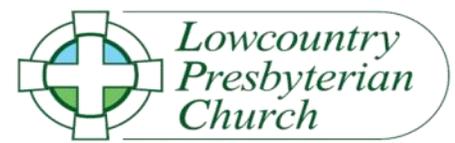




The Light



November/ December 2022

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.



Upcoming LPC Events

Community Thanksgiving Service—Tuesday, November 22nd at Church of the Palms at 7pm with lay speakers and a combined choir of LPC and Church of the Palms. Refreshments and a time of fellowship to follow.



Advent begins Sunday, November 27th

Hanging of the Greens—Sunday, November 27th following 10:30am worship
All volunteers welcomed and rewarded with pizza.

Christmas Fellowship Dinner and Sing Along—Wednesday, December 7th at 6pm
Enjoy a night of togetherness, food and singing of carols.

Christmas Cantata and Jubilate Ringers—Sunday, December 11th

Christmas Eve Services of Carols, Communion and Candlelight at 4:00pm and 7:00pm

Christmas Day—One Worship Service only at 10:30am

Watch for details in E-blasts and Bulletins to come!



2023 Events

January 1st—One Worship Service only at 10:30am

January 8th—Faith Formation Take 5 Celebration

January 15th—Ministry Team Fair

January 22nd—Fellowship Lunch & Speaker from Memory Matters "Building A Better Brain"

February 12th— Rev. Dr. Martin Copenhaver guest preacher, Former President of Andover Newton Seminary, pastor, scholar and author (and brother of Chad Copenhaver). Seminar to follow in the sanctuary after the 10:30 service, topic TBA.

March 12th- Rev. Robert D. Gamble guest preacher, Executive Director of This Child Here. He will speak at a congregational lunch about his work in Ukraine following the 2nd service.



THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE EARTH CARE TEAM)



September 17th's **Walk for Water 2022** in Old Town Bluffton drew 8 teams totaling 148 people and raised \$17K of the \$77K total in Beaufort Co. for the non-profit Water Mission of Charleston. A big "thank you" to **Captain Dale Wilkes** for enthusiastically leading this year's **LPC Water Walkers team**, who alone raised \$3200!

Some comments from Walkers:



"This was my first Walk for Water. It was wonderful to be with so many people united in walking for such an important cause. The weather and walk route were perfect!" **Carol Bogle**



"This year's Water Walk raised my awareness of just how incredibly vital clean water is to people's lives and how incredibly unevenly it is distributed across our planet. I was also inspired by all of the folks who helped organize and participate in the walk, demonstrating that they are aware of and care for those in other countries who have access to only a fraction of the clean water that most of us in the west have access to."



Dan Herrin

Highway Clean-up Crew

Pictured Dave Casperson, Randy Aubrey and Kevin MacCarthy
Also participating, Donna Aubrey and Sandy Benninger





MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND A GREAT PROGRAM!

About 50 LPC'ers socialized, feasted on spaghetti and meatballs provided by the Membership Committee—and shared salads, bread and desserts provided by those attending on September 14. Thanks to the Committee who organized the dinner—and worked hard in the kitchen and served us! Thanks to Chris for the photos!

Following dinner, **Carlos Chacon of the Coastal Discovery Museum**, provided a program on the **"The Natural History of the Salt Marsh"**—which not only informed us of everything that lives in the salt marsh—but through his passion for the Lowcountry, he confirmed why this place we have chosen to live is so special and unique to the world!



Thank you for your interest in upcoming events/tours at the Coastal Discovery Museum! Watch for further details to come this winter/spring!!!

Session Outing

The Session had a boating outing and lunch on Wednesday, October 5th thanks to "skipper" Larry Tremitiere.

A Manatee was spotted. (pictured to the right)



Stewardship Dinner

Thanks to all who attended for a great evening of food, fellowship and stewardship on October 12th! Following a sumptuous meal supplied by Jim N Nicks, we admired the beautiful cake adorned with our Stewardship theme of " God Loves a Cheerful Giver"... after which we cut the cake and enjoyed the dessert!

We then dove into stewardship with thought provoking questions, great table discussions and insightful feedback. One example: Why do we give? We like the church service, the pastor, the congregation, the music...and more.

