



February 2021



Join us for these offerings in Lent which begins February 17th

February 17th Noon Ash Wednesday Service

In Person (with registration) and Live-streamed

Prayer, music, scripture and homily

with Imposition of Ashes by Q-tip (optional)

March 10th Lenten Service of Scripture, Prayer and Music

Pre-recorded and available beginning at noon

March 24th Lenten Service of Special Music

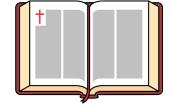
Pre-recorded and available beginning at noon

Details on Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter to be provided in the March Newsletter as we continue to monitor Covid and the Vaccination Process.

Other Lenten Offerings:

Lenten Prayer Group

Thursday's at 8:00am via Zoom beginning February 18th!



Join Pastor Stephanie through the Lenten season for a brief time of prayer and reflection on scripture using lectio divina (latin for divine reading) an ancient form of meditation, prayer, and scripture reading based on hearing scripture read aloud.

This is a great opportunity to dive deeper with God through Scripture and a wonderful Lenten practice to take up during the Lenten season allowing you to spend intentional time with God and learn a new way of reading scripture. Come when you can and as you are! No preparation required, only a willingness to listen. This is not discussion based and you only have to speak seldomly if you feel led. Please arrive and exit quietly.

These gatherings will last approximately 20 minutes so be sure to arrive on time. Coffee is permitted. A Zoom link will be sent via e-blast on Tuesdays.

Continued weekly Video devotionals from Chris and Stephanie

OUTREACH MINISTRY



Prison Talk Series

"I was in prison and you visited me." -- Matthew 25:36

The Outreach Ministry will be releasing a series of videos to educate the congregation on the Prison system. The first short video is with Chaplain Bo Welch explaining different types of justice, followed by two interviews through the organization JumpStart, a Christian nonprofit that helps assist current and formerly incarcerated individuals with re-entry to society. The fourth video will be with Attorney Shirene C. Hansotia from the South Carolina ACLU who works on the Criminal Justice Policy Counsel.

From Jumpstart, we will interview the director of the organization who he himself spent 9 years incarcerated, as well as one of their volunteers who has served on the SC parole board, volunteered in the Dept. of. Corrections, and has worked to develop a comprehensive plan for justice reform in South Carolina. Keep an eye out for our "Prison Talk" videos and opportunities for discussing the implications of our faith on this important topic.

Prison Talk Video Series

<u>Prison Talk 1</u>: Types of Justice with Chaplain Welch
<u>Prison Talk 2</u>: Jumpstart Interview w/ Cary Sanders What Prison was like for Me and Why I'm Trying to Make a Difference
<u>Prison Talk 3</u>: Jumpstart Interview w/ Tom Hallam -

Working in the System and Creating Change

<u>Prison Talk 4</u>: Interview with Attorney Shirene Hansotia from the ACLU on her work on the Criminal Justice Policy Counsel

New Member and Inquirers' Class

A New Member and Inquirers' Class will be offered for three Sunday afternoons, beginning March 14th from 4 to 5:30pm. If weather permits, the classes will be held outside, physically distanced; if not, in the Fellowship Hall where there is plenty of room to meet (with masks) while still being safe!

All those considering membership are invited. Information about the PCUSA and our church will be offered, along with faith discussion. Please contact the church, 843-815-6570 or lpcoffice1@hargray.com **by March 1**st to sign up so that we can plan for you. All are welcome!

If you are interested in membership but would prefer a zoom class, please so indicate when you contact the office and we will see what is possible.

If you are visiting and aren't ready to join, it is perfectly fine. We hope you will participate in any and all studies and activities. We'll be glad to have you with us either way!!



tacklehunger.org

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired movement working across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups and caring individuals, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has created over \$160 million worth of support that stays completely local.

This years Souper Bowl offering will be taken on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th benefitting Agape Life Center and Bluffton Self Help. There will be 3 ways to donate this year; by mail, through Change Can Make a Change, & in-person worship. (1) Mail your donations in time to reach the church by February 21, (to take advantage of a matching gifts opportunity)* noting Souper Bowl and your NFL team in the memo. (2) Bring your spare change to the church as part of Change Can Make a Change for February. (3) Drop checks or cash in in the traditional soup pots on February 7th as you leave worship.

