



**Fall 2025**

**Calling All LPC Talent!**

## Talent Show and Potluck Dinner

★ ★ Wednesday, September 10th from 6 pm to 8 pm  
in Thomas Hall

Looking for vocalists, instrumentalists, dancers, artists, photographers, thespians, and poets, of all ages to share your talent with us, and of course, enjoy a delicious LPC potluck dinner.

Talent: Artist/photographers will be limited to showing 3 pieces and will provide their own display set-ups.

Other performances will be limited to 5 minutes.

Sign-up on the Membership Board in the Narthex or online for both the Talent show and the Potluck Dinner.

Looking forward to a fun night. Time to start practicing!

# Welcome New Members!

Eighteen new members were welcomed into the LPC family on June 29. This group brings many talents to our church life. We look forward to worshipping and serving together with them.



**Jack & LaNita Cloninger** moved from their hometown of Asheville, NC, to the Latitude community in Hardeeville, SC, just two days before the flood caused by Hurricane Helene. Jack is an attorney, and LaNita is a real estate broker; both enjoy playing golf. They are transferring from First Presbyterian Church of Asheville and love living in the Lowcountry.



**Roxanne Isaacs** retired to Sun City from Ponte Vedra, FL 12 years ago. She has three daughters and their families that include three grandchildren. Sadly, none of them live close by. She enjoys golf, reading, puzzles, and dining out.



**Scott Miller and his wife, Lori Wittman**, recently relocated permanently to Bluffton from Highland Park, IL. Scott and Lori have three adult children and one granddaughter. Scott spent most of his professional career in commercial real estate, focusing on developing retail and mixed-use projects throughout the US. He loves to read, work out, cook—mostly on a grill or smoker—and shoot sporting clays.



**Burton and Claire Rich** were raised in Louisiana where they met and married. Claire practiced law for several years, while Burton began his career as an analytical chemist. They subsequently moved to New Jersey where they raised their three children and Burton started a new career as a supply chain consultant for the Army. Claire worked as the Director of Youth Ministries at Medford United Methodist Church and volunteered with several organizations. They moved to the lowcountry in 2022. Claire enjoys playing Bells with Jubilate Ringers at LPC and they both look forward to meeting new friends and contributing to the community, including Lowcountry Presbyterian Church.

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The following new members joined on June 29th:



**Dennis and Joann Pearsall** are originally from Michigan and vacationed on Hilton Head for more than 45 years. They relocated to the area last December. They have two children and four grandchildren. Dennis is retired from careers in banking, finance, and real estate in Ann Arbor and Traverse City. He has previously served as an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. Joann is a homemaker who grew up on a farm and found God in the beauty of nature when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Both enjoy gardening, and Dennis is a golf enthusiast. They also appreciate church music and the fellowship of believers.



**Stephen and Tina Rogers** moved to Bluffton from Fairfax, Virginia, two years ago. Their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren live in Atlanta, and they enjoy being close enough to attend their grandsons' high school sporting events. They met at the University of Georgia when they were both students and have been married for 53 years. Steve is retired from Mercedes-Benz Corporate and really likes cars. He loves all UGA sports and the Atlanta Falcons. His favorite sport to play is golf. Tina's professional background is in real estate and property management.



**Stephen and Lynette Tate** are from Northern Virginia, where they were high school sweethearts. Stephen flew fighter jets in the US Air Force and later worked in sporting goods. Lynette has an Elementary Education degree but has been a Real Estate Broker for 25 years. They have two daughters and four grandchildren in Atlanta and Raleigh. After living in Boca Raton, FL, and Raleigh, NC, they moved to Sun City. Stephen is active in the Photography Club and plays golf, while Lynette enjoys gardening, golf, pickleball, hiking, swimming, book club, bridge, and mahjong.



**Susan Nehonsky and her husband, Chuck**, who attends St. Gregory the Great, moved to Bluffton in September 2024 from Clarkston, Michigan. They have three children and three grandchildren. Sue is a retired piano teacher and still plays piano regularly. Her interests include reading, traveling, and spending time with her family.

