

You are invited to a Stewardship Luncheon on the Grounds Sunday, October 18th at 11:30am

Come join your church family under our beautiful oaks and Spanish moss for a socially distanced boxed lunch from Jim N Nicks:

Barbecue sandwich
Mac and cheese
Cookie
Bottle of water



(A suggested donation of \$10 per lunch can be left in a basket that day.)

*“It is more **blessed to give than to receive.**” Acts 20:35*

Bring your own chairs and drinks. We will be spaced out but still able to see one another! Bring masks for the brief times you might be in close proximity to each other, when getting your boxed lunch etc,. Members of the Admin/Finance Team will direct you on parking and where to set up your chairs.

It is not necessary to have attended worship in the sanctuary that day as we understand some will feel more comfortable outside. And those who attend worship don't have to attend the lunch but certainly can, and can dress accordingly! And those who want to stay home, should certainly do that. Stewardship wants all to do what feels comfortable to them!

We do need a headcount to order the right number of meals, so please contact the church office by e-mail at lpcoffice1@hargray.com or by phone at 843-815-6570 by **Wednesday, October 14th at noon.**

In the next weeks watch for:

- October 4th:** Carol Bogle shares how your gifts impact **Christian Education.**
- October 11th:** Watch **Margaret Hartley's Minute for Stewardship** to hear how your generosity supports organizations and charities in the Low Country.
- October 18th:** **Debbie Hough** will participate in our live, in-person service and will highlight ways your contributions enhance our worship.
- Dedication Sunday is October 25th:** Details on how to turn in your pledge cards will be provided soon. Thank you for your faithful financial stewardship this year!



Church to re-open to Worship on October 18th at 10:30am!

Masks, social distancing and other safety protocols will be strictly observed. Attendance will be limited to approximately 70 people. Doors will be closed shortly after services begin to maintain the safety measures. There will be no coffee fellowship following the service. When numbers justify expanding back to two services, we will add back the 8:30am service. Those who normally attend that service are encouraged to attend the 10:30am service in the interim.

To protect your fellow worshipers, we ask that you use the hymnals to read the words and enjoy the music, while leaving the singing to those in the chancel area. *(Pew hymnals and Bibles can be used as any germs will die before the next use a week later).*

Beginning on the 18th, then, there will be three ways to worship: attend in person, watch the service on-line at the same time "live", or watch the recorded service after that time, at any time. Until then the current recording methods will continue, including the option of attending a livestream recording on Friday, October 2nd at 7:00pm.

The Session recognizes that members may feel uncomfortable returning to the sanctuary and trust that those who do, will stay home. Certainly those members "at risk", those with underlying conditions, or any who feel ill should not attend. We urge everyone to do what is comfortable for them and understand that their worship of God is just as heart felt and authentic no matter how they choose to participate.

Office hours have now returned to normal hours; Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 4pm; Friday, 8:30am to noon. Those visiting the office are required to wear masks and to sanitize their hands.

Small groups of 10 or less are still permitted to meet in the church building with reservation and safety protocols followed.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support as the Session continues to make prayerful, thoughtful decisions in these unprecedented times. And thank you for your faithful support, including your financial giving in this time of building closure. We are grateful for you!

In Christ,

Chris Herrin, Senior Pastor & Ernest Bush, Clerk of the Session



LPC WALKED FOR WATER IN OLD TOWN BLUFFTON

On September 26, sixteen enthusiastic LPC members (and 2 friends!) walked three miles around Old Town carrying buckets of water to bring awareness to the lack of safe water for many populations throughout the world. The team began and ended at the Oyster Factory Park on the May River. Thanks to Bluffton United Methodist Church for letting team members fill the buckets from a hose at their church!

This year's walk was different due to Covid. Charleston-based Water Mission—a non-profit Christian engineering organization that provides safe water solutions around the world—asked participating sponsors to organize their own local walks (instead of one walk in Port Royal as in the past).

