

November 2020

## All are Invited to a SOCIAL AND LUNCHEON Sunday, November 8th at 11:30 *Outdoors on Church Grounds*

The Membership team invites you to bring your mask, and a chair to place outside with social distancing, while enjoying friendship and an individually packed boxed lunch from **Jersey Mike's**.



Please choose either 1. Turkey and Provolone, or 2. Original Italian sub. Lunch includes a sandwich, chips, cookie and bottle of water. \$10.00 cash donation per lunch will be collected in a basket that day.

If you are not yet attending in-person worship, feel free to join us for this outside event, while sharing time together and connecting.

To register and give us the lunch count, please contact Christy James in the church office at [lpcoffice1@hargray.com](mailto:lpcoffice1@hargray.com) or by phone at 843-815-6570 by noon on **Wednesday, November 4th**.



### STEWARDSHIP LUNCH, OCTOBER 18TH

Following our first live in-person worship service since the pandemic began, we enjoyed an outdoor, socially distanced Stewardship lunch under a bright and sunny sky. With 70 degree temperatures, a gentle breeze and the shade from our oaks, we all appreciated seeing our friends "live" for the first time in many months, "dressing up" for service and enjoying *Jim N Nicks* boxed lunches.

With almost 50 participants, we embraced this year's theme:

*"It is more Blessed to Give than to Receive"* Acts 20:35

Tom Catanese, Stewardship Chair



Joe Franklin was  
Tom's faithful  
assistant.





## *Drive-Thru* **THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION AT LPC** **Sunday, November 15th - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

The Mission team is having a drive-thru food collection for **Agape Family Center**. We had great results from the collection in September and are hoping to surpass what we collected with your help! Please bring your donations to LPC November 15th between 11:30 and 1:00 and we will happily unload your vehicle. You won't even have to get out of your car! If you are attending church that day please drive through under the covering on the US 278 side of the church to unload after the service. You don't need to bring it inside.

Most requested and needed items:

Apples and oranges	Stuffing
Sweet and white potatoes	Canned fruit and vegetables
Onions	Peanut butter and jelly
Mascea (flour to make tortillas)	Canned chicken and tuna
Dry and canned beans	Baby food
Chicken broth	Cereal



**Thank you for helping us Support Agape!** We hope to see you on November 15th to overfill the truck! If you have any questions, please contact Jan Catanese, (248)766-0402



## **Change Can Make A Change for November**

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(s) knows best their particular needs. Last year, we provided for 50 families (representing 120+ children) and 15 seniors.

The need will probably even be greater this year. If you are able, consider generously helping us collect gift cards and/or contribute to **November 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 November CCMAC, please remember to put either Angel Tree or November 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**.

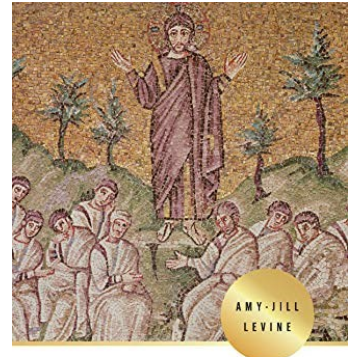


## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

### Wednesday Zoom Classes

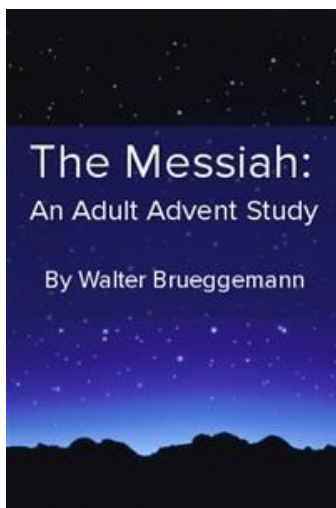
On **Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18 and 25**, at 4:00pm via Zoom. The study on the **Sermon on the Mount**, is based on a study by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. We will watch a video together and have discussion. This class is co-led by Chris & Stephanie.

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is a University Professor of the New Testament and Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences.



### SERMON *on* the MOUNT

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN



### Advent Study

There will be an Advent study on **Wednesdays in December at 4:00pm** via Zoom. 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.

**Advent devotionals will be available in the Narthex at the end of November.**

### CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

Confirmation is a process of youth discerning if they are ready to make a profession of faith of Jesus as Lord and Savior and join the church.

Pastor Stephanie has been meeting 9th graders **Ella Barry** and **Mark Stauffer** for a Confirmation class on Saturday mornings! They are learning about the Bible, theological concepts like grace, sin, and reconciliation, reading through the gospel of Mark together, journaling, and learning prayer practices.

We hope you will pray for them as they continue through the class and discern if they are ready to be confirmed and join the church by profession of faith!





