



# The Light

March/April 2025

**MAR. 4**

Beginning of Tuesday Lenten Bible Study at 2:15 p.m.

*See page 6*

Ash Wednesday Service including the Imposition of Ashes at Noon

**MAR. 5**

**MAR. 12 & 16**

Payne-ful Business Book Study on Mar. 12 and Guest Author, Margaret Seidler on Mar. 16

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Lenten Cantata During the morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

*See page 11*

**MAR. 23**

**APR. 13**

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday - A passion narrative is read and music is shared, the light of Jesus life is slowly extinguished.

**APR. 17**

**APR. 20**

Easter Sunday - Two Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected.

Lenten Devotionals are available on the counter in the Narthex. Faith Formation ministry encourages you to take one and use it for reflection in the season of Lent.

# REV. CHRIS HERRIN RECEPTION

## Reception for Rev. Chris Held on Feb. 16

After worship on February 16, our LPC Congregation and friends gathered in Thomas Hall to celebrate the eleven-year ministry of Rev. Chris Herrin, and to send her on to her next call with prayers, well-wishes, and gifts.



# PASTORAL TRANSITION

## Next Steps in the Transition

On January 22, the Session approved an Interim Nominating Committee (INC) which includes Clerk, Janit Maguire, Elder Jan Alpert (Personnel), and Elder Dale Wilkes (Membership).

- Clerk, Janit Maguire reached out to Jeri Perkins, Pastor at John's Island Presbyterian Church, who is our Committee on Ministry (COM) contact.
- COM is looking for an Interim pastor within the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery to serve until a Senior Pastor can be called.
- Jeri Perkins encouraged us to pursue a parallel path to conduct our own search for an Interim Pastor which your INC is doing.
- Over the next few weeks, the INC will be spreading the word and contacting people outside of CAP who have served as interim pastors or are retired pastors who might be willing to serve on an interim basis.
- COM will conduct an exit Interview with the Session in February and we will be providing information to them about the Mission of LPC.
- Once an interim is in place, the congregation will work through various process necessary to begin a search for a settled pastor.
- A separate Pastor Nominating Committee will later be voted on by the Congregation to search for a new pastor.
- We will keep the congregation informed as we make progress.

### Adjustments Within LPC

- Associate Pastor, Dave Johnson will be leading worship more often and be supported by outside pastors preaching once a month or more when he takes vacation or participates in continuing education.
- Rev. Dave Johnson has previously served as a Senior Pastor for UCC and at this stage in his life prefers to be an Associate Pastor, preaching, leading Bible Study, and serving members with pastoral visits and care.
- Until an Interim Pastor is selected, Dave will serve as Session Moderator.

We all need to have faith, patience, and acceptance as LPC works through the Presbyterian process. Pray for the church leaders as they move us forward.

\*Members are encouraged to elicit names of potential interim candidates from their contacts locally and nationally; and to pass them on to Session.

# WORSHIP & COMMUNICATION MINISTRIES



## GET QUIZZICAL @ LPC!

Join us for an evening of trivia, sandwiches & fun on Wednesday, March 12th at 6 p.m. in Thomas Hall. Please bring your own beverage and enjoy a light dinner as you work with others to test your general and biblical knowledge. Donations are welcome at the door.

**Wednesday, March 12  
at 6 PM**

THOMAS HALL

Sign up in the  
Narthex or at  
[lowcountrypres.org/  
news-events](http://lowcountrypres.org/news-events)



# KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN

LPC celebrated its Scottish heritage with a Kirkin' o' the Tartan during a special service of worship on February 9th.



## EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



Our sanctuary will again be adorned with spring blooms on Easter Sunday. These spring plants are robust and suitable for planting in your garden. We have 2 varieties of spring flowers, Azaleas and Lilies this year.