LPC is very grateful for the active participation by not only the walkers and the \$500 from the Mission Ministry, but for generous contributions made to

www.WaterMission.org



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Join us again in September 2021—LPC's 4th consecutive Walk for Water

Back row L to R: Vicki Melton, Robin Lind, Judy Barry, Dan Herrin, Dale Nordby, Jon Nickel, Kay Long, and Pegi Newton; Front Row L to R: Jan O'Neil, Judy Wells, Carolyn Welch, Kathy Crist, Chris Herrin, Jean Nordby, Joan Kimble, Margaret Hartley, Stephanie Dion and Gretchen Nickel.



MUSIC MINISTRY

SPECIAL THANKS TO
Maureen Kalmbach and Jean Nordby
 for helping to organize and catalogue
 the choral music library and put it all
 on an Excel spread sheet this summer.
 Many hands make work fun. It took
 many hours, but they made it an
 enjoyable activity.



UPCOMING EVENT: A "SINGING SUNRISE" informal service is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 14th at Fish Haul Beach Park on Hilton Head**. Sunrise that day is 7:10 a.m. High tide will be at 7:39 a.m. We will leave the church parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and caravan to Fish Haul Beach Park (off of Beach City Rd) where we will celebrate the love of Christ, pray for healing during these challenging times and remember loved ones we have lost in the past year (or earlier). The Chancel Choir is sponsoring this joyful and healing service with songs, readings, and prayers while watching the sun rise at 7:10 a.m. that morning. Bring your cameras. Contact Robin Lind for more information. (robinlind@hargray.com)

ALL church members are invited to attend this event. Special thanks to **Jon and Gretchen** who have volunteered to bring plenty of Panamanian shells for us to write the names of our loved ones on, say a few words, and then toss them into the ocean. Masks and social distancing will be followed. Coffee and donuts will be provided following the service. We will be having a practice singing session with final instructions on **Sunday, October 11th at 1:00 p.m.** at the fountain, weather permitting. All attendees are invited to the practice session.

MUCH APPRECIATION to the people who have shared their musical talents and provided such uplifting and beautiful special music during spring, summer and fall: **Jerry Anderson, Dale Nordby, Jon Nickel, Rick Kuhn, Pete Stephenson (trumpet) and Lucy Scandrett (harp in October)**. Heartfelt thanks to choir members who have helped with the singing of hymns and the members of the **Jubilate Ringers** who have provided beautiful bell music with 4-7 ringers. Finally, thank you to **Karen Ball** for her weekly inspirational playing and for leading us on the piano and organ. We've enjoyed having the opportunity to watch your fingers fly across the keys during taping sessions.

We don't know when we will be able to start rehearsing the Chancel Choir, waiting for the vaccine, but are looking forward to that day when we can all join together safely and sing our hearts out praising God. Stay safe and well during these challenging times.

Live Streaming Cannot Happen Without You: Volunteers Needed!



Thanks to the generosity of several members of the congregation LPC now has all of the equipment in place necessary to live-stream worship services! Bob Lowry and Chuck Thomas have spent literally hours and hours purchasing the equipment, getting it installed and learning how to operate it to produce a quality finished product. For the past few alternating Friday evenings Bob and Chuck have been using the new equipment to video record worship services for streaming on Sunday morning and, in the process, gained valuable experience. Now, the plan is to go to "live-streaming" when LPC opens for in-person worship on Sunday, October 18th.

While Bob and Chuck will continue to operate the live-streaming video equipment for the time being, to be successful LPC will need a new team of volunteers to take over that responsibility on an on-going basis. So, if you have an interest learning something new and making a major contribution to the church, this is your opportunity! We will need a minimum of four two-person teams that are willing to each take responsibility for operating the video recording equipment at the 10:30 AM Sunday worship service. Volunteers should be prepared to spend approximately two hours on their assigned Sunday morning to allow time to set up, record and put away the equipment. Obviously, training will be provided.



So, if you want to indulge your inner "Hollywood" longing please contact Ernest Bush (elbush@mac.com) and put yourself on the list!

No cinematography Oscar is in play but it should be interesting, rewarding and fun!



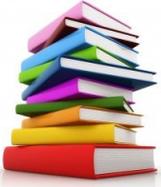
SAVE THE DATE: 13th Annual LPC Golf Outing

The date for our outing is **Wednesday, October 28**. This year the proceeds of the tournament will go to benefit LPC's music fund, in memory of choir member **Stuart Kimble**. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes a tip for the bag attendant, 18 holes of golf, driving range, bag lunch on the turn, and your team's picture. It will be held again at Pinecrest Golf Club with the first tee time at 9am.

