Mission Statement
We strive to be a welcoming, worshipping community of faith, helping people discover and deepen their relationship with God, growing as disciples of Christ, and reaching out in faith and loving service.

MARDI GRAS SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD
Mardi Gras Sunday, a Joint Worship Service with Trinity Lutheran Church
Worship for All Ages
Holy Communion, Birthday & Hunger Sunday

MARCH 6TH: Ash Wednesday Potluck Soup & Bread Dinner and “Station Walk”
6:00-7:30pm in the Social Hall

SPRING AHEAD
Daylight Savings Time Begins
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

TAIZE & LABYRINTH
Tuesday, March 19, 7p-8p
Colossians 2:1-2, The Message Version “Know that I’m on your side, right alongside you. You’re not in this alone. I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God.”

Early this month (March 7-9), my brother and I will take a trip down to Penney Farms, Florida, a little outside of Jacksonville. Our Grandma, age 93, lives there in a nursing home with her big fluffy calico cat, Sassy. My mother has visited her regularly for the past several years, but I have not seen her since January 2015. I don’t have an excuse for not seeing her for four years. I could say “time slips by” or “Florida is far away.” Those are true, but I don’t feel that any of them are good enough reasons to not see a person I love so much. Relationships are the most valuable asset we have-- our relationship with ourselves, our relationship with others, and our relationship with God. The decisions we make in our lives, when possible, should be in pursuit of strengthening and building up our relationships. Regret is a waste of time, and I can’t go back and visit her over the past four years, but I can make decisions based on what’s in front of me now: March 2019, so I will.

My Grandma (and my late Grandpa) taught me a lot while I was growing up. Among them is how to use a weaving loom. She had a huge loom that took up most of their guest bedroom. It was mesmerizing to watch her feet and hands work placemats and table runners, lap blankets and wall hangings. I made a few things here and there-- but never anything as tightly woven as what she made.

Weaving is a daily practice for me now, but in an entirely different way. I’m talking about weaving together people, practices, and visions within a community. Taking each strand-- the strengths and gifts, the questions and curiosities, the beliefs and yearnings, the flaws and grace, and weaving something beautiful together. I seek to understand what it looks like to weave together a tapestry of love, as noted in Colossians 2. I believe this happens when we strengthen our relationships with other churches and religious communities, nonprofits, our schools and health and human service agencies, and so much more. In our individual lives, the weaving and strengthening happens when we spend time with friends and loved ones, when we journey to be together, when we worship together in prayer and song, when we serve and volunteer together, when we weep and rejoice together.

Furthermore, there is a weaving that happens within our own hearts and minds when we do the reflective work it takes to understand and know ourselves more clearly. God, who created us in God’s very image, knows us better than we know ourselves, and calls us into a daily deeper understanding of who God has called us into this world to be. The season of Lent-- the time between Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and Easter Sunday (April 21st) is a time of self-reflection. It is a time to find the strands in our lives-- the good strands: that which we are passionate about, that which we are good at, that which we yearn for, as well as the not-so-good strands: that which has held us back, that which has distracted us, that which has separated and isolated us-- and weave them together by the Grace and to the Glory of God. It is in the weaving that we understand ourselves more clearly, that we strengthen our identities, that we grow to embody more clearly the Image of God in which we were created.

I am praying for you, friends and members of Lakewood Congregational Church, more than you know. I pray you will be forever weaving together the tapestry of love. I also ask that you pray for me as I am constantly seeking clarity of the direction in which God is calling us at LCC.

With Grace and Peace,
Pastor Joanna
As we head into March, my ears and soul are still resounding with this year’s Music Sunday, which was on Feb. 24. Featuring the Schubert Mass in G, superb playing from the strings of Opus 216, and virtuoso handbell ringing, this service was an honor and a joy to plan. Never minding their fine musicianship and technique, the dedication and individual and collective hard work which went into preparing this service was considerable. I am exceedingly grateful to everyone involved, as well as those who have the Festival Arts fund, which helps make our musical programming possible.

