

November 2019

Lenape Valley Church



Friday, November 1

6:00 pm Middle Sch.
6:00 pm Genesis Rtrt.

Sunday, November 3

Communion

9:30 am Traditional
All Saint's Remembrance
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary
6:00 pm Youth Group

Friday, November 8

6:00 pm EPIC

Sunday, November 10

9:30 am Traditional
Veteran's Celebration
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary
3:30 Youth at Arch St.

Sunday, November 17

9:30 am Traditional
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary
12:00 pm Mission Trip
Meeting

Sunday, November 24

9:30 am Traditional
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary
5:00 pm Turkey Dinner
7:00 pm Community
Service at Pleasantville
UCC

Monday, Nov. 25

2:00—7:00 pm
LVC Blood Drive

LENAPE VALLEY CHURCH



Happy Thanksgiving!

**The Church Office will
be closed
November 28 & 29**

Just a thought...

Investing

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.
Proverbs 3:9-10

Investing... Do you take a risk or play it safe? My parents trusted the banks, and only the banks. They saw the stock market as a form of gambling. So they saved their money in savings accounts and bank certificates, preferring the slow, secure growth of those investments to the risky potential of the market. My dad argued that he had worked hard for his money, and was not willing to hand it over to someone else to play with.

But there was one investment that my parents would make that required a leap of faith. Every week my parents would tithe, giving 10% of all they made back to God. They gave this gift as their "first fruits" before they paid their bills or saved for their future. They trusted that what was left would provide for the needs of our family. And every week we had food on the table and a roof over our heads. We never lived a lavish life style, but always knew whom to thank for the many gifts in our lives. I am grateful for the simplicity of their faith, the consistency of their giving, the transparency that allowed us to see their giving as a living example of what God would call us to do.

When I went off to college I started to tithe. You can imagine that my tithe did not add up to much because college students are rather poor. I liked the story of the widow who gave her two coins at the temple. Jesus celebrated her gift over the bags of money the rich would bring, because "she gave all she had." My parents taught us that it was not the amount, but the sacrifice that mattered. And they showed us that there is great joy in the sacrifice. When Greg and I got married and started a family, we continued to tithe. There were some tight times in our finances, but we did not compromise on the tithe. That discipline reminded us to trust God to provide... giving a tithe taught us again and again to put God first, to thank God first, to seek God's direction first, to trust God only.

Now, Greg and I find ourselves in a very different season of our lives. We have successfully put four children through college and paid off our house mortgage. Our salaries bring in more than we need to get through the day. The wisdom of the world would tell us that we should be saving more and more toward retirement. Since we don't want to end up "couch surfing" in our children's living rooms when we retire, we are listening to that advise. But what gives us great joy is to be able to give above the tithe. The Biblical call to tithe was the bare minimum... the joy offerings were above and beyond that 10% gift. Greg and I are learning to respond with joy. I am hopeful that our lives will be a living witness, as my parents were, to a simple faith, consistent giving, and great joy.

Blessings ,



PRAYER REQUESTS

IN OUR PRAYERS, please remember this month:

Those living in nursing homes or medical facilities, particularly: **Allen Franklin and Willa Gourley** – Pine Run Health Center, and **Bob Cotton and Bill Rissinger**—Neshaminy Manor, **Sally Ann Sheldon**, Phoebe

For healing and comfort: **Carolyn Tennock, Diane Daly, Amy Reid, Kathy Mitchell, John Buechner, Pat Stranburg, Caroline Wolff**

For strength and comfort in loss: **The family of Jane Austin, the family of Jean Gibson**

Those in service – **Barbara Fick, Christian Jones, Kodi Lock, Greg and Kelly Smith, Brittany Miranda, Michael and Matthew Cowan.**

Thank you!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, and visits to Dave and me during his last few months. They meant so much to both of us. Special thanks to Anita and to Jeff and Carol Stern for your many visits. You helped to cheer him up and were a great comfort to me and our children. May God bless you for your faithfulness. Love, *Mary Blumenfeld*

Message to Veterans:

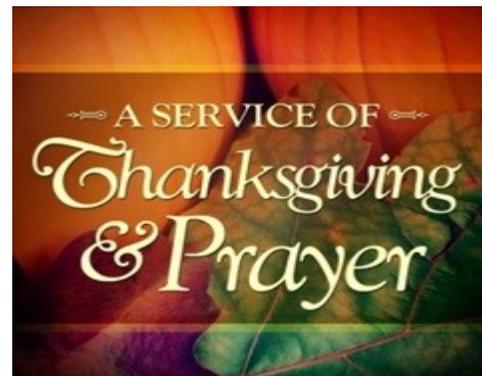
We want to honor you for your service!