You can sign up as a single to a foursome. Please feel free to invite your golf buddies, whether or not LPC members. All are welcome! We play an easy scramble/captain's choice format so, no matter your ability, it is enjoyable for all.

After the round, we gather (appropriately distancing) on the back deck to swap stories about what was or could have been! For questions or to sign up please contact Bob Lowry.

jblowry99@gmail.com. (843) 227-1928 Checks should be made out to Bob.



“LPC Reads”

From Sonia Abernethy:

BEING MRS. LEWIS, by Patti Callahan Henry. C.S. Lewis did not marry until later in life. This is an account of how he met Joy Davidman, a poet, and their love story.

THE DEARLY BELOVED by Cara Wall. Story of 4 people who come together in the 1950s and work together to make their world a better place. The two main characters, Charles and James, are co-ministers at New York City's Third Presbyterian Church.

ORDINARY GRACE by William Kent Kruger. A boy and his younger brother, sons of a minister, deal with 4 deaths in their small town in Minnesota in 1961. Told in the voice of the older brother, it is really sweet and inspiring.

From Jerry Anderson:

“GILEAD”, by Marilynne Robinson.

This novel is the memoir of a fictitious third-generation Congregationalist minister who lives in Gilead, Iowa. The book deals sensitively with the themes of history, friendship, family, and faith. Reading it is like a warm hug for the soul.

For All of the LPC Book Enthusiasts ...

We would like to know if you have read any good books lately. The books can be on any subject.

Please email the title of the book, the author and brief description (one or two lines) of the book and why you liked it to Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com.

From Jerri Hanna:

HOMEGOING by Yaa Gyasi. This is the story of two half sisters, unaware of one another, in Ghana in the 1700's. One marries an Englishman and lives in the Cape Coastal Castle, the other is captured and imprisoned in the same castle and sold into slavery. The story spans 7 generations of their offspring.

THE GIVER OF STARS by Jojo Moyes. Similar to the *Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson, it is about the traveling library program established by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in Kentucky in the 1930's.

GARDEN OF BEASTS by Erik Larson. It is a history of US Ambassador William Dodd's tenure in Germany (1933-34) as Hitler came to power. I had no idea of just how young the men like Hitler, Himmler, Goring, Goebbels were at this time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Two more Bible Project Classes

Join us for our last two classes based on resources from [BibleProject.com!](https://BibleProject.com)



A BibleProject
Video



A Short Audio
Message

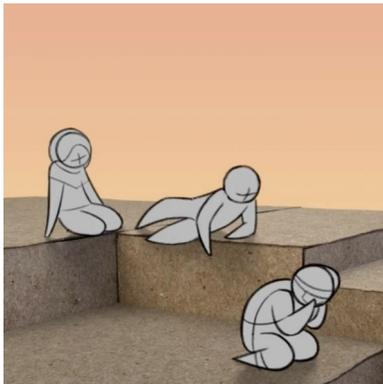


Scripture
Readings



Discussion
Questions

This study allows us to engage with scripture in new ways and discover its relevance for us still! Each week you will receive scripture and a brief audio clip to review before the class, as well as the link for the Zoom class.



We hope you will join us

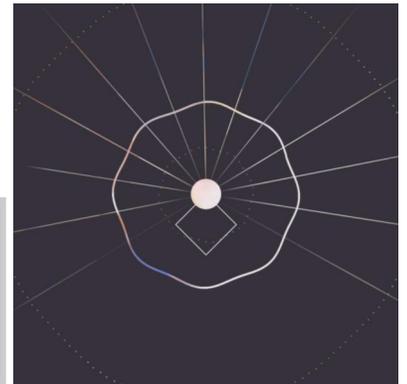
Wednesdays at 4:00 pm via Zoom

Zoom invites to come via eblast.

