

The LimeRocker

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From the Minister's Desk,

I have a friend who was born in Morocco. His father is a U.S. citizen and his mother is from Turkey. He spent his childhood in Germany, went to college in England, and then moved to the United States as a young adult. His parents have been living in Greece in recent years, where he often goes to visit. He is still living in the United States, but preparing to move to India, where his wife was raised. His father worked for the government and this was the life it required.

Such a lifestyle makes me wonder where my friend thinks of first when he wants to go "home?" Morocco? Germany? Greece? America? His response to this question is, "Home seems like a place that is wherever I am not." He continued, "No matter where I find myself in the world I feel like I am still missing an essential part of who I am." What a lesson in these words! Similarly, the Gospels and Paul, convey that we humans live in two realities, neither fully being a true home. We live between the temporal and spiritual worlds. It is basic to our faith. In fact, it may well be basic to almost all religious faiths. People from varied traditions and backgrounds describe the human experience as taking place on earth, which we call home, yet simultaneously a journey. Albeit, perhaps a trip through sleet and fog with limited visibility, yet still we seek a place that gives us rest when we feel disconnected with life here and now.

A powerful analogy to this is in the language of "globalization," which we hear more and more. Globalization connotes a shrinking world, facilitated by faster travel and more efficient communication. We live closer to each other, closer to once far away places. It is much easier to experience a foreign place than it used to be. There are today literally hundreds of millions of so-called "expatriates," in the world (a person living in a country

other than his/her homeland). For example, more than 80% of the population of Dubai, (capital of the United Arab Emirates), consists of non-citizens. The nation of Singapore also has about 80% of its entire population who are foreign born. A rise in people living outside their home country is a consequence of globalization - a recent phenomenon, but we read in the Bible where thousands of years ago the ancient Israelites left the land of Egypt only to wander in the wilderness for an extended period of time. It was portrayed as the necessary path "back home." It seems evident at one point in the story the memory of Egypt was feeling more like a home to many Israelites who had become unhappy with their extended homelessness. Three thousand years later, most persons who say they are Jewish today, live outside Israel. We call this the Jewish "diaspora" (diaspora meaning "scattering").

Life can unfold in such a way as to make us feel out of place or as if we do not belong, even if we have lived in the same place all our lives. A once comfortable space can become a place not for rest, but a hiding place from the world. Ironically, there is something normal about this experience. We humans find ourselves wandering at times. While there is usually a place we call home that gives us a sense of identity and comfort, we might still search for a non-spatial home we land upon through our personal spiritual journey. The liberating truth in all of this we are never far from home no matter how unfamiliar the world becomes. The Gospel of John states that in response to our pursuit of God, God will make a home with us where we are (John 14:23). As the Psalmist says, "where can I go and you are not there" (Psalm 139)?

Rev. Burch



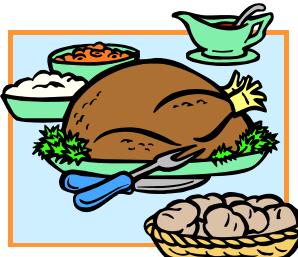
Trunk- or- Treating



submitted by Jerilyn Cranshaw

It was a beautiful and memorable October night... Steve Cranshaw, the man dressed as a hot dog, stood in the church parking lot to greet everyone interested in trunk-or-treating! This was the first indication that it was going to be a fun night. The kids all got to show off their halloween costumes, play games, and get candy! The night was a huge success and we are so grateful for everyone's help. Thank you to all who participated, decorated trunks, and most importantly (to those with a sweet tooth) passed out candy. We hope you also had a great time! Ruth Bury was our resident witch for the evening!
**(we also want to thank Jerilyn & Steve for all their hard work.
We had eleven trunks for the children to find treats in. Thank you
to everyone who helped make the evening a success!)**

Harvest Pot Luck Dinner



Saturday, November 10th, 2012 at 6:00PM

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to know what everyone will be bringing. this is a night of good fellowship and a time to share your favorite fall recipes .



www.LRBCRI.org

The new Lime Rock Baptist Church website will be formally "launched" at the Harvest Dinner on November 10th. After Dinner we will head upstairs for a presentation on the movie screen in the sanctuary. You won't want to miss it.

