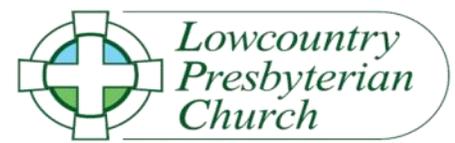




The Light



Lowcountry
Presbyterian
Church

September / October 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.

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner Guest Speaker Carlos Chacon Presenting "The Natural History of the Salt Marsh" September 14th at 6pm

Pasta and meatballs will be provided by the Membership Committee. Please sign-up by September 11th in the Narthex or on our website [lowcountrypres.org/news-events](https://www.lowcountrypres.org/news-events) and indicate if you will be bringing salad, bread, fruit or dessert. Also indicate if you prefer gluten free pasta.



The **LPC Creation Care/Green Team** welcomes **Carlos Chacon** of the Coastal Discovery Museum as our guest speaker. Born and raised in Costa Rica, at age 12, Carlos started volunteering for various nature-related organizations. His fascination with nature led him to study Tropical Biology at the University of Costa Rica. After graduating, Carlos began working as a nature guide. In 2000, Carlos moved to Hilton Head Island, his wife's home. In 2005 he joined the **Coastal Discovery Museum** as the Manager of Natural History. Carlos conducts numerous nature programs on diverse topics and manages the Karen Wertheimer Butterfly Enclosure.

New Members Class

The next **New Member and Inquirers' Class** will begin **October 9th** from 4pm to 5:30pm and will continue two more Sundays. Meet others new to the church and enjoy conversation about faith and the meaning of membership. Childcare can be arranged. Contact the church office or sign-up through our website [lowcountrypres.org/news-events](https://www.lowcountrypres.org/news-events) by **October 2nd**. Accommodation can be made for missed classes, but attendance at all three is encouraged. Tasty refreshments are provided by the Membership Ministry Team!



THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE EARTH CARE TEAM)

Saturday, September 17th is our **2022 Walk for Water** event. We will walk approximately 2 miles around Old Town Bluffton to raise awareness of the global water crisis. Team **LPC Water Walkers** now has 37 walkers and room for more. Join us at 8:30 am at Wright Family Park in Old Town Bluffton. Do not be discouraged by the 2 miles! Come in your tee-shirt for the team photo, walk what you can, and enjoy the LPC fellowship while raising money for this worthy cause.

**walk
for water**  **water
mission®**

Each dollar raised by this event is going to make an impact through a safe water community development project! We hope you'll consider supporting our team by making a donation or registering to walk with us.

Register or donate at walkforwater.com/beaufortco as a member of team **LPC Water Walkers**. For more information, contact LPC team captain Dale Wilkes at (207) 299-6693 or dalewilkes207@gmail.com.

We walk, so others don't have to.



LPC MEMBERS TOURED WATER MISSION IN N. CHARLESTON On July 28,

LPC members Dale Wilkes, Vicki Melton, Carol Thorne, and Gretchen & Jon Nickel—as well as others from several area churches visited Water Mission in N. Charleston. Not only was everyone awed by the facility tour itself, but we helped partially build a water filtration system under the guidance of volunteer James Pickard!

We all came away with a great appreciation of how volunteers assemble the systems—keeping 25 units on hand ready to ship—so that the response is immediate to disaster areas and villages around the world.

The tour not only sparked interest in the Christian non-profit Water Mission, but also in their fundraising event—the Sept. 17 Beaufort Co. Walk for Water—in which LPC is participating for the 3rd year here in Bluffton!

Water Mission gives tours to the public on Tuesday at 10 am—we highly recommend it!

"God loves a cheerful giver"

The 2023 Stewardship Campaign will bring a smile to your face and hopefully even make you cheerful!:

"Remember this: The person who sows sparingly, will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously, will also reap generously. Each person shall do as he decided in his heart — not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 MSG

As Covid and now inflation have significantly impacted both our lives and those in our community, we have an opportunity to sow generously supporting the ministry of this church to share God's love to all. Please join with us to truly make this a Cheerful Stewardship Campaign.



Important Dates to remember:

September 25th: Your campaign begins!

October 12th: A Stewardship dinner (God willing and the Covid numbers don't rise!) featuring Jim N' Nicks famous barbeque. More details to follow.

October 30th: Dedication Sunday!...your opportunity to cheerfully share your pledge.



We will also have several of your elders sharing a stewardship message around the topic of **"How your gifts support the mission of the church"** .

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support the mission of LPC!

