



The Light

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Dear neighbors and friends,

First, I thank God for the ability to serve as your temporary supply pastor. My term will be from Sunday, May 29 to Sunday, August 28, 2011. Second, I thank your personnel committee for inviting me; I count it a privilege to be able to proclaim God's Word to you. I believe we will have a good time together for these three months. We will *serve the Lord with gladness* (Ps. 100.2)!

I want you to know that your personnel committee is diligently working to identify a full-time *interim* pastor. It is even possible that by the time you read this newsletter that individual will be known and named.

Third, I share a few pieces of autobiography for those of you to whom I am a stranger. Lois, my wife of almost 47 years, and I came to Rose Hill from Fairfield, Connecticut, where I was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Fairfield is a wonderful New England town founded in 1639; it is a bedroom to New York City, a glorious place to live, and a very special kind of community in which to minister. The "low country" was our retirement destination eleven years ago but as Providence would have it, I was called to *interim* ministry; and Lois, with a background in special education, became a TESOL (teacher of English as the speaker's other language) after we came here. So both of us arrived to begin new careers! I have served seven *interims*, leading a few of my friends to quip that "Lunardini can't hold down a job!" Would that were the case—my response is that in fifty years I have never had to look for work—work finds me!

And that brings me to my present privilege and responsibility, that of being your "supply" preacher and Session moderator. On another page are my home and cell numbers.

FYI, Lois and I are both Pittsburghers who left there in 1965 for life and ministry in New York, Ohio, Illinois and Florida, before our time in Connecticut. Our three children have homes, families and careers in Fort Lauderdale, Staunton, Va., and Atlanta. We attended Mount Lebanon High School and the University of Pittsburgh. My Seminaries are Pittsburgh and McCormick (University of Chicago). I received *interim* training through the Presbyterian Church at Montreat, N.C., 2000-2001. I am an honorably retired member of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

May the Lord richly bless us all as we begin our work together.

Louis S. Lunardini

The regular Stated Session meeting was held on Monday, May 16 in the Rose Room. Some of the actions taken were:

Approved minutes from the April 18 Stated Session Meeting.

Approved minutes from the May 1 Called Congregational Meeting.

Approved membership changes of 1 new member by reaffirmation.

Approved payment schedule for organist for summer schedule of one service per Sunday.

Approved the purchase and installation of a video camera to improve the line of sight for the organist.

Approved changes to LPC Policy manual adding Fran Casperson as Chair of Membership and Outreach Committee and holder of Policy manual (Sections IV and X).

Received report that a letter has been delivered to the Montessori school documenting the fact that no revised lease will be executed and that we are operating under the original lease as amended in January 2010.

Received letter from Presbytery stating that LPC Session minutes for 2010 had been reviewed and approved without exception.

Received report that mortgage burning ceremony on May 9 went very well.

Copies of the litany written by Rev. Kramer along with an article (printed elsewhere in this newsletter) recapping the event have been sent to Presbytery as requested.

Received report that Pastor Kramer has donated his antique walnut desk along with the walnut bookcase that he refinished a few years ago to the church.

Received report that the honorable retirement of Pastor Kramer will be on the agenda for the May 21 Presbytery meeting in Orangeburg.

Approved the use of the Sanctuary for a non-member wedding to be performed by Rev. Kramer on September 10, 2011.

Received report from treasurer that April did not turn out to be a very good month with membership offerings down about \$6,000 which carried forward to the bottom line. A financial projection for the rest of the year was presented.

Discussion was held about the needed repairs for the fountain in the plaza alongside the Church. Another quote will be acquired and contract awarded to lower of the two quotes. Original donor of the Memorial Plaza will contribute part of the cost of the repairs.

Our next Stated Session meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2011 in the Rose Room at 7 pm. Unless declared an Executive Session, any interested members of the congregation are welcome to attend as observers.

LPC BURNS MORTGAGE



The ceremonial burning of dozens of copies of the mortgage on the sanctuary of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church in Bluffton was the culmination of a service of rejoicing and celebration on May 9, 2011. LPC is debt free for the first time in the history of the Church.



