

# The Light

February 2012

## **Weekly Schedule**

### **Sunday**

8:30am Worship  
Service

9:40am Adult  
Sunday School

10:30am Worship  
Service

10:40am  
Children's  
Sunday School

### **Monday**

10:00am Yoga

### **Tuesday**

10:00am Women's

Bible Study

12:30pm

Jubilate Ringers

### **Wednesday**

9:00am Men's

Bible Study

10:00am WOC

Bible Study

(offsite)

### **Thursday**

6:00pm Yoga

7:00pm Choir

Practice

### **Saturday**

7:30am Men of

Purpose

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

Session Meeting

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

Stephen Ministers

### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Youth Group

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

Women of the  
Church

## **Lowcountry Church Takes a First Step Forward**

Most of what happens in the life of the church happens quietly and without much notice. Usually one week is pretty much like the rest. Sure the calendar shows a particular meeting in one week that doesn't happen in the next. But even the content of that meeting is not going to significantly change the life of that congregation.

This past week, the third week of January, was not like that. It was a week that happens only rarely, a week when some monumental conversation and decisions took place that will have implications in this congregation for many years to come. This was the scheduled week in which your session met to hear the comments of our executive presbyter, Rev. Donnie Woods, giving guidance on initiating and implementing the search process to secure a new, installed pastor for Lowcountry Presbyterian Church.

After Rev. Woods spoke and responded to questions of the session, the elders continued speaking with one another about its role in the search process. The realization of the session that night was that a special meeting of the session would be in order to fulfill its leadership to launch the search process. The following Monday evening, January 23, the session reconvened and approved three specific pieces of the design. Having already voted last fall to have a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) of seven people, the session voted to delegate the task of forming a slate of candidates for the PNC to the congregation's nominating committee. They further voted to have the PNC be the ones responsible to conduct a church mission study before it writes the Church Information Form (CIF) and reviews the field of potential candidates. Finally, the session voted to elect Bob Lowry to be the chairperson of the PNC and Dave Post to be the second elder on the PNC. The congregation's nominating committee will be responsible to bring a slate of five more candidates to the congregation at some time in the near future to complete the committee.

Because a Presbyterian congregation goes through the search process for a new pastor only infrequently, and because many in the congregation may be unfamiliar with how Presbyterians put a new pastor in place, let me use this page to explain the highlights of the process, which is in three parts. Once the PNC is formed and commissioned in its work, the committee will develop a working style and develop a document called a "mission study." This involves a thorough look at who we are in this church, what norms do we choose, how do we understand our mission, what difference would it make if we were not here in Bluffton. We want to know who we are and how we understand what God is calling us to be and do as a church. The PNC will explore the insights and hopes of the congregation to be sure we develop a comprehensive statement of our mission together. This first step could last between two and four months.

## Lowcountry Church Takes a First Step Forward *continued:*

With a soundly-written mission study that represents the thinking of the congregation and shares common understandings of our mission here, the PNC is now ready to compose a second document that condenses the essential findings of the mission study and puts those understandings into a new document utilized across the denomination that describes our church and delineates what kind of pastoral leadership we are seeking. This second document, called the CIF, becomes a public document that circulates online and through our denominational office in Louisville (KY) to announce our search and attract candidates with the appropriate skills and gifts for ministry to consider Lowcountry as the place where God is calling that man or woman to serve. Writing the CIF and getting it approved by the session and the Committee on Ministry of the presbytery will take another three to five months.

This begins the third phase of the process, which takes the longest and can seem the most tedious. The work of the PNC becomes much less visible and the congregation needs to become patient and extremely trusting to allow the PNC as much time as they need to do their work and do it well. During this third phase the PNC will receive an almost-endless series of Personal Information Forms (PIFs) written by pastors seeking a new call. In groups of 20, each member of the PNC will read every PIF and take the time to discuss every one of them. When a candidate seems to have some promise, the PNC will request an audio copy of some sermons. As more PIFs are read and discussed, as candidates continue to look worthy of further consideration, the PNC will conduct telephone interviews with some of those candidates. They will read more PIFs and eliminate most of them from further consideration. Then they'll read more PIFs and conduct more interviews and complete reference checks. This will continue for six to sixteen months, maybe longer, until both the PNC and a candidate begin to have a sense that this could be the "call" that God is choosing for Lowcountry Presbyterian Church.

