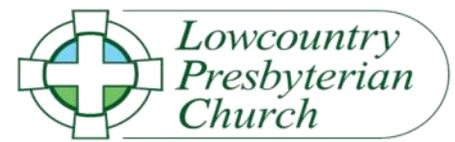




The Light



Lowcountry
Presbyterian
Church

March/April 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.



**Installation of Elders
January 9th**
Laying on of hands
pictured above.
New elders pictured on
the left; Anne Redlus,
Karen Couser, Jerri Hanna,
Sandy Benninger and
Carolyn Marshall. Also
pictured are Rev. Herrin,
Larry Tremitiere and
Rev. Dion.



More Kirkin' O' the Tartan
pictures on page 4



Baptism of Jaxson Hayes Hardin on Sunday, February 20th



Begin your Lenten Journey with us at the Ash Wednesday Service March 2nd at noon

A brief homily with a solo by Janie Reynolds will be followed by the Imposition of Ashes. The service will also be livestreamed.

Rev. Bo Welch to be Commissioned

On Sunday March 6th Rev. Bo Welch, will be commissioned for his ministry as chaplain at the Federal Prison in Estill. Representatives from our Presbytery will lead this brief service following the meditation and communion at the 10:30am worship service. Bo, who along with wife Carolyn, is active at LPC, so we are pleased to support him as his ministry is recognized and validated.



BO & CAROLYN WELCH

Chaplain Bo Welch is from Nashville, TN and came to know Jesus in his late teens. Feeling a call to ministry he went to King College in Bristol, TN and graduated with a degree in Bible and Religion in 1987. Bo then attended Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia for one year and then finished his Master of Divinity degree at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS (1992). Bo spent one year as an assistant minister in the Presbyterian Church of Australia and then served as a youth minister at a Presbyterian Church in America church in Macon, GA. Bo received his ministerial license in 1988 with the Presbyterian Church in America and was officially ordained to the ministry in 2000. From 2000 to 2009, Bo served as an active-duty Army Chaplain with two combat deployments. From 2009 to today, Bo completed a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy degree, worked as an addiction therapist in the Veterans Administration, continued to serve as an Army Reserve Chaplain through 2018, and was ordained in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) denomination and then Grace Communion International until finally transferring his ordination to the Presbyterian Church USA and the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery where Bo serves in validated ministry as a full-time chaplain in the Federal Prison System.

Congregational Meeting Notes

At the Congregational Meeting on January 23rd, three members were elected to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee; Fran Parker, Debi Franklin and Gray Toulmin, changes in terms of call for the pastors were approved, and the Annual Report was distributed which includes the 2022 budget. Copies are available in the Narthex.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY



First Fellowship Lunch of 2022!

The Membership Ministry is planning an outdoor catered lunch for Sunday, March 27 following the 10:30 service. We will serve box lunches prepared by Jersey Mike's. Bring a chair and enjoy a sub and time together. Please mark your calendars. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex and online in early March.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE MINISTRY

Save the Date Estate Planning and Charitable Giving Seminar March 23, 2022 at 6:30pm

The Finance and Administrative Ministry Team will host a one hour seminar in the Fellowship Hall, with information on estate planning with LPC member and attorney, Rebecca H. Hale of Hale and Hale, P. A. along with information on various charitable giving alternatives with a Financial Advisor. The Seminar will be recorded to be viewed later for those who cannot attend. Light refreshments will be included. Details to follow in the bulletin and e-blasts.

Can you hear me now?

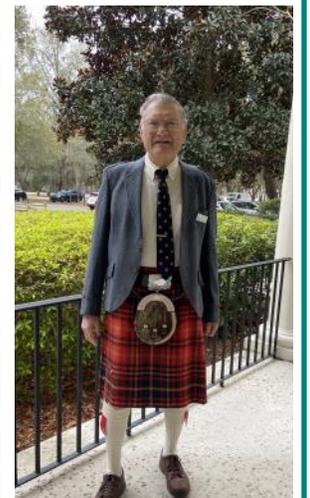
The Technology Task Force has spent more than a year and a half researching how to improve the sound in the sanctuary and enhance the worship experience bringing in experts in the field. The Session unanimously approved their recommendation Wednesday, night, February 24th after a thorough presentation in the sanctuary.

