

LPC will be represented at the BLUFFTON REVERSE CHRISTMAS PARADE on December 5th

Floats and vehicles will be stationary while those normally on the edges of the street drive by in their vehicles!

Thanks to the work of Andy Hough, Carolyn Welch, and Judy and Jerry Wells, those who drive by will see a manger scene, a few giant candy canes, and more.

Carolyn describes some of the process: *"Mary and Joseph started out as a styrofoam ball atop a wooden dowel attached to a base with a wire coat hanger wrapped around the dowel to form arms. Quilting batting and poly fill is added to shape the shoulders, arms and torso. Next fabric strips soaked in liquid starch, were draped and shaped into their garments."*

There's one more step to complete but you'll need to come to the Parade on December 5th to see the finished product or wait for us to send pictures!"



Parade Spectators (the route you take to drive past the parade floats):

Beginning at 10 am, parade spectators will start at the intersection of Bluffton and May River Road, also known as "the 4-way-stop" and continue west on May River Road, finishing at Pin Oak Street and Thomas Heyward Street. The parade will be held rain or shine until noon, unless the Town of Bluffton deems weather conditions as unsafe.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the fading of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent Wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that great day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world. We light each Advent candle, in turn, from the first Sunday of Advent - the candle of Hope, through the candles of Peace, Joy, and Love. On Christmas Eve we light the Christ Candle:



"For a child has been born to us, a son is given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Regardless of the virus situation we will still be celebrating Advent by lighting the Advent Wreath beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th and concluding with the lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. Hopefully we will celebrate with in-person worship but in any event, we will be live streaming and offering video recordings of the services.



Family Advent Outdoor Gathering

On Saturday, December 12th at 11am, our families will gather outside socially-distanced for fellowship, to learn about the advent season, and decorate advent wreaths that can become part of their yearly advent/Christmas traditions.



Cocoa and Carols on the Grounds! Sunday, December 13th at 4pm

All are welcome to join us for this festive outdoor gathering sponsored by the Outreach Ministry Team.

Bring a chair, a mask, and a neighbor as we sing carols led by Dr. Robin Lind and Dale Nordby, enjoy delicious hot chocolate, and meaningful fellowship.

We encourage you to bring money to support this year's Angel Tree. See page 9 for more information on ways to give.



POINSETTIAS

It is time to order **Memorial Poinsettias** for the Sanctuary. If you would like to donate in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out this form and place it in the collection plate or send it to the church office by **December 7th**. Make checks payable to LPC with the notation "**Poinsettia**" on your check. 6" poinsettias are **\$11.00** each.

Please fill in your name and the honoree/memorial designation so we may include it in our Christmas bulletin. If you have questions, please call the church office, 843-815-6570.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Honor of: _____

Or

In Memory of: _____



Join us the remaining Sundays in Advent, as each week we will light more candles on the Advent wreath as we are "Waiting and Watching"¹ in preparation for Christ's coming among us*

- December 6th** Chancel Readers' Theater Drama, "Prepare the Way" with the Balls and the Herrins, Meditation and the Sacrament of Communion
- December 13th** The Jubilate Ringers will provide special music
- December 20th** Jerry Anderson, Robin Lind and Karen Ball will provide special music
- Christmas Eve at 4pm and 7pm,** Carols, Communion and Candle light

NEW this year will be a **Special Christmas Morning Video** to kick off your celebration. Stay tuned for more details.

*Livestreamed and in-person unless conditions warrant closure. Notice will be given by e-blast. Safety protocols will continue to be followed.

