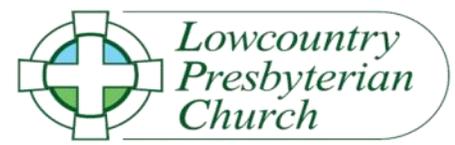




The Light



May/June 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.

Prayer Vigil for Ukraine, April 3rd



Lynn and Chris welcomed the community.



Graham Painter worked the parking lot.



Lynn Newsom with the Bluffton Friends Meeting group had the vision for this gathering and thought our parking lot an ideal central spot for the community to gather. The Session approved and she pulled in clergy and representatives from other churches as well: St. Andrews by the Sea UMC, St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, Temple Oseh Shalom, the Unitarian Church, and Bluffton UMC. Each participant prayed for a particular concern, like for the refugees, for the children, for those involved in the fighting, etc., and then allowed for moments of silent prayer.

About 50 members of the community gathered for the time of prayer, finishing by singing "Let there be peace on earth." Our own Robin Lind, Dale Nordby and Jon Nickel helped lead it! A news station was there and did a story which appeared on their 10pm news that night.

Packets of sunflower seeds (the flower of Ukraine) and prayers were distributed. Extra packets were given out the next Sunday after worship and more seeds made available in the Narthex since then. All are invited to take a few seeds after worship to plant and to continue to pray for peace.



OUTREACH MINISTRY



Mark your calendar! Criminal Justice Series

Wednesday May 11 6:30 PM-8:00PM Fellowship Hall

Al Jenkins, Regional Director for U.S. Senator Tim Scott will be our guest speaker. Mr. Jenkins will provide an overview of employment and training initiatives for preparing inmates for re-entry into communities, initiatives to remove obstacles to employment and life after prison and community agencies partnering to provide for this population.

He will also share Sen. Scott's vision for a more restorative and less punitive federal bureau of prisons. Q and A to follow.

The presentation is open to the public, so please invite a friend or neighbor to join you!

Criminal Justice Series

The Criminal Justice Series recently hosted SC Representative Weston Newton, who shared information on the status of the Hate Crimes Bill. The bill has passed the Legislature and is pending passage by the Senate. (SC is one of only two states that doesn't have one.)

He urged all parishioners to contact their SC State Senator to urge passage of the Clementa C. Pinckney Hate Crimes Act.

Senator Tom Davis is a sponsor in the Senate. For Tom Davis, his office phone in Columbia is (803) 212-6080 and email is: TomDavis@scsenate.gov. He represents Beaufort County south of the Broad.

Senator Chip Campsen represents Beaufort and north of the Broad and can be reached at (803) 212-6340. His email is: chipcampsen@scsenate.gov.



Senator Margie Bright Matthews represents Jasper County. She can be reached at (803) 212-6008 and margiebrightmatthews@scsenate.gov.

If you know SC Senators from other areas of the state, please urge them to vote now for the bill!



Carol Bogle praises her ministry.



Chris and Stephanie "close down" the reception.

Dear LPC Family,

I want to thank you immensely for sending me off with such great love. It was a blessing to see so many faces in worship and at the farewell shower. Every time I looked around and took in the crowd my heart was warmed and tears began to fill my eyes in gratitude for each of you. I also thank those of you who bought cupcakes, set tables, refilled drink containers, put away chairs, and did everything to make the shower for James and me so lovely. I thank each of you who showed up to say goodbye, who showered us with gifts, who dropped a card in the basket, and those present that final day and who sent their best wishes and prayers beforehand. Seeing each of your faces meant so much to me. Thank you for the generous check, the beautiful yellow roses, and the wonderful photo of LPC gifted to me that final Sunday in worship, as well as Larry Tremiere's, Carol Bogle's, and Chris Herrin's thoughtful and loving remarks. Thank you all for loving me well throughout my time with you. There is no better way to leave a place than feeling overwhelmingly loved and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for such a blessing. I continue to pray for you and look forward to seeing some of your faces at my wedding. God is doing great things in you and through you. Thank you for all the ways you've loved me.

With great love and many prayers,
Stephanie



Stephanie quiets our youngest member, Jaxson Hardin.



Rev. Bo Welch Commissioned

On March 6th as a part of the worship service, Rev. Bo Welch was commissioned for his work as a chaplain at the Estill Federal Correctional Facility. Representatives from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery led this portion of the service with the congregation responding as well to indicate their support of his ministry. Bo had been a part of a different denomination, but has recently been

examined and accepted into the PCUSA. We welcome Bo to this particular expression of the Church and appreciate already the ministry he has been doing among us at LPC, along with his wife Carolyn.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY



Fellowship Lunch

Please join the Membership Ministry team for lunch on Sunday, May 15th following the 10:30am service in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy assorted sandwiches and more along with fellowship time with your LPC family. The cost will be \$12/pp. Please sign up in the Narthex or on the website by May 8th.



New Members Class

After joining the church on April 3rd, new members shared a meal together at the restaurant in Rose Hill, a recently begun tradition!

