



September 2020



**Saturday, September 26
9:00am**

Thanks to the generosity of our Missions Ministry we have donated \$500 to this year's Walk for Water and are sponsors for this year's event!

Each year LPC's participation in this important event has grown and they need us more than ever! *Walk for Water* raises awareness to support critical water projects around the world. We walk to generate awareness of the global water crisis and support for the 2,100,000,000 people around the world who do not have access to safe water.

Sign-up

Call or email the church office with your name, phone number, and t-shirt size. Each walker gets a t-shirt and a chance to see fellow LPC'ers! Friends and neighbors are welcome. For questions contact Jon and Gretchen Nickel at gretchjon@yahoo.com. Additional donations can be made online here: [Give to Walk for Water](#).

Where and What

Due to COVID-19, LPC will have its own walk in Bluffton! Exact location details will be shared via eblast soon. Bring your own water-carrying container (i.e. bucket, watering can, etc.) to fill halfway through our walk (amount of water is up to you!), a mask, a water bottle for yourself, wear good shoes for a 3-mile walk, and enthusiasm as you join us to walk in solidarity with those who must walk for water everyday.



Derek, Kim and Evie Hardin with Rev. Dion



L-R: Robin & Tom Bloom, Robin Lind & Vicki Melton

Gayle Myers to Retire after 12 Years at LPC



While we are sad to lose Gayle, who has been a faithful and committed employee for so long, we are happy for her as she moves to a different stage in life.

To thank her, the session has approved taking a love offering. Since she is the person who handles finances, we are having to be sneaky to gather the money without her knowledge! If you'd like to contribute, please send your check made payable to LPC, with Gayle in the memo line to the church,

but in an envelope addressed to Chris Herrin. We hope this will create the least suspicion in her mind! Please do so by September 25th so that we can present her with the check at the end of the month (which is her last). You can drop off the gift in the office, in an envelope addressed to Chris, but be aware you may run into Gayle when you do that!

You may also simply send a card expressing your thanks.

Thank you for however you choose to thank Gayle for her years of service at LPC.

In Case You Missed It...

The GREAT DRIVE-THRU MUG GIVEAWAY is Back!

Pastors Chris and Stephanie wish **to thank you for your support** during this time of pandemic and church closure AND **want to see you**, and so they would like to give to each family or individual, one of the NEW LPC visitor mugs. These mugs are sitting in boxes, sadly not getting used, and they will reimburse the church for every mug given away!



On Saturday, September 12th from 10am to noon, Chris and Stephanie will be sitting under the covered drive happy to greet you as you drive up to receive your mug and have a few moments of conversation. They will wear masks for safety and you won't need to get out of your cars.

If you can't make this September date, contact the church office and we will figure out another way.

The Sunday service, September 6th, will be recorded Friday, September 4th at 7pm.

If you would like to attend the service, following all our safety protocols, you need to register by calling the office beginning Wednesday, September 2nd at 9:00am. Attendance is limited to 10 households (singles, couples, families). The service will be available **online** after 8:30am Sunday just has it has been!

**2021
Stewardship**

Your Stewardship Campaign begins on September 20th!

We wanted to take this opportunity to share the good news for the 2021 Stewardship Campaign:

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said,

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

~ Acts 20:35

As Covid 19 continues to impact our lives, it also provides an opportunity for all of us at LPC to share generously with our community to help those less fortunate. We believe this simple but profound verse perfectly captures our current situation with a call to action.

Important dates to remember:

September 20th: Your campaign begins!

October 16th: An outdoor, socially distanced Stewardship Campaign Fellowship Dinner featuring bring your own chairs and beverages, and a catered boxed dinner with all the safety protocols in place. Mark this one in pencil on your calendar just in case we're unable to pull it off!



October 25th: Dedication Sunday!... your opportunity to share your blessings and submit your pledge.



We will also have a number of guest speakers throughout the campaign to share a Stewardship message around the topic of ["How your gifts support the mission of the church"](#).