*As S.C. faces a global pandemic and its economic ramifications, more than 11% of the state's population is now food insecure, meaning more than 600,000 of our neighbors are concerned about securing their next meal. In response, Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia is inviting other churches throughout our state to join together in tackling hunger in S.C. this winter with a matching gift incentive. This S.C. Million Dollar Challenge, which aims to raise \$1 million for hunger relief in our state, will kick off on Super Bowl Sunday,

CHRISTIAN CARING MINISTRY

Muffins with Lois

Many LPC'ers have received muffins from Lois Johnson over the years.
Lois, also known as the Muffin Lady, has an infamous blueberry muffin recipe loved by all. A video "Baking with Lois: The Muffin Lady Bakes Muffins" will be released on "National Muffin Day," February 20th.

We hope you will gather the necessary ingredients (list on right) and bake with Lois -- you might even choose to spread a little love by sharing your freshly baked muffins with a neighbor or church member in true "muffin lady" fashion. We hope you enjoy "Baking with Lois"!

Ingredients



1/3 cup Butter or Margarine
2/3 cup Sugar
1 Egg
1 1/3 cup Flour
2 tsp Baking Powder
1/4 tsp Salt
1/3 cup Orange Juice
1/2 tbs grated Orange Rind
1 1/2 cups Blueberries

The Muffin Lady Bakes Muffins

CHRISTIAN CARING MINISTRY

The Membership Ministry sent the LPC Membership a very timely note of hope for the New Year. Based on the words of Howard Thurman, it is the concept of Candles to Light the Way this year for several important truths of our Christian Heritage. Recognizing such powerful and meaningful words bear and deserve repeating I will, each month, offer the words individually.....

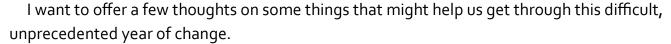


This month I start with the **Candle of HOPE**. Hope springs eternal (we hope) but especially now after almost a year of pandemic-driven social isolation and great reduction for coveted in-person worship and association. But, with better fundamental and scientific knowledge of this virus and the development of multiple vaccines, we all sincerely hope our experiences will allow return to our coveted history of worship and church activities.

Let us ALL, in our hearts and minds, light the Candle of Hope...as we go forth into the New Year.....

Bill Thorpe, Christian Caring Ministry Chair





Live in the moment. Looking at what we have lost during the past year and looking into the future, which is uncertain and unpredictable at this point, can cause stress that we don't need right now. Accept where you are and what you are doing right now.

Look for one positive thing that has come out of this pandemic for you. Despite all of the negative changes this has caused, I think we can all find something that may have made our lives better.

Make contact with someone you know. With the isolation we have all been feeling during this extended period, it helps to talk with others and allows us to feel connected. A phone call, email, porch visit or card can make someone's day.

Know that your church family is here for you. We are only a phone call away! If you are feeling overwhelmed and stressed, contact the church office. We have church staff and members who are available to call and/or visit as possible to help you through until we can all find a new normal, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Karen Couser, Lay Visitation Ministry

Reid Holland History Award



LPC member Reid Holland has been honored by his former employer, Midlands Technical College, in Columbia, SC which recently conferred upon him the title of *Faculty Emeritus*. The college also created a student award in his honor—

The Dr. Reid A. Holland Award in History in recognition of his twenty-eight years of service. The award will be given to the top history student annually.

Over the years Reid taught courses in American History, Latin American History, and the history of the American Civil War. Holland was recognized as one of the Top Five South Carolina

Governor's Professor of the Year in 2008; and he received the Midlands Technical College Faculty Teaching Award in 2009. In 2013 Dr. Holland earned the "John and Suzanne Roueche Excellence Award" from the League for Innovation in Community Colleges.

Reid and his wife, Venus, started attending LPC in 2019, joining that fall.

Dear friends - brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been a long time since I have been in touch with you. We left Bluffton last May to come to New Hampshire, presumably for the summer. But we have stayed here for COVID reasons.

