projects for March Madness. Here are some that are being considered. If you have an idea, let us know.

Shoe drive for Cradle to Crayons (Ages 1-18)

Summer pj's for Kids: Spring pj's, books, toiletries (Ages 0-18) for Bucks County Children and Youth

Haven (Women Vets in Philly): Collecting supplies (hand soap, all purpose cleaners, toilet paper) and gift cards.

Collect costume jewelry for WRCC and Woman's Place.

Welcome basket for LVC Habitat Family

Watch this space, the bulletin and weekly updates for more information as it becomes available.

### Calendar of Events

#### February 9<sup>th</sup>: 20,000 Meals

Meet in the fellowship hall after worship to pack 20,000 meals. Let's see if we can do this in under one hour again. Be sure to dress casually. There will only be one service at 9:30 that day. Don't miss out on the fun!

#### March 14<sup>th</sup>: Chili Cook-off

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this deliciously fun Youth Mission Team fundraiser.

#### Please Pray for Mission Friends:

Louis and Susan Sutton

Paulette Thomas

Chris, Jenny, Jenna, Emily, Jack and Kate

Steven, Aracely, Kaitlin, Tabita and Shane Hinkeldey



The book club welcomes women of all ages to join us in exploring literature through a Christian perspective. Meetings are held usually the **second Wednesday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 PM** at Karen Greer's home unless otherwise specified. Light refreshments are served after the discussion. For questions or directions contact Karen Greer – 215-822-3975 or Julia Mapes 215-345-8914. **New members are always welcome. Monthly attendance is not required.**

*February 12, 2020*

*At the home of Linda Brenneman*

***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek***

***Kim Michele Richardson***

...a hauntingly atmospheric love letter to the first mobile library in Kentucky and the fierce, brave pack-horse librarians who wove their way from shack to shack dispensing literacy, hope, and — just as importantly — a compassionate human connection."—Sara Gruen, author of *Water for Elephants*

The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scrap for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. Cussy's not only a book woman, however, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble.

If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler.

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home. (Amazon.com)

*March 11, 2020*

***Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace***

***Miroslav Volf***

We are at our human best when we give and forgive. But we live in a world in which it makes little sense to do either one. In our increasingly graceless culture, where can we find the motivation to give? And how do we learn to forgive when forgiving seems counterintuitive or even futile? A deeply personal yet profoundly thoughtful book, *Free of Charge* explores these questions — and the further questions to which they give rise — in light of God's generosity and Christ's sacrifice for us. Miroslav Volf draws from popular culture as well as from a wealth of literary and theological sources, weaving his rich reflections around the sturdy frame of Paul's vision of God's grace and Martin Luther's interpretation of that vision. Blending the best of theology and spirituality, he encourages us to echo in our own lives God's generous giving and forgiving. A fresh examination of two practices at the heart of the Christian faith — giving and forgiving — the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lenten study book for 2006 is at the same time an introduction to Christianity. Even more, it is a compelling invitation to Christian faith as a way of life. "Miroslav Volf, one of the most celebrated theologians of our day, offers us a unique interweaving of intense reflection, vivid and painfully personal stories and sheer celebration of the giving God ... I cannot remember having read a better account of what it means to say that Jesus suffered for us in our place." — Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury



**Sunday, February 2nd (between services)**

**Benefits the Sunday School Mission Projects!**

**Baked goods provided by our Sunday School Students.**

**Contributions from the congregation are also welcome!**

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**Save the Date!!!**

**Soup and Chili Cook-off**

**Saturday, March 14th**

**6:00 pm**



We hope you'll join us for an enjoyable event tasting the culinary delights of LVC members and friends. Besides some wonderful soups and chilis, There will be salad, dessert, cornbread and meals for children. **Proceeds benefit the youth mission trip to Belize with Bold Hope.**

**Sign up available soon in the lobby!** The cost is \$10 for adults (**free if you bring soup or chili**) and \$8.00 for students, \$5.00 for children 5-12. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you.

If you can't attend this event, please consider making a dessert or cornbread. Thank you!!

NOVA presents—

**Stewards of Children- *Keeping Children Safe***

**Monday, February 10, 2020**

**6:30—8:30 pm @ Lenape Valley Church**

For info and registration: [grace@novabucks.org](mailto:grace@novabucks.org)

215-343-6543 ext. 6703



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***Our Mission:***

***Welcome, Inspire ,Nurture  
and Serve all to become life-  
long followers of Jesus Christ.***

# Happy Birthday!

01 *Cindy DeHaven*  
*John Rothrock*

03 *Liz Westcott*

04 *Joan Bell*

05 *Kathy Mitchell*  
*Jeff Sharp*

07 *Dani Jones*

09 *Nicole Toro*

10 *Mike Rothouse*

11 *Emily Klunk*

13 *Amanda Willard*

15 *Steve Schmidt*

16 *Frank Sharp*

18 *J. R. Wolff*

19 *Carole Burpee*

22 *Kaye Rissinger*

*Ross Schiavone*

23 *Denny Franklin*

*Sally-Ann Sheldon*

26 *Melissa Gibson*

*Kaylee Gillen*

*Laura Raysbrook*

*Eric Woodring*

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