While we love the beauty of our sanctuary, the acoustics which are good for music, are not good for the spoken word. We are excited to do what it will take to improve the sound in the sanctuary (and for the live-stream) with upgraded equipment, additional mic'ing capabilities, and new and additional acoustical tile. As a part of the project we will also add video projection capabilities which will enrich the worship experience in a number of ways.

Stay tuned for more communication on this project in addition to town hall meetings for all to see what we hope to do. Approximately one third of it will be funded through several generous bequests made in the past few years, with the remainder to come from you, the congregation. The Technology Task Force and the Session are convinced this ambitious project is critical to the ministry of LPC moving forward. If you have any questions you may contact Bob Lowry at jblowry99@gmail.com.



**Kirkin' O'
the Tartan
Sunday,
February 13
2022**





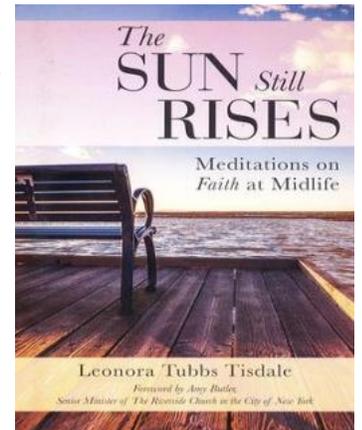
Reunion leads to Recommendation!

Sunday evening to Monday evening (February 21st) I attended at Montreat a brief conference "Poems for a Dangerous Time: A Gathering Around the Psalms" held in honor of the late Dr. Patrick Miller, my Old Testament Professor at Princeton Seminary whose scholarship, deep faith and passion for God has influenced generations of seminary professors and pastors all over the country! A number of his colleagues and PhD students who are now professors at places like Duke University led us through a series of keynotes on how the Psalms speak even in dangerous times such as we are living in now!

One of Dr. Miller's colleagues was my preaching professor, Dr. Nora Tisdale who preached at my first installation as an Associate Pastor in Charlotte, 24 years ago. She and I had a wonderful reunion with an entire breakfast to ourselves to catch up. I was delighted to find out that she had written "The Sun Still Rises, Meditations on Faith at Midlife." Needless to say I now have my own autographed copy!

You will not find a more faithful, honest, wise, kind and real person than Nora (even with all her academic achievements having also taught at Yale Divinity School), so I cannot recommend her devotional book more highly. Whether or not you feel you are in midlife, the reflections on scripture, the stories she shares from her own life and the questions she raises will resonate with your experience as well, whether you are male or female.

The description from the publisher includes, "The fifty meditations take the reader on a journey through challenges that many people face at midlife, such as job loss, the quest for personal and vocational identity, illness (cancer), war, a parent's dementia, and the death of friends. It also traces the joys that come with rediscovering nature, relishing long-term friendships, and growing older. Each entry ends with a Scripture citation and questions for reflection." The book is available at Westminster John Knox Press (www.wjkbooks.com) and at www.christianbooks.com.



I also invite you to join me in March for **Scripture, Silence, and Prayer (SSP)**, a 30 minute offering twice a month in the sanctuary, beginning at 11:00am Friday, March 4th, the World Day of Prayer. It will continue every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month for the foreseeable future. No need to sign up, and please enter the sanctuary quietly.

Lastly I hope to launch a periodic opportunity for dialogue on Sundays following worship: "**Sermon Talk Backs**". After each service the preacher of the day will have conversation about the sermon with all who are interested down front in the sanctuary, for no longer than 20 minutes or so. Date to be announced!