Since arriving, I have continued my faith journey at our lakeside Church – the Melvin Village Community Church - with Pastor Kevin Van Brunt.

I am writing to you today to share some "good" news...

With Pastor Kevin's encouragement, I have applied and been accepted into the Life Tree School of Ministry – part of the American Baptist Church (our Church affiliate) – to begin a study in laity ministry. This will be a 2-3 year program (all on line) which will certify me to teach, preach, and pastor – within the Baptist denomination here in New England. I am thrilled and grateful for this opportunity.

I am also very grateful to all of you who have been part of my journey which has brought me to Life Tree. Thank you to Chris and Stephanie, to my friends, for Bible study with Joe, the trips to Haiti, the choir, my own opportunities to teach Bible and speak from the pulpit, my Sundays as an usher. Thank you for helping me grow in faith.

And, of course, I thank God for his steadfast love (our current winter theme here in NH).

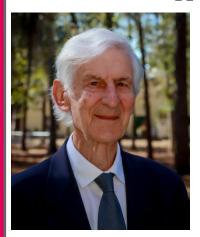
I hope you all are well. Stay safe.

In Christ's name, Betsey Vinton



JOHN & BETSEY VINTON

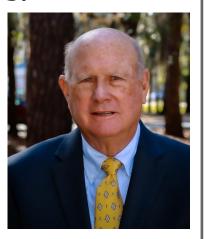
Welcome to our new Elders?



Donald Allison
MISSION



Diane Mikkelson
MISSION



Larry Tremitiere
WORSHIP

Installed on January 10th we welcome our newest Elders **Donald Allison, Diane Mikkelson** and **Larry Tremitiere**. We thank our outgoing Elders **Ernest Bush, Margaret Hartley,** and **Lynne Burns,** for a job well done.

WORSHIP MINISTRY



MUSIC MINISTRY

Both Chancel Choir and Jubilate Ringers will begin rehearsals in February. Here are their schedules.

Jubilate Ringers: Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 1:30. They will be playing 2 songs on Sunday, March 14, "The Solid Rock" arr. by Jason W. Krug and "God so loved the world" arr. by Lloyd Larson.

Chancel Choir: Thursdays, from 2:00 to 3:00, in the Sanctuary (masked and distanced). We will begin rehearsing "Hope in the Shadows", which was the Lenten Cantata we were working on right before the quarantine hit. While we will not be presenting it at a Sunday service (due to safety concerns), we will be taping a performance of it for one of the Wednesday Lenten Meditations, to be aired on March 24th. For Sunday services we will still be using small groups to sing hymns and anthems, until it is safe to gather as a large choir for singing.

If you are interested in singing, but cannot meet during the daytime rehearsal or are a new member, please contact Robin Lind for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY



Grow with us.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Christian Education Ministry educates, inspires and grows disciples in Christ.

Bible 101 Class - What is the Bible?

Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15pm via Zoom, February 3 - March 10

Whether you feel like a Bible beginner or pro, we think you'll enjoy this class, which will help give you some tools for reading and studying the Bible. This class is a broad overview of the Bible touching on how the Bible is organized, how certain texts were chosen to be included, various ways to interpret those texts, and the archaeological settings of some of the Bible stories. There is some reading involved, but the chapters are relatively short. The book "What is the Bible" (The Dickinson Series: Exploring the Bible, Volume 1) can be purchased through Amazon. No sign-up necessary. We hope you will grow with us! For the first class, read "To the Student" and Chapter 1: Orientation to the Bible (pages 1-8). A Zoom link will be sent in the weekly Tuesday e-blast.



Notice Time! Now Only One Time Slot! Book Discussion: Same Kind of Different as Me Thursday, February 4th AND 11th at 7pm via Zoom

Join Pastor Stephanie for a two-part discussion on the novel based on a true story: Same Kind of Different as Me, an unlikely story about a modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound

them together. Read the book ahead of time and join for a discussion on prejudice, suffering, forgiveness and faith. Purchase the book on your own at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc. or listen to it on Audible. Join at 7pm via Zoom on both Thursday, February 4th & 11th. <u>A Zoom link will be sent in the weekly Tuesday e-blast</u>.