Earlier in the evening about 150 prior and current members of the congregation enjoyed a time of fellowship and food followed by an en masse walk from Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary.



LPC's founding pastor, Rev. Frank Sells, the Executive Presbyter from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, Rev. Donnie Woods, and members of the original building committee were among the recognized visitors.

All were treated to a slide show prepared by LPC's Chuck Thomas depicting the history of the Sanctuary from first plans to eventual completion.



After praying a Litany of Thanksgiving written and led by Rev. Dr. Jerry Kramer, each attendee filed past the fire pit, deposited a copy of the mortgage and continued to the outdoor plaza for the burning ceremony.



Under the watchful eye of EP Donnie Woods and Pastor Kramer, President of the Corporation Mendel Spears lit the fire that symbolized this very significant milestone in the history of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church. The ceremony was concluded with the singing of Doxology.

The Sanctuary which was dedicated in October 2000 was built and furnished with many Memorial Funds and Special Gifts. The seating area in the balcony was built later by volunteers. The meditation plaza was built in 2004 in memory of a founding member. As a result of memorial gifts, a port cohere was added in 2006. Multiple mortgage reduction campaigns contributed to the cause. A large estate gift was received and, most recently, the State and County purchased some land for road widening/ construction projects.

LPC Burns Mortgage (continued)

Over the years since the Sanctuary was built, the debt load has been staggering. Development of programs, addition of staff and increased mission giving have all been put on hold due to the use of available funds to satisfy the mortgage payments.

So, it is with sincere appreciation for all of the pieces that have come together to represent the unmistakable providence and goodness of the Lord that LPC rejoices in the current debt free condition of the Sanctuary and looks forward to new opportunities to better serve Him.



Fellowship

Maggie Taylor, Fellowship Chair

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WOW – What a month we’ve had! May 9th we celebrated the Church without a mortgage, beginning with a hot dog and hamburger dinner, ending with a burning of the Mortgage ceremony!

May 22nd brought Pastor Jerry’s last Sunday as our minister, beginning his retirement. After a beautiful and impressive Sunday Service, we had a “Fond Farewell” reception for he and Barb. For the approximate 185 people who attended (YES, all 185 + fit in Fellowship Hall), a delicious lunch was catered by Jim ‘n Nick’s Bar-B-Q. A wonderful program followed with a ‘walk down memory lane’ and gifts being given to Jerry, both personal and collective.

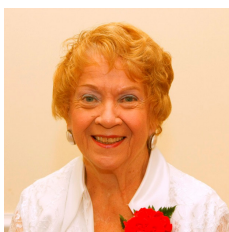
WHAT’S NEXT?

WON’T YOU JOIN US FOR BRUNCH??? Sunday, July 24th, 10:30 a.m., immediately following the 9:30 Service, Fellowship Hall.
Mark your calendars now - details along the way!

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REMEMBER – Only ‘one’ coffee/snack time following the 9:30am Sunday morning summer scheduled services.

HELP OUT BY Signing up / Take a turn
You’ll be surprised how easy it is!



New Member

Nancy Pritchard is a Washingtonian who moved here with her husband 8 years ago. Nancy was an Occupational Health Nurse and her husband an Agricultural Attache. They were married 48 years before her husband passed away in 2008. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Their daughter, the youngest lives in Washington, the middle son lives in Texas and has 3 children, the oldest son works for an international company and travels extensively. Prior to moving to South Carolina, Nancy was a Southern Baptist but is now happy to be part of LPC.

Worship & Music

Bill Taylor, Worship & Music Chair

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This last month will have been a bitter-sweet month in the life of this Committee, as well as for the entire membership at Low Country, with the retirement of Pastor Kramer on Sunday May 22nd; a Service that will be remembered by all in attendance for a very long time, ending with a farewell reception in Fellowship Hall honoring both Jerry and Barb. The “sweet” also could be described by the “burning of the mortgage” celebrated by more than 150 members and guests on May 9th. This event will now give our church the chance to move forward with numerous refurbishing projects and repairs that have been on the back burner for some years. A huge weight has now been lifted from the shoulders of our congregation. We are all truly blessed by this happening.