Your Stewardship Team,
Tom Catanese, Joe Franklin and Randy Aubrey



Sanctuary Repairs

Thank you to everyone who stayed after the service to move the chairs, tables, and baptismal font into the Narthex. The sanctuary on Monday morning, August 22nd, became a beehive of activity. Jeff Herrin arrived first to move the baby grand piano. He was quickly followed by Paul Langan, our contractor, and his crew who removed the pulpit, 4 rows of pews, padded the organ, covered the floor with heavy paper and protected the remaining pews with heavy plastic. The scaffolding crew also arrived and began to assemble the many pipes. Clamor rang out as hammers hit metal. It would take two days for them to finally reach the very top of the sanctuary. The high lift was brought in through the portico doors and carefully maneuvered into the center aisle. Soon it was occupied by two painters who were lifted 40 feet to the ceiling where they began making repairs. It was very unnerving to watch more painters standing on ladders in the very highest windows at the sides of the sanctuary.



The day was not without its excitement. Midway through Monday the fire alarms all went off. Absolutely deafening! At least we know they work and work well. The fire department arrived and couldn't find any problems. They thought the problem might be caused by the dust the workers were stirring up. The alarm company arrived and began examining all of their equipment and were unsuccessful in finding a way to stop the noise. At some point, and I'm guessing at least 45 minutes had passed, the alarm stopped on its own. Shortly, thereafter, the cause of the commotion was discovered. The two men in the high lift bucket had interrupted a smoke detector beam that shoots across the very top of the sanctuary. When

they moved the bucket the beam reconnected and peace was restored. That circuit has now been shut off until the work is completed and we've all learned a little more about the alarm system.

The majority of repairs being made today are due to roof leaks that happened over many years but have now been repaired. That we are able to make these needed repairs is due entirely to the stewardship of our church members. From the Building and Grounds Ministry we thank you for your generosity and for helping us to maintain God's house.



Elder Sandy Benninger

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY



Grow with us.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Take "5"

To DIG DEEPER into Paul's first and second letters to Timothy, please join us for "Tea with Timothy" Wednesday, September 28th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall led by Rev. Herrin



Reading both letters (only 10 chapters) prior to coming will enhance learning, but is not required. Timothy travelled with Paul in what is modern day Turkey, where more hot tea is consumed per capita than any other nation. So, hot tea, iced tea, full strength and decaffeinated, along with goodies to tide you over to dinner, will be provided.

Sign-up on our website, lowcountrypres.org/adult-ed or in the Narthex.

You can jump in (or back in) with us and Take 5 at any point this year

The reading schedule for September and October includes finishing up 2 Corinthians, then reading 1st and 2nd Timothy, Titus, 1 John, 2 John, 3rd John, 1st and 2nd Peter and then beginning the gospel of John on October 15th. As you finish reading these books, you 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. Extra copies of the Take 5 reading schedule are located on the table. There are other helpful handouts on the Take 5 table. You can find short videos on these books at: www.thebibleproject.com.

Adult Sunday School and Take 5

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

There will not be a class on Sunday, September 4.

Quarterly Book Club

The next book selection and meeting date will be announced in future eblasts. The November/December edition of The Light will have photos and a short article about our visit to the Pat Conroy Literary Center and discussion of Beach Music.

Nursery Volunteers/Substitute Staff Needed

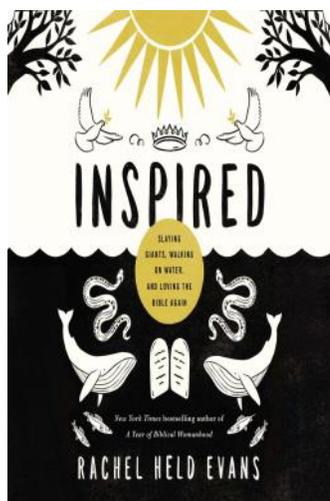
The nursery operates each Sunday during the 10:30am service. We need two adults in the nursery from 10:20-11:30 (or when the service ends). The compensation for the substitute staff person is \$20.00. A background check will be handled through the church office. Get your baby fix and give our young parents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

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 led by Micki Underwood with help from several members who've taken turns. A big thank you to her and husband Rick who helps with set up and pizza delivery. The next meeting is Thursday, September 22nd at 5:30pm. All are welcome.



Women of Faith



Women of Faith will reconvene on September 13th at 11:00am in the church Parlor. Our September meeting discussion will focus on pages 113-140 (The Beast/Resistance Stories) of "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans.