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

Welcome New Members!



JAN & JOHN ADAMS

John & Jan Adams moved to Bluffton from Palm City, Florida. They have both been retired for 27 years. John was Sales Manager for Wolverine Tube and Jan taught English, and Home Ec, grades 6-12. They have three daughters and one son and are the proud Grandparents of nine granddaughters and one grandson. Both are avid golfers, and Jan enjoys knitting and crafts.



DENNIS & ELAINE DAWLEY

Dennis & Elaine Dawley retired to Summerville, SC in 2010. They moved to Bluffton in December 2021 and live in Cypress Ridge. Dennis was budget analyst for US Army Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey and enjoys playing chess. They both volunteer at Bluffton Self Help. They have three children and four grandchildren.



NANCY DORAN

Nancy Doran moved from the cold frozen tundra of northern New Jersey to the warm sunny temperate climate of South Carolina in January of 2021. She lives in Cypress Ridge with her sister and her son. She taught young children for 35 years, attaining her Master's Degree after the age of fifty. Definitely a challenge!! She enjoys reading, walking, decorating, and hopefully soon golfing once again.



CRAIG JOHNSON

Craig Johnson has been happily married to his high school sweetheart, Meg for 35 years; they have two grown children Connor (31) and Daly (28). Craig recently retired as a Senior Partner with Ernst & Young Consulting, and he and Meg plan to live seasonally at their home in Bluffton from November - March each year. Their primary residence during the remaining months is in Haverford, PA, where they are members at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, a large congregation in suburban Philadelphia, where Craig has been a Trustee, Deacon, and Co-Chair of the Stewardship Committee.



GIGI JOHNSTON

Gigi Johnston was born in Atlanta and grew up in Savannah, GA. She lived in Helen, GA. for the last 20 years and was very active in Nacooche Presbyterian Church in Sautee Nacooche. She has four grandchildren and one son that works at Hilton Head Hospital. She moved back to the area to be closer to family.

New Members continued



MICHAEL & DORIS KOCH

Doris & Mike Koch (Cook) moved from VA to Bluffton (the Haven) on March 1, 2021 and then celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. Mike retired as a Colonel following a 33-year career in the US Army and then worked in defense services for a second career. Doris was a librarian for the Army, mother, and busy Army wife. They have two daughters in northern VA and a son in WI. Doris' interests are church, bridge, gardening and home. Mike enjoys church, golf, fishing and working around home.



JEAN WILLSON
GRAHAM PAINTER

Graham Painter was born in Charleston, WV and raised as a Presbyterian. Graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, served in the US Coast Guard, and then graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Worked entire career with Union Carbide Corp in chemical plant operations, many locations, moving up the management ladder. Most of career spent in South Texas. Three children, eight grandchildren. Wife passed away in 2007. Sue's best friend, Jean (their maid-of-honor), came into his life in 2008 and they are engaged.

Jean Willson was born in North Canton, Ohio and raised in the Community Christian Church. Graduated from Akron City School of Nursing and later from Kent State as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Worked entire career in Ohio. Three children, eleven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.



DEBBIE & PAUL SELL

Paul and Debbie Sell recently moved to Sun City from Bowie, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, DC. Paul worked in the US Intelligence Community for over 37 years. He met Debbie at the Defense Intelligence Agency where she worked as a Reference Librarian. Paul is originally from Dunkirk, NY, a small town 50 miles southwest of Buffalo. Debbie is a native of Prince Georges County Maryland, born in Capital Heights and raised in Camp Springs. They have twin daughters who live in Maryland. Paul and Debbie have been participating in various activities at Sun City. Paul joined the Spring Softball League, the Woodworking Guild, and plans to join the Veterans Association. Debbie joined the neighborhood women's group and has participated in activities with them.



SUSAN TAYLOR-BELLI

Susan Taylor-Belli moved to Bluffton, S.C. with her sister Nancy and her nephew in January 2021, from New Jersey where she lived most of her life. She retired in 2018 after a lifetime career as bookkeeper then accountant, and now thoroughly enjoying retirement in the great South Carolina climate with her family, where she enjoys walking her dog and meeting neighbors.

New Members continued



RICK & MICKI UNDERWOOD

Rick and Micki Underwood met in 2008 online. Their first date was July 26, 2008 and they have been together ever since. They moved to Georgia in 2012 from PA and moved to Bluffton in 2015. They are now low country folks!



ANN & JOHN WARREN

John and Ann Warren, with lab pup Darby, moved to The Crescent this past November from Morgantown, WV, where John retired from WVU as a professor. Ann was an English teacher and social worker. For many years, John lived and worked in Missouri while Ann spent many years in Virginia. They enjoy line and square dancing, playing bridge, and traveling the world. John is a golfer and woodworker while Ann quilts, reads, and walks. Learning to play pickle ball is their next goal. Each has two children, and together they have 8 grands .



