



The Mini-Monthly STEEPLE

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Sun Dresses destined for Sierra Leone through Eduations

LEPC NEWS

Witness:

School Supplies: Thank you to those who supported this mission work to the local community. Multiple bags of school supplies were delivered to YCS for those who cannot afford the items. *To God Be The Glory!*

Dresses for Missions: Leicester EPC is happy to report that several women (members and friends) have made over 20 Sun Dresses that are on their way to Sierra Leone through the non-profit organization called Eduations. Thank you ladies (see photo to the right). *To God Be The Glory!*

To learn more about Eduations, please visit: <http://www.eduations.org/index.php>

Property:

Furnace Replacements: After examining 4 estimates, Andy Klein Plumbing & Heating Inc., Mumford, NY, has been selected to do the work. The work will include furnace replacements for the sanctuary and for Fellowship Hall including air conditioning for the hall only. Work is expected to begin on 8/28. The hope is to have it completed in the first or second week of September.

The total cost was estimated at \$19,000. Thankfully the stock market has been bullish, but special donations for this project would be appreciated to lessen the burden on the church portfolio. Donations may be made out to "LEPC" with a memo "Furnace Fund" or put in an envelope with the "Furnace Fund" written on the outside and placed in the Sunday offering, or mail it to the church. Thank you

Christian Ed:

Leicester EPC will be offering a Nursery (newborn to 3 years), and a Kindergarten through 3rd grade (ages 4-8) Sunday School for the children of parents who would like to join us for worship. It will be called:

**GRANDMA'S
OLD-FASHIONED
ONE ROOM
SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Grandma's Sunday School will commence on September 17th. Infants and children are always welcome to remain in the worship service with their parents or guardian, but this is an alternative.

Grandma will be cooking up some good things for a safe and fun-filled time where the children will be taught the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Grandma will use Bible stories, videos, crafts, games and singing. She has a variety of recipes for learning according to the Bible.

Actually we have many grandmas that will be serving as teachers.

They will be in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m., with the children for the first part of the worship service. Then, the Grandmas and all the children, with parental permission, will exit to Fellowship Hall to be nurtured according to God's Word.

The children will be released into their parent or guardian's care at any time, but normally Sunday School will finish at approximately 11:45 a.m. to coincide with the conclusion of the worship service.

The Nursery will also be located in Fellowship Hall. The Grandmas love these little one. There is even a rocking chair that can assist in comforting any child in distress. The

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200th
Anniversary

God is Faithful Through All Generations

200th Year Anniversary Verse:

*Because of the Lord's great love
we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

meets at Carol Griffen's house at 2 p.m., unless otherwise announced at Sunday worship.

All **Men** are invited to join the Saturday Men's Group that usually meets in Fellowship Hall at 7 a.m.

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Nursery will be available at 10:30 a.m. as the regular service begins.

If anyone would like to help the Grandmas, please see Leo or Sharon Richardson. Grandpas can help too!

If you know of any neighborhood children, or if you have grandchildren or great grandchildren, please make it known that Leicester EPC is prepared for them at

GRANDMA'S OLD-FASHIONED ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL.

For more information, please contact Grandma Sharon or Grandpa Leo at 585-382-3153.

Berean's Class: Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Come and watch the DVD, "World Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians". This summit took place in recent months and was organized by Franklin Graham.

Worship:

Solid Rock Riders will be visiting us for worship on September 17th. They plan to do a presentation about their mission to bikers and to provide personal testimonies on how the Lord made a difference in their lives. Solid Rock Riders is a club which is part of CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association) out of Hornell, N.Y.

Stewardship:

LEPC Financial Update for July:
Operating Income: \$3225.77
Operating Expenses: \$3096.13
Mission Income: \$190
Mission Expenditures: \$37.88

Session:

In response to a suggestion by Franklin Graham, made on the DVD in the Berean's Class (see report above), Session has designated Africa for a special focus for LEPC prayers for the persecuted church. We will not neglect praying for others worldwide who are persecuted for their faith.

