

Ice Cream Social Highlights

On July 5th the Membership Ministry hosted an Ice Cream Social in the Narthex to help celebrate the birthday of our country. Ice cream, lots of toppings, and pretzels, were offered as well as red, white, and blue M&Ms. The event was well received and is a definite possibility for a repeat next year on July 4th.

Thanks to everyone who enjoyed the treats and a special thanks to the Membership Ministry who helped make this special Hospitality Time a success.

Hospitality in the Narthex after the service is a special time for our church and it takes a lot of participation to make it a success. Please consider contributing. There are many ways to participate such as Carol Hissom mentions in the bulletin, even a package of Oreos or your grandmother's coconut cake. Carol does a fantastic job coordinating the Hospitality time, so if you can bake, pour coffee, or purchase a pack of Oreos, just let her know or sign up in the Narthex. Contact Carol at 600carol@gmail.com or (724) 255-2949.



Summer Celebrations

Celebrating a Special Milestone

LPC was delighted to celebrate the graduation of Emear Smith from Hilton Head Preparatory High School during worship on May 31st. This important achievement marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Emear was recognized with remarks by Reverend Johnson and Elder, Elaine Branda. He was gifted a monogrammed LPC blanket and t-shirt and was greeted warmly by all present during hospitality time held in his honor.

We give thanks to God for guiding Emear throughout this journey and for the support he provided the AV/livestream team as a member of LPC. Emear will begin his next chapter in the fall, studying Sustainable Business Management at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.

We pray for wisdom, success, and God's continued presence in the years to come.



This season, Lowcountry Presbyterian Church joyfully celebrated three special occasions in the life of our church family. We gave thanks for the love, faith, and dedication of mothers on Mother's Day, honored fathers and father figures on Father's Day, and rejoiced in the gift of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost. These celebrations reminded us of God's faithfulness across generations and the blessings of family, community, and spiritual renewal. We are grateful for all who joined us in worship and fellowship as we marked these meaningful days together.



If you were unable to attend, extra tokens of our appreciation are located on the narthex counter.

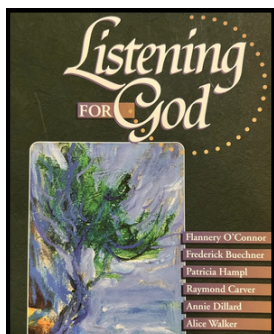
Faith Formation

Children's Sunday School

Meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month in the room down the hallway past the left entrance to the sanctuary. Children's Sunday School will restart September 13th. Kids Space will continue each Sunday during the summer.

Adult Sunday School

Each Sunday morning, people gather in the parlor from 9:15 to 10:00 to enjoy a learning experience. Subjects vary from Bible verses to contemporary subjects. You are welcome to visit anytime. Adult Sunday School will continue each Sunday morning during the summer and fall. For more information contact Joe Franklin – jfrankli@georgiasouthern.edu or Bill Walker – kamwheeling@gmail.com



Adult Bible Studies

"Short Stories of God's Presence" – Rev. Johnson is leading a discussion group with a different stand-alone short story, the 4th Thursday of each month restarting in September on Thursday September 24. This meeting is at 4 pm in the parlor at the main church.



Adult Bible Studies

"The Present World" – The Testimony of Faithful Witnesses. Each lesson is separate featuring one individual in the Bible. Rev. Danie or Rev. Dave's Bible Study using this book by Rev. Dr. Broderick D. Belin meets each Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the parlor. Each study is independent, come as you can. All are welcome and books are available in the office.

Conversation Study for Men

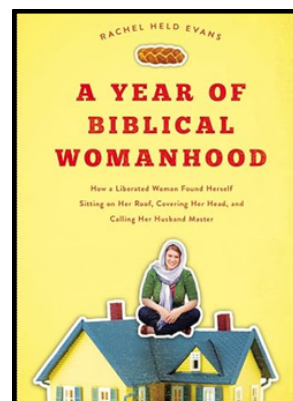
The 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 in the Parlor at the main church, Rev. De Beer and/or Rev. Johnson will lead a casual conversation study for men. This small group will restart on Saturday September 19th. All men are welcome for coffee and discussions.

Faith Formation

Women of Faith Reconvenes on September 8th!

Women of Faith invites all women to join us this September as we continue our journey through *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* by Rachel Held Evans.

