



MARCH & APRIL NEWSLETTER

# Lent & Holy Week Schedule

<b>03/03</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM	<b>Sunday Worship</b> Sacrament of Communion
<b>03/10</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM	<b>Sunday Worship</b> Jubilate Ringers
<b>03/17</b> ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM ONLY	<b>Worship &amp; Service of Installation For Rev. David Johnson</b> Guest Preacher, Rev. Douglas Wysockey-Johnson (Dave's Brother) Special Music by Dale Nordby Reception to follow in the Narthex
<b>03/24</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM	<b>Palm Sunday</b> New Members join at 10:30 service
<b>03/28</b> 7 PM	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> As the passion narrative is read and music is shared, the light of Jesus life is slowly extinguished.
<b>03/31</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM	<b>Easter Sunday</b> One Great Hour of Sharing + Pete Stephenson, trumpet Hospitality after both services

Lenten Devotionals, offered by Presbyterian Outlook, are available on the counter in the Narthex  
Faith Formation ministry encourages you to take one and use it for reflection in the season of Lent. The devotionals are also available in the weekly e-blast.

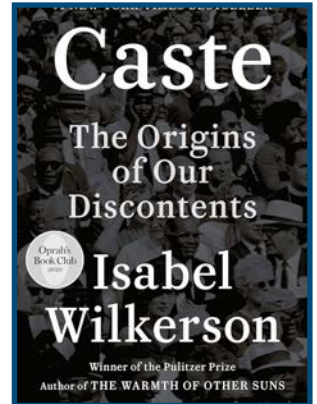
# FAITH FORMATION



## Join in a three session discussion of **Caste** by Isabel Wilkerson!

Led by Rev. Herrin, starting mid-April, dates and times to be determined

“Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched, and beautifully written narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.



She documents how the Nazis studied the racial systems in America to plan their outcasting of the Jews; she discusses why the cruel logic of caste requires that there be a bottom rung for those in the middle to measure themselves against...and the health costs of caste in depression and life expectancy, and the effects of this hierarchy on our culture and politics. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity.”

Wilkerson won a Pulitzer Prize for her previous book, *The Warmth of Other Suns*. *Caste* was voted #1 Nonfiction Book of the year by Time Magazine and one of the best books of the year by countless Newspapers and Magazines (go online to read of all the awards).

## Who is Jesus...to you?

Rev. Johnson’s Monday class will continue through the end of April focusing on the events leading up to Holy Week, Easter, and Jesus’ resurrection appearances to his disciples. Each stand-alone class will meet on Mondays at 2pm and 6pm in Thomas Hall to explore what happened then, and what it means for us today. You are welcome to join the conversation during this Lenten and Easter season.



## Youngish Adults

Youngish Adults will meet Tuesday, March 26th at 6pm. The Youngish Adult Group, in their 30’s to 40’s, single and married, meets monthly for pizza and faith discussion led by Chris Herrin. Childcare is provided. Let Chris know so we have enough pizza and childcare, revherrin@lowcountrypres.org.

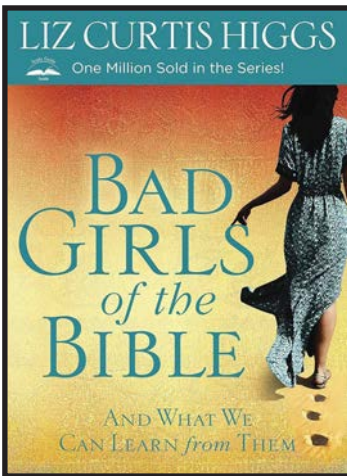
## Nursery & Children

We have a need for someone who would love to help in the nursery on the 5th Sunday of the month (4 times a year) and also for people willing to substitute for the regular volunteers as needed. This is such a vital ministry in the life of LPC. Please contact Elaine Branda hhgolfer@gmail.com.



Photo: The children are learning to listen to God. They are wearing their “I am listening to God” ears.

# FAITH FORMATION



## Women of Faith

LPC's Women of Faith have enjoyed learning more about our ancient sisters in scripture while gaining a deeper understanding of ourselves and our relationship with God in our study of "Bad Girls" of the Bible. Why not join us?

