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The Report

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Today*



*The Christian Church
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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is the **15th day of the month prior to publication.**
If you would like to receive a full-color version of this newsletter via e-mail, contact Sue in the church office: **513-367-4316.**

Our Mission:

We are committed to loving God and all people in order to create a growing community in Christ.

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Lead Minister: Dr. William T. McConnell
Senior Minister: Rev. Mark Garrett
Director of Worship and Women's Ministries: Nancy E. McConnell
Director of Children's Ministries: Willisa Redford
Admin. Pastor and Director of Small Group Ministries: Larry Nielsen
Office Manager: Sue Haenning
Pastoral Assistant: Kathy Conly
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LCC Fishing Derby Saturday, May 31

All are welcome to come **Saturday, May 31**, to LCC's fishing derby at **Kopp's Lake** (St. Peters, Indiana). We'll carpool from **LCC's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m.** (feel free to come and go during the day).

Bring fishing poles, bait, blankets and lawn chairs (extra poles will be available).

Food and drinks provided (due to food being purchased, please let Bill Noes know you'll be attending).

All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Each person attending is required to fill out a permission/release form. Maps and permission/release forms are available in the church office.

Contact Bill Noes (513-367-9889) for details.



Matthew 25

Ministries

Saturday, May 17

Come and help us recycle for Jesus! We will leave LCC at **8:00 a.m.** to sort clothing and other items at M25M in Blue Ash. We will work there from **9:00 a.m. until noon.**

This is a GREAT opportunity for Life Groups to serve together. Contact **Tom and Diane Elrod** at (513) 521-8799 for details.

Special Service at Legacy Offers Prayers for Healing

LCC's monthly healing service will be **Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.** If you or a loved one needs healing—physical, spiritual or emotional, please come and join us for worship and a time of healing prayer and anointing.

New Staff E-mail Addresses

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LCC's New Website: www.harrisonlegacy.com



Healing services will be on the **first Sunday evening of each month.** For information about this service, you may contact **Larry Nielsen** (Larry@harrisonlegacy.com) or **Nancy McConnell** (Nancy@harrisonlegacy.com). Or contact them at the church office (513-367-4316).

2008 Graduate Day Sunday, June 8

We will be honoring the 2008 Graduates (high school and college) on **Sunday, June 8,** and wish to gather the following information to be published in our next newsletter (please contact the church office by May 15). Please let us know where you're graduating from (if college, what degree received) and future plans (college and what you will study, armed forces, working).

If you have any questions regarding LCC's children's ministry, please contact **Willisa Redford**, Director of Children's Ministry, at 513-367-4316 (office) or Willisa@harrisonlegacy.com.



VBS at LCC: "God's Big Backyard"

**Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11
6:00 - 9:00 each evening in the Worship Center at LCC**

Get ready to join **God's Big Backyard:** **Where kids have a blast serving Jesus!** The adventure grows each day as kids take the love of Jesus from their "backyard" at church into their neighborhoods and communities! In God's Big Backyard, kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Backyard Bash, experience God's Word at Backyard Bible Club, meet real-life servants at Community Corner, plus explore and create through fun-filled crafts, snacks, and games. Just step outside, take a look over your fence, and help kids discover how much fun they can have serving in God's Big Backyard!

Beginning each day at *Backyard Bash*, our backyard buddies--Stan, Cooper, Alex, and Nick--discover how much fun service can be, challenging kids to serve their families, friends, neighbors, communities, and Jesus.

Each day at *Backyard Bible Club*, kids will commit to serving! Then they will head off to *Community Corner*, where they will hear stories of other kids and adults making a big difference in their backyards!

Your kids won't want to miss this adventure in Gods' Big Backyard! To decorate, we will need the following items. Please look at the list below and look for items you might have in your basement or garage (if requested, items can be borrowed for decorating and then returned):

- potted flowers, trees and shrubs (real or artificial)
- wooden or vinyl fencing
- benches, tire swings and hammocks
- grills
- lanterns, patio lights, Christmas lights (white)
- picnic tables and patio furniture
- picnic baskets and other baskets
- sports equipment and lawn games
- sandboxes, swings from swing sets
- Hula hoops
- small pop-up tents
- shoe boxes
- white or light cream-colored sheets (can't be returned due to spray paint will go on them)
- toys (new or gently used). We will have a toy sale and money raised will be donated to Reach Out Pregnancy Center.

Lana VanMetre Honored as 10th Elder Emeritus

The honor of Elder Emeritus may be bestowed upon an individual who has faithfully served the church as an Elder for an extended period of time. On **April 13**, after 18 years of faithful service as an Elder, **Lana VanMetre** was honored as LCC's tenth Elder Emeritus during LCC's worship services.

Lana moved here from Youngstown, Ohio in 1980; her hometown is Mooresville, Indiana. She and her husband, Bill, have been married for 39 years and they have a daughter, Cindy, a son, Rob and three beautiful grandchildren, Matthew, Brooklyn and Emma. Lana works for the FACS Group in Mason, Ohio, returning to the work force in 2000 after being a stay-at-home mom for 27 years. During those stay-at-home years, Lana volunteered in the community and the schools in a variety of ways. She served as President of the Whitewater Valley Elementary PTA & the Hamilton County Council of PTAs while also serving several terms on the Southwest Local School Board.

Lana and Bill began attending First Christian Church in 1980, and soon she was serving in many capacities. She began her service as an Elder in 1989 and has been Chairman of the Elders and also Chairman of the Board. Lana served on and led the Membership, Christian Education, Worship, Fellowship, Administration and Service Ministry Teams. She is currently a Life Group Leader and Worship Greeter. Lana has attended Class 101, 201, & 301, and taught the 301 class for several years. She has also attended Alpha and has been on the Walk To Emmaus.