We have some exciting events at the top of the month. A Dixieland ensemble led by our own David Kasper will be front and center for our Mardi Gras service Sunday, March 3. Then, we’ll be virtually traveling around the world for our annual Talent Show and Silent Auction, Saturday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. CityMusic Cleveland will again fill our Sanctuary with new and beautiful sounds Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m., featuring a new violin concerto by its music director, Avner Dorman.

Meanwhile, we’ll be bound for Lent, a season I always enjoy planning for. It may not have the promise of Advent, or the exuberance of Christmas or Easter, but I deeply value the meditative nature of the time. I’ve chosen music which both responds to that feeling, as well as helping us to find it. The Labyrinth Walk on Tuesday, March 19 will feature Taizé chants. We will also be singing Taizé chants on Sunday’s during Lent. For those less familiar, Taizé is a monastic community in France which was founded in 1940. Simple chants which they have written or borrowed from previous sources, which hearken back almost to Medieval times of Gregorian Chant, have becoming quite popular in many different churches. The goal is to start with the simple chant, sung plainly and quietly, and then to repeat it, growing in volume, strength, and sometimes with added instrumentation or harmony. The best part is that none of this is scripted; as a congregation, we will sing this as many times as we collectively feel it in the moment. This creates a moment in worship which, based on my past experience, can be very poignant. If it’s new to you, give it a chance and let me know what you think.

Other than Taizé, you’ll be hearing some contemplative offerings from the choir, and some music in minor keys from the organ and piano, which I’m planning to feature a bit more during Lent. I don’t want anyone worrying that our goal is to turn the next five weeks into a dirge or a downer of a service. On the contrary, I like to think, through turning inward as a group, and leaving things behind, which Joanna will be sharing more about, Lent can and should be a positive, uplifting part of the liturgical year for us all.

Thanks for reading,

Ben
Children and Family Ministries

Patti Komperda

WORSHIP FOR ALL AGES

March 3rd will be our next Worship for All Ages, which will include our monthly Food collection for the Hungry, Communion, and the Celebration of March Birthdays! Also, we will enjoy a special Mardi Gras worship with Dave Kasper (Gravey Davey) and his Dixieland band!

Every Sunday, during worship, childcare is provided in our Nursery for the youngest members of our church family (infants-4 year olds), and Activity Bags for other children are located in the back of the Sanctuary, if needed.

2018-2019 Faith Formation for Children/Youth:

In February we discussed Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount”-the Beatitudes and his teaching of “Love your Enemy.” In March, as we begin the Season of Lent, our focus will be in the Old Testament- the Books of Deuteronomy, Genesis, Isaiah, and then ending the month in the New Testament from the Book of Luke. Along the way our emphasis will be on God’s love for all people-past, present, and future.

We hope that the children will enjoy our Mardi Gras Sunday worship on March 3rd, AND that they will realize a very different tone/mood as we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6th at our annual Lenten Potluck Soup and Station Walk gathering, starting at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

The 4th/5th graders were fascinated by the information Liz Maugans shared with their group about Justice and Art, two of her passions and theirs! Thank You, Liz!

ELIZA JENNINGS WORSHIP

Thank You to the dozen preteens/teens, Greg Wereb, and Charlie Begy for helping with our Eliza Jennings worship in February.

Our next worship will be March 10th.

PLEASE meet in the Youth Room no later than 10:00am to organize and get on our way. Adult drivers are always needed, so stop by the Youth Room before worship and see if we have enough…or not!

Music and Faith Formation:

As you know, Music for our children has been integrated into our Faith Formation programming…we want our children to know that there are many ways we can praise the Lord and ask for help and guidance-through reading, art, dance, acting, and music…Noah Hamrick, our Children’s/Youth Music Director, will continue working with our young people to develop their music skills and love for music this year!