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**Marie Thompson** is originally from East Jordan, Michigan. Marie lived throughout the state before relocating to Chicago for her husband's job. As a Regional Director of Sales and Marketing for Sheraton and Radisson hotels, she traveled extensively along the East Coast. After her husband retired, they moved to St. Pete Beach, Florida, and 21 years ago, seeking more space, they settled in Sun City.



**Brenda Wildt** grew up in Virginia, while **Jim Wildt** is from Illinois. They met and subsequently married in Atlanta. Brenda holds a degree in Music Education and taught at the elementary school level before pursuing careers at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens and in Real Estate. Jim is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and North Central College, earning an MBA. Following their semi-retirement to Asheville, NC, Jim was employed at Biltmore Estate for ten years, serving as a House Tour Guide and Interpretive Host. They relocated to Sun City at the end of 2024. They each have many interests, including their love and service to God. A favorite pastime is taking their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel along on their bike rides.



**Janet Clapp** and **Peter Sach** moved to Moss Creek in January 2024 from the Jersey Shore (Monmouth County), where we raised our two sons in Fair Haven. Peter has always had a passion for golf, which doesn't always fit in with the schedule when raising children. The plan was always to end up in an area with excellent golf. The Hilton Head area fits the bill, and we are loving it here. We still manage our business, providing accounting/bookkeeping services to small and medium businesses. We are excited to have found the Lowcountry Presbyterian Church and look forward to becoming part of your congregation.

## New Member Classes

Sept. 15 & 22 from 4-6 pm

Have you been visiting for a while and are now ready to join the LPC family OR would you just like to know more about what membership means? If so, please sign up by contacting the church office at [office@lowcountrypres.org](mailto:office@lowcountrypres.org) or 843-815-6570.

Childcare can be arranged.

## Faith Formation

### Sunday School for adults and children will begin September 14th!

This year the Children's Sunday School will have 2 classes. The younger group, led by Phyllis Willever, will be for ages 4-K and will meet in the back Sunday School room. The second class, led by Nancy Doran, will be for 1st grade thru 5th grade and meet in the office area. Nancy was a helper to Phyllis last year and was an elementary school teacher in her career. It is exciting to see our Children's Sunday School expand.

No adult Sunday School Aug. 31 or Sept. 7. Both adult and children will resume Sept. 14.



## LEGO CHURCH

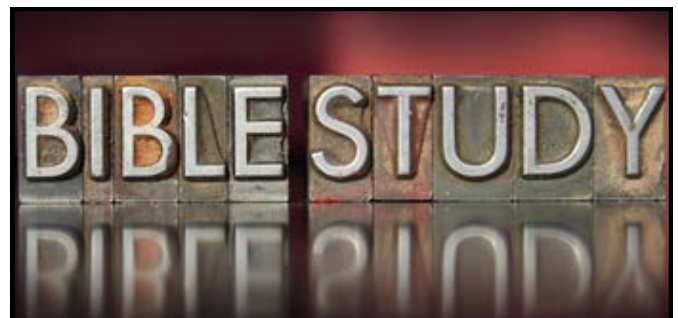
SUNDAY, OCT. 5 AT 3 PM  
THOMAS HALL

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

Please contact Elaine Branda with questions: [hhgolfer@gmail.com](mailto:hhgolfer@gmail.com)

## October Bible Study

Rev. Johnson will begin our next Bible Study series in October. Time and topic will be coming soon.



# Faith Formation

## Summer Bible Study Recap

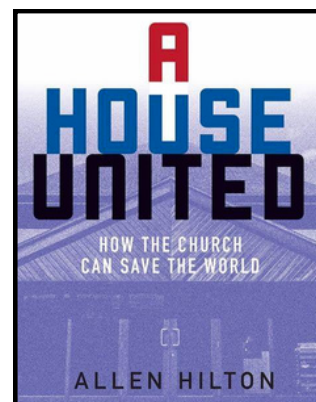
Rev. Johnson led a Bible Study on the Apostle's Creed each Tuesday afternoon during the month of July. The subject was the Apostle's Creed. We learned why it is called that, what it meant that "he descended into hell" and much more. It was well attended with 25 at the first meeting.