## Elders elected by unanimous vote!

Congratulations LPC Family, for navigating our first ever electronic vote for elders. I am delighted that 96 households representing 143 individuals voted between noon Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday at noon, to elect Donald Allison, Diane Mikkleson, and Larry Tremetiere. What a great indicator of just how flexible you are and how well you have adapted to this new environment!

We continue to be in uncharted waters and it is encouraging for me, the staff and the Session that so many of you continue to be committed and involved and engaged despite the pandemic and the very limited ability to gather in-person. You have made sure the ministry of the Church has continued even though our buildings have been closed, reminding us that the Church is the people, us, and not the buildings.

While we continue to pray for a full resumption of all our gatherings, as we all seek to follow Jesus and contribute our time and talents and treasure in service of Christ and His church, we know that by the power of the Holy Spirit no matter what we face, we will be empowered to be Christ's hands and feet in the community. May that be our goal and our prayer as well.

Thank you for your faithfulness!

Chris



## 9 MONTHS YTD 2020 FINANCIAL RESULTS SUMMARY

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Staff	140,133	146,715
Support Staff	98,596	106,778
General Administration	52,052	53,507
Facilities Administration	48,693	58,120
Missions	27,748	30,248
Worship	9,795	4,145
Communications	2,333	2,698
Outreach	170	2,624
All Others Combined	<u>2,607</u>	<u>3,137</u>
Total Expenses	382,127	407,972
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$(16,550)</b>	<b>\$(39,717)</b>

Financial results as of the end of the third quarter show the net surplus/(deficit) of (\$16,550) which is \$23,167 better than the budgeted deficit of (\$39,717). September was the first month where giving (membership and loose offerings) fell below what was anticipated in the budget. Disbursements continue to be less than budgeted. The Session continues to monitor the financial performance closely, and is encouraged by the continued generosity of the membership.

**Please send in your pledge cards for 2021.**



We are blessed to have the **Jubilate Ringers** playing the second Sunday of each month. They have added so much to the services in the last few months when we taped the services. With the wearing of masks and gloves (and no singing), they are the perfect quarantine choir. Thank you for providing your beautiful playing to the services.

Special and heartfelt appreciation to the continued musical gifts from **Dr. Karen Ball** on the piano and organ each week. We are indeed blessed to have her at LPC and to experience the healing presence of her musical selections and playing.



**Singing Sunrise Gathering:** 25 of us gathered at Fish Haul Park Beach on Hilton Head Island at 6:50 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14th. We were blessed with clear skies and warm weather and were greeted by Gretchen and Jon Nickel who had arrived early and staked out a place in the sand while Jon quietly played guitar.

We began with donuts and coffee (picked up at 5:45 at Dunkin' Donuts by Robin and Karen) and the signing of sea shells (provided by Gretchen and Jon) while watching the sun rise and taking lots of incredible pictures. This was followed by singing (in masks and socially distanced) led by Dale Nordby and Bob Lowry, an opening prayer by Maureen Kalmbach and scripture reading by Reta Kemper.



After much singing we moved to the edge of the water and each person threw a shell or shells into the ocean with names of people they had lost in the past year or longer. Joan Kimble and her family joined us to remember Stuart Kimble, an Elder at LPC and beloved member of the choir who passed away from the virus in March. We gathered into a large circle, sang a song we

affectionately call "*Bob's Mom's Song*," (words by Bob Lowry's Mom and tune by Dale Nordby) and each person spoke the name of the person or persons they wanted to remember and some read poems.

As a group we read aloud the *Kaddish Mourner's Prayer* from the Jewish tradition. We ended with more singing, another scripture reading by Judy Hardie, and a closing prayer by Mac MacDougal. We all returned with a sense of healing, joy, and community.





## Movie Discussion on *THE SHACK* via Zoom

Wednesday, Nov. 11th @ 2pm OR

Thursday, Nov. 12th @ 6pm

Join the OUTREACH MINISTRY in a discussion on the movie *The Shack*, based on the best selling book. *The Shack* is about a grieving man who questions his deepest beliefs and his encounter with God. We hope whether you have seen this movie or read the book that you will re-watch it and join us for an engaging discussion.

You can find it included with your Hulu or Amazon Prime subscription or rent it on YouTube or Redbox on demand. A Zoom link for the discussion will be sent via eblast.



## COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

### New Website Launched!

Our new LPC website is live after many months of brainstorming, researching, and creating! Please take a look and let us know your comments. The address is the same at [lowcountrypres.org](http://lowcountrypres.org). The Communications Ministry worked with Pastor Stephanie, who is credited with the new and modern design.

One of our new features under the News and Events tab is Memories, where we post pictures from past events. Please let us know if you have pictures you would like added to that page.