See Date Change!

Movie Discussion: Same Kind of Different as Me, Thursday, February 18 at 6:30pm Not much of a reader? Join Pastor Stephanie for a one time movie discussion on the movie adaptation of the book! The discussion will take place via Zoom on the date listed above. The movie can be found on YouTube and Amazon Prime to rent for \$2.99. A Zoom Link will be sent via the weekly Tuesday CE e-blast.

2021 Winter S.T.E.P.S.

The 2021 S.T.E.P.S. (Studying, Teaching, Equipping, Praying, Serving) Planning Team is offering a one session online STEPS event on Saturday, **February 27** from 8:45-10:00am followed by a worship service with Sanctified Art. There are 3 workshop options. There is no cost for this event. There is also in-person STEPS being planned for Saturday, August 28, which will offer many workshops and leaders you won't want to miss. Stay tuned for details & registration information!

"LPC Reads"



For All of the LPC Book Enthusiasts ...

We would like to know if you have read any good books lately. The books can be on any subject. Please email the title of the book, the author and brief description (one or two lines) of the book and why you liked it to Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com.

From Jerri Hanna: CILKA'S JOURNEY by Heather Morris. The sequel to The Tattooist of Auschwitz, the story picks up as Cecilia "Cilka" Klein survives the horrors of Auschwitz-Birkenau only to find herself sentenced to 15 years in a Russian Gulag in Siberia. It is a powerful story of the strength, determination, and bonds of people in horrific situations. The book is a stand-alone read, but richer if The Tattooist is read first. Although a work of fiction, it is based on the true story of Cilka. I had a hard time putting the book down and read the 340 pages in 2 days.

From Carol Bogle: THE ANSWER IS... REFLECTIONS ON MY LIFE by Alex Trebek. This book was a bittersweet delight to read. I learned a great deal about Alex Trebek. I didn't know that he was a big supporter of the USO by traveling all over the world and giving military members and their families the opportunity to have the Jeopardy experience. It is a fast read. The chapters are short and the title of each chapter is framed in a question. A must read for Alex Trebek fans.

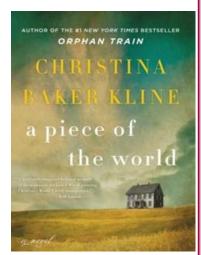
From Margie Dixon: *THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM* by Marie Benedict. The novel is based on the true story of film legend Hedy Lamarr who was born in Austria. She married an Austrian arms dealer, escaped Nazi Germany and ended up in Hollywood with knowledge of the Nazi's plans. She was much more than a pretty face. "She was a scientist. And she knew a few secrets about the enemy. She had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis...if anyone would listen to her"



From Chris Herrin: A framed poster of the iconic "Christina's World" by Andrew Wyeth was one of my first purchases to decorate my first apartment, so I was intrigued to read this novel-historical fiction-about the

woman lying in the field, whose predicament and story we wish we knew. The on-line description sums up better

than I the richness of the novel: "Kline interweaves fact and fiction... bringing into focus the flesh-and-blood woman behind the portrait, she vividly imagines the life of a woman with a complicated relationship to her family and her past, and a special bond with one of our greatest modern artists."





COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

New Pew Brochure

We have revised the brochures that are kept in the pews. Special thanks to Pastor Stephanie for designing them! They will be updated again when we resume our regular worship schedule with two services.



Welcome to Worship!



WHO WE ARE

We are a welcoming and inclusive church with emphasis on traditional worship, active discipleship, wide-ranging mission activities, compassionate outreach, and caring for those in need.



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.



WORSHIP

We offer traditional worship services each week at 10:30 AM in-person and live-streamed online.





MINISTRIES

There are many opportunities to serve at LPC! Here are some of our many ministries: Administration, Christian Care, Christian Education, Communications, Green Team, Medical Lending Closet, Membership, Missions, Music, Outreach, Property, Stephen Ministry, & Worship.



GET CONNECTED

Join our email list to get up--to-date information on what is happening in the life of the church by contacting office@lowcountrypres.org.

See our Volunteer brochures for ways to get involved.



