



Thank you!

The Worship Ministry Team would like to thank the many people who gave of their time and talents to help make the Lenten and Easter season a meaningful one at LPC. Please know that your participation in ushering, communion, reading, music, decorating the sanctuary, purchasing flowers, worship preparation (and more...) are greatly appreciated. Your service is a blessing to our church!



Get Quizzical - Game Night

I'll take Easy Bible for \$100!

On March 12th, the Worship and Communications Ministries hosted "Let's Get Quizzical" - an evening of dinner, conversation and lighthearted competition centered around Bible knowledge, LPC happenings and local trivia. It was a fun evening and everyone was a winner!

EASY BIBLE	FINISH THE BEATITUDES	ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT	LPC HISTORY	LPC MISSIONS	AROUND LPC
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500



Faith Formation



Lenten Bible Study

Joe Franklin led us in an inspiring and thought-provoking weekly Bible study during Lent. He did a wonderful job preparing us for Easter. The study was given in the afternoon and evening to accommodate as many as possible. There was a nice attendance, and we all enjoyed our time very much. Many thanks to Joe for helping in this transition time.



Lego Church

Pastor Johnson began our time together with the Palm Sunday story. The children along with their parents created what they heard from his story. Their imaginations ran wild but in most of the displays we could see the Mount of Olives and palm trees. This prepared them for Palm Sunday when they followed the choir into the Sanctuary, enthusiastically waving their palms. The children remembered they were coming from the Mount of Olives.



Mother's Day

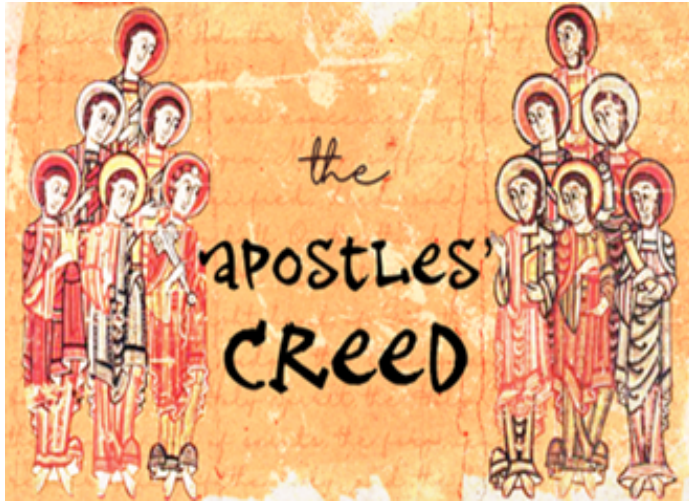
On Mother's Day our children gave their mothers, as well as the entire congregation, a special treat. The children's choir, led by Tom Smith, sang several songs with great enthusiasm and animation. It was such a joy to watch and added the perfect touch to the service. The children also made a gift for their moms in children's church with Ms. Phyllis.

Faith Formation

Summer Adult Sunday School

By popular demand our Adult Sunday School class will be brought back for the summer with a modified schedule. The first summer session will begin June 1st at 9:15am in the children's classroom near the nursery, when we will study Acts 10. On June 8th we will use *The Wired Word*. More details to follow.

Summer Bible Study



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Stand and say what you believe.!? Each Sunday we stand and say one of the creeds of the Presbyterian Church together. Often it's the Apostle's Creed. Why is it called that? What does it mean that "he descended into hell"? Come and join Pastor Dave to find out on Tuesdays, beginning July 1 at 2:15pm, in Thomas Hall. We will meet for five weeks to study the Apostle's Creed and explore the meaning and purpose of creeds in the life of the church.



Save the Date

August 23, 2025

This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for church members to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place on Saturday August 23rd at Mt Pleasant Presbyterian Church. There will be 2 workshop sessions with worship in-between. LPC has had as many as a dozen or more attend each year.

Watch for more information in the bulletins and e-blast and the Presbytery website, capresbytery.org. Before heading home our group will have lunch together at a local restaurant. More details will be coming about registration. After registering, please sign up on the board in the Narthex where you can indicate if you wish to carpool. Any questions contact Elaine Branda at hgholfer@gmail.com.

