

January 2020

Lenape Valley Church



LENAPE VALLEY CHURCH

**Saturday, January 4**

6:00 pm Progressive  
Dinner

**Sunday, January 5**

**Communion**

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

**Sunday, January 12**

8:00 am Pancake Bft.  
9:30 am Traditional  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 Contemporary

**Sunday, January 19**

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

**Sunday, January 26**

9:30 am Traditional  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Annual Mtg.  
11:00 Contemporary

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## Just a thought...

### Half-Truths

Christmas is the celebration of the coming of the Truth... the One who speaks Truth into our lives even when we would prefer not to hear... the One who speaks Truth to a world that strives to define their own truth according to what works for them... the One who brings a healing Truth to transform the world... the One who is the Truth... On Christmas we are invited into a relationship with the One who is the Truth. That relationship is not always comfortable or easy, but it is transforming!

To begin the New Year, we will welcome the One who is the Truth by exploring the *half-truths* we say to one another, the ones we tell to ourselves. Each week we will unpack a simple phrase... we have all heard them... most of us have said them. They sound so Christian- like something you might find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. I hope you will join us in January as we search for the whole truth by comparing some common "Christian" sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture.

*Everything happens for a reason...*

*God won't give you more than you can handle...*

*Money is the root of all evil...*

*God helps those who help themselves...*

*Hate the sin- love the sinner...*

Looking forward to a fun dive into some well-worn clichés in search of the Truth!

Blessings!

Btw... Be sure to mark your calendar for one of the most fun opportunities to serve you will ever experience- 20,000 Meals - **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45am** (see Mission page for details)



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

For healing and comfort for: **Kathy Mitchell, Pat Stranburg, John Buechner, Shannon Kirner, Michelle Bilyeu, Gerry Brockett, Dani, Ruth Leets, Joyce Meyle, Jim Leshar and Krystal Koennecke**

Those in the military – **Barbara Fick, Christian Jones, Greg and Kelly Smith**, especially **Brittany Miranda** who is currently deployed.

## Library News

On a cold winter night, curl up with some hot chocolate and a book from the LVC library. Ranging from Biblical to contemporary fiction, new to the shelves are Tracy Higley's *So Shines the Night and Honeysuckle Dreams* by Denise Hunter. New to youth fiction is Robert Liparulo's *Frenzy*.

### **HELP A FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIVING UPDATE:**

The congregation's giving was very, very generous! There were so many books that we had enough for all the children in the YMCA Preschool.

The gift cards were abundant as well. Half the greeting cards had \$75 in gift cards enclosed, and the other had \$85. Five families with multiple children received over \$100 in gift cards.

The congregation's gifts were overwhelmingly wonderful! The contributions to the craft table were plentiful. And really made a difference in what we were able to provide to the families.

Thank you, one and all!!

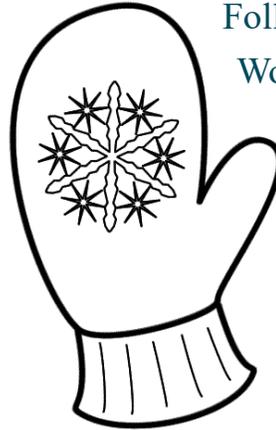




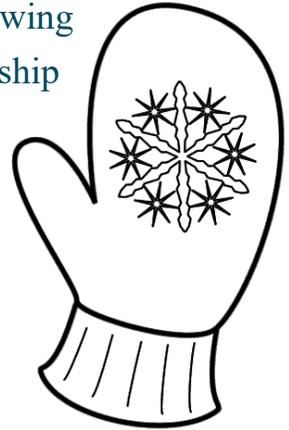
**MISSION**  
Possible

# Warm Up Your Cold Winter Helping Hands!

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Following  
Worship



At Lenape Valley Church  
Fellowship Hall



*Together we*



**Sunday, February 9 @ 10:30**

*(one unity worship service that day)*



Meals for children  
in Third World  
Countries





**LVC RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
**REPORT**

We wound up collecting 71 pints of blood on a goal of 74 pints. That is 96% of goal! And 71 is also more than what was collected in June! Congratulations! As a result, 213 potential lives have been saved. A wonderful turnout to be thankful for.

