



The Light



Lowcountry
Presbyterian
Church

July/August 2021



Pentecost 2021



Thank you to
the Worship Team
for the Cake!



Through Sunday
school, worship,
and fellowship,
all celebrated
Pentecost on
May 23rd.

Session Dedicates Bench in Memory of LPC Elders

Elders currently serving, along with those who recently rotated off, contributed to this bench in honor and memory of those elders over the years who faithfully served the church. On Monday night, June 21st, prior to the monthly session meeting, the Session gathered on the patio and circled up for a prayer of dedication led by Rev. Herrin. We hope many will use the bench to enjoy our fountain patio area and while there, give thanks for these faithful servants. Thank you to elder Carol Bogle who initiated and led the project.



PROPERTY MINISTRY



Thanks to Jerry Wells (right) who with assistance from Chris, planted two hydrangeas and one pineapple sage that she donated. These were rooted from plants rooted and grown for her by Evelyn Baker and given to her in 2014; gifts that keep on giving! Hopefully they will bloom in 2022.

Thanks to Bo Welch who cleaned and then painted our sign on Highway 278!

Thanks to Judy Wells for making a new skirt to go under the vanity in the Men's bathroom.



JUNE BRUNCH



Seventy folks enjoyed brunch on June 27th!

The Membership Ministry is planning a brunch in Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 service on September 12. Lots of your favorite breakfast/lunch treats will be served. More info to come but save the date!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Both the Chancel Choir and Jubilate Ringers are taking a well-earned break during July and August. The Men of the choir sang on June 27 accompanied by Karen Ball/piano, Len Watson/guitar, and Dom Costabile/drums. Bruce Gale will be returning as the guest organist on July 4. On July 11, a Handbell Quartet, comprised of Robin Lind, Maureen Kalmbach, Paige Lassen, Judy Barry, will provide special music; on July 18, the Lowcountry Flutes; on July 25, Robin, and on August 1, Karen Ball.

On August 8, the Women of the Chancel Choir will be singing "You raise me up." Women in the congregation are invited to join this group, which will rehearse on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Robin Lind if you are interested and would like to pick up the music.

Karen Ball and I thank all the singers and musicians who helped to provide music for the services in the past year. We will begin regular rehearsals of the Bells and Choir after Labor Day; the Choir on Thursday evenings at 7pm beginning September 16, and the Bells on Tuesdays at 12:30 (date to be announced).

Come make a "joyful noise to the Lord" with us!



L to R (Dick MacDougal, Ron Gemme, Jon Nickel, Larry Tremitiere, JR Wilson, and Bob Lowry)

Staff Outing

Thanks to Captain Larry Tremiere, (also LPC elder), the Staff and Chuck Thomas enjoyed a relaxing outing to Daufuskie Island for lunch on Tuesday, June 8th. It was a celebration and thank you for the staff and other leaders who worked hard during the Pandemic so that we could continue to Worship. Not all could attend, but those who did had a delightful time. Thank you Larry!



Some pictures were taken by Chris, who clearly enjoyed putting her feet up!



Men of Purpose

We will not be meeting in July or August but will restart on Saturday, September 11th.

Contact Bill Walker: billwalker42@gmail.com with questions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY



Grow with us.

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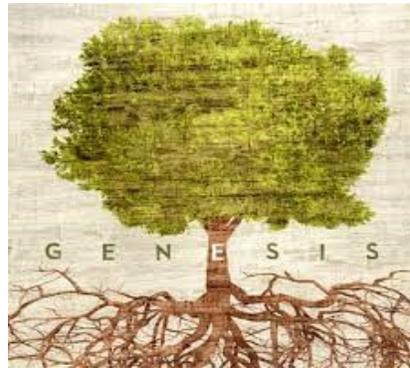
The Christian Education Ministry educates, inspires and grows disciples in Christ.

We got an Owl!



Thanks to a generous donation, the Christian Education Ministry has purchased a device called an Owl. It gets its name from its appearance (as pictured) and its ability to rotate 360-degrees. The Owl is a camera, mic, and speaker combined into one easy-to-use device. It creates the experience of in-person participation for those who are unable to be in person. We are excited to have this capability for those who travel or live out of the area for months of the year, those who do not drive at night, or those who are unable to easily commute for one reason or another. Whenever possible, we strongly encourage people to join in-person for classes and meetings but are excited to be able to widen our reach and offer this to accommodate people's needs. We hope you join a CE class and see the Owl at work sometime soon!

July Class: The Book of Genesis



**A Three-Week Class beginning July 7th and 8th
Wednesday's @ 6:30pm via Zoom; Thursday's @ 4pm in-person**

The book of Genesis is the first book of the Bible. It is also the first of five books called the Torah (made up of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). This collection of books was compiled somewhere around four hundred years before the time of Jesus. It is a book about beginnings: of the world, of humankind, of a people.