Miscellaneous:

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LEPC Website website has been up-graded with a new look. Please take a moment and check it out at: <http://seekinggodtogether.com/> After that, why not check out the LEPC Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/UPCLeicester/> This page is being updated with items of interest around 4 times a week.



Shirley Siniapkin
at the Cloisters in Warsaw



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How To Have Faith When You're Afraid

Do you ever feel as if your Christian faith is like a roller coaster ride?

Sometimes my spiritual life feels that way.

There are seasons when my faith feels sky high and rock solid. I'm confident in the Lord's plans for my life, my identity is secure in Christ alone, and my excitement for the gospel can barely be contained.

And then there are the low points, when the opposite feels true. I know you can relate.

Why do we experience such highs and lows? Of course, there are multiple reasons, but as I've studied the Bible, counseled others, and examined my own heart, I keep bumping into a common conclusion:

For Christians, it's very tempting for us to hook our everyday faith to our everyday circumstances.

There's a short story in the Bible that illustrates this truth with power. Hebrews 11:23 says, "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Could there be anything more scary than what Moses' parents were

experiencing? Pharaoh had just issued a death sentence for their newborn son! The horror of this moment is hard for us to wrap our brains around.

The circumstances of everyday life could not get worse for Moses' parents; they had every reasonable right to be terrified. But their faith never weakened, and they were not afraid.

How can you live with such confidence?

Your faith must not be tied to your daily circumstances, but to the Lord, whose eternal presence, promises, and provisions are never altered by daily circumstances.

Living by faith means that no matter what happens, you have reason to continue. God is still the same. His commands are still valid. His promises are still true. His provision is still abundant. His presence has never left.

At street-level, even though your circumstances may change dramatically, nothing has actually changed at a spiritual level.

In the most terrifying moment of life, Moses' mother and father believed by faith that God never changed. And they held on to this truth with every quaking fiber in their soul.

I love the Bible because it tells real stories of real people with real fears and real pain. This particular man and woman aren't heroes of the faith; they're just like me and you.

These flawed Christians made the decision to hook their faith to the only Hero of the Bible, who does not change, instead of hooking their faith to the roller coaster of daily circumstances. Why don't you do the same today?

**Update from Steve Woodworth,
Associate Coordinator
of ITEN: EPC**

ITEN is training trainers who will equip their own people to live on mission for the Glory of God among the unreached. To learn more visit <http://itenglobal.org/>

Sierra Leone

Bruce and I just returned from a fruitful week of ministry in Sierra Leone. Working with leaders of the emerging RBI (Reformed Bible Institute) we joined with 45 students for 5 days of teaching on theology, church history, leadership and pastoral ministry.

You can view a handful of photos from our trip, and you can read more by going to: <http://thethursdaycircle.com/flooding-sierra-leone/>



The above picture is a photo of the makeshift lectern I taught from in a Muslim village in Sierra Leone.

The trip capped off a tremendously full summer of speaking, teaching and traveling through 8 states and 3 countries. As I start my third year with ITEN, it promises to be one of our most productive yet.

As you read on, please continue to join us with your prayers and support. It is your partnership that continues to make it all possible. Thank You!

Reformed Bible Institute

We had come to Sierra Leone to assist local leaders with the continuing develop of a growing seminary called RBI (Reformed Bible Institute).

Over the course time there, we saw students that were devoted to seeing the Kingdom of Christ come to this corner of His world.

Some students are former Muslims who have already sacrificed family and their former communities.

Now, as pastors to unreached peo-



Pastors gather for training

ple groups throughout the land, they sacrifice their health, financial gain, and personal safety to spread the light of Christ to regions cloaked in darkness.

As we huddled together in our crowded classroom, we learned as much as we taught. We worshiped together without instruments and the pure voices of these emerging leaders filled the village with declarations that “Jesus Christ is Lord.”