Many thanks to the team that made it all happen: Jan Catanese, Janit Maguire, Donna and Randy Aubrey, Cal Beltman, Carolyn and Clarke Marshall and Reverend Chris Herrin!



FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY



Grow with us.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Faith Formation Ministry educates, inspires and grows disciples in Christ.

Take "5"

We are in the home stretch for our Take 5 initiative! For the months of December, we will be finishing up the Gospel of John, then moving into 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 2 Peter, Jude and then Revelation. As you finish reading these books, please sign your name on the sign in sheet on the Take 5 table in the narthex or you can add it on our website, lowcountrypres.org/adult-ed and someone will add it for you in the Narthex. You can find short videos on these books at www.thebibleproject.com.

The Faith Formation Ministry will be hosting a celebration of the completion of the Take 5 initiative on Sunday, January 8, 2023. More information will be forthcoming in future eblasts and bulletins.

Adult Sunday School and Take 5

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:35am in the parlor. The classes will relate to the Take 5 reading schedule using the video series www.eyewitnessbible.org.



"Tea with Timothy"

On September 28th a study to "Dig Deeper" into 1st and 2nd Timothy was led by Rev. Herrin. Rev. Herrin also led a study in October, "Java with John" looking deeper into the Gospel of John.

Look for future studies to "Dig Deeper" into the Take 5 scripture readings.



Coming in 2023

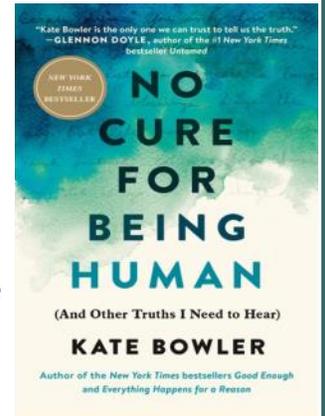
For 2023- the congregational wide initiative will be reading the Psalms. More information will be forthcoming in future eblasts and bulletins.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Quarterly Book Club Save the date;

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00pm in the parlor

Optional-dinner at Panera after the book club discussion. Sign up on our website lowcountrypres.org/adult-ed



Our next book selection is *No Cure For Being Human* by Kate Bowler.

The bestselling author of *Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)*

"It's hard to give up on the feeling that the life you want is *just* out of reach. A beach body by summer. A trip to Disneyland around the corner. A promotion on the horizon. Everyone wants to believe that they are headed toward good, better, best. But what happens when the life you hoped for is put on hold indefinitely?

Kate Bowler believed that life was a series of unlimited choices, only to find that she was stuck in a cancerous body at age 35. In her instant *New York Times* bestselling book, *No Cure for Being Human*, Kate searches for a way forward as she mines the wisdom (and absurdity) of our modern "best life now" advice industry, which offers us exhausting positivity, trying to convince us that we can out-eat, out-learn and out-perform our humanness. With dry wit and unflinching honesty, she grapples with her cancer diagnosis, her ambition, and her faith and searches for some kind of peace with her limitations in a culture that says that anything is possible.

In facing down cancer, Kate, "a Christian Joan Didion" (Glennon Doyle), searches for hope without cheap optimism, and truth with room for mystery. We are as fragile as the day we were born, and we will need each other if we're going to tell the truth: Life is beautiful and terrible, full of hope and despair and everything in between, but there's no cure for being human."

Advent Study, led by Rev. Becky Albright Mondays, December 5th and 12th

Just Imagine....

This year you are invited to spend Christmas in the homes of the Four Gospels. Will their homes be decorated and if so – what will each home look like? Each Gospel gives us a distinct perspective of the birth of Jesus and you are encouraged to experience this opportunity and enter their homes.

On Monday, December 5th at 6:00-7:15 pm, we will visit the homes of Matthew and Mark

On Monday, December 12th at 6:00-7:15 pm, we will visit the homes of Luke and John

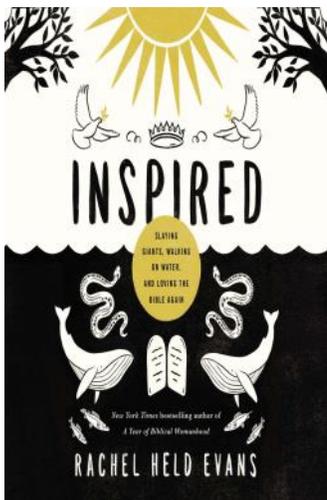
Join Rev. Becky Albright in this two-week study to set the tone for the Season of Advent.