Once the PNC and the selected candidate have agreed upon terms of call, and the presbytery's Committee on Ministry has approved this candidate to be recommended to become a member of this presbytery, then the PNC will come to the session to request a congregational meeting to take place on a certain Sunday. On that day there will be only one worship service, at which time the candidate will deliver a sermon and perhaps lead other parts of the service. At the congregational meeting after the service the PNC will present their recommended candidate along with the specific terms of call. With the candidate outside the sanctuary, the congregation will vote whether or not to extend a call to this candidate.

Assuming the vote is positive, the PNC is dissolved with thanks, the congregation eagerly awaits the starting date of the new pastor, and then the real work begins - forming the partnership of a pastor and a people to work together to be the best possible church that we can be. It's an exciting time filled with hope and possibilities. It's the new beginning of the next chapter of this congregation that will extend fruitfully into the next decade and beyond. Stick around and be a part of this new thing which the Lord is doing among us.

Grace and peace,  
*Rev. Bob McCreight*



*Joe Crowley*, Clerk  
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The Stated Session meeting was held on January 16, 2012 in the Rose Room. Some of the actions taken were:

Approved the minutes from the December 19, 2011 Stated Session Meeting.

Approved the minutes from the December 4, 2011 Called Congregational Meeting to elect a Bob Lowry as a Session member.

Approved several membership changes including 2 reinstatements.

Received the monthly Pastor's Report including a review of new members to be received at the January 22 Called Session Meeting.

Received treasurer's report and a presentation on the 2012 budget stewardship campaign.

Received a presentation by Rev. Donnie R. Woods, Executive Presbyter, Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery, on the Presbytery's role in and support of our formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and the planning process.

Approved a Called Session Meeting on January 23 to agree on and to approve our process for formation of the PNC.

Approved the 2012 budget.

Our next Stated Session meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2012 in the Rose Room at 7 pm. Unless declared an Executive Session, any interested members of the congregation are welcome to attend as observers.

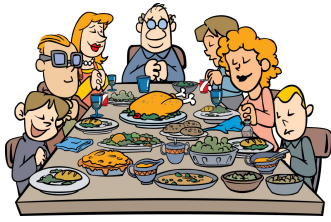
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## Communication Committee

*Vicki Melton*, Communication Chair  
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Communication is a new Committee on the Session. The principle activities of this committee include member communications, website, photography, and member directory. My initial focus on this committee will be in the area of branding our communications. What should be the "look" of our communications that makes it known that the information is coming from Lowcountry Presbyterian Church? If you have some expertise in this area, we would really appreciate your help.

In the meantime, we are planning a new member directory later this year. There are several new faces in the congregation and it will help all of us put the right names with those faces. Watch for further information in the coming months.



# Fellowship

*Maggie Taylor, Fellowship Chair*

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## Meet & Mingle

“WOW”!! “What a GREAT story”!  
“I’ve never heard anything like that before”!  
“How sweet”!

COMMENTS you may hear when you come to

## M & M NIGHT

(this) Monday, January 30 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall

And bring that special treasure or ‘something’ that means so much and

share it’s story’

It’s



night

Dessert provided

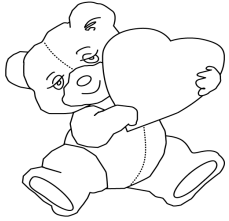
Sign up Sunday or call Maggie Taylor at 208-2468

### *DATES TO REMEMBER:*

<i>February 21</i>	<i>Shrove Tuesday Annual Pancake Supper</i>
<i>February 22</i>	<i>First of Lenten Series Noon Lunches (Ash Wednesday )</i>
<i>April 5</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday Soup and Bread Supper</i>

### SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME SNACKS

Why not take a turn and bring some snacks and serve coffee.  
Select a date on the sign-up Hospitality sheet posted in the Narthex.  
Join in the fellowship and *Let’s Please Christ!*



Attention knitters or crocheters, the Pastoral Care Committee has started a new program this year where we are creating prayer shawls or lap robes for the residents of Carolina House and NHC. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Chris Pittenger. We can provide a crochet pattern if needed.

## Pastoral Care Ministry

Pastoral Care Ministry is available for those in need of consideration and prayer. The pastor and/or Dick MacDougal are available to take communion to anyone who requests for it to be brought to the hospital or to their home.