Women of Faith is a supportive community of LPC women, friends and visitors. The group utilizes book study to discuss, debate and creatively engage with God's word in our lives and world. We meet in friendship and fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00am. *Why not consider joining us this fall?* Each chapter of our current book, "Inspired" can be read as a stand alone section, making it easy to participate in any session!

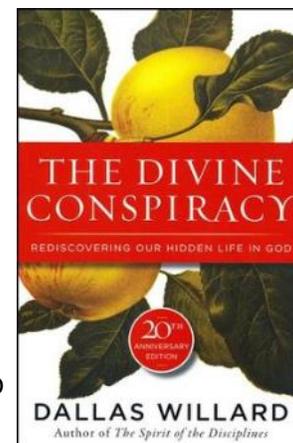
Please contact Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) or Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) for more information.



Men of Purpose (MOP)

Men of Purpose is a Men's discussion small group. We will resume meetings on Saturday September 24th. We will be reading *The Divine Conspiracy – Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. Books will be available in the office for \$11.00

We welcome all men and especially those who would like to see if Men of Purpose is something you would enjoy. Please give us a visit on Sept. 24th at 9:00 am in the Parlor. Questions contact Bill Walker – billwalker42@gmail.com.



Children's Church

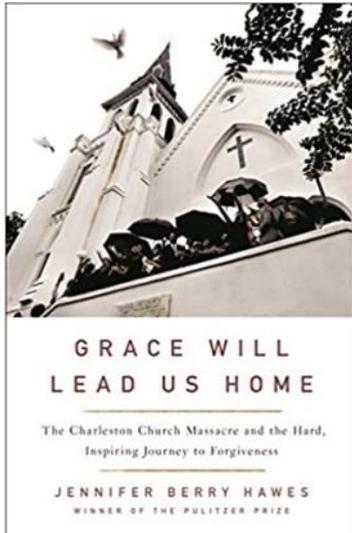
Children's church will resume in October for our pre-kindergarten age children. Details to follow in future eblasts and bulletins.

4 Week Book Study on *Grace Will Lead Us Home*

The Charleston Church Tragedy and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness

by Jennifer Berry-Hawes

led by Sally Ayotte and Carol Bogle



Join us for this study which will also include watching a video one week and will end with a discussion with the author! Berry-Hawes is a journalist for the Post and Courier, the newspaper in Charleston and wrote this non-fiction book about the events surrounding the murder of 9 people at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston on June 17, 2015.

Meetings will be Tuesdays at 6:30pm following this schedule:

*October 4th and October 11th Book Discussion

*October 18th Watch and discuss video entitled *Emmanuel*. The video features "intimate interviews with the survivors and family members". Stephen Curry and Viola Davis are the executive producers, with Mariska Hargitay is a co-producer.

*November 1st at 6:30pm, the author will join us remotely for further discussion about her book.

The book is available on Amazon and likely can be found or ordered by a local book store. You can sign up on line at lowcountrypres.org/news-events and on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Contact either Sally or Carol with any questions.



"LPC Reads"

from Bill Walker

The Senator and the Socialite: The True Story of America's First Black Dynasty

by Lawrence Otis Graham

"A cohesive picture of an extraordinary figure. . . . The issues raised by Bruce's life and career resonate today, making Graham's book not just a history but a revealing commentary on race and class, and on their inordinately powerful force in shaping our lives today." - Chicago Tribune
Spanning more than a century, Lawrence Otis Graham's illuminating biography is a fascinating look at race and class in America, witnessed through the life of Blanche Kelso Bruce—the head of America's first black dynasty and the first black U.S. senator. Lawrence Graham reveals how Bruce rose from slavery to achieve power and prestige in the aftermath of the Civil War. With his wife, the daughter of a prominent Philadelphia black dentist, he would break social and racial barriers—a legacy continued by their children until scandal destroyed the family's wealth and stature. Filled with triumph and tragedy, Graham's riveting book brings into focus an important yet little-known segment of our nation's past.

Note: Larry Graham passed away unexpectedly in 2021. He was married to Al and Marian Thomas's daughter – Pamela Thomas-Graham. Well researched and interesting reading for anyone who enjoys history and politics.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Pat Conroy Literary Festival Event at LPC October 30th



Speakers at our previous Pat Conroy event.