We hope you can find it in your heart...and budget, to be a blessed giver this year!

Thank you!

Tom Catanese and
Joe Franklin
Stewardship Co-Chairs





THE GREEN TEAM (AKA—THE CREATION CARE TEAM)

BEAUFORT COUNTY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 9:00-3:00,

9 BENTON FIELD RD. BLUFFTON

If you have electronics to dispose of, this is your opportunity since the next event will not be until December 12! They also take microwaves, lamps, cell phones, radios, fax machines, and typewriters! Place the items in your trunk and workers will remove them for you! For more information, contact 843-255-2736

FYI: If you have used the **document shredding services** provided by Beaufort County before, please note that this service is NOT scheduled through June 2021! Other services like Staples, UPS, Shred It, and Seacoast Shredding will shred for you. For more information, contact 843-255-2823.



SIMMONSVILLE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROJECT

For the last two years, LPC volunteers have gathered to pick up trash along Simmonsville Road (from Highway 278 to Bluffton Parkway) and along Plantation Park Drive by Fellowship Hall. Dick MacDougal coordinates this effort and is looking for members willing to help. If you would consider volunteering in September, please contact Dick at (843) 705-2020.

Don't forget our *Walk for Water* on
September 26th.

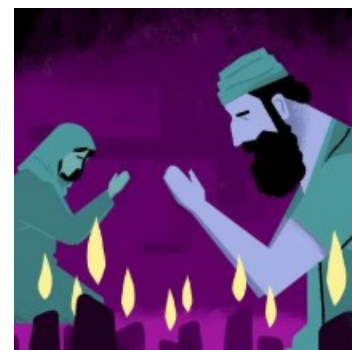
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

New CE Bible Study!

Join us in September as we try out a new series based on resources from [BibleProject.com](https://www.bibleproject.com)! Each week will be focused on a particular theme or topic in Scripture. We will read scripture, listen to a brief audio segment about the text and how it relates to our current time, engage with a short video, and dive into discussion!



A BibleProject
Video



A Short Audio
Message

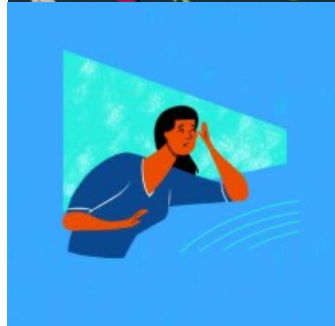


Scripture
Readings



Discussion
Questions

This study allows us to engage with scripture in new ways and discover its relevance for us still! Each week you will receive scripture and a brief audio clip to review before the class, as well as the link for the Zoom class.



We hope you will join us

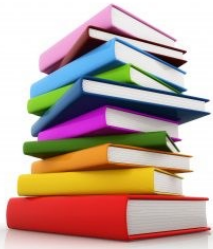
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm *via Zoom*

beginning **September 9th!**

Zoom invites to come via eblast.

Upcoming Topics:

Sept. 9:	Hope	
Sept. 16:	Shema	<i>(To Listen)</i>
Sept. 23:	Holy Spirit	
Sept. 30:	Generosity	



LPC Reads

For All of the Book Enthusiasts in the LPC Congregation, we are starting a new feature of each edition of *The Light*.

- 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. Carol will compile a list of the books that she receives, including the name of the person who sent the recommendation.

Who knows where this initiative will go? Perhaps the formation of a book club(s), the start of new friendships? Happy reading!

Here are the first recommendations:

From Carol Bogle:

"Tell Me A Story, My Life with Pat Conroy" by Cassandra King Conroy.

This book is a must read for Pat Conroy fans. You will laugh and cry as you read Cassandra's description of her life with Pat Conroy from the day she met him until the day he died.

Chris Herrin is currently reading:

"The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough, and is appreciating reading of the perseverance, ingenuity, courage and faith of these two men. (Her maiden name is Wright and she was told she might be distantly related!)