There is a lot to cover in a short period of time so we encourage people to read the entire book of Genesis prior to the class beginning. Through these three weeks we will learn about the nature of God and nature of human beings. We will meet for three weeks from the week of the 5th of July through the week of the 19th. **Sign-up by Sunday, July 4th.** If there aren't enough people for both classes, we will have one hybrid class that you will be notified about on July 5th. Please indicate on the sign-up form your first choice and if you are able to attend either class date/time if we need to merge. If we have one class, it will be in-person AND on Zoom.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Adult Sunday School at 9:35am in the parlor

Join us for Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation! This video based study will take us on an adventure exploring the lives of the earliest Christians in the New Testament where we'll see parts of Israel, Greece, modern day Turkey, and more! Stephanie, Dan Herrin, Joe Franklin and Carol Bogle rotate leadership of the class.



August Class on the Old Testament

Wednesday's @ 6:30pm via Zoom; Thursday's @ 4pm in-person

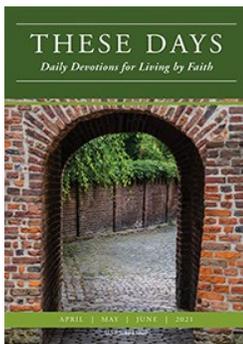
Keep an eye out for a topic and information on signing up for a class on the Old Testament that will meet for four weeks from the week of the 2nd of August through the week of the 23rd.



Members of both Bible 102 classes gathered for a meal together at Jim 'N Nick's, to celebrate the completion of the course.

The Bible 100's series continues: Bible 103 begins in September

Those who completed Bible 101 and 102 will continue with Bible 103: Introduction to the New Testament, which will begin right after Labor Day. Each class series (101, 102, etc) builds on the next helping you to get an overview of the Bible and learn how to read and interpret it. Since the New Testament is heavily influenced by the Old Testament, Bible 103 builds on Bible 102. Those very interested in participating in the class can talk to Pastor Stephanie. Meanwhile, look out for the whole Bible 100 series to be repeated beginning in January, and look out for other opportunities this Fall for faith education and formation.



The Upper Room and **These Days** devotionals are available to the congregation in the Narthex. **These Days** is a quarterly publication from the Presbyterian Church USA that follows the lectionary. The Christian Education Ministry is interested in your feedback on **These Days** especially in comparison to the **Upper Room**. You can send your comments to either Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com or Pastor Stephanie at pastorstephaniedion@gmail.com.

The LPC library is now organized and available for your use! You may borrow books any time the church is open. Please return them when you're done reading. Thank you to those who have donated your Christian books.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Stay Tuned...



Friday, August 27: Worship and Concert
David LaMotte: preacher and concert artist
7:00 – 9:00pm at the presbytery office

Saturday, August 28: Virtual and In-person Workshops
8:30am – 12:15pm at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

We will provide more information about the workshops once that information is made available to us. We will also post information about possible carpooling to Charleston.



Dale & Jean Nordby deliver LPC gifts

Thank you!

We'd like to thank all the members that so generously provided gifts for the arrival of baby boy Jaxson last month. While we were able to individually thank so many, we also want to thank one of you who generously contributed a gift card anonymously. We are beyond grateful and so blessed to be part of such a great community at LPC!

Kim and Derek Hardin



Chris enjoys holding Jaxson

- **Nursery Volunteer substitutes needed for children like Evie Jean and Jaxson!** We have one paid person but we need LPC members to volunteer to be a second adult in the room as a backup for our regular volunteers. If no children arrive, you are welcome to attend worship. Contact Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com to volunteer.

Cindy's Corner Book Drive

Many thanks to all who donated books for Cindy's Corner at Agape! We had enough books to fill all the bookshelves, including the two new ones the Marshalls built and painted a beautiful blue color. We had extra books that can be sent home with the summer campers too.

Shirley Young, Summer Camp and After School Program Coordinator said, "Thank you for your generous donation. It will be a blessing to our summer campers".

The Seekers Small Group (Bogle, Catanese, Couser, Dixon, Finn, Franklin, Greenwell and Marshall families)



Food Drive Success

Thanks to our very generous congregation, Sunday's food drive was very successful. We collected 501 items and more fresh fruit and veggies than ever before!...35 bags of apples and oranges and 27 bags of potatoes and onions. With all those large bags of fruit and vegetables, we once again filled up two cars.

Thanks again for sharing your gifts, it was a beautiful day!
The Mission Committee



From Agape:

We appreciate the support of LPC food drive. Your assistance goes a long way in providing all of these necessary items to Jasper county families.

Thank you again, **Dr. Ponchitta Young**

MISSIONS



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We've been invited to participate in the 2021 Habitat For Humanity Faith Build...

... 48 Alex Patterson Rd., Hilton Head Island.