Please place your order **by April 14th**. You may place your order form and payment in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church. Plants may be retrieved after the 10:30am Easter service on April 20th. **\*\*Please select an option "Donate" or "Take Plant" \*\***

<u>Flower</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Lily	\$ 15.00	_____
Azalea	\$ 20.00	_____



Name \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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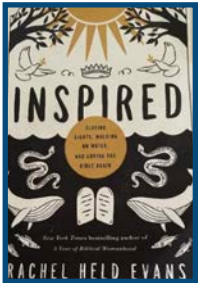
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# FAITH FORMATION

## Lenten Bible Study

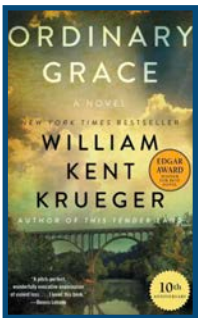
The purpose of Lent is to prepare us for Easter through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, repentance, charity, simple living, and self-denial. Our Lenten Bible Study, at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in Thomas Hall, will begin on March 4 and continue for 6 sessions, concluding on April 8. Each standalone class will use different Bible stories to help us prepare for Easter. No prior knowledge of the scriptures is needed to participate in this study.



## Men of Purpose

We are currently discussing *INSPIRED – Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. In March we will be discussing - WISDOM STORIES – Proverbs and Psalms followed by RESISTANCE

STORIES. You do not have to have a book to visit Men of Purpose. Watch Friday Broadcasts and the Sunday bulletin for more information. We are a small group of 8 to 10 fellows who meet each Saturday morning at 9:00 am in the Parlor at the main church. All men are welcome. For questions, please contact Bill Walker – kamwheeling@gmail.com.



## Bound Together Book Club

*Ordinary Grace*, a New York Times bestseller, by William Kent Krueger will be our next book discussion. Frank begins the season preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family—he is suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity beyond his

years. Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God. All are welcome to join us Thursday, April 24th at 2:00 in the parlor. Men would enjoy this book as well and are encouraged to attend. Betty Smith and Alane Peragallo will facilitate the discussion.

## Second Saturday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. During this season 2nd Saturday for Men will explore themes of prayer (March 8) and forgiveness (April 12). Men are invited to come on the 2nd Saturday of each month for coffee and a conversation at 9 a.m. in the Parlor.



## Women of Faith

Women of Faith meets every second Tuesday at 11:00am in the Parlor and is open to all LPC women, friends and visitors. Our reading and discussions of *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor have taken us on an exploration of world religions as we seek to answer the question - How do you let people who believe in something completely different strengthen your own faith?

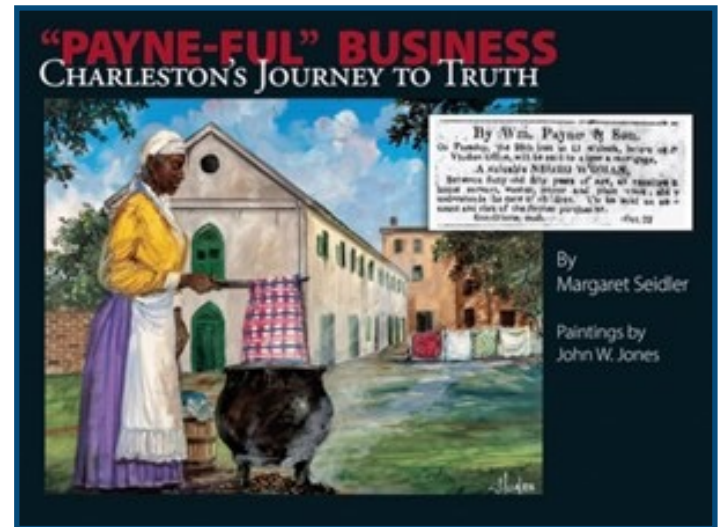
It's never too late to join in the conversation!

March 11th - pages 101-120

April 8th - pages 121-138

May 13th - pages 139-174

Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) for more information.

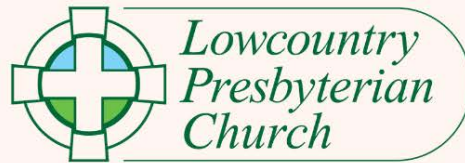


## Payne-ful Business

Margaret Seidler, a native of Charleston and specialist in organizational development, describes herself as an "accidental historian." Her interest in her family's ancestral past uncovered the Payne-ful truth of her families history of buying and selling slaves. Trusting the words of Jesus, that "the truth will set you free," Ms. Seidler has published her story, believing that true healing can only happen when we own up to our past.