Watch your bulletin and eblast for sign up information.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Youngish Adult Group

The Youngish Adult Group, in their 30's and 40's, single and married, meets monthly for pizza and faith discussion in the Fellowship Hall led by Chris Herrin. Childcare is provided in the main building. The next meeting is Thursday, November 17th at 5:30pm. All are welcome.



Women of Faith

Women of Faith will be wrapping up their current study of Inspired by Rachel Held Evans in December, but it's never too late to join in on the conversation!

The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00am in the Parlor and is open to all LPC women, friends and visitors.

Our November 8th discussion will focus on:

The Sea/Fish Stories, pages 165-189

Our December 13th discussion will focus on:

The Letter/Church Stories/Epilogue, pages 191-221

Stay tuned for the announcement of our 2023 book focus! Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) for more information.

Children's Church

Children's Sunday School is in full swing with several 4 and 5 year old children. It is offered on the second and fourth Sundays of each month during the 10:30 service in the classroom near the nursery. The teacher, LPC member, Phyllis Willever, is using the Little Lambs curriculum. The children learned about the creation story during the first session. The sessions combine learning through listening to the bible stories and doing activities that relate to the stories.

Nursery Volunteers/Substitute Staff Needed

The nursery operates each Sunday during the 10:30am service. We need two adults in the nursery from 10:20-11:30 (or when the service ends). The compensation for the substitute staff person is \$20.00. A background check will be handled through the church office. Get your baby fix and give our young parents the opportunity to worship. Contact Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com.



Men of Purpose (MOP)

Men of Purpose, a Men's small group, is reading *Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard. This is a challenging book but it will make you think and is leading to some great discussions. Why not spend time at LPC with MOP this Saturday in the parlor at 9:00am? Books are available in the office for \$11.00. For questions contact Bill Walker – billwalker42@gmail.com.



(photo by Chuck Thomas)

Pat Conroy Literary Festival Event at LPC October 30th

LPC hosted the closing event of the 2022 Pat Conroy Literary Festival on Sunday, October 30th. Attendees were treated to an afternoon with children's book authors, Rebecca Dwight Bruff and Susan Montanari in conversation with Sally Sue Lavigne, owner of the Storybook Shoppe. The authors delighted the audience with readings from their books and shared insights of the writing and publishing process. Both authors graciously signed books and informally chatted with the audience at the close of the event.



Depicted left to right—Rebecca Dwight Bruff (*Stars of Wonder*), Susan Montanari (*The Halloween Tree*) and Sally Sue Lavigne.



The LPC Book Club went to the the Pat Conroy Literary Center for a tour and a discussion of the book "Beach Music"



Ministry Team Fair

The Moving Forward in Faith, a subcommittee of Session, will sponsor a "ministry team fair" on Sunday, January 15, 2023 after both services. There will be representatives of all of the LPC ministries available to provide information and answer questions. We discovered, after completion of an in depth analysis of the LPC volunteer program earlier this year, that there are more than 140 different people involved in over 50 volunteer opportunities! Wow! Being overachievers, we would love to have even more people sign up to volunteer for 2023. More information will be forthcoming in future eblasts and bulletins. Thank you to everyone who is currently volunteering or who has volunteered in the past.

Emergency Response Team

In order for LPC to provide a safe and secure environment for our members, visitors and staff we must periodically identify members who possess a medical or law enforcement background to serve on our Emergency Response Team. If you have such a background and would be willing to help please contact Security Leader, Randy Aubrey at aubreyr2002@yahoo.com or contact the church office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elder Carolyn Marshall



MUSIC MINISTRY

Greetings from the Music Worship Team, the Chancel Choir and the Jubilate Ringers! The Community Thanksgiving service will be held at Church of the Palms this year on November 22, Tuesday at 7 p.m. We will be participating in the service with their choir. Rehearsals for this year's Advent Cantata have begun which will be presented on Sunday, December 11th, at both services. The Cantata will include selections from various composers with readings from scriptures announcing the birth of Jesus Christ, son of Mary and Joseph. The Jubilate Ringers will be providing the Prelude and Offertory that day.