Your Worship Committee wants to update and add to the existing video for our November 11 service honoring veterans. We have pictures of many of our veterans.

But you might want to update the ones we have AND/OR add pictures of any new former or currently serving military men and women connected with our church family.

Please send pictures along with names and service information to office@lenapevalleychurch.org or drop off as soon as possible.

Pictures dropped off will be scanned and returned to you.



@ Pleasantville United Church of Christ

3424 Limekiln Pike, Chalfont, PA 18914

Sunday, November 24th at 7:00pm

Start your Thanksgiving week off with an evening of giving thanks!

HELP A FAMILY MISSION CHRISTMAS PROJECTS 2019

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS AND BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL FAMILIES

The Help a Family Mission provides opportunities for members and friends to give Christmas Gifts to our neighbors. **From December 1-15** children from the YMCA Preschool and their families will receive from two separate giving choices. Please be sure to bring all gifts in by Sunday December 15th.



Gift Cards—Purchase gift cards for movie theaters and restaurants. Drop your cards in a box labeled “YMCA Preschool – Gift Cards”.



Books for Pre-schoolers. **Bring unwrapped new books** to the “YMCA Preschool – Book Basket”

Thank you for reaching out to our Preschool families to show God’s love for them here at Lenape Valley Church.

CRADLE FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

Celebrate the birth of Jesus by bringing a gift for a baby in need to the Christmas Eve services. Baby items will be donated to the Maternity Care Coalition organization that works with teen parents in Philadelphia and its surrounding counties.

Disposable diapers are of high need but all new baby items are welcome.

Bring your gifts on December 24 to any service



HELP A FAMILY CRAFT TABLE NEWS

The jewelry which has adorned our table all year has been donated to the gift bags for the women at the Women’s Recovery Community Center and to A Woman’s Place for our CHLTB projects. As a result, the table is pretty bare! We are hopeful that donations will come in from crafters in our congregation. Please be thinking about what you can make that would add to our inventory – Christmas Tree Ornaments and stocking stuffers are very popular. Our profits at this point will go to the families in financial need in the YMCA Preschool and families in need in our congregation. Help us reach out generously to those in need at the holidays from LVC.

If you have questions or ideas, please contact Sue Brodish @ 215-348-2274 or Sbrodish@aol.com.

Next meal packing event:
December 7th
9:30—10:30 am at LVC



(Formerly Aid for Friends)

No packing date will be held November 2019 or January 2020



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Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Fundraiser—

For the 9th year, Ten Thousand Villages in Souderton will host a shopping fundraiser that will benefit a Lenape Valley outreach. The week-long event runs

November 18—22 :

Monday—Friday 10:00 am -8:00 pm

Ten Thousand Villages will donate 20% of the purchase value of all items except rugs, which will earn 10% of purchase value, to our church for the LUKE MINISTRY. Lenape Valley established this ministry as an outreach of Doylestown Hospital through their own benevolence outlet. It helps pay out-of-pocket expenses for patients in need of aid to cover costs of medication, transportation or services related to their hospitalization.

Ten Thousand Villages is a fair trade retail organization that invests in dignity, sustainability, education and hope for villages in more than 35 developing countries. Every item purchased helps provide vital, fair income to artisans and their families.

Please join us for this special shopping event and support two great organizations! Other groups are also participating in this benefit shopping week, so in order to get the donation.

REMEMBER: you **MUST** identify yourself as a Lenape Valley Church shopper when making your purchase. Look for a coupon in the Sunday Bulletins.

Christmas Envelopes: You will find Christmas giving opportunities in your Lenape Valley pledge envelope box. The envelope "Special Offering: White Gift" will be used to support Lenape's "Help a Family" ministry. This ministry helps needy local families, the Women's Recovery Community Center and select families of the "Y" preschool. The "Christmas Offering" will support "A Women's Place", which provides comprehensive free, private, and confidential service, support, education, outreach and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children and the community.

HELP A FAMILY NEWS—Thank you to all our crafters for making wonderful items for our craft table, which is full of new items for the fall and upcoming holiday season. Please continue working on projects they are always welcome!

Be sure to check out the Help A Family table in the library for all the new items and remember the card rack is always available as well. All greeting cards are still \$2.

Mission Calendar of Events

November 10 - Shoebox deadline

November 10—Youth to Arch St. Methodist

November 18-22—Ten Thousand Villages
Shopping Fundraiser

December 1—15—Help A Family collections

February 9, 2020—20,000 Meals

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.**

November 13, 2019

Where the Crawdads Sing

Delia Owens

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps. (Amazon.com)

December 11, 2019

The Christmas Quilt

Jennifer Chiaverini

When Christmas Eve comes to Elm Creek Manor, the tenor of the holiday is far from certain. Sylvia Bergstrom Compson, the Master Quilter, has her own reasons for preferring a quiet, even subdued, Christmas. Her young friend Sarah McClure, however, takes the opposite view and decides to deck the halls brightly. As she explores the trunks packed with Bergstrom family decorations that haven't been touched in more than fifty years, Sarah discovers a curious Christmas quilt. Begun in seasonal fabrics and patterns, the quilt remains unfinished.