Margaret will tell her story to us at LPC after worship on March 16. We hope you will plan to attend this important event. We also encourage you to join in reading her book, "Payne-ful Business: Charleston's Journey to the Truth." We will discuss the book prior to her Sunday talk, on Wednesday, March 12. Her book is available at <https://payne-fulbusiness.com/>

# LEGO CHURCH



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SUNDAY, APR. 6 AT 4 PM  
THOMAS HALL

Families with children through grade 5 are invited! After an interactive faith building time, the families will also enjoy dinner together.

Please sign-up in the Narthex or online. Contact Elaine Branda if you have any questions at [hhgolfer@gmail.com](mailto:hhgolfer@gmail.com)



# EARTH CARE

## MARCH Ahead While Reducing Your Carbon Footprint!

This month is a great time for us to 'spring forward' with positive Earth Care energy. Lent begins March 5–Ash Wednesday. Your social witness ministry has provided a Lenten Earth Care calendar with daily tips and reflections. It is available on the counter in the Narthex, in the Friday eblast or contact the church office.

## APRIL not only includes Easter on April 20—but also Earth Day on April 22!

Watch for more news about Earth Day in the Friday eblast AND if you have an idea to share on how LPC might celebrate God's creation in April, please share them with Gretchen and Jon Nickel [gretchjon@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchjon@yahoo.com)! We'd love to hear from you!

# SOCIAL WITNESS

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Last Monday, 12 of us from LPC joined the march from May River Theater to Oyster Factory Park to honor and remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We carried signs with quotes from his ministry that seemed every bit as relevant today as they did 60 years ago. I pray that the ongoing work for equality and opportunity for all people will continue to go forward so that all of God's people can live together as brothers and sisters.



# AGAPE SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Please help us stock Agape's shelves by bringing your food donations to LPC on Sunday, March 23 between 11:30 am and 1 pm. We will unload your vehicle. If you are attending church that day, please drive through to unload after the service. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and filling our cars with your generous donations! Thank you for helping us support Agape!

If you have any questions or would like to assist, please contact Jan Catanese at 248-766-0402.

## MOST REQUESTED & NEEDED ITEMS:

- apples & oranges
- sweet & white potatoes onions
- maseca (flour to make tortillas)
- dry & canned beans
- rice
- canned fruit & vegetables
- peanut butter & jelly
- canned chicken & tuna
- baby food
- cereal





# MISSIONS

## Water Mission

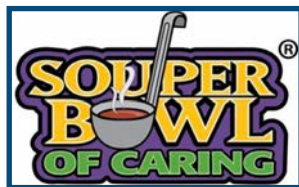
Over the last 23 years, their primary focus has been helping our global neighbors outside of the United States. However, when Hurricane Helene hit eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina it brought many fellow US citizens to their knees. The Water Mission immediately mobilized their Disaster Assistance Response Team to the Asheville and neighboring areas bringing much-needed emergency water treatment systems and emergency generators to churches and civic centers where relief supplies were made available. They also set up a generator distribution program in rural areas so that those with well water could have power to turn on their pumps. The Mission Ministry Team celebrates the work of Water Mission and happy that we are able to partner with this group.

## Blessing Box Update

The Blessing Box Team would like to thank the Congregation for all the donations received in January and February. Our shelves are very full. We also can share that we have been receiving bags of canned goods and other items from people outside of the church. They add it to the box or just leave bags in front of the box. There has been a steady flow of people who are taking items from the box too. We are most grateful because this is how the box is supposed to work. So... we are going to take the next two months off from asking you for donations.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

On Super Bowl Sunday, the Mission Ministry sponsored a collection to benefit the Bluffton Community Kitchen. Thank you again for your generous donation of \$2,053.00. The breakdown for voting for the teams was Kansas City Chiefs - \$588 and the Philadelphia Eagles -\$1465.