GFWC Woman's League of the Lowcountry, Bluffton, SC Meeting and Reception held April 21st Celebrating founder and member Anne Redlus who has been selected for National recognition as the recipient of the 2022 GFWC Jennie Award.



The Jennie Award is the only national honor bestowed by GFWC that recognizes

individual members for personal excellence. The Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym of "Jennie June". This award is a way of highlighting and recognizing clubwomen who epitomize the volunteer spirit of Jennie.

The application process for each nominee of a GFWC club is very detailed and involves criteria of achievements in Club, Community, and Family. In September Anne Redlus had received the honor of being the South Carolina nominee for the Jennie Award. Her state nomination along with other states' nominees was submitted to the Southern Region. On October 23, our club was thrilled when we learned of Anne's nomination at the Southern Region. She was one of 16 regional finalists sent to the national committee for final selection. Our club has just learned that Anne Redlus is the recipient of the 2022 Jennie Award and will be honored at The Jennie Award Ceremony during the GFWC Annual Convention in New Orleans in June 2022.

(pictured on left: Howard Redlus, Anne Redlus, Sharon Quinter, Phyllis Sippel, Club President, and Kendall Spillman, District President)

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY



Grow with us.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Take "5"

You can jump in (or back in) with us and Take 5 at any point this year! The reading schedule for May and June is as follows: We will be finishing up the Gospel of Matthew, then moving into Romans, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, then starting the Gospel of Mark toward the end of June. We ask that as you finish reading these books that you sign your name on the sign in sheet on the Take 5 table in the Narthex (located under the computer monitor) 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.

Adult Sunday School and Take 5

The Faith Formation Ministry is trying an experiment that started April 24 and will continue for the month of May (no class on May 29). The Adult Sunday School time (9:35-10:15) will be led by different LPC members each week. The sessions will be based on one or more of the Take 5 readings from the previous week. The Faith Formation Ministry thought these sessions would be more meaningful to attendees because of the timeliness of the discussions with the readings. We meet in the back room aka the children's room. Please join us! Please help us make this experiment successful.

There will be no evening Digging Deeper session in May.

A four-week study on "Great Historical Events from The Acts of the Apostles"

The classes will be on Wednesdays at 2:00pm starting May 4th with Joe Franklin (LPC member) leading. A short film will be watched each week by Scholar Matthew Skinner (a friend of Rev. Herrin) followed by discussion of particular biblical texts. Each class is stand alone, so attendance each week is not necessary. The only things required for this class are a Bible and a willingness to learn!

Check out the bookcases in the Parlor

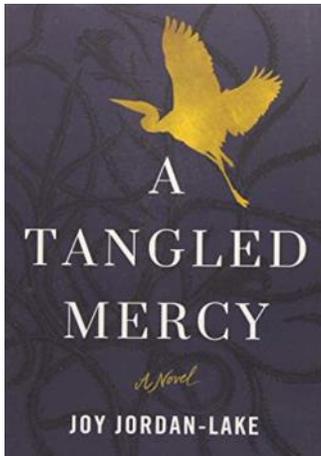
There are a wide variety of books in the Parlor for people to borrow. We have several translations of the Bible, devotionals, and multiple copies of many books that could be used for group book study. Some of the books that we have multiple copies of are: *Risky Gospel* by Owen Strachan; *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* by John Ortberg; and *24 Hours that Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. You are welcome to visit the Parlor during regular church building hours as long there isn't a meeting taking place. There is no need to check out the books. There are also a few books in the Narthex by the Staff Recommendations sign for your reading pleasure. Contact Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com if you feel led by the spirit to start a

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

June Faith Formation Opportunities

Two week study on Ephesians

Led by Rev. Bo Welch on Tuesdays, June 7th and 14th at 2:00pm or Wednesdays, June 8th and 15th at 6:30pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can sign-up online at lowcountrypres.org/adult-ed by May 27. We will be in the midst of reading Ephesians for Take 5 (6/6-6/13), so these sessions will be very timely.



Quarterly Book Club

Please join us for the Inaugural LPC quarterly book club session on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Chris Herrin and Carol Bogle will be co-leading the discussion of the novel, *A Tangled Mercy* by Joy Jordan-Lake. **"A haunting and redemptive novel inspired by the heartbreaking true events that occurred at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, *A Tangled Mercy* examines the horrifying depths of human brutality and our enduring hope for forgiveness."**

After the sudden death of her troubled mother, struggling Harvard grad student Kate Drayton walks out on her lecture—and her entire New England life. Haunted by unanswered questions and her own uncertain future, she flees to Charleston, South Carolina, the place where her parents met, convinced it holds the key to understanding her fractured family and saving her career in academia. Kate is determined to unearth groundbreaking information on a failed 1822 slave revolt—the subject of her mother's own research.

Kate's attempts to discover what drove her mother's dangerous obsession with Charleston's tumultuous history are derailed by a horrific massacre in the very same landmark church. In the unimaginable aftermath, Kate discovers a family she never knew existed as the city unites with a powerful message of hope and forgiveness for the world."