As we approach the summer season, we all will see some changes starting with our new Interim, Dr. Louis “Lu” Lunardini, with his first Service on Sunday May 29th at 9:30 A.M. with coffee hour immediately following. Dr. “Lu”, will be with Low Country throughout the summer months as he brings the message, guidance and support that will be needed for all of us at LPC as our church goes through the critical transition times until a full time Interim has been actually called.

The summer season also means that our full choir will be taking their break as well, but W & M urges any member or known guest, that would like to sing solos, trios/quartets, or play various musical instruments, to please contact our choir director, Kiah O’Brien or the office manager, Christy James, as there are sign-up sheets/schedules available. This would a great opportunity for anyone that is still here during this time period, especially for those that may not have been a full-time choir member to be involved!

As always, our Services of Worship/Music cannot have been accomplished as we all want them to be, without wonderful and continued support of so many groups of members and guests who give their time and talents in so many ways each and every week. For all of those that do volunteer, you are truly appreciated.

For The W & M Committee and Blessings to all,

Bill Taylor, Elder

Member Prayer List

Please keep them in your thoughts & prayers

Jack Alexander
Peggy Audet
Roger Bunker
Marjorie Cain
Hank Gureck
Jim Hale

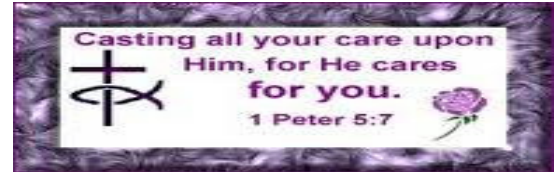
Kay Hollinger
Kathy Lapp
Ross Legler
Paul & Fran Marshall
Joann McElravy
Mary Mitchell

Joan Mullins
Rod Pittenger
Connie Plumstead
Ed Swift
Bill Tietjen
Frank Waller

The Christian Caring Committee would like to thank Pastor Kramer and Barb for all their love, caring and support of our Committee activities. We all want to wish them both every happiness in their retirement. We will really miss both of you.

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.



Pastoral Care Ministry is available for those in need. The ministry volunteers are dedicated to visiting congregants in need to provide comfort, consideration and prayer. Families and friends of congregants in need should notify the church office to request a Pastoral Care member visit. lpcoffice1@hargray.com or 815-6570 Thank you so much for the volunteers who have stepped up to join the team to visit those in need in homes, hospitals, and nursing facilities.



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. The group of gals who send greeting cards are: Linda Fischer, Carol Fleisher, Carolyn Kline, and Alice Yancey.

Flower Ministry – Emily Bortz

What happens to the beautiful flower arrangements that grace our Sunday services each Sunday? Why, they're fashioned into two (sometimes more) little bouquets and delivered to church folk or friends in need of some cheering or recognition. The members who arrange and deliver these flowers are: Emily Bortz, Hazel Burger, Connie Davidson, Joy Guyer, Andy Hoerner, Lois Johnson, Marge Lantz, Kathy Lindabery, Barbara McNeil, Fran Parker, Dorothy Schroepfer, Nancy Spears, Doris Stratton, Maggie Taylor, Joy Watson and Joan Walker. If you would like to help with this ministry, either by arranging or delivering please contact me at 705-5472 or emilybortz@hargray.com.



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.

Thank You Very Much

Barb and I were so pleased with the wonderful farewell reception given in our honor. It will always be among our many fond memories of our ministry at LPC. Thanks to everyone who crowded the room. The food was great and going through the line first among family and friends was special. Thanks for the special \$3000, which we have earmarked for our travel to Greece fund, for the timely gift of the clock, and for dedicating the new exterior sign in my honor. We enjoyed the program and the jokes and special stories shared. We've also enjoyed reading the retirement cards. There were a few favorites: A word of caution to the retiree – It takes a certain amount of time to adjust from the rigors of the workplace to a life of retirement and ease...about two minutes ought to do it. Congratulations. And, Retirement is a time for new beginnings, May retirement bring all the things you love best-Achievement, contentment, relaxation, rest...A purpose to work for, a challenge to meet. And all that you wish for to make life complete. Finally, an acronym card: Relax and Enjoy the ride, Try something new Imagine the possibilities, Remind yourself to play, Expect adventures, Make new plans, Entertain a few wild ideas, Nap without guilt, Take time just for you. For all you've done and all you've achieved, wishing you the time of your life. Congratulations on Your Retirement. Again, thanks for the wonderful party. May God bless y'll. May his blessings be upon you so you flourish as a congregation.