Topics:

October 7: **Justice**

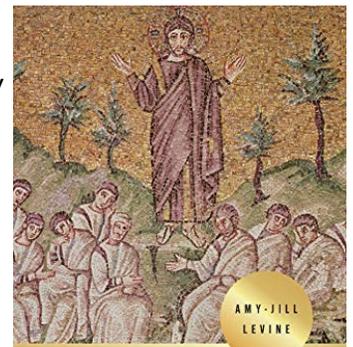
October 14: **God**



New Wednesday Zoom Class

Starting on **Wednesday, October 21** at 4:00pm via Zoom, we will be offering a 6 week study on the **Sermon on the Mount**. Based on a study by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. We will watch a video together and have discussion. This class is co-led by Chris & Stephanie.

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is a University Professor of the New Testament and Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Levine has written numerous books on religious issues. She has given over 300 programs to churches, seminaries and clergy groups. Dr. Levine is a very engaging speaker. Some of you may remember her from the 2019 Sunday School Advent series that took place in the parlor.



SERMON on
the **MOUNT**

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Stay tuned for the arrival of new book studies!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY (continued)

Presentation of Bibles Fellowship



The Scott family; Carleigh Jo, Jane and Caralynn



Stephanie, Chris, children, youth and a few parents enjoyed a brief fellowship time on the patio after the recording of the Bible presentation.



Bible Receivers; Caralynn Scott, Sophie Stauffer, Carter & Cameron Fox

Confirmation 2020

A Confirmation Class is quickly approaching! Please pray for Ella Barry and Marky Stauffer as they learn, grow, and discern their place in the body of Christ!



Your Vote Matters!

The Outreach ministry urges you to vote this election season. Politics affect the most vulnerable in our society and we pray you will prayerfully discern how you will cast your vote this November. See an upcoming eblast for information on the different avenues you can vote this election season.

YOUR 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

*"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, **'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'**" ~ Acts 20:35*

As Covid 19 continues to impact our lives, it also provides an opportunity for all of us at LPC to share generously with our community to help those less fortunate. We believe this simple but profound verse perfectly captures our current situation with a call to action.

Stewardship Campaign Benefits Christian Caring Ministry

Bill Thorpe

I serve as Elder leading the Christian Caring Ministry. I serve with many wonderful compassionate people. The theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign is *"It is better to Give than to Receive"*. I would add: When you GIVE you really RECEIVE. Let me explain. Did you know that because of your gifts to LPC in 2019 we were able to make over 400 VISITS to members of our Congregation not including visits by our own pastors which your giving also make possible? We were able to send over 700 CARDS to members for all sorts of occasions, some joyful, many sad and comforting. We were able to take FLOWERS to nearly 100 members and their families, and give over 400 HOURS of STEPHEN MINISTRY attention to members in need of support. Your GIFTS have truly been the LIFEBLOOD of our MINISTRY. Thank You. I hope you, like I, have sensed how much you have received knowing what a tremendous difference you have made in the very lives our your Church Family—as God has intended.



Since working closely with the Christian Caring Ministry I have experienced so many intimate and personal happenings that now I realize the greatest gifts one can receive are those personal, often seemingly minor responses to acts I have performed or things I have said. I now know that through my giving God changes me. I give not to change the World but to change Me. That the simplest Acts or kindest Words can have a wondrous effect not only on the receiver but on Me—the Giver.

So this year I urge you to pray hard and deeply consider increasing your giving 10%—not just to support Your Church Family during this prolonged uncertain time— but also to increase your sense of helping your church to help itself during this time. By giving onto God what truly is God's and thinking less about what is Caesar's, we all could pay less homage to Caesar and more to God by obeying the call of Jesus—to render more onto the least of us and less onto ourselves. How am I going to increase my giving 10%? By giving less to clubs, cars, clothing and yes—even food. Less for myself and more for others. A Christian Weight Loss Program!

Think about it: do you receive more joy from helping another in need or by eating a big steak, do you enjoy giving to some organization from which you occasionally hear when they are looking for money or to a person who needs food, clothing or even books/magazines to read? Do you trust government agencies to provide assurance to persons more than your church? I don't.

So let's Up our Christian Giving so we can Increase our Receiving. Let's do it this year. Let's do it to render more onto God. Let's do it to show each other that walking with Jesus requires Giving with Jesus. Praise the Lord!