## Men of Purpose (MOP)

*A House United* by Allen Hilton is the book we will start discussing Sept. 6, 2025. This book will touch some controversial subjects but will definitely lead to good discussions.

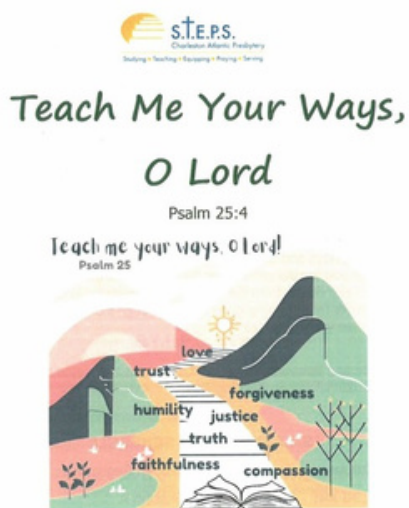
A HOUSE UNITED - Rather than asking people to leave their political and theological beliefs at the church door, Author Hilton promotes a Christianity that brings people together with their differences. Through God's transforming work, he writes, we can create a house united that will help our nation come back together.



We are a small discussion group of 10 to 12 fellows who meet each Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the Parlor at the main church. All men are welcome. For questions, please contact Bill Walker – [kamwheeling@gmail.com](mailto:kamwheeling@gmail.com).

## There is still time to join the group attending S.T.E.P.S. on August 23rd

Cost - \$35 for walk-ins the day of the event. Events and workshops are for EVERYONE striving to grow in Christian faith, service, and knowledge of the love of God. A group from LPC has attended each year. Please register and pay your fee online and also add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Faith Formation Bulletin Board. Have questions? Contact Elaine Branda [hhgolfer@gmail.com](mailto:hhgolfer@gmail.com).



**August 23, 2025**  
**Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church**  
Pre-registration Deadline: August 12  
Registration Fee: \$25  
<https://capresbytery.org>

# Faith Formation

## Join Women of Faith as we launch a new book study on 9/9!

*Have you ever wondered what God truly expects of women? Is there really a prescription for biblical womanhood? Does the Bible's idea of womanhood have a place in modern Christianity?*

Join Women of Faith in thought-provoking conversation as they embark on a year-long study of *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* by Rachel Held Evans. We'll dive into the lives of the women we meet in scripture and redefine what it means to live biblically.

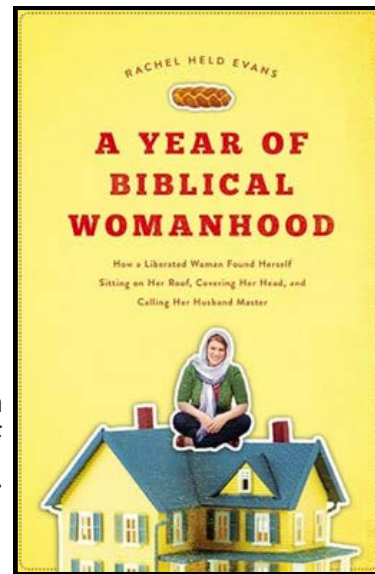
Intrigued by the traditionalist resurgence that led many of her friends to abandon their careers in order to assume traditional gender roles in the home, the author decided to try it for herself, vowing to take all of the Bible's instructions for women as literally as possible for a full year.

The result? A courageous and humorous journey:

- exploring what a "woman's place" is according to the Scriptures
- applying the Bible's teachings to day-to-day life, sometimes to literal extremes
- focusing on virtues like domesticity, obedience, beauty, submission, and grace
- developing a "Biblical Woman's Ten Commandments" to serve as a guide for daily living

Women of Faith is open to all LPC women, friends and visitors. The group meets every second Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Parlor to engage with God's word in community. *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* will be the focus book for the year. The book is available on Amazon or wherever you prefer to buy your reading material.

Participants are asked to read pages xiii-xxvi before our Sept. 9 meeting. Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) for more information.



## Pentecost Sunday

Members of the Worship committee provided cake in celebration of Pentecost on Sunday, June 8th.

