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Lake Avenue Baptist Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 am: Worship for all, Sunday School
Children & Youth (Communion every first
Sunday of the month)
11:15 am: Fellowship
11:45 am: Adult Education
12:00 pm: Karen Worship
Myanmar Worship

CHURCH MODERATOR

Tom Argust

CHURCH STAFF

Sr. Pastor
Michael Ford

Associate Pastor
Debbie Bennett Reynolds

Music Educator, Chancel Choir Director
and Organist
Lee Foster

Gospel Spirits Director and Pianist
Isobel Davies

Refugee Coordinator
Hkadin Lee

Karen Lay Pastor
Day Chit

Myanmar Lay Pastor
Simon Kui

Office Manager
Ken Setera

Custodial Services
Lloyd Cuyler

CHURCH CALENDAR: To see the most up-to-date calendar of church events please visit the Lake Avenue Baptist Church website at www.lakeavebaptist.org.

LABC WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER



October 2, 2016: The first Sunday in October is designated as **World Communion Sunday**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern

the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. 10:00 am: Worship & Communion for all; Sunday School for children and youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 pm: Karen Fellowship Worship, Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship. We collect our Fellowship Offering.

Sunday, October 9, 2016: 10:00 am: Worship for all; Sunday School for children & Youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 pm: Karen Fellowship Worship and Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship.

Sunday, October 16, 2016: 10:00 am: Worship for all; Sunday School for Children and Youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education, Conference Room; 12:00 pm: Karen Fellowship Worship and Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship.

Sunday, October 23, 2016: The World Mission Offering is Collected. **The WMO gifts help raise up, place and send new global servants and volunteers to reach and touch lives for Jesus around the world. Please consider giving generously to this important offering when you receive the offering envelope and letter in the mail mid-month.** 10:00 am: Worship for all; Sunday School for Children and Youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 pm: Karen Fellowship Worship and Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship.

Sunday, October 30, 2016: Reformation Sunday: 10:00 am: Worship for all; Sunday School for Children and Youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 pm: Karen Fellowship Worship and Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship.

Oct. 2-Nov. 6: Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture We will be studying the Old Testament prophets with the help of distinguished professor Walter Brueggemann. Video clips by Brueggemann will jump start our conversations as we consider how the Old Testament speaks to us in our own spiritual journeys as we seek to be faithful people in challenging times. Please join us.

Nov. 13 & 20: Stewardship Emphasis.

Nov. 27-Dec.18: Advent Bible Study.

MID WEEK ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

We've just begun our mid-week adult education class on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. If you haven't joined yet, you've still got time. We're using a book by Sabine Dramm called "*Dietrich Bonhoeffer: An Introduction to His Thought*" as the basis for our conversations. Each chapter can stand alone so if you have not joined yet and are thinking you might be interested, come on out on Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. (Conference Room) and join us! Questions? Talk with Pastor Michael.



TUTORING FOR 6TH – 12TH GRADE STUDENTS: MONDAYS 4:30-6:00 P.M.

Tutoring begins on October 3 and will meet every Monday. Last year we were averaging 15-20 students, and students have been asking when we will begin. We combine homework help with academic games and activities. Depending on the needs, we seek to encourage English fluency, vocabulary, and writing, find fun ways to increase knowledge of geography and social studies, and strengthen math and science knowledge and interest. Maybe most importantly, we serve as mentors who encourage and provide direction and try to explain everything from weird internet rumors to American politics (which may be even weirder!) and all sorts of other challenges of American culture and educational systems. We have a good time together!

Students, sign up with Pastor Debbie if you want to come and need a ride. **Potential tutors, WE NEED MORE TUTORS!** If you might be interested, talk to Pastor Debbie or other tutors or just come visit and see if this is fit for your time, energy, and abilities.

Our Pastor's Article

This summer and fall I have had the joy of watching my son Holden play lacrosse. Each time I've watched him play a game something has stood out to me: the need for teamwork. When one player tries to do everything himself, he seldom succeeds. However, when the team listens to the guidance of the coach, works together, communicates, and dedicates itself to the shared goal (in this case literally and metaphorically), there is a greater chance of success.

The same can be said of the church as can be said of the lacrosse field. We have a coach who gives us guidance. God has laid out in Scripture basic instructions for living (or at least guidance and suggestions about how to encounter life in a faithful and faith-based way). When we work together to hear God's calling on our lives and our life as a church, and as we communicate about what we are doing and how we are doing it, we develop as a cohesive group moving towards a goal. Finally, when we are dedicated to a shared task, to bring God glory and to share the love of God in what we say and do, we encounter a greater potential for success. However, when we try to do things on our own, the challenges mount and more often than not we eventually come up short of the goal.

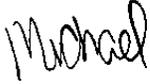
As we move into the fall season life truly ramps up at LABC. We have listened to God's calling and have determined what we believe to be the direction God is encouraging us to move. We have staffed our various programs with volunteers and clergy, and we continue to discover how to work together to see things really start to happen at LABC. It's an exciting time. However, it's also a challenging time.