The ministry volunteers are dedicated to visiting congregants in need to provide comfort, consideration, prayer and Communion. Families and friends of congregants in need should notify the church office to request a Pastoral Care visit (815-6570) or [lpcoffice1@hargray.com](mailto:lpcoffice1@hargray.com)

## **Flower Ministry— Emily Bortz**

**F**aith/Fellowship

**L**ove

**O**utreach

**W**elcome

**E**ncouragement

**R**ecognition

In the spirit of "many hands make light work," the Christian Caring Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the "rearranging" of our Sunday flower arrangements (after the last service) into smaller bouquets...and with the delivery to members of our church family or friends—2 volunteers are needed each week. Generally, committee members are scheduled only once or twice every 3 months. All information is given days ahead so arrangers & deliverers will know the plan for their particular Sunday. Members are flexible and always willing to switch dates should a scheduling conflict arise.

This is a great opportunity to "reach out and touch someone" in our church community. If you enjoy flowers and making a difference in someone's day, please contact me at 705-5472 or [emilybortz@hargray.com](mailto:emilybortz@hargray.com) for more information.

Thank you so much for the volunteers who have stepped up to visit those in need in homes, hospitals, and nursing facilities to help the Pastor and/or when the Pastor is unavailable.

## **Greeting Card Ministry - Carol Fleisher**

This group sends greeting cards to those who are ill, in the hospital, or have suffered a loss. This generally happens automatically when a call comes into the church office. However, if you know of anyone deserving of a card, for any other reason; i.e., *thinking of you*, etc., please contact Carol at 705-5322 or [cfleisher@sc.rr.com](mailto:cfleisher@sc.rr.com). The group of gals who send greeting cards are: Linda Fischer, Carol Fleisher, Bobbie Gasser, Carolyn Kline, Ann Thompson and Alice Yancey.

## **The LPC Christian Caring Committee**

The LPC Christian Caring Committee touches the lives of many members every day of the year. This ministry, with the mission of providing comfort to those who have "rough spots" in their lives, quietly provides support just as Jesus did for the people who came in contact with Him. This ministry communicates the need for prayerful support to those who are ill, homebound, lonesome, cumbered with overwhelming burdens of all sorts. Help is available regardless of church membership. If you know of any of our members who will be having surgery, or going into the hospital, or moving to a nursing facility, or is going to be homebound for any reason, please notify the church office so we can make sure someone from the church contacts them.



# PROPERTY & GROUNDS

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## Sanctuary Acoustics

I want to first recognize that I know there are a number of you that have a problem comprehending the spoken word in our Sanctuary. So that you understand, the problem lies not with our sound system but rather with the Sanctuary itself. The acoustics for music are great but for the spoken word it is not very good to say the least.

Specifically this has to do with our high ceiling, the large amount of glass, the uncovered large walls, and the lack of adequate buffers. All of this creates the "echo" we hear which makes it difficult to discern the words. While we solved the original sound system problems by getting a new system, the high quality of the new one has exacerbated the problem with the "echo".

Let me assure you that your Session is working hard to find solutions to this problem. It is not an easy task as it involves getting a specialist involved to provide us with some suggestions to help alleviate this problem. Make no mistake about it though, it will in the end require us to make some alterations to the Sanctuary. This will be the only way that we can have an impact in reducing the "echo" we have now.

In the meantime, if you are so inclined and able, the balcony produces a very high quality sound for us. Also, the assisted hearing devices are working very well and eliminates this problem completely. Thank you for your patience and we will keep you posted as we move forward with this.

***Bob Lowry***  
Elder, Buildings and Grounds

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# STRATEGIC PLANNING

*Becki Hale, Strategic Planning Chair*  
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Help! Our Committee has just been assigned the task of serving as the Archivist for LPC. We need assistance from anyone who is organized or has the ability to help us come up with an organizational plan for almost 20 years of records documenting the history of LPC. So whether you have librarian skills, scrapbooking skills or simply some time to help with this most important task give me a call or send me an email, or simply come to our next meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 in the Rose Room. This task is even more important now that we are planning and looking toward the future and hiring a new Pastor. Tracking where we have been will help us find where we are going, and to plan for the future of LPC.

Strategic Planning Elder  
***Becki Hale***

# LOCAL MISSIONS

*Diane Mikkelsen, Missions Chair*

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The spotlight for Missions the beginning of this year is on hunger in the Bluffton community. We started in January with our monthly Change Can Make a Change offering, which occurs the second Sunday of each month, being designated for a new mission in Bluffton. The Campbell Chapel AME Food Kitchen which opened on January 11 will be serving meals to the hungry every Wednesday at noon with possible expansion to other days in the future. Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, \$508.50 was collected in the Change Can Make a Change offering with another \$50 donated by the Women of the Church to go towards this worthwhile project.