With gratitude to God for all the ways God's Spirit is moving and calling us all to a deeper connection with God and with one another,

Chris

OUTREACH MINISTRY



*Be Seen.
Be Known.
Be Loved.*

Outreach Ministry's Second Criminal Justice Series to begin in March!

Character in Custody by PBS viewing in Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30pm with the Outreach Team. This video explores the Character Restoration program at Allendale Correctional Institution right here in South Carolina. This video is eye-opening, challenging, and hopeful. We hope you'll join us to watch and discuss with Tom Conner, a local man who helped make Allendale's Character program a reality.

Our speaker series will focus on education and employment!

Join us **March 9th from 6:30-8:00pm** in Fellowship Hall with Warden Artie Frederick's on his inside experience at Allendale and Broad River Correctional Institutes both in South Carolina.

Dates to be finalized for our other speakers:

April — State Rep. Weston Newton

May — A representative from US Senator Tim Scott's office

Come learn about what's happening right here in South Carolina, bring your questions and see how you might be able to make a difference!

Contact Rev. Dion with questions at RevDion@lowcountrypres.org.



Save your gently used shoes for
A Shoe Drive in Partnership with the Temple
Sunday, April 24, 2022



Join with our brothers and sisters of **Temple Oseh Shalom** as we collect shoes (new and gently used, spring and summer only, men's, women's, and children's) to commemorate the *Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust*. Shoes have become a powerful symbol of the Holocaust, as victims' shoes were often confiscated before their deaths. Pre-pandemic the church and temple have joined together for this annual shoe drive for God's Goods, helping our Bluffton neighbors in need. A donation area will be set up in the Narthex. Please use shoelaces or rubber bands to tie pairs together.

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 jump back in) with us and Take5 at any point this year! We have now finished reading the Gospel of Mark and the Book of Acts! If you have read either or both books, we ask that you sign your name on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can add it by [clicking here](#) and someone will add it for you in the Narthex.

We will read the following over the next two months:

March: Hebrews, Galatians, James

April: The Gospel of Matthew

Digging Deeper

The first Wednesday of Every Month at 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Join us to dive a bit deeper into one of the books we've just read. Submit your questions from the reading ahead of time to be sure they're touched on : [Take 5 Question Submission](#)

Contact Stephanie for more information: revdion@lowcountrypres.org

March (3/6) – Acts

April (4/6) – Hebrews

Adult Sunday School

Lenten Season

Follow Me: Practice Spiritual Disciplines

Each week during the Lenten season will explore a new spiritual discipline. Spiritual disciplines are usually thought of as those things that help us draw near to God and might include different forms of prayer, meditation, study, and service. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this class have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. The Lenten season is the perfect time to learn about various practices and maybe try a few out!

March 6th: Fast

March 13th: Pray

March 20th: Listen to God

March 27th: Embrace Simplicity

April 3rd: Unplug

April 10th: Try Different Practices

There will be no Sunday School class on Easter Sunday (April 17th).

After Lent – Beginning April 24th

The Wired Word Returns

The Wired Word explores current events in conversation with scripture. Find the articles linked in the eblast to read ahead of time if you're able, or come as you are, when you can.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Lenten Devotionals

This year we have two devotional offerings to aid you through the Lenten season:

- I. Our traditional Henri Nouwen devotional. This one is called "Steadfast Love."
Henri J. M. Nouwen, one of the most beloved spiritual thinkers of the 20th century, wrote passionately about the steadfast love of God in a way that has touched the hearts of readers the world over. Excerpts from Nouwen's inspiring insights are paired with original reflections and prayers in this booklet for each day of Lent. Come to know more and more deeply the richness of the bond with our Savior that is never-changing.
- II. And a new offering: "Making the road: Walking through Lent"
This devotional written by a Presbyterian minister is based on the Spanish poet Antonio Machado's poem, "Walker." Machado writes: "Walker, there is no road, the road is made by walking." Machado's poem resonates because it feels as if there is no road in front of us. The soil of our well-worn Lenten path has been overturned by the pandemic. If we want to follow Christ this Lent, we'll need to prepare the way and make the road. We'll need to rethink and recreate our Lenten practices.