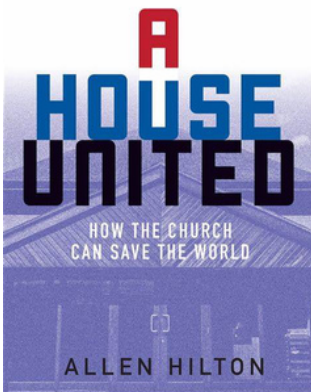
Faith Formation

Women of Faith

Women of Faith have completed their study of *Holy Envy - Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Members celebrated at the May meeting by donning spring and Kentucky Derby style hats while enjoying coffee, doughnuts and conversation. Participants described this year's book as genuine, enlightening, interesting, educational, searching, controversial and unifying!

The group will take the months of June, July and August off and will reconvene September 9th at 11:00am in the church parlor. Stay tuned for the new focus book selection to be announced in August and consider joining us!

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



Men of Purpose (MOP)

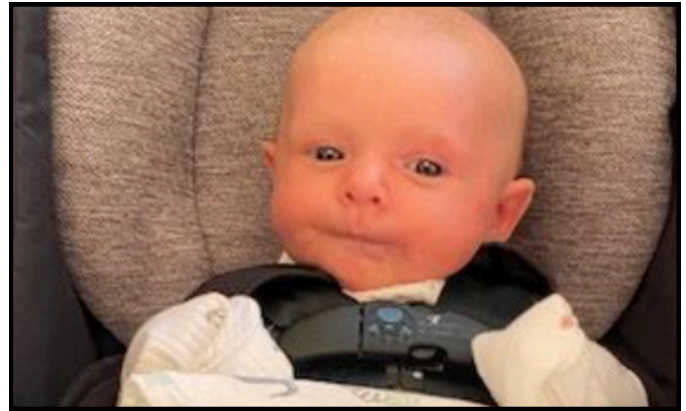
MOP will be reading "A House United" by Allen Hilton this summer and will start discussing it when the meetings resume on September 6, 2025. This book touches some controversial subjects but will lead to good discussions.

Rather than asking people to leave their political and theological beliefs at the church door, Hilton promotes a Christianity that brings people together with their differences. "Through God's transforming work," he writes, "we can create a house united that will help our nation come back together."

MOP is a small discussion group of 10 to 12 fellows who meet Saturday mornings at 9:00am in the Parlor at the main church. All men are welcome.

For questions, please contact Bill Walker – kamwheeling@gmail.com.

Faith Formation



Baby Shower

We announced that one of our families had a baby girl and asked for anyone who would like to welcome this new baby into our church to leave a gift or card in the Narthex. LPC's generous response was amazing. Madeline Quick was born March 1st and you can already see how much she has grown. It won't be long before she will be enjoying our kid's space!

Infant Comforting Area

Like many adults, some infants struggle to make it through the entire service. An area has been set aside outside the nursery with sound and a view into the sanctuary.

Missions

Spring Food Drive

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Spring Food drive for Agape! Ponchitta and Viola showed us the empty shelves and commented on how LPC always delivers food when it is most needed! You donated 1,021 food items! That included 27 large bags of fresh fruit, 26 bags of fresh vegetables, 163 cans of tuna and chicken, 65 boxes of cereal, 66 jars of PB&J and many other needed food items!



Missions

Change Can Make A Change

The June Change Can Make a Change offering will be received for The Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce "Back to School Fun Day" and Agape's School Supply Drive to help purchase supplies and backpacks for children in need returning to school.

We will also be collecting requested supplies (a list will be provided in the bulletin, Eblast and on the bulletin board and the table) during the month of June.

Change Can Make A Change for:

July – Project Lifesaver for Beaufort

& Jasper Counties

August – Water Mission



School Supply Drive

During the month of June

sturdy backpacks (no pictures)

1 1/2" & 2 1/2" 3-ring binders

crayons

colored pencils

marble composition notebooks

dividers

solid color folders with prongs

glue sticks

hand sanitizer 8 or 10 oz. sizes

highlighters

index cards (regular & spiral)

markers (dry erase & regular)

wide-ruled looseleaf paper

pencils & pencil bags

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Backpack Buddies

On May 6th volunteers Carol Hissom, Linda Wright, Janis Lakin, Linda Smith, Tom Smith, Jim Wright and Sandy Benninger (not shown) packed 258 food bags for the Red Cedar Elementary Backpack Buddies program.