Stewardship Campaign Benefits Missions *Margaret Hartley*

God wants us to share what we have with those less fortunate. It is the joy of the Missions Ministry to do that on behalf of this church! Because you gave to LPC last year, we have been able to support organizations and charities that deal with education, hunger, poverty, disaster relief, criminal justice, homelessness, clean water and health care, not just locally but around the world as well. And, that is just so far this year! We are always looking for new ways to help our neighbors while still supporting past recipients. Just so you know, we always screen new organizations through Charity Navigator or similar sites before donating to them. We strive to be good stewards with the money you entrust to us, only giving where your dollars will help most.

The COVID-19 pandemic this year has brought needs beyond anything we have ever experienced before! Everywhere we look, we see people who are hurting. Unemployment has brought financial disaster to many impacting the need for food, money for rent, mortgages and bills and shelter. Since Family Promise is not able to house homeless families in churches, they are staying in a motel at the cost of \$2,100 per week for three families. The longer the pandemic continues, so does the cost. Bluffton Self Help has experienced an unprecedented number of requests for food, clothing and financial assistance. Did you know, we are one of two organizations providing food to Agape Family Life Center in Hardeeville? They really need us!

Last year Sarah Bleile, a member of this church, stayed in New Orleans with Young Adult Volunteers working with local agencies to address adult literacy and food scarcity while exploring her Christian faith with others. We were happy to be part of her financial support. Other years, we have sent mission teams to Aiken, South Carolina and near New Bern, North Carolina to help rebuild after storms or hurricanes. I was blessed to be part of those efforts.

Let us show God's love to the world by caring for his people in need. Joining together we can make a huge impact!

***Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need,
for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.*** Hebrews 13:16

Stewardship Campaign Benefits Christian Education

Carol Bogle

The financial support from the congregation for the Christian Education Ministry allows LPC to purchase devotional books, curricula, bibles and other related educational materials. In addition, your financial contributions also support our pastors who are an indispensable part of our Education ministry as they teach, preach and lead small groups.

However, the value of the Christian Education Ministry cannot be solely measured by the purchase of these materials. The Christian Education offerings at LPC, among other things, are intended to educate, inspire and grow disciples. LPC members had the opportunity to learn more about Jesus through the Gospels by participating in the 18 week Drive Through History video series. LPC members participated in book studies and movie discussions about racial issues. Earlier this year, LPC members had the opportunity to learn more about the Apostle Paul's letters from prison. I attended many of the Christian Education offerings this year and found them to be educational and inspirational.

An ancillary benefit is that participating in the CE offerings is a great way to meet and get to know other members of the congregation. With the congregation's support, the Christian Education ministry hopes to continue to educate, inspire and grow disciples.

Stewardship Campaign Benefits Worship

Ernest Bush

The most important thing we, as Christians, are called to do is praise and worship God. At Lowcountry Presbyterian we are blessed with a beautiful Sanctuary, dedicated and inspiring clergy, a wonderful music ministry and a host of volunteers that all work together to make our community of worship possible. Even with the obstacles to worshipping as a community of faith caused by the coronavirus pandemic, LPC has continued to offer a meaningful worship experience as staff and volunteers utilized new (to us anyway) technology to video record and stream worship services to the congregation as it "shelters in place". Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and the dedication of volunteers we will soon be able to live stream worship services as they occur!

The unavoidable fact, though, is that providing for worship costs money. Obviously, a very significant portion of LPC's total budget are the costs associated with our staff: clergy, music professionals and even office support staff. Worship would not be possible without them. But there are other costs associated with worship that are not so obvious. LPC must purchase services and supplies used for worship like communion bread, wine and juice, paper for the weekly worship bulletins, sheet music and arrangements (including the cost of obtaining licenses that permit us to reproduce and stream copyrighted hymns and songs), maintenance of our organ, piano and bells, maintenance of our sound system and related technology, costs associated with special services like Advent, Easter and even this year's Kirkin o' the Tartans. And even such indirect costs such as the costs of heating, air conditioning and lighting of the Sanctuary must be paid for.

Your gifts and pledges are all that make our community of faith and worship possible. The Worship Committee urges your continued support through this year's Stewardship Campaign.