¹ Sermon title from the first Sunday of Advent, Rev. Herrin preaching

"Hanging of the Greens"

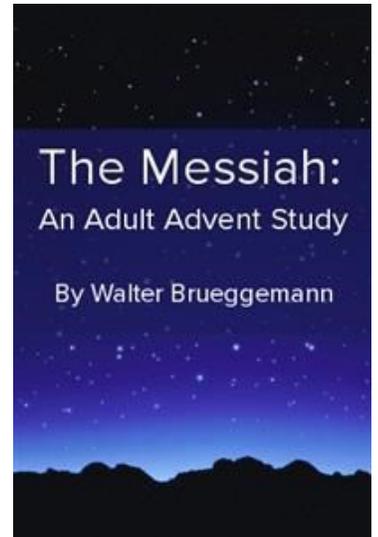
To be cautious this year we did not have our traditional "Hanging of the Greens" with volunteers (and pizza reward) following the 10:30 service on the first Sunday of Advent. Instead, as you can see Dale Nordby and Bob Lowry after worship put together the tree, which always likes to be difficult! Lori Higgins and Ernest Bush put up the remaining decorations that afternoon except for the big wreath which will go up on Friday. The Jubilate Ringers put on the Christmas ornaments, on all but the tip top of the tree, after their rehearsal on Tuesday. It truly will have been a group effort and we hope will add to the beauty of the sanctuary and our worship whether in-person or on-line.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Advent Study

An Advent study is being offered on **Wednesdays in December at 4:00pm or 7:00pm** via Zoom led by Rev. Dion. The study is entitled ***The Messiah: An Adult Advent Study***. Written by world-renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann, this four session adult study takes a critical look at the four royal titles used in Isaiah 9:2-7: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Adults will be challenged to learn how the people understood those titles during Jesus' time and discuss how Jesus did or did not fulfill the titles. They will also reflect on how Christians interpret Jesus as representing that title.



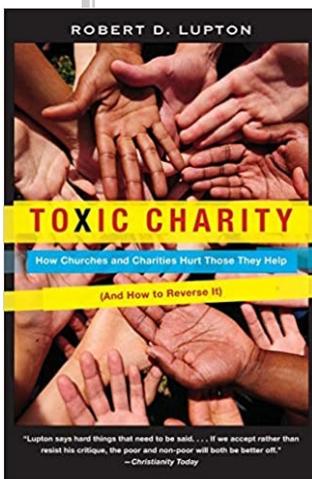
No sign-up necessary. Participant hand out to be included weeks 2–4. The Zoom invite for the classes will come on Fridays and Tuesdays via e-blast.

Advent devotionals are available in the Narthex.

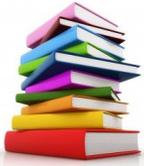
Missions Ministry Book Study:

*Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help
(And How to Reverse It)* by Robert D. Lupton

The Members of our LPC Missions Ministry held two Zoom meetings to discuss the book. We always vet the organizations that we aid, and this will add to our discussions when choosing recipients.



In the book, veteran urban activist Robert Lupton reveals the sometimes toxic effects that modern charity has upon the very people meant to benefit from it. ***Toxic Charity*** provides proven new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve. Lupton was the founder of FCS Urban Ministries (Focused Community Strategies) in Atlanta, GA. *Toxic Charity* suggests ways to serve needy and impoverished members of our communities in a way that will lead to lasting, real-world change.



“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 Bert Ruys:

Just read ***KILLING LINCOLN*** by Bill O'Reilly; now reading ***TEAM OF RIVALS*** by Doris Kearns Goodwin (700 +pages). The lives of Seward, Bates, Chase (all three from good stock) and Lincoln, who was able to emulate other people and his uncanny ability to impress his audience with story telling , knowledge and love for these United States and his abhorrence for the southern states slavery.

From Pam Davis-Webb:

MIGRATIONS by Charlotte McConaghy. The fictional story of Fanny Stone’s quest to find the world’s last flock of Arctic terns and track their final migration, while discovering what she is really running toward and running from.

THE LOST BOOK OF NAMES by Kristin Hannah Inspired by a true story from WWII about a young woman with a talent for forgery who helps hundreds of Jewish children flee Nazi occupied France.

FLORENCE ADLER SWIMS FOREVER by Rachel Beanland. The story of the 3 generation Adler family who face a tragedy in the summer of 1934 in Atlantic City, NJ. Their series of decisions and consequences impact them all, while exploring how much we are willing to do to protect the people we love. Based on a true story.