The closing event for the Pat Conroy Literary Festival will take place on Sunday, October 30th from 2:00-3:00pm in the Sanctuary. The event will feature a conversation between Rebecca Dwight Bruff (author of the adult historical novel *Trouble the Water* and the children's Christmas book *Stars of Wonder*) and Susan Montanari (author of A LOT of children's books, including *The Halloween Tree* and *My Dog's a Chicken*). Sally Sue Lavigne from Bluffton's children's bookstore, The Storybook Shoppe, will be present at the event with books for sale.

Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) if you can help host.



Comments from LPC Members Who Attended August 27th:

I attended the *Racial Justice: The Micah Project* presented by two pastors from Mt. Zion AME and St. Stephen's Episcopal churches in Charleston. *The Micah Project* is a racial and social justice program that evolved from a joint bible study program that involved members of both congregations. The website is www.micahprojectsc.org. I also attended the prayer station session. I learned what a prayer station is (a place where people can gather "to bear witness and work for change") and how one might be set up at LPC. Stay tuned!

Carol Bogle

Workshop Attended: *Visio Divina* (Divine seeing) Talked about using visual elements, to help you set your mind for daily prayer. This workshop woke me up personally to the fact that I need to take more pictures on my phone to capture the beauty that surrounds me and thus allow God to speak to me through these images in my prayer time.

Workshop attended: *Planks and Pieces: Surviving and Thriving* was based on the story in Acts 27 Discussed what ships do we board ?- Challenges; What planks are available for survival ?

P - prayer, L - Love, A-Accountability, N- Nurturing and K - Kneeling in prayer; Finally, What pieces of our lives can offer us peace? Know God loves you - despite who you are and where you are.

Great concert by David LaMotte and special to spend time with Chris, Carol B, Carol H and Lois.

Anne Redlus

The first session about the churches care of care givers was food for thought. Many in LPC have been or are care givers. The question is , "do we support them?"

Carol Hissom



I attended Introduction to the Enneagram by Doug Farmer. It is a tool to help better understand yourself and others. It was well presented and made me want to learn more.

Lois Johnson

(Pictured L -R): Carol Hissom, Chris Herrin, Carol Bogle, Anne Redlus and Lois Johnson enjoyed lunch afterwards.



MUSIC MINISTRY

What a difference 2 years makes. Two years ago we were preparing music and readings for the Singing Sunrise Service at Fish Haul Beach to remember those we had lost. It was a beautiful and memorable event. Last year we resumed rehearsals for the Chancel Choir and Jubilate Ringers and were able to return to a more normal Sunday service with the choir and bells. This past summer we trimmed down to just one service and enjoyed the music of guest musicians and members of the Chancel Choir in the Men's and Women's small ensembles. Now we're ready to get back to making music again with the full choir and bells.

COME JOIN US! THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN OR REJOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR! Whether you are new to LPC or have been a long-time member who loves to sing, we are excited to begin gathering again and lifting our combined voices in song to give praise. We encourage you to come join us up in the choir loft on Sunday mornings where all are welcome. Robes, choir folders, and music will be provided. You provide the singing, laughter, and smiles. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:45pm to 8pm in the Sanctuary.

The first choir rehearsal will begin on Thursday, September 8th at 6:45pm.

THE JUBILATE RINGERS ARE BACK AND READY TO RING!

7 members of the Jubilate Ringers will be presenting music on September 11th at both services. The full bell choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 13th, at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. October 9th, the Jubilate Ringers will play for both services. If you have experience playing bells and would like to join this group, as a sub or permanent member, please contact Robin Lind or Judy Barry.



Members of the Jubilate Ringers Robyn Kiser, Rosemary Bishop, Paige Lassen, Judy Barry, Vicki Melton, Donna Aubrey, and Reta Kemper.

The Flutes of the Lowcountry brought the special music Sunday August 28th. Members pictured right: Jaki Fesq, Carolyn Christy, Pam Cooper, Jodi Berezin, and Cathy Booth



(L – R) - JR Wilson, Larry Tremitiere, Tom Smith, Ron Gemme and Jon Nickel. Karen Ball at the piano.



Our September Change Can Make a Change Offering is for Family Promise of Beaufort County



Who We Are

Family Promise provides temporary shelter, family stability and permanent housing solutions for homeless families with children by mobilizing resources from interfaith and secular communities.

Our Vision is that every child will have a home.

What We Do

Family Promise provides services which help homeless families obtain permanent housing and achieve lasting independence. We provide families with a comprehensive range of essential services necessary to secure and maintain permanent housing: emergency shelter, meals, daily necessities, case management, coordination of and assistance in obtaining needed and available community services, life skills training, limited transportation, housing search assistance, furniture/ household goods for new home and moving services. A majority of our families are single moms with multiple children. Families sleep in an extended stay hotel during the pandemic but in congregations of faith such as our Fellowship Hall at night otherwise and spend their days at the Day Center unless they are working or in school.