Our volunteer dates are:

Saturday, August 14th from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 11th from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Participate by providing refreshments, taking pictures or rolling up your sleeves and grabbing a hammer or paint brush. No special skills are required, just a willingness to help. It's fun and very rewarding to know you are helping a local family to own their own home. Sign up on the sheets located in the Narthex or contact Sandy Benninger at sbenninger@sc.rr.com.

Thanks for your generous donations!

April CCMAC for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the Texas floods: \$583.23

May CCMAC for HH Regional Habitat for Humanity: \$5,338.45

Pentecost Offering: \$958.00

JULY CHANGE CAN MAKE A CHANGE (CCMAC) BLUFFTON COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

OUR MISSION

Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen prepares, serves and delivers meals for the hungry, seniors, sick/shut-in, homeless and less financially advanced members of our community.

OUR HISTORY

Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen was established in 2011 to prepare home cooked hot meals for the elderly, sick, shut-in, homeless and poverty members of our community.

OUR IMPACT

Increased the number of hot meals during the pandemic to To-Go on Mondays and Wednesdays and still delivering to the sick, shut-ins and elderly on Wednesdays. Increased the outdoor Food Pantry from one day a week to Mondays and Thursdays.

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August Change Can Make A Change is for *Lift Up the Vulnerable* (LUV)

This is an ecumenical Christian mission, based in New York that prevents the trafficking and oppression of vulnerable women and children in warzones. In conflicts such as Sudan and South Sudan, which are marked by violence and extreme poverty the most vulnerable are kidnapped as child soldiers and trapped in forced labor. LUV provides protection, education and economic development to eliminate the exploitation of vulnerabilities, provide freedom and restore hope. They have been doing this since 2005.



GED PROGRAM

Due to COVID, we did not hold GED classes last year and we will now work with students on an individual basis, via Zoom. We currently have three active students and two recent inquiries. The new students are in the process of taking practice tests to see if they can pass the exams or if they need tutoring. The four subjects are language arts, math, science, and social studies. One new student, Swady-Ann H, has passed her language arts and math exams and will take the other two shortly. She plans to enroll in TCL to earn a nursing degree. Our wonderful tutors are ready to help when the time comes. We'll keep you posted!



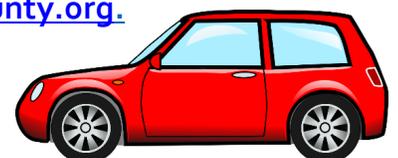
Car to Donate?

Family Promise of Beaufort County's mission is to provide temporary shelter, family stability and permanent housing solutions for homeless families with children by mobilizing resources from interfaith and secular communities. Our vision is *EVERY CHILD WILL HAVE A HOME!*

Occasionally one or more of our families need help obtaining their own transportation. Sometimes, our extraordinarily generous community may have a car to donate. If this might be you, please think of us! We may well have a need for a reliable vehicle.

As always, please contact Stephanie on 843-815-4211, fpbcstaff@gmail.com for more information, or check out the website at familypromisebeaufortcounty.org.

[Thank you for your continued support!](#)



MISSIONS BEYOND

Mission Committee Makes a Donation of \$500.00 to Friends of Haiti.

This organization supports Lacroix New Testament Mission. If you Google this, you will find a variety of churches spread out over a number of states who have supported by donating, sponsoring a child and going to Haiti on mission trips.

Over a period of time the following has been done: schools in 7 villages enrolling over 3500 students; sponsorship programs that provide students with education, uniforms, food and medical care; village churches; Haitian-run and staffed clinics; drilling wells for safe water; sanitation ; improved housing and training initiatives for self sufficiency such as sewing.

Haiti is one of the poorest countries and has suffered with earthquakes, political corruption, famine, and things we cannot imagine. This mission's goal is to empower the Haitian people to improve their quality of life within their own culture. For more information Google: Lacroix New Testament Mission or Friends of Haiti. Look at the many pictures and see the smiling faces of this children in their gingham outfits.



The Missions Ministry recently approved a \$1500 contribution from the 2021 Missions Beyond budget to **Partners in Health**, a Boston-based initiative that partners with local governments to deliver health care to the world's poorest places. Their current focus is working to produce and supply urgently needed medical oxygen to areas of the world where COVID-19 is surging.



Dear Friends at Lowcountry Presbyterian Church,
The members of GFWC Women's League of the Lowcountry would like to thank the leadership of the church for allowing the club to meet in the fellowship hall on a monthly basis since 2015.

At this time the club board has decided to move the club's meeting location to Okatie Pines right outside the gates of Sun City.

Thank you again for providing a great space as we started the club and held many great events and meetings.

Sincerely,
Anne Redlus

MISSIONS

Stronger Together



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Combining more than 8 decades of supporting lowcountry neighbors on their path to personal success.

Building communities of opportunity, together.

LPC has supported both these organizations with funds and volunteers so we are pleased to share this news with you. Our congratulations to elder Doug Adamson who serves as the Board Chair for Bluffton Self Help.