## Our Congregation's Generosity is Appreciated Locally and Beyond

As the Mission Chair, I have the privilege of reading the thank you letters from the non profits that you support through your pledges and monthly giving to Change Can Make A Change. Some of the ones recently received were from Family Promise (\$1,051.), Hospice Care of the Lowcountry (\$1500.), Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC) (\$1,972), Presbyterian Giving Catalog (\$4,196.), Lowcountry Legal Volunteers (\$1,000), All Hands and Hearts (\$3800.), Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry (\$1,000), Meals on Wheels (\$1,000.) and Boys and Girls Club of the Lowcountry (\$1200.), and This Child Here for an annual giving of \$8,342. A description of each of these charities can be found in LPC's Annual Report under Missions.

## Agape Life Center Opens a Warming Shelter

As the cold snap in our weather approached on January 21st, The City of Hardeeville notified Missions that Agape Life Center would open that evening as a warming shelter for those who are homeless in the area or in need of a warm place to stay for the night. In response to the ask for community donations to help offset the cost of lodging and the need for water, snacks, clean blankets, sleeping bags and wipes, the members of the Mission Team voted to support this project with a donation of \$1,000 from the mission funds.

## Presbyterian Giving Catalog

Presbyterian Giving Catalog final donation totaled \$4,196. This donation caught the attention of Barb Soet, Mission Specialist with the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. She wrote in an email that "she was so appreciative of the extraordinary gift the congregation was able to make." They are excited to share that they will be celebrating our efforts in a #ThankfulThursday social post on June 12, 2025. Stay tuned as the date gets closer.

# MISSIONS

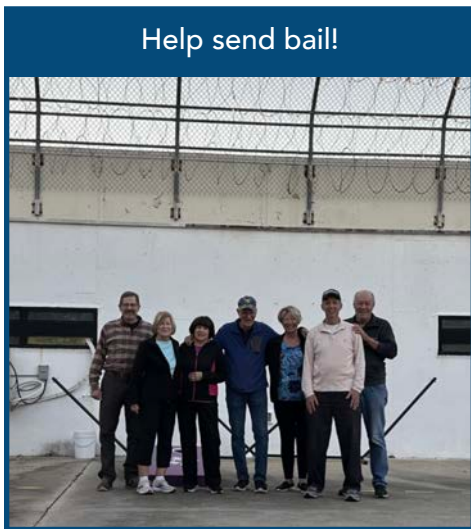
## All Hands and Hearts Mission Trip

Six LPC members, Jon and Gretchen Nickel, Jim Wright, Don Hamburger, Robert Shumate, and Sandy Benninger along with friend Evelyn Longworth, joined All Hands and Hearts in New Port Richie, FL from 2/17 until 2/23.

Living conditions were interesting in an old abandoned jail. We had bunk beds with air mattresses and 15 people to a room. We used porta potties and had a shower trailer. Temperatures ranged from a high of 70 during the day and went down to a frigid 37 on Wednesday night. We worked with a wonderful group of young people who came from as far away South Africa, Oregon, Colorado, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

We gutted storm damaged double wide mobile homes, removing everything including cabinets, drywall, insulation, carpeting and particle board subfloors. Studs were sanded with wire brushes and then sprayed with a solution that kills mold. We were able to meet most of the homeowners who were extremely grateful for the help that they were receiving. They told us of the storm surge from Hurricane Helene and the wind damage from Hurricane Milton.

Our entire LPC team felt that we had made a significant difference in those homeowners lives and are already talking about our next trip. I think that we also made an impression on a lot of young folks who saw us oldsters holding our own right along side them.



LPC Missions Ministry

## Change-Can-Make-A-Change

March 2025 - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**

March Change Can Make A Change will benefit the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) dealing with the devastating fires in California. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance. Your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Give, Act, Pray. Please make your checks out to LPC.



LPC Missions Ministry

## Change-Can-Make-A-Change

April 2025 - One Great Hour of Sharing



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Through the Presbyterian Church USA. Each year our Congregation supports this program during the Lenten Season. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disaster, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Envelopes will be distributed in your church bulletin on Palm Sunday. Please make your checks out to Lowcountry Presbyterian Church.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## February in Music Ministry

February brought us the Scottish service of the Kirkin' of the Tartan. Also, on February 23rd, we welcomed John Blevins on the tenor saxophone. He played on the choral anthem that day and played "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen for the Offertory.

On March 9th, the Jubilate Ringers will be playing two selections: "Simple Gifts", arranged by Kevin McChesney and "My Shepherd will supply my Need: arr. By Dan R. Edwards.