Volunteers Needed for Backpack Buddies at Farmers Market

LPC members will be volunteering at the Backpack Buddies booth at the Bluffton Farmer's Market on Thursday, June 26th. The market hours are from 10:00-2:00. We need 2 volunteers to work the 12:00-2:00 shift. If you would like to help please contact Sandy Benninger at 248-756-6666.

Family Promise Visit:

A group from the Mission Ministry team recently toured the new Family Promise residential home called Freedom House, 1441 Freedom Parkway in Ridgeland. It presently serves as a residence for the homeless families involved in FP. Valerie Blount, Program Supervisor, led the tour. We were impressed with the comfortable, spacious, and welcoming accommodations. The kitchen and bathrooms have been updated. Flexible bedroom spaces can provide safe and secure environments at night. The dining and living areas offer adequate room for work and play for the family members who participate in this residential program for 90 days.

Missions



Holocaust Remembrance Shoe Collection

Shoe Collection to support Temple Oseh Shalom's annual program was a success with 15 large bags of shoes being collected by our church members and donated to God's Goods.

Missions Financial Update

Giving for Change Can Make a Change: in March, the recipient of CCMAC was PCUSA Disaster Assistance earmarking the California Fires – donation: \$2,015. In April, the recipient was PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing – donation \$3,328.

Other giving through Missions: In March, Fourteen non profits that our church supports were named recipients of funding from the Heritage Birdies for Charity Program. The Mission Ministry allocated \$1,000 for each from the budget and an additional \$200 was given to each through the Heritage Program.

Water Missions also received a donation of \$2,000.

This Child Here, Reverend Robert Gamble's mission in Ukraine was sent \$2,000. To support their summer camp program for Ukrainian women and children in Bulgaria.

AGAPE SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Please help us stock Agape's shelves by bringing your food donations to LPC **Sunday, July 20 between 11:30am and 1pm.** We will unload your vehicle. If you are attending church that day, please drive through to unload after the service. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and filling our cars with your generous donations! Thank you for helping us support Agape!

If you have any questions or would like to assist, please contact Jan Catanese at 248-766-0402.



**SUNDAY, JULY 20
11:30 AM - 1 PM**

MOST REQUESTED & NEEDED ITEMS:

- apples & oranges
- sweet & white potatoes
- onions
- maseca (flour to make tortillas)
- dry & canned beans
- rice
- canned fruit & vegetables
- peanut butter & jelly
- canned chicken & tuna
- baby food
- cereal

Missions



Summer Programs for Children

Mission Ministry Funds will again support the summer programs at Agape Family Life Center and Neighborhood Outreach Connection (NOC). Each program will receive \$1500.

NOC program at Thomas Hall will run from June 9 - July 3 (8:30 am to 3 pm on Monday through Thursday). They would love to have some adult volunteers in the afternoon during the 1-3 pm timeframe. In order to participate, volunteers would need to have a current background check which can be done through our church office with written verification given to NOC. To connect with Gaby Sandoval, call 786-872-5885.

Agape Program will run from June 2 – August 1 from 7 am – 5:30 pm and they too would love volunteers. To connect with Agape call 843-784-6008



Neighborhood Outreach Connection donated six picnic tables to be used by their afterschool and summer programs and by the members of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church.



Young Life Program

Our Change Can Make a Change for May will help support the work of Young Life in our local Middle and High Schools. Leigh Whitaker, Associate Area Director of Hilton Head/Bluffton Young Life, 919-218-7459 or leighewhitaker@gmail.com has shared some needs:

- Looking for folks to help provide meals to the YL volunteers for their YL meetings which are held 2x/month for about 15 people. In addition, the YL leadership holds a meeting 1x/month and needs a meal for all 35 leaders.
- Also looking for someone to help head up their "Prayer team": organize praying for students/leaders/staff and all those involved in the ministry.
- Volunteers to join the Young Life Program to work with the students.