From Carol Bogle:

I recently went to my bookcase and pulled a book I had purchased several years ago called ***TALKING BACK*** by Andrea Mitchell. Andrea is a long standing correspondent for NBC News. The book was published in 2005 so it is a bit dated but it was still an interesting read. She covered so many famous stories and politicians over the years; Presidents Clinton, Reagan, Bush, the Clarence Thomas hearings. The list goes on.

I went to Bluffton Library for this book— ***MAGIC HOUR*** by Kristin Hannah. This is the second book that I have read by this author. She is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors. The novel takes place in a small town in the state of Washington. The primary character is a young girl who emerged from the woods into this small town unable to speak. She acts like a wild animal, climbing trees, howling like a wolf. What happened to her? Where has she been? Who is she? The other main characters are the psychiatrist and local police chief, who are sisters, who help obtain the answers to these questions. Great character development.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCH, NOVEMBER 8TH

A good time was had by the forty-four members attending the outdoor lunch on November 8th following the worship service. We enjoyed boxed sandwich lunches from Jersey Mike's, much conversation, and joy in seeing one another. We practiced our social distancing skills, all while finding cover and dodging some raindrops.



LPC continues to **live-stream** our worship services every Sunday morning ... a true blessing for those of us that strongly prefer to not attend in-person worship during the time of the virus. But, did you know we have been averaging over 300 viewers per week and that folks are tuning in from a number of states and even from Canada!

This represents a real expansion of LPC's ability to effectively proclaim the Word.

While we are still searching for volunteers to help with the video production, Bob Lowry and Chuck Thomas continue to handle the job. Both would welcome those members who might have an interest in helping out in the future to sit with them on any Sunday morning and see how the process works. If the interest is there, Bob and Chuck will gradually ease any potential volunteers into a more active role than just observing. So, if you have an interest learning something new, just contact either Bob (jblowry99@gmail.com) or Chuck (cwellstthomas@gmail.com) and let them know you would like to watch and then decide if you would like to take it further.



December will bring a variety of special music to the worship services with the onset of Advent Season. December 6th is Communion Sunday with Karen providing her incredible music for the beginning of Advent.

On December 13, the **Jubilate Ringers** will be playing songs for Advent and the



children from the congregation will also be singing a song for Advent, adding their delightful voices to the service.

We are especially pleased to announce that **Dr. Gerald Anderson** will be providing special music on December 20th.

Thank you to members of the **Chancel Choir** who have volunteered their voices to provide leadership in hymn singing during this time. We are thankful to the congregation for being patient while we continue to try different configurations of voices to accommodate both the live service and live-streaming.

The rehearsal time for the Chancel Choir has been changed due to the pandemic and the need to rehearse during daylight hours. The choir has begun rehearsing on Thursdays at 1 p.m. to keep our voices warmed up and ready to go when we can, once again, sing as a full choir. We are thankful to Betsy and Mac (in celebration of Mac's 90th birthday) for purchasing John Rutter scores of a collection of choral songs for SAB (soprano/alto/bass) voices that we are enjoying singing for our own enjoyment at this time.

For any parents who are interested in having their children participate in



the **Children's Choir**, they will be rehearsing at 1:30 in the Sanctuary on 2 Tuesdays: December 1 and 8 for about 15 minutes each time, following the bell choir rehearsal. With so many students doing virtual learning at home, we are hoping this time works out for most. On December 13, the children are asked to arrive by 10:00 to get ready to sing at the service.

Change Can Make A Change for December



For over 25 years we have had an **Angel Tree** in the narthex starting the Sunday before Thanksgiving and last year the Mission Ministry would be busy making preparations like cutting angels and filling them out for you to choose to provide toys and clothing for children from Agape and food for families and seniors. Like many other things this year, we have had to adjust our plans to help the families from Agape and seniors. With Agape's advice, since so many families are in such need this year and collecting items and setting up the "store" will not be safe, they have requested that we provide Walmart gift cards. In some cases, the families will need to purchase food but others may choose to purchase gifts for their children. Each parent knows best their particular needs. Last year, we collected \$1400+ cash/checks for the Angel Tree + gifts for each child. This year our goal is at least \$1650.00 in \$25 Walmart gift cards or cash/checks by December 15.