Guest musicians during these months will include: Dale Nordby, Tom Smith and Brittany Wilson.

We are always looking for new singers to join the Chancel Choir. Come join the fun. Reading music is useful but not necessary. We have a robe just waiting for you.

Poinsettias

It is time to order Memorial Poinsettias for the Sanctuary. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or send it to the church office by December 5th. Make checks payable to LPC with the notation "**Poinsettia**" on your check. 6" poinsettias are **\$15.00** each.

Please fill in your name and the honoree/memorial designation so we may include it in our Christmas bulletin. If you have questions, please call the church office, 843-815-6570.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Honor of: _____

Or

In Memory of: _____





THANKSGIVING DRIVE THRU FOOD DRIVE

Sunday November 13th

11:30am-1:00pm



The Mission team is planning a drive thru food collection for Agape Family Life Center. Dr. Ponchitta Young from Agape indicated this drive will coincide perfectly with their annual Feed the Hungry distribution. Please bring your donations to LPC, November 13th between 11:30 and 1:00 and we will happily unload your vehicle. If you are attending church that day, please drive thru to unload after the service. If you forget, we have had people run to Kroger after the service to pick up items for the collection...we will still be there! Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 13th.

Most requested and needed items for Feed the Hungry distribution:

Fresh fruit, especially apples, oranges and limes

Canned goods: sweet corn, sweet peas and Cranberry sauce

Stuffing mix, gravy, Maseca flour, white rice

Other items always needed:

Sweet and white potatoes and onions

Canned fruit Peanut butter/jelly

Canned meats and tuna, Soups

Dry and canned beans, Pasta and pasta sauce

Cereal, Baby food



We will also collect mittens, hats and scarves for the Temple Oseh Shalom.



Mitten Project

As in past years, we are joining members of Temple Oseh Shalom (who worship in our sanctuary) to help with the Mitten Project.

This effort got started one winter morning about 15 years ago when Bluffton resident J J Nelson noticed school children alongside the road waiting for their bus. They were jumping up and down to keep warm as they did not have gloves, hats, etc. to ward off the chill. This gave him the idea to start a collection. Donated items are given to four churches to distribute in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. Needed articles are new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, earmuffs and headbands. If you can, please help us make this joint effort a success again this year! These families appreciate anything you can do to help.

Donations can be dropped off in the designated basket in the narthex or during the food drive on November 13th.

Thank you from the Missions Team



Our November Change Can Make a Change Offering is for the Angel Tree



It is returning! The Angel Tree is going to once again be in the narthex before Christmas and will be filled with angels having suggestions for books for the NOC (Neighborhood Outreach Connection) children who meet after school weekdays in our Fellowship Hall. The books may be returned to the table in the narthex which is set up for that purpose and will be presented to the children as a gift from LPC before they leave for their Christmas vacation. Watch for more information in the bulletin and Eblast.

At the request of Agape, since so many families are in such need and collecting items and setting up the "store" will still not be safe enough once again this year, they have requested that we provide \$25 Walmart gift cards. In some cases, the families will need to purchase food but others may choose to purchase gifts for their children. Each parent(s) knows best their family's particular needs. Last year, we collected over \$4,704.00 from Change Can Make a Change and were able to donate \$25 Walmart cards for families of 140 children and 21 seniors plus hams and oranges for each.

The need will probably even be greater this year. If you are able, please consider generously helping us collect gift cards and/or contribute to November Change Can Make a Change. If you choose to purchase \$25 Walmart gift cards, please either drop them off at the church office, put them in the designated box on the Angel Tree table in the narthex or mail them to 10 Simmonsville Rd., Bluffton, SC. Likewise, if you choose to contribute checks or money to November CCMAC, please remember to put either Angel Tree or November CCMAC on your check to LPC or the CCMAC envelope and drop off or mail to arrive before December 8th. Agape will be distributing these cards on December 10th so it is very important for your contribution to arrive by the December 8th deadline.