If you are interested in working on any of these Young Life asks, contact Anne Redlus, 843-705-6373 or anneredlus@gmail.com

Missions

Volunteer Opportunity:

Habitat for Humanity of the Low Country has begun construction on 3 homes on adjacent lots in a Bee's Creek Community in Ridgeland. The foundations have been completed and framing has begun on the first home. LPC members interested in volunteering can sign up for a shift on Habitat's website. Habitat uses a program called Boomerang to manage shift assignments, which is available at the following link: <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/web-admin/app/#/join-party?k=3wkknu7igmild0>:



Paul Sell and Kevin MacCarthy participated in a work day at the new builds in Ridgeland.



Framing progress on the first home.



BLOOD DRIVE

Lowcountry Presbyterian Church

Thomas Hall
10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910

Tuesday, July 22, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our upcoming Blood Drive with the American Red Cross will be held in Thomas Hall on Tuesday, July 22nd from 1:30-6:00 pm. We are looking for 4 volunteers to help on the day of the drive with check in and serving snacks. More information will be forthcoming in the church bulletins. Contact Sandy Iams if you would like to volunteer. 843-814-9078 or sandyiams1213@gmail.com

Missions



Blessing Box

The box is being utilized and our team of weekly volunteers keeps tabs, refilling it on a regular basis. During the summer months, we will again ask the members of the congregation to donate some of the popular items: Small size laundry detergent, shampoo, cleaning products, bar soap, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, cleaning wipes, toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, deodorant, individually wrapper toilet paper, and individually wrapped paper towels. There will be a large plastic tote in the Narthex to collect the items. Thank you for your support of this project.



"We walk so others don't have to"

WHO: THE LPC WATER WALKERS TEAM, Captained by Don & Betsy Hamburger--members, family & friends are welcome to register and join the Team!

WHAT: Join the Bluffton teams and others in Old Town as we walk about 2 miles - first with empty buckets for half the walk and containing water for the second half. Golf cart rides are available.

WHEN: Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 8:00-11:00am (If you have a conflict with the date, join the Port Royal Walk on September 13)

WHERE: Wright Family Park on the May River in Old Town Bluffton.

WHY: Benefits are 4-fold: Registration fees and donations go to WATER MISSION, a Charleston-based Christian organization that designs, manufactures and delivers water filtration systems to countries around the world. Enjoy the comradery of your fellow walkers! Get your steps in while enjoying our Old Town! Give thanks to God for clean water!

LPC raised over \$6K in 2025 with the support of the 45 LPC walkers, sponsorships & donations, Change for Change, and Minute for Mission! Our goal is \$10K this year, LPC's 9th year of participation!

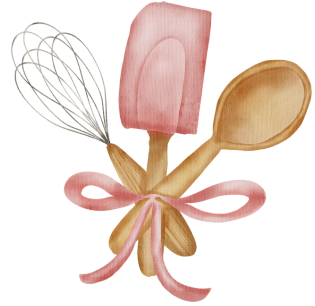
Save the date and watch for online registration and donation details on the Friday LPC email bulletin board and Sunday worship bulletins this summer!

Membership

Easter Bakers

Thank you to our Easter Bakers - The Membership Ministry would like to thank our incredible bakers (listed below) for the delicious treats that made for a fabulous Hospitality Time after both Easter services. You really outdid yourselves and your efforts were greatly appreciated.

- Debi Franklin
- Sharon Heisey
- Carol Hissom
- Karen Johnson
- Sue Ellen Johnson
- Maureen Kalmbach
- Donna Metzinger
- Gretchen Nickel
- Judy Placer
- Anne Redlus
- Patti Rozonkiewicz
- Ann Warren
- Dale Wilkes
- Marjorie Wilno



If baking is your thing and you would like to become one of our Hospitality Bakers, please contact Carol Hissom at 600carol@gmail.com or Dale Wilkes at dalewilkes207@gmail.com. You will be called upon at various times of the year for special events.