Here is an excerpt from their community announcement:

Combining the Literacy Center programs with those of BSH's Education & Resource Center will dramatically expand the availability of basic education and training programs in order to meet the growing needs of the economically at-risk in Beaufort and Jasper counties.

Prior to the start of the pandemic, nearly 6 in 10 households in Beaufort County and 3 out of 4 in Jasper County were not earning a living wage. Over the past 14 months, we have served 40% more neighbors on the brink of losing everything. The need is staggering.

A new and different response is called for as we come out of this economic and health crisis that has threatened the lives and livelihoods of people already struggling to survive. Bluffton Self Help is taking the lead in facilitating responses to community needs by strengthening and formalizing its network of partnering agencies, area leaders, donors and volunteers, in order to help build a stronger foundation of high-quality services fostering good health, personal development, job placement, financial stability and career advancement.

Building upon more than 8 decades of combined experience serving neighbors, the merger of Bluffton Self Help and The Literacy Center will promote educational programming, workforce training, career readiness and access to vital resources - essential services to break the cycle of poverty and the barriers to self-sufficiency....

The merger brings expanded access to a broader array of programs and services. The combined organization will now operate in 4 locations in Beaufort and Jasper counties— two in Bluffton, one each in Hilton Head and Hardeeville. With transportation being one of the leading challenges in the region for economically at- risk residents, this is one more way that Bluffton Self Help can save neighbors' critical time and resources, and support them on their pathway to personal success.



NOC Summer Learning Program at Lowcountry Presbyterian Church, Bluffton, S.C. July 6, 2021 to July 30, 2021

NOC's Summer Learning Program (SLP) is an important component of its education program for children who reside in underserved neighborhoods and low-income households. The program, targeting elementary and middle school children is designed to help children excel in school. The SLP at the Lowcountry Presbyterian Church will continue NOC's program to help children academically. This program is vitally important since many of these children have fallen behind in reading, math, and language arts because of school closing in March 2020 and the subsequent switch to virtual learning in September 2020. These children have also suffered socially and emotionally because of isolation and not attending classes in school.

Goal and objectives of SLP: Help children gain academically in reading, math, and language arts so that they can perform at their respective grade level. The objectives of the program are:

- Provide up-to-date curriculum and materials to reinforce learning skills in math, reading, and language arts.
- Use technology and relevant learning tools to help children build learning skills in math, reading, and language arts.
- Use enrichment activities to help children build social and emotional skills.

Target Population: About 30 to 35 children from Pre-K to Grade 8 from ONYX and Avalon Apartments and other low-income households in Bluffton will attend this program. The majority of these children attend Red Cedar, Bluffton Elementary, and Bluffton Middle School. NOC's program is open to all children, including students who are already accelerating in schools, those who are performing at grade level, and those who need tutoring and are behind academically.

Program Duration and Location: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Lowcountry Presbyterian Church, 10 Simmonsville Rd., Bluffton, SC 29910.

Program Components: The program will have two components applicable on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. The first component, led by teachers from local schools, will be academic using materials and computer based learning software to augment skills in math, reading, and language arts. The second component will consist of enrichment activities.

Program Staffing: The staffing of the program will include a Program Manager, a Neighborhood Liaison, three teachers, and two to three volunteers. Volunteers will be involved based on their expertise and experiences, helping teachers in areas of reading and comprehension, building skills in math, and enrichment activities. Each volunteer can work 1 to 5 days a week. NOC will establish a volunteer pool of several individuals to allow flexibility in the program.

Program Evaluation: NOC will monitor project results based on standardized test scores administered by Beaufort County School District and local schools and in keeping with its established standard benchmarks.

Partnership: NOC will continue to work with its traditional partners including the BCSD, local schools, the Beaufort County Library, and Back Pack Buddies

Look for volunteer opportunities in upcoming eBlasts !



“LPC Reads”

For All of the LPC Book Enthusiasts ...

We would like to know if you have read any good books lately. The books can be on any subject. Please email the title of the book, the author and brief description (one or two lines) of the book and why you liked it to Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com.

From Jerri Hanna:

A trilogy by Michael Phillips is set in Whales Reef in the Shetland Islands. A young American woman who was orphaned as a child finds that she has come into an inheritance in Scotland. The books follow the struggles, decisions, and responsibility for the people of the island that come with her inheritance. There is an underlying theme of faith throughout these books. In order, the books are: *The Inheritance*, *The Cottage*, and *The Legacy*. These would make for a nice lazy summer read.

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson (non-fiction)

This novel spans the lives of 3 different people who were part of the Great Migration (1915-1970) of southern blacks into the west, mid-west, and east. The story goes back to the Civil War and Reconstruction to lay some background and continues into the late 20th century. Even though there are 3 main characters, there are many stories of the ways of life and the struggles of so many others included in the book. A friend mentioned this book at cards yesterday and said it was a real eye opener for her. I agree wholeheartedly.