She has also read Cassandra King's book and also enthusiastically recommends it!



MEN OF PURPOSE (MOP) on Saturday mornings

We will restart Men of Purpose on Sept. 12, 2020 at 9:00 am. We will be discussing ***Mere Christianity*** by C.S. Lewis. Weather permitting, we will be meeting on the patio by the water fountain beside the church. If weather is not good, we will meet by Zoom. All Men are welcome. Come and bring a friend!! Questions? Please contact Bill Walker, billwalker42@gmail.com.



How to Help Victims of Hurricane Laura

Change Can Make A Change for September

Change Can Make A Change – CCMAC for September is

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), "Out of Chaos, HOPE!"

PDA enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. **The need for funds is ongoing and is much appreciated especially at this time of need to respond to Hurricane Laura.** They are currently responding to:

Iowa Derecho (USA) – On August 10, severe thunderstorms with damaging winds (derecho) devastated Iowa, causing widespread power outages for more than 150,000 people for several days. As many as 14 million acres of farmland were also damaged by the storm. PDA is working with Presbyteries in these areas to respond to this storm.

Beirut Explosion (Lebanon) - Relief efforts are under way in Beirut to help more than 300,000 people displaced by the August 4 port explosion. PDA is supporting the humanitarian assistance in the aftermath of the explosion by providing grants that are used for emergency humanitarian needs, which can include anything from medical supplies, personal protective equipment, water and more.

Easter Tornadoes (USA) – During the weekend of Easter 2020, several southeastern states experienced severe storms and tornadoes. Throughout the two-day outbreak, total of 140 tornadoes touched down across 10 states, inflicting widespread and locally catastrophic damage. PSA has virtually deployed National Response Team Members to support the response while also granting funds.

Yemen (Yemen) – These people are facing the biggest humanitarian crisis in the world with 14 million at risk of starvation and death due to repeated outbreaks of diseases like cholera. Since 2018, PDA has been responding in partnership with Generations Without Oat, Presbyterian Hunger Program and PCUSA to support WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) projects, emergency and transitional shelter and humanitarian response to famine as well as grants for COVID-19 response.

COVID-19 (Worldwide) – In company with the whole church, PDA began their response in February with a solidarity grant to our ACT Alliance partner in China. As the virus began to spread, PDA prepared and offered guidance to PCUSA congregations for safe practices. PDA pulled 2.7 million dollars from reserves to seed the ongoing response both in the US and internationally. In addition to making these grant funds available, PDA has ramped up our Emotional and Spiritual Care programs, including Compassion Fatigue and Resiliency workshops, and they are broadly available.

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Other areas of current response include Tennessee Tornadoes, Puerto Rico, Hurricane Dorian and Spring Tornadoes and Flooding. Now that we are in hurricane season, more disaster may be in store. We pray that God will keep everyone safe.



PDA was selected because, due to the pandemic, we did not collect for the usual "One Great Hour of Sharing" which supports this work. If you would like to help PDA with their efforts both in the US and worldwide, please make a check payable to LPC and indicate "CCMAC-PDA" in the memo section. The need for funds in ongoing and is much appreciated!

Food donations are still being collected for those in need in our communities. Actual food items may be dropped off at **Bluffton Self Help** on Mondays from 10 am to 2 pm or monetary donations can be made on their website at blufftonselfhelp.org.



Food products for **Agape Family Life Center** may be dropped off outside the church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to noon. They are in great need of toilet paper (individually wrapped rolls are easier to distribute) and baby food. Fresh fruits (except bananas because they ripen too soon) are especially appreciated. Monetary donations can be made on their website at agapeflc.org.

Donald and June Allison are also collecting food for Agape at their home at 24 Schooner Lane, Riverbend, 843-707-7671.

