



July/August 2023

## JUNE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

What a joy it is to gather together and celebrate the goodness of God in our midst! Our recent Fried Chicken Fellowship Luncheon on the patio was a resounding success, and we are grateful for everyone who joined us for a time of delicious food, fellowship, and conversation. Even a momentary downpour couldn't put a damper on the Fellowship festivities.

Thank you for all the generous donations we can now use for our next big gathering. We are filled with anticipation as we see the progress being made on the renovations of Fellowship Hall. We can't wait to plan our first event there, hopefully sometime in September. In the meantime, we wish safe summer travels to everyone. - Membership Ministry Team



# GUEST PREACHERS TO COME

## **JULY 16TH REV. IAN CLARK (Rev. Herrin to also lead in worship)**



Rev. Ian Clark is a chaplain in the US Navy. He currently serves as a battalion chaplain at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. An ordained minister in the PCUSA, he previously served as a pastor at Covenant Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC. Ian grew up in Chatham, NJ, and has degrees from the Citadel and Princeton Seminary. In addition to his ministry to Sailors and Marines, he is a PhD candidate in theological ethics at the University of Aberdeen (Scotland) where his research explores the ethical dimensions of emerging military technologies (such as cyber warfare, artificial intelligence, and unmanned weapon systems). He and his wife Kaitlin have two daughters, Maeve (2) and Juliet (4 months).

Following Rev. Ian Clark's sermon on Sunday, July 16, our Faith Formation ministry will host a time for quick refreshments and then a presentation *War & The Christian Tradition: Perspectives for Faith* by Rev. Clark as we re-convene in the Sanctuary at 11:45 am. The Scriptures abound in examples of war, yet we are called to be peacemakers. As the Ukraine war continues to weigh heavily on our hearts, how can we think more faithfully about war and peace?

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## **AUGUST 6TH - REV. DR. JOHN WALL**



Rev. Dr. John Wall finished up 43 years of ordained ministry at Providence Presbyterian on Hilton Head several years ago. He has degrees from Wofford College, (while on a football scholarship) and Princeton and McCormick Theological Seminaries. He pastored at churches in Aiken, Greenwood, and Savannah, and served on various corporate, civic and denominational boards in addition to teaching classes at several colleges.

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## **AUGUST 13TH - REV. DR. ROB BLUMER**



Rev. Dr. Rob Blumer, recently retired, grew up in North and South Carolina. He was a Political Science major at Furman University and worked for the Office of the Governor (SC) before sensing the call to ministry. He graduated from Columbia Seminary with a Doctorate of Ministry and served congregations in South Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky, before accepting a call as Head of Staff at Sharon Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC) in 2009. Rob and his wife Pat live in Beaufort where they are avid sailors. They have grown children and grandchildren.



# EARTH CARE MINISTRY

## July offers two wonderful Earth Care Educational Opportunities!

*Both outdoors and indoors - please join us! Sign up for each tour on the Earth Care Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Carpooling from LPC is available for both!*



## PINCKNEY ISLAND TOUR

**Friday, July 14 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.**

LPC's own Robert Shumate has generously offered to lead a guided tour of Pinckney Island! Robert's background in fishery and wildlife biology will not only provide us with information about area wildlife, but also the importance of the salt marsh on migratory birds and Atlantic fishery. And he will also share the Revolutionary War and Civil War history of Charles Pinckney and Pinckney Island!

The walk to Ibis Pond is about 1 1/2 miles where we will learn about nesting wading birds, turtles, and alligators -- OH MY! WEAR STURDY CLOSED SHOES, SUNGLASSES, AND HATS. BRING SUNSCREEN/BUG REPELLANT AND YOUR OWN WATER. BATHROOMS UNAVAILABLE.

Sign up on the Earth Care bulletin board in the Narthex and we will contact you by email in advance with carpooling details, etc. Questions? Email Gretchen/Jon [gretchjon@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchjon@yahoo.com)



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## JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF WATER MISSION!