- \* 65 donors scheduled
- \* 67 donors registered
- \* 4 deferrals
- \* 8 power red – amazing job!
- \* 6 first time donors
- \* 71 total pints collected

Our next drive will be Friday, June 5, 2020, so please keep this in mind and mark it on your calendar..... I am counting on you again! Thank You!!!!

*Jim Johnson*

Chairman, LVPC Blood Drive

Our annual



**Progressive Dinner**

will be held **Saturday, January 4**  
**beginning at 6:00 pm**

We encourage you to come celebrate a wonderful night of delicious food, and Christian fellowship. Contact the office asap if interested in attending! (215-345-1099)



**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, January 19h**  
**Beginning at 8:00 am**  
Adults \$8, Children \$4

Menu includes: *Eggs, breakfast meat, fruit and all you can eat pancakes.*

*All proceeds support the Youth Mission Trip to Belize this summer.*

**Register TODAY!**

NOVA presents—**Stewards of Children** -*Keeping Children Safe*

**Monday, February 10, 2020**

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

For information : [grace@novabucks.org](mailto:grace@novabucks.org) or 215-343-6543, ext. 6703

**The Annual Meeting** of the Corporation and Congregation of Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church will be held **January 26, 2020** following our 9:30 am Worship Service. Please pick up your copy of the Annual Report on Sunday, January 19 and plan to attend on the 26th.



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.**

*January 8, 2020*  
**Calling Me Home: A Novel**  
*Julie Kibler*

In *Calling Me Home* by Julie Kibler, eighty-nine-year-old Isabelle McAllister has a favor to ask her hair-dresser Dorrie Curtis. It's a big one. Isabelle wants Dorrie, a black single mom in her thirties, to drop everything to drive Isabelle from her home in Arlington, Texas, to a funeral in Cincinnati. With no clear explanation why. Tomorrow.

Curious whether she can unlock the secrets of Isabelle's guarded past, she agrees, not knowing it will be a journey that changes both their lives.

Over the years, Dorrie and Isabelle have developed more than just a business relationship. They are friends. But Dorrie, fretting over the new man in her life and her teenage son's irresponsible choices, still wonders why Isabelle chose her.

Isabelle confesses that, as a willful teen in 1930s Kentucky, she fell deeply in love with Robert Prewitt, a would-be doctor and the black son of her family's housekeeper—in a town where blacks weren't allowed after dark. The tale of their forbidden relationship and its tragic consequences makes it clear Dorrie and Isabelle are headed for a gathering of the utmost importance and that the history of Isabelle's first and greatest love just might help Dorrie find her own way. (Amazon.com)

*February 12, 2020*  
**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 scarp 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)



## LVC Youth Winter Retreat February 21-23

LVC Youth are hitting the slopes!!

Join us as we celebrate the beautiful winter season on retreat in the Pocono Mountains and Camelback Mountain. We are leaving Lenape Valley Church on **Friday, February 21, at 5PM**, returning on **Sunday, February 23, at 12:00 Noon**. 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 Billy Miller at [Wmiller@lenapevalleychurch.org](mailto:Wmiller@lenapevalleychurch.org) no later than February 9<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!!

### Youth 2020 First Quarter Schedule:

#### January

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – MSM 6-7:30PM

January 5<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

\*\*\*January 19<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast, 7-11AM\*\*\*

January 26<sup>th</sup> – LVC Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

\*\*\*January 31<sup>st</sup> – Food Crawl, 6-8:30\*\*\*

#### February

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Super Bowl Sunday, No Youth Group

February 7<sup>th</sup> – MSM 6-7:30PM

\*February 9<sup>th</sup> – 20,000 Meals, Youth Group, 12-1:30PM\*

February 16<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

\*\*\*February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – LVC Youth Winter Retreat, Leave at 5PM, Return at 12noon\*\*\*

\*\*\*February 26<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Pasta Dinner\*\*\*