As we begin a new season together on September 8th, we'll pick up our exploration of the questions that have challenged and inspired Christian women for generations: What does biblical womanhood really mean? What can Scripture teach us about living faithfully as women today? How do ancient teachings speak into our modern lives?



In this engaging and often humorous book, Rachel Held Evans recounts her year-long experiment of attempting to follow every biblical instruction for women as literally as possible. Along the way, she discovers the stories of remarkable women throughout Scripture—women of courage, wisdom, faith, and grace—and invites readers to consider what their lives can teach us today.

Whether you participated last year or are joining for the first time, you are welcome. Women of Faith is open to all LPC women, friends, and visitors. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Parlor for fellowship, discussion, and spiritual growth in community. We look forward to gathering again on Sept. 8 as we continue this meaningful study together.

Copies of *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* are available through your favorite bookseller. Participants are asked to read pages 174-200 prior to the meeting.

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

Men of Purpose

Men of Purpose has taken the summer off and will restart on Saturday, September 12th. Watch the bulletin and Friday eBlast to learn the new book that will be used starting in September. Men of Purpose is a small discussion group of fellows who meet each Saturday morning at 9am in the Parlor at the main church. All men are welcome.

For questions, please contact Bill Walker – kamwheeling@gmail.com.



Photo by Rich Allen

Faith Formation

S.T.E.P.S. 2026

The S.T.E.P.S. Planning Team of our Charleston Atlantic Presbytery invites you to our annual STEPS event taking place on Saturday, August 29th at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. As people of faith, we have good news to share! We develop

our faith in many different ways and through many different acts. STEPS has learning opportunities for every ministry of the church. Join us and others from the congregations in our presbytery as we gather for this opportunity to share and enrich our faith through learning, worship, and fellowship. For more information and to register pick up a brochure on the counter in the narthex, or go to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery at <https://capresbytery.org>.

Ridesharing will be coordinated if you are interested, see the information on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For questions contact Bill Walker: kamwheeling@gmail.com or text 843-816-0884.



Mother's Day

On Mother's Day the children learned that Moms are superheroes and they should appreciate all that they do. Then they gave their moms and the entire congregation a wonderful gift. They sang several songs under the direction of Tom Smith. The children brought smiles and such joy to us all.

Sacrament of Baptism

On June 14th the congregation had the privilege to participate in a baptism. It is always very meaningful to watch parents bring their children to receive this Sacrament.



Beautification Project

The Joyce Heyboer "Plaza and Meditation Garden" beautification project has almost completed the first phase. The previous fountain wall has been painted, garden cleaned and mulched, and the planter will be filled with soil in the coming weeks. All done to beautify and honor this wonderful addition to the church in 2004. Plantings to follow in the fall.

The following members of the committee came with tools, hands, feet and hearts to begin restoring the Garden to a beautiful place to pray, meditate, gather and use for many occasions: Sandy Benninger, Connie Copeland, Donald Gazelle, Christine Gottsch, Kevin McCarthy, Graham Painter and Jean Willson, Dennis and Joann Pearsall, Bob Shumate, Lynette Tate, and Brenda and Jim Wildt.

I am grateful to all for their dedication to this project. The Memorial Plaque has also been renewed with several applications of Bronze. Thank you! Well done!

If you are interested in a "Plaza and Garden Ministry" call or text Brenda Wildt, 404-606-0499.



Missions

Missions Update on Giving

Thank you to our Congregation for their continued generous donations to the nonprofits that our church supports.

Change Can Make a Change Collections:

- In April, One Great Hour of Sharing received \$3,959.00
- In May, World Central Kitchen received \$2,362.00
- In June, the school supply collection for The Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and for Agape Family Life Center totaled \$3,051.

Additional donations from Mission:

- In May, Missions allocated \$1,000 to Doctors without Borders from the Mission Beyond Budget.
- In July, a donation of \$1,000. was sent to Agape Family Life Center to help with the food costs in keeping their shelves stocked at their Food Pantry. Thank you to our members for responding to the emergency ask for Snacks for Agape's summer camp and Backpack weekend distribution.

August Change Can Make a Change is Medical Benevolence Foundation Medical Mission for the 21st Century

LPC has supported this mission since the church's early years financially and participating in a mission trip to Haiti in 2015. Dedicated to equipping and fortifying the medical ministries of local churches in underserved regions worldwide, the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) works in partnership with its international partners as they take on the responsibility of overseeing mission hospitals, clinics, and nursing schools. MBF's unwavering commitment is to provide these medical ministries with the necessary support to enhance healthcare services within their communities and lay the foundation for sustainable growth, ultimately enabling individuals to break free from the cycle of poverty.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross thanks Lowcountry Presbyterian Church for sponsoring their 3rd Blood Drive on July 6, 2026 at Thomas Hall. There were 21 units of blood collected which could potentially save 47 lives. Thank you to the team that worked at the Blood Drive: Carol Hissom, Nancy Hill, Kathleen Casey, Sandy Iams and Anne Redlus.