Sylvia reveals that the handiwork spans several generations and a quartet of Bergstrom quilters -- her great aunt, her mother, her sister, and herself. As she examines the array of quilt blocks each family member contributed but never completed, memories of Christmases past emerge. (Amazon.com)

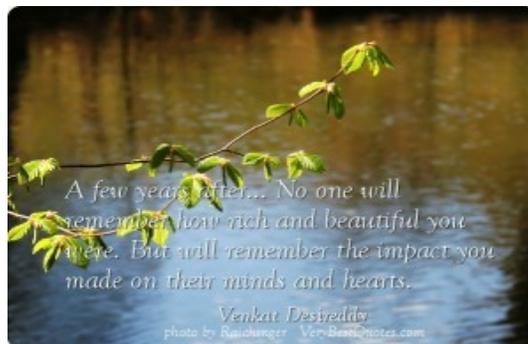
MEET THE MEMBERS...Jeff and Carol Stern



Jeff and Carol Stern embody the spirit of caring for others... They currently serve as our Commissioned Church Visitors, and during a typical month, they make over 20 home, nursing home, and hospital visits to members of LVC. As long-term Chalfont residents, they became members in 1982 and immediately joined activities. Carol was the youth worship leader, and affectionately was known as the Church Lady! She also served on three search committees. Jeff served both as an Elder and a Deacon. Jeff is a lifelong member of Chalfont Fire Company and is a Fire Police Officer. They enjoy music and participate in the choir. Always smiling, Carol said, "We have a loving and healthy congregation. I hope we continue to grow." Please say hello to Carol and Jeff when you next see them at coffee hour.

LIBRARY NEWS!

Fill your mind with thoughts of gratitude and Thanksgiving this November with two new library additions: *The Story of Thanksgiving* children's board book and Ann Voskamp's *One Thousand Gifts*. Also gracing the bookshelf this month in the Young Adult fiction genre is *I'm So Sure* by Jenny B. Jones, a real-life high school teacher. Savor the season with a good book!



All Saint's Day Celebration

Join us for worship at 9:30 am on
Sunday, November 3rd
as we remember the lives we have lost
this past year.



Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 24

5:00—7:00 pm

**Tickets on Sale each Sunday
and at the door!**

**\$10 Adults, \$6.00 Children
Age 3 and under are FREE!**

*Come enjoy a delicious meal with all the fixings!
Supports our Youth Mission Trip!*



First Sunday of Advent December 1st

9:30 am Unity Worship

Sunday School for Children will be held

Begin the Advent Season with fellowship together.

10:30 am Advent Pot-Luck Brunch

Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share.

Beverages and place settings provided.

Sign up in the lobby!

There will be only one worship service that morning.

AN EVENING OF
CHRISTMAS MUSIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 6 PM

FEATURING:
CHANCEL CHOIR • YOUTH CHOIR • LVC BRASS • CHANTRY RINGERS • BIANCA LEE • AND MORE

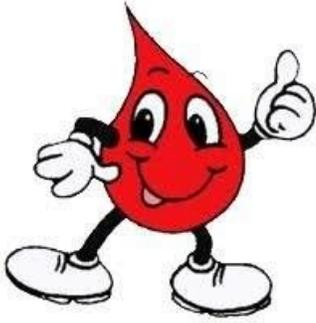
LENAPE VALLEY CHURCH PRESENTS -
A FREE FAMILY CONCERT

Rockin' Christmas 2019

12-20-19 @ 7 PM

321 W. BUTLER AVE

NEW BRITAIN, PA 18901



**“Give More Life– Donate Blood”
You can put the power of faith into action
and help save a life.**

**LVPC BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, November 25, 2019
from 2:00 to 7:00 PM**

The Red Cross is asking for 102 donors to be signed up for our blood drive, Monday, November 18. Now All healthy people who are 16 years of age with parental written consent or older adults (No upper limit) and weigh at least 110 pounds can donate. Our theme says: “You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life.” Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood, 38,000 donations are needed every day! Approximately 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood but only 5% donate in a given year.

Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors. Schedule your appointment in the lobby or contact the Chairman – Jim Johnson at 215-489-2678, also ON-LINE, see link below. You too can be a life saver! You are eligible if your last whole blood donation was before October 1, 2019.