#### March

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

March 6<sup>th</sup> – MSM 6-7:30PM

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

\*\*\*March 14<sup>th</sup> – Soup/Chili Cook-off\*\*\*

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group, 6-7:30PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
5 Communion	6 Epiphany of the Lord	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 Traditional Service (S)	11:00 Bible Study	Habitat Breakfast- FH	10:00 Watercolors (L)	6:00 Genesis (YR)		
9:45 Sunday School	@ Pine Run	12:00 Moms Group (P)	2:00 Book Club (Greer)	6:30 Women's Group (P)		
11:00 Contemporary (S)	1:30 Staff Meeting (P)	6:00 BCCS (FH)	7:00 Scouts (FH)	6:30 Children's Choir(CCR)		
6:00 Youth Group	6:00 Praise Band (S)	7:00 MIST (YR)	7:00 Scouts (FH)	6:30 Men's Group (PO)	6:00 EPIC	
7:30 AL-Anon, Alateen	7:00 Worship Comm.	7:00 Mission (P)	7:30 YDT (YR)	7:30 Chancel Choir (CH/S)		
12 Baptism of the Lord	7:30 Chantry Ringers	7:00 Fellowship (L)	15 Newsletter Deadline	7:30 Brass Ensemble	17	18
9:30 Traditional Service (S)	13	14	10:00 Watercolors (L)			
9:45 Sunday School	12:00 Choir Ladies (L)		10:00 Seekers (P)	6:00 Genesis (YR)		
11:00 Contemporary (S)	1:30 Staff Meeting (P)	6:00 BCCS (FH)	7:00 CIF - at Johnsons	6:30 Women's Group (P)		
6:00 Youth Group	6:00 Praise Band (S)	7:00 MIST (P)	7:00 Boy Scouts (FH)	6:30 Children's Choir(CCR)		
7:30 AL-Anon, Alateen	7:30 Chantry Ringers	7:00 MIST (L)	7:30 S & F - P	6:30 Men's Group - PO		
19	20	21	7:30 Mixed (Mapes)	7:30 Brass Ensemble	24	25
8:00 Pancake Breakfast	20	21	22			
9:30 Traditional Service (S)	MLK DAY		10:00 Watercolors (L)	6:00 Genesis (YR)		
9:45 Sunday School	Church Office Closed			6:30 Women's Group (P)		
11:00 Contemporary (S)	11:00 Bible Study	6:00 Angels in Motion (YR)		6:30 Men's Group (YR)		
	@ Pine Run	7:00 BCCS (FH)		6:30 Children's Choir(CCR)		
7:30 AL-Anon, Alateen	6:00 Praise Band (S)	7:00 Deacons (P)		7:30 Chancel Choir (CH/S)		
	7:30 Chantry Ringers	7:00 MIST (L)		7:30 Brass Ensemble		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:30 Traditional Service (S)			10:00 Watercolors (L)			
9:45 Sunday School			10:00 Watercolors (L)	6:30 Women's Group (P)		
10:15 Congregational Mtg(S)				6:30 Men's Group (YR)	6:00 Youth	
11:00 Contemporary (S)	1:30 Staff Meeting (P)	7:00 Session (P)		6:30 Children's Choir(CCR)	Food Crawl	
6:00 Youth Group	6:00 Praise Band (S)	7:00 BCCS (FH)	7:00 Boy Scouts (FH)	7:30 Chancel Choir (CH/S)		
7:30 AL-Anon, Alateen	7:30 Chantry Ringers	7:00 MIST (L)		7:30 Brass Ensemble		

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| 5  | Carol Ames        |    | Leah Weidemoyer   |
|    | Roberta Williams  | 23 | Mark Mayhew       |
| 10 | Marjie Porr       | 24 | Lloyd Vansant     |
| 12 | Paul Bain         | 25 | Jay Brodish (Sr.) |
| 13 | Marge Bennett     | 26 | Mary Blumenfield  |
| 14 | Gina Brigo        | 28 | Rich Mullen       |
|    | Bert Schillo      |    | Audrey Rheiner    |
|    | Amy Williams      | 29 | John Orcutt       |
| 15 | Ferri Householder |    | Mel Wolff         |
| 17 | Gail Leshner      | 30 | Dawn Eberle       |
|    | Laurie Westcott   |    |                   |

***Our Mission:***

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

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