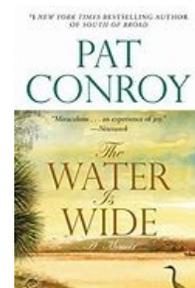
From Bill Thorpe:

The Language of God by Francis Collins. Today, since the Pandemic, we are all especially sensitive about science and religion. There has even been a diminution of trust in scientists because of informational glitches seemingly impacted by political issues during the year. Dr. Francis Collins, an evangelical Christian and head of the NIH, (National Institutes of Health) wrote a book in 2005 which convincingly educates us that science and Christianity are truthfully very relatable. He reminds us, among other things, that Jesus was most effective in his teachings as a healer. I recommend reading this book, especially now.

Dantes Divine Comedy. Long and difficult but rewarding especially to those who seek a deeper introspection into Christian self awareness. The book is unacceptably long; I recommend going to the Hillsdale College website and reading or listening to the Divine Comedy Course.

From Jon Nickel:

The Water is Wide by Pat Conroy. Every Conroy book is worthwhile, but this one should be required reading for all residents of the Low Country. It's an autobiographical account of Pat's experience teaching elementary school on Dafuskie Island.



A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. A nobleman "imprisoned" in a luxury hotel in Moscow provides the background for a history of Russia after the revolution. Fascinating story, interesting characters and a very unusual situation.

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. Three generations of preachers, from the Civil War to the 20th century, tell a story of fathers and sons and the spiritual battles raging at America's heart.

“LPC Reads”

From Carol Bogle:

I went to my bookcase and pulled out a novel by Jeffrey Archer entitled *Honor Among Thieves*, published in 1993. Mr. Archer is a British author who has been writing fiction and non-fiction since 1974. My late mother-in-law, Gloria Bogle, was a big fan of Jeffrey Archer having purchased many of his books while she lived in NY. I also liked his books so of course, we had to pack up the 12 Jeffrey Archer books that I had not read and move them to our new home. *Honor Among Thieves* was published in 1993. There are 2 intertwining stories; Saddam Hussein's plan to steal the original Declaration of Independence from the National Archives and the plan by Mossad and the CIA to assassinate Saddam Hussein. The novel is a "real page turner".



Pat Conroy Literacy Center

Piggybacking off of Jon Nickel's recommendation of *The Water is Wide*, I highly recommend a visit to The Pat Conroy Literary Center located at 601 Bladen St. in lovely downtown Beaufort. The center is open Thursday-Sunday from 12-4 or by appointment. The center has 3 rooms devoted to Pat Conroy's life and books. There are knowledgeable docents who lead tours or you can wander around on your own. There are Pat Conroy books and other memorabilia for sale as well as other books by southern authors (no sales tax is charged because of the center's non-profit status).

LPC hosted one of HHSO's Bravo Piano Festival concerts on June 11th “Gullah-Geechee Musical Influences”

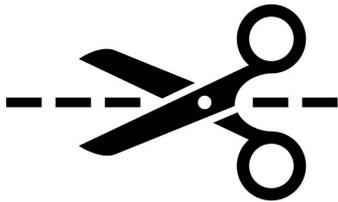


Crews moved a Steinway in and LPC's piano to the floor!

Church Officer Nominating Committee

THE 2021 CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) seeks suggestions from the congregation for nominations to the session. Ruling elders should be persons of strong faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of their commitment to Christ and to living out the gospel in their daily lives. An elder should regularly attend worship, participate in the life of the church, and support the ministry of LPC through the giving of time and financial resources. Members of the CONC are Elder-Chair Janit Maguire, Elder John Abernethy, Dave Casperson, Debi Franklin, Elder Margaret Hartley, and Rev. Chris Herrin, ex officio. Names will be accepted by the committee through Friday, July 16, 2021. Please drop off, mail to the church office, or submit electronically. It is not necessary to inform the nominee as the CONC may not be led to nominate them.



Nomination for the Office of Ruling Elder Class of 2024

Elder Nominee: _____

Why would this person be a good candidate for Elder?

Submitted by: _____

To make a nomination electronically, use the following link: [add link address](#)



Financial Results

	May	Year to Date
Receipts	\$41,310	\$211,916
Disbursements	<\$38,106>	<\$197,411>
Net Results	\$ 3,204	\$ 14,505

May was another good month for us with our YTD numbers mirroring those results. Our membership offerings remain strong with our expenses significantly below budget. However, with the pandemic largely behind us I would anticipate our expenses to return to more “normal” levels. If you have any questions please contact Bob Lowry at jblowry99@gmail.com

Our thanks to Rip Powell for his Memorial Gift of \$5,000 in memory of Frank Butzine, Inez Powell, Shirley Powell, Gail Clarke and Dawn Powell. He has designated portions for the Music Fund, the Technology Fund, and left some funds to be used where needed. We thank Rip for this investment in the ministry of LPC.