Back to School Supply Collection

We had another successful Change Can Make a Change and School Supplies Drive in June! We collected 582 school items plus 104 backpacks for a total of 686 supplies donated by church members for Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce Back to School Days and Agape Family Life Center area children in need. In addition our June Change Can Make a Change collection of \$3,051.00 was divided equally between the two non profit organizations. Thank you so much for your amazing generosity making such a positive impact on our local children's lives.

SEPTEMBER CCMAC WALK FOR WATER

Can you imagine not having fresh, cool water to drink in the summer heat? Or having just 5 gallons of water a day for your entire family's washing, cooking and cleaning? Two billion people around the world face that reality every day, with no access to safe, clean water. But you can help change that. Beaufort County Walk for Water raises awareness and money to fight the global water crisis. All proceeds go to Water Mission, a nonprofit Christian engineering organization based in Charleston that builds safe water and sanitation solutions in developing countries and disaster areas. Did you know Water Mission's disaster response team was one of the first onsite when Hurricane Helene hit western North Carolina in 2024? Access to clean, safe water helped our neighbors survive!

Lowcountry Presbyterian Church is again a proud supporter of Water Mission's Beaufort County Walk for Water. **Please joinn our LPC team Saturday, October 3rd at the Bluffton United Methodist Church's "backlot" to help us raise awareness and money to provide sustainable water systems for those in desperate need.** We'll join others in our community to walk about 3 miles to symbolize the sometimes dangerous walk millions of women and children make every day for water that's often contaminated.

Registration is free! Visit walkforwater.com/beaufort to sign up. Click & Register on the home page, then click "Join a Team" and select "LPC Water Walkers". Get a free T-shirt by donating at least \$25 to this important cause.

Contact Don Hamburger at donaldj.hamburger@gmail.com or 843.729.7136 with questions or visit watermission.org.




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BASKETBALL ACADEMY

MINISTRY UPDATE | OAXACA, MEXICO | JUNE 2026



Our Mission

Through basketball, education, and community engagement, we empower Triqui children to grow in their God-given potential, strengthen their cultural identity, and build a brighter future.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE



36
CHILDREN ENROLLED

15 girls and 21 boys from several Triqui communities.



200+
CHILDREN SERVED

Through programs in different schools across the Triqui region.



MULTIPLE
TRIQUI COMMUNITIES

Families and leaders are trusting and supporting the academy.



1ST YEAR
OF MINISTRY

A year of many blessings, growth and joyful opportunities.

WHERE WE SERVE




PRESERVING THE TRIQUI LANGUAGE THROUGH SPORTS

This month, Coach José Eli began incorporating our Triqui language (Nánj Ní'in) into the training sessions—teaching numbers and basic words during games and exercises.

Through sports, children are strengthening their skills and also their cultural identity and pride in speaking our language.

Nánj Ní'in (Palabra completa)
1 ní
2 gaha
3 üuni
4 sobi
5 má'a

WE CONTINUE SERVING IN SCHOOLS



Through our school programs, we are reaching and working with **more than 200 children** through sports, education, and community engagement.

PARENTS & STUDENTS COMMENTS

11 Victor has more energy, better appetite, wakes up earlier and is more motivated to do things.
— Victor's Mom

12 The children have improved in passes, shooting, and teamwork thanks to the trainings.
— Lian's Mom

13 I appreciate how coach explains each exercise in detail, their purpose, and correct technique.
— Yurem's Dad

14 They started knowing nothing, and now they can dribble, shoot, and play on the regular basket. I'm so proud!
— Parent

♥ Ahuii's dad also brought his little sister Zoé (5 years old) to start learning basketball. She is now our youngest player in the academy!

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for our boys and girls as they grow in their faith, character, and skills.

Please pray for families in our community to have strength, health, and wisdom, especially during the summer.