## Lenten Cantata

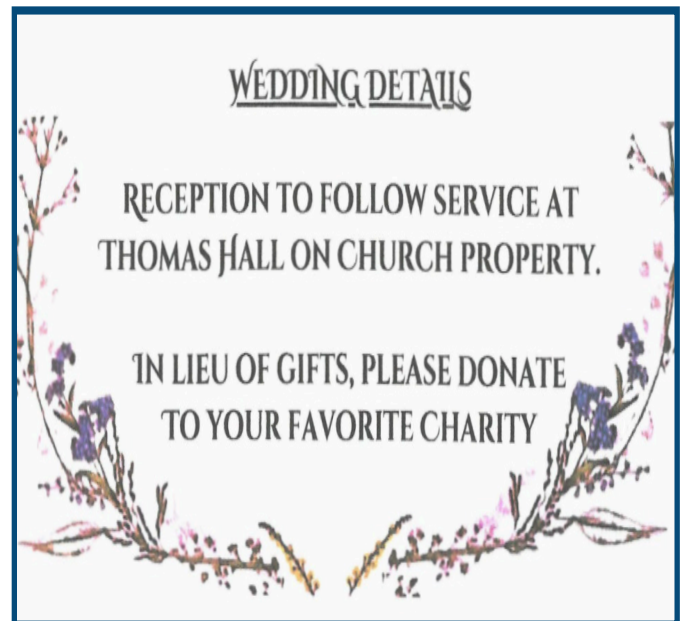
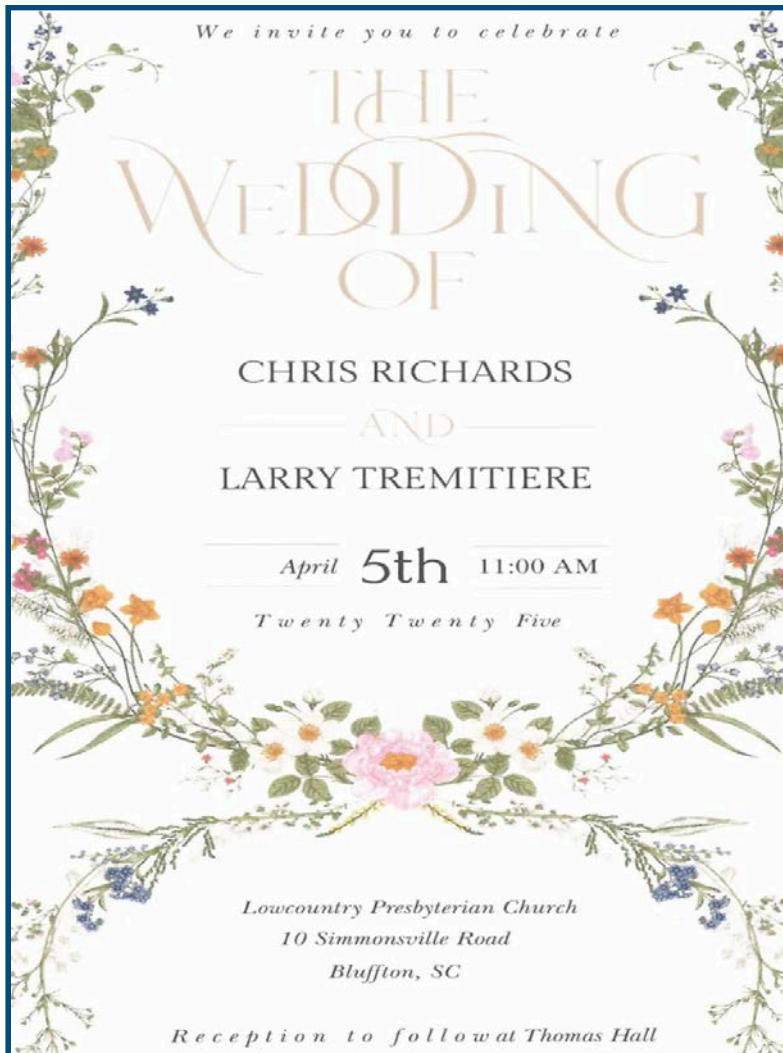
The Chancel Choir will be presenting their Lenten Cantata on March 23rd. The title of the Cantata is: *Do not be afraid.*