Each chapter of our current book, Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs, can be read as a stand alone section, making it easy to participate in any session! The March 12th meeting discussion will focus on the story of Jezebel from 1 Kings 18:4 through 21:27 and 2 Kings 9:22-37.

Women of Faith is a supportive community of LPC women, friends and visitors. The group utilizes book study to discuss, debate and creatively engage with God's word in our lives and world. We meet in friendship and fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month at 11 am in the Parlor.

Here's a peek at what's ahead!  
March 12th - pages 169-188  
April 9th - pages 189-213  
May 14th - pages 214-238

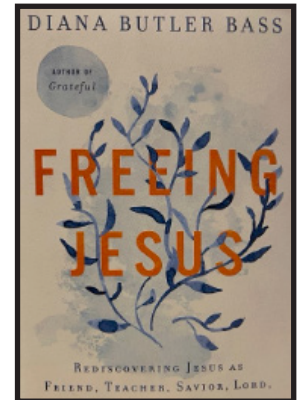
Please contact Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) or Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) for more information.

## Men of Purpose

In her book *Freeing Jesus*, author Diane Butler Bass shares how her experience with Jesus has changed over the years – viewing him as friend, teacher, savior, Lord, way and presence.

MOP meets Saturday mornings at 9:00am in the parlor to talk about the ways that we view Jesus.

Books are available online. For questions, please contact Bill Walker – billwalker42@gmail.com.



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# SOCIAL WITNESS & OUTREACH MINISTRY

## Social Witness Ministry Recommends Building Bridges Across Time and Race A Conversation with:

- Polly Shephard, survival of the Mother Emanuel Church massacre
- Margaret Seidler, author and descendant of slave traders
- Mia McCloud, State Senator and descendant of the enslaved

Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 10am to 1pm  
At Campbell Chapel AME Church, 25 Boundary Street in Bluffton. Admission is free.



# MISSIONS MINISTRY

## Update to Presbyterian Giving Catalog

Several more donations came in after reporting in the January/February Newsletter. Our final total was 52 items selected for a donation of \$3,532.00. Thank you to all the members who gave and participated.



## Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you to everyone who donated on Super Bowl Sunday to this offering to benefit the Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen. The Chief's not only won the actual Super Bowl, they also "won" the offering with \$1,236 in their pots versus \$1,123 for the 49er's.

## Mark Your Calendars for Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble's return visit on April 7th

The Mission Ministry Team is excited to welcome back Rev. Gamble to LPC on Sunday, April 7th. There will be one service at 10:30 am where Rev. Gamble will be preaching. The service will be followed by a lite lunch in the Narthex and then we will return to the Sanctuary for an update by Rev. Gamble on the continued work of *This Child Here* and the ongoing situation in Izmail, Ukraine where he lives. His visit last year was a highlight moment for LPC and you are encouraged to invite neighbors and friends to attend the service, light lunch, and/or his presentation.



## Habitat Workday

On Friday, February 23rd, a team of LPC volunteers worked on a Habitat for Humanity home build in Beaufort. They installed siding on the last of 3 new Habitat homes on Walnut Street. It was a bright sunny day when the team started working, but before long it started sprinkling and then turned into a steady rain. However, the weather didn't dampen the team members' spirits and they made great progress on the siding. Unfortunately, after about two hours the site was very muddy and the scaffolding was becoming slippery so the worksite foreman decided to shutdown operation because he didn't want anyone to get hurt.

Group Photo: (L-R) Don Hamburger, Kevin MacCarthy, Mick Mikkelson, Bob Flack, Habitat Employee, Bonnie Flack, Chad Coperhaven, Jim Wright, Paul Sell, Habitat Employee, Sandy Benninger

# MISSIONS MINISTRY

## March Change Can Make a Change, *This Child Here*

*This Child Here* which is a validated Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) with Rev. Dr. Robert D. Gamble serving as the Executive Director. February 24th marked two years since Ukraine has been fighting a war against the Russian invasion. *This Child Here* has been working with families displaced by this war and those arriving in Izmail, Ukraine. The aim is to help families heal from the trauma. Week after week, Rev. Gamble and his team meet families who have lost homes and livelihood. They greet them at grocery stores and invite them to the Center for Creative Activities and Center for Sports. In summers and winters, they have programs for these families in Bulgaria. With the donations received in March, a check will be presented to Rev. Gamble when he visits LPC on April 7th. Thank you for your continued support of This Child Here.

