

March 2020

Lenape Valley Church



LENAPE VALLEY CHURCH

**Sunday, March 1**

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

**Wednesday, March 4  
7:00 pm Lenten Series**

**Sunday, March 8**

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

**Wednesday, March 11  
7:00 pm Lenten Series**

**Sunday, March 15**

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

**Wednesday, March 18  
7:00 pm Lenten Series**

**Sunday, March 22**

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

**Wednesday, March 25  
7:00 pm Lenten Series**

**Sunday, March 29**

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

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## Just a thought...

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.  
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."*

Luke 11:1

This Lenten season we will seek a deeper experience in prayer with the One who loves us. Each Sunday, we will come to the Teacher to learn how to pray. Each day, the Lenten Devotional will invite into a deeper journey. Some of our small groups will explore prayer. All are invited to a more robust commitment to fall on our knees daily in the presence of the Lord. Here are a few suggestions of how to experience the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

Breathe the prayer. As you breathe in say "Our Father, who art in heaven"; then as you breathe out say, "Hallowed be Thy name." Continue through the prayer, praying the petitions as you breathe in and out. Allow there to be a restful, peaceful rhythm to the prayer.

Pray each phrase of the prayer with a pause. Allow God to bring to mind and heart petitions that are expressed in that phrase. Pray for those concerns. Then move on to the next phrase of the prayer. For example, when you pray, "Thy Kingdom come" you may find yourself praying for peace in the world, for justice in our cities, for the witness of the church.

Take the whole week to pray the prayer. Each day pray one of the petitions, beginning each time with our Father in heaven... On Sunday, you would pray, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy name." On Monday, you would pray, "Our Father in heaven, Thy kingdom come." Use that prayer as your private retreat... your lens through which you see the world that day... the guide to how you will pray throughout the day.

Pray the Lord's Prayer as your dinner time prayer with your family. Pray the prayer around the circle of your Bible study, taking one petition per person.

Rewrite the prayer into your daily language. For example, "give us today our daily bread" might become "provide for us all that we need".

Imagine ways that you could be a part of God's answer to a petition in the prayer. For example, when you pray, "give us this day our daily bread", how could you, perhaps with your small group or family, help bring "bread" to someone who is hungry?

With you in prayer,  
*Anita*



## 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, Jim Helmbold**

Healing, restoration and comfort: **Kathy Mitchell, Pat Stranburg, John Buechner, Shannon Kirner, Michelle Bilyeu, Gerry Brockett, Dani, Doug Baker**

Support and encouragement: Caregivers, and all those grieving, especially the family of **Audrey Rheiner**.

Safety and protection for all **military personnel and first responders**



*The library has moved...*

..to the Parlor

Check out your favorite reads in this new location along with Annie Johnston Flint's poetry book, "Grace Sufficient".



**THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** is requesting donations of individually wrapped nut free candy to fill plastic Easter eggs for the **Easter egg hunt** following worship on **April 5-Palm Sunday**.



Please drop your donations in the basket in the church lobby by Sunday, March 29th  
Thank you!





Lenten Opportunities at LVC

**Sermon Series:**

**Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home**

**Sundays, March 1 through Easter Sunday, April 12**

9:30 and 11:00 am

***Lenten Series***

**Wednesday Gatherings-**

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

Join us in the Sanctuary at 7pm each  
Wednesday for music, prayer and Bible teaching.

**Lenten Devotional Booklet**

Available at the Welcome Center

Written by LVC Members

**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday, April 5**

**8:00-11:30 am Pancake Breakfast**

**Worship at 9:30 and 11:00**

**10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt**

**Maundy Thursday, April 9**

**Worship at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday, April 10**

**Worship at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm**



## Meet the Members...

Tim and Betsy Tieperman joined Lenape Valley in 1990, shortly before they were married. They moved to New England for ten years and rejoined us in 2010. They currently reside in New Britain Township with their younger daughter, Janice, and their rescue dog, Sally. Their elder daughter, Robin, is married to Abraham Nispel. Both are graduate students at Texas Tech University. Their younger daughter, Janice, recently graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a master's degree in English and Digital Publishing. She currently works full-time as a content writer/editor for WikiHow. Tim just celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> year as local government manager. He serves as the municipal manager for Upper Providence Township in western Montgomery

County, a position that he's held since 2015. He's currently enrolled in a part-time doctoral program through Liberty University, focusing on non-profit management, a field that he hopes to transition to upon retirement. Betsy is a retired teacher and currently serves as a full-time education aide for the Central Bucks School District.