Since the need is even greater this year and we have not met our goal, we've extended the CCMAC into December. If you are able, consider generously helping us collect gift cards and/or contribute to December Change Can Make a Change. If you choose to purchase Walmart gift cards, please either drop them off at the church office or mail them to 10 Simmonsville Rd., Bluffton, SC. Likewise, if you choose to contribute to December CCMAC, please remember to put either Angel Tree or December CCMAC on your check to LPC and drop off or mail.

Please pray for these families and pray we can once again have a tree next year. Thank you for your amazing generosity over the many years of our Angel Tree.



Many thanks from the Mission Committee to all who donated food for Agape! We collected 791 food items and 53 bags of potatoes, onions, apples, oranges and limes. You filled a truck and a car with food!

From Agape:

Thank you Lowcountry Presbyterian Church!! Our Feed the Hungry event was a great success, we are so grateful for the support of Lowcountry Presbyterian Church (LPC) families. Your donations and volunteers made it all possible to serve more than 400 individuals during this "drive-by" event as well as an additional 160 during the foodbank operation. Thank you LPC for your support, we cherish the partnership and look forward to many more years to come.



GIVING TIME FOR HEIFER INTERNATIONAL



During the month of December, members of the church will have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas Gift from **Heifer International**. These gifts will help families around the world pull themselves out of crushing poverty. It starts with the simple step of selecting one of the listed items. With each gift, it is helping to transform struggling parents into successful business owners and enables them to earn a steady income, feed their families nutritious food and send their children to school.

Just select an item or animal or share of an item or animal from the form along with your check made out to *Lowcountry Presbyterian Church*. Then mail or drop off those two items to the church office, or place in the collection box at the back of the church if you attend a service.

Any questions, contact **Anne Redlus** at

anneredlus@gmail.com or call 843-705-6373.

PLEASE FILL IN THE AMOUNTS OF YOUR GIFTS BELOW:				
GIFT	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL	ITEM #
Feed a Village	_____	\$10,000	\$ _____	60078925
The Gift Ark	_____	\$5,000	\$ _____	60079002
Joy to the World Gift Basket	_____	\$1,500	\$ _____	60079304
Share of Joy to the World Gift Basket	_____	\$150	\$ _____	
Teach People How to Start a Business	_____	\$1,000	\$ _____	60078924
Share of Start a Business	_____	\$100	\$ _____	
Biogas Stoves for a Village	_____	\$1,000	\$ _____	60078911
A Biogas Stove	_____	\$50	\$ _____	
Mating Pair of Cattle	_____	\$1,000	\$ _____	60080002
Milk Menagerie	_____	\$1,000	\$ _____	60079302
Share of Milk Menagerie	_____	\$100	\$ _____	
Support a Farmer	_____	\$1,000	\$ _____	60078927
Share of Support	_____	\$100	\$ _____	
Water for Life	_____	\$750	\$ _____	60080005
Heifer	_____	\$500	\$ _____	60079105
Share of a Heifer	_____	\$50	\$ _____	
Mating Pair of Alpacas	_____	\$300	\$ _____	60080006
One Alpaca	_____	\$150	\$ _____	60079001
Share of an Alpaca	_____	\$20	\$ _____	
Gift of Clean Water	_____	\$300	\$ _____	60078905
Send a Girl to School	_____	\$275	\$ _____	60078903
Water Buffalo	_____	\$250	\$ _____	60079004
Share of a Water Buffalo	_____	\$25	\$ _____	
Goat	_____	\$120	\$ _____	60079102
Share of a Goat	_____	\$10	\$ _____	
Sheep	_____	\$120	\$ _____	60079203
Share of a Sheep	_____	\$10	\$ _____	
Pig	_____	\$120	\$ _____	60079204
Share of a Pig	_____	\$10	\$ _____	
Garden Seeds	_____	\$60	\$ _____	60080009
Share of Garden Seeds	_____	\$10	\$ _____	
Hope Basket	_____	\$50	\$ _____	60079402
Honeybees	_____	\$30	\$ _____	60079003
Flock of Chicks	_____	\$20	\$ _____	60079006
Food Basket	_____	\$20	\$ _____	60078926
Ducks	_____	\$20	\$ _____	60079109
Friends of Heifer	_____	\$15/mo	\$ _____	60079907
Where Most Needed	_____		\$ _____	60088808
Don't see your choice? Please visit Heifer.org/catalog .				
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:			\$ _____	