Joy Jordan-Lake attended Furman University, then earned a masters from a theological seminary and then a masters and a Ph.D. in English literature. She taught most recently at Belmont College in Nashville. Joy is married with three grown children and is writing full time, having written 10 books. Joy and Chris Herrin attended Furman together and were friends through a student run volunteer organization in which they were both involved in leadership. Chris is excited to expose LPC to her talents and to this novel from which we will have much to discuss.

There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can sign up online at lowcountrypres.org/adult-ed by June 22nd. The book is available on Kindle, Audible Audiobooks as well as in hardcover and paperback through Amazon.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Women of Faith

Small Group: Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, May 10th at 11:00am in the parlor. The group, open to all LPC women, friends and visitors, meets every second Tuesday to discuss and engage with God's Word in community. "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans is the focus book for nine sessions. Please read pages 59-79 (The Walls/War Stories) before our May meeting. Each chapter can be read as a stand alone section, making it easy to join this group at any time along their journey. Please consider joining us! Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) for more information.



Men of Purpose (MOP)

Men of Purpose is a Men's discussion small group.

Meetings Schedule

- 4/30/2022 – Fear of Global Calamity
- 5/7/2022 – Fear of God Getting Out of My Box
- 5/14/2022 – Conclusion and Book Summary
- 5/21/2022 – Breakfast – check emails for the place
(no meetings after this one until September)
- 9/10/2022 – Fall/Winter/Spring meetings begin



They meet Saturday mornings in the parlor at the main church from 9:00 am to 10:30 and welcome all men who would like to see if Men of Purpose is something you would enjoy. Questions contact Bill Walker – billwalker42@gmail.com

Nursery Volunteers/Substitute Staff Needed

We need additional volunteers and substitute staff person(s). The nursery operates each Sunday during the 10:30am service. We need two adults in the nursery from 10:20-11:30 (or whenever the service concludes). The compensation for the substitute staff person is \$20.00. The substitute staff person and volunteers need to complete a background check which is handled through the church office. Get your baby fix and help our young parents have the opportunity to worship. Contact Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com for more information.

Children and Youth Ministries

Children's Church is for children kindergarten through 5th grade and meets the second Sunday of the month with Mrs. Phyllis Willever. The last session for this school year for Children's Church is Sunday, May 8.

Bethelwoods Summer Youth Camp

ATTENTION: Parents of LPC children and youth. Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center in York, SC has recently released its summer camp schedule. Go to info@bethelwoods.org for details.

MISSIONS

Change Can Make a Change offering for the month of May will be for Greater Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine (VIM)



In 2010 a group of concerned citizens designed a Mission to provide free medical care in a compassionate and professional manner to the uninsured of Greater Bluffton and Jasper County with an emphasis on preventative medicine and health education. VIM has two locations, one in Bluffton and one in Ridgeland. Today the all-volunteer free medical clinic provides medical exams, counseling and nutritional services as well as preventative disease education to over 2,000 eligible uninsured residents in our area. The clinic is staffed by caring and generous local physicians and nurses who donate their time and expertise. The office and administrative positions are filled by volunteers. In all, approximately 75 volunteers make the day to day operation of the clinic possible.

Change Can Make a Change for June: Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce "Back to School Fun Day"

The June Change Can Make a Change offering will be received for our annual collection for The Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce "Back to School Fun Day" to purchase supplies and backpacks for children in need returning to school in August. We will be collecting requested supplies (a list will be provided) during the month of June as well. Details will be announced in future eblasts.

Thanks for your generous donations!

March Change Can Make a Change for Family Promise was \$1,692.50

April Change Can Make A Change for One Great Hour of Sharing to date is \$2,538.33

Neighborhood Outreach Connection Thank You



Thank you so much for your continued investment in the empowerment of underserved communities in Beaufort County, SC. It means a lot to NOC and the children and families we serve in Bluffton. We value our partnership and friendship with the congregation of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church.

Narendra Sharma, PhD, Founder and Chair, NOC

MISSIONS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On April 23rd eight members of our church worked on the construction of a new Habitat Home. The home was located on Alex Patterson Dr. on Hilton Head Island.

Participating church members were Sally Ayotte, Donna & Randy Aubrey, Kevin MacCarthy, Mick Mikkelson, Linda Wright, Robert Shumate and Sandy Benninger. We enjoyed All Joy donuts brought by Mick for our mid morning snack and Habitat provided us with water.

- Randy, Kevin, Mick and Robert were given instructions on how to use a nailing gun and became quite skilled by the end of the day. The rest of us tried to stay out of the line of fire.
- Sally and Donna became masterful at measuring, operating a table saw and installing cross bracing.
- Linda and Sandy carried 2 x4's and bravely held them in place while the guys did the nailing.

We built and erected three wall sections and it was all hands on deck when it came time to lift the walls into place. We nailed together several additional walls which are now ready for the next volunteer crew to erect. We accomplished a lot, learned a lot and had a great time doing it!