Get ready to have the children, led by Noah, march with the saints on March 3rd!

LCC Annual Youth Musical: You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown!

Performances will be Friday, April 12, Saturday April 13 at 7:00pm, and Sunday, April 14 at 3:00pm.

Look for tickets (freewill donation performance night at the door) and after worship starting March 24th.
Children and Family Ministries

Patti Komperda

Middle and High School Youth Groups:
Over $6,000 was donated to HASO this year! Awesome! All of the collected money will be donated back to the homelessness: NE Ohio Coalition for Homelessness, Family Promise, Y-Haven

Almost $600 was made at the Taco Lunch Mission Trip Fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who helped and sponsored, especially to the Hiller and Toms families for donating the food!

Helping others find life in water...
This church year, the Children’s Offering each Sunday will be donated to the United Church of Christ Mozambique (UCCM), a UCC organization that helps bring clean water to areas of Mozambique through the construction of cisterns for communities in need of clean/safe drinking water. The LCC Outreach Team has committed to making this happen for these communities through our support.

(When you use these envelopes, please be sure to put your child’s name on the back so that we can add this contribution to your Family’s Pledge for the year. Also, this gives your child a chance to feel good about giving, when he/she puts the envelope in the Miracle Jar each Sunday.)

What a productive month we had at Haynes! Along with working through the weather, we learned a lot about dental health. One of our parents, who is a dentist, came in to talk to the children about the importance of dental health and also brought a few goodies for the kids to take home. Thank you Mrs. Zeisler!

Arts Inspired Learning came and danced with us. Dancing (as well as listening to instruction) is a healthy and fun way of learning. The kids love it almost as much as the teachers!

Mr. Lee Mechenbier joined us during gym time and he really enjoyed watching the kids run and play. He helped in a big way when it came time to clean up! What a wonderful addition to our classroom! Thank you Mr. Lee!

We had our first ever combined fundraiser with LCC during the month of February. We thank each and every one who participated. The money raised will assist us in continuing to teach these young, eager learners. Every penny helps and we are grateful.

We celebrated “Popcorn with Pop” at the end of the month. It is a wonderful opportunity for dads (or any family member) to come in to our classrooms while their children show off a little. It is always a fun night out for all.

Thank you LCC for all of the support you have offered to this wonderful preschool program. We are so happy to be a part of such a loving and giving community.

Alison Yonkers, Director, 216-256-1578
CONFIRMATION 2018-2019
Patti Komperda

Our 11 Confirmands continue to meet with Pastor Joanna after church. We ALL learned a lot at our visit to the Islamic Center of Cleveland...Our next “field trip” will be Saturday, March 9th from 1:00-3:00pm at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Karen Wagner will be our “docent” as she shares with us information about the impact of Christianity on Art. Parents and Sponsors (and other LCC members) are also welcome to attend. (Meet in the lobby of CMA at 1:00pm) Contact Patti K if you have questions.

Our LCC 2018-2019 Faith Journey Scripture this year is taken from the Book of Amos 5:24, “But let justice roll down like the waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

The month of March tends to be a “free-for-all” weather-wise in Northeastern Ohio...rather than becoming frustrated with wondering what to wear to protect yourself from the rain, sleet, hail, or even snow, content yourself with what you do in your daily life that brings comfort/justice/integrity/and worth to marginalized people in your school, workplace, neighborhood, and city. Become an advocate for the marginalized amongst us, helping them to see the rainbow in each day.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2019: To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God’s Power Can Take You...
Monday-Friday, June 10-14, 2019, 9:30am-noon
Look for Save the Date card coming soon!

Thank you so much for “Showing Your Love” for Haynes Nursery School! Over $1,000 was collected!
The donations will help defray the cost of operating the BEST nursery school in Lakewood.
A Ministry to Serve

COMMUNITY MEAL
THURSDAY, March 7th

Join us for the LCC Community Meal!