LPC Salty Dog Cruise

On May 17, about 20 LPC members enjoyed a beautiful Saturday afternoon cruising around Port Royal Sound on the 63' Salty Dog catamaran. All were greeted by Membership Ministry Co-Chairs Dale Wilkes and Maureen Kalmbach with festive leis and church fans. Captain Trey maneuvered us down the Chechessee River dotted with tidal sandbars and gorgeous coastal lowcountry homes as we enjoyed food, drink, and fellowship onboard.



Intentional Transitional Pastor



The Interim Search Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Danie de Beer as transitional pastor for LPC beginning on June 1st. Danie de Beer has been serving as an intentional transitional pastor since 2016. In the past 9 years, he has served congregations in Chicago, IL, Iowa City, IA, Vancouver, WA, Mt. Pleasant, SC and Savannah, GA. He has also served as acting executive presbyter in the Presbytery of Great Rivers and Chicago. Before being called to intentional transitional ministry, Danie served the First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown, IL and the Ipava Presbyterian Church in Ipava, IL for 12 years as solo pastor.

Danie was ordained to ministry in November 1981 in the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, serving in different capacities in ordained congregational ministry, as chaplain in the South African Defense Force, and as lecturer in Biblical Hebrew at Pretoria University.

Most of his theological education was done at the universities of Pretoria and Stellenbosch in South Africa, with a D. Min awarded in 2010 by Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, (then known as the Union Presbyterian Seminary and School of Christian Education) focusing on the role of the sacraments in congregational life and "death."

Danie has been married to Annette since 1978. They both like meeting people, travelling, and spending time together. They have two children – Danielle and Lourens (who is married to Katie), and a grandson – who live in the St. Louis area in Missouri.

Save the Date



LPC Talent Show and Potluck Dinner, Wednesday, September 10 from 6-8 pm in Thomas Hall. We welcome all vocalists, instrumentalists, dancers, artists, photographers, thespians, poets and the like of all ages to share your talent with us, and of course, enjoy a delicious home-cooked potluck. Sponsored by your LPC Membership Ministry. Practice up! Sign-up in July.

Music Ministry

Thank you to all of the Bell Ringers and Choir Members for adding so much to the services at LPC this past season, which included both the Advent and Lenten Cantatas. Your dedication, positive attitude, and musical gifts are enjoyed by all and deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Dr. Karen Ball for all that she brings each Sunday to the worship service through her playing and her musical selections, many of which are her own arrangements. And thank you to Karen Johnson for subbing for Karen Ball at the keyboard during the year while also singing in the choir.



Thank you to Tom Smith who leads the Children's Choir, bringing a smile to our faces as we enjoy their singing. If you have a young child or grandchild, interested in singing with this group, please contact Tom for more information.



The Jubilate Ringers played for the last time on May 18th and will take a break during the summer months. The Chancel Choir will sing for the last time on June 8th. They will start up again in September. This summer we will offer Special Music, presented by various members of the choir and outside musicians.

We in the Music Ministry are so thankful for the staff, elders and congregation who are so appreciative and supportive of our musical offerings each Sunday. Your encouragement lifts our spirits and it is a joy to Praise God with our music.



And finally, we encourage anyone who is interested in playing bells, singing in the choir or who plays an instrument to join us in the Music Ministry of the church. Please contact Robin Lind or Judy Barry for more information. Thank you.



- June 15 - Dale Nordby, vocal, guitar
- June 22 - Men's Choir
- June 29 - Women's Choir
- July 6 - Volunteer Choir
- July 13 - Tom Smith, vocal
- July 20 - Patricia Smith, vocal (Karen Johnson, keyboard)
- July 27 - Vocal Octet, couples from the choir
- August 3 - Lowcountry Flutes, Jaki Fesq
- August 10 - Jim Wright, vocal, ukulele

Member Spotlight



Diane Mikkelson

Diane Mikkelson is a familiar name to the LPC family. Recognized as elder, chair of mission ministry; Family Promise coordinator and

tireless volunteer. Known as Mick's wife; Mom to Gina, Ryan, Michael, and Carrie; Maw Maw or Grandma Mickey to her 12 grandchildren and Diane to her many friends within the Bluffton community.

Did you know she is also a charter member of LPC? This spotlight will focus on her experiences as a charter member of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church and her early commitment to the establishment of this church.