Challenges in Sierra Leone

The work, we were told, is difficult. The spiritual soil in many places is tough for planting. And yet there was an unshakable belief in the faithfulness of God to bring his promises for Sierra Leone to fruition.

The evidence was all around us. Amidst a Muslim village of 500 inhabitants there now sits a Christian



Bruce and I with leaders from RBI and the Muslim chief of the village who asked us for prayer.

school, a hospital, and a classroom full of over 40 converts who have been called to minister the gospel to the next generation.

Of course, we always desire more.

We always wish for things to come more quickly, but our God is a patient God who has revealed to us the certainty of human history.

These pastors we gathered with are the glorious “first fruits” of a movement of God’s Spirit that is spreading like a fire across Western Africa, reclaiming what was once lost to superstition, magic, tribalism, and the dark veil of Islam.

In the eyes of these pastors we saw the future. A light on the hill of Africa illuminating Christ into the hearts of every tribe, nation and tongue.

Natural Disaster in Sierra Leone

Recently rain poured out of the heavens for days upon days until the



soil on a hillside outside of Freetown broke and mud roared its way on to villagers

down below. Hundreds of lives were lost, hundreds more were displaced and left homeless.

Village of Rokassa

The name of the village took me several days to pronounce correctly, although the hospitality of the inhabitants made me feel immediately at home. And even as I bumbled my way through the cultural divide, they repeatedly honored me with gracious generosity. From the moment you arrive, the children in the village will gather around you, asking for you to take their picture. With salutes, raised thumbs, and bursting smiles, they will hold their poses as long as the camera keeps rolling.



Rokassa Children

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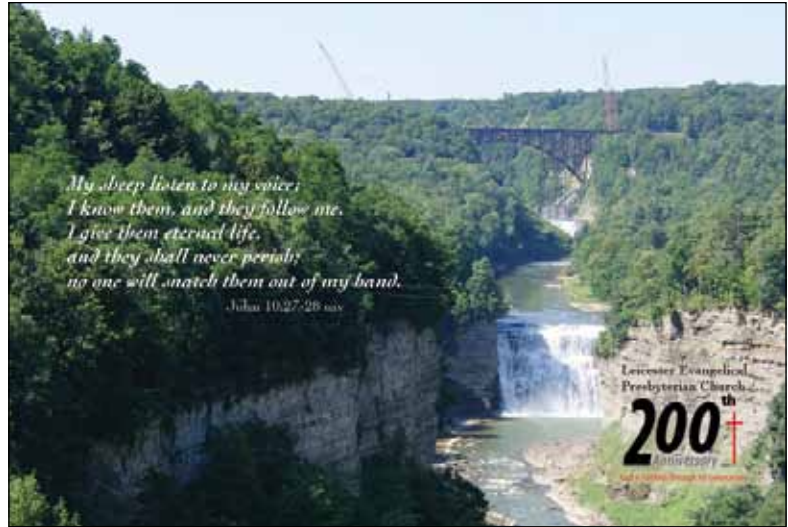
Our purpose is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, and He is moving among his people here in Leicester.

Our intent is to keep the readers informed of local events.

A full Steeple edition will still be published quarterly.

For submissions or comments contact: Leo Richardson, Editor at 382-3153 or grichardson001@rochester.rr.com

Please keep any announcements faith related or community based, brief and to the point. Thank you.



Scripture Postcards are available at LEPC.



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LEPC's Edunations Child

Margret Conteh is 10 years old and lives in Sierra Leone where the Presbytery of the Alleghenies reaches out with Gospel in several villages. Margret attends the Mayatta Hope Academy in Makump.

Please remember her in your prayers and in your giving to the Missions Fund.



Margret Conteh

World Vision

GERMIAS

Please keep LEPC's HopeChild in your prayers.

"I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 10:10



Please remember him in your prayers and in your giving to the HopeChild Offering on the second Sunday of each month.