LPC Connects!



Hampton Lake members and friends of LPC, along with Chris and Dan Herrin and Stephanie, enjoyed a wonderful potluck picnic lunch, great conversation and social time by the lake on Saturday, May 29th. Twenty two people attended; members, regular attenders and even some recent visitors. It was a gorgeous day with the rain holding off until after we left. What more could we ask for!

**Dine Around to start back in the fall
Look out for sign-ups later this summer!**



THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE CREATION CARE TEAM)

LPC was recognized along with only 3 other churches in our Presbytery for being a **Creation Care Congregation** at the Stated Meeting of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery this past Tuesday, meeting by Zoom. Our thanks to Jon and Gretchen Nickel who lead this ministry. If you are interested in learning more and possibly getting involved please contact them at gretchjon@yahoo.com

Bird Friendly Yards

Low Country Pres. members Jim and Doreen Cubie have launched a new website to help our neighbors plan their yards and homes to help birds. The site is <https://birdfriendlyyards.net>

At the site there are landscaping plans for local homes - especially new homes- which are designed to be bird friendly. These plans were developed by Clemson Extension hand-in-hand with the Sun City Garden Club. Choose "feed birds" in the menu.

The site also helps homeowners to eliminate dangers to birds in our yards. The greatest threat to birds in Bluffton is that they will hit our windows and die. Thousands will die hitting our windows every year here in our community. The site offers a free Consumer Guide to help you to decide how to protect the birds in your yards. It is at <https://birdfriendlyyards.net/consumerguide/>

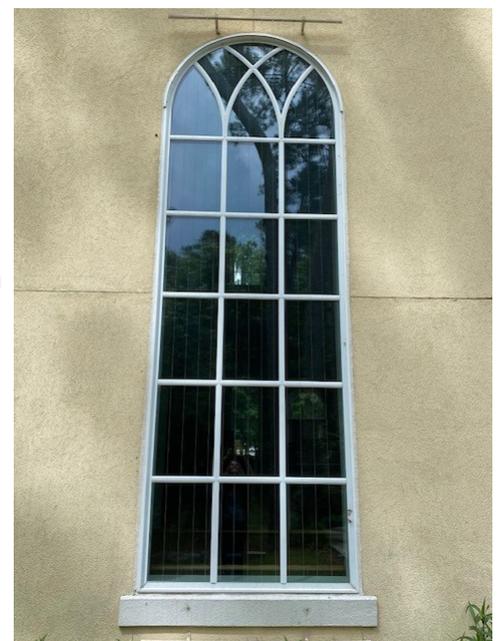
Also, check out the blog — which includes thought provoking postings like "Does God Care About Birds?"

Bird Savers on Sanctuary windows at LPC



Jim working with our Green Team and our Property Team installed these bird savers on either side of the chancel area in the LPC Sanctuary.

Jim and Doreen are moving on to a new adventure in Arizona where they plan to enjoy the different landscape and getting to see different birds when they go bird watching! We will miss them!



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LPC 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.

Session Highlights

Since the last publication of The Light, the Session has met twice, in May and June. (The May meeting was the first in person meeting of the Session in 14 months). At these two meetings, the Session:

- Received a report from Clerk of Session Ernest Bush that as of the date of the June Session meeting, LPC had 300 active members and 14 affiliate members. The reduced number of active members sadly recognizes the deaths of Reid Holland, Dave Tanner and Ellis Stearns.
 - The Session further expressed its gratitude for Elder Tanner's service on the Session and its sadness at his passing.
- Approved invitations to Rev. John Wall and to Rev. Doug Fletcher to serve as guest preachers. Rev. Wall will preach on August 1st and Rev. Fletcher on June 27th.
- Welcomed Rev. Dr. Donnie Woods, General Presbyter of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, to the May Session Meeting. Rev. Woods explained the reasons for the Presbytery's recent decision to transfer ownership of the LPC campus to LPC. He also detailed the advantages the transfer would provide for the church. Elder Adamson then presented the matter to the Session at its June meeting. At the meeting, the Session voted to call a Special Congregational Meeting to adopt a resolution directing the trustees of the LPC Corporation to execute the necessary legal documents to transfer the deed and title to LPC. Elders Adamson, Bogle and Mikkelson were elected as trustees of the Corporation.
- Determined that in light of new guidance from the CDC, the extent of vaccination in the congregation and the dramatically lower infection indices in Bluffton, it was appropriate to modify its previously adopted Covid 19 protective protocols to make use of masks and social distancing optional for worship and throughout the rest of the church facilities beginning on Pentecost Sunday.
 - To support those who are more comfortable social distancing, the Session directed that every other pew would remain closed in the sections to the far left and right of the Sanctuary.
 - Also, the Session determined that Communion would continue to be celebrated using the "no-touch" pre-packaged wafer and juice.