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Help Wanted: The Communications Ministry is looking for help creating the monthly LPC Newsletter and updating our website. We are grateful for Judy Hardie's dedication to the church newsletter and website for so many years, but after heartfelt consideration Judy feels called to return to her Methodist roots. We hope someone will love the creativity of these tasks as much as she did. If you would like to help, please contact Janit Maguire at janitmaguire@gmail.com or 845-527-6409. Thank you!

MISSIONS



Change Can Make A Change for February is

Souperbowl of Caring Offering

See page 3 for more information.

AGAPE FOOD DRIVE

Many thanks from the Mission Committee to all who donated to Agape on Sunday, January 17th. You gave 800 items, including 62 bags of fresh fruit and potatoes, and 14 blankets! We are so thankful for the continued generosity of our congregation.

It was also a nice opportunity to visit with the many church members who drove through and donated.

Agape was once again very grateful for your generosity! Agape's Dr. Ponchitta Young wrote "Thank you so much! Such a blessing! We appreciate all that LPC does in supporting the mission of Agape to serve Jasper and Beaufort county residents."













There's Gnow Place

Announcing the Future Begins at Home: Prevention Innovation Grant

Family Promise of Beaufort County is excited to announce that we were chosen, by Family Promise National, as one of 20 Affiliates across the country to receive support from *Clayton Homes* to enable us to continue building and strengthening our homeless Prevention programming. By utilizing case management support and creative problem solving, we will be able to help families avoid eviction and remain stably housed. Keeping a family in its home is paramount to the family's health, safety, and overall well-being.

This matching grant from Clayton Homes will enable us to raise awareness of local Prevention programs and foster new community partnerships. Clayton Homes is the largest builder of manufactured housing and modular homes in the United States. Locally, their home center is in Beaufort at 3418 Trask Parkway.

THANK YOU to all of the church families who supported **Heifer International**



in December with a grand total donation of \$2,795. Members purchased a Joy to the World Basket, a share of a heifer, a mating pair of Alpaca, an Alpaca, 4 shares of Alpaca, 1 share of a water buffalo, 2 goats, 1 sheep, 2 hope baskets, 3 clusters of honey bees, and 7 flocks of chickens. It is heartwarming to think about the lives that will be changed through these gifts.

Anne Redlus, Mission Ministry

What a generous congregation we are! Gifts in December for Angel Tree totaled \$3,725 donated for gift cards to Agape Family Life Center food pantry recipients, and local seniors in need. Each family received a gift card and a bag of oranges. We also thank all of you who donated hundreds of bags of food to our local food pantries.

The chart on the following page shows a summary of Mission distributions.

Financial Update on Angel Tree, Heifer Int'l, and Two-Year Summary Lowcountry Presbyterian Church Missions Ministry Two-Year History 2019-2020 Summary

Sources: Change-Can-Make-a-Change, Moment-for-Missions, Missions Budget, & Other

LOCAL MISSIONS	2019	2020	Grand Total	
Recipient	Summary	Summary	Summary	
Agape Family Life Center	3,321	5,115	8,436	
Angel Tree	1,432	2,425	3,857	
Backpack Buddies	1,600	2,038	3,638	
Back to School	-	360	360	
Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce	-	413	413	
Bluffton Self Help	1,497	3,295	4,792	
Boys & Girls Club - Jasper County	1,800	2,000	3,800	
Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen	4,356	3,150	7,506	
Deep Well Project	900	2,000	2,900	
Family Promise of Beaufort County	4,500	5,100	9,600	
Habitat for Humanity	1,300	-	1,300	
Hopeful Horizons	1,600	1,600	3,200	
Hospice Care of the Lowcountry	1,500	-	1,500	
Kindles for Kids Beaufort County	-	3,260	3,260	
The Literacy Center	3,468	1,000	4,468	
Lowcountry Legal Volunteers	2,243	1,000	3,243	
Meals-on-Wheels	1,300	1,500	2,800	
Memory Matters	1,300	-	1,300	
NAMI	1,500	1,000	2,500	
Red Cedar Elementary Teachers	-	1,200	1,200	
Volunteers in Medicine	2,100	1,920	4,020	
Young Life	1,300	-	1,300	
Total Local Missions	\$ 37,017	\$ 38,376	\$ 75,393	