**WHO:** *LPC members and friends but sign up is required.*

**WHEN:** *Tuesday, July 25—guided tour begins at 10 a.m. We will carpool from LPC at 7:30 a.m. Feel free to drive on your own. The trip is about 96 miles, and we should allow 2 hours. Should we decide on lunch after the tour, there are restaurants nearby. We should return home 4-4:30 if we lunch afterwards.*

**WHERE:** *Water Mission's facility, 1150 Molly Greene Way, Bldg. 1605, N. Charleston*

**WHAT:** *This is a great chance to learn more about Water Mission's important work providing water filtration systems to developing countries and disaster areas world-wide. If there is a need that day, we may even help build a water filtration system! If this sounds daunting, don't let it keep you from participating! We need cheerleaders too! Everyone will leave with a lasting impression of why WM is an important provider to those without clean water, something we take for granted. If you would like feedback about last year's tour, ask Dale Wilkes, Vicki Melton, Carol Thorne, or Gretchen/Jon Nickel!*

**WHY:** *Once again LPC is sponsoring a team to participate in the Beaufort Co/Bluffton Walk for Water Sept. 23 to raise money for Water Mission. Last year LPC had a team of 50 walkers of the 150. \$17K was raised by the Bluffton Walk alone! Let's do this again—a goal of \$20K has been set!*

**HOW:** *Sign up for the tour on the Narthex bulletin board! We will contact you by email about carpooling and lunch about a week ahead. Questions? Feel free to email [gretchjon@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchjon@yahoo.com)*

**NOTE: ONLINE SIGN UP FOR THE SEPT. 23 BLUFFTON WALK FOR WATER BEGINS LATER IN JUNE!  
WATCH FOR LPC NOTICES AND SAVE THE DATE!**

# MONTREAT CONFERENCE



## Montreat Conference, October 9-12th

Eight LPC-ers including Rev. Herrin are attending Holy Shift at Montreat Conference Center, NC, October 9th-12th. Join them!

An impressive group of preachers and scholars will lead a time of worship, teaching and discussion around the Shifts taking place in the church. Lodging and meals will be at Assembly Inn. Go to [montreat.org/holy-shift](http://montreat.org/holy-shift) to register. Other options include paying the conference fee and staying at William Black Lodge or SC Inn at Montreat or hotels in Black Mountain only a few miles away. Homes could also be rented. Contact Rev. Herrin if you need more info on those. After you have registered, sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex so we can arrange carpooling for those interested. It is a 4 1/2 to 5 hour drive. Asheville is only 20 minutes away, for those who may want to extend their trip. Pick-up a flyer in the Narthex.



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## The 2023 Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) Needs Your Help

The CONC seeks suggestions from LPC members for nominations for elders. 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 Anne Redlus, Elder Larry Tremitiere, Robyn Kiser, Tom Catanese, Gray Toulmin and Rev. Chris Herrin, ex officio.

Names will be accepted through Sunday, July 16, 2023. You may submit this form by dropping it in the Elder Nomination box in the Narthex, mailing to the church office or submitting it electronically on our website: [www.lowcountrypres.org](http://www.lowcountrypres.org). It is important not to inform the nominee as the CONC may not be led to nominate them.

### Nomination for the Office of Ruling Elder Class of 2026

Elder Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Why would this person be a good candidate for Elder?

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

# FAITH FORMATION

The Formation Ministry Sunday School teachers are taking a well-deserved summer break. The Ministry would like to thank Carol Bogle, Joe Franklin, Dan Herrin, Venus Holland, Jim Martin, Dale Wilkes, Phyllis Willever, and Rabbi Ken Kanter for their faithful and devoted efforts in teaching Adult and Children's Sunday School. Thanks also go to our Children's Sunday School assistants Sonia Abernethy, Fran Parker, and Majorie Wilno.