Diane was enrolled as pre-med major at Carthage College in Wisconsin where she met her husband, Mick, in comparative anatomy class. Mick went on to medical school and has practiced family medicine until retiring in July 2024. Diane taught high school biology and chemistry and served on a school board while in Wisconsin. One highlight of their early time together was two years spent in Arizona at the White Mountain Apache Reservation where Mick met his military obligation with the Public Health Service-Indian Health. While in Arizona, Diane substitute taught and also taught dance!! An early example of the couple's commitment to serving others.

So, how did they find Bluffton? Well, Diane's "I'll do that" spirit was at work. It was the late 1970's-early 1980's and Hilton Head timeshares were just beginning to be sold "off site" so to speak. A Wisconsin realtor was considering selling but wanted them checked out before making a commitment. He was seeking volunteers to visit to assess them. Guess who said, "I'll go?"

Diane and Mick visited the lowcountry and were absolutely drawn to the area. The flora, fauna, and animal life spoke to these science oriented individuals. They loved it. The timeshare passed muster and they eventually purchased one and began visiting regularly. The lure strengthened with each visit and ultimately they began to think of relocating and putting roots here. The children were on board with the decision.

With the guidance of a head hunter, they explored family practice potential positions. When a Bluffton practice being established by Beaufort Memorial eventually presented itself, the deal was sealed. They visited, agreed to the position, and bought a house all in two days. That home in the May River Plantation remains their home today.

Once settled, they attended services at First Presbyterian Church Hilton Head and joined its new member class. The minister, Rev. John McCreight suggested that Diane and Mick "don't get too comfortable" as First Presbyterian was in the process of establishing a church in Bluffton and "we're going to need good people like you."

The couple aligned themselves with the new congregation. Worship began in September 1993 on the second floor of a bank building on the corner of Burnt Church Road and 278. (Today it is home to a Beaufort Memorial Express Care.) In four months time, the church sanctuary was built and the first services were held Christmas Eve. That sanctuary is today's Thomas Hall. It was intended to serve as the church until the larger church could be built and then become the fellowship hall.

Diane and Mick were among 88 members who were formally chartered by the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery in June 1994. Diane served as an elder on the first session under the leadership of Dr. Frank Sells, organizing pastor. One of her first assignments was the building committee. The committee visited churches for inspiration for floor plans and what the new church building might be. Diane's objective was a new structure that captured the lowcountry atmosphere but blended into the site. Today she still gets satisfaction when the beautiful grounds receive compliments from community members who think the church looks like it has been there forever.

Since 1993 Diane has been addressing the needs of the community via her leadership with mission. There is no hint of her not serving. When asked if the church today was what she had envisioned, she was reflective. I never thought of it that way, she said. There was work to be done, a church to be built, a community to be served. Diane went to work.



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www.lowcountrypres.org
and click on the link on
the homepage or scan the
QR code below to get
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May Birthdays

1 Clint Young	14 Jaxson Hardin
2 Fran Parker	16 Joe Lieser
4 Dave Casperson	19 Gray Toulmin
4 Chris Johnson	20 Susan Forrest
4 Pam Davis-Webb	22 Herb Costolo
5 Lynn Cordy	22 Naomi Davis
6 Sharon Stauffer	23 Terry Parker
6 Dale Wilkes	26 Cristi Rozea
7 Debbie Hough	27 Andy Hough
8 Dede Bush	27 Nancy Johnson
11 Stephen Ball	28 Robin Bloom
11 Eva Kottraba	30 Venus Holland

June Birthdays

1 Elaine Branda	19 Peggy Evans
1 Bob Flack	19 Rick Underwood
2 Sharon Heisey	20 Susan Belli
3 Wendy MacCarthy	21 Sloan Gray
4 Betty Breedlove	21 Paul Sell
5 Donald Allison	22 Bob Krantz
5 Gail Boggs	22 Sue Higgins
6 Kate McClain	22 Stephen Meyer
6 Susan Wilson	23 Karen Buhman
8 Kathy Walters	24 Karl Juelch
9 Millie Meyer	24 Emery Johnson
10 Ronald Buhman	25 Anne Grayson
10 Carmen Chaveles	26 June Allison
14 Jan Catanese	28 Donna Metzinger
14 Matt Quick	28 John Warren
15 Ellie Quick	29 Jon Nickel
18 John Schauer	