LPC Missions Ministry  
**Change-Can-Make-A-Change**  
March 2024 - This Child Here

*We work with families displaced by the war. We provide products from grocery stores, and centres for youth and children's activities, including sports, music, art, and programs led by psychologists. This Child Here, Inc. is a Validated Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA).*



[www.thischildhere.org](http://www.thischildhere.org)



## April Change Can Make a Change One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing, a Special Annual Offering sponsored by the Presbyterians Church (USA) is celebrating their 75th anniversary. Through three life-saving programs, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People, our donations through One Great Hour of Sharing are joined together with Presbyterians worldwide to make a difference in these vital areas of need. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

75 YEARS |  ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**REPAIRING THE BREACH**  
— ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.



Text **OGHS** to **91999** to learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).



# WORSHIP MINISTRY

## Kirkin' O' the Tartan

LPC celebrated its Scottish heritage with a Kirkin' O' the Tartan during a special service of worship on February 11th.



# WORSHIP MINISTRY

## Let all creation sing: Celebrating the Wonder of Creation in Worship and Song

From Genesis to Revelation, creation tells the story of God's goodness, mercy, and power. The hills sing for joy. Jesus declares himself light and living water. The Holy Spirit blows like wind. In our single worship service of scripture, word, and song on April 14, we hear the gospel proclaimed through the natural world so that we are inspired by its story each day.



## Reverend Herrin's 10th Anniversary at LPC

120 months, 520 weeks, 3,642 days, 87,648 hours

However you count the time, it adds up to 10 years of dedicated ministry and leadership at LPC by Chris Herrin - noticed, recognized and appreciated!



# WORSHIP MINISTRY

## Looking for a way to be involved at LPC? Communion assistance needed!

The Worship Ministry is in need of volunteers to help prepare, setup, and cleanup the communion elements. Communion is served each first Sunday of the month at LPC. We'll work with you every step of the way as you familiarize yourself and become confident with the role. Our goal is to have several teams to assist with communion on a rotating basis throughout the year.

Someone wise once said, "Many hands make light work." Will you consider offering yours?

Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) with your interest or for more information.

## COMMUNION ASSISTANCE NEEDED



## EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



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

Please place your order **by March 18th**. You may place your order form and payment in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church. Plants may be retrieved after the 10:30am Easter service on March 31st. **\*\*Please select an option "Donate" or "Take Plant" \*\***

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



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

or

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Donate \_\_\_\_\_ Take plant \_\_\_\_\_**



# EARTH CARE MINISTRY



## Earth Day Dinner & Special Presentation on Wednesday, April 17

Carlos Chacon of the Coastal Discovery Museum is returning for another great

Lowcountry nature presentation and dinner!

Born and raised in Costa Rica, Carlos Chacon started volunteering for various nature-related organizations at age 12. His fascination with nature led him to study Tropical Biology at the University of Costa Rica. After graduating in 1996, Carlos began working as a nature guide, since then, he has been leading nature trips through the Rain Forest and other environments of Central America, along with tours for the World Wildlife Fund, Lindblad Expeditions, Mountain Sobek Travel, Tauck Tours, Thompson Family Adventures, and more. In 2000, Carlos moved to Hilton Head Island, his wife's home.

Here he completed a Master's Degree from the University of South Carolina; and now works as the naturalist at the Coastal Discovery Museum, conducting nature programs on diverse topics and managing the Karen Wertheimer Butterfly Enclosure. This event is sure to help us appreciate the natural wonder of the Lowcountry.