MISSIONS



Family Promise of Beaufort County

remains ready to help homeless families with children find their way home and to assist those who are at risk of losing their homes by providing short-term rental assistance. They also provide guidance for those who need assistance in locating affordable housing. If you know a family who may be experiencing housing insecurities, please suggest they give them a call at 843-815-4211. They are willing and able to help! For those considering donating to Family Promise in 2020, a huge virtual hug. We cannot predict what next year holds, but we need to remain poised to help our neighbors in need and cannot do this without you!

As a special note:

This year because of the Covid-19 emergency, the federal government approved legislation called the Cares Act. This means that a charitable deduction is unlimited for your 2020 tax returns. If you don't itemize, you can take up to a \$300 deduction for cash gifts to public charities.

Also, remember Food Lion gift cards, in small denominations, are always welcome! You can drop them off at the Family Promise office in Bluffton between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday ~ Friday. **Please remember to wear your mask!**

We are happy to share that another family has recently graduated from our Shelter Program and will be enjoying the holidays in their own apartment. Mom is working fulltime and participating in our Staying on Track Program. Congratulations! We are excited for this sweet family.

Additionally, on October 31, we welcomed a family of five into our Shelter Program. Mom has just started a new job and thankfully, the four boys did not have to change schools.

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you!

Thank you for your generous contributions to the October CCMAC

which totaled \$550.00 and allowed LPC to provide three area organizations (\$150 to Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen, \$200 to Bluffton Self Help and \$200 to Agape Family Life Center) funds for their use for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.



From Bluffton Self-Help:

TO OUR GENEROUS NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS,

It would seem impossible to write anything about the past nine months that hasn't already been written or said. Few of us have likely lived through a more distressing time. The hardest hit financially in our community are our neighbors who were already economically vulnerable—living paycheck to paycheck and barely making ends meet. Already fearing for the health and safety of their families, many quickly faced furloughs and layoffs and the added stress of impending financial collapse. Imagine feeling as though you couldn't breathe and not knowing whether you'd contracted the virus or were having a panic attack as a sense of hopelessness befell you. That's exactly the feeling that countless of our neighbors felt. At Bluffton Self Help, we knew that we had big decisions to make, and that we needed to make them quickly. How would we continue to provide our vital services to the community while keeping our staff and volunteers safe? The reality of those decisions hit home quickly as, early in the pandemic, we lost a beloved volunteer to the virus.

The truth of that decision process, however, is that our staff—to the person—never wavered. They believed that it was times like this when Bluffton Self Help was needed more than ever, and they weren't about to walk away from those in need. They quickly put new protocols and processes in place and converted our walk-in food pantry to a drive-through pantry staffed by our 5 staff members and a small team of dedicated volunteers. Our financial assistance program was revamped into a remote application and vetting process so it could continue to operate as well.

The results speak for themselves. Because of your generosity, to date we have been able to provide more than 275,000 meals for 1,002 families, keeping healthy food on the table and saving them tens of thousands of dollars in food cost. What's more, thanks to you, we have kept the utilities on and helped 628 families avoid eviction through \$641,420 in financial assistance awards.

When we're asked what Bluffton Self Help is, long before we start talking about our wellness food pantry, Education and Resource Center, financial assistance program or dozens of other services, we always answer that Bluffton Self Help is neighbors helping neighbors. Never have we seen that more clearly than this year as your generosity has exceeded all of our expectations, and made 2020 the most rewarding year of our 34-year history. On behalf of all of those you have helped this year we send this heartfelt THANK YOU!