You can find both devotional offerings in the Narthex. The "Walking through Lent" devotional is also available to download on our website (lowcountrypres.org) or [click here](#).

Open to Me the Gates

Gradye Parsons

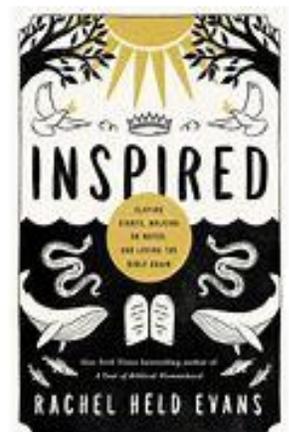


Lenten Small Group

A Four-week Lenten small group study begins Wednesday, March 16th at 2pm with Rev. Herrin and Thursday the 17th at 6:00pm with Revs. Bo Welch and Dion using *Open to Me the Gates* by Gradye Parsons (former Stated Clerk of the PC(USA)). This book explores how gates are used as metaphors throughout the Bible and how these gates draw us toward or hinder us from God. Sign-up in the Narthex or online ([click here](#)) by March 3rd to be sure your book arrives in time. Books are \$14 and can be paid for at the first class.

Women of Faith

Small Group: Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, March 8th 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 will be the focus book for nine sessions. Please read pages 1-28 (The Temple/Origin Stories) before our March 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.



FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

**Keep an eye out for a new small group book offering after Easter.
More details to come.**



Men of Purpose (MOP)

Men of Purpose is a Men's discussion small group who are currently discussing "Fearless" by Max Lucado (suggested by Don Evons). This is an easy to read, common sense book. Discussions each week are on a different aspect of Fear. Each week is independent so feel free to come any Saturday to give us a visit. They meet Saturday mornings in the parlor at the main church from 9:00am to 10:30am. We welcome all men who would like to see if Men of Purpose is something they would enjoy. Questions contact Bill Walker – billwalker42@gmail.com.

Children and Youth Ministries

Children's Church is for children kindergarten through 5th grade and meets every second Sunday of the month with Mrs. Phyllis Willever.

Youth Group meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall, led by Josh Fox with assistance from Terry Parker. All are welcome.

Our Children and Youth are both using a new curriculum created by the PC(USA) called Follow Me! Both groups are learning about our Christian charge to Welcome All!

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.

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 book study group.



Agape Food Drive Sunday, March 6th 11:30am - 1:00pm

Spring is just around the corner and so is our next food drive for Agape! Please bring your donations to LPC, Sunday, March 6th between 11:30 and 1:00 and we will happily unload your vehicle. You won't even have to get out of your car. If you are attending church that day, please drive through to unload after the service. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and filling up our cars with your generous donations!

Most requested and needed items:
apples and oranges
sweet and white potatoes and onions
maseca (flour to make tortillas)
dry and canned beans and rice
canned fruit and vegetables
peanut butter and jelly
canned chicken and tuna
baby food
cereal



Tom & Jan Catanese and Dale Wilkes
at a previous food drive.

We hope to see you on March 6th! Thank you for helping us Support Agape!

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Catanese (248)766-0402



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

LPC members will again have an opportunity to help build Habitat for Humanity homes. The homes are located at the end of the cul-de-sac on Alex Patterson Dr., Hilton Head Island. Our volunteer day will be on Saturday, April 23rd, from

7:45—12:00. We are allowed to bring 15 volunteers. A sign up sheet will be on the church bulletin board or contact Sandy Benninger at sbenninger@sc.r.com.



LPC volunteers in 2021



March Change Can Make a Change offering will be for Family Promise

The Family Promise model is successful, unique, and cost effective.