MEN OF PURPOSE (MOP) on Saturday mornings

Men of Purpose meets Saturday mornings at 9:00 am. They are discussing *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. Weather permitting, They meet on the patio by the water fountain beside the church. If weather is not good, they meet by Zoom. All Men are welcome. Come and bring a friend!! Questions? Please contact Bill Walker, billwalker42@gmail.com.



Thank you to Wim Tekelenburg

as he continues to work on projects around the church.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY



We cannot think of a better way to be at church, other than in Worship, than to be walking our beautiful grounds and helping to get it back in shape. It will be over 7 months since we were last together in worship. There is a lot of debris that has come down from our trees and shrubs, there is tree trimming, as well as some other small jobs that need to be done. In addition, we may have some inside clean-up as well.

With that in mind your Building and Grounds team has set up a workday for **Saturday, October the 17th at 9:30 am**. Come and enjoy the fun! Many hands will make light work so it should not take that long if we all pitch in. Please respond to Wim if you can make it so we have an idea of who is coming and if you have equipment that can help with the clean-up. Rakes, power blowers, and hand gloves will be helpful to have that day. Wimtek1@gmail.com





CHANGE CAN MAKE A CHANGE FOR OCTOBER



will be for the purchase of **Thanksgiving Turkeys** for local food pantries. Somewhere the leaves are changing color. Somewhere leaves are crunching underfoot. Somewhere there is the aroma of campfires and smores. Not necessarily in SC, yet. But Fall is here and cool weather will be descending and Thanksgiving will be here soon, too. Let's be prepared this year! Please help collect food to share with the food pantries. We will be offering more drive-by collections soon. We also need to collect money for the area food pantries to purchase turkeys. Yes, that is correct. We are collecting for the Thanksgiving feast turkeys now with this month's CCMAC!

thank you!

Notes of Appreciation –

Family Promise – Your donation of \$2,100.00 allows Family Promise to continue assisting families in need by not only providing safe shelter, but assistance in equipping them with skills and resources needed for lasting independence. Because of caring supporters like you we continue to provide safe lodging and access to nutritious meals during these uncertain times. For this support, we cannot thank you enough!

Greater Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine – Our sincere thanks to the congregation of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church for the generous gift of \$920.00 to the Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine. The contribution will be designated for patient services which covers patient diagnosis and laboratory tests. At BJVIM, we continue to make a difference and impact the lives of those less fortunate in our local communities, especially in the era of COVID-19. On behalf of all the patients we serve, our grateful appreciation.

Bluffton Self Help - Thank you for providing hope to those who have nowhere else to turn. Your generosity has not only helped provide neighbors with essential basic needs but also created opportunity for our most vulnerable citizens on their path to personal success - an education, life skills, a stable job and brighter future. Your donation of \$1,595.00 is helping to break the cycle of poverty and provide hope to more than 5,000 neighbors each year.

MISSIONS



Food donations are still being collected for those in need in our communities. Actual food items may be dropped off at **Bluffton Self Help** on Mondays from 10 am to 2 pm or monetary donations can be made on their website at blufftonselfhelp.org.

Food products for **Agape Family Life Center** may be dropped off outside the church during office hours. Donald and June Allison are also collecting food at their home at 24 Schooner Lane, Riverbend, 843-707-7671. Monetary donations can be made on their website at agapeflc.org.

MANY THANKS from the Mission Committee to all who donated food. Over 30 cars drove through and over 425 food items were collected as well as 20 bags of fresh produce! **Agape** was overwhelmed with your generosity. Stay tuned for more opportunities.

The Mission Team



Family Promise

Two weeks in September would have been our weeks to host Family Promise families. For the first time since the beginning of Family Promise due to the pandemic we were unable to serve as a host. The families are staying in a hotel instead which is an added expense that Family Promise would not normally incur. The charge for each room for a week is \$700.00 and there were 3 families during those weeks. Over the years because of your generosity, funds to be used by Family Promise have accumulated so Mission Ministry voted to cover one week of the hotel expense of \$2,100.00 from that fund. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to that fund in the past and continue to do so. Please read the following update for the families and the thank you LPC received from Family Promise for this donation. Hopefully, in 2021 we will once again be hosting families as we have done in the past.