# Missions

## News Flash

Dr. Robert Gamble D.Min, Presbyterian Church (USA), Executive Director, [thischildhere.org](http://thischildhere.org) and his wife Oli are planning a visit to our church in either September or October. This will be the third time that he has visited our Congregation to give us updates on the work by This Child Here in Ukraine. We are thrilled to welcome them to the Lowcountry.

## Memory Matters

A New Support Group starting in Bluffton for those caring for a loved one with dementia and memory loss, starts July 30th from 11am-12pm at Okatie Pines Retirement Community, 142 Okatie Center Blvd N. Okatie, 29909 [www.mymemorymatters.org](http://www.mymemorymatters.org)

## Blessing Box

Thank you for all of the donations that were received during these summer months. We will take a little break from our donation requests and let you know when supplies are low again.



## Family Promise Cook-Out

The Mission Team tried something new with the Family Promise families by hosting a cook-out at their Freedom House on a HOT Saturday in July. Since Covid, the meals have been provided by dropping off individual meals for each family without contact. That was a real change from when we were a host congregation and provided the meals and ate together with the families. Many who have been involved in the past have expressed missing that experience so we decided to try going back to the model we used when hosting, but providing it at the Freedom House. Mission members supplied the ingredients for the cook out and we used their grill to make cheeseburgers with all the fixin's. The menu also included chips, dip, fresh vegetables, watermelon, lemonade, iced tea and homemade cookies. We did not eat outside however because of the extreme heat! Those members who were there agreed that it was a step in the right direction and we plan to host more meals this year at the Freedom House. If you are interested in being involved in the future or would like more information please contact Diane Mikkelsen ([dianemikke@aol.com](mailto:dianemikke@aol.com) or 843-368-6865).

## Missions Financial Update

Thank you to our members for their very generous donations to the Change Can Make a Change Program in May, June, and July.

- **May Change Can Make a Change** - donations were \$1,861.00 and went to Young Life Program - Hilton Head/Bluffton
- **June Change Can Make A Change** - donations were \$2,056.00 for Bluffton Area Community Association and \$2,056 for Agape Family Life Center for School Supplies. 626 Items and packages with numerous items within were donated by church members for the School Supply Drive which was divided to both the above nonprofits.
- **July Change Can Make a Change** - donations were \$1,398.00 for the Red Cross

In addition, \$2,000. was sent to Presbyterian Church USA Disaster Relief Program for Texas Flooding from the 2024 Surplus Mission funds.

# Missions

## Backpack Buddies

There are a few changes being made to our Backpack Buddies Schedule for the upcoming school year. To those of you who would like to help you will need to get a Beaufort County School Volunteer Pass. Instead of packing the food bags at the church, as we have done in the past, we will be packing in the Red Cedar Elementary cafeteria. We will be allowed into the cafeteria at 1:45. It will take us a little longer to pack the bags this year because we will also be unpacking the cartons of food. At least we won't have to transport those heavy bins very far!

To obtain a pass, google Beaufort County School Volunteer, click on Volunteer, click on Application, click on Next in the bottom right hand corner, and Fill out the Application. Please e-mail Sandy at [sbenninger@sc.rr.com](mailto:sbenninger@sc.rr.com) or phone 248-756-6666 to let her know that you plan to volunteer this year or if you need help obtaining the pass. Our packing dates for the 2025-26 year are: September 9th, November 5th, January 6th, March 3rd, and May 5th.