We will continue in February to combat hunger in Bluffton in several ways. The Change Can Make a Change offering will go to Bluffton Self Help and the Minute for Mission on that Sunday will be given by representatives of that organization, Peter Bromley and John Orth. In addition, there will be a food drive for canned goods and non perishable items THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY to help restock the shelves of the 3 area food banks; First Baptist Church Shepherd's Closet, Church of the Cross Food Bank and Bluffton Self Help. In addition this year, the LPC Youth Group is sponsoring the annual Souper Bowl of Caring and will be collecting cans of soup and money on the first Sunday of the month to help support these food banks. Please help support the youth of our church with their mission project.

Missions would like to thank everyone in the congregation who helped to make this year's Angel Tree the best ever. Thanks to your generosity, 13 families with a total of 37 children and 5 senior citizens had a much brighter Christmas with gifts of clothing, toys for the children and food. Participation was fantastic with 198 angels taken and all gifts returned on time plus extra monetary donations which allowed us to purchase additional food cards for everyone. We receive the children's names and their families from the social worker at Okatie Elementary School each year and LPC received a thank you from her and the principal that said, in part ,

"As I write this thank you, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the many things that Lowcountry Presbyterian Church unselfishly does for Okatie families. In a world where so much is taken for granted, it warms my heart to know how much you become involved and respond to our requests year after year. It gladdens my heart to know you are such an important part of our children's lives".

February will also be the beginning of our new relationship with Family Promise of Beaufort County as a "support" church instead of as a "host" church because of the limited space that is available in Fellowship Hall. Bluffton United Methodist Church which has been a "support" church in the past has become a "host" church this year and we will be working with them as they make this transition. The first week of this year will begin February 26 and end on March 4. If you are interested in learning more about Family Promise which believes that "one homeless child is one too many" or would like to volunteer during this week, please call June Allison (707-7671), Diane Mikkelsen (757-6686) or David Simpson (705-3857). We will be needing volunteers to help set up the rooms, make meals or sleep overnight.

Another Mission opportunity very close to home is our monthly Carolina House Hymn Sing. If you love to sing, please join us between services on Sunday, February 12 when we gather at the Carolina House next door to sing and visit with residents. In addition, we have several members who regularly visit with individual residents throughout the month. If either one or both of these opportunities are something you would be interested in, please contact Ann Puls (705-9119) or David Simpson (705-3857).

One of the organizations that LPC Missions supports is Lowcountry Legal Volunteers. They are hosting their annual fundraiser on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Hilton Head and you are invited to join in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Justice (see invitation in this newsletter). If interested, you may contact them at (843) 815-1570.

Please consider becoming a member of our active committee. The more members we have, the more we can do for others. Come and be a part of our committee or volunteer to help with one or more of our projects throughout the year. We'd love to have y'all!

# Mission Beyond

*Bobbie Gasser, Missions Co-Chair*

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## HEIFER INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Heifer International has helped 12.5 million families in more than 125 countries, including the United States. Heifer provides more than 25 kinds of livestock, as well as trees, seeds, and training in environmentally sound agriculture so that families have a reliable source of food and income. Additionally, the original gift is multiplied as recipients agree to share one or more of their animals' offspring in what Heifer calls Passing on the Gift.



In December, \$3,630 was received at LPC for Heifer International. That included sponsorship of the following animals: 1 water buffalo, 1 llama, 6 goats, 1 sheep, 2 pigs, 3 trios of rabbits, 5 honeybees, 28 flocks of chicks, 5 flocks of ducks/geese, and 1 tree seedling. Purchasing a share of the animals was also an option, and we received money for 3 shares of a heifer, 4 shares of a water buffalo, 7 shares of a llama, 1 share of a goat, 7 shares of a sheep, 1 share of rabbits, and 1 share of a menagerie. There were 9 designations of "where most needed."

Mission Beyond thanks you for your support of this project.



## WATER MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

On the second Sunday in March, LPC, along with other churches across the country, will be participating in a Water Sunday, a Sunday when we raise our awareness about the global water crisis, using educational materials from Water Missions International. Watch for more information in coming weeks.


## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering is March 18th. This offering has been a tradition for more than 60 years across multiple denominations. Each denomination gives some of the gifts it receives for shared ministry through Church World Service. Presbyterians also use their gifts for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, hunger programs, and self-development of people. Together we can make a difference. Please come prepared to share. Special envelopes will be available on the day of the offering.



The Board of Trustees of  
Lowcountry Legal Volunteers  
Invite You To Join In The  
**5TH ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION OF JUSTICE**

*A Walk Down  
Bourbon Street*



COCKTAILS  
LOUISIANA STYLE DINNER  
SILENT AUCTION

*Saturday, February 18, 2012*


COUNTRY CLUB OF HILTON HEAD  
6PM

\$75.00 per person  
Seated Dinner

Complimentary Cocktail  
Cash Bar  
RSVP February 8, 2012

*Cocktail/Festive Attire*

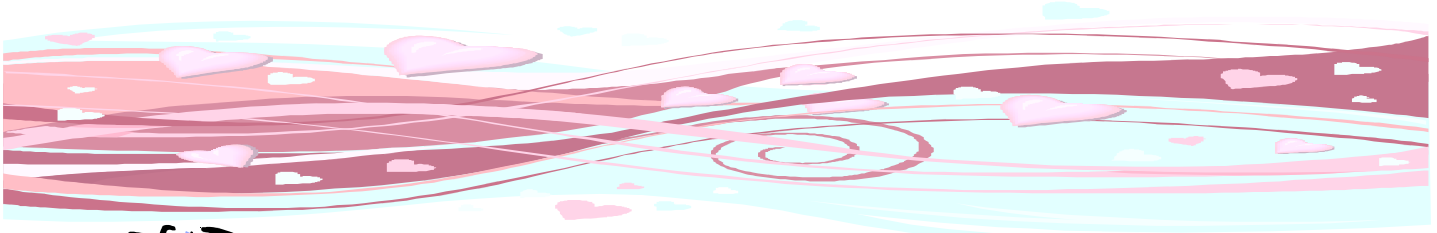
**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



**The Stephen Ministry Program is a vital and very active ministry at Lowcountry Presbyterian. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-on-one Christian friendship to anyone experiencing difficult times. Please stop by the table in the narthex featuring the *Stephen Ministry* banner and photo gallery.**

# Women of the Church

Bebe Fasbender, Moderator  
705-1934



## Valentine's Day Card and Games Luncheon

*The WOC look forward to seeing many of you at our popular "Valentine's Day Card and Games Luncheon" on Saturday February 11th from 12 noon until 4 pm. Tickets are available in the Narthex on Sundays for \$12. Hope you can come!*

## CHURCH BAZAAR??

*The WOC would like to know if you are interested in making and donating hand made items for a possible Bazaar. This will be a fund raiser. We use our funds to support various area ministries as well as for Capitol Improvement projects at our church such as the new shed and the driveway that surrounds the porte-co-chere. If this interests you, please email Bebe Fasbender at [vfasbender@sc.rr.com](mailto:vfasbender@sc.rr.com).*

*The next WOC planning meeting will be Friday February 17th at 10 am in the church parlor. Everyone is welcome! Some of us go to lunch afterwards.*



## WOC BOOK GROUP

*The WOC Book Group has selected the following books for upcoming discussions:*

*February 13 - Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford*

*March 12 - The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein*

*April 9 - Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks*

*May 14 - Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand*

*All women of the church are welcome, for one book discussion or for all. Meetings are held at the home of Bobbie Gasser at 14 Larkspur Lane in Sun City on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 PM unless otherwise specified. Please call Bobbie at 705-9808 to RSVP and request a gate pass.*

# ***Outreach and Membership***

The Outreach team has been working to contact each 1<sup>st</sup> time local visitor with a phone call or welcome note. That's not always easy to do because some folks don't enter their address and/or phone number on the pew fellowship pad. We'd sure like for you to do that! We'd like to say "Hi" and "Glad you were here."

The Session has directed the Church Nominating Committee to begin drafting a slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee, hereafter to be referred to as the PNC. This process will take some amount of time, but as we work, we invite the congregation to suggest church members whom they think would be able and effective members of this committee. Please suggest yourself if this is something you feel called to do. The PNC will meet once a week for the next 18-24 months will spend much time writing the Church Information Form, and reading many, *many* Personal Information Forms sent by interested ministers. The Presbyterian process of calling a new minister is not the work of *hiring* a person to fill our pulpit, but of working with the Lord to discover the person whom He is, right now, preparing to come to LPC to lead us into the future. In choosing the PNC, we want it to represent all ages, interests, and groups of the church. Please share your ideas and thoughts with any member of the Church Nominating Committee: Jim Dove, Bill Walker, and Fran Casperson. And please pray for God to guide us as we undertake this task that is so important to our church.