- They are the only shelter in both Beaufort and Jasper Counties.
- Over 90% of families graduating the program are still in housing after one year.
- They operate at 1/3 the cost of traditional shelters.
- There are currently over 565 homeless children in Beaufort County.
- LPC is a host church hosting families 4 weeks yearly pre-pandemic.
- For two years FP has had to put all families in hotels

Since opening their doors in July 2008, they have assisted over 900 individuals, 61% of which were children

Change Can Make a Change for April:



One Great Hour of Sharing

in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

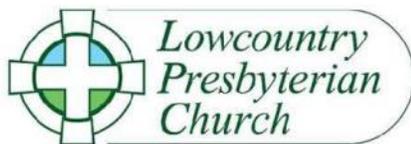
Thanks for your generous donations!

January Change Can Make a Change for Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC): \$1,436.07 combined with Christmas Eve collection: \$1,307.00 for a total of \$2,743.07

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering - Thanks to your generosity, Backpack buddies will receive \$1,979 from LPC. Donations placed in the Bengal pot totaled \$1,294, with \$685 for the Rams

Heifer International

Thank you to all who supported the Heifer International Collection in 2021. The Mission Ministry is happy to report that 27 families, individuals or groups made donations of \$3,965.00 to purchase 45 gifts which included shares of heifers, water buffalo, llamas, goats, sheep, as well as clean water, joy to the world gift basket, irrigation pumps, tree seedlings, honeybees, chicks and geese.



Missions Ministry



March 2022

Family Promise needs our help!

Please consider donating items from the following list through March 31st:

Donation tables are located in the church narthex



baby wipes
 Clorox
 diapers (size 3/4/5)
 disinfecting cleaning wipes
 disinfecting spray
 Dove soap
 kitchen trash bags
 laundry detergent
 lotion
 paper towels
 toilet tissue



\$10/\$25 gift cards Food Lion, Kroger, or Wal-Mart

Thank you for your generosity!

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

MISSIONS



Backpack Buddies

Church volunteers packed 132 Backpack Buddy food bags on February 1st. The bags are given out to students at Prichardville Elementary on Friday's during the month.



John Abernethy, June Allison, Linda Wright & Bob Flack



Lynn Cordy, Robert Shumate, John Abernethy, Sally Stein, Carol Bogle and Carol Hissom



Robert Shumate, John Abernethy, Carol Bogle and Sally Stein



Back L-R: Bob Flack, Robert Shumate, John Abernethy
Front L-R: Sandy Benninger, Carol Bogle, Sally Stein, Bonnie Flack, Lynn Cordy, Carol Hissom, June Allison and Linda Wright

Our next packing date is on April 5th at St. Andrews by the Sea United Methodist Church, 39 Persimmon Street. Packing will begin at 12:30pm.



MUSIC MINISTRY

March brings us into the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, March 2, we are pleased to announce that Janie Reynolds and her husband are back in the Lowcountry and LPC and she will be singing for the special noon-hour service. Also, during these months, Brittany Wilson will be playing cello, both as a soloist and with the choir.

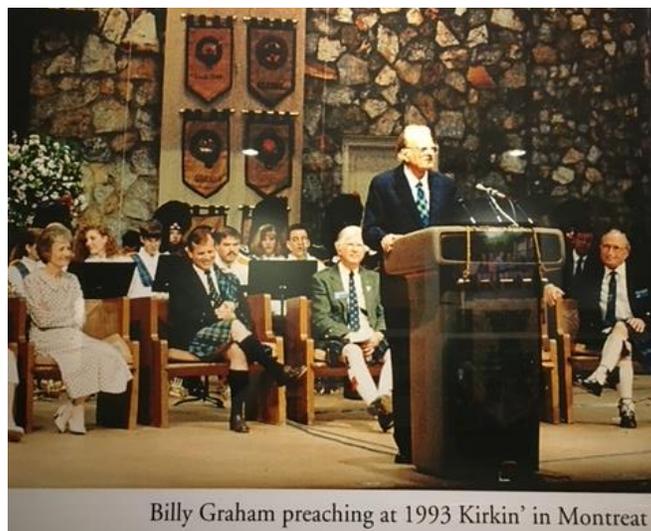


The Jubilate Ringers will be providing their beautiful bell music on March 13 and April 10th. We are pleased to announce a new member into the Ringers, Donna Aubrey.