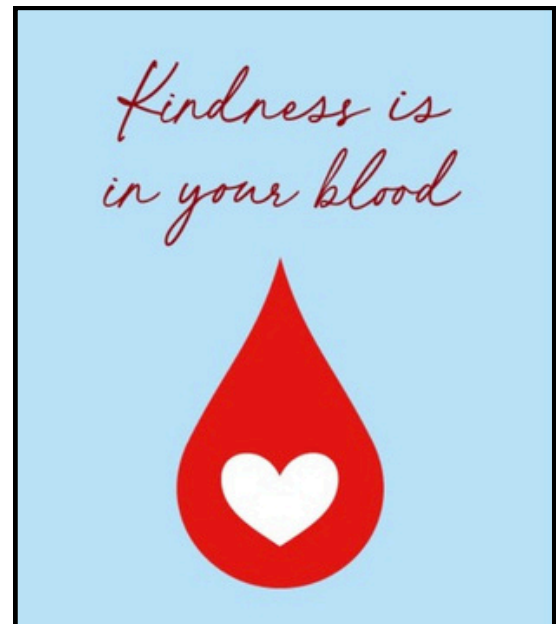
On June 26th LPC members Jim Wright, Linda Wright, and (not shown) Robert Shumate and Sandy Benninger volunteered at the Backpack Buddies Booth at the Farmers market. Also pictured, Phyllis Enloe, head of the Backpack Buddies summer program.

90 families received a bag of food along with a bag of \$2.00 wooden coins to spend at the market for fresh produce. Each child received a box of crayons and a box of markers.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

The LPC Blood Drive on Tuesday July 22 from 1:00 to 6:00 at Thomas Hall "knocked it out of the park," according to Nathan, our ARC representative. The expectation of a first-time drive is a goal of 17 units. We collected 28 units. We are very grateful for the response to sign-ups on Sundays and on the ARC website. Thank you to all who donated blood during this event.

A special thank you to the volunteers who encouraged and helped with sign-ups on Sundays and also those who participated in the day of the Blood Drive with check-in and snacks. Everything went smoothly. There are plans for another Blood Drive on December 15. Stay tuned.



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## Summer Food Drive

Ponchitta sends her sincere thanks to the Lowcountry Presbyterian Congregation! We delivered 721 food items including 40 bags or fresh fruit and vegetables, 110 cans of chicken and tuna, 180 cans of vegetables and 58 jars of peanut butter and jelly! Thanks for coming out on a hot day. Agape appreciates our support.

Our next food drive will be on November 9th. Ponchitta said it would coincide with their Feed the Hungry distribution on the 15th.



## Back to School

What a successful Change Can Make a Change and School Supplies Drive we had in June! We collected 626 items and packages with numerous items inside 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 \$4,112.00 was divided equally between the two non profit organizations. Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping to make such a positive impact on these children's lives. Your generosity is overwhelming.



# Missions



You're Invited!

TO BUY TICKETS

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
THE BARN AT HAMPTON LAKE

7457 Hampton Lake Drive  
Bluffton, SC

*Join us for an unforgettable evening  
of music, good food, good company,  
and giving back—all in support of  
**Family Promise of Beaufort County.***

SCAN ME



 **Family Promise**  
of Beaufort County

BEER & WINE INCLUDED  
LIVE MUSIC & MORE!

\$150 PER TICKET

Space is limited. Get your tickets now and let's make some noise for a great cause.

# Missions



## Change Can Make A Change

August - Walk for Water

September - Family Promise

October - This Child Here and Rev. Gamble's  
work in Ukraine

November - Angel Tree/Gift cards

## SAT., SEPT. 20, 9 A.M., WRIGHT FAMILY PARK 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 us help change that.

LPC is a proud supporter of Water Mission's Walk for Water. Please join our Team 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 2 miles to symbolize the sometimes-dangerous walk millions of women and children make every day for water that's often contaminated.

Register by August. 13 to get a T-shirt and a \$5 discount. Visit [walkforwater.com/beaufort](http://walkforwater.com/beaufort). Click "Register" on the home page, fill in your info, then click "Join a Team" at the bottom of the page and select Lowcountry Presbyterian Church. Contact Don Hamburger at 842.729.7136 with questions or visit [watermission.org](http://watermission.org) to learn more.

# Breakfast on the Patio

SUN. OCT. 12, 2025  
ON THE PATIO AT 9 AM

Congregational Care will provide the food and all you need to bring is a chair. Sign-up by October 6<sup>th</sup> on our website or in the Narthex.

Please wear your LPC apparel! Use the QR code to the right to order church merchandise or visit [lowcountrypres.org](http://lowcountrypres.org) and follow the link under the merch section.