Please pray for these families, children and seniors. Thank you for your amazing generosity over the many years of our Angel Tree. For any questions, contact Diane Mikkelson, Missions Elder (843-368-6865)

Christmas Joy Offering

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our savior.

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian related schools and colleges equipping communities or color.

On Sunday, December 18th there will be an insert and envelope for our annual Joy Offering. Please use the envelopes in your bulletin to make your contribution and give generously. Checks should be made payable to the church with a notation for Joy Offering.





Family Promise Meals

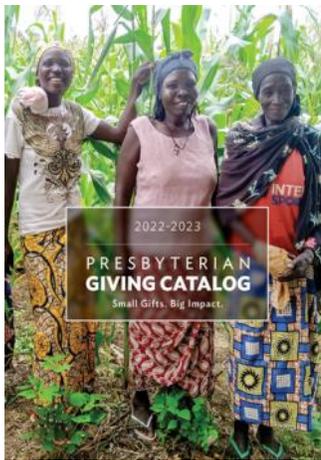
Our Family Promise weeks to prepare meals for up to 4 families will be November 28th - December 8th. We are asking volunteers to prepare meals at home to be delivered to the center. More complete information will follow in the EBlasts and bulletins or call Diane Mikkelson @ 843-368-6865.

Thanks for your generous donations!

September CCMAC for Family Promise was : \$940

October Change Can Make a Change for This Child Here was: \$1,055.52

Help for the Victims of Hurricane Ian was: \$1,620



Presbyterian Giving

This Holiday Season the Mission Ministry is going to promote the Presbyterian Giving Catalog instead of the Heifer International Gift Catalog. On Sunday, November 13th, each family in attendance will receive a catalog to take home, look over and make your selection. Fill out the order form, enclose a check made out to Lowcountry Presbyterian Church and place in the envelope provided. The envelope can be dropped in the offering basket on any Sunday until the end of the year, dropped off to the office or mailed to the church. Their gift areas are Kits and tools, People, Water, Livestock, and Agriculture. Selections start at \$15.00. We will have a table in the

Narthex starting on November 20th to answer any of your questions. With each purchase, we will begin building a paper chain called Links of Love to show how together we can make a significant and lasting impact for people and communities around the world. Very excited to see how long our chain can grow. Any questions, contact Anne Redlus, Elder for Missions Beyond (843-705-6373)



LPC members and sisters Susan Taylor-Belli and Nancy Doran are volunteer readers with NOC that meets every afternoon in our Fellowship Hall. Seeing that more age appropriate reading materials were needed, they initiated a book drive among their neighbors in Cypress Ridge and quickly got over 50 books to donate!



MISSIONS



BACKPACK BUDDIES

On October 4th LPC volunteers packed 200 bags of food. 20 bags went to Red Cedar and 180 were delivered to Prichardville Elementary. There are currently 41 students participating in the Backpack Buddies program at Prichardville.

All participants received a bag of food, distributed to them by LPC volunteers, on Fridays during the month of October. Oldfield will take over the packing and distribution for the month of November.

LPC will be packing again on December 6th at St. Andrews by the Sea United Methodist Church, 30 Persimmon St. at 12:30. We welcome all volunteers. For more information call Sandy Beninger 248 756-6666.



Thank you!

Dear Anne, Mission Committee, Session and members of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church, I am writing to thank you for your gracious donation of \$2100 to This Child Here. For those who are not familiar with our work, below is our ministry:

We are a validated ministry in the Prebyterian Church working with families displaced by the war. As you may know, thousands of people have fled cities in the east and arrived in Odessa and Izmail, Ukraine, in the west. Because many fathers are in the military or still residing in residences now dangerous, these families we meet often consist of mothers and children. We provide housing, meals, and products from grocery stores. We also run centers for youth and children's activities, including: sports, music, art, and programs led by psychologists. Through these activities, summer and winter camps, and the supportive community we have built, we offer therapy for the trauma and shock suffered by these families.

Grace and Peace,
Robert Gamble

Our AV Project – Now Underway!

Although the work being done is not highly visible, our AV project has begun. Within the last 30 days our contractor Vibe has drawn most of the wires needed for the system. To see this just look at all the wires in our balcony AV booth. Amazing! In addition, we were able ourselves to reroute our Internet wire to its newly needed destination without having to have an outside firm involved.