**On-Line Registration available at: www.redcrossblood.org
Click “Make a blood donation appointment” Enter sponsor code: [Lenape valley](#)**

Bring your Bar-coded donor card or some form of picture ID, drink plenty of fluids and eat iron rich foods. Donating blood is a simple four-step process; registration, medical history, mini-physical and donation.

BLOOD COMPONENT USAGE

Did you know that one unit of whole blood can be made into THREE COMPONENTS?

RED CELLS are used for patients who require surgery, lose blood in accidents or have anemia.

PLATELETS are used to control bleeding in patients with leukemia or for those undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

PLASMA is used to treat shock and burn victims

A blood donor is good for people who have been badly burned. For new mothers who need transfusions. For new babies who need a complete change of blood supply. For people having open-heart surgery. For cancer patients. For people with severe hepatitis and anemia.

A blood donor is good for life!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2
						
3 Communion	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7	8	9
All Saint's Recognition 9:30 Traditional Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary	11:00 Bible Study(Pine Run) 1:30 Staff Meeting (P) 6:00 Praise Band (YR) 7:30 Chantry Ringers	12:00 Mom's Study (P) 6:00 BCCS (S) 7:00 MIST (CR) 7:00 Webelos (CCR) 7:30 Fellowship Mtg (L) 7:30 Mission Mtg (P)	10:00 Watercolors (L) 10:00 Seekers (P) 7:00 Boy Scouts (FH) 7:30 Mixed Study (Mapes)	6:00 Genesis (YR) 6:30 Children's Choir 6:30 Women's Group (P) 6:30 Men's Group (PO) 7:00 Scout Webelos I (L) 7:00 Tigers (121) 7:30 Chancel Choir (CH/S) 8:00 Brass Ensemble	5:00 Wedding Rehearsal Audrey & Alan 6:00 Genesis Lock-In 6:00 Middle School 6:30 Grandfamilies Grp.	9:30 Genesis Lock-in 8:00 Property Comm. 11:00 Wedding Audrey & Alan
10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13	14	15	16
Honoring our Veterans 9:30 Traditional Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary	12:00 Choir Ladies Lunch 1:30 Staff Meeting (P) 6:00 Praise Band (S) 7:30 Chantry Ringers	6:00 BCCS (FH) 7:00 MIST (P)	10:00 Watercolors (L) 2:00 Book Club (Greer) 7:00 Boy Scouts (FH)	6:00 Genesis (YR) 6:30 Worthwhile Evening 6:30 Children's Choir 6:30 Women's Group (P) 6:30 Men's Group (PO) 7:30 Chancel Choir (CH/S) 8:00 Brass Ensemble	Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Grandfamilies Grp.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30 Traditional Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary 12:00 Youth Mission Mtg (YR)	11:00 Bible Study(Pine Run) 1:30 Staff Meeting (P) 6:00 Praise Band (S) 7:30 Chantry Ringers	12:00 Mom's Study (P) 6:00 Angels (YR) 7:00 Webelos (121) 7:00 MIST (CR) 7:00 BCCS (FH) 7:30 Deacons (L)	10:00 Watercolors (L) 10:00 Seekers (P) 7:00 Boy Scouts (FH) 7:30 Finance Comm. - P 7:30 YDT - YR 7:30 Mixed Study (Mapes)	6:30 Women's Group (P) 6:30 Men's Group (PO) 7:30 Chancel Choir (CH/S) 8:00 Brass Ensemble		
24 Stewardship Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30 Traditional Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Contemporary 5:00 Youth Turkey Dinner 7:00 Thanksgiving Service @ Pleasantville UCC 7:30 AL-Anon	1:30 Staff Meeting (P) 2-7 LVC Blood Drive(FH) 6:00 Praise Band (S) 7:30 Chantry Ringers	7:00 MIST (YR) 7:00 Cubs (121) 7:00 BCCS (FH) 7:00 Session (P)	10:00 Watercolors (L) 7:30 Boy Scouts (FH)	Church office Closed  Happy Thanksgiving	Church Office Closed	

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| 5 Carol Cornwell | 19 Jim Roberts |
| Kamela King | Lana Rothrock |
| 6 Nancy McCutcheon | 20 Jerry Bredow |
| 7 Sarah Kenney | 21 Cindy Atkins |
| 9 Al Pilecki | 22 Jay Brodish, Jr. |
| 10 Jim Bauerle | 24 Jack Householder |
| 12 Dave Smith | 26 Ryan Woodring |
| 16 Martha Lockard | 28 Tom Miller |
| 17 Frank Terry | |
| 18 Cathie Miller | |

Our Mission:

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



SAVE THE DATE

LVC goes to the Pigs!

June 27, 2020

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