For many who are new to LABC, it's a challenge to see how they fit into the team. Perhaps they are getting to know those of you who have been part of LABC for many years. Perhaps they are discovering their own gifts or abilities,

and are seeking to discern how to use those gifts in the service of God and the church. Perhaps they have had a bad experience in church before and are slowly feeling their way through the pain and learning to trust again. All of these things, and so many more, are true of the experiences of those in our community.

Let us seek to hear God's call and receive God's guidance. Let us continue to work with those who have been on the LABC "team" for many years, and those who are "rookies." Let us work communicate with honesty and respect, and let us continue to work towards the shared goal of sharing God's love and bringing God glory through what we say and do. And let us learn from our successes, and learn from our struggles. God has brought us to this place, and together we are called to be the people of LABC, the people of God in this time and location. May we serve God together as a team!

Blessings,



(P.S. If you don't know what lacrosse is, please feel free to re-read the article and replace it with baseball, football, soccer, or other team sports ... they'll all work! ☺)

A Note from Our Associate Pastor

Dear Friends,

As fall begins, I am happy to see Sunday School classes starting, tutoring beginning, and plans forming for special activities for different ages and groups. I am so grateful for the teachers we have who give so much of themselves to teach. We are very blessed with many wonderful children and youth and the challenge we have to nurture them in Christian faith is very real. I heard this past week that less than 3% of children today are being raised with significant exposure to church and Christian faith. Think about that. That means most of the children and young people they are in school with don't have any real connection to any church. That puts a lot of responsibility on us!

It has been said that the church is always just one generation away from extinction. Each generation needs to have vital experiences of God and meaningful connections to a faith community for the church to continue - not the church as building or institution, but the church as the people of God, trying to live faithfully in the world.

Christian educator John Westerhoff has said that "faith is more caught than taught." This is true for children, youth..... AND adults. So, as this fall begins I hope you will join me in thinking about how we can find more ways to "catch faith" from each other. What are creative, meaningful ways to support each other in knowing and loving God and in connecting as a loving, spiritual community? Is there some way God is moving in your life that you'd like to find a way to share? How are you growing in faith? Where are you being challenged? Are you using your gifts to serve in our community and need the support and prayer of the rest of us? Is there some ministry or mission you're feeling called to and you want to see if others will join with you? In what new and deeper ways is God calling us into faithful discipleship and shared community?

Think about it, pray about it, share what comes to you . . .

Blessings,



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

●**In Memoriam: Cheryl Koert**, who grew up at Lake Avenue Baptist Church and was the daughter of Elmer and Doris Corson, died on Friday, September 16 after more than a year long struggle with ovarian cancer. Cheryl was one of the original members of the LABC

Singles group that thrived in the late 70's and early 80's. Cheryl is survived by her husband Greg and son, Benjamin. She was 62 years old. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 1, at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Avenue.

●A Memorial Service for long time member **James Wandling** who passed away on Thursday, August 25 will

be held at Lake Avenue Baptist Church on Thursday, October 13 at 10:00 am.

- We continue to keep in our healing prayers **Sydney Blythe** who is recuperating at home from a recent illness.
- Our continued prayers for **Than Sein** and her family as they continue to care for her in her illness.
- We continue to keep in our prayers **Janice Beech** and the Beech family as they continue to mourn the passing of Paul Beech.
- Sally Robins**, Keith Harrington's mother, is now living with Keith and Laurie because some health issues made it more difficult to live alone.
- Our healing prayers are with **Dottie Yoder-Foster** as she continues to recover from recent surgery.



DRAMA TEAM

On Sunday September 25, in the second hour Adult Education class, we had a wonderful discussion about the use of drama in worship. The catalyst for this class was the remarkable presentation of "Joseph" shared with the congregation in August. Out of our conversation came the idea of forming a drama team that might be able to explore how to use drama in worship. Rather than taking the typical Baptist approach and forming a committee to discuss the possibility of such a team, I have decided to run with this idea and see where it goes. Therefore, if there is anyone who is interested in being part of a drama team, please email me at revmichaelford@gmail.com. Together we can explore what this group could look like, and how we could work together to use drama in our worship of God at LABC!



9th. Be sure to have your health insurance or Medicaid id card with you.

Once again we will be having a flu shot clinic at our church sponsored by Rite-Aid. The flu shots will be administered in the social hall following the 10:00 am service on Sunday, October

Supper & Something

Mark your calendars for our next Supper and Something which will take place on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm in the church social hall. This is a time for shared fellowship around a simple meal together and for sharing in conversation and prayer. As we have done in the past, you are asked to bring a dish to pass.



On Thursday, October 27th, at 12 noon you are invited to participate in a lunch celebrating the special foods of fall. Please plan to come and bring a dish to share if you can. We're thinking dishes made from all sorts of squash, apples, pumpkins cabbage and other vegetables at farmers' markets. Jane Grant and Doris Perrett have volunteered to organize this event, so talk with them about what you plan to bring! This will be a time for good food, shared fellowship, and prayer together.