The Chancel Choir is busy rehearsing this year's Lenten Cantata, which will be a collection of beautiful anthems and readings addressing our relationship with the cross. The title of the Cantata is: ***The Glory of the Cross*** and it will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 10th. The Jubilate Ringers will also be playing during the

service that day for the Prelude and Offertory. For Easter, Pete Stephenson will be returning to play trumpet for both services. We are always thankful to have him play. The choir has added new members this winter, Tom Smith, Carol Thorne, and Jean Willson.

Rev. Herrin noticed this picture on the wall of Assembly Inn during her Montreat Conference February 21st!



Billy Graham preaching at 1993 Kirkin' in Montreat



THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE CREATION CARE TEAM)

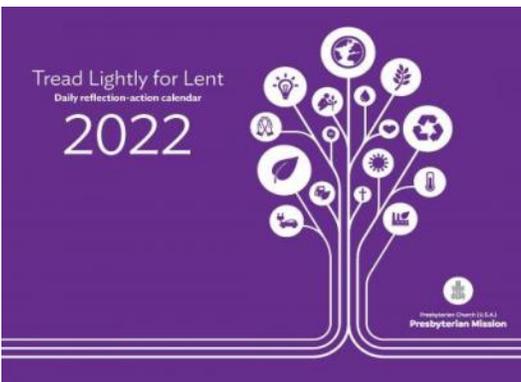
For the third consecutive year, LPC has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Our certificate will be displayed in the Narthex when it is received next to the Green Team bulletin board.

Granted, with Covid during the past two years, many allowances were made to make it easier to qualify in the four areas of Building & Grounds, Outreach, Education and Worship. Going forward this year, the Green Team plans to work more closely with each area to recharge our commitment to the environment.

For more information, go to:

www.presbyterianmission.org/resources/topics/earth-care-congregations.

Earth Care Congregations



In that vein, we invite you to print off and use a resource from the Presbyterian Mission Agency "Tread Lightly for Lent, Daily Reflection - Action Calendar 2022". Copies will be available in the Narthex or go to:

presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/

Expect to hear from Jon and Gretchen Nickel in the Spring!

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Volunteer Engagement Survey

There is still time to fill out and return your Volunteer Engagement form. We want to see how you plan to serve your church in 2022. If you need another form, contact the office and we can mail one to you or you can pick one up in the Narthex. Contact Rev Dion with questions at RevDion@lowcountrypres.org.

CHRISTIAN CARE MINISTRY

The Christian Care Ministry at LPC offers caring support for our congregation in many ways. Caring for church members, whether through visits and calls from pastors or through church members interacting with each other, is at the heart of what Jesus asks of us and what we are all about as a church.

The CC Ministry supports our congregation through our Lay Visitation Ministry, Flower Ministry, Prayerful Stitches Ministry, Helping Hands Ministry, making birthday calls and sending cards, offering memorial receptions and providing meals when needed.

We welcome and are always looking for new members to join this very important ministry. If you would like to join any of the ministry teams or would like more information, please contact Jerri Hanna, jjhannalpc@aol.com, 843 645-0610 or Karen Couser, kcouser16@gmail.com, 843 422-2473.



Please Remember These Members in Prayer

**Fran Marshall
Marilyn Waterworth**



Christian sympathy is extended to:

the family of Judy Barons

**the family of Hank Parker. A memorial service will be held
at LPC on March 26th at 10:00am**

Kelly Manning on the death of her mother, Jeri

Carol Thorne on the death of her daughter-in-law, Kelly



Congratulations to Sandra and Chad Copenhaver on the birth of their grandson, Locke Fraser Copenhaver born January 14th. Locke's parents live in Asheville, NC.