The Cross in the rear of the Sanctuary has been relocated to the Narthex. The projector and monitor will eventually be installed where the cross was in the sanctuary. With the Cross moved this will now allow us to have the existing acoustical tiles removed and the walls under them to be repaired and painted. This work is scheduled to take place in the next couple of weeks, which will make way for the new acoustical tiles to be installed. Finally, 7 new dedicated electrical circuits/outlets have been installed to accommodate the new AV systems components.

If all of this sounds like a jig saw puzzle to you, it does to us as well! But with each of these tasks completed on our end, we are that much closer to the actual installation of our new system. Our goal for the full project completion is now by the end of January. However, it is possible that we will have parts of the system installed by mid-December. However, none of this is a definite due to supply chain issues. With our commitment to putting in a high-quality system, we must make sure we do not settle for an inferior component because it is easier or faster to acquire. Instead, we need to be patient and persistent.



Finally, the Temple Oseh Shalom that worships in our Sanctuary, has asked us to partner with them for a combined fund raiser to benefit both of our Technology efforts. The details will follow in the next couple of months however they have arranged for a musical group out of Savannah to be the entertainment for a date in January. We are looking forward to a great evening of fun, an increase in funding for our AV systems, and the mutual effort of our combined memberships.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Bob Lowry at jblowry99@gmail.com.

Your AV Technology Team

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Lay Visitation Ministry

The Lay Visitation Ministry is another vital part of the Congregational Care Ministry. The Lay Visitation team includes church members who are committed to providing care and assistance as needed or just a friendly face to our church congregation. Members who are seen by our lay care visitors may be dealing with health or bereavement issues, may be home bound, living in a care facility or would just enjoy a visit or call to keep them connected to LPC. If you would like a visit or know of a member who could benefit from a visit, or if you would like to participate in this important ministry, please contact the church office or Karen Couser, kcouser16@gmail.com, or 843 422-2473.



Christian sympathy is extended to:

Judy Placer on the death of her husband Jose

Rip Powell on the death of his son-in-law, Bill Strohecker

Thank You!

Ron and I want to thank our LPC family for wrapping us in your love before, during and after Ron's neck and back surgeries at MUSC. We appreciate all the prayers, texts, emails, calls and cards we have received. Chris, we especially thank you for the prayer visit you made to our home before Ron's surgery. Also, we appreciate Jay Marshall who was here to get Ron safely inside the house when I brought him home from MUSC. Jay also provided us with a wonderful meal for the evening. Speaking of food, I am grateful to Carol Bogle for providing the refreshments for the Women of Faith meeting this month. Additionally, we thank Bert and Anneke Ruys for delivering flowers. God blessed us with our church family.

Sincerely,

Venus Holland and Ron Gemme

Thank You!

Thank you all so very much for the surprise shower, sweet messages, and gifts for Cora Kate. We are beyond grateful for the generosity, love and support you have shown our family; and, we feel blessed to have found such a warm faith-based community in which to raise our girls. Looking forward to seeing everyone as a family of five!

Sincerely,
Chris, Mary, Hudson, Emery, and Cora Kate



**Happy
November
Birthdays!**

November Birthdays

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| 2 Lois Johnson | 9 Harriet Senior | 17 Betty Smith |
| 3 Don Keller | 10 Bonnie Dove | 19 Josh Fox |
| 3 Joan Mullins | 10 Lucy Herrin | 19 Margaret Hartley |
| 4 Louise Cooper | 11 Tom Cordy | 29 Rick Bogert |
| 4 Chad Copenhaver | 12 Sue Day | 29 Bill Rozea |
| 8 Sandra Copenhaver | 13 Carolyn Tripp | |
| 9 Leon Sell | 17 Lois Poper | |

December Birthdays



**Happy
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| 1 Ron Bleile | 16 Bo Welch | 24 Ella Barry |
| 4 Joan Walker | 16 Alice Reiter | 25 Judy Lowry |
| 6 Jan Alpert | 17 Tom Catanese | 26 Karen Meyer |
| 6 Jane Deakin | 17 Graham Painter | 28 Susan Zeleznik |
| 8 Scott Kunkle | 19 Dale Nordby | 31 Barbara DiSauro |
| 13 Sandy Iams | 21 Karen Ball | 31 Howard Redlus |
| 14 Ann Warren | 22 Donald Bortz | |