# RUMMAGE SALE

Volunteers are needed to help with the drop-off days, set-up on Friday and Saturday (day of the sale): A sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board or visit the church events page. Sponsored by Music and Worship Ministry.

**Drop-off days:** Oct. 19 (Sunday, 11:45am-1pm) and Oct. 20-24 (10am-2pm).

**NEXT PLANNING MEETING** (all are invited to attend):

Thursday, Sept. 4 at 4 p.m. in Thomas Hall.

## Items to Donate:

- Clothes (lightly worn or new) No shoes, undergarments or swimsuits
- Small furniture: tables, chairs (fit in car), rugs (5' X 8' or smaller), and lamps (working)
- Linens, sheets, towels, tablecloths, blankets, etc.
- Dishes, cookware, utensils, small appliances (no microwaves or large appliances)
- Garage, gardening tools
- Décor: Holiday, wreaths, pictures/frames, knick-knacks vases
- Musical Items (no full-size pianos), toys and stuffed animals
- Smaller Athletic and Sports equipment
- Jewelry and cases
- Books, Office supplies (no computers or printers)
- Collectibles, Figurines, etc.

**RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025  
10AM - 4PM IN THOMAS HALL**

# Music Ministry

**SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC MUSICIANS:** Thank you to the Lowcountry Flute Ensemble, Patricia Smith and choir members who took time to provide special music during the summer months. We enjoyed listening to the Men and Women of the Choir sing separately, the Pick-up choir, solos and duets by Dale Nordby, Tom Smith, Jim Wright and Scott Johnson, and new member, Burton Rich on cello. The Choir Couples Octet was a delight singing "Goodness of God."

**FALL IS HERE. IT'S A GREAT TIME TO JOIN OR REJOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!** Whether you are new to LPC or have been a long-time member who loves to sing, we are excited to begin gathering again and lifting our combined voices in song to give praise and express our faith through song. We encourage you to come join us up in the choir loft on Sunday mornings where all are welcome. Robes, choir folders, and music will be provided. You provide the singing, laughter, and smiles.

**NOTICE: OUR FIRST PRESENTATION** for 10:30 service: Sunday, September 7. Meet at 9:45. No robes, just your nice church clothes. We will sing a hymn for the Offertory. New singers are invited to join us for this Sunday.

First rehearsal for the choir: Thursday, September 11th, at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend. Any tenors out there?

**THE JUBILATE RINGERS ARE BACK AND READY TO RING!** The full bell choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 9th at 12:30. Sunday, October 14th, the Jubilate Ringers will ring for the 10:30 service. If you have experience playing bells and are interested in learning more about this ensemble, please contact Robin Lind or Judy Barry. Special thank you to Nancy Osgood and her husband for refurbishing the bells during the summer.

**LOOKING FORWARD: ADVENT CANTATA:** Date: Sunday, December 14th, Chancel Choir and Jubilate Ringers.



Peggy and Taylor Evans, Karen and Scott Johnson, Jean and Dale Nordby, and Venus Holland and Ron Gemme.

# Pastoral Nominating Process

Many members of LPC ask and wonder how far we are in finding our new senior pastor. The search process in the PCUSA is different from the practices from other denominations, and it reflects two of the fundamental beliefs Presbyterians have, namely that we believe all things should be done decent and in good order, and that we believe that in God's providence. God already has chosen the next pastor for LPC, and we work with God, under guidance of the Spirit, to affirm this call.

In God's time and in God's way, the PNC will be led to the person of God's choosing, and they will be the instruments through whom God touches his or her heart to answer God's call to serve in this place. Thus, the work of the PNC will be guided by prayer and driven by the Holy Spirit from start to finish.

The following are steps in the search process: The Session (or a committee of the session) will be working on a Mission Study, which tells the story of LPC. Once the Commission on Ministry of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery has approved the Mission Study, the Session of LPC will get permission to nominate members of the congregation to a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

A congregational meeting is called in order for the members of LPC to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee to conduct the search. Once elected, the committee will meet to choose their leadership, and then will meet with representatives of Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery who will orientate the members of the PNC for their task and give them guidelines to be followed along the way.

