



STILL SPEAKING

JULY 24, 2011

A monthly look at the ministry, mission and life of the Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church

A LOOK AHEAD...

- **One Summer Service at 10:00 am**
Through Sunday, September 4, 2011
- **Festival of Returning**
SUNDAY, September 11, 2011
Fall Session begins. 9:00 am Gathering Service and 11:00 am service
Cookout after 11:00 service (sponsored by Deacons)



The weather has been hot outside, but the LCPC softball team, not so much. More than winning the team is about sharing a good time and enhancing playful friendships. By the way...this picture was taken moments after we won our first game!!!

Front Row: Harry Eberts (2nd base), Joe Gutowski (short stop), Morgan Yokosuk (1st base), Jess Baker (RF and 2nd base)
Center: Eric Valentino (catcher), Dan (Eric's neighbor)
Back Row: Jeff Herberth (pitcher and 2nd base), Steve Pinti (CF), Todd, friend from Shorehaven Church (LF), Matt, friend from Shorehaven Church (3rd base), Colleen Bloom (Fielder, manager)



FALL RETREAT

The Third Annual Spiritual Retreat is scheduled Friday afternoon through Saturday evening, October 28-29, 2011, at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, Ohio. We have room for only 15 people. Single and double rooms available. Cost is \$80 per person. Call the church for more information.

This is a great opportunity to spend time together and explore our spiritual lives.

Dear Theophilus:

The world's a mess. Always has been. Wars rage. Hunger ravages. Greed is rampant. Blame is everywhere. Apathy persists. So why Worship?

It may not seem that worship does a bit of good. The choice to spend Sunday morning at home or go off to church is a real one for you. Why bother? The music is always good. That's plus. But where are the beloved hymns? The prayers are a bit hazy. The Scripture reading is hard to follow. The sermon is too long. Too many people have too many things to share in Joys and Concerns. The microphone doesn't always pick up all the voices. There's an error in the bulletin.

So why waste your time? Now I know I am being a bit flippant here but I have heard all of these commentaries on worship through the years and each is valid in its own right . . . if we believe that worship is focused on us. But it's not. This is hard to hear in an age when "I" and "me" are our most popular words.

Worship is about God. Worship is about remembering, sharing, and re-enacting the story of God. It is remembering the flight from Egypt, the desert wanderings, the promise of Canaan. It is sharing the stories about Jesus and hearing the good news that God has the final word. It is re-enacting the story of God as we try to imagine the world through the eyes of grace and hope and love.

This is a tall order! We may not handle worship as we should. We may miss the point sometimes. But it's a messy world and always has been. Wars rage (sometimes over worship) and apathy persists. In the midst of it all is God's story. We practice this story in worship; then we go out and live it.

I hope you will be part of God's story this Sunday!

Blessings,
Harry

Reduce Homelessness, Transform Lives.

LCPC has been asked to be a host site for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cleveland **the week of August 21st**. Each day from 5:30 pm through the next morning at 7 am three to four families without housing will be staying in Bloomfield Hall and share meals, evening activities, and receive companionship and support from trained volunteers. **You can be a volunteer!**

A training session will be held on **Tuesday, July 26, at 7 pm in the Foyer**. Call the office to sign up for the training. Talk to Pastor Harry with questions.

*Help reduce homelessness.
The transformed life might be yours!*

**LCPC Co-Sponsoring Peace Event
SATURDAY, JULY 30 at 7:00 pm**

St. Ignatius High School's
Breen Center for the Performing Arts
1911 W. 30th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

First in a Series - Cleveland Nonviolence Network's
Tenth Anniversary Events

Meet Angela Jill Lederach
Co-Author of When Blood and Bones Cry Out

Will address social healing and reconciliation through
metaphors, music and stories of suffering and hope.

Free Will Donation ~ Refreshments and Free Parking

NORTH CHURCH





July is our month to volunteer on Sundays at North Church. Thanks to all church members who went downtown to help prepare and serve meals on Sunday morning. Here is a picture of Joe Bloom, Joe Baker and Steve Pinti at the serving station.



Chef Joe!

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011**



-  70 registered participants. (the most ever at LCPC Vacation Bible School)
-  11 adult volunteers and 20 youth shared their week with the children.
-  Children learned about local mission and will give \$380 for work on the Playground of Possibilities at Bexley Park in South Euclid.
-  Together we learned: God Made Us, God Hears Us, God Watches Over Us, God Loves Us, and God Gives Us Good Gifts.



A group concerned with gun violence is being formed at LCPC. An organizational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 21, 4:30-6:00 pm** in the Foyer. Toby Hoover, Executive Director of the Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence, will join us to help us get started.

We are inviting local churches, churches of the presbytery, and anyone else who is concerned about the continued proliferation of guns in Ohio. Members of the Peace and Justice Group are behind this effort. Talk to Pastor Harry if you are interested.

"The wind of the spirit is blowing. One indication is the upheaval that is shaking and renewing Christianity. Faith, rather than beliefs, is once again becoming its defining quality, and this reclaims what faith meant during its earliest years. . . . A newly global Christianity, enlivened by a multiplicity of cultures and yearning for the realization of God's reign of shalom, is finding its soul again." Harvey Cox, Professor of divinity at Harvard, in his recent book, The Future of Faith.