Please see the article below explaining the update on our hosting change for 2022 and the need for our congregation to help defray the cost of housing for the current four families through our September Change Can Make a Change.

NOTICE FROM FAMILY PROMISE

As some of you may be aware, it is with a heavy heart that we have decided NOT to return to our rotational model for at least the remainder of 2022. We have to put the needs of our families first and in these continuing uncertain times we feel it is in their best interest that we keep them in the hotel.

Previously, if we had an issue such as hurricane warnings or congregation changes we had no difficulty finding an extended stay hotel to house our families until the issue was resolved. With the change in the housing market and more landlords selling their properties, as well as landlords increasing monthly rent, more and more families are having to find alternative accommodation. This, coupled with the construction boom and contractors needing places to stay, and the limited choices of extended stay hotels in the area, we do not have the opportunities for emergency bookings for families that we used to.

We have learned only this week that our regular extended stay hotel has limited availability, and if Family Promise were to discontinue reserving the rooms on a regular basis, we would lose the lower negotiated rate and also the availability of the double rooms that we need for our larger families.

Stephanie Green, Family Promise Office Manager

Since receiving this notice, Missions Ministry voted to designate Family Promise the CCMAC recipient for September to help with the cost of housing for the two weeks that we would have hosted this fall. In addition, there will be a plan for us to help with meals. Look for a future announcement with the details soon.

Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some entertained angels without knowing it."



The warehouse of supplies in VilkoVA.

October Change Can Make A Change Supporting Families in Ukraine

In October, the CCMAC Collection will support the work of "This Child Here", a faith based 501 c3 organization that supports and helps the people of Ukraine. Robert Gamble, a Presbyterian Pastor since 1982 and a former Coast Guard Officer, has been the Director of "This Child Here" since 2006. Prior to the war in Ukraine, Robert and his team worked with street children in Odessa, Ukraine by designing

programs and using funds to help keep kids off the streets and also meet basic needs of children on the streets. Robert most recently organized two camps of 50 people made up of mothers and children who were migrants from Ukraine, to come to Bulgaria for needed rest. His group works with these families preparing them for a new school year, purchasing warm clothes for the cold season and giving assistance for purchasing food. All of this is made possible through donations to "This Child Here". Watch for more news about their work in the coming month.



AGAPE FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 13TH

In addition to this Thanksgiving Food Drive we will also be collecting hats and mittens for our project in conjunction with Temple Oseh Shalom. More information will follow in October including most requested items for Thanksgiving. Thank you so much for your continuing generosity!

The Mission Team



Agape Summer Food Drive Results

Once again, many thanks from Agape and the Mission Committee to everyone who donated food for Agape! We collected 772 food items including 91 boxes of cereal, 160 cans of vegetables and 109 cans of tuna and chicken. With the price of food rising all these items are greatly needed. Agape was pleased and thankful for the donation. It's always great to see you all drive up with food!





The summer program (pictured above) has finished and a new school year has started for the students in the NOC after school program that is held Monday through Thursday in Fellowship Hall. There are 30-40 children in the program this fall K-4th grade. Several of our members are volunteers in the program but they could always use more to read with the children. If you are interested, please email Wendy MacCarthy at kwmaccarthy@gmail.com or call her at (609) 462-2443.



Picture of VIM health clinic for NOC families in Fellowship Hall on July 13th



The Beaufort Memorial Health Clinic was also on site



GED Program

Last year, we transferred our GED Program to Bluffton Self Help, and we wanted to update you on the status of the program. Classes began August 22nd and they could always use tutors and substitute tutors. They have 20 students enrolled in the GED program.

We are working with their Curriculum Specialist, Amanda de Varona, Ed.D. and their Director of Education Programs, Genesis Gonzalez. We had \$1,700 left in our LPC GED fund and have donated 25 Kaplan GED textbooks and 65 Core Skills workbooks. The remainder of the fund will be used for calculators and testing vouchers.

The Volunteer Coordinator is Julia Violi (julia@blufftonselfhelp.org). To volunteer, go to the Bluffton Self Help website, blufftonselfhelp.org, click on GET INVOLVED, then click on VOLUNTEER, then scroll down to EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOLUNTEERS and click on GET STARTED HERE. Complete the form and they will contact you.