Doug Adamson, Board Chair

Kimberly Hall, Executive Director



THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE CREATION CARE TEAM)

Electronics (E-waste) Recycling Event, December 12 from 9-3:00

On December 12th, Beaufort County will accept any personal computers, laptops, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, CRT televisions, printers, hard drives, as well as misc. electronics such as microwaves, lamps, cell phones, radios, fax machines, typewriters, etc. These items contain many salvageable metals that should not end up in landfills.



Bring your items in the trunk of your car and workers will unload them for you at the public works site at 9 Benton Field Road in Bluffton from 9-3:00. The next scheduled event is not until Feb. 6, 2021 so now is a good time to recycle these items!

Why not keep a labeled box in your garage to collect E-waste items between events?

ATTENTION! Beaufort County will **NOT** hold any **document shredding** events through June 2021. Please consider Staples, UPS, Seacoast Shredding or Shred It until further notice.



COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Membership Directories Have Arrived!

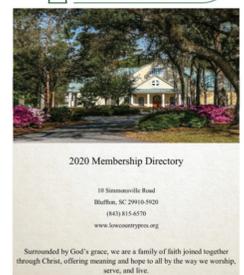
After multiple delays caused by COVID-19 Lifetouch production facility closures, our directories have arrived. We did our best to keep up with revisions and hope you enjoy the new directory.

Thank you to the Communications Ministry members, Pastors Chris and Stephanie, and volunteers for their ideas, support, research, editing, proofing, and photo session assistance! Committee members and volunteers involved were Jan Catanese, Kathy Crist, Bonnie Flack, Nancy Gureck, Jerri Hanna, Judy Hardie, Carol Hissom, Christy James, Maureen Kalmbach, Kate McClain, Vicky Melton, Diane Mikkelson, Cristi Rozea, Carolyn Tripp, and Judy Wells.

Here are the options to obtain your directory. You may:

- pick up your directory at the church office Mon-Thu 8:30am-4:00pm or Fri 8:30am-Noon
- pick up your directory after in-person worship service (dates will be posted in e-blast)
- request delivery to your home or by mail by contacting Janit Maguire at janitmaguire@gmail.com or 845-527-6409, or contacting Christy James at the church office.

If you want to request revisions, please contact Janit Maguire or Christy James.



Session Highlights - November, 2020

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

- † Noted that LPC's membership is now 366 active members and 20 affiliate members.
- † Examined Ella Barry and Mark Stauffer, pursuant to the requirements of the Book of Order, as they completed their Confirmation Class. Both professed their faith, discussed their faith journeys and their intent to participate actively in the life of the church. Following the examination, the Session joyfully welcomed them into active membership at LPC. Both will be presented to the congregation in December.
- † Received a report from Treasurer Bloom addressing the preliminary 2021 LPC operating budget and the current status of the Stewardship Campaign. As of the date of the Session meeting, Treasurer Bloom reported that 105 pledges have been submitted as compared to 118 for last year. Pledge commitments total \$349,000; average individual pledge amounts are approximately \$300 more than last year. Nonetheless, the 2021 operating budget shortfall is projected to be approximately \$70,000. While the shortfall can be covered by contributions from LPC's reserve fund, it is obviously of significant concern. Elder Adamson reminded the Session of the in-depth meeting(s) that the Session will undertake early next year to address the budget issues and the strategic direction of the church. Rev. Herrin also reminded the Session that LPC's situation is not too unusual, that other churches and institutions are facing similar issues.
- † Received a report from Elder Tanner that the roof repair is now 75% complete but that the original repair contract did not include needed repairs to the four dormers. Acting on his motion, the Session approved an additional expenditure to cover repairs to the dormers.
- † Received a report from Elder Bush that average attendance for the five in-person worship service conducted since our re-opening is 60. He also reminded the Session that he will continue to monitor the COVID-19 infection rate in Beaufort County and in Bluffton and will be prepared to request further mitigation steps as necessary.
- † Granted an exemption from LPC's COVID-19 protocols to allow Christian Education to move its planned Advent function into the Fellowship Hall if inclement weather prevents it from being held outside on church grounds as planned. Attendance will be approximately 15 and attendees will be required to practice appropriate distancing, wear masks, etc.
- † Approved a motion offered by the Worship Ministry team to define the next phase of the church's technology plan as the installation of video screen / projection capability in the Sanctuary. Implementation would be funded from the Technology Fund and possible utilization of bequests. Further, implementation plans are to be reviewed and approved by the Session.