*Fran Casperson, Outreach Chair*  
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# Christian Education

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Are you experiencing those mid- winter blahs? Here's a great solution. Banish them by attending one of the enriching Christian education classes here at Low Country Presbyterian Church. Elder Joe Crowley leads the Adult Education classes on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Adult Sunday Bible study meets in the Rose room at 9:40am every Sunday morning and is continuing a study on the "Colossians: Religion, Philosophy, or Faith?" during February. Conveniently situated between both services, it's a great way to wake up on Sunday to God's Word.

The Men's and Women's weekly Bible study classes are progressing with their discussion of "The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History". During the coming month, the course will continue in its examination of important Reformation figures and events, focusing on John Calvin, John Knox, the Counter-Reformation and the history and legacy of the Geneva Bible and the King James Bible. It's a great way to learn about our spiritual ancestry. The Women's Bible study meets at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday morning in the Rose room. The Men's Bible study meets at 9:00 a.m. every Wednesday morning also in the Rose room. The Women of the Church Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays meets off-site at members' homes and is currently studying the book of Genesis. Never too late to join in on any of these opportunities with a warm welcome awaiting you.

The Men of Purpose group meets every Saturday morning in the Rose room, with coffee, snacks and fellowship at 7:30 a.m. with following discussion at 8:00 a.m. They are continuing a study on "Banned Questions about the Bible". This is a good study with interesting discussion and a warm and friendly group for all men of the church. Come join us, we would love to have you.

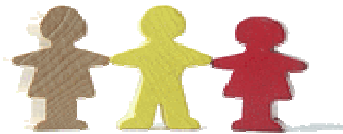


Reverend McCreight and Christy James have teamed up in leading the Church Youth Group, and are currently working on some exciting new programs for the youth. If you know of any interested youth, please have them contact the Church office for information.

The Youth will be sponsoring the Souper Bowl of Caring, Sunday, February 5th and looking into some other mission projects. They have had "Movie Night" where they watched an inspirational Christmas story and "Game Night" where they brought their favorite games and played "Bible Trivia". Another field trip is in the works, stay tuned for more details.



## Children's Sunday School



The Children's Sunday School class is taught by Ms. Phyllis Willever during the second service. It is a small

class, so any and all children are most welcome. Nursery care is provided by Linda Robertson and Kathy Abney during the 10:30 service. These ladies continue to do a wonderful job every Sunday, BUT THEY COULD USE SOME HELP! If you would be willing to sub for them some Sunday, even if it is just once in awhile, please contact Joe Bates, Linda Robertson, Kathy Abney or Phyllis Willever so that we can develop a sub list for emergencies and vacations. There is also a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board. So please SIGN UP, or give one of us a call.

Now is the time for all good volunteers to come to the aid of our summer Vacation Bible School. The first meeting will be held on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Rose Room. We will be making decisions about the overall VBS program and procedures. If you would like to be a part of this exciting adventure in reaching out to the children of our community, please join us on the 20<sup>th</sup>.



*Treat yourself to the opportunity of a lifetime. Join with your friends and family at LPC as they prepare for Vacation Bible School 2012.*

*The first planning meeting will be held at the church on Monday, February 20th at 11:30 am in the Rose Room. Those of us who have been blessed by the children of VBS want to share that blessing with you!! For more information contact Linda Robertson at 645-6364 or at [doublefault@juno.com](mailto:doublefault@juno.com)*

# Worship & Music

*Bill Taylor, W & M Chair*

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We have recently concluded the celebration of our Christmas Season at LPC. It was truly a joyous Season in many regards with our Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 & 7:00 probably having the most attendance in recent years. A total of some 428, many of which were visitors! Hopefully, they will come back to Worship with us before next year or next week! This was the first year that we actually had the Manger Scene illuminated for both Services on Christmas Eve.

The Sanctuary was impressively and graciously decorated this year with the care and giving of those who know who they are and did so. For that time and talent we are so blessed and appreciative. We had an abundance of live Poinsettias that graced our Sanctuary this year, given by members and guests this Season which totaled over 50!