If you have any questions, contact Janit Maguire at janitmaguire@gmail.com or 845-527-6409.

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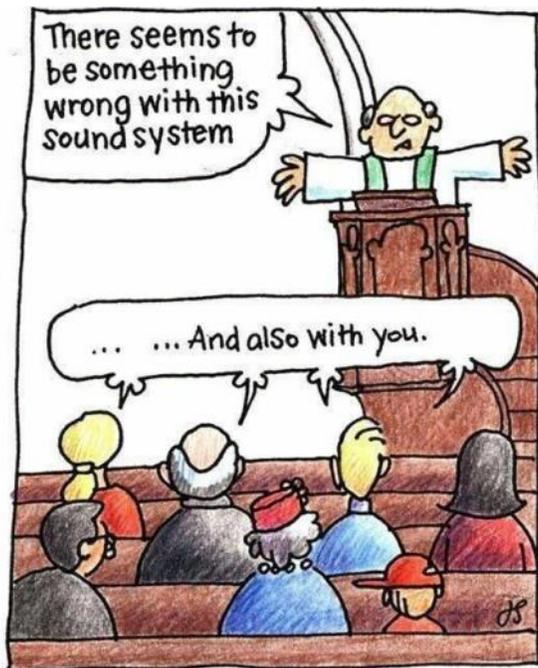


BACKPACK BUDDIES

For new church members who may not be familiar with Backpack Buddies, it is a group of volunteers who pack and distribute food bags to local food insecure children. The food bags are given out at their schools on Friday afternoons to help them through the weekend. Each bag contains 2 single entrees, 2 cereals, 2 granola bars, 2 pudding cups, 1 animal crackers, and 2 packaged fruits.

LPC alternates monthly with volunteers from Oldfield. We support the children at Prichardville Elementary School. Our packing days for this school year are **TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 4th, DECEMBER 6th, JANUARY 31st and APRIL 4th.** We will meet at ST. FRANCIS BY THE SEA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 39 Persimmon Street, Unit 203 in Bluffton. Our meeting time is 12:30 pm and it usually takes one hour or less to bag the food. It goes quickly, we have fun and we welcome all volunteers.

For more information please contact Sandy Benninger at sbenninger@sc.rr.com or phone 248 756-6666 cell .



Audio Visual Project

The AV project is currently planned to be completed by years end. That is contingent however, on receiving all of our needed equipment in a reasonable amount of time prior to year end to make that happen. As of this writing, there is a significant amount of it that has not been delivered and is not scheduled to be received until October.

In the meantime our contractor, Vibe, has been working on, and has almost completed, all of the construction and architectural drawings needed to complete the work. That way they can move forward as soon as all the equipment has been received. In addition Vibe is planning on being onsite in the next few weeks to confirm all the details relating to the project as well as running some of the new wiring. I will continue to update you as needed. However, in the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Bob Lowry, at jblowry99@gmail.com.

Dine Around

November through April!

Groups of 8 (singles and couples) meet for a meal once a month; Sunday brunch or dinner during the week at a restaurant. Members of the group rotate picking the place. Sign-up by October 16th in the Narthex or on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Lowe at felo33@yahoo.com. Members and visitors are invited to participate.

Financial Results Summary

6 month YTD (January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022)



	Actual	Budget
RECEIPTS	\$328,846	\$283,304
EXPENSES		
Clergy Staff	\$ 79,815	\$102,801
Support Staff	\$ 54,504	\$ 58,342
General Administration	\$ 43,969	\$ 39,526
Missions	\$ 5,317	\$ 23,502
Worship	\$ 5,976	\$ 5,612
Facilities Administration	\$ 50,827	\$ 46,432
All Others Combined	\$ 114	\$ 5,904
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$240,522	\$282,119
NET	\$ 88,324	\$ 1,185

The combination of strong giving support and decreased expenditures have LPC in a very favorable financial position. Savings of actual expenses vs. budget have been primarily due to the Associate Pastor vacancy, and timing of mission payments. We plan on utilizing some of the Associate Pastor savings for our much needed sanctuary repairs.