The next Stated Session meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 14, 2020. If you have any questions please contact Ernest Bush, Clerk of Session at 843-290-3218 or elbush@mac.com.

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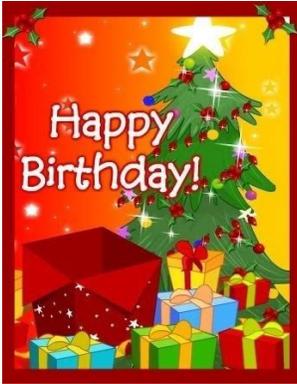
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**Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
is seeking volunteers to serve
on Presbytery committees.**

**Contact Rev. Herrin if
interested.**

December Birthdays



1	Ron Bleile	17	Tom Catanese	25	Judy Lowry
4	Joan Walker	18	Irv McNair	25	Gary Swindler
6	Jan Alpert	19	Dale Nordby	26	Judy Hardie
6	Jane Deakin	19	Marzie Seibert	26	Karen Meyer
13	Sandy Iams	21	Karen Ball	31	Barbara DiSauro
16	Shirley Wanket	22	Donald Bortz	31	Howard Redlus
16	Bo Welch	24	Ella Barry		



Christian sympathy is extended to
Elizabeth Bobro on the death of her
sister, *Ann Douglass Wilhite*.

Member Prayer List



Barbara Disauro	Reid Holland
Marilyn Gemme	Dave Tanner
Anne Grayson	Larry Tremitiere



MEN OF PURPOSE (MOP) on Saturday mornings

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am. They are discussing the book **Mere Christianity** by C.S. Lewis (great discussions and always some laughs!).

WE ARE NOW MEETING IN THE PARLOR. We are wearing masks, social distancing and following church protocol. We will not be meeting on Sat. Dec. 26 or Jan 2.

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis has created some deep thinking and excellent discussions. Give a visit and find out why. All Men are welcome. Come and bring a friend. Contact Bill Walker: billwalker42@gmail.com with questions.

THE CHRISTIAN CARING COMMITTEE would like to thank all who have so graciously knitted and crocheted the lovely shawls for our prayer shawl ministry, "**Prayerful Stitches.**" Your efforts have been gratefully received by members of our congregation over the past months.

If you have questions about this ministry, please contact Sandy Tanner at tannerds65@outlook.com.



thank you!

DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Bell Choir rehearsal, 12pm	2 Advent Study [Zoom], 4pm & 7pm Elder Training [Zoom] 1:30pm	3 Modified Choir Rehearsal, 1pm Advent <i>In-Person</i> Study, 6:30pm	4	5 Men of Purpose, 9am
6 ADVENT II COMMUNION Worship 10:30am	7	8 Bell Choir rehearsal, 12pm CE Ministry meeting, 2pm	9 Advent Study [Zoom], 4pm & 7pm	10 Modified Choir Rehearsal, 1pm Advent <i>In-Person</i> Study, 6:30pm	11	12 Men of Purpose, 9am
13 ADVENT III Worship 10:30am COCOA AND CAROLS, 4:00pm	14	15 Bell Choir rehearsal, 12pm	16 Advent Study [Zoom], 4pm & 7pm	17 Modified Choir Rehearsal, 1pm Advent <i>In-Person</i> Study, 6:30pm	18	19 Men of Purpose, 9am
20 ADVENT IV Worship 10:30am	21 Session Meeting 7pm	22 Bell Choir rehearsal, 12pm	23 Advent Study [Zoom], 4pm & 7pm	24 Office is Closed Christmas Eve Services 4pm & 7pm	25 Office is Closed	26
27 Worship 10:30am	28	29	30	31		