GED Student Returns

We had a student in last year's GED course, Kathy P, who did not complete the course. She moved to Mexico with her boyfriend who is the father of her two toddlers. Unfortunately, things there did not work out and she has returned with her children, to be near family. Kathy is 22 and lives in Okatie. Her parents and sister all work and are unable to babysit during the day. Kathy now works the night shift at Circle K six or seven nights a week and wants to get her GED.

She already passed science, so she needs to pass language arts, math reasoning, and social studies to earn her GED. Michele Eberhart (language arts) and Jerri Hanna (math) are on board to tutor via Zoom, and Kathy may also need tutoring for social studies. She will take practice tests this week to determine her best subject, and we will begin with that.

How nice that we are able to help during this difficult time!





Announcing the kick-off of the virtual **AMERICAN DREAM CELEBRATION (ADC) AUCTION** which will take place entirely online through September 10.

It's truly guilt-free shopping! Buy something for yourself, family, or a friend. There's truly something for everyone in this auction —from fine dining gift certificates and spa treatments, to golf and lifestyle packages.

And when we say golf — we mean it! Call your friends and place your bids on one round of golf for four at Bear Creek Golf Club; Berkeley Hall; Colleton River Club; Country Club of Hilton Head; Crescent Pointe Golf Club; Dolphin Head Golf Club; Golden Bear Golf Club; Heritage Golf Group; Heron Point at Sea Pines; Moss Creek Owners Association; Old South Golf Links; or Wexford Golf Club.

We're counting on you to help make this virtual event a success! The funds raised will benefit and support adult literacy and workforce development programs.



The Heritage Classic Foundation honors Family Promise of Beaufort County as their 2019-2020 nominee!

A little *BIRDIE* told us the Heritage Classic Foundation **TEED UP Family Promise of Beaufort County** as their nominee for the **2019-2020 PGA Tour FedEx Cares Award** and we could not be more honored or appreciative!



10 TIPS ON IMPROVING COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Develop your listening skills

Pay attention to non-verbal communication

Choose the right words

Use the reflecting process

Have the right attitude

Simplify and stay on message

Respect your audience

Maintain eye contact

Show empathy

Ask for feedback

There's no shame in asking for honest feedback on your communication skills from colleagues, friends, or acquaintances. Asking for their advice on improving your communication skills can help you better understand how you are coming across to others.



Directories Delayed Again

Due to multiple COVID outbreaks, the Lifetouch production plant has had multiple closures and is working with a very small staff. They will keep us posted.

Christian Caring Ministry

Although we are all tired of Covid-related restrictions on our lives perhaps we can remain hopeful for solutions and diminished restrictions. In doubt of a quick reversal of restrictions, I do have faith we are heading forward in the process.

Until we all can meet person to person

I wish to remind everyone that the Christian Caring Ministry stands ready to assist in any way compatible with restrictions. We have members who regularly send cards, make phone calls and send emails and text

messages to any and all in need. Some members are willing to visit persons houses, place food or flowers on doorsteps and even visit outside in person with distancing and masking. I recently was the grateful recipient of such input. Please do not feel isolated; we are here eager to help.

Bill Thorpe, Elder



COVID 19 TESTING

Location:

Agape Family Life Center
5855 S. Okatie HWY
Hardeeville, SC 29927

Call to register
(843) 784-6008

September 12, 2020

9:00am-2:00pm





MUSIC MINISTRY

All this "alone" and "quiet" time during this quarantine has got me thinking of ways we can get together safely to sing and worship. A new "gathering" idea came to me while I watched the sunrise at Mitchellville (Fish Haul) Beach one morning in August. It was such a beautiful and powerful experience, that I would like to invite choir members and all members of the congregation to join me some morning for a **"Singing Sunrise"** to praise God through singing (masks on and socially distanced), cleanse and energize our weary souls, and watch a beautiful sunrise on Hilton Head Island.



I found 2 songs/videos on YouTube to get you excited to rise early, gather together, sing, pray, share poetry/readings, maybe enjoy some coffee and bagels, and embrace the gift of a beautiful new day. We'll have a zoom meeting to discuss a date and details.