Chancel Flowers

Please note the Chancel Flower sign-up sheet in the Narthex (office end) where members can donate flowers, in memory of or in honor of whoever they wish. The cost is \$60 – a check with the notation “flowers” may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office. You may choose to take the flowers home or have them distributed to members in appreciation or to those in need of cheer for various reasons. Open dates begin September 18th.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Update from Associated Pastor Nominating Committee

Since being elected by the congregation the end of May, the APNC received orientation by the Presbytery, met at least weekly to write the Ministry Information Form (MIF) describing our congregation and our desired qualities and specifications for a new Associate Pastor. This MIF is the document that interested candidates will read about our church. The MIF was approved by Session at its last meeting on August 22 and subsequently by the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). It will be uploaded to the CLC (online PCUSA denominational job prospect matching database). Upon completion of this step, the APNC will begin receiving the Pastor Information Forms (PIF) that are forwarded to them for their review.

Please continue to pray for their work as they enter this important phase.

Diane Mikkelson (chair), Jan Catanese, Kelly Manning, Jon Nickel and Bill Thorpe

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

Moving Forward in Faith Update

Last summer when we thought we were about to be done with Covid, the ReNew and ReEngage team had two listening sessions; one after the 8:30am service and one after a congregational luncheon the same day. The team got feedback on the effectiveness of LPC's ministry during the pandemic and ideas of what to continue doing, in addition to receiving other helpful feedback. The Team also met with a few focus groups to gather more feedback and presented its findings and ideas to the Session. A subcommittee of three elders is continuing their work under the name of Moving Forward in Faith (MFF): Carol Bogle, Karen Couser, and Jerri Hanna.

The group has met numerous times and most recently recommended the hiring of a part-time communications person to help with our social media presence and branding. That process has been approved by the Session and initiated.

Most recently, the team has been gathering data on volunteerism within the church and so far has identified over 50 volunteer opportunities with a few more than 140 different members involved! What an encouraging number. As they delve more into the information, they will highlight areas which could use more volunteers, with the goal of having as many members as possible volunteering in some way, to contribute to the mission of the church. Thanks to all of you who already are. It matters for the kingdom! Watch for more information about this in the November/December Light.

In the meantime, contact any elder on the team with questions.

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LPC Mission Statement

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

Session Highlights

At its June 4th Special Meeting the Session, while on an overnight retreat, awarded Paul Langan Contractor and Painting, Inc. the contract for the repair and painting of the Sanctuary. (Note that the work began on Monday, August 22.)

At its July 5th Stated Meeting the Session:

- Authorized the suspension of the 8:30 am Sunday worship service for July and August (later extended to include September 4th).
- Extended invitations to Rev. Becky Albright, Rev. Dr. John Wall and Rev. Doug Fletcher to serve as guest preachers during Rev. Herrin's vacation.
- Authorized the creation of a part-time Communications Coordinator staff position to manage LPC community communications through publications and social media.
- Elected elder Anne Redlus to serve as LPC's commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's summer meeting.
- Provided input to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) on priorities the Session believes the Committee should consider in its search for an Associate Pastor to replace Rev. Dion.

At its August 22nd Stated Meeting the Session:

- Approved the use of the Sanctuary and Narthex for an event sponsored by the Pat Conroy Literary Center on Sunday afternoon, October 30th.
- Accepted the Ministry Information Form prepared by the APNC for use in the search for an Associate Pastor.
- Recognized that the 2022 Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, September 25th and should conclude on October 30th.
- Elected elder Larry Tremitiere to serve as LPC's commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's fall meeting.

The next Stated Session meeting is scheduled for September 19th.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

The Congregational Care Ministry provides care to our congregation in a variety of ways. Our Prayerful Stitches Ministry plays an important role in caring for our members. This ministry provides shawls and lap blankets for congregational members who may be ill, have experienced a family death or who may just enjoy a bit of warmth and comfort.

What is a Prayer Shawl?

Knitted or crocheted prayer shawls and lap blankets are all hand made by church members and friends. The crafter is very intentional about their work, and the piece is infused with prayer. It perhaps gives energy to the item itself, which is then gifted to a recipient who can feel the love and care that went into the piece.

Steps to Making a prayer shawl or lap blanket:

Choose a prayer before beginning the craft project.

The crafts we make are distributed by our Pastor or member from our Congregational Care Ministry. Picture your project going to a person in need of your prayers infused in your work.

Repeat the prayer before beginning crafting.

Repeat the prayer aloud or in your mind as you stitch.

When the piece is finished, gently fold it, reciting your prayer as you do.

If you choose, you can include a hand-written version of the prayer as a note when gifting a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

If you would like to participate in this rewarding ministry, there is binder on the narthex counter with information and patterns you can use if you choose. One of the patterns is the Amazing Grace Prayer Shawl.