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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

At its September 19th Stated Meeting the Session:

- Extended invitations to Rev. Becky Albright to serve as guest preacher on November 6th, while Chris is on study leave, and to Rev. Dr. John Wall on November 13th, when Chris will be participating in Stephanie Dion's installation as pastor at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Simpsonville, SC.
- Invited Dr. Robin Lind to serve as guest preacher on October 16th.
- Received Elder Anne Redlus' report on her service as LPC's commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's summer meeting.
- Called a Congregational Meeting for 10:30 am on Sunday, October 30th for the purpose of receiving the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) and to elect new members of the Session.
- On behalf of the CONC, Elder Redlus reported that the following individuals will be nominated to serve on the Session at the upcoming Congregational Meeting. For a one year term on the Class of 2023, the nominees will be Karen Couser and Janit Maguire; and for a three year term on the Class of 2025, the nominees will be Pam Davis-Webb, Dale Wilkes, Jan Alpert and Kevin McCarthy.
- Changed the on-going Stated Session meeting schedule to 6:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except that there will be no Stated meeting in November 2022 and the December 2022 meeting will be a 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 14th.

At its October 26th Stated Meeting the Session:

- Extended invitations to the following ministers to serve as guest preachers:
 - Rev. Michael (Achim) Daffin – January 1, 2023
 - Rev. Dr. Martin Copenhagen – February 12, 2023
 - Rev. Robert Gamble (Director of the "This Child Here" ministry in Ukraine) – March 12, 2023.
- Were notified that a Called Session Meeting would convene at 9:30 am on Sunday, November 27th for the purpose of examining and receiving new members of the congregation.
- Accepted the Worship Ministry Team's recommendation that congregational greeting not be reinstated as part of the regular order of worship.
- Accepted the Moving Forward in Faith Team's announcement of a January 15th volunteer opportunity event for ministry team leaders to expose the congregation to opportunities to serve. More information will be forthcoming.

The next Stated Session meeting is scheduled for December 14th.

If you have any questions or would like to see the minutes from these Session meetings, please contact Ernest Bush, Clerk of Session at 843-290-3218 or elbush@mac.com.

Financial Results Summary

9 month YTD (January 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022)

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
RECEIPTS	\$429,796	\$387,404
EXPENSES		
Clergy Staff	\$110,689	\$154,186
Support Staff	82,836	86,203
General Administration	59,926	58,085
Missions	2,400	33,752
Worship	8,671	8,409
Facilities Administration	91,575	69,642
All others combined	585	8,960
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$356,682	\$419,237
NET	\$73,114	(\$31,833)

The financial condition of the Church remains very positive. Thanks be to God for the generosity of the congregation. Expense reduction continues to be driven by the vacancy of the Associate Pastor position. Facilities expense is up due to the approved sanctuary repair project. The positive Net position will be impacted in the 4th quarter, as many annual expenses are incurred after realization of the revenue receipts.

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bell Practice 12:30pm Grace Book Study, 6pm	2	3 Building & Grounds gam Membership 10:30am Faith Formation 2pm Choir Practice 6:45pm	4	5 Men of Purpose 9:00am
6 Worship 8:30am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	7	8 Moving Forward 9:30am Women of Faith 11:00am Bell Practice 12:30pm Communication 4:00pm	9 Congregational Care 10am	10 Choir Practice 6:45pm	11	12 Men of Purpose 9:00am
13 Worship 8:30am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	14	15 Bell Practice 12:30pm Missions Meeting 3pm	16 Evolution of Antisemitism 1:00pm Worship Ministry 7pm	17 Admin/Finance 4:00pm Youngish Adults 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:45pm	18	19 Men of Purpose 9:00am
20 Worship 8:30am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	21	22 Bell Practice 12:30pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Church of the Palms 7:00pm	23	24 Church Office is Closed for Thanksgiving Day	25 Church Office is Closed	26
27 Worship 8:30am & 10:30am New Members Join Adult Sunday School 9:35am Hanging of the Greens 11:35am	28	29 Bell Practice 12:30pm	30			