Jerry and Barb Kramer



Special Mission Gift

A special \$1000 gift for missions was given by one of our winter visiting non-member couples in appreciation of Pastor Kramer's ministry. They requested him to designate the gifts. The gift was equally divided to three of his favorite missions: Family Promise, Water International and the Naphthali Indian Project.



June Birthdays



Bob Flack	1
Sharon Heisey	2
Mary Oddo	4
Donald Allison	5
Gail Boggs	5
Susan Lowe	8
Ron Buhman	10
Carmen Chavelas	10
Jack Alexander	11
Ted Cooley	11
Ricky Henderson	12
Nathaniel Jones	13
Tony Perri	14
Ann Anderson	16

Mary Lou Folgers	16
Barbara Kramer	17
Don Hubsch	19
Robin Swift	19
Jan Waller	22
Karen Buhman	23
Shirley Holec	23
Karl Juelch	24
Anne Grayson	25
Beverley Lockwood	25
Ed Swift	25
June Allison	26
Roberta Gasser	26
Woody Smith	28
Tootie Bubas	29

Women of the Church

Women of the Church Wednesday Bible Study at Beaufort Inn luncheon. May 11, 2011



In the library:

Near side left to right: Kathy Griebel, Martha Lester, Dee Lewis, Billie Hoskins, Back : Kathy Lindabery, Joann McElravy, Doris Stratton, Maggie Taylor, Joan Grimes, Nancy Pritchard, Barb Kramer



Joann McElravy, Doris Stratton, Nancy Pritchard, Joan Grimes, Kathy Lindabery, Billie Hoskins, Dee Lewis

WOC Bible Study was studying the book of Esther and they were assigned to write a modern Proverb on a virtuous woman based on **Proverbs 31-10-31**. **What is God looking for in a woman today**. Below is the very clever "proverb" written by Doris Stratton .

- 10 [a]A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than **a sports car or a mistress**
- 11 Her husband has full confidence in her
for she has it all.
- 12 She brings him **help, not grief**,
all the days of his life.
- 13 She selects **Spandex**
and **runs** the marathon.
- 14 She is like , **Publix**
bringing her food from afar.
- 15 She gets up early
to put the coffee pot on
and **wake** the nanny.
- 16 She considers a **neighborhood with a good school** and buys it;
out of her earnings she **buys a swing set**.
- 17 She sets about her work vigorously;
her **fingers** push all the right buttons.
- 18 She sees that her trading is profitable,
and **watches** the Dow Jones.
- 19 In **one** hand she holds her cell phone
and **grasps** the steering wheel with the other.
- 20 **She** volunteers for Boys & Girls Club
and knits for Julie's Mission.
- 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her
for all of them are clothed **in thermal underwear**.
- 22 She **makes quilts** for her bed;
she is clothed **in blue denim**.
- 23 Her husband is respected at **the office**,
where he takes his **seat among the women**.
- 24 **She makes** jewelry and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with **brochures and web sites**.
- 25 She is clothed **with equality and freedom**;
she can laugh at **the old days**..
- 26 She speaks **with** a formal education,
and **argues** her case whenever needed.
- 27 She **schedules** the activities of her household
and overbooks herself and the kids.
- 28 Her children arise and call her **cool**;
her husband also, and he praises **her PTA involvement**
- 29 "Many women do noble things,
but **she** tries them all."
- 30 Charm is **admired**, and beauty is **key**;
but a woman who fears the LORD is **the brightest of all**.
- 31 Honor her for all her **courage**,
and let her **smarts** bring her praise **in the board room**

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH (W.O.C.) RUMMAGE SALE, JULY 2011

Save your treasures for the W.O.C. rummage sale this year Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16. You may drop off your items at Fellowship Hall Monday through Friday, July 5 through July 14, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Donations of CLEAN household items, linens, sporting equipment, WORKING electronics/appliances, furniture, NEW or GENTLY worn shoes (no old/worn shoes), and miscellaneous items. We will not accept: swimwear/bathing suits; underwear of any kind; socks; weapons; knives or sharp objects; old shoes. Sorry, no pick ups.