Please pray for the upcoming projects and for resources needed to continue and expand ministry. *¡Iniciamos!*

LOOKING AHEAD

- ✓ We will continue teaching and using the Triqui language in our trainings.
- ✓ We are preparing for the new school year beginning in August.
- ✓ We will begin recording video blogs with children (with parental permission) to share their stories and growth.
- ✓ We will keep developing creative activities to keep children engaged, active, and learning.



Thank You!

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Together, we are investing in the lives of Triqui children and helping build a hope-filled future for their communities.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

"Let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth." 1 JOHN 3:18

MACKAY PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

Did You Know?

LPC supports the Mackay Presbyterian Mission in Oaxaca, Mexico. This is an indigenous community, one of the poorest in Latin America. Last year Mackay Mission partnered with the schools in Oaxaca to start a sports academy with four general founding principles: 1. Education development, 2. Trique language conservation to preserve their native language, 3. Health care and 4. Sports activities. The sports academy not only provides an after-school program but also provides services in the schools during the day. At this time, this project needs funds of \$7000 annually to continue. Mackay Presbyterian Mission is sponsored by the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery: LPC is partnering with other churches in the presbytery, to support this community.

Missions

AGAPE SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Please help us stock Agape's shelves for the summer by bringing your food donations to LPC on **Sunday, August 9th** between 11:30 am and 1:00 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 from the Mission Committee.

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
11:30 AM - 1 PM**

MOST REQUESTED & NEEDED ITEMS:

- apples and oranges
- sweet and white potatoes
- mascea (flour to make tortillas)
- dry and canned beans
- rice
- canned fruit and vegetables
- peanut butter and jelly
- canned chicken and tuna
- baby food
- cereal
- soup
- pasta sauce and pasta

Backpack Buddies

On Thursday, June 11th, Carol Hissom, Linda Wright, Bonnie Flack and Sandy Benninger volunteered in the Backpack Buddies tent at the Bluffton Farmers Market. Eighty five families received a bag of food with all the ingredients to prepare a pasta meal, a coupon for one pound of ground beef and a packet of \$2 wooden coins to be used to buy fresh produce, eggs or dairy from the market.



Music Ministry



Music Updates

Music Ministry is thankful for all the singers and instrumentalists who have provided music for the Sunday services this summer. It has been wonderful having members of the choir provide uplifting music for the Offertory and other parts of the service. Thank you. Here is a list of the people who have shared their gifts this summer. Special thanks to Karen Ball and Karen Johnson for their gifts at the organ and piano.

June 21 Father's Day (Women of the Choir) You are My All in All
June 28 Kevin Murray
July 5 Pick-up Choir: Hymn #340 This is My Song (all are invited)
July 12 Andrea Frankenfield/flute, Dale Nordby and Jim Wright (guitar)
July 19 John Dreier – The Hands of the Lord
July 26 Pat Smith
August 2 Jim Wright
August 9 Tom Smith
August 16 Dale Nordby
August 23 Jaki Fesq, Andrea Frankenfield, flutes and Burton Rich, cello
August 30 TBA

Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m.
Jubilate Ringers will begin rehearsing on Tuesday, September 15th at 12:30 p.m.

Thank You Notes:

Ronnie Ray, the gentleman who was staying on the side of our church, has been set up in an apartment. His address for visits and letters is- Ronnie Ray, 1224 Ribaut Rd, Unit 306, Beaufort, SC 29902. We are working on getting him a phone and other needed items. If you would like to contribute, or be willing to pick him up and bring him to church, or take him back, or both, please contact Elder Patti (Roz) Rozonkiewicz, pattiroz@outlook.com, or text 630-841-1935. It would be great if we could bring him to church once or twice a month. Thank you for your support.

Frank and I would like to thank all of you for the overwhelming concern shown to us after his event during the service last week. From the doctors in our congregation who cared for him while waiting for the ambulance, to the amazing number of emails, phone calls and texts. We can't begin to tell you what that meant to us. - **Elaine and Frank Branda**

Thank you LPC family for the flowers, cards, and well wishes you sent me during my recovery period from knee surgery. It has been greatly appreciated. - **Debby Miller**

Dr. Bill Thorpe sincerely wants to express his appreciation for all and each of the wishes from so many members and let you know that he continues to improve and will eventually heal from his recent hip replacement.

Marilyn and Ernie Miesner would like to express their deep appreciation and thanks for the wonderful meals prepared and delivered during Ernie's recent recovery from surgery.