Adult Sunday School: The Faith Formation Ministry hopes you will continue your reading

and study of the Psalms with our Seasons of Psalms initiative during the summer and re-join us for Adult Sunday School on Sunday, September 3. Pick up a schedule of readings under the monitor in the Narthex. For more information and helpful tips, see our new Seasons of Psalms page on our website, [lowcountrypres.org/seasons-of-psalms](http://lowcountrypres.org/seasons-of-psalms).

Children's Sunday School for ages 4–5 is taking a summer break until September when they will continue to meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

## WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith will be taking the months of June, July and August off.

The group will reconvene on Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. in the church Parlor and continue their study of Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them by Liz Curtis Higgs. The focus chapter for the September meeting is Dying for a Drink/ The Woman at the Well, pages 84-105.

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

## MEN OF PURPOSE (MOP)

Men of Purpose is a Men's discussions small group. We do not meet during the summer months and will resume meeting on Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. in the parlor at the main church. We will be reading and discussing "The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak – Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families" by Shannon Bream. Books are available in the office for \$13 each. For questions, please contact Bill Walker – [billwalker42@gmail.com](mailto:billwalker42@gmail.com).



## 2023 STEPS IS COMING!!! SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 26, 2023

The Charleston Atlantic Presbytery will host the annual S.T.E.P.S. event at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 26. The day-long event of worship, workshops, and fellowship is designed for teachers, youth and children's leaders, faith formation teams, church officers, and anyone wanting to learn how to further one's faith and service to others. Brochures and registration details are in the Narthex or visit [capresbytery.org/steps-2023/](http://capresbytery.org/steps-2023/).

Workshops will include:

- church officer training (new and old),
- local and foreign mission conversations,
- creative ways to inspire children and youth,
- Per Capita,
- engaging young families in the life of the church,
- being an earth care individual/congregation,
- engaging the aging: keeping older adults active in the church,
- re-discipling the white church,
- resource fair,
- Matthew 25 Bible study,
- church safety and security: threats and risks to our congregations and prevention & de-escalation,
- the wonder of worship, and
- helpful teaching tips for today's classroom



# FAITH FORMATION TRIP: INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM



After 20 years of planning, the International African American Museum will open its doors to the public on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. The museum at 14 Wharfside Street, Charleston, SC is situated on Gadsden's Wharf, the disembarkation point where up to 45% of all American enslaved persons, once stood. History comes alive as the museum tells the unvarnished stories of the African American experience across generations, the trauma and triumph that gave rise to a resilient people.

Your Faith Formation Ministry is planning an LPC trip to visit the museum followed by lunch at nearby Saffron Restaurant & Bakery.

Carpooling will be an option or possibly a van/bus charter if enough are interested. We will decide on a date most suitable to all. One will most likely spend 1.5-2 hours touring the museum interior. Additionally, you may want to spend 30-60 minutes in the African Ancestors Memorial Garden outside the museum. **The three dates we are considering are October 4, 6 or 20th.**

During 2023, South Carolina residents are given a discount of admission: Adults (17+): \$11.95, Senior (62+), Youth (6-16), Military (with ID): \$5.96, Child (under 6): Free

If you are interested in joining our LPC group visit, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex, indicating date and transportation choice. Questions may be addressed to Dale Wilkes, 207-299-6693 or dalewilkes207@gmail.com.



## Rabbi Kanter: Adult Sunday School

On Sunday, May 21, the Faith Formation Ministry welcomed Rabbi Ken Kanter to teach on the Psalms during our 9:30 Adult Sunday School time. The packed room enjoyed the rabbi's views on Psalms based on numerous Bible translations. Faith Formation Ministry team member Sally Ayotte (above) welcomed and hosted Rabbi Kanter's visit.

## Youngish Adults July 12 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.

# MISSIONS MINISTRY

## Missions Ministry Back to School Drive

We will be collecting Back to School supplies and backpacks for the Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce "Back to School Fun Day." This Back to School Supply Drive will continue until July 16 and will be given to children in need during the annual Back to School Fun Day.