MISSIONS BEYOND	2019	2020	Grand Total		
Recipient	Summary	Summary	Summary		
All Hands Volunteers	2,050	1,931	3,981		
Chatham Savannah Authority for Homeless	-	500	500		
Denmark, SC (Water)	141	-	141		
Equal Justice Initiative	-	413	413		
Heifer International	3,120	4,513	7,633		
Joy Offering	1,860	1,214	3,074		
Inspiritus formerly Lutheran Services of GA	2,357	1,000	3,357		
Medical Benevolence Foundation	1,500	2,000	3,500		
Missionary Support *	3,047	-	3,047		
One Great Hour of Sharing	2,751	-	2,751		
Partners' in Health	1,500	1,500	3,000		
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	465	490	955		
Save the Children	1,400	1,500	2,900		
UNICEF	-	500	500		
Water Missions International	2,300	1,150	3,450		
Total Missions Beyond	\$ 22,491	\$ 16,711	\$ 39,202		
Grand Total Missions Ministry	\$ 59,508	\$ 55,087	\$ 114,595		



THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE CREATION CARE TEAM)

Wondering where and when to safely recycle old/tired/non-working electronics? Saturday, Feb 6 is the next drive-through Beaufort County E-Waste Recycling event!

Workers will remove items contact-free from your trunk! And while you are driving through—get a glimpse of the sheer volume of recycled items being dropped off—and vow going forward to make better decisions about your next electronic purchase—need vs. want—for our Earth! It is change that everyone can adopt!

Note the dates below for the coming year on your calendar and place a labeled collection box in your garage for accumulated recyclable electronics, cords and cables, remote controls, etc.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors and make a date to carpool!

Electronics (E-waste) Recycling Event

Any personal computers, laptops, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, CRT televisions, printers, hard drives and miscellaneous electronics (microwaves, lamps, cell phones, radios, fax machines, typewriters, etc.) will be accepted.

E-waste Event Dates: February 6, 2021, May 22, 2021,

September 11, 2021

E-waste Event Hours: 9 am-3pm

E-waste Event Locations:

Beaufort Site: 140 Shankiin Rd., Beaufort SC 29906 Bluffton Site: 9 Benton Field Rd., Bluffton SC 29910

For more information, contact: (843) 255-2736



LPC continues its certification as an Earth Care Congregation.

For the previous two years, LPC has successfully applied to the national Presbyterian Church to be certified as an "Earth Care Congregation." To qualify, a congregation must meet standards



in four areas: worship, education, facilities and outreach. This year the national church waived the qualification standards due to the pandemic, but asks that the Earth Care Congregations submit an application to report on environmental activities in 2020. Our application was submitted and we look forward to recommitting in 2021 to celebrating and preserving God's creation.

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Session Highlights - January 2021

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

- † Noted that after updating the Roll to reflect the transfer of Gary and Lanna Swindler to their new church in Waleska, Georgia and the deaths of members Robert Replogle, Carol Jevne and Marilyn Gemme, LPC's membership is now 363 active members and 20 affiliate members. However, Clerk of Session Ernest Bush is in the midst of doing a comprehensive reconciliation of the Church Register with the church's electronic records, including the Realm database. The results of the reconciliation could change the reported count of members.
- † Reviewed the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Bluffton and concluded that it is still in the best interests of the congregation not to open the church for unrestricted in-person worship. The current limited attendance pre-registration process and anti-virus protocols will continue at this time.
- † Elected Elder Maguire to serve as LPC's commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Winter Meeting (February 27th). Also, the Session elected Elder Bogle to serve as commissioner to the CAP Spring Meeting (May 18th). Both meetings will most likely be conducted virtually.
- † Elected Ernest Bush as Clerk of Session for a second term.

The next Stated Session meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 15, 2021. If you have any questions please contact Ernest Bush, Clerk of Session at 843-290-3218 or elbush@mac.com.