As always, we will start set-up and food preparation about 4:00pm. We'll then plate the food and be ready for service at 6:00pm.

We will need people to help put up tables and chairs, set tables, make coffee, tea, lemonade and food. During dinner, we will need a few folks in the kitchen to assist with refilling dishes for second helpings and afterwards we will need assistance with clean-up of the social hall and kitchen.

We generally finish up by 7:15pm or so - we welcome you for any amount of time you can join us!

If you are unable to make our community dinner but are interested in serving, Trinity is in need of help for their community meals. Their February schedule is posted below.

Thank you, Cynthia Sbertoli, cksbertoli@outlook.com

TRINITY COMMUNITY MEALS : MARCH 2019:
Monday, March 4, at 6:00 pm
Sunday, March 10, at 4:00 pm
Saturday, March 16, 12:00 pm

Volunteers are needed for two shifts for each meal. The first shift helps with meal prep and setting up for the meal. The second shift helps with serving the meal and cleaning-up afterwards.

TRINITY PANTRY: Our pantry distribution is Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am-12:00 pm and volunteers are welcome between 9:00 am-9:30 am to help with the bagging of goods.

To volunteer, sign-up at this link or with Pastor Sara at tlcolkwd@gmail.com

Trinity is also looking for a lead cook for the third Saturday meal. If at all interested, please contact

LCC PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer Request Cards can be found on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or you can call the church office if you, or someone you love, is in need of prayer. If you would like to join our LCC Prayer Chain with members Chiquita Matthews, Ellen Tudron, Kathy MacDougall, Robert Wenz, Vicki Smigelski, Muriel Campbell, Nancy Gibbs, Alicia Fortenbaugh, Marinika Beaver, J Horner, Patti Dobro, Karen Lee, Pastor Joanna, and Patti Komperda. Let Karen Lee (church office) or Pastor Joanna know if you would like to be added to the Chain or if you would like to add a prayer.

INTERESTED IN OUTREACH?
The Outreach Committee is seeking members.

We will be having a meeting on Monday, March 4th at 7pm in the Parlor. We would love to see you there! If you are interested in participating but cannot make this meeting or have questions, reach out to Laura Hampton at lblesseh@bw.edu or 216-789-5551
The Adult Faith Formation Team

The Adult Faith Formation Team, in keeping with the Mission Statement of our church, hopes you will take the initiative to venture out, learn more, and come back ready to discuss with your church family the questions/thoughts/worries and suggestions you have to the all-pervasive problem of the many injustices imposed upon marginalized people—young and old—not only in the U.S., but around our world. This year, we will extend our Sacred Conversation to include two additional groups of marginalized people as we explore Gender Identity and Prison Reform.

The Season of LENT: A Time to prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for the Good News! Mark your calendars now for the following dates of our Lenten programs:

**Lenten Calendar**

- **Sunday, March 3:** Mardi Gras worship
- **Wednesday, March 6:** Annual Lenten Potluck Soup Dinner and Lenten Walk—"Take Nothing with You"
  - MULTI-GENERATIONAL (ages 4-100+)
- **Wednesday, March 13:** Lenten Book Study with Pastor Joanna at 7:00pm *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg
- **Wednesday, March 19:** Taize and Labyrinth Walk in Social Hall at 7:00pm
- **March 27:** Lenten Book Study
- **April 3:** Lenten Book Study
- **April 10:** Lenten Book Study
- **April 11:** Maundy Thursday Service (Time TBA)

Mark your calendars now for our 2019 *Ash Wednesday Potluck SOUP dinner/Station Walk* beginning at 6:00pm in the Social Hall with dinner, then moving from station to station throughout the building until we receive ashes in the Sanctuary around 7:15pm. This is a MULTI-generational gathering—we hope all age groups will come and begin our Lenten Journey together...this year’s theme: *Unburden Your Spirit*...