Items can be placed in the School Bus in the Narthex. Last minute items can be brought to the Food Drive on July 16th.



## Most Needed Items:

- STURDY PLAIN BACKPACKS
- Marble composition notebooks
- 1.5 & 2.5 inch 3 ring binders
- Pencil bags
- Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils, Pencils
- Dry erase markers and Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Spiral index cards
- Glue sticks
- Solid colored folders with prongs
- Wide ruled loose leaf paper
- Dividers
- Hand Sanitizers (8 oz or 10 oz)

## Agape Summer Food Drive

**Sunday, July 16**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

(drop off will continue after  
the Clark Seminar)

We will unload your vehicle.  
Thank you for your support!

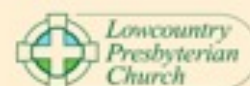
If you have any questions, contact  
Jan Catanese 248-766-0402.



**We will also be accepting  
last minute donations to the  
School Supply Drive.**

## Most Needed & Requested Items:

- Apples and oranges
- Sweet and white potatoes and Onions
- Mascea (flour to make tortilla)
- Cereal
- Baby food
- Dry and canned beans and rice
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned chicken and tuna





# Change-Can-Make-A-Change

## Bluffton Self Help

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### CREATING PATHWAYS TO PERSONAL SUCCESS

Empowering and advocating for Lowcountry neighbors to improve their lives through education and training, basic needs and guided access to a network of community resources. Thank you!

For more information, contact Elder Diane Mikkelson at [dianemikke@aol.com](mailto:dianemikke@aol.com) or (843) 368-6865

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Water mission aims, "to honor God by building best-in-class safe water solutions that transform as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible."



# MISSIONS BEYOND

Five families in our church responded to the question about sponsoring a child through a worldwide organization. By learning about these four organizations, maybe you will become interested in sponsoring a child and impacting a community too. Just visit the websites listed and start your journey...

## 1. **COMPASSION.COM/SPONSOR\_A\_CHILD**

– Cost is \$38.00 per month which will provide malnutrition monitoring, medical care, education assistance and skill training as well as introduction to the love of God. Go to their website and select a child from such countries as Ghana, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mexico, Bolivia, Nicaragua or Ethiopia. Once you sponsor a child through Compassion, you can become a pen pal with your child and share prayer requests and give encouragement. You will receive photos of your child and receive updates on local crisis that affect them. Bob and Judy Lowry and Lois Johnson sponsor children through Compassion.

## 2. **WORLDVISION.ORG/SPONSOR-A-CHILD**

– Cost is \$39.00 per month. You will be able to communicate with your sponsored child and see videos of the community that they come from. Motivated by their faith in Jesus, World Vision works in some challenging areas. Children are helped along with their community with things like clean water, education, healthcare, nutrition and jobs for parents. Top sponsorship needs are children who have been orphaned, live in high risk areas and those who have been waiting the longest. Anne and Howard Redlus sponsor a child through World Vision.

**3. CHILDFUND.ORG/SPONSORKIDS** has been around since 1938 with the tag line of "Because we need each other" – Cost is \$39.00 per month. They work in 24 countries located in Africa, the Americas and Asia. The sponsored child will communicate through letters, pictures and you will receive

updates about how the child is doing. Your gift combined with contributions from other caring sponsors creates a steady stream of funding in the countries where Child Fund works. June and Donald Allison sponsor several children through Child Fund.

**4. SAVETHECHILDREN.ORG** – You can become a sponsor for \$39.00 per month. As a sponsor, you will not be connected with a specific child but you'll help support actual children throughout an entire community – children of all ages. You will receive updates on the community that you are supporting. About 10 days after you join, you'll receive a welcome kit with everything you need to begin sponsorship of the children in a specific community. You will receive an annual update report and learn about the impact of your sponsorship. Diane and Mick Mikkelson have worked with Save the Children supporting an Apache Indian Reservation.