In her spare time (which she seems to have very little of if you look at her calendar book) Lana enjoys reading, sewing, and playing with the grandchildren. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 94:19 from the Living Bible: "When doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer."

Lana has indeed given many of us in the church body "renewed hope and cheer" over the years. Thanks and blessings to Lana VanMetre, Elder Emeritus!

Christian Counseling

As many of you are aware, **Scott Holland** has been ordained as a Christian minister in the Disciples of Christ Church. You may not be aware that Scott is also a Licensed Professional Counselor and is available for anyone interested in counseling. He is seeing clients locally and we encourage anyone who may have a need to contact Scott (513) 520-3184.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP -- BARBEQUE & BASEBALL

Sunday, June 29

LCC has reserved a prime spot at Champion Window Field in Florence, Kentucky for a major fellowship event. **After the 11:00 worship service**, we will travel to the Field, feast on ribs, pulled pork and chicken tenders and then enjoy a 2:05 p.m. baseball game as Florence Freedom hosts Traverse City in a professional triple-A contest.

LCC will have an exclusive reserved field-level area on the first-base line, with patio-style tables and chairs. Food and beverages will be served through the fifth inning. **The cost is \$20.00 per person. Make checks payable to Legacy Christian Church. For more information, contact Larry Nielsen.**

LCC Prayer Chain

"Prayer may not change things for you, but it for sure changes you for things." ~Samuel M. Shoemaker

If you would like to become involved in the LCC Prayer Chain, you can sign up on the church website, which has a new URL: **www.harrisonlegacy.com**. Just click on "Prayer Area" at the top of the site's home page. You can be added to the prayer

request chain to receive prayer requests, and/or you can request prayer for you or someone else.

Or you can e-mail **Dr. McConnell** at **bill@harrisonlegacy.com** and let him know that you wish to receive prayer requests or would like to request prayer.

Emmaus Gathering on Hiatus

The monthly Emmaus gathering at Legacy Christian Church will not be held **May through August of 2008**. We will evaluate the possibility of restarting the gatherings in September. If you have any questions, **contact Larry or Teri Nielsen.**

Church Offices Closed

LCC Church Offices will be closed on **Monday, May 26**, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Thank You

Thanks for the visit from our church family and Marilyn Knose and her committee for the wonderful luncheon they had for our family after my father's funeral. Thanks to Bud Jones for conducting the service for our father.
Bill and Judy Stalder

*Happy Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 11*





ministry reports

Life Group Begins New Study

The Hopkins Intergenerational Life Group will study the Book of John. They meet **Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (for dinner with study to follow) in the Fellowship Hall (Discipleship Center)**. Intergenerational Life Groups include children during fellowship and worship time. During the study time children will study God's word at their level. Life Group members take turn teaching the children. Contact **Kirk Hopkins (513-738-0057)**.

Monday Morning Prayer Group Begins Book Study

All are welcome to spend **Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Discipleship Center (Room #3)** for weekly prayer and worship time. During May, we will study the book, *A Better Way To Pray*, by Andrew Wormock. We start with worship and then lift up what is on our hearts (church leaders, congregation, ministries and any other needs). It is a wonderful, uplifting time in our hectic lives to share this time with our Lord. Contact **Cathy Cornelius (513-738-5592)** for details.

Youth Minister Leaving

After much prayer, thought, and consideration, youth minister **Josh Ballman** and his wife, Jessica, are leaving Legacy Christian Church. The distance from Harrison to their home in Kentucky does not enable them to be involved in the church at the level they would like to. They feel that God is calling them to get involved in a church in their community. Please be in prayer for Josh and Jess while they go through the process of transitioning. Thanks, Josh and Jess, for being great youth group leaders! We will miss you.

Willisa Redford will continue to oversee the Junior and Senior High School Ministry. Willisa has been overseeing this ministry for some time, and has been a part of the Merger Team Meetings and weekly leadership meetings. Willisa's involvement and input will help this ministry stay on the course that we believe God has purposed for our young people.

Jami and Brad Sulfridge have also been a part of the Junior and Senior High School Ministry Team and a part of the Merger Team Meetings as well. Jami and Brad will be taking the key leadership roles for this ministry. This couple has an understanding of the course that God has set and also have some new ideas on how to continue to lead youth to a relationship with Jesus.

The ministry has other leaders and helpers as well. We are excited about the future of our Junior and Senior High School Ministry! Please be in prayer for all involved as it goes through this period of transition.

youth service projects

PB & J Outing Saturday, May 10

The youth group will be visiting a community to pass out PB&J sandwiches to those in need. The group needs to meet at the **State Street Campus at 9:00 a.m.** to make sandwiches. They will then load up and head out so that they can pass the sandwiches out.

We are in need of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, bread, bottled water, small bags of chips, pretzels, etc.

Mission Auction Pay-off Saturday, May 17

The youth group will be heading to the Hilgroves' home to lay mulch in their yard. The Hilgroves bought the youth group services at the Mission Auction in March. The kids will need to meet at the **State Street Campus at 9:00 a.m.** Teens will be returned to the State Street Campus at **1:00 p.m.**



2008 Central American Mission Trip Honduras: October 3 - 10

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:35, 36, 40)

Heart to Honduras is a holistic ministry assisting in meeting the needs of the poor in Honduras. In the spirit of Matthew 25:31 – come and let your heart and life be changed.

For more information about the Honduras mission trip, contact **Jenny Baer (513-923-3278 or baerjk@healthall.com)**. **Cost will be \$750 - \$1000 per person.** Passports and shots will be needed.