Our Cantata, by the full Sanctuary Choir was conducted so beautifully done on the the 11<sup>th</sup> and The Jubilate Ringers on the 18<sup>th</sup> both playing many of our favorite Christmas favorites. The new hand-chimes are now in so we will look forward to hearing them for the first time when The Jubilate Ringers play again in February.

The Advent Season was so blessed with so many varied Advent Readers, actually ending on Epiphany Sunday on January the 8<sup>th</sup>. For those readers, we are so grateful for your involvement!

As we move forward into the New Year, we will again be celebrating our Traditional Communion on Sunday February the 5<sup>th</sup> at both services.

Again in February, we will have The Shrove Tuesday Annual Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall on February 21<sup>st</sup>. On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will acknowledge and celebrate Ash Wednesday which will be held again in our Fellowship Hall starting with a joint luncheon with other churches in The Lenten Series and then the imposition of ashes.

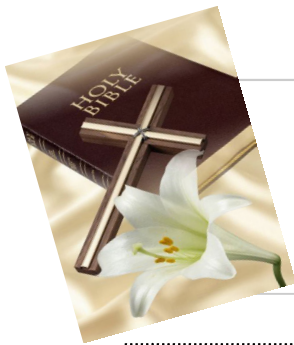
We also want to acknowledge and give our thanks to Kathy Lindabery for her gracious gift of the newly created cabinet in The Sacristy, replacing the old worn out, and outdated table which is used for the flower arrangements going out each week, as well as for the Communion preparation each month. Again, for the many volunteers that make our Worship Services a reality each and every Sunday, we humbly and genuinely thank you!

Blessings to All and for the Committee,  
Bill Taylor, Elder for Worship & Music

# February Birthdays



<i>Dennis Lake</i>	1	<i>Bob Anderson</i>	15
<i>Kay Moore</i>	3	<i>Kay Hollinger</i>	16
<i>Leland Day</i>	4	<i>Kaitlyn Cimino</i>	17
<i>Janet Lang</i>	4	<i>Margaret Hubsch</i>	19
<i>Paul Cimino</i>	6	<i>Lew Johnson</i>	21
<i>Marilyn Miesner</i>	7	<i>Kiah O'Brien</i>	21
<i>Rod Pittenger</i>	7	<i>Bob Replogle</i>	22
<i>Carolyn Alexander</i>	8	<i>Pam Carpenter</i>	23
<i>Dick Eberhart</i>	9	<i>Billie Hoskins</i>	23
<i>Fran Marshall</i>	9	<i>Dennis Jagt</i>	25
<i>Kay Post</i>	11	<i>Don Pierce</i>	25
<i>Anne Louise O'Brien</i>	13	<i>Mick Mikkelson</i>	27
<i>Clancy Mathews</i>	14	<i>Janet Chamberlain</i>	28
<i>John Rea</i>	14	<i>Jean Crumlich</i>	28
		<i>Doris Stratton</i>	28



## *In Christian Sympathy to the family & friends of...*

*Brenda Sell*, who died on Friday, December 2, 2011.

*Roger Ramm*, who died Sunday, December 4, 2011.

*Joseph Taylor Bronaugh*, who died Wednesday, December 28, 2011.

Thank you all for your prayers. Bud is out of the hospital following his surgery and doing well. May God's Blessings continue to flow on you and your church.

Bud and Pat Woodard



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My family and I wish to extend our thanks for the prayers, support, flowers and friendship you have given us during Roger's illness.

Sincerely, Roger Ramm's Family

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Dear Special Friends,

The Taylor Bronaugh family would like to thank you for your wonderful prayers, cards, flowers and assistance with Taylor's Memorial Service. Taylor loved being part of LPC and especially being a member of the terrific choir with his special friends. Music played an important part in his life. My family thought LPC is a beautiful church.