I would like to thank Pastor Stephanie, who has been a whirlwind of ideas and energy and was the driving force behind this huge endeavor. I would also like to thank the Communications Ministry members for their ideas, support, research, editing, and proofing! They are Kathy Crist, Judy Hardie, Christy James, Kate McClain, Vicky Melton, and Cristi Rozea. I must add thanks to Chuck Thomas, who is a wonderful "go-to guy" for so many questions. We can always use more people to help keep the website current and we welcome additional members to join our ministry.

If you have comments, questions, or would like to join our ministry, please contact Janit Maguire at [janitmaguire@gmail.com](mailto:janitmaguire@gmail.com) or 845-527-6409.



## "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](mailto:carolbogle21@gmail.com).*

*From Janit Maguire:*

***RADIUM GIRLS***, by Kate Moore: True story of female factory workers who contracted radiation poisoning in the early 1900's, and their courageous fight for help amid cover-ups.

***AN IRISH COUNTRY DOCTOR Series***, by Patrick Taylor: 15 books of historical fiction and delightful stories of the lives in a small Irish village.

***THE ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN***, by Lisa See: Historical fiction focused on two girls living on Korean island of Jeju in a remote village and their lives in an all-female diving collective.

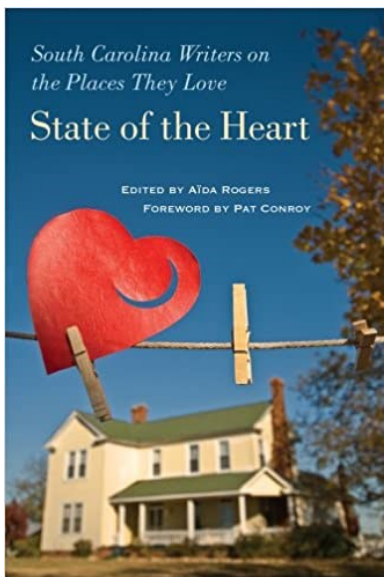
*From Bill Thorpe:*

***LIVE NOT BY LIES***, by Rod Dreher. It describes the means by which authoritarian Governments take control of a society and thereby its politics. A bit dry but, for me, enlightening especially during this time of increased scrutiny of government influence/control in/of American life.

I have also reread ***THE OTHER WES MOORE***. The second time around I found it spellbinding.

*From Jerri Hanna*

***THE TEA PLANTER'S WIFE***, by Dinah Jefferies is set in a tea plantation in Ceylon in the early 1900's. The story deals with a young British woman marrying the owner and moving to Ceylon. As she learns her way around her new home, she encounters mystery and intrigue. A pleasant read.



*From Chris Herrin*

It was in one chapter of "***State of the Heart, South Carolina Writers on the Places they Love***" that I read about Poinsett State Park and then decided to spend some time in a cabin there a few weeks ago. I shared about my wonderful experience and even a few sights and sounds in the Video devotional that was sent by eblast several weeks ago and is also on our Youtube Channel. Whether you are from SC or

new here, you will enjoy reading of these favorite spots of SC all over the state, and may be inspired to travel to see some! LPC actually hosted the editor of the book and several contributors last year.

## CHRISTIAN CARING MINISTRY

### *Become a Stephen Minister: An Opportunity to Share God's Love*



**Stephen Ministers** are members of LPC who go through 50 hours of caregiving training and then work alongside our pastors in providing emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. Stephen Ministry has been a long standing ministry at LPC. The ministry of the Stephen Ministers has been a blessing to individuals, to the lay ministers themselves, and to the whole congregation.

In order to continue and expand this ministry of care, we are offering another Stephen Ministry training class to begin in early January at Church of the Cross. This will be in person with social distancing and involve other area Stephen Ministry groups. Take advantage of this opportunity to share the love that God has given you. You'll find that being a Stephen Minister is not only helpful to others—but also one of the most fulfilling and joyful experiences you'll ever have. For more information, contact Joann McElravy at [jmcelravy@hargray.com](mailto:jmcelravy@hargray.com) or Pastor Stephanie via email or by calling the church office.

## A Helping Hand Ministry

The Christian Caring ministry is looking for volunteers for our new Helping Hands Ministry. The goal of this ministry is to offer support and care to those needing assistance with ordinary activities. Some of these might include: helping deliver groceries, blow yard leaves, change smoke detector batteries, or taking someone to the pharmacy, hair salon, or doctor's appointment. If you are willing to periodically help individuals with an array of needs, we want to use you! Volunteers will be required to observe COVID-19 protocols.



*If you are willing to help, OR, if you could use assistance in any way, please contact Carolyn Welch at [CarolynDobbingWelch@gmail.com](mailto:CarolynDobbingWelch@gmail.com) or (201) 650-4617.*



**It is hard to believe but Christmas is just around the corner!  
November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent!**



While we are certain that we will be lighting the first Advent candle on that day, our plans for conducting our traditional "*Hanging of the Greens*" following the 10:30 AM service are somewhat in limbo, given the social distancing and other restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Be assured though that the Worship Committee is wrestling with the issue and will be able to announce its plans shortly.