MISSIONS

Food Drive

Our first food drive of the year was a great success! Your donations kept 5 volunteers busy for two hours sorting, counting and loading. We really enjoyed seeing everyone come out to support Agape. Agape was once again very appreciative of your continuing support. We collected 814 items including many bags of fresh apples, oranges and potatoes. Many thanks from the Mission Team!

Look for information about another drive in June in future Eblasts!



backpack buddies
OF BLUFFTON

Backpack Buddies

Our church members will again be supporting Backpack Buddies by manning a booth at the Bluffton Farmers Market. Our assigned date is the afternoon of **Thursday, June 9th**. Volunteers will be asked to work in two hour shifts starting around noon. For more information or to volunteer contact Sandy Benninger 843 705-5233 home, 248 756-6666 cell or sbenninger@sc.rr.com.



Sally Stein, Sandy Benninger and Bob Flack



Back row | - r: John Abernethy, Bob Flack, and Linda Wright. Front row | - r: Sandy Benninger, Carol Hissom, Bonnie Flack, Sally Stein, and Lois Lunardini



FAMILY PROMISE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY SUPPLY DRIVE & MARCH CCMAC

Our supply drive March 20 for Family Promise was a great success! For 2 hours after church, Anne & Howie Redlus, Janit & Tom Maguire and Mick & Diane Mikkelson unloaded cars and collected 250



various requested items including gift cards, paper products and boxes of diapers that totaled 1283 diapers! The value of the items collected was approximately \$1,177.00 and the CCMAC in April was \$1,692.50! It was so great to see so many of you support Family Promise of Beaufort. Family Promise was very appreciative of your support. It has been difficult for them during the pandemic and they look forward to hopefully returning to the area host churches of which we are one in the fall.

Many thanks for your generosity from the Mission Team



Dear Friends,

THANK YOU from everyone at Family Promise of Beaufort County, especially the homeless children and parents we serve. Your donation allows Family Promise to continue assisting those families in need by not only providing safe shelter, but also assistance in equipping them with the skills and resources needed for lasting independence!

Words cannot convey the gratitude we feel! Thanks for all that you do!

Michelle Harp, Executive Director

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Clean-up day April 2, 2022
Thank you to all that helped!



Pictured on the left are Bob Flack, Bonnie Flack, Robert Shumate, Graham Painter, and Kevin MacCarthy. Participating in the day but not pictured in the group photo are John Abernethy, Sandy Benninger, Carol Hissom, Karen Couser, Randy & Donna Aubrey and Bill Walker.

Pictured on the right, John Abernethy

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY



LPC Reaches Out to New Residents

All new Sun City residents are now receiving an LPC notecard with a sketch of our church on the front. The message inside invites them to visit us and lists our Sunday worship schedules, etc. Special thanks to Joan Walker, Margaret Hartley and Bonnie Flack for making this happen.

Do you have access to new residents' names and addresses in your own neighborhood?

If you can get that information and would be willing to send cards or willing to serve on a team to do so, please contact Kathy Crist at kathy@mayriversc.com



MUSIC MINISTRY

Concert Announcement

The Lowcountry Jazz Band, led by Mary Woodmansee Green, will be performing in the LPC Sanctuary on **Tuesday, May 17th, at 7:30**. The OLLI program out of USCB sponsors this ensemble. There is no admission charge for this concert, although a freewill offering will be taken up to help with expenses of the ensemble. A wide variety of jazz songs will be performed and our own Robin Lind will be the vocal soloist. Invite your friends and come and enjoy an evening of jazz.



The Jubilate Ringers will be playing on the third Sunday of May on the 15th. This will be their final performance before they take a break during the summer months. They will be playing two uplifting pieces: *Rondo Jubilee* by Brenda Austin and an arrangement of *This Little Light of Mine* by Anna Laura Page with Karen Ball at the piano. The Ringers have played beautifully this year for the services, especially during the Christmas and Lenten seasons. On April 27th they participated in the recent Holocaust Remembrance Day Celebration at LPC, presented by Temple Oseh Shalom, where they played The Theme from *Schindler's List*. They are already looking forward to returning in September.

The Chancel Choir will be singing through June 12th and then will be enjoying a break through the summer, returning in September. Dale Nordby will be singing on May 22nd, sharing his music before heading up north for the summer with Jean. It has been a wonderful year as



members continued to return to the choir loft and new members joined us in singing each Sunday. Brittany Wilson has been a delightful surprise as she has shared both her soprano voice and cello in the worship service. Tom Smith, a new bass, shared his beautiful singing at the Maundy Thursday service as he sang *Were you there?* We are blessed to have such wonderful people sharing their musical gifts with LPC along with Karen at the piano and organ. Special thanks to Jean Nordby for organizing the sheet music each week and keeping us on task, to Maureen Kalmbach for organizing social events, and to Judy Barry for keeping track of choir and bell members and sending out the communication announcements.