## Mission Trip Opportunity with Rev. Robert Gamble



Rev. Gamble is returning to Ukraine in June and in his recent newsletter he presented an opportunity to join him for a time to work with This Child Here in Izmail. His article read that he was inviting any adults interested in seeing what they do with people displaced by the war are invited to come to Izmail (we don't get rockets or bombs or enemy drone attacks.) If you have a background in work with trauma, all the better. If you just want to see and/or enjoy the company of mothers and children, that's ok too. You can get a hotel (\$35 per night) and stay as long as you like. You would fly to Bucharest, Romania and take a train to the border. Izmail is a very, very clean city. There are shops and restaurants and parks. You can walk most anywhere. If you have any interest, contact Anne Redlus 843-705-6373 or [annedlus@gmail.com](mailto:annedlus@gmail.com).



## Family Promise Meals

Our Family Promise July days to provide meals for 4 or 5 families are July 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21. We are asking volunteers to prepare or purchase evening meals for all families on one of these days or chose 2 or more families for a day. Each family will need an entrée, one or two side dishes and a dessert. Containers will be provided. For more complete information or questions, please contact Diane Mikkelsen @ 843-368-6865 by phone call or text or email at DianeMikke@aol.com.

For more information about Family Promise, go to their website:

[familypromisebeaufortcounty.org](http://familypromisebeaufortcounty.org).

## Thank you from God's Goods for Shoe Donations

We are extremely grateful to Temple Oseh Shalom and Lowcountry Presbyterian Church for the wonderful donations of shoes to God's Goods Thrift Store!

I wanted you to know that we gift many of the shoes to those in our community that really cannot afford things through the outreach of God's Gifts that serves our community.

We also sell many of the shoes and those proceeds benefit mission work locally, nationally and internationally. God's Goods is 100% staffed by amazing volunteers and managed by an all volunteer leadership team.

May God continue to bless all that you do. It is a joy to share this ministry with you!

Sincerely,  
KimPerri,  
Ministry Leader God's Goods Thrift Store

## Backpack Buddies

On Thursday, June 15th, Lynn Cordy, Sandy Benninger, Janus Lakin and Linda Wright volunteered at the Backpack Buddies booth at the Bluffton Farmers Market. We handed out wooden coins for the participating families to spend on fresh produce. Each child also received an Oreo cookie treat donated by our church.

Approximately 25 families participated before the day was cut short due to rain.



## New Nursery Staffer

On March 5, the Faith Formation Ministry welcomed our new Nursery Staffer Maggie (Margaret) Thakkar. Maggie is from the Poughkeepsie NY area and moved to Sun City in 2020. She ran her own at-home daycare back in NY for many years and volunteered with the young ones at her church. She also works part-time during the week as a caregiver for Senior Helpers. Please join us in welcoming Maggie to LPC.

The Faith Formation Ministry would like to thank all the nursery volunteers who work along with Maggie in nurturing our little ones into the Christian faith: Naomi Davis, Bonnie Flack, Chris Johnson, Mary Johnson, Darlene Kunkle, Jan Catanese, Dan Herrin, Carol Bogle, Micki Underwood, and Carol Thorne

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## Medical Equipment Closet

LPC provides a medical equipment closet for our members and community. Christy James, our church administrator, with help from members of the congregational care team, maintains the closet. Medical equipment is given out to those who have a need for loan or to keep, and returned equipment is replaced in the closet.

The items that are the most requested include wheelchairs, transport chairs, rollator and metal walkers, knee walkers and bedside commodes. We also usually have crutches, canes, blood pressure machines, bed rails, bed pads, incontinence underwear, and other medically related equipment items.

We cannot accept individually prescribed items such as orthopedic boots and back braces. We currently have a home oxygen concentrator, which we will be happy to give to anyone who can use it.