## Upcoming EarthCare Events:

- May River Clean-up
- Outing to Pinkney Island Preserve
- May River Discovery Tour

# SAVE *the* DATE



**MAY RIVER CLEAN UP**  
**SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 4TH**

# MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

## Souper Bowl Supper

Over 60 LPC members got a head start on Super Bowl LVIII at a Souper Bowl Supper in Thomas Hall on February 7. Various types of soups/chilis, salads, and desserts were on the buffet. Half-time performance was provided by Dale Nordby and Jim Wright who entertained with "Drop-kick Me Jesus Through the Goalposts of Life," which resulted in an encore request from the crowd. Larry Tremitiere won the prize for having attended the most Super Bowls... FOUR! Ron Bleile won the Super Bowl trivia prize and four door prizes were handed out. Although there was no prize for best team outfit, our own Rev. Dave Johnson would have won for his outstanding Patriots outfit...WOW! The favorite NFL team was tabulated to be the Green Bay Packers and favorite college team was University of Michigan (Go Blue!).

The evening was produced by the mighty Membership Ministry team decked out in their referee attire including whistles and yellow penalty flags.



## Hospitality Hours Helpers Needed

We all enjoy gathering around the hospitality table after the 10:30 service for a time of refreshments and fellowship. The Membership Ministry has three ways you can help with this special time.

Become a Hospitality Sponsor by contributing at any time during the year. Place your contributions in the little blue box on the counter in the Narthex.

Become a Hospitality Host along with a partner of your choosing 2 – 4 times a year. Turn on the coffee pot, arrange the refreshments, and clean up. Training is provided. No Martha Stewart skills needed. Bake, buy, or ask us to provide the refreshments.

Become a Hospitality Baker if you like to bake but prefer not to host. You will be contacted when needed for a Sunday or other special events.

Contact Dale Wilkes at (207) 299-6693 or [dalewilkes207@gmail.com](mailto:dalewilkes207@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information. Carol Hissom serves as the Hospitality Hour coordinator and can be reached at her home (843) 705-1984 or leave a message.

## Save the Date for a Summer Picnic

Our Membership Ministry will be hosting a Church Picnic at the Bluffton Oyster Factory Park on Sunday, June 2 after the 10:30 service. The park is currently undergoing renovations and we will be among the first to enjoy the new look. More details to follow.

## Be a Narthex Scout

Show your LPC love by scouting out those new faces in the Narthex (or the pew) who may need a little introduction to our fellowship time. Introduce yourself, invite them to the hospitality table, introduce them to others, and answer their questions about LPC membership.

If this sounds like you, please contact Membership Ministry Elder chair Dale Wilkes at (207) 299-6693 or [dalewilkes207@gmail.com](mailto:dalewilkes207@gmail.com) or co-chair Maureen Kalmbach at (845) 781-3653 or [maureen.kalmbach@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.kalmbach@gmail.com) for more information.

# MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

## New Members will join March 24th!

**Kathleen King Casey** retired to Bluffton 5 years ago with her husband after practicing medicine in NJ for 35 years, She specialized in Infectious Disease and was a Clinical Professor of medicine at Rutgers medical school. Since moving here, she volunteers 2 days a week at Volunteers in Medicine and serves as their medical director. She lost her husband in March of 2023.

**Richard Giebelhaus** has lived in Sun City for the past 5 years. He is originally from New York and worked as a building superintendent in the New Paltz School District until his retirement. He was widowed 6 years ago and has 2 sons and 4 grandchildren in New York.

**Don and Betsy Hamburger** moved to Bluffton from Charlotte in Oct. 2023. Don is originally from Columbia, SC and also lived in Charleston for many years. He attended Clemson University and worked in civil engineering throughout the Carolinas before retiring. Betsy is originally from Philadelphia and has also lived in Boston, and Columbia SC. She attended Penn State and BU, and retired from a career in Managed Care Network Development in 2020. Together, they have three children who live in the Carolinas. They are thankful for finding LPC, and excited about joining.

**Bob & Kay Hedrick** moved to Bluffton from Jamestown, NC in April of 2013. Kay retired from a career in Family Practice nursing. Bob, a veteran, retired from a career of engineering and manufacturing.

**Karen and Scott Johnson** are originally from northeast Ohio, and most recently lived in the Greenville SC area. They have been residents of Sun City since December 2019, following Scott's retirement as an engineer & plant manager in the metals industry. Karen was an elementary school teacher and a piano teacher. They are the parents of two daughters and have seven grandchildren. Karen is active in the Sun City Singers and the Chimers and enjoys gardening and fitness walking. Scott likes to cook and spends much of his spare time in the Sun City Woodshop. They have both been singing in the LCP Choir since October.