BODY RECALL



The Body Recall class continues to be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00AM. Come and try out a session of light and fun exercise. For details contact the

Body Recall instructor Tina Perry at tina@abcori.org.

STEWARSHIP

The Stewardship letter and Pledge cards will be sent out shortly for 2013.

If you don't receive one in the mail sometime next week please contact me. Stewardship Sunday in November 18, 2012. Please return your Pledge card at this time. I will have the 2013 Pledge Envelopes in the Church Narthex sometime the beginning of December. Thank you.

Joan Bateson

Adopt-A-Family

The holidays are fast approaching and we have received our Adopt-a-Family assignment. Once again we have a family with 5 children. An announcement with more information will be made within the next few weeks. Thanks again for so enthusiastically supporting this annual project!

Audrey & Paula

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

The mid-week Bible study is held Wednesday mornings at 10:30AM. We are studying the book of Revelation.

All are welcome!



ABCORI SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR LIME ROCK

Congratulations to Lime Rock Baptist Church for its collaborative efforts in serving seniors. The American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island (ABCORI) Elder Care Ministries honored Lime Rock at the ABCORI Annual Gathering in September. Among other things ABCORI noted Lime Rock's hospitality toward our guests from the Atria community on Sunday mornings. Thank you to all the ushers/deacons who consistently lend an arm to escort our Atria guests from their bus to the church doors. This one simple act of hospitality means a lot. From enhancements to the outdoor chapel to the long history of the Limerockers lunch group, these are just a few examples of your generosity. Thank you to everyone for your service to others and congratulations on being recognized. Thank you to Ron and Audrey Rivet, and Jerilyn Cranshaw for attending the ABCORi event and accepting the recognition on behalf of Lime Rock.

After Church Coffee Hour



The new sign-up sheet for 2013 is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are looking for volunteers to supply the refreshments for after Church next year. If you are unable to do a whole month you can sign up for the weeks you are able. Thank you!



COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The first season of the garden has ended as the soil has been turned over and the beds lie dormant now until spring. **Thank you again to Jim Metz for winterizing the garden.** We will be hearing more about the garden in the new year, and definitely recruiting more volunteers. We will need more volunteers to continue next season, so please express your interest in helping if you can. The Lime Rock Community

Garden chairperson for 2013 is Deb Cadd.

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***“Happy Birthday”
to you***

*The following members will be
celebrating
November birthday's :*



Nov. 4th Ralph Lancaster
Nov. 5th Robbi Gossilin
Nov. 29th Oliver Perry

November Anniversaries:

Nov. 7th Barbara & Gordon Jackson 67 yrs.

Providence Street Painting Festival



On September 29th, the youth group participated in the 13th annual Providence Street Painting Festival. This was our first opportunity to work in collaboration with the youth groups of Emmanuel Baptist Church and Chapel Street Congregational Church. The street painting festival gave the kids a chance to get creative and watch some very talented artists at work.

Please view the photo gallery at lrbcri.org to see all the masterpieces!
-Jerilyn Cranshaw



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Standing Committee Meeting After Church

Nov. 11, 2012

Church Minister's Vacation in November

Rev. Burch will be away on vacation Nov. 4 - 10, 2012 and on Sunday, Nov. 25th.

Deacons' Meeting Change

The November 25th Deacons' Meeting has been moved to December 2nd.

Decorating the Church for Christmas:

Sunday, November 25th the church will be decorated after Church.

Forms to order Christmas Plants

will be included in the December Newsletter.

Notes

If you would like to have an article or announcement printed in the Limerocker please e-mail Eunice Potts at:
epotts8592@hotmail.com..



"Church Service Cancelled Due to Snow"

You can now find out if Church Service is cancelled by tuning in to our local television channels such as Channel 10 after 8:00AM or by a voice message left on the Church Phone.

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