This is a very rewarding ministry that provides a vital support to our members and community, and especially to those who do not have adequate insurance or the means to purchase many of these items. The equipment, however, is available to anyone who has a need regardless of their financial circumstances.



## Caring Meals

Congregational Care has added a "Caring Meals" ministry to provide a meal after an illness, surgery, accident, bereavement or the arrival of a new baby.

We currently have a few volunteers but would like to add more to spread out the work. If you would be willing to be on the list to provide a meal, please contact Marie Pendleton, who is chairing our effort, at [mariependleton@gmail.com](mailto:mariependleton@gmail.com).

Thanks for your consideration of this important ministry to care for our church family.



## Caregivers Support Group

LPC's Caregiver Support Group began in June and will be meeting each month on the second Tuesday of the month at 3pm in the parlor. Our next meeting is July 11th. (In August it will be on the 3rd Tuesday, the 15th to accommodate schedules).

All current care-givers are welcome, in addition to those who did so in the past and wish to offer support. The group led by Rev. Herrin and Karen Couser, takes time to listen and support one another, to share helpful resources and to pray. For more information, contact either of the leaders.



# LPC CONNECTS



LPC members from the Seekers small group on a sunset cruise on the May River on May 15th.



LPC'ers who live in Hampton Lake enjoyed a picnic together in June, and included the Herrins. Chris took the picture.



LPC celebrated Pentecost, the birth of the church on May 28th with a birthday cake hosted by the Worship Team.



Members of the Spring 2022 New Member Class enjoy brunch together in June.



# FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATIONS



Great progress is being made on the Fellowship Hall renovations. The new room addition is under construction and the building has a new front wall. The electricians have been working hard to bring the wiring up to code and prepare for the new appliances and light fixtures. The plumbers are in the process of moving the drain lines to accommodate larger ADA compliant bathrooms. The ceiling tile framework is nearly completed.



The Design team of Dede Bush, Carolyn Marshall and Sandy Benninger have been working on bathroom fixture and tile selections. The Renovation team met to discuss the dedication plaque that will accompany a picture of Albert and Marian Thomas. Lead by Bill Walker the team decided on the wording and Bill will submit it to Vince and Pamela Thomas for their approval.



The sanctuary also got new smoke detectors.





# QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB NEWS

We have a new name! The Bound Together Book Club. We meet one time each quarter (4 times a year) and discuss the selected book. Our book discussions typically last about an hour. Membership in the book club is fluid. Different people participate depending on the interest in the selected book. Announcement of the book is made well in advance of the meeting so people have plenty of time to read the book. Chris Herrin and Carol Bogle are the co-leaders of the discussions. LPC members and visitors as well their friends and family members are welcome to participate in the book discussions.

On May 2, the book club discussed *Trouble The Water*, by Rebecca Dwight Bruff. *Trouble the Water* is a debut novel based on the life of Beaufort native, Robert Smalls. Robert Smalls was formerly an enslaved person who stole a Confederate boat during the Civil War, went on to serve in the Union Army and later held multiple elected offices. On May 9th, the author joined us in the parlor for an interesting discussion about the book.



## **Our next book selection is *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall.**

"Charles and Lily, James and Nan. They meet in Greenwich Village in 1963 when Charles and James are jointly hired to steward the historic Third Presbyterian Church through turbulent times. Their personal differences however, threaten to tear them apart. Charles is destined to succeed his father as an esteemed professor of history at Harvard, until an unorthodox lecture about faith leads him to ministry. How then, can he fall in love with Lily—fiercely intellectual, elegantly stern—after she tells him with certainty that she will never believe in God? And yet, how can he not? James, the youngest son in a hardscrabble Chicago family, spent much of his youth angry at his alcoholic father and avoiding his anxious mother. Nan grew up in Mississippi, the devout and beloved daughter of a minister and a debutante. James's escape from his desperate circumstances leads him to Nan and, despite his skepticism of hope in all its forms, her gentle, constant faith changes the course of his life.