Readings have been selected from the Easter and Lenten writings of the following spiritual leaders of our times: Henri J. M. Nouwen, Walter Brueggemann, and C. S. Lewis. The four choral selections include:

*What a Friend*, arr. By Mary McDonald  
*Do not be Afraid*, by Bernard Sexton  
*He Is*, arr. By Jay Rouse and featuring Dale Nordby, bass solo  
*Every Promise of Your Word*, arr. By Michael Lawrence.

Special Performance: The Mary Green Chorale will be performing the Brahms "Requiem" at LPC on Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. with string quartet, Karen Ball (organ), and soloists: Laura Sutton Floyd and Matthew Walley, and directed by Mary Woodmansee Green.

# WEDDING CELEBRATION



# MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY



## Souper Bowl Potluck

LPC members enjoyed a night of football fun and a buffet of soups/chilis, salads, and desserts on Wed, Jan 29 in Thomas

Hall. Many came in their favorite team jerseys and voting tallied the Philadelphia Eagles as the favorite pro team and a tie with Ohio State/Georgia as the favorite college team. Anne Redlus's visiting brother Allen won the Super Bowl trivia contest and three door prizes were presented. Many thanks to the LPC Membership Ministry for a fun night.

## What Does Your Membership Ministry Do?

### Purpose and Goal

The Purpose of the Membership Ministry is to welcome visitors, new members, and current members into the LPC family, instill in them a culture of service within LPC, and help assimilate them into the LPC ministries where they may best serve God joyfully and effectively. Our Goal is to engage all members in service and fellowship activities.

## Activities

### Assimilation of New Members

Our new members are assimilated into the life of our church by New Member Classes, Joining Sunday, and First Friends. New Member Classes are usually held in the Spring and again in the Fall. The two classes are taught by Rev Johnson and coordinated by Membership Co-Chair Maureen Kalmbach. New members learn about Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) theology and governance, share faith journeys, and hear about the many ministries at LPC in which they may become involved. A few members of the Membership Ministry attend each session and provide light refreshments.

After completing the two classes, new members are officially introduced to and become members of the LPC family on Joining Sunday. Prior to the service, the Elders meet with the new members and share faith stories. After the service, the new members gather for lunch at a nearby location.

After joining, each new member is assigned a First Friend. This friend is a member of the Membership Ministry who will contact an assigned new member to ensure they are assimilating well and to answer questions they may have.

### Sunday Greeters

Volunteers staff our welcome desk at the entrance to the church to make members and visitors feel welcome upon arrival. They encourage visitors to wear a name tag so that

members may welcome them accordingly. Our Sunday Greeters are coordinated by former Membership Ministry Elder John Abernethy.

### Sunday Hospitality Hour

Volunteers prepare a spot in the Narthex for a time of refreshments/fellowship for members and visitors after the worship service. Carol Hissom is the Coordinator of supplies/help for Hospitality Hour.

### Fellowship Gatherings:

Several times a year, the Membership Ministry hosts fellowship gatherings such as a Souper Bowl Potluck, a Picnic in the Park, Breakfast Potlucks, and a Christmas Dinner in Thomas Hall or nearby locations. Membership also hosts special events such as Rev Herrin's recent farewell reception and assists other ministries in their events.

### Dine Around Groups:

Twice a year, small groups are formed by the Membership Ministry for the purpose of gathering for a Sunday brunch or a weekday dinner at one of our fine area restaurants. These small groups of eight allow visitors/members to learn more about each other in a social setting.

## Who We Are

The Membership Ministry consists of Elder Chair Dale Wilkes, Co-Chair Maureen Kalmbach, Jan Catanese, Connie Copeland, Debi Franklin, Carol Hissom, Karen Johnson, Sue Ellen Johnson, Janis Lakin, Donna Metzinger, Judy Placer, and Ann Warren.