**Nancy Hill** visited the lowcountry for over 20 years before settling in Sun City 8 years ago from Avon, Ohio. Her career included being an elementary school teacher. She earned a master's degree as a reading specialist, and is a strong advocate of the importance of reading beginning in the primary grades. Her interests include being an avid bridge player, beading, bocce ball, and bible studies as well as being involved in church and Sun City activities. She looks forward to continuing her faith journey at LCP.

**Shawn and Pam Panuline** moved to Latitude Margaritaville in 2020 from Davidson NC after years of dreaming about living in the low country. Shawn is originally from Pittsburgh, PA and Pam from Charlotte, NC. We work full time, but we squeeze in as much travel and activities as possible. We enjoy music, food, sunny days on the beach, and sports: football, hockey, golf & pickleball.

**Sue Ellen Johnson** moved from Maryland to the lowcountry in 1996. She retired from a career in health care and higher education in 2013. She has been an accompanist for 45 years with her primary instrument being the piano. She enjoys reading, playing bridge, watching tennis, golf, and professional football. She has two grown sons, two grandsons and three great grandchildren. She and her rescue dog Abbey, enjoy being outdoors and walking.

**Bill and Robyn Wilkey** have recently moved to South Carolina from Chicago, IL. Bill is retired from sales and Robyn has just retired after working for the Chicago Bears for the past 25 years. Both are loving South Carolina!

**Pamela "Pam" Norley** has been attending LPC for decades as a visitor, as her Mom, also Pam Norley, was a long time member and Stephen Minister. Pam and her husband (bio below) retired to Colleton River at the end of 2021 and are avid golfers and pickleball players. Originally from Boston, Pam was an executive in financial services for more than 25 years and has been involved in many non-profit and community organizations throughout her life. She is thrilled to continue her faith journey where she will be a legacy member at LPC.

**Donn Randall** was introduced to LPC during one of his first visits to the lowcountry to meet his future in-laws. Donn was a practicing trial lawyer in Boston and active in charitable and professional groups. He is also an avid golfer and pickleball player, and enjoys his many travels with his wife, Pam (bio above). His faith journey started in a faith based high school and continues through this day. Together he and Pam have five children and four grandchildren.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Music Ministry in March & April

February brought us the Scottish service of the Kirkin' of the Tartan. Special thanks to Peter Armstrong, bagpiper, and Dom Costabile, drums, for adding to the festive atmosphere along with the Jubilate Ringers and Chancel Choir. Also, in February, Dennis Smith played clarinet with the Chancel Choir for the anthem.

On March 10th, the Jubilate Ringers will be playing two selections: Pastorale/Psalm 23 by Michael Helman and Nearer my God to Thee by Karissa Dennis. We are pleased to announce that Pete Stephenson, trumpet, will be participating again this year at the Easter service on March 31.

The Chancel Choir will not be presenting a Lenten Cantata this year. However, they will be participating in a celebration of creation on Sunday, April 14th, when they will be singing 5 choral selections during the 10:30 service. There will only be one service that day. The Jubilate Ringers will be providing the Prelude: For the Beauty of the Earth arranged by Joel Raney.

The choral song titles include the following:

*Let the Whole Creation Cry* by David von Kampen

*Like a river in my soul* arr. Tom Osiek

*Creation Sings* by Mitchell Covington

*The Wonder of Creation* arr. Patti Drennan

*The Earth is the Lord's* by Karen Ball (written specially for the Chancel Choir and this service)

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# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## Flower Ministry

Congregational Care is involved in many activities, but in this issue we are going to concentrate on the Flower Ministry.

A Church member can help with this by providing the Sanctuary flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or any other meaningful reason. The sign up sheet is located in the Narthex near the Church office and the cost is \$60, payable by check with "flowers" in the memo line. This check can be put in the offering basket or taken to the office. There are currently opportunities available in March and April and throughout the year. What happens to these flowers you might ask? Well, you can take them home or you can donate them to the Church to distribute to church members who are in need of cheer for various reasons, as determined by Rev. Herrin or Rev. Johnson.