## 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 4th**. 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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Charleston Atlantic Presbytery  
is seeking volunteers to serve  
on Presbytery committees.  
Contact Rev. Herrin if  
interested.**

### Session Highlights - October, 2020

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

Noted that LPC's membership is now 367 active members and 21 affiliate members.

Heard a report from Elder Thorpe, chairman of the Elder Nominating Committee on the work of the committee over the past few months. Elder Thorpe thanked the committee members for their hard work. He noted that at the October 25th called congregational meeting, the committee will nominate Larry Tremiere and Diane Mikkelson to serve as elders for the class of 2023 and Donald Allison to fill an unexpired term for the class of 2021.

Elder Thorpe also reported that though they will not be members of the Session, Maureen Kalmbach and Wim Tekelenburg have agreed to provide additional leadership to the Membership Ministry Team and to the Building and Grounds Ministry Team, respectively.

Approved a request from the Membership Ministry Team to host a brunch immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, November 8th. The brunch will be held outside on the church grounds with appropriate physical distancing observed.

Extended an invitation to Bo Welch to be our guest preacher for Sunday, November 15th.

Received a draft of the 2021 budget from the Administration and Finance Ministry Team. Elder Adamson noted that the financial condition of the church warrants significant Session attention and, in that connection, called for the Session to meet for in-depth discussion on strategies to drive membership growth.

Heard an expanded report from Elder Bogle on the Christian Education Ministry. She reviewed the challenges to meeting the goals of Christian education posed by volunteer turnover and, most especially the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Though there was good news in that a number of members have taken advantage of the virtual learning opportunities offered by Christian Education, she would like to see more members volunteer to lead classes and to participate in those classes. She noted that CE is now offering a six-week program on the Sermon on the Mount and is planning a program series focused on Advent.

Based on observations from the October 18th worship service, adopted a motion to increase the maximum number of worshipers allowed to attend the 10:30am worship service from 70 to 80, to open the balcony to handle any overflow from the Sanctuary and to use the number of worshipers seated in the balcony to trigger Session evaluation of the resumption of the 8:30am worship service.

The next Stated Session meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 16, 2020. If you have any questions please contact Ernest Bush, Clerk of Session at 843-290-3218 or [elbush@mac.com](mailto:elbush@mac.com).



## November Birthdays

2	Lois Johnson	10	Lucy Herrin	19	Josh Fox
3	Don Keller	12	Sue Day	19	Margaret Hartley
4	Louise Cooper	13	Betty Cooley	23	Jean John
4	Jim Cubie	13	Carolyn Tripp	29	Rick Bogert
6	Dee McNair	14	Kylie Wilkin	29	Hank Parker
9	Leon Sell	17	Doreen Cubie	29	Bill Rozea
9	Harriet Senior	17	Lois Poper		
10	Bonnie Dove	17	Betty Smith		

## Member Prayer List

Al Burfeind  
Marilyn Gemme  
Anne Grayson

Reid Holland  
Dulcie Knoll  
Dave Tanner



### MEN OF PURPOSE (MOP) on Saturday mornings

**Men of Purpose (MOP) meets Saturday mornings at 9:00am.** They are discussing *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. Weather permitting, they meet on the patio by the water fountain, otherwise by Zoom or under the portico. All men are welcome. Questions? Please contact Bill Walker, [billwalker42@gmail.com](mailto:billwalker42@gmail.com).

## Work Day, October 17th



Ernest Bush, Gretchen Nickel, Wim Tekelenburg, Bert Ruys and Sandy Benninger



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>In-Person Worship</b> 10:30am	2	3 Bell Choir rehearsal, 12pm	4 CE Bible Study, 4pm	5 Modified Choir Rehearsal, 1pm	6	7 Men of Purpose, 9am
8 <b>In-Person Worship</b> 10:30am <b>Luncheon</b> 11:30am on the Grounds	9	10 Bell Choir rehearsal, 12pm CE Ministry meeting, 2pm	11 Movie Discussion, 2pm CE Bible Study, 4pm	12 Modified Choir Rehearsal, 1pm Finance, 4:00pm Movie Discussion, 6pm	13	14 Men of Purpose, 9am
15 <b>In-Person Worship</b> 10:30am	16 Session Meeting 7pm	17 Bell Choir rehearsal, 12pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm	18 CE Bible Study, 4pm	19 Modified Choir Rehearsal, 1pm	20	21 Men of Purpose, 9am
22 <b>In-Person Worship</b> 10:30am	23	24 Bell Choir rehearsal, 12pm	25 CE Bible Study, 4pm	26  Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 <b>In-Person Worship</b> 10:30am	30					