## How You Can Help

The Membership Ministry is always looking for additions to our team and help with our many events. Currently, we need Hospitality Hosts to host Sunday Hospitality Hour. You are not required to be a member of the Membership Ministry to host Hospitality Hour. We also have a group of Hospitality Bakers who we call upon during the year to bake sweet treats for special events. If hosting and/or baking is not your thing, you can contribute to our efforts by being a Hospitality Donor. There is a little blue box on the counter in the Narthex for your donations. Your donation may be made in honor of a loved one and recognition of your loved one will be made. These contributions help us offset the ever-increasing paper and food costs.

## Upcoming Events

We are planning a church picnic with special music in May/June and possibly a sunset cruise in early fall. Our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner is already on the calendar for Wed, Dec 3 at 6 pm. Hope you will join us!

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Michael Koch: A Life of Service Through Teamwork

Our newly installed elder, Mike Koch, is the Finance Ministry chair. He has earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in logistics. Mike is confident that God has provided outstanding competence in each of the committee members that will assure that God's will and direction for LPC finances will be accomplished.

When asked about the role of LPC in his faith walk, he told a story about the first time he and Doris attended LPC and how welcoming and friendly everyone was to them. They immediately felt at home. The generosity of our membership is what stands out to Mike. The spiritual and financial support provided for the operation of the church, as well as the financial assistance extended to over 20 local aid organizations and missions, are a daily blessing. Mike and Doris have been married for 53 years and have three children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They moved to Bluffton in 2021 and joined LPC in April 2022.

Mike knows a thing or two about teamwork from his 33-year military career, followed by 18 years working for defense contractors across the US and internationally.

Upon his return from Vietnam ('69-'70), he met and married Doris. They decided God and church would be a priority in their lives together. As they moved to assignments across the U.S. and to Korea and Germany, they always found a church that had a firm biblical foundation and activities for them and their children. Being active church members not only strengthened their faith, but they have been involved and taken to heart the mission of those various churches. They supported local, national, and international programs of outreach to the unchurched and Mike says they hopefully planted the seeds of Christianity for the Holy Spirit to water and mature. He has served on a Presbyterian Christian School board; taught adult Sunday school, was an adult small group leader, participated in mission trips to WV, KY, and NY, and served as a deacon and an elder.

Upon retirement from the Army, Mike committed to supporting the communities in which they have lived. He has served on the board of six Home Owners Associations and a time share board; President of Habitat for Humanity, Halifax, VA, and Executive Director of a community performing arts center. Mike presently serves as the president of the Haven Golf Club, and Doris is the president of the Haven Bridge Club and an active member of the LPC Women of Faith. It's been said that "idle hands are the devil's playground." Mike and Doris continue to have their hands full.

## BAPTISMS & BIRTHS



On Rev Herrin's last Sunday, Feb 26th, she had the privilege of baptizing, Isabelle Jones Stone into the family of faith. Isabelle is the daughter of Chris and Taylor Stone and the granddaughter of Perry and Lauren Robinson.

Congratulations to Ellie and Matt Quick on the birth of their baby girl, Madeline Ryan Quick born March 1st. She is little sister to Asher Quick.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Gail Box	19	Pat Kuhn
3	Sandy Benninger	19	Carolyn Whitman
5	Anna Anderson	20	Noah Hale
6	Allen Copeland	22	Robert Shumate
6	Bert Ruys	23	Shawn Panuline
8	Bill Walker	25	Derek Hardin
10	Brittany Wilson	25	Bob Whitman
11	Mendel Spears	28	Alice Pierce
12	Mel Gates	30	Anita Juelch
13	Diane Mikkelson	30	Pam Norley
15	Kay Hedrick	31	Rosemary Bishop
15	Vicki Melton		
17	Jim Hale		
19	Sharon Bogert		
19	Hudson Johnson		

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Cameron Fox	15	Judy Thorpe
2	Paige Lassen	17	Elaine Dawley
4	Katherine Bleile	19	Dennis Eubanks
4	Sarah Bleile	20	Annie Ehrhart
5	Dahlia Meyer	20	Debbie Paulick
6	Amilcar Chavelas	20	Kristen Turino
6	Lynn Norton	21	Janit Maguire
7	Sophie Stauffer	23	Dennis Dawley
8	Jerry Wells	23	David Given
9	Jean Willson	25	Joann McElravy
10	Jim Dove	26	Cal Beltman
11	Marilyn Gearhart	29	Karen Smith
11	Ethel Anne Price		
11	Robyn Wilkey		
15	Kelly Manning		



## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to:

Sue Higgins on the death of her mother, Marge Nelson  
Pam Panuline on the death of her mother, Doris Proctor.