The PNC will then compose the MINISTRY DISCERNMENT PROFILE (MDP). The MDP is a "verbal snapshot of the church," that will serve as an introduction to the church for prospective pastors. It will contain information like our statistical reports, a congregational survey to describe the church, its mission and ministry, and the vision for the future,

its needs and expectations of its pastor, and the resources the church has (people and material wealth) to carry out its mission. Once the MDP is completed and approved by the Session, it goes online through the Office of the General Assembly's Church Leadership Connection (CLC) and it becomes accessible to all pastors who are interested in seeing it.

All pastors open to a call have an active PERSONAL DISCERNMENT PROFILE (PDP) in the system of the CLC. The PDP reflects the candidate's Ecclesiastical Status, Formal Education, Training/Certification, Work Experience, Service to the Greater Church, and Position Type in which the candidate is interested, among some other information. This information is used to "match" prospective pastors to LPC.

A pool of prospects will be referred to the PNC, along with other names submitted by the congregation and ministers who may refer themselves for consideration. The PNC will evaluate all these names in light of the needs and mission of the church, and in response to where God is leading. They will get to know the candidates beyond the confines of the written Personal Discernment Profile.

The PNC's work must be carried out in the strictest CONFIDENTIALITY. They will have people's lives and careers in their hands, as well as the on-going relationships of pastors in their current churches. They must be absolutely sure to safeguard all information that comes to them. They cannot talk to the Session, to their spouses, or to anyone else outside their Presbytery Commission on Ministry liaison in this process.

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# Pastoral Nominating Process

The evaluation process involves reviewing PERSONAL DISCERNMENT PROFILES written by prospective pastors, checking personal and professional references, getting assistance from the Presbytery with background checks (including standard criminal background checks, sex offender registry checks, and ascertaining that there are no ecclesiastical charges pending or sustained against the candidates).

The PNC will listen to sermons, some in person, some by video. They will conduct interviews, some in person, some by phone, Zoom or Skype. They will visit prospective pastors in their current places of service. And in time, they will invite a few – maybe three or four – to come to Bluffton to see the church and community.

The PNC will pray for God's guidance; and in God's time, they will identify the person to whom God has led them, after which they will negotiate the terms of call.

Then they will ask the Presbytery Commission on Ministry to examine the candidate with respect to Christian experience, theology, worship and sacraments, and church government; and to assure the person's suitability for ministry at LPC. When that work is done, the PNC will ask the Session to call a congregational meeting at which they will present their report to the church, identify their candidate, and ask the congregation to vote to extend the call to the candidate. Every member of the congregation may vote when a pastoral candidate is presented for a call.

If the congregation votes to call the candidate and approves the terms of call, a starting date is established, and preparations are made to welcome the new pastor and family into the life of the church and community, and an exciting new era in the life of LPC begins.

The process can take as little as six months or as long as two years. Therefore, it is important for the congregation to bathe the PNC in prayer, to encourage them and ask questions (they will give you periodic updates as appropriate), and to maintain a hopeful spirit, faithful and generous support, and active participation in the church's programs and ministries.

Remember: the church is not about who is or is not the pastor. Ministers come and go. All the members of LPC together are the Church; and Jesus Christ is always the King and Head of the Church. He is the Lord of our lives. So, in this ongoing season of transition, may God give us grace to love him and serve him gratefully and obediently in the power of His Spirit.

Sincerely,

Danie  
Interim Pastor

## August Birthdays

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

## September Birthdays

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

## October Birthdays

3 Lila Wright	15 Bob Yakely
6 Ron Gemme	16 Jan Adams
6 Jim Tripp	18 Elizabeth Bobro
8 Judy Wells	18 Evie Hardin
8 Marty Eubanks	18 Rosemary Yakely
8 Marian Williams	19 Linda Smith
10 Erick Chavelas	21 Shirley Boppe
11 Marie Pendleton	21 Carolyn Marshall
12 Carol Given	22 Jean Nordby
13 Frank Dove	23 Gigi Johnston
13 Margaret Tout	29 Ed Walters
15 Mary Johnson	