“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 Ellen Schlagel:

***Apostle Paul* by James Cannon:** This book is a very well-researched work of historical fiction which traces Paul of Tarsus life from when he was a scholar in both the Jewish and the Greek traditions through his conversion experience on the road to Tarsus through his establishment of Christian churches throughout the Middle East and beyond. Previous to my reading this account, I did not realize the depth of hatred the Jewish establishment had for Paul. Nor did I fully understand the battle within the early Christian community regarding the admission of Gentiles into "The Way" and whether Gentiles had to follow Jewish Law, both issues which Paul had to settle with Peter and James. Reading this book has made my reading of Paul's letters come alive. The cast of characters, some actual and some fictionalized, is very interesting, too. I was struck by the hospitality and generosity of fellow Christians that enabled Paul to do his work. Paul was a man of both physical and spiritual stamina, fully dedicated to completing the mission with which the Lord entrusted him to do. The last chapter deals with Paul's arrest after the fires set by Nero, his reconciliation with Peter and his execution as a Roman citizen. Cannon is an excellent writer in addition to his being an exacting researcher.

From Donna Aubrey:

***This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger.** "If you liked "Where the Crawdads Sing", you will love this book. This story is as big-hearted as they come." "Reminiscent of Huck and Jim and their trip down the Mississippi, the bedraggled youngsters encounter remarkable characters and learn life lessons as they escape by canoe down the Gilead River in Minnesota." William Kent Krueger is a NYTimes best selling author. He is best known for a series of novels that he wrote that feature Cork O'Connor. These novels take place in Minnesota. Mr. Krueger was a featured speaker at the 2022 Savannah Book festival.

***The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore,** a Nonfiction best seller. It is a true story of Madam Curie's newly discovered element of radium touted as a wonder drug. The story is about hundreds of girls toiling in radium dial factories and their subsequent mysterious illnesses and the factory management corruption that follows.

From Carol Bogle:

Beartown and Us Against You* by Fredrik Backman-** These are the first books that I had read by this Swedish author. ***Us Against You is a sequel to ***Beartown***. The books take place in fictional rival towns; Beartown and Hed. These towns are dominated by the local hockey clubs. Hockey is a major character in both books but I would not say that the books are not about hockey. The author did a great job with character development. He created numerous characters that I cared about. The books deal with a variety of topics; marriage, friendship, rivalries that turn violent, homosexuality and rape just to name a few. I thoroughly enjoyed both books and I don't even like hockey!

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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 January & February Session Meetings

At its January 24th meeting, the Session:

- Received a report from Clerk of Session Ernest Bush that LPC had 306 active members and 14 affiliate members, reflecting the loss of Ila Bates.
- Approved a request from Men of Purpose and the Building and Grounds Ministry Team, together, to determine the scope, estimated cost and fund raising plan to remodel the Fellowship Hall in honor of long term and now deceased members Al and Marian Thomas. This idea was conceived following discussion with the Thomas's children. The Session gave its permission only for the study; no commitment was made for anything further.
- Approved a request from the Outreach Ministry Team to allow the Team to invite State Representative Weston Newton and U.S. Senator Tim Scott to speak at a meeting to be held in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting would focus in a non/bipartisan manner on the educational and employment effects of the criminal justice system as well as upcoming legislation.
- Elected Elder Couser to serve as LPC's commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Winter Meeting and Elder Hanna to serve as commissioner to the Presbytery's Spring Meeting.
- Elected Ernest Bush to serve as Clerk of Session for 2022.

At its February 23rd meeting, the Session:

- Received a report from Clerk of Session Ernest Bush that LPC now has 301 active members and 14 affiliate members, reflecting the loss of Barbara Hunchar (moved), Ellen Plank (inactive), Jon and Lynn Stokey (moved) and Judy Barons (deceased).
- Adopted the Technology Committee's recommendations to significantly upgrade the sound system for the Sanctuary by replacing inadequate, obsolete and failing equipment and install new sound absorbing wall tiles, both to vastly improve the acoustics in the Sanctuary. The Session also adopted the Committee's recommendation to add new visual display capability to the Sanctuary by adding a digital projector at the rear of the Sanctuary and a retractable screen in the chancel. This capability will be used, among other things, to display announcements before worship, provide illustrations, pictures, etc. in support of the sermon and to provide words for hymns not in the Hymnal. Finally, the Session determined that the two projects must be fully funded before any work begins.