## THANK YOU NOTES

My many thanks to this kind, warm, loving congregation who showered me with encouraging cards, a poinsettia, yummy meals, and prayers. Also, a big thanks to Chris and Dave who called often to check on me. I can't thank you enough as I continue with my healing. I am starting therapy for my arm and shoulder and am nearly over the remnants of pneumonia. You were a bright light in my recovery.  
Thank you! - Ann Warren

To My LPC Family, Thank you all so much for the lovely flowers! They continue to brighten my days. And my thanks as well to Chris too for her visit. Happy new year everyone.  
- Judy Wells

Ralph Peters and Robin Lind would like to thank the members of the congregation and Pastors for their cards, messages, and prayers during the past few weeks. They helped to uplift us after the death of Ralph's son and then again when Ralph ended up in the hospital with heart issues. Thank you.

Dear Church Family, thank you for the LOVE shown to me through the delicious meals delivered, beautiful flowers, meaningful cards, a visit by Chris, weekly phone calls from Pastor Dave and others, and most important, all your prayers. Your outpouring of LOVE has lifted my spirit, and I can't thank you enough. Surely you have shown your Christian values by your LOVE. What a blessing!  
Much love and God bless you, Joann McElravy

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, emails, flowers, texts, and calls! The journey through health challenges is rough, and your support raises my spirits and warms my heart. I am extremely grateful for this caring church family.  
- Janit Maguire

Dear Church Members, Thank you for your prayers and concern. God's blessings on all of you!  
Bud & Pat Woodard

Dear LCP friends, Your outpouring of love, prayers and support sustained us through the last few weeks after my sweet mom, Marge, passed away peacefully on Jan 28th. She loved coming to church every Sunday, meeting new pew friends, enjoying the choir and special music, and always had a "good word" for our pastors sermons! Thank you all for the warm embrace she felt. We continue to feel your comforting presence.- Sue & Steve Higgins

Dear LPC Friends, Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, emails and lovely flowers after the passing of my mother. All of your nice gestures were much appreciated during this difficult time.  
Gratefully, Pam Panuline

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:

The Session called a special session meeting on 1/13/26, stated session meetings on 1/22 and 2/26, and an annual congregational meeting on 1/26.

Session meetings:

- Approved two Easter Sunday worship services, 8:30am and 10:30am, on 4/20/25
- Approved the 2025 budget as presented by the Administration & Finance Ministry team
- Approved the allocation of the \$89,000 2024 budget surplus with \$8,900 (10%) allocated to the Missions Ministry and \$81,100 (90%) to the Capital Reserve Project Fund
- Approved revised Terms of Call for Rev. David Johnson
- Elected Elders Jan Alpert, Janit Maguire, and Dale Wilkes to serve as the Interim/Transitional Pastor Search Committee.
- Approved separating the Administration & Finance Ministry into two ministries
- Revise the "What We Believe" section of our website
- Elected Elders Pam Davis-Webb and Dale Wilkes as Chair and Co-chair of the 2025 Church Officer Nominating Committee
- Approved a revised Capital Budget
- Elected Elder Gigi Johnston to serve as Commissioner at the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery 9/20/25 meeting

Congregational meeting:

- Concurred with Rev. Herrin's request that Charleston Atlantic Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between her and Lowcountry Presbyterian Church
- Elected Ernest Bush, Venus Holland, and Jim Wright as the 2025 Church Officer Nominating Committee at-large members.
- Accepted the changes in terms of call for Rev. David Johnson as presented.

The next two Session meetings are scheduled for 3/28 and 4/16.

If you have any questions or would like to see the minutes, please contact Janit Maguire, Clerk of Session, at [janitmaguire@gmail.com](mailto:janitmaguire@gmail.com) or 845-527-6409.

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## Mission Statement:

*Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith joined together through Christ, offering meaning and hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.*



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