For some fun, the choir gathered, along with the members of the Ringers, at a Music Ministry picnic on May 1st at Sgt. Jasper Park in Hardeeville, with Dale Nordby leading everyone in song. At the picnic we will also be said good-bye to two longtime choir members, Betsy and Dick "Mac" MacDougal. Betsy also played in the bells. They are moving to Greenwood, SC. They will be truly missed and we wish them all the best.



THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE EARTH CARE TEAM)

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 17th

Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family and join LPC for our third annual **WALK FOR WATER** in Bluffton! Last year we were joined by Bluffton United Methodist Church and Quaker Friends and together 40 walkers raised \$2625 for Charleston-based Water Mission which builds, ships, and installs water treatment systems to third world communities. Just imagine safe drinking water in your community for the very first time!!!

We would also like to plan a field trip to North Charleston sometime this year to tour the Water Mission facility where the volunteer magic happens! More information on both events to follow!!! JOIN US!



BEAUFORT COUNTY E-WASTE (ELECTRONICS) RECYCLING EVENT, SATURDAY, MAY 21

Take advantage of this quarterly event to safely recycle your broken/unwanted items such as: personal computers, laptops, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, CRT televisions, printers, hard drives and miscellaneous electronics (microwaves, lamps, cell phones, radios, fax machines, typewriters, etc.) Call (843) 255-2736 for more information. Drive through the collection facility at 9 Benton Field Rd in Bluffton from 9-3:00—volunteers will unload your car! And observe all that is being recycled in our area in one day and kept out of the landfill!



EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY!

What earth-changing habits have YOU adopted in your personal lives since Earth Day? The Green Team would like to hear from YOU to encourage and inspire others in their daily living, just like these children!

Email Gretchen & Jon Nickel at gretchjon@yahoo.com and share your green habits with LPC!

GOOD NEWS FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON HHI!

A few years ago Jon & Gretchen Nickel were inspired by an introductory STEPS class about Earth Care, and after a visit to Dorchester Presbyterian Church and meeting with Pastor Jeff Kackley, they made a proposal to Session about LPC becoming an Earth Care Congregation under PC-USA. LPC has been certified now for 3 years and one of 5 certified churches in Charleston Atlantic Presbytery! Recertification is a yearly process!

And then in 2020, after the Nickels met with a curious team at First Presbyterian Church of HHI to share information about the program and the certification process, their team worked to also become an Earth Care Congregation and were certified in 2021! Their recent activities include Adopt-A-Highway and exploring ways to improve their church grounds to make it a better wildlife habitat!

We look forward to partnering in Earth Care activities with their church in the future!

THE GREEN TEAM IS TASK-ORIENTED AND YOU CAN HELP!

Here are some ways to volunteer this year—sign up in the Narthex on the Green Team bulletin board:

- 1) Pick up office recyclables 1-2x/monthly or as needed. Pick up Fellowship Hall recyclables as needed.
- 2) Help with trash collection on Simmonsville Rd 3-4x/year through LPC's commitment to Adopt-A-Highway
- 3) Provide and maintain earth care-related information for the Narthex Green Team bulletin board
- 4) Help plan earth care-related speakers and/or movies
- 5) Help plan a nature walk or other outings for LPC members and friends

Thank you for your help and interest!



"LPC Reads"

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:

This is How it Always Is by Laurie Frankel-----A family with 4 boys is expecting a new child and hoping for a girl. Boy #5, Claude, comes along. As a toddler, Claude likes pretty, sparkly things. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, he responds, a princess. The story follows how the family struggles but embraces Claude's feelings and accepts his choice to be called Poppy. The secret of Poppy goes well until the day it is blown up. As Liane Moriarty summed it up, "Made me laugh, made me cry, made me think." I have a copy if anyone would like to borrow it.

From Bill Thorpe:

I recommend WOKE, INC for book reading. An insightful expose of how American Corporations have adopted and promulgated the woke dogma—and how religion might prove to be an antidote.

From Chris Herrin:

The Testament by John Grisham. This is an enjoyable, light read with a faith component. The story centers around how a billionaire chooses to leave his vast wealth, the greed of his children all but one who is a missionary and the quest to find her. The story is also about the lawyer whose life is changed as a result.

From Carol Bogle:

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah. This non-fiction book is based on Trevor Noah's childhood and young adulthood growing up in South Africa. Trevor describes being raised by a single mom both pre and post apartheid. His early life was shaped by religion, family, discrimination, the criminal justice system as well as other factors. I enjoyed listening to the book on CD, which Trevor Noah narrated. I borrowed it from the Bluffton Library. There are funny parts as well as some swearing. Trevor Noah has been the host of The Daily Show since 2015. He has also hosted the Grammy Awards in 2021 and 2022.