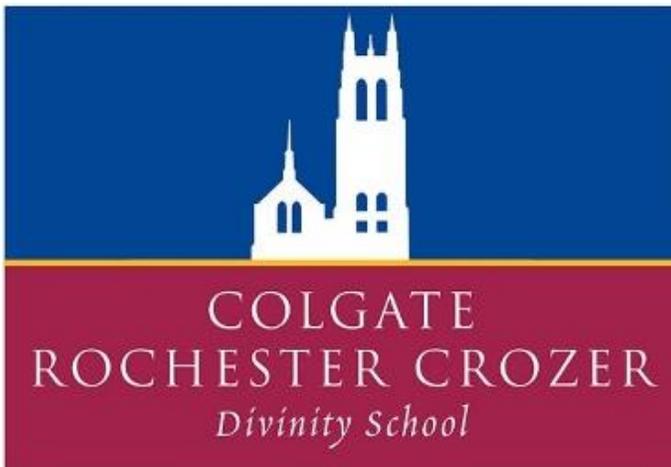


Children's Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 29, 6-8:30 p.m. we are planning a time of fun for our children. This is becoming a highly anticipated annual event. We have lots of costumes of various sizes, so you can come in costume or dress up after you arrive . . . and change costumes multiple times if you wish. Laurie Harrington has already volunteered to organize all sorts of Halloween-ish supper foods and is looking for youth and adult helpers. Some of our youth are planning to organize a fun, not-too-scary haunted house adventure.

Parents, we need you to bring your children (little ones especially need mom and/or dad to stay!) or sign up if you and your children need to be picked up. Kids, sign up in Sunday School, so we know if you need a ride!

Volunteers who are willing to come and help or who want to take a role in organizing games and activities (face painting, making small jack-o-lanterns, relay races or games with fall and Halloween themes), please sign up with Pastor Debbie. Others, you can donate candy for treats, foods for supper in coordination with Laurie's supper plan, costumes or hats, and/or decorations and pumpkins large or small. Plan to get in on the fun and have a Happy Halloween!



Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, one of Lake Avenue Baptist Church's Partners in Ministry has announced its 2016 Fall Lectures:

● **"Praise, Protest and Policy—Religion and Politics"** begins on Monday, October 3, 2016 and continues through Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Highlights include:

Monday, October 3, 2016, 7:00 pm: African American Legacy Lecture: *"The African American Church and the 2016 Political Season: Our Vision—Our Values—Our Votes"* with Rev. Dr. Marvin A. McMickle, Ph.D.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 7:00 pm: Christian Faith & LGBT Experience: "LGBT Advocates and Straight Allies: A Collaboration of Religion, Politics, Labor and Business" with NYS Assembly member Harry Bronson

Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 9:00 am Janice Lynn Cohen Symposium: "Caring for Children Where they Live: Community Clinics in Faith-Based Settings"

Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 7:00 pm: Helen Barrett Montgomery Lecture: "Can These Bones Live Again?" Faith and Politics in 2016, Part 1 with Simone Campbell, SSS

Thursday, October 6, 2016, 10:30 am: Helen Barrett Montgomery Lecture: "Can These Bones Live Again?" Faith and Politics in 2016, Part 2 with Simone Campbell, SSS

Thursday, October 6, 2016, 12:15 pm Helen Barrett Montgomery Luncheon (Featuring the Presentation of the Women of Vision Award)

To see the complete list of events, event locations or to register online, please click here: <http://www.crcds.edu/fall-lecture-week/> or call (585) 340-9643. Although registration has closed space is still available and CRCDS invites you to attend some or all lectures.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

● **Call for Volunteers: Fourth Annual Community Summit on Race, "Learning from the Past, Building for the Future" Saturday, October 15, 2016 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at East High School** 1801 East Main Street. Volunteers will be needed throughout the day from 8 am to 4 pm for registration, set up & breakdown, as guides, food servers, and workshop assistants. If you are interested please contact Natalie Banks at nbanks@abcinfo.org or Raquel Rodriguez at rrodriguez3@abcinfo.org or by calling 325-5116 ext. 1732.

● **Free Electronics Recycling Event: Saturday, October 15 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Rhino's Stadium,** 460 Oak Street. Acceptable items include laptops, desktops, televisions, video game consoles, cell phones, printers, MP3 players, DVD players and more. Refrigerators and other items containing Freon will not be accepted. For more information, please visit www.sunnking.com.

● **JOB CORPS U.S. Dept. of Labor Program:** Free Career Training for 16-24 Year Olds. An Opportunity for a Better Life - Go for It! **Orientation Schedule:** Wednesdays, 12 Noon at JOB CORPS, 39 State St., Suite 420, Rochester, NY 14614. Additional orientations available in Rochester and other areas. Call (585) 454-5130 or (585)944-1378 for information on all orientation and speak to Reginald L. Walton, Admissions Counselor, Job Corps/CHP International, Inc., 39 State St., Suite 420, Rochester NY 14614 (Fax number: (585) 805-9910)