In *The Dearly Beloved*, we follow these two couples through decades of love and friendship, jealousy and understanding, forgiveness and commitment. Against the backdrop of turbulent changes facing the city and the church's congregation, these four forge improbable paths through their evolving relationships, each struggling with uncertainty, heartbreak, and joy. A poignant meditation on faith and reason, marriage and children, and the ways we find meaning in our lives, Cara Wall's *The Dearly Beloved* is a gorgeous, wise, and provocative novel that is destined to become a classic."

*"Here is the power of the novel in its simplest, richest form: bearing intimate witness to human beings grappling with their faith and falling in love. That Wall executes it so beautifully? Well, this is exactly why we read literary fiction...The best book about faith in recent memory." —Entertainment Weekly (A-)*

**Our book discussion date is Thursday, September 7 at 4:00 in the parlor.** Dinner at a local restaurant after the book discussion is optional. An evening book discussion can be scheduled for later in September for anyone who can't attend the 4 p.m. book discussion due to work or family obligations. Please email Carol at [carolbogle21@gmail.com](mailto:carolbogle21@gmail.com) if you are interested.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Greetings from Music Ministry! The Chancel Choir and Jubilate Ringers will be taking a break for the next 2 months. Special music for the worship services this summer will include the following people:

**June 25 - Title: Gospel Medley**

Jim Wright: Vocal and Ukelele

**July 2 - Communion**

Beth Curtis (vocal solo)

**July 9 - Liturgical Dance**

Karen Ball's Granddaughter/Dierdre

**July 16 - Prelude and Offertory**

Dennis and Pat Smith: Clarinet and Vocal Solos

**July 23**

JR and Brittany Wilson (Karen Ball gone, Karen Johnson, keyboard)

**July 30 - Prelude, Offertory, Postlude**

Flute Ensemble

**August 6 - Communion**

6 Bells: Robyn Kiser, Peggy Evans, Dia Sunderlin, JR Wilson, Donna Aubrey, Ann Warren

**August 13**

Tom Smith, Vocal Solo

**August 20 - Saxophone Quartet**

**August 27 - Beth Curtis & Brass Quintet**

**September 3 - Communion**

Labor Day Weekend

**September 10 - Two services**

Chancel Choir sings

*Note: The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. Please note the time change.*

The Jubilate Ringers will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 12th at 12:30 p.m. Their first performance will be Sunday, October 8th.



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session convened in two called meetings, 5/24/23 and 6/28/23, where they:

- Continued a study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book Life Together.
- Received membership report from Clerk of Session, reflecting the removal of Jim & Doreen Cubie who moved and Nancy Knorr who passed away.
- Reported on Fellowship Hall renovation progress. Estimated completion is August-September and most of the unexpected expenses will be covered by the fundraising.
- Met with members of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for a Triennial meeting. These are required visits made with every church every three years to check in with their leadership.
- Approved a three-year term for elected Treasurer, Taylor Evans, effective May 1, 2023

The next two Session meetings are scheduled for August 23rd and September 27th. 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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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Stuart Bendelow	17	Jay Marshall
5	Carolyn Welsh	19	Gretchen Nickel
6	Walt Herman	19	Tom Smith
9	Mary Beth Schauer	19	Carol Thorne
9	Robin Lind	20	Margaret Johansen
10	Carter Fox	20	Perry Robinson
11	Susan Fearon	21	Phyllis Willever
11	Chris Herrin	24	Debby Miller
11	Lori Law	26	Leslie Dove
11	Clarke Marshall	26	Craig Johnson
13	Robert Heisey	26	Dave Stevenson
16	Bonnie Flack	27	Chuck Thomas
17	Michele Eberhart	30	Taylor Evans