Finding Freedom A Cook's Story Remaking a Life from Scratch by Erin French. Erin French is the owner of The Lost Kitchen in Freedom, Maine, a town of approximately 719 people. She has a show on the Magnolia Network called The Lost Kitchen, which is the name of her restaurant. This show is where I first found out about Erin. Her restaurant is very unusual in many ways in that it is open for a limited number of months and the only way to get a reservation is by sending in a postcard. Erin's back story is interesting. She grew up working in her father's diner. She could not wait to get away from her small town and ended up going to college in Boston with dreams of becoming a doctor. These dreams changed dramatically when she became pregnant at 21 years old, quit college and had to return home to live with her parents. The book describes how she made a life for herself and son by doing what she knew best, cooking. She describes in great detail how much she loves to cook and what it means to her. Her life took a turn for the worse during her subsequent marriage and divorce. She turned her life around with the help of family, friends and food.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE MINISTRY

With the recent election of our new Treasurer, our prayers of gratitude and blessings go out to Tom Bloom for his years of mission as LPC's Treasurer. He has guarded the financial health and congregational gifts of the Lowcountry Presbyterian Church during his mission.

Tom has dedicated untold hours reviewing and reporting monthly on the status of our church's receipts and expenses to Session and the LPC congregation. He has worked closely with Assistant Treasurer, Bob Lowry, to formulate and track our annual budget while serving on the Administration and Finance Ministry team. Bob will be missed for all the important reports he produced and his help on other financial functions, but he leaves us to take on the important task of working hard to bring about our new Audio Visual dream project.

We are grateful to them both for their time and services to our team and our church.

Tom continues to assist in the smooth transition of our newly elected Treasurer, JR Wilson, and serves as a valued adviser to the Administration and Financial Ministry team.

3 Month YTD Financial Results Summary

Receipts	Actual	Budget
	183,370	154,502
Expenses		
Clergy Staff	52,137	51,405
Support Staff	28,072	28,520
General Administration	22,982	20,964
Missions	5,317	13,251
Worship	2,741	2,809
Facility Administration	23,221	23,217
All Other Combined	382	3,076
Total Expenses	134,852	143,242
Net	48,518	11,260



Next Generation Audio Visual System *Proclaiming and Hearing the Lord's Message, A Journey in Faith:*

The Technology Committee sponsored three Town Hall sessions during the month of April in order to inform the congregation about the details of the proposed new Audio Visual system for the sanctuary. These sessions were well received. Temple Oseh Shalom uses the

sanctuary to hold its monthly services. In addition, Bob Lowry and Chuck Thomas do the live streaming of the monthly services for the temple. Bob Lowry met with representatives of Temple Oseh Shalom in mid- April, described the Audio Visual project to them and requested that the temple make a contribution to the project. We are expecting to hear back from them soon.

As outlined in the Town Hall meetings and the March letter to the congregation, the total cost of the project is \$271,000.00. Session has authorized the use of \$100,000 from Memorial funds. We have to raise an additional \$100,000 in cash and \$71,000 in pledges before the Audio Visual project can go forward. **As of April 26, we have received \$97,400 plus \$39,770 in pledges for a total of \$137,170.** We are well on our way to meeting our fundraising goal.

You can keep apprised of the status of the project in the eblasts, bulletin and the Audio Visual project tab on the LPC website. The Technology committee is very grateful for all of the contributions received to date. THANK YOU!

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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 March & April Session Meetings

Collectively at its March 21st Stated Meeting, April 3rd Called Meeting and its April 18th Stated Meeting, the Session:

- Received reports from Clerk of Session Ernest Bush that as of April 18th, LPC had 311 active members and 15 affiliate members - reflecting the addition of 17 new members and 1 new affiliate member who joined the church at the April 3rd specially called Session meeting.
- Also at the April 3rd meeting the Session voted to approve the formation of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) to address the vacancy created by Stephanie Dion's call to serve as pastor at Eastminster Presbyterian Church.
- Adopted a modified financing plan for the upgrade of the church's audio/visual systems. Specifically, under the modified plan implementation may begin once \$100,000 in cash donations and \$71,109 in pledges payable within 12 months have been received along with the designation of \$100,000 from memorial funds.
- Received a presentation from the "Moving Forward in Faith" team (previously the "Re-New and Re-Engage" team) that explored the church's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. A team of Session members (Elders Bogle, Couser and Hanna) will further consider the issues raised by the presentation and report back to the full Session.
- Given the significantly reduced levels of Covid-19 infection in Bluffton and Beaufort County, the Session removed remaining Covid-19 protective protocols for worship, primarily mandatory masking and distancing for the side pews. The Session also reinstated Communion via intinction beginning May 8th.
- Called a Congregational Meeting for April 3rd for the election of a new Treasurer. (J. R. Wilson was duly elected at that meeting).
- Reviewed the Personnel Committee's plans and efforts to secure the services of an interim, part-time parish associate.
- Authorized the use of the LPC campus for the "Prayer Vigil for Peace for Ukraine", held on April 3rd.
- Approved invitations to serve as guest preachers to Rev. Becky Albright (May 1st) and Rev. Carson Overstreet (May 29th).
- Received a report from our commissioner (Elder Couser) to the Winter Meeting of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

The next two Stated Session meetings are scheduled for May 16th and June 20th.