Would you like to rearrange flowers or deliver them? Then perhaps you might volunteer to rearrange the flowers after the 10:30 service, or deliver them afterwards. We currently have several much appreciated volunteers but there is always room for more. Rearranging takes about half an hour; delivery takes about one to two hours. This would be only once a month.

If you would like to assist either with rearranging or delivering donated flowers, please contact Fran Parker at [frannieparker38@gmail.com](mailto:frannieparker38@gmail.com). All instructions and equipment will be provided.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Gail Box	20	Noah Hale
3	Sandy Benninger	22	Joan Kimble*
5	Anna Anderson	22	Robert Shumate
6	Bert Ruys	25	Derek Hardin
7	Wim Tekelenburg*	25	Bob Whitman
8	Bill Walker	28	Alice Pierce
10	Brittany Wilson	30	Anita Juelch
11	Mendel Spears	31	Rosemary Bishop
12	Mel Gates		
13	Diane Mikkelson		<i>*moved out of state</i>
15	Vicki Melton		
17	Jim Hale		
19	Sharon Bogert		
19	Pat Kuhn*		
19	Carolyn Whitman		
19	Hudson Johnson		



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Cameron Fox	17	Doug Adamson
2	Paige Lassen	17	Elaine Dawley
2	Jane Scott	19	Dennis Eubanks
4	Katherine Bleile	20	Debbie Paulick
4	Sarah Bleile*	21	Ronda Adamson
6	Amilcar Chavelas	21	Janit Maguire
6	Lynn Norton	22	Caralynn Scott
7	Sophie Stauffer	23	Dennis Dawley
9	Jean Willson	23	David Given
8	Jerry Wells	25	Joann McElravy
10	Jim Dove	26	Cal Beltman
11	Marilyn Gearhart	28	Jake Herrin*
11	Ethel Anne Price	29	Karen Smith
12	Nancy Kozlowski*		
15	Kelly Manning		
15	Judy Thorpe		

## THANK YOU NOTES

“Thank you for the lovely commemorative ornament and SERG gift card. I look forward to many wonderful meals. It was a great privilege to work on the Thomas Hall renovations and I send my heartfelt thanks to all of you who believed in and supported this project.”  
- Sandy Benninger

“Thank you to our church family for all the cards, love, prayers, and encouragement during my recuperation from a fall. Lots of concern for John, too, which he appreciated. It’s always hard being the caregiver. Also thanks to the Prayerful Stitches. I showed my prayer shawl to everyone at Encompass. Our love and thanks to everyone.”  
- Sonia and John Abernethy

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Tony Perri who died Jan 2nd, this year. Tony’s living situation and health precluded involvement here at LPC for some time now. His partner of 25 years, Louise Cooper, also a member, now lives near her family in Ohio. Notes may be sent to her at 730 North Spring Road, Apt 316, Westerville, Ohio, 43082.

Christian sympathy is extended to Vera Toulmin on the death of her sister-in-law, Holly Grason.

Christian sympathy is extended to Bob & Bonnie Flack on the death of their son, Jason.

## COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

### The Communications Ministry needs your help!

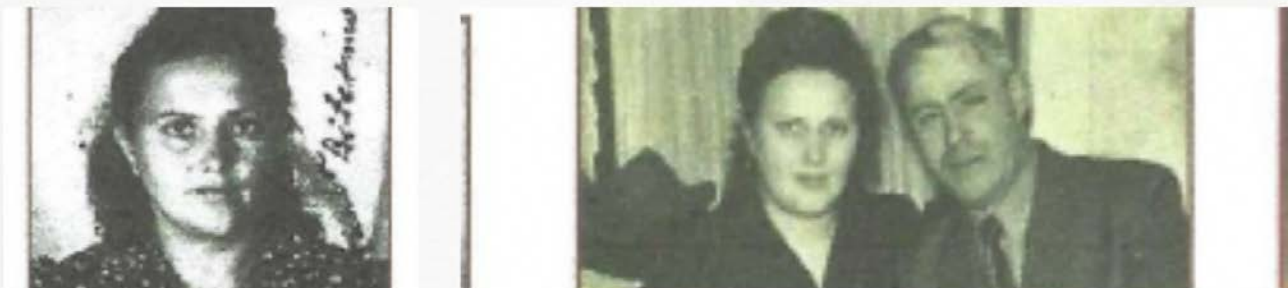
We would like to create a list of people who would be willing to take photos at LPC events. You don’t need to own a camera; photos taken with a cell phone will be adequate. Please contact Carol Bogle at [carolbogle21@gmail.com](mailto:carolbogle21@gmail.com) for more information or if you would like to be on the list. Thank you.



# UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS

On Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm in Thomas Hall the Faith Formation Ministry will present the following program:

## HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR STORIES: The Lives of Tauba and Edward Biterman, as told by their son, Joel Biterman, a member of Temple Oseh Shalom.



Please sign up in the Narthex or online at [lowcountrypres.org/news-events](https://lowcountrypres.org/news-events).  
Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided.



Spring ahead one hour March 10th!

D A Y L I G H T  
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### **Dine Around: May through October**

Groups of 8 (singles and couples) meet for a meal once a month; Sunday brunch or dinner during the week at a restaurant. Members of the group rotate picking the place. Sign-up by April 15th in the Narthex or on our website [lowcountrypres.org](https://lowcountrypres.org). If you have any questions, please contact Elder, Dale Wilkes: [dalewilkes207@gmail.com](mailto:dalewilkes207@gmail.com). Members and visitors are invited to participate.

# UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS



**Palmetto Animal League**

**2ND ANNUAL PULSEOLOGY GOLDEN EGG 5K**

**2ND ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK & EASTER EVENT**

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2024  
8:00AM-11:00AM  
Buckwalter Park Place  
2 Venture Drive  
Bluffton, SC 29910

**SCHEDULE**

8:30am - 5K RUN/WALK  
10:00am - "Catch the Bunny" Fun Run

**GOLDEN EASTER EGG HUNT  
BOUNCY HOUSES  
FACE PAINTING  
GAMES & MORE**

[goldenegg5k.com](http://goldenegg5k.com)

**SIGN UP HERE**



Worship Team enjoyed a meal together at Jim N Nick's

## Golden Egg 5K

LPC is a sponsor of the Pulseology Golden Egg 5K Run and Walk which will take place on Saturday, March 16 at Buckwalter Park Place in Bluffton from 8:00am-11:00am. The organizer of this event has offered a 50% discount to all friends, family and members of LPC who want to participate in the run/walk. Log onto [www.goldenegg5k.com](http://www.goldenegg5k.com) to register and put in the promo code GOLDEGG50 at check out.

## Thomas Hall

The Presbytery enjoys using Thomas Hall for Saturday morning meeting of pastors for a Healthy Boundary Training Seminar!



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session convened called meetings on 1/24 and 2/28 where they:

- Accepted new session members Elaine Branda, Chad Copenhaver, and Fran Parker.
- Called Meetings:
  - Annual Congregational Meeting for 1/28.
  - Special Session meeting for 3/24 to receive new members.
- Approved Worship Service changes:
  - Kirkin' o' the Tartan service on 2/11/24
  - Rev. David Johnson's installation on 3/17/24, with his brother Rev. Doug Johson as guest preacher and only one 10:30am worship service.
  - Approved Rev. Robert Gamble as guest preacher on 4/7/24, with only one 10:30am worship service. After the service, Rev. Gamble will speak in the Sanctuary.
  - One 10:30 am worship service on 4/14 for the Creation Celebration Worship Service
  - Summer schedule of one 10:30am worship service from 5/19-9/1.
- Financial Approvals:
  - Approved sources for final draw of Thomas Hall costs.
  - Approved 2024 budget
  - Approved Treasurer to set up line of credit and new credit card with Wells Fargo Bank and close line of credit and credit card from Truist bank.
- Approved the 2023 CAP Statistical Report
- Approved building of a 'Blessing Box' on LPC property
- Discussed 2024 fellowship events.
- Continued a study of Jonathan Merritt's book Learning to Speak God from Scratch.
- Elected Elder Alpert to serve as Commissioner for the December Presbytery

The next two Session meetings are scheduled for 3/27 and 4/26. If you have any questions or would like to see the minutes, please contact Janit Maguire, Clerk of Session at [janitmaguire@gmail.com](mailto:janitmaguire@gmail.com) or 845-527-6409.

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## Mission Statement:

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



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