Please let Brenda Sommerfeld, 705-4851, or Kathy Griebel, 837-7427, know if you would like to help. We'll need help sorting the weeks prior to the sale--come when you can, and on the days of the sale. We need both men and women!! Snacks and lunches will be provided for the workers! Remember: bring your donations only to Fellowship Hall at the appointed days and times. Please DO NOT leave items in Sanctuary building!



WOC Committee Meeting

The Women of the Church (WOC) Committee is trying to reorganize the planning committee to be more effective and inclusive. We are looking for new ideas and new members to facilitate the group's efforts. Everyone has a talent to share. Why not come and be a part of this group? We meet in the Church Parlor the third Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is June 17th at 10:00am.

Christian Education

Joe Bates, Christian Education Chair

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Vacation Bible School



Register early, spots fill quickly!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

With the warm, slow days of summer upon us, all of the education classes are on "vacation." However, summer is the perfect time to start thinking about your participation in the fall. Would you like to join the Sunday School class, a Bible Study group or attend the Men of Purpose? All will welcome your participation. We are still looking for leaders for the Youth Group and for the Men's and Women's Bible Study groups. (Any volunteers or suggestions welcome.) Nursery and child care will continue to be provided during the summer months at the single Sunday service.

The upcoming Vacation Bible School will be the main activity for the summer educational program. The next organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Rose Room. VBS will be held the first week of August from August 1-5.

Registration and acceptance of applications begins June 1st. Volunteers are always needed and welcome for this fun program. Call Joe Bates at 290-4282 or Linda Robertson at 645-6364 for information about the program and opportunities to volunteer.

Looking Ahead to the Fall

Classes and Bible study groups will resume the week after Labor Day. The Adult Sunday School Class will be beginning new studies on Romans and Revelation. The Men of Purpose will be meeting on Saturday mornings. The Men's and Women's adult Bible study groups as well as the Youth Group will resume in the fall with new leadership.

Contact Me

Although the Education program will be on break for the summer, please continue to feel free to contact me with your ideas, suggestions, or questions on e-mail at lpcedu@aol.com or phone: 843-290-4282.

3rd Annual Kayak Trip

Would you like to join our third annual kayak trip? We'll plan something short, hopefully in cool weather, and something I'm sure you'll all enjoy. A great time to invite family, friends, and neighbors. Bring your own kayak, borrow one, or rent one from the guides who will conduct this trip. If interested, contact Chris Pittenger at 705-3116 or chrispitt@sc.rr.com.



June 2011

Building location key: RR = Rose Room, P = Parlor, S = Sanctuary, FH = Fellowship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday Morning Worship Service 9:30am</p> <p>No Sunday School for the Summer</p> <p>Little Angels (ages 3-6) and Nursery at 9:30am</p>			<p>1 Bereavement Group-P 2:30pm</p>	<p>2 Choir-S 7:00pm</p> <p> Ascension of the Lord</p>		
<p>5 Communion</p> <p></p>	6	<p>7 Stephen Ministry— FH 6:30pm</p>	8	<p>9 Choir-S 7:00pm</p>	10	11
<p>12 Pentecost</p> <p></p>	13	<p>14</p> <p> Flag Day</p>	<p>15 Bereavement Group-P 2:30pm</p>	16	<p>17 WOC— 10:00am</p>	18
<p>19 Father's Day</p> <p></p>	<p>20 Session-RR 7:00pm</p>	<p>21 Stephen Ministry— FH 6:30pm</p>	22	<p>23 Strategic Planning-RR 3:00pm</p>	24	25
26	27	<p>28 Nami-P 10:00am</p>	29	30		

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LPC.....Let's Please Christ

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday Service: 9:30am
Communion served 1st Sunday of month
Nursery facilities available.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 8:30am - 4:00pm (M-TH)
8:30am— 12:00pm (F)

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