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

Congregational Care Ministry

The Christian Care Ministry name has been changed to Congregational Care to better reflect the nature of our ministry, which is for the members of our congregation to provide care in various ways for each other. In the next few newsletters, we will be highlighting each of our special ministries and providing information on how our congregation can help in this important work that God calls us to do. "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2

Flower Ministry

Each Sunday a member may provide flowers in honor of or in remembrance of a specific person or persons for the Church to display in the sanctuary at both services. There is a sign up sheet at the office end of the Narthex. The cost of the arrangement is currently \$60, and this amount may be placed in the offering basket or taken to the office. Checks should be made out to Lowcountry Presbyterian Church and noted for flowers. The person providing the flowers may choose to take the flowers home or donate them, in which case they are distributed to members who are in need of cheer, recovering from surgery, suffering bereavement, etc. or simply in appreciation of services to the church.

If the flowers are donated, then one member of the Flower Ministry rearranges them and another delivers to the recipients. Volunteers can choose to either rearrange or deliver, usually about once a month.

Our goal is to have donated flowers available every Sunday, so please check the sign up sheet to see when you can help! If you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry by rearranging or delivering flowers, please contact Fran Parker, franp@hargray.com or call 843 757-8181.



Please Remember These Members in Prayer

Barbara DiSuro

Doris Koch

Linda Smith



Christian sympathy is extended to:

The family of Geoff Borgelt

Bert and Anneke Ruys on the death of their granddaughter.

**Christian sympathy is extended to Scott Kunkle
on the death of his father, Dale**

Fran Marshall recently moved to be with her son, who will help care for her in WV. Cards can be sent c/o David Marshall,
#2 Grantview Dr.
Charleston, WV 25302.

Dick and Betsy MacDougal are moving to Greenwood, SC
Wesley Commons
1110 Marshall Road
Greenwood, SC 29646



May Birthdays



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| 1 George McCartney | 6 Dale Wilkes | 19 Gray Toulmin |
| 1 John Reneau | 7 Debbie Hough | 22 Herb Costolo |
| 1 Clint Young | 7 Nancy Spears | 22 Naomi Davis |
| 2 Fran Parker | 8 Diane Bush | 23 Terry Parker |
| 2 Tony Pannozzo | 9 Bill Bogle | 24 Randy Aubrey |
| 4 Dave Casperson | 11 Donna Aubrey | 26 Cristi Rozea |
| 4 Chris Johnson | 11 Stephen Ball | 27 Andy Hough |
| 4 Pam Davis-Webb | 11 Eva Kottraba | 27 Nancy Johnson |
| 5 Lynn Cordy | 13 Chad Grayson | 27 Marilyn Waterworth |
| 6 Nancy Dietz | 14 Jaxson Hardin | 28 Robin Bloom |
| 6 Sharon Stauffer | 16 Joe Lieser | 30 Venus Holland |

June Birthdays



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| 1 Elaine Branda | 10 Ronald Buhman | 21 Paul Sell |
| 1 Bob Flack | 10 Carmen Chaveles | 22 Bob Krantz |
| 2 Sharon Heisey | 13 Shirley Burson | 23 Karen Buhman |
| 3 Wendy MacCarthy | 14 Jan Catanese | 23 Shirley Holec |
| 4 Betty Breedlove | 14 Tony Perri | 24 Karl Juelch |
| 5 Donald Allison | 16 Sandy Tanner | 25 Anne Grayson |
| 5 Gail Bogg | 17 Kaye Ramach | 26 June Allison |
| 6 Kate McClain | 18 John Schauer | 27 Chris Burns |
| 8 Susan Lowe | 19 Rick Underwood | 27 Lynne Burns |
| 8 Kathy Walters | 20 Susan Belli | 28 John Warren |
| 9 Susan Zellman | 21 Sloan Gray | 29 Jon Nickel |



Congratulations to Carolyn and Clarke Marshall on the adoption of their 12 year old grandchild Madilyn Marshall.



May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	2 Worship Ministry 7:00pm	3 Bells-12:30pm	4 Acts Bible Study 2pm	5 Building & Grounds 9am Membership 10:30am FF Ministry 2pm Choir 6:45pm	6 SSP 11am	7 Men of Purpose 9:00am
8 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	9	10 Women of Faith 11am Bells-12:30pm Communication 4:00pm	11 Congregational Care 10am Acts Bible Study 2pm	12 Choir Practice 6:45pm	13	14 Men of Purpose 9:00am
15 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am Fellowship Lunch 11:30am	16 Session Meeting 7pm	17 Jazz Band Concert 7:30pm	18 Acts Bible Study 2pm	19 Choir Practice 6:45pm	20 SSP 11am	21 Men of Purpose 9:00am
22 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	23	24	25 Acts Bible Study 2pm	26 Choir Practice 6:45pm	27	28
29 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am	30 Memorial Day Church Office is Closed	31				



JUNE 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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