As we enter the final phase of summer, we reflect on how things have changed, but also have stayed the same! Family Promise of Beaufort County currently has three families in our Shelter Program. Although the lodging portion of our program looks a lot different than normal, the generosity and kindness of our congregations, volunteers, and local community remains stalwart! Because of the benevolence of our donors, FPBC is currently in a solid financial position to ensure we can continue to provide shelter and resources to those families in our care.

The staff at Family Promise of Beaufort County has made the decision to continue to provide lodging for our families at the extended-stay hotel for the remainder of 2020. Our decision is based primarily on the uncertainty of the congregation's reopening schedule and availability of the volunteers who we normally rely on for our shelter and guest care. We believe by making this decision, it relieves any pressure there may be on our congregations to make a commitment to host for the remainder of 2020, gives our guests continuity with respect to lodging, and allows all of us to focus on planning for 2021.

We are happy to report that our parents are all working full-time, our children are attending daycare and The Virtual Hub at the Boys & Girls Club in Bluffton. The FPBC staff continues to assess the COVID-19 situation by making/amending plans and strategies to deal with anything that may come our way. Rest assured, our families are well taken care of, as we continue to provide food and shelter to those in need.

As always, the FPBC staff are here to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

If you or your friends would like to contribute to the support of our families, Food Lion gift cards in small denominations are always welcome. You can drop them off between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday ~ Friday. Please remember to wear your mask!

Take care of yourselves and those around you!
Thanks from your friends at
Family Promise of Beaufort County



Dear Lowcountry Presbyterian Church,
Thank you very much for your generous donation supporting the work of the **Equal Justice Initiative**.

Your support of \$413, received on August 14, 2020, is crucial to the success of our efforts to end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenge racial and economic injustice, and to protect basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. With so much important work ahead, we are energized by your commitment to EJI and are grateful that you choose to stand with us. Your partnership makes our work possible.

Bryan Stevenson Executive Director

Join us for the 2020 Bluffton Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 31.

The world may look a little different right now, but one thing hasn't changed: our commitment to ending Alzheimer's. This year, Walk to End Alzheimer's® is everywhere — on every sidewalk, track and trail in Bluffton, SC and beyond.

Your health and safety are our top priorities. This year's event won't be a large in-person gathering — instead, we invite you to walk in small teams of friends and family while others in the Bluffton community do the same. Because we are all still walking and fundraising for the same thing: a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

Register today at: <http://act.alz.org/blufftonwalk>

How to Participate:

1. Register for your local Walk. Sign up as a Team Captain, team member or individual.
2. Start fundraising and spread the word. We'll provide tips and coaching every step of the way, including easy ways to raise funds online.
3. Join us on Walk day. Take part in an interactive online experience, then walk in your community

Questions? Reach out to Kathy Crist at 843-898-8111 or kathy@mayriversc.com





THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE CREATION CARE TEAM)

On September 24, 4 LPC couples joined forces, donned special gear and set out to pick up trash on the church property, Plantation Park Dr. near the church, as well as Simmonsville Rd. as part of the church's association with Beaufort County's Adopt-A-Highway program. About 8 bags of trash were collected! Thanks, Dick MacDougal for your leadership! Watch for the next date in the first quarter of 2021 and come join us!



Left to right: The Caspersons, the Nordbys, the Nickels, the MacDougals

thank
you!

I wish to thank everyone at LPC for the last 12 years. I will miss everyone very much. Thank you for all the cards, notes and hugs during my hardest times. Thank you and blessings to all.

Your Financial Assistant,
Gayle

News on Building Users

In order to accommodate some of our building users during these continuing difficult times, the AA groups and the Hispanic church, *Iglesia Casa del Rey*, have been given permission to use **LPC's parking lot** for their meetings and worship. Per the Session's COVID-19 building restrictions, the groups using the parking lot will still not have access to LPC buildings.