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- Opened the church facilities to outside groups beginning June 15th subject to the revised fee schedule adopted as part of the revised Building Use Policy.
- Heard reports from Moderator Herrin on the activities of the Revisioning/Strategic Process Sub-group, including plans to conduct “listening sessions” on Sunday, June 27th, as well as plans for a survey to follow.
- Heard a report from Elder Bogle on her experience serving as LPC’s commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery’s Spring Meeting.
- Waived building use fees for the Neighborhood Outreach Connection’s use of the Fellowship Hall in July.
- Approved building use fees for Casa del Banguette’s use of the Fellowship Hall for the conduct of its worship services.

The next Stated Session meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 23, 2021.

If you have any questions please contact Ernest Bush, Clerk of Session at 843-290-3218 or elbush@mac.com.

OUTREACH MINISTRY



Prison Talk Series

“I was in prison and you visited me.” -- Matthew 25:36

We hope you enjoyed the series of videos the Outreach Ministry released to educate the congregation on the prison system. These videos are available at lowcountrypres.org/outreach.

To continue our efforts and bring things even closer to home, we are hosting a criminal justice series in September at LPC in Fellowship Hall. We have invited several local officials to educate us on how the criminal justice system works locally from what happens when someone is arrested, to how the court proceedings and sentencing are handled, to how laws are created and passed. We hope you will join us, bring a neighbor, and your questions about how the system works, how it affects our community and the most vulnerable, and what we can do to help.

We have the following tentative schedule of events from 6:00-8:00pm on the following Wednesday evenings:

September 15: Beaufort County Sheriff, PJ Tanner and Beaufort County Detention Center Director, Colonel Quandara Grant

September 22: Solicitor Duffie Stone

September 29: State Senator Tom Davis and a State Representative

CHRISTIAN CARING MINISTRY

thank you!

To all the talented and dedicated ladies of the Prayer Shawl Group,

Stephanie was here for a get well pastoral visit. She surprised me with your gift. A beautiful prayer shawl....and it has ruffles on the edge...that I really liked!

I can't knit or crochet so, of course I am envious of the talented ladies that "just whip" these beautiful shawls with 2 needles.

Still can't get back to church yet, but I am doing so much better. I hope to meet you soon for a personal thank you. Does prayer work????? I can say...yes... and no doubt about it!!

Susie Zeleznik

Dear LPC Family,

Thank you all for the beautiful prayer shawl. I am finding so much comfort from using it during my daily devotions.

Love, Venus Holland



Please Remember These Members in Prayer

Ila Bates

Harriet Bender

Al Burfeind



Christian sympathy is extended to:

the family of **Reid Holland**

the family of **David Tanner**.

the family of **Ellis Stearns**

and to **Josh Fox** on the death of his niece, Logan Fox

Upcoming Memorial Services:

July 7, 11:00am David Tanner

July 17, 10:30am Cindy Marshall

July 27, 2:00pm Ken McElroy

July 30, 11:00am Al Thomas

Oct. 12, 11:00am Marilyn Gemme

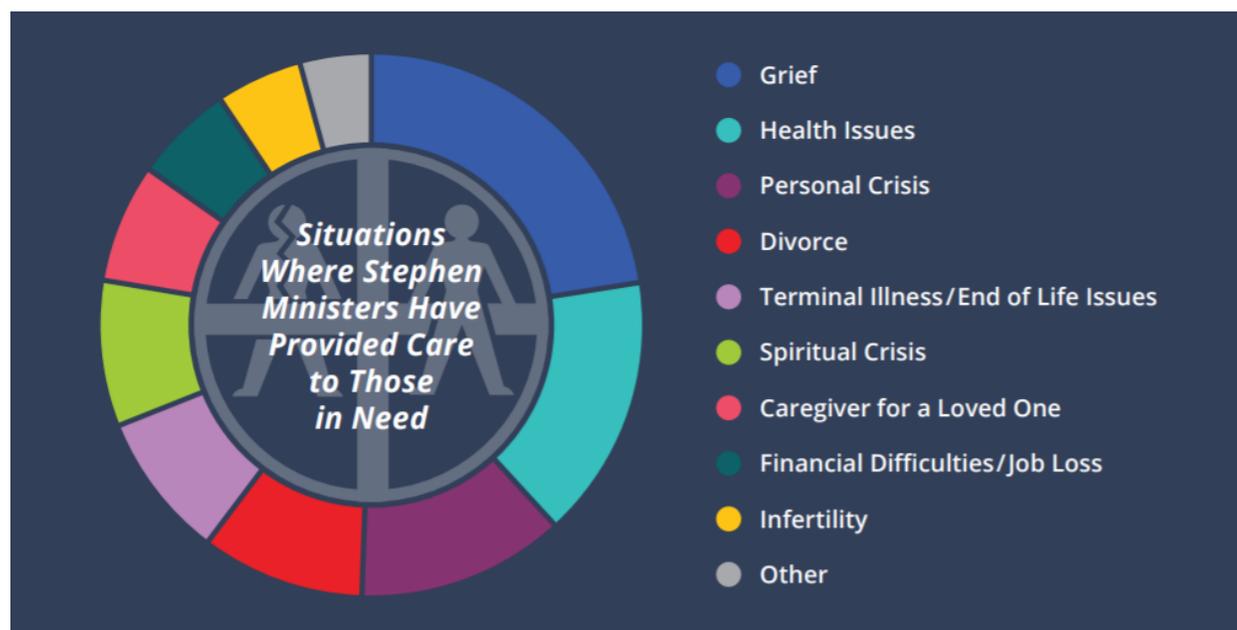
The name tag cabinet is now open and individuals should pick up their name tag and wear it while attending church.