Dear LPC Friends, The delivery of flowers from your worship service on June 21 was so very deeply appreciated. I cannot express how deeply comforting it was to receive it and know you are wishing me and my family well. Your gesture will long be remembered by family as we travel this new journey. Thank you so very much. Blessings to everyone of you, **Lynn Cordy**

Dear LPC Family, Thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls, and text messages. It truly meant so much to our family during this time of losing my father, Roy Cressy. Your kindness is so appreciated. Grace and peace, **Jim & Sue Martin**

Thank you so much for the many expressions of caring that we received concerning our daughter's surgery. It was comforting knowing that so many people took the time to reach out to us. - **Elaine and Frank Branda**

PNC Report:

Your PNC has been meeting almost weekly, going through dozens of applications and interviews. We are committed to following the Holy Spirit's leading in finding the best Senior Pastor to lead this congregation. We are deeply grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and patience throughout this time of transition. Your support strengthens us more than you know.

As we continue this journey together, we ask for your ongoing prayers:

- For our congregation and staff, as we navigate this time of change with grace and unity.
- For the PNC, that we may listen well, discern wisely, and remain open to the Spirit's guidance.
- For our future Senior Pastor, whoever and wherever they may be, that God will prepare their heart even now for the ministry ahead.

Thank you for walking with us in faith and hope. God is at work, and we trust that the right leader will come in God's perfect timing.

Session Highlights

The Session called stated session meetings on 4/24, 5/26, and 6/23. Highlights are listed below.

Session members attended an overnight retreat in Rincon, GA where they reviewed the elder ordination questions, discussed our church processes and policies, brainstormed ideas for our future. They enjoyed sharing meals and conversation.

Reviewed:

- Various policies and procedures

Elected:

- Elder Sandy Iams as Chair of the 2026 Church Officer Nominating Committee

Approved:

- Changing Church Administrator's status from full time M-F to part time T-F
- Hiring Office Assistant per diem for one day/week
- Project to enlarge audio/video area in the balcony and install carpet
- Baptism of Shaun Patrick Fitzsimmons
- Protocol for former members who request reinstatement
- Researching possibility of building a labyrinth on church property
- New member classes on 9/22 and 9/29/26

Discussions:

- The session met with Charleston Atlantic Presbytery General Presbyter Rev. Becky Albright for our triennial meeting. Rev. Albright agreed to hold a meeting with our congregation following worship on 8/23/26 for an update and to answer questions about the Presbytery and its churches.
- Pastor Nominating Committee progress

The next session meetings are scheduled for 8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/17, and 12/15.

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

August Birthdays

3	Anne Redlus	23	Kevin MacCarthy
6	Mike Manning	26	Dianne Grazier
7	Marjorie Wilno	26	Judy Young
8	Bob Barry	27	Jerry Broadwater
8	Debbie Sell	27	Bill Pillagalli
12	Sonia Abernethy	28	Rachel Hale
13	Ernie Miesner	31	Karen Johnson
13	Ralph Peters		
15	Jim Wright		
16	Vernon Wehrung		
19	Lawrence Miller		
20	Sally Ayotte		

September Birthdays

1	Sue Ellen Johnson	9	Kathy Krantz
1	Michael Koch	10	Sue Martin
1	Bob Overfield	11	Marla Sukow
4	Robyn Kiser	13	Tom Bloom
5	Laura Phillips	13	Virginia Durham
6	Darlene Kunkle	14	Greg Bobro
6	Anneke Ruys	14	William Thorpe
6	Dave Williams	19	Bob Law
7	Joe Franklin	20	John Abernethy
7	Jean Wehrung	22	Steve Rogers
8	Doris Koch	24	Carol Simpson
8	J. R. Wilson	30	Chris Tremitiere
9	Phil Kiser	30	Cora Johnson

October Birthdays

3	Lila Wright	16	Peggy Broadwater
6	Ron Gemme	18	Elizabeth Bobro
8	Judy Wells	18	Evie Hardin
8	Marty Eubanks	18	Rosemary Yakely
8	Marian Williams	19	Linda Smith
11	Marie Pendleton	21	Shirley Boppe
12	Carol Given	21	Carolyn Marshall
13	Frank Dove	22	Jean Nordby
15	Mary Johnson	23	Gigi Johnston
15	Bob Yakely	24	Ted Hansen
15	Kevin Murray	29	Ed Walters

Christian Sympathy:

Christian sympathy is extended to:

The family of Dick MacDougal
Dick and his wife Betsy had moved to
Greenwood, SC

The family of Tom Cordy
A memorial service is planned for
November 7 at 10am

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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