All the Tiepermans are very active at Lenape Valley. Betsy has served as a Deacon and currently serves as the Church's library coordinator. Tim is currently an Elder, previously serving as a Deacon in the 1990s. For the past two years he's chaired the Nominating Committee and will be leading the A & P Committee this year. He also leads the Men's Bible study on Thursday nights and until recently was a member of the Chancel Choir. This year he's helping nurture the new 11:00 Contemporary Service and coordinates weekly communion.

Please greet the Tiepermans at church and thank them for all they do!



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**STOP HUNGER NOW:** On February 9, 2020 we made over 20,000 meals in 75 minutes. Over 150 participated in packaging the meals. A busy, fun time was had by all ages working hard to accomplish our goal. We laughed and listened to music as we worked. The children were delighted to ring the gong for every 1000 meals we packed. Thank you to all those folks who helped set up for this event particularly Paul Bean, John Orcutt, Betty and Mark Hintenlang, Ron Orr, Bruce Spencer, John Wolff (Saturday tables and chairs), Billy

Miller, Greg Bell, Paul Bean, Matthew Bell, Bruce Spencer and Mission Committee members (Sunday am). A special thanks to all those folks who stayed to help clean up after. Participants were able to leave by shortly after noon. It will be easier to do it next year since everyone knows their jobs real well by now! Additionally, Carol Stern dropped off 40 of the extra meal packets to Manna on Main Street, Lansdale. They were most appreciative. What a wonderful blessing for so many!

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**HELP WANTED:** The Help A Family Mission is looking for a Co-Chairman to help with ideas and events going on throughout the year. This mission has turned into a big job for one person. Please contact Sue Brodish @215-348-2274 or in person if you have questions or are interested in serving in this very rewarding mission.

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**TOOLS NEEDED!** The Youth Mission Trip Team is looking for tools to take with them on their trip to Belize this summer. The follow tools are needed:

Hammers, utility knives, tape measures, carpenter squares, drill bits, hand saws, screw drivers, chalk lines, levels and any cordless tools. We will also accept gift cards to purchase tools from: Wehurngs, Home Depot or Lowes. Contact Bob Daly with any questions. Thank you!



2020

The Mission Committee invites you to participate in “March Madness.” Many mission opportunities are being offered and planned. Don’t miss out. Join us in the fun.

**Shoe Drive for Cradle to Crayons:**

Donate new and gently used shoes, sneakers and sandals: infant/child sizes 0-13 and adult sizes 1-9.

**Bucks County Children and Youth:**

Donate for foster children ages 0-18. Spring pj’s and books. Sunday School is collecting toiletries.

**Costume Jewelry for WRCC and Woman’s Place**

- The women at the center loved getting jewelry in their gift bags last year. If all we ladies look in our jewelry boxes I’m sure we’ll find costume jewelry we no longer wear. Bring it to our March Madness collection box to share with all these women during CHLTB. We will donate some of the jewelry to Woman’s Place for their retail store.

**Blessing Bags:** Join us at 10:30 on **March 15<sup>th</sup>** in the fellowship hall to assemble Blessing Bags for the homeless.

**Bottle caps** Please save your colorful milk bottle caps. We will be using them to make tic-tac-toe games for our Christmas shoeboxes this year. CLEAN bottle caps can be deposited in the collection jar on the mission table.

**Please Pray for Mission Friends:**

Louis and Susan Sutton

Paulette Thomas

Chris, Jenny, Jenna, Emily, Jack and Kate

The Hinkeldey family—Steve, Aracely, Kaitlin, Talitha, Shane

**Haven:** Women Veterans are both the fastest growing segment of the overall Veteran population, and the homeless Veteran population. Approximately, 45% suffer from mental illness, including PTSD and 70% suffer from alcohol/substance abuse. Located in West Philadelphia, just a few blocks from the VA hospital, Haven has a facility that houses up to twelve women. Haven’s goal is to insure their residents have success is transitioning back to civilian life.