July Birthdays

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to our communication coordinator Logan Garabato and her husband on the birth of their baby girl

Elowen Paige Garabato, born May 22, 2025, 7 lbs. 7 oz. 19 inches

Congratulations to Tom and Jan Catanese on the birth of their grandson, Calvin Stewart born May 23rd.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Beth Bleile on the death of her father, Rev. Dr. Warren Wiggins.
Christian sympathy is extended to Linda Fletcher on the death of her mother.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who came to help us celebrate our wedding day, and thank you for all your donations to charities in honor of our marriage.
Blessings and love, Chris & Larry Tremitiere

Dear LPC Family, Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, emails and beautiful flowers after the passing of my father. They are very much appreciated.
- Beth & Ron Bleile (Katherine & Sarah)

Dear Church Friends, your prayers, flowers, visits and concern have been very important during my difficulties. I truly counted on the presence of the Holy Spirit and felt peace. See you all in a Sunday or two.
- Sue Forrest

Session Highlights

The Session called stated session meetings on 3/28, 4/16, and 5/28, and a special session meeting on 4/24/25. Highlights are listed below.

- Approved contract with Rev. Dr. Daniel De Beer to serve as Transitional Pastor
- Elder Elaine Branda and Rev. Johnson attended the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery meeting in May
- Elected Elder Koch as Commissioner for the 11/11/25 Charleston Atlantic Presbytery meeting
- Approved proposals from the Building & Grounds Ministry for new carpeting in the main church building and for updating sanctuary lighting
- Approved bylaws revisions to:
 - change Church Officer Nominating Committee session-member requirements from current session member to having served on the session in the past
 - change who is authorized to sign contracts from only the president to the president, secretary, and treasurer
- Approved changing Newsletter frequency from bi-monthly to quarterly
- Approved official name for meeting room in main church building to Children's Classroom
- Scheduled LPC Corporation Congregational Meeting for 7/20/25

The next two session meetings are scheduled for 6/25 and 8/6

If you have any questions or would like to see the minutes, please contact Janit Maguire, Clerk of Session at janitmaguire@gmail.com or 845-527-6409.

Buildings & Grounds Ministry

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRY:

A lot is happening around the church and some things are more obvious than others.

The pastor's office now has a fresh coat of paint and looks wonderful.

We have begun renovations on the women's bathroom. The new quartz countertop, sinks, faucets and cabinet have been installed. The mirror frames and wicker chairs are sporting fresh paint. Louvered blinds will also be installed.

We have two beautiful memorial benches that now grace our patio. One was donated by Graham Painter and the other one by Dave Casperson.

Thank you to Scott Johnson for refinishing the two benches on the Church's front porch and Bob Shumate for refinishing the older benches on the patio.

Thanks to a gift from Jan Alpert and Cal Beltman we will soon have new louvered blinds installed in the parlor.

We are incredibly grateful for an anonymous gift which is to be used for new carpeting. This project will begin on June 2nd with carpeting to be laid in the parlor. That will soon be followed by new carpeting in the church offices, sanctuary, stairwells and loft. A special thank you to our design team, Dede Bush, Doris Koch, and Carolyn Marshall who generously gave their time to research and select the carpeting.

Did you notice that the lights in the sanctuary are no longer flickering during the Sunday morning service? This is because a new electrical panel was installed and all the old light bulbs have now been replaced with energy efficiency LED bulbs.

Plumbing repairs were made to the bathroom in the back room of Thomas Hall. We recently discovered that this bathroom has an in-ground receptacle and pump. The pump's function is to pump the waste away from the building and out to the main lines. The old pump had failed so it was necessary to have a new one installed.

A special thank you goes out to Kevin MacCarthy who has spent countless hours meeting with contractors, procuring bids, and overseeing these projects. Your leadership and dedication know no bounds.

And finally, thank you to all of our LPC members. It's through your generous pledges and gifts that we are able to maintain our beautiful church and grounds.

Building and Grounds Member,
Sandy Benninger

Mission Statement:

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



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