Sincerely, Pratt Bronaugh

## Member Prayer List

*Please keep them  
in your  
thoughts & prayers*

*Karel Bunker*

*Hazel Burger*

*Nancy Guerry*

*Jim Hale*

*Kay Hollinger*

*Lew Johnson*

*Don Kline*

*Don Knoll*

*Marissa Lake*

*Joann McElravy*

*Debby Miller*

*Mary Mitchell*

*Joan Mullins*

*Rod Pittenger*

*Connie Plumstead*

*Carolyn Thiel*

*Frank Waller*

# NEW MEMBERS

*On Sunday, January 29th Lowcountry Presbyterian Church welcomes 21 new members into the fellowship of the church. Pictures and other information will appear in the March Light.*

*Dorothy Ahrensbrak*

*Alice Barnett*

*Karl & Judy Barons*

*Chris & Lynne Burns*

*Herbert & Emelie Costolo*

*Bob Hutchinson*

*Phil & Robyn Kiser—Affiliate*

*Ed & Karen Smith*

*Walter & Sally Stein—Re-instated*

*Gerald & Judy Wells—Re-instated*

*Don & Ruth Zellar—Affiliate*

*Joe & Emo Lieser—Re-instated*



## *Ash Wednesday Service*

*Lowcountry Presbyterian Church will join with other area churches during Lent to provide to the community a series of weekly mid-day message and meal. We will host the first gathering on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at noon in the fellowship hall. Subsequent Wednesday gatherings will be announced in the bulletin.*

## ***Jane Scott offers weekly yoga instruction***

Yoga classes will resume on

**Monday, February 6th at 10:00am**

Jane will also be offering a class on **Thursday evenings at 6:00pm** in the narthex beginning **February 9th**.

A yoga mat and comfortable clothing are suggested. It is best to avoid exercise immediately after a meal, therefore please schedule food intake accordingly.

Jane Scott contact: 645-2524 - 301-0587

[janewyattscott@yahoo.com](mailto:janeyattscott@yahoo.com)



## Collecting Used Eye Glasses

There will be a box in the Narthex for used pairs of glasses.

**Men of Purpose** are collecting these for Don Crewdson, who is working on a program to provide glasses for people in Haiti. Thank you.

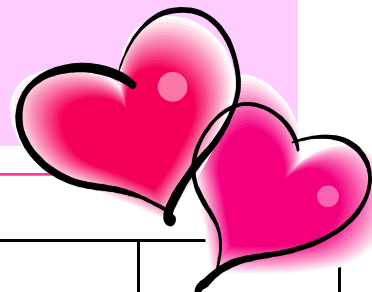
## VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance


Help is available to low income and moderate income tax payers to receive free income tax preparation assistance. For more information see the flyer in the narthex or Visit the website [www.vitalowcountry.org](http://www.vitalowcountry.org).



# LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Men's Bible Study 9:00am</i> <i>WOC Bible Study 10:00am</i> <i>Offsite</i>	2 <i>Choir 7:00pm</i>	3	4 <i>Men of Purpose 7:30am</i>
5 <i>Communion</i>	6 <i>Yoga 10am</i>	7 <i>Women's Bible Study 10:00am</i> <i>Jubilate</i> <i>Ringers 12:30pm</i> <i>Stephen Ministry 7:30pm</i>	8 <i>Men's Bible Study 9:00am</i> <i>WOC Bible Study 10:00am</i> <i>Offsite</i> <i>Youth Group 6:30pm</i>	9 <i>Yoga 6:00pm</i>  <i>Choir 7:00pm</i>	10	11 <i>Men of Purpose 7:30am</i>
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19	20 <i>Presidents Day</i>  <i>Yoga 10am</i>	21 <i>Women's Bible Study 10:00am</i> <i>Jubilate</i> <i>Ringers 12:30pm</i> <i>Stephen Ministry 7:30pm</i> <i>Shrove Pancake Supper 5:00pm</i>	22  <i>Ash Wednesday Service 12:00pm</i> <i>Men's Bible Study 9:00am</i> <i>WOC Bible Study 10:00am</i> <i>Youth 6:30pm</i>	23 <i>Strategic Planning 3pm</i>  <i>Yoga 6:00pm</i>  <i>Choir 7:00pm</i>	24	25 <i>Men of Purpose 7:30am</i>
26	27 <i>Yoga 10am</i>	28 <i>Women's Bible Study 10:00am</i> <i>Jubilate</i> <i>Ringers 12:30pm</i>	29	<i>When the Presbytery of Charleston-Atlantic meets here on Saturday, February 18, you are welcome to attend any part or all of the meeting. If you are asked to help, please accept.</i>		

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***FALL SCHEDULE***

**Sunday Services: 8:30am and 10:30am**  
**Communion served 1st Sunday of each month**

**Childcare facilities available at 10:30am**  
**Sunday School Classes:**  
**Adults at 9:40am**  
**Children at 10:30am**

***OFFICE HOURS***

**Weekdays 8:30am - 4:00pm (M-TH)**  
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