For March Madness there are many ways you can help Haven! Haven Women is in need of **cleaning supplies such as hand soap, all purpose cleaner, toilet paper, and paper towel.**

Donations of gift cards would be greatly appreciated. The women are responsible for purchasing their own food and clothing. Generic gift cards, such as Visa, are the best options for donation. Many of the women shop at the local Fresh Grocer and Aldi, gift cards would be welcomed for these stores, as well.

The women absolutely love when we visit! To bump things up a few notches for the “madness” part of March, I have a goal to set up at least one arts and craft day per week throughout March. We need volunteers who are willing visit Haven and teach a handful of women a craft. They have expressed an interest in learning crocheting, watercolors, painting, or paper mache. Other suggestions welcome. Please email Natasha Kenney at [kenneyna@gmail.com](mailto:kenneyna@gmail.com), if interested in visiting.

# Grandfamilies Support Group

Run by grandparents for grandparents and other relatives raising the children of loved ones. Build support, discuss topics related to challenges, celebrate successes, broaden areas of knowledge, offer resources and educate others through lived experience. Speakers to be announced.

**DATE:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays from March 6<sup>th</sup> -May 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Resumes September - November)

**TIME:** 6:30 PM—8:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Lenape Valley Church  
321 W. Butler Avenue  
New Britain\*, PA 18901

(\*For GPS use Doylestown, PA 18901)

(turn onto Ute Road to access parking lot)



At No Cost - Dinner/Refreshments Provided for All  
Childcare offered for children who are potty-trained through age 12  
at no cost to grand families.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Wednesdays prior to Friday meeting

**EMAIL CONTACT:**

[BCGrandFamilies@gmail.com](mailto:BCGrandFamilies@gmail.com)

Please email the names of grandparents/  
caregivers, and the names and ages of children  
attending.

## Speakers

March 20 - Tracy Wilkerson - PA Kin Connector Helpline 866-KIN-2111

*Helps GRG gain access to local, state and federal resources.*

April 3 - Michaela Smith - Director of Family Support Programs

*Bucks County LIFE Program*

May 3 - Nancy Larkin Taylor, Attorney at Law, Doylestown

*Pertinent legal issues to GRS*





The book club welcomes women of all ages to join us in exploring literature through a Christian perspective. Meetings are held 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.**

*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

*April 8, 2020*

***The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural Story***

***Elizabeth Kolbert***

Over the last half-billion years, there have been Five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. This time around, the cataclysm is us. In prose that is at once frank, entertaining, and deeply informed, *New Yorker* writer Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before. Interweaving research in half a dozen disciplines, descriptions of the fascinating species that have already been lost, and the history of extinction as a concept, Kolbert provides a moving and comprehensive account of the disappearances occurring before our very eyes. She shows that the sixth extinction is likely to be mankind's most lasting legacy, compelling us to rethink the fundamental question of what it means to be human.



## **Co-ed Sports Camp at LVC**

**Monday, June 22—Friday, June 26**

**8:30 am—12 noon**

**Grades 1—6**

**Sign-up online now!**



**<https://pushtherock.org/lenape-valley/#register>**

**Make plans now to ride aboard the ...**

## **Summer Camp VBS at LVC**



**Sunday, July 12 -**

**Thursday, July 16**

**from 6:00—8:00 pm**

**Contact the church office to ask how you can help!  
Many opportunities- small, medium and large—  
planning, leading, creating and donating!**



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| 01 Barbara Burnett   | 21 Sue Brodish    |
| Susan Cassel         | 22 Bob Cotton     |
| Tracy Horn           | Bill Curtis       |
| 04 Donna Mattes      | Eileen Mitchell   |
| 06 Ashton Bender     | 23 Kristin Schenk |
| Tyler Schiavone      | Thomas Sokolis    |
| Pat Stranburg        | Carol Stern       |
| Beth Woodring        | 24 Marge Leckey   |
| 08 Peg Colombo       | 25 Bill Kuder     |
| Kayla King           | Willa Gourley     |
| 09 Bonnie White      | 27 Jane Hellberg  |
| 10 Melanie Medendorp | Billy Miller      |
| Charles Sheldon      | 28 Connor Brodish |
| 11 Lori Howard       | Deb Kleeman       |
| 13 Krystal Koennecke | Judy Orr          |
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| 15 Linda DeMusz      | Billy Kuder       |
| 16 James Sandt       | 30 Bill Burnett   |
| 20 Arlene Toro       | 31 Kris Wetzal    |

***Our Mission:***

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

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