Thank You and Farewell

Dear LPC Family,

I am writing to let you all know that as of February 17, I will be leaving the South, my home for the past 37 years, and returning to New Jersey, where Stuart and I are originally from. Losing Stuart because of – and in the midst of – the pandemic has been terribly challenging for our daughter Anna and myself, made even more so because of the geographic distance between us. It is time for me to move closer to her and to my wonderfully supportive family up North. My new home is a four-hour drive to Anna's house in Ithaca, NY and four blocks from my younger sister's home. This is where I will begin the next chapter of my extraordinarily fortunate life: 2 Harlow Place, Delanco, NJ, 08075. Come visit. I cannot thank you all enough for your continuing support and bold prayers.

Love and peace, Joan Kimble

February Birthdays



- Dave Tanner
- 2 Carolyn Theil
- 2 Jay Wilkin
- 4 Leland Day
- 4 Janet Lang
- 5 Kathy Crist
- 7 Marilyn Miesner
- 7 Lauren Robinson
- 8 Carolyn Alexander

- Frances Marshall
- 9 Dick Eberhart
- 10 Doug Dixon
- 14 John Rea
- 14 Ev Sellers
- 14 Rob Webb
- 14 Tedi Zaryczny
- 17 Becki Hale
- 18 Jerri Hanna

- 21 Larry Tremitiere
- 25 Kim Hardin
- 25 Don Pierce
- 26 Vonnie Stearns
- 27 Mick Mikkelson
- 27 Chuck Kreitler
- 28 Maureen Kalmbach

Member Prayer List

Barbara DiSauro

Reid Holland

George McCartney

Dave Tanner



Christian sympathy is extended to:

Ron Gemme and the family of *Marilyn Gemme*. A service is to be planned when it is safe to gather.

The family of *Carol Jevne*. Carol had moved to Yakima, WA to be close to her son.

The family of former members *Jack and Marilyn Fletcher* who died in early January from Covid-19. The Fletchers were long time members who were musically gifted and had moved to Columbia in 2011 to be near their older daughter.

And to **Camille Briegel**, a loyal part-time attendee of LPC, on the death of her husband, who had Parkinsons and died of complications from Covid-19. Camille did not get to come down here this winter but hopes to be back at LPC next winter to play in the bells and sing in the choir. Her email is: cbriegel@swmich.edu and her address is 55850 Davis Lane, Dowagiac, MI 49047



MEN OF PURPOSE (MOP) on Saturday mornings, 9am

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am. WE ARE NOW MEETING IN THE PARLOR. We are wearing masks, and following church safety protocols.

We will begin discussion "God and the Pandemic" by N.T. Wright on February 6th.

Two books are available for purchase and pick-up in the office now! This will be a great time to give Men of Purpose a trial visit. All Men are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Contact Bill Walker: billwalker42@gmail.com with questions.



Sun	Mon	TUE	WED	Thu	Fri	SAT
	1 Worship Ministry 7pm	2 Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:30pm Outreach Meeting 5pm	3 Zoom Bible Study, 4pm	4 B & G, 9am Choir Reh., 2pm God and the Pandemic, 4 or 6:30pm Same Kind of Different, 7pm	5	6 Men of Purpose, 9am BEAUFORT ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
7 COMMUNION Worship, 10:30am Souper Bowl Offering	8	9 Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:30pm CE Ministry meeting, 2pm Communication 4pm	10 Zoom Bible Study, 4pm	Choir Reh., 2pm Admin & Fin. 4pm God and the Pandemic, 4 or 6:30pm Same Kind of Different, 7pm	12	13 Men of Purpose, 9am
Worship, 10:30am	Session Meeting, 7pm	16 Bell Choir Reh. 12:30pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Noon Service by Reservation Zoom Bible Study, 4pm	18 Prayer Group, 8am Choir Reh., 2pm Movie Discussion Same Kind of Different, 6:30pm	19	Men of Purpose, 9am
Worship, 10:30am	22	23 Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:30pm	24 Zoom Bible Study, 4pm	Prayer Group, 8am Choir Rehearsal, 2pm	26	Men of Purpose, 9am S.T.E.P.S. (Zoom), 8:45-10am
28 Worship, 10:30am						