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3	Anne Redlus	26	Dianne Grazier
6	Mike Manning	26	Judy Young
7	Marjorie Wilno	27	Elaine Maholland
8	Bob Barry	28	Carleigh Scott
8	Debbie Sell	30	Carol Bogle
9	Abimelic Chavelas		
12	Sonia Abernethy		
13	Ernie Miesner		
13	Ralph Peters		
15	Jim Wright		
19	Lawrence Miller		
20	Sally Ayotte		
23	Kevin MacCarthy		



## PRAYERS

Please remember with your prayers:

*Carolyn Jones*

**Christian Sympathy is extended to:**

*the family of Nancy Knorr. Nancy had moved to Beaufort a few years ago.*

*Wendy MacCarthy on the death of her aunt, Evelyn Diorio*

*Margaret Hartley on the death of her daughter, April.*



## THANK YOU NOTES

*Dear LPC Family,*

*Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, visits, and flowers during the time of Chad's Hospice Care. Also, our appreciation to all who assisted in planning his Memorial Service, as well as all who attended. Your support and Christian compassion meant so much to all of us.*

*- Anne Grayson & Family*

## CONGRATULATIONS

***Congratulations to:***

Jay Marshall who was married June 24th to Charlene Childers at Hampton Hall. The couple will split their time between Bluffton and Kentucky.

Diane and Mick Mikkelson on the birth of their grandson, Hudson Ryan Mikkelson, born June 21st

*Many thanks to all who've held me in their prayers over the last few weeks. And for the flowers, cards, emails and texts! I could feel your love, caring and support. It has helped me greatly with my recovery.*

*- Judy Barry*

*LPC, I think it is a beautiful thing that you share your place of worship with the Jewish Congregation. I was here as a visitor for their Holocaust Memorial Service. - LPC Visitor*



## Help Wanted:

LPC is looking for a new Wedding Coordinator! We want to thank Judy Lowry for being the Wedding Coordinator for several years. LPC will be hosting a wedding on July 8, 2023, which will be a perfect opportunity for the new coordinator to work alongside Judy Lowry and learn the schedule and responsibilities.

Our Wedding Coordinator works with pastors and organists to ensure a meaningful and efficient marriage service. On the day of the wedding our Wedding Coordinator will arrive 2 hours prior to the ceremony and maintain contact, as needed, with the bride, answer questions the bride may have, assist the bride and the attendants at the rehearsal and on the wedding day, assist ushers with timely and proper family seating, cue the pastor that the bride is ready, and verify removal of bride/groom personal belongings. You will be paid \$250 by the wedding couple.

If you are interested, contact Jan Alpert, Admin. & Finance Ministry, at [janalpert@aol.com](mailto:janalpert@aol.com) or call her at 804-304-5874.

## FINANCIAL RESULTS SUMMARY

For the five months ended May 31, 2023

	Actual	Budget
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	\$ 265,790	\$ 205,542
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Clergy	52,213	85,937
Support Staff	47,727	47,678
Administration	38,346	32,877
Missions	4,250	22,277
Worship	4,873	4,783
Facilities	59,173	41,667
Other	2,457	9,568
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>209,039</b>	<b>244,787</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 56,751</b>	<b>\$ (39,245)</b>

The church is maintaining a positive financial condition. The Administration and Finance committee would like to thank all of you for your dedication and generosity.

# COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

## Save the Date

### Pictorial Membership Directory

Photos will be taken on the following dates in Fellowship Hall:

Tue 10/17, Wed 10/18, Thu 10/26, and Fri 10/27

2 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, 10/28

10:30 am - 4 pm



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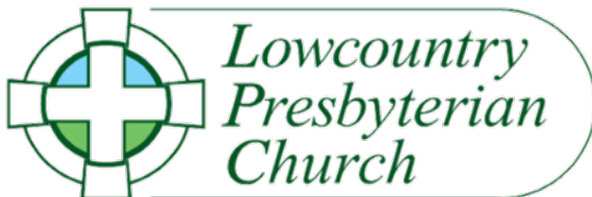
Communications Ministry

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory. Registration will start later this summer.

Details on how to register will follow.

#### **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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