## November Birthdays

2 Don Hamburger	12 John Woodruff
2 Lois Johnson	13 Marie Thompson
3 Don Keller	13 Carolyn Tripp
4 Chad Copenhaver	15 Scott Johnson
5 Hillary Meyer	17 Betty Smith
6 Nancy Graham	19 Josh Fox
6 Tina Rogers	19 Margaret Hartley
7 Steve Higgins	19 Faith Hull
8 Sandra Copenhaver	19 Claire Rich
9 Harriet Senior	23 Joe Turino
10 Bonnie Dove	29 Rick Bogert
10 Lucy Herrin	29 Bill Rozea
11 Tom Cordy	

## December Birthdays

1 Ron Bleile	17 Pam Panuline
4 Joan Walker	19 Dale Nordby
6 Jan Alpert	21 Karen Ball
6 Jane Deakin	22 Donald Bortz
8 Scott Kunkle	27 Betsy Hamburger
13 Sandy Iams	28 Susan Zeleznik
13 Jane Lundblad	30 Alane Peragallo
14 Patti Rozonkiewicz	31 Barbara DiSauro
14 Ann Warren	31 Janis Lakin
17 Tom Catanese	31 Howard Redlus
17 Graham Painter	



## Thank You Notes

Thank You - I just wanted to let everyone know how grateful I am for the notes of concern and well wishes. They really help when my spirits get a little low. - Sue Forrest

Thank you for all the kindness and support I received while recovering. The cards, flowers and thoughtful calls were much appreciated. - Gigi Johnston

Thank you for all the calls, cards, food and prayers. Your expressions of sympathy are very much appreciated. - Connie Copeland

To my LPC Family, This overdue note brings my thanks and appreciation for the many cards, prayers and concerns for me. Thanks also to Rev. Danie for his visits and prayers and Rev. David for his visits. To the flower committee; the bouquets were beautiful and the visits from those who brought them were uplifting! I continue to improve!  
- Love, Judy Wells

# Christian Sympathy is Extended to:

The family of David Given. A burial will be held in Ohio in the fall.

Marsha Hester on the death of her husband Larry.

Patti and Mitch Rozonkiewicz on the death of Mitch's father.

The family of Margaret Tout. A memorial service is planned for August 18th at 11 a.m. at LPC.

The family of Joe Lieser. Joe was 101 years old. He and his wife Emo were charter members of LPC.

A memorial service will be held August 16th at The Seabrook of Hilton Head at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The family of Allen Copeland. A Celebration of Life service will be planned in South Carolina at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Disabled American Veterans or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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## Session Highlights

The Session held stated session meetings 6/25 and 8/6. A special session meeting was held 6/29, and an annual corporation meeting was held 7/20. There was no stated session meeting in July. Highlights are listed below.

- Welcomed Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer as Session Moderator
- Approved an LPC Rummage Sale to be held in Thomas Hall on 10/25.
- Approved revision to Rev. David Johnson's pension. Congregation approved revision on 7/20.
- Received 18 new members into membership.
- Approved revision to bylaws. Congregation approved revisions to the bylaws on 7/20. Revision was regarding the Church Officer Nominating Committee.
- Accepted the 25-26 Stewardship Action Plan as prepared by the Finance Ministry team
- Accepted the 2024 Financial Review to be sent to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. The review was prepared by members Robin Webb and JR Wilson.
- Approved new and revised policies regarding capital projects, endowment fund guidelines, and specific purpose contributions
- Approved proposal to replace ceiling can lights with energy-efficient lights.
- Approved proposal to replace the projection screen motor and clean up wiring and power in the sound booth.

The next two meetings are scheduled for 9/24 and 10/22. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: Worship & Installation**



*Reverend  
Chris W. Herrin*

We will welcome  
guest Preacher  
Rev. Dr. Matthew Skinner  
and members of the  
Presbytery of South Alabama



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**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**  
**1103 North Pontiac Avenue**  
**Dothan, Alabama 36303**

*Luncheon reception to follow.*

**Please let Rev. Herrin know if you plan to attend.**

**The church office will be closed  
Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> through Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
for the Labor Day Weekend.**

**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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