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**Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
is seeking volunteers to serve
on Presbytery committees.
Contact Rev. Herrin if
interested.**

Session Highlights - September, 2020

At its September Stated Meeting, conducted via Zoom video conferencing, the Session:

- † Noted that LPC currently has 366 members and 21 affiliate members.
- † Received Elder Thorpe's report on his attendance as LPC's Commissioner to the September 19th Presbytery Meeting. He found the meeting to be an inspiration and a joy to attend. He even found that the Presbytery staff really had mastered the art of hosting a Zoom session with 90+ participants.
- † Heard a report from LPC Treasurer Tom Bloom announcing the engagement of CPA Jennifer Hall as a part time contractor to handle the bookkeeping, statement preparation, budget support and other financial functions that were handled by Gayle Myers up until her retirement. Jennifer has other churches as clients and the Finance Committee is confident she will do a great job.
- † The Session voted to resume in-person worship on October 18th. (see page 2)
- † The Session also voted to increase the number of "family units" permitted to attend the bi-weekly Friday evening video recording of worship services from 10 to 20. Note though, if in-person worship resumes on October 18th as expected, there will only be one more video recording opportunity on October 2nd.
- † Finally, the Session voted to restore the church office hours to those observed before the imposition of the COVID-19 "lock down".

The next Stated Session meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2020.

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

LPC has a new website!

We hope you will check out our newly designed website and share with friends and neighbors.

This is a place members can find out what's happening in the life of the church, as well as a tool for us to better reach our community and connect with potential new members.

Find us at lowcountrypres.org





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| 2 | Wayne Keene | 10 | Shirley Shutt | 18 | Evie Hardin |
| 3 | Sally Day | 10 | Erick Chavelas | 21 | Shirley Boppe |
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| 6 | Ron Gemme | 12 | Carol Given | 22 | Jean Nordby |
| 6 | Jim Tripp | 13 | Margaret Tout | 24 | Lee Meador |
| 7 | Ann Finn | 16 | Al Burfeind | 25 | Jayani Wilkin |
| 8 | Judy Wells | 17 | Linda Fischer | 28 | William Box |
| 9 | Susan Grider | 18 | Joe Crowley | 29 | Ed Walters |
| 8 | Marian Williams | 18 | Elizabeth Bobro | | |

Member Prayer List

Al Burfeind
Marilyn Gemme
Reid Holland
Karl Juelch

Bill Leib
Dave Tanner
Joan Walker



*With Deepest
Sympathy*

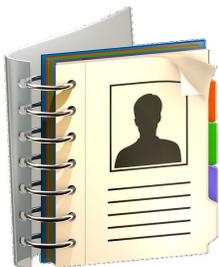
Christian sympathy is extended to:

Mick Mikkelson, whose older brother Richard "Dick" died September 28th in Alaska from ALS.

The family of **Margaret Hubsch**. Don and Margaret were members that had moved to Georgia. Condolences can be sent to Don at:
4460 Celebration Blvd. Apt. 2201
Acworth, GA 30101-1120

Membership Directory Update:

The pandemic has seriously affected the operations of Lifetouch, having intermittent layoffs in their production facility. We finally received the last proof with corrections. We promptly approved the proof and returned it to them on 9/24. We received an email shortly after that, stating they have had yet another shutdown in the operations facility. This has been most frustrating, and we hope we receive them shortly. We will continue our efforts to follow up and get our long-awaited directories! Thank you for your patience.





OCTOBER 2020

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Men of Purpose, gam |
| 4 VIRTUAL COMMUNION | 5 | 6 Bell Ensemble, 12pm Christian Education, 2:00pm | 7 CE Bible Study, 4pm | 8 Finance, 4:00pm | 9 | 10 Men of Purpose, gam |
| 11 Sunrise rehearsal, 1pm | 12 | 13 Bell Ensemble, 12pm CE Ministry meeting, 2pm | 14 Singing Sunrise Worship. 7:10am at the beach CE Bible Study, 4pm | 15 | 16 | 17 Men of Purpose, 8:30am CLEAN-UP DAY 9:30am |
| 18 In-Person Worship 10:30am Stewardship Campaign Fellowship Lunch 11:30am | 19 Session, 7pm | 20 Bell Ensemble, 12pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm | 21 CE Bible Study, 4pm | 22 | 23 | 24 Men of Purpose, gam |
| 25 DEDICATION SUNDAY In-Person Worship 10:30am | 26 | 27 Bell Ensemble, 12pm | 28 LPC GOLF OUTING CE Bible Study, 4pm | 29 | 30 | 31 |