Please contact Sloan Gray, graysloan@yahoo.com or call her at 978 270-8085 if you would like to join this ministry or find out more about it. You are free to work on your own, or let Sloan know if you would like to join others to work on projects together with time spent in prayer.

Prayer shawls and lap robes demonstrate the love and comfort that God gives to us.



Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board

Some of the members from the Communications and Moving Forward in Faith Committees recently spruced up the entrance to the Fellowship Hall with an updated bulletin board. We hope to showcase LPC to all the groups who use the facility and maybe encourage some new visitors!



Please Remember in Prayer

Herb Costolo
Marilyn Miesner



Christian sympathy is extended to:

The family of John Reneau

The family of Dulcie Knoll.

A memorial service at Beaufort National Cemetery is September 16th at 10:00am

The family of John Adams

A service at LPC is being planned for October 15th

The family of Susan Zellman

A small, private gathering will be held.

Judy and Bob Lowry on the death of Judy's mother, Geneva Hay

A memorial service at LPC is September 10th at 11:00am.

A reception will follow at Bob and Judy's home.

Betty Smith on the death of her sister-in-law, Helen Schantz Klaver



Congratulations to Sandra and Chad Copenhaver on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte Susan Copenhaver on July 12th in New York.

Connecting over Coffee after Worship

The coffee and goodies after worship in the Narthex don't just provide treats for our tongues but **the opportunity to connect** with LPC members and visitors we know and those we don't. Once we are back to two services beginning on the 11th we need more volunteers to help make this possible.

Most Sundays one person is needed for the 8:30am service for set up (30 minutes before) and clean up, while 2 persons are needed for the 10:30am service. Paper products, coffee, cream, sugar and juice are provided by the church. It is hoped volunteers can provide the goodies and do the set up and clean up, but if not, we can make other arrangements.

Volunteers can take one service a month or one a quarter or less, and will be given all the training needed by Carol Hissom our "Hospitality Coordinator." Please contact her at 600carol@gmail.com to sign up or with any questions.

Please consider how you can help with this important ministry of hospitality.



1 Michael Koch	7 Mimi Stevenson	14 William Thorpe
1 Bob Overfield	7 Doris Koch	16 Beth Greenwell
2 Sally Stein	8 J. R. Wilson	19 Bob Law
4 Robyn Kiser	9 Phil Kiser	19 Nancy Gureck
5 Sally Farrar	10 Sue Martin	21 John Abernethy
5 Laura Phillips	13 Tom Bloom	22 Bonnie Borgelt
6 Darlene Kunkle	13 Donald Hippensteel	22 Robert Lowry
6 Anneke Ruys	13 Marky Stauffer	24 Carol Simpson
6 Dave Williams	14 Greg Bobro	27 Andy Carter
7 Joe Franklin	14 Rick Kuhn	30 Chris Richards



3 Sally Day	10 Erick Chavelas	18 Evie Hardin
3 Ellie Smith	12 Dale Kershner	21 Shirley Boppe
6 Ron Gemme	12 Carol Given	21 Carolyn Marshall
6 Jim Tripp	13 Margaret Tout	22 Jean Nordby
7 Ann Finn	15 Mary Johnson	23 Gigi Johnston
8 Judy Wells	16 Jan Adams	25 Jayani Wilkin
9 Susan Grider	17 Linda Fischer	28 William Box
8 Marian Williams	18 Elizabeth Bobro	29 Ed Walters

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Building & Grounds 9am Membership 10:30am Faith Formation 2pm	2	3
4 Worship 10:30am	5 Church Office is Closed for Labor Day	6 Bell Practice 12:30pm	7	8 Book Club at Literary Center 4pm Choir Practice 6:45pm	9	10 G. Hay Memorial Service 11:00am
11 Worship 8:30am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	12 Communication 1:00pm Worship Ministry 7pm	13 Women of Faith 11:00am Bell Practice 12:30pm Mission Ministry 3pm	14 Moving Forward 11:15am Congregational Care 10:00am Fellowship Dinner 6:00pm	15 Choir Practice 6:45pm	16 Dulcie Knoll Memorial at Beaufort National Cemetery 10:00am	17 Walk for Water Wright Family Park 8:30am
18 Worship 8:30am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	19 Session Meeting 7pm	20 Bell Practice 12:30pm	21	22 5:30pm Youngish Adults Choir Practice 6:45pm	23	24 Men of Purpose
25 Worship 8:30am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	26	27 Bell Practice 12:30pm Mission Ministry 4pm	28 Tea with Timothy 6pm	29 Choir Practice 6:45pm	30	