Children have been given a Lenten Calendar, either at the Ash Wednesday Gathering or in Faith Formation. The Children’s Faith Formation Team encourages you to use it with your child(ren) throughout the Season of Lent. Extras are located on the FF table in the West Clifton hallway.

FRIEND'S CIRCLE

The group formerly known as “Boomer Gals” is now welcoming all ladies of LCC, regardless of age, to enjoy the company of other LCC women as we meet bi-monthly to catch-up, do service projects, movie-watch, eat, and more!!!!!

*Our next event will be a craft night on April 8th—more details to come!*
In and Around LCC

Adventures in Reading

CALLING ALL READERS!

Come to Adventures in Reading (LCC book club)

the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, March 12th
12:30 p.m.

Westlake Porter Library
27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Book: *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* (c) 2016 by Phaedra Patrick

Sixty-nine year old Arthur Pepper lives a simple life. He gets out of bed at precisely 7:30 am, just as he did when his wife, Miriam, was alive. He dresses in the same gray slacks and mustard sweater vest, waters his fern, Frederica, and heads out to his garden. But on the one year anniversary of Miriam's death, something changes. Sorting through Miriam's possessions, Arthur finds an exquisite gold charm bracelet he's never seen before. What follows is a surprising and unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur from London to Paris and as far as India in an epic quest to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met - a journey that leads him to hope, healing and self-discovery in the most unexpected places. Do you have a charm bracelet? Bring it with you book club on March 12.

Looking ahead to April: Our book for discussion will be White Chrysanthemum (c) 2018 by Mary Lynn Bracht

Reminder: Don’t forget to sign up on the West Clifton bulletin board or email/call Kathy MacDougall (216-228-1975)

SECOND SATURDAY— IS 3RD SATURDAY MARCH 16TH

Date Change: We will be meeting on the Third Saturday in March (3/16) in order to allow everyone to help set up for the Talent Show).

Women in our church family are invited to meet in the Parlor at 9:00am for an hour of conversation, reflection and prayer. Join us and get to know women of all ages.

MARTHA’S TABLE

*Martha’s Table* is an “INreach” Team at LCC (Nurture and Growth) needs HELP*... Many of you are familiar with Martha, the woman from the Bible who was all about serving Jesus and others great meals at her home! (Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-44, 12:2). Our own Martha’s Table began a few years ago and has served our LCC family members many meals to help nourish the body, the mind, and the soul when life has become difficult to manage.

Jennifer Schwelik and Lisa Smith head up the Team of chefs/bakers/deliverers;

*if you are interested in being a part of this behind-the-scenes Team, email or call Jennifer or Lisa (see Church Directory.)

And, if you are in need of a meal due to an illness, death, new baby, or some other reason that prevents you from cooking a dinner, call the church office (216-221-9555).
Executive Team Update:

We whole heartedly thank Judy Foote (Nurture & Growth), Christy Gray (Outreach) and David Mechenbier (Treasurer) for their years of committed service to the Executive Team and LCC.

We welcome Dave Amen (Treasurer), Laura Blesse-Hampton (Outreach) and Sue Tamilio (Nurture & Growth) to the Executive Team and thank them for offering their time and talents.

Your LCC Stewardship Team is:
Melissa Armstrong-Brine
Sarah Banyasz
Jeremy Borell
Maic D'Agostino
Judy & Richard Foote
J. Horner
Steve Hotchkiss
Sandy King
Liz Maugans
David Mechenbier
Missy Toms
Karen Wagner

Your LCC Search Team is:
Mike Banyasz
Jeremy Borell
Jill Richardson
Dale Spooner
Claire Stair
Darren Toms
Lindy Warren
Erin Wereb

We will have a Commissioning Sunday in March. Date TBA

LCC Member News from February:

◊ Amos D’Agostino’s art piece was selected for the PTA Reflections state-wide competition
◊ Patti Dobro celebrated the baptism of her second grandson, Alexander Dobro
◊ Michael Komperda was named the Director of the Rocky River Schools Instrumental Music Department
◊ Mariana Stockman was inducted into the National Honor Society
◊ Missy Toms was selected by LakewoodAlive as a 2019 Awardee
◊ Lindy Warren made the Dean’s List at Baldwin-Wallace University
◊ We celebrated and remembered the life of Mary Lu Wilson
◊ Congratulations to the LCC Youth Musical Members (past and present) cast in the Lakewood High School’s production of Mama Mia (this spring): Isaac Humphreys, Ryder Crone, Skye Crone, Solana Petrone, Thomas Tamilio, Gabby Toms and Sarah Whitkofski

Be sure to send your news to the LCC office by the last Monday of the month to be included.

Community Corner

Have you recently volunteered? Are you part of an event that needs volunteers or fundraising? Please contact Laura Hampton at blesseh@bw.edu to have your information included in future additions of The Columns or the weekly bulletin.
In and Around LCC - Member News

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

We asked our new members to share some personal information about themselves—you never know what you might have in common!

JOHN BLASKO

Places you’ve lived: Atlanta, GA & Medina, OH
Job/Career Fields: Band Director, Lakewood City Schools
Favorite Movie: Interstellar
Favorite Book: Paddle You Own Canoe by Nick Offerman
Favorite Song: Picking a favorite song is like asking a parent to pick a favorite child
Favorite Vacation Spot: Outer Banks
Hobbies/Interests: Reading and wishing I was good at woodworking
Faith Journey/Memory: When I grew up in Atlanta, my family attended a Catholic church that hosted an annual Seder meal. I always appreciated that church’s interest in helping us understand other faiths. When we moved back to Ohio, we lost that kind of faith community, and I never felt connected to a church again. However, when I began attending services and events at LCC, I found a community that was supportive, inclusive, and affirming. I leave LCC feeling empowered to make a difference in the world, and I look forward to coming back to the church every week. Thank you all for being such great role models. I am proud to call LCC new church home!

MAIC D’AGOSTINO:

Places you’ve lived: Oberlin, OH; St. Louis, MO; Ripon, WI; Lakewood, OH
Job/Career Fields: Currently working in mental health, previously worked in journalism
Favorite Movie: Ran
Favorite Book: Black Zodiac by Charles Wright
Favorite Song: Pretty much anything by Prince
Favorite Vacation Spot: Home, but Savannah’s nice too
Hobbies/Interests: Writing, Poetry, and Baseball
Faith Journey/Memory: I was raised Catholic. Then I married a preacher and began to change my ways.

J. ATTLEE HORNER, III

Places you’ve lived: Harrisburg, PA; Shaker Heights; Lakewood since 2004
Job/Career Fields: Began my career as a foreign language teacher at the high school and community college levels. I have recently been overseeing a faith-based mission in El Salvador for its local fundraising office. And, I begin 2020, as a full-time seminarian at the UCC Seminary in Chicago, Ill.
Favorite Book/Movie: The Dune Series
Favorite Vacation Spot: Bermuda and traveling New England with the dog in a RV
Hobbies/Interests: I was an electric bass player for many years and I would love to pick up the instrument again. Interested in US history
Faith Journey/Memory: I was baptized in the UCC Church and I have never been more proud than I am today of our efforts to reach out and give an extravagant welcome to all. I also am very proud to have worked side-by-side with nuns and lay members of the Catholic church through my work in El Salvador. Being part of any faith based mission will change your life. There is no doubt that God Is Still Speaking and that Jesus welcomes us all to his table.
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JOANELLEN HURLEY
Places you’ve lived: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Northeast Ohio
Job/Career Fields: Retired Reading and Language Arts Consultant/Curriculum Specialist
Favorite Movie: Cloud Atlas
Favorite Book: Jane Eyre
Favorite Song: It’s a Wonderful World
Favorite Vacation Spot: Maine
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, travel, local history, cultural events, swimming
Faith Journey/ Memory: Throughout my faith journey, I have sought to be present to the promptings of the Spirit through my own inner voice as well as the reality and experiences of those around me. I believe that we are all called to participate in God’s ongoing redemption and creation of the Kingdom through active love that is rooted in hope.