The next two Stated Session meetings are scheduled for March 21st and April 18th.

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

Happy March Birthdays



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2	Gail Box	13	Diane Mikkelson	22	Joan Kimble*
3	Sandy Benninger	15	Vicki Melton	25	Derek Hardin
5	Anna Anderson	15	Carolyn Jones	25	Bob Whitman
6	Bert Ruys	17	Jim Hale	28	Alice Pierce
7	Wim Tekelenburg*	19	Sharon Bogert	30	Anita Juelch
8	Bill Walker	19	Pat Kuhn*	31	Peggy Audet
11	Mendel Spears	19	Carolyn Whitman		
12	Mel Gates	20	Noah Hale		

Happy April Birthdays



April Birthdays

1	Cameron Fox	11	Marilyn Gearhart	22	Caralynn Scott
2	Paige Lassen	12	Nancy Kozlowski*	23	Phil Day
2	Jane Scott	15	Kelly Manning	23	David Given
4	Katherine Bleile	15	Judy Thorpe	23	Gayle Myers
4	Sarah Bleile	17	Doug Adamson	25	Joann McElravy
6	Amilcar Chavelas	17	Ruth Iredale	26	Cal Beltman
7	Sophie Stauffer	20	Wanda Carter	26	Frank Waller*
8	Jerry Wells	20	Debbie Paulick	28	Margie Dixon
10	Jim Dove	21	Ronda Adamson	28	Jake Herrin
11	Emelie Costolo	21	Janit Maguire	29	Karen Smith

* moved out of state



"Thanks to all who expressed Christian sympathy to me and my family on the death of my brother Bill.

The cards, flowers, calls and prayers were very much appreciated.

Bob Barry

To Chris and all it may concern:

I hope the New Year finds you all in good health and joyful spirits. Please accept the enclosed check as an end-of-year gift/pledge fulfillment to the church. I miss my LPC family and keep you all in my prayers. I could never thank you all enough for the love, care, and support you extended following Stuart's death in 2020. May the Lord shower you all with blessings in 2022.

Yours in Christ,
Joan P. Kimble

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bells-12:30pm Outreach 4pm Bible 101 6:30pm	2 Ash Wednesday Service at Noon  Bible 101 2pm Digging Deeper 4pm Outreach Movie 6:30pm	3 Building & Grounds gam Membership 10:30am FF Ministry 2pm Choir 6:45pm	4 SSP 11am	5 Men of Purpose 9:00am
6 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Youth Group 9:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am Food Drive 11:30am New Member Class 4pm	7 Worship Ministry 7:00pm	8 Women of Faith 11am Bells-12:30pm Communication 4:00pm Bible 101 6:30pm	9 Christian Care 10am Bible 101 2pm Outreach Event 6:30pm	10 Choir Practice 6:45pm	11	12 Men of Purpose 9:00am 
13 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am	14	15 Bells 12:30pm	16 Herrin Lenten Study 2pm	17 Dion/Welch Lenten Study 6pm Choir Practice 6:45pm	18 SSP 11am	19 Men of Purpose 9:00am
20 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am Youth Group 9:30am New Member Class 4pm	21 Session Meeting 7pm	22 Bells 12:30pm	23 Herrin Lenten Study 2pm Finance Team Seminar 6:30pm	24 Lay Visitation 11:15am Dion/Welch Lenten Study 6pm Choir Practice 6:45pm	25	26 Men of Purpose 9:00am
27 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:35am Fellowship Lunch 11:30am	28	29 Bells 12:30pm	30 Herrin Lenten Study 2pm	31 Dion/Welch Lenten Study 6pm Choir Practice 6:45pm		