CHRISTIAN CARING MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry began in 1975 and now is in more than 13,000 congregations from more than 180 Christian denominations, in all 50 states in the US, 10 Canadian provinces, and 30 other countries. More than 75,000 pastors, church staff, and laypeople have trained as Stephen Leaders (those who oversee and direct Stephen Ministry in the congregation); and more than 600,000 people have trained as Stephen Ministers (laypeople who provide care to those who are hurting) in their congregations; and more than one-and-a-half million people have received care from a Stephen Minister in a formal one-to-one Stephen Ministry caring relationship, and millions more have been touched by Stephen Ministry in informal ways.



At LPC, we have Stephen Ministers who have gone through 50 hours of training to offer support to members and non-members in confidential one-to-one relationships. If you have a heart for caring for people, the gift of compassion, and are a good listener, God may be calling you to be a Stephen Minister. If you are going through a difficult time for nearly any reason (see the chart above) you may need a caring person in your life like a trained Stephen Minister. Please contact Pastor Stephanie if you are interested in learning more about how our Stephen Ministry could be meaningful in your life. Stephanie can be reached through the church office (843-815-6570) or at PastorStephanieDion@gmail.com.



July Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Knorr
- 2 Stuart Bendelow
- 5 Carolyn Welch
- 6 Bill McDougall
- 7 Caroline Reneau
- 9 Mary Beth Schauer
- 9 Robin Lind
- 10 Carter Fox
- 11 Chris Herrin
- 11 Lori Law
- 11 Clarke Marshall

- 13 Bob Heisey
- 16 Bonnie Flack
- 17 Emily Bortz
- 17 Michele Eberhart
- 17 Jay Marshall
- 19 Gretchen Nickel
- 20 Perry Robinson
- 21 Phyllis Willever
- 23 Emily Hale
- 23 Stephanie Dion
- 24 Debby Miller
- 27 Chuck Thomas



August Birthdays

- 2 Larry Kellogg
- 3 Ila Bates
- 3 Anne Redlus
- 4 Glenna Hippensteel
- 6 Mike Manning
- 7 Marjorie Wilno
- 8 Bob Barry
- 9 Abimelic Chavelas
- 10 Dick MacDougal
- 12 Sonia Abernethy
- 13 Ernie Miesner
- 13 Ralph Peters

- 14 Jim Wilkin
- 19 Mary Anderson
- 19 Lawrence Miller
- 19 Lynn Stokey
- 20 Nancy Paton
- 20 Sally Ayotte
- 26 Dianne Grazier
- 26 Judy Young
- 27 Elaine Maholland
- 28 Rachel Hale
- 28 Kay Long
- 28 Carleigh Scott
- 30 Carol Bogle



Congratulations to Wim and Ann Tekelenburg on the birth of their first great grandchild, Anneke Tekelenburg. Sadly for us however Wim and Ann will be **moving away in August** to Macon, Georgia. They have both contributed significantly to the life and witness of this congregation and will be greatly missed. We wish them God Speed and pray they find a local church in which to worship and serve, but also come back to visit every now and then.

July 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Membership Ministry 10:30am Chris' Book Club 6:30pm	2	3
4 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	5	6 Outreach 5:00pm	7 David Tanner Memorial 11:00am Genesis Class 6:30pm	8 Building & Grounds 9am Genesis Class 4:00pm	9	10
11 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	12	13 Communications 4:00pm	14 CE Meeting 4:00pm Genesis Class 6:30pm	15 Genesis Class 4:00pm	16	17 Cindy Marshall Memorial 10:30am
18 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am (Rev. Herrin at 1st Pres. Savannah) Adult Sunday School	19	20 Stephen Ministry 6:00pm	21 Genesis Class 6:30pm	22 Mission Ministry 4:00pm Genesis Class 4:00pm	23	24
25 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	26 Lay Visitation	27 Ken McElroy Memorial 2:00pm	28	29	30 Al Thomas Memorial 11:00am	31