Robin Lind

Sunrise by Norah Jones (2009)

<https://youtu.be/fdo2pGJxoso>

I watch the sunrise (Close to me) (trio)

<https://youtu.be/gKgvcYjir1A>

I watch the sunrise (video taken at the ocean) same song, but at the beach

<https://youtu.be/gP5lnuhBHYQ>



Children/Youth Singing Group:

Another activity we would like to begin during the quarantine is a children/youth choir to prepare music to sing for the services, especially while we are all stuck at home. We would rehearse for about 45 minutes once a week. If you have children, any age (older ones can help lead as well as sing) and are interested in having them spend some time singing, contact me at: robinlind@hargray.com

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Session Highlights - August, 2020

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

- † Noted that LPC currently has 368 members and 21 affiliate members.
- † Participated in the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Committee on Ministry Triennial Visit. The Visit was conducted via Zoom video conference and included Rev. Becky Albright, Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church Beaufort and Richard Norris, Lay Pastor of the Sea Island Presbyterian Church. Dialogue included local ministries, planning, officer training, challenges being faced and interaction with the Presbytery.
- † Elected Elder Thorpe to serve as LPC's Commissioner to the September 19th Presbytery Meeting. This meeting would have been held at the First Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, but given the pandemic will be conducted on-line.
- † Discussed the need to develop new initiatives to increase the congregation's connection with the church and each other during this time of social isolation. Each ministry team was encouraged to developing and implementing at least one such initiative and to report on their progress at the September Session Meeting.
- † Reviewed the first limited -attendance- worship- service video recording on Friday, August 7th for streaming on Sunday, August 9th. Seven family units (eleven individuals) attended, all following the established COVID-19 protocols. Participants reported feeling "safe" while a few expressed some frustration at not being able to sing out loud. All found it good to be back worshipping in the sanctuary.

The next Stated Session meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 21, 2020.

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



September Birthdays

1	Bob Overfield	13	Donald Hippensteel
2	Sally Stein	14	Greg Bobro
4	Donna Myers	14	Rick Kuhn
4	Robyn Kiser	14	William Thorpe
5	Gerald Anderson	16	Beth Greenwell
5	Sally Farrar	19	Bob Law
5	Laura Phillips	19	Nancy Gureck
6	Anneke Ruys	21	Bruce Hardie
6	Dave Williams	22	Robert Lowry
7	Joe Franklin	22	Bonnie Borgelt
8	Emo Lieser	24	Carol Simpson
9	Margrit Fodor	27	Andy Carter
9	Phil Kiser	28	Linda Replogle
13	Tom Bloom	30	Chris Richards

Member Prayer List

Bonnie Borgelt
Marilyn Gemme
Glenna Hippensteel
Marilyn Miesner

Edie Rea
Vonnie Stearns
Dave Tanner



Felix Lowe is at Hilton Head Hospital

Reid Holland is at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston.

(Cards can be sent to him in care of Venus' sister:

Vanessa D'Amico, 3 Amulet Oaks Place, Spring, TX 77382)

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Bell Ensemble, 12pm	2	3	4	5
6 <i>VIRTUAL COMMUNION</i>	7	8 Bell Ensemble, 12pm Christian Education, 2:00pm	9 Christian Caring 10am CE Bible Study - 5pm	10 Finance, 4:00pm	11	12 Men of Purpose - 9am Covid Testing at Agape, 9am – 2pm
13	14	15 Bell Ensemble, 12pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm	16 CE Bible Study - 5pm	17	18	19 Men of Purpose - 9am
20	21	22 Bell Ensemble, 12pm	23 CE Bible Study - 5pm	24	25	26 WALK FOR WATER Men of Purpose - 9am
27	28 Session, 7pm	29 Bell Ensemble, 12pm	30 CE Bible Study - 5pm			