ALANNAH MCCARTHY
Job/Career Fields: Substance Abuse/Mental Health Counselor
Favorite Movie: I love classic movies from the 30s-60s, but cannot pick a specific film
Favorite Book: I also like many different murder mysteries, but my favorite book is Viktor Frankl’s, Man’s Search for Meaning
Favorite Song: I love to listen to any kind of Irish folk music
Favorite Vacation Spot: Lakeside Chautauqua, near Sandusky
Hobbies/Interests: Going to the theatre, reading cozy murder mysteries, and dancing with my husband, Andy Slimak. He is a professional ballroom dancer, and is soon to become the co-owner of Westlake’s, Starz Ballroom. I also love American History and genealogy, and am active with Daughters of the American Revolution.
Faith Journey/ Memory: Much of my adult life I have struggled with my spirituality, and have been exposed to many different ideas. I began attending a Congregationalist Church as a teenager, and liked the individualistic theology, the personal relationship with God, and that I could interpret the Bible for myself, rather than relying upon an Authority figure to tell me what to believe. With my interest in New England history and culture, I also liked Congregationalism’s roots in colonial New England.
As an adult though, I found myself struggling to believe in God, but have found within the last few years that some type of Creator makes the most sense to me. I have also found Jesus’ teachings to be highly “freeing,” and want to learn more. That is one reason why I chose LCC, as I wanted to grow in my spirituality, and become a part of a spiritual community.

JOANN RITSCHEL
Job/Career Fields: High School Math Teacher
Favorite Recent Movie: Green Book
Favorite Vacation Spot: Grand Tetons
Hobbies/Interests: Anything outdoors
Faith Journey/ Memory: Grew up Methodist. Came to LCC just through visiting several times. I live close by and enjoyed walking up and occasionally stopping in and came to like it and here I am.

WE ALSO WELCOMED LISA RICHARDS AND WILL SHARE HER INFORMATION IN AN UPCOMING EDITION OF THE COLUMNS
LCC’s Membership Directory is online for you to use on the go!
Only members whose email is in the directory can have access to the information.
Please make sure to update the office if you have any changes to your information.

**Online Member Directory**

1. Go to [https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/) (or download the app)
2. Click on the link: First time signing in? Create a login now.
3. Enter the email address as it is listed in the family portion of the directory.
4. Create a password. The password must be 8 characters long, and contain at least two of the following special characters: capital letters, numbers or symbols.
5. Retype the password to confirm it and click "Request Login."
6. Check your inbox for an email from service@instantchurchdirectory.com.
7. To complete the sign-up process, you will need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email.
8. Once you confirm your email, you may sign at members.InstantChurchDirectory.com
9. Your email with the password you created will work on all the Instant Church Directory apps on any device.
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SUNDAY WORSHIP:
NURSERY: Sunday, 9:50 a.m.
WORSHIP: Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
FAITH FORMATION: 10:15 a.m.
(Children start in worship and are excused to attend classes at Faith Formation time)

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Lenten Calendar
March 3rd: ‘Mardi Gras’ Service

March 6th: Ash Wednesday Potluck Soup and Bread Dinner and “Station Walk” 6:00-7:30 pm in the Social Hall

March 13th/March 27th/April 3rd/April 10th: Lenten Book Study “The Last Week” by Marcus Borg, at 7:00pm in the Parlor

March 19th: Taize & Labyrinth Walk from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Social Hall

Save the Dates

CIRCLE THESE DAYS ON YOUR CALENDARS:

- Saturday, March 9: LCC Annual Talent Show: World Travel: 6:00pm—tickets on sale after worship on Sundays!
- Progressive Dinner: Saturday, April 27, 6pm. Details coming soon...