



# The Messenger

## Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**On Sunday, February 9** following worship at noon we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting. Annual reports are available at the entrances.

During the meeting we will also have a special election to fill an open spot for a deacon. The Nominating Committee enters Don Ohl to fill this position; according to the new Book of Order, people can serve back to back terms.

### **Highlights from the January 20, 2014**

#### **Session Meeting**

Craig Ellis was elected Clerk of the Session.

Care Group packets were distributed and all officers were encouraged to be faithful caregivers.

Finance Committee presented the 2014 Church Budget and the session approved the church budget for 2014 as proposed plus \$3,000 for benevolences to be later apportioned.

Set congregational meeting for February 9, 2014 to hear the annual report, to consider changes to the Pastor's call, to elect one Deacon to replace Buddy Blalock, and to elect officers for the church corporation.

Held Church Corporation meeting to nominate corporation officers. Those nominated were: Bill Purcell II, president; David Harling, vice-president; Bradley Williams, treasurer; Craig Ellis, secretary.

Approved Jean Snively joining on Sunday, January 26, 2014 as an affiliate member. Approved Jeff and Mitzi Byrd joining February 2, 2014 by transfer of letter. Transferred the membership of Clifton Buie to First United Methodist Church of Laurinburg.

Bill Hill, chair of the Mission Committee, distributed biographical information about Marta and Tim Carriker and Chris McReynolds who are missionaries that this church helps support.

Jacque Britt, chair of Worship Music and Arts reported that the Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service would be held on Sunday, April 6, 2014.

Communion was approved for the following dates:

Sunday, March 2 Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday, April 15 4 pm Scotia Village

Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday 7 pm

Sunday, April 20 Easter

Sunday, June 8 Pentecost

Sunday, June 15 Trinity

Sunday, July 20 Summer Communion

Sunday, October 5 World Communion

Sunday, November 23 Christ the King

Tuesday, December 23 4 pm Scotia Village

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve 5:30 & 11

Sunday, January 11, 2015 Baptism of the Lord

Celeste McRae, chair of Building, Equipment and Grounds reported that BEG in consultation with the Finance Committee will hire a structural engineer to inspect and make a recommendation for repairing the roof on the Fellowship Hall Building.

Neal Carter reported that he had been chosen to attend CREEDO in Texas in November. More information will be shared later.

### **Highlights from the February 2, 2014**

#### **Deacon's Meeting**

Committee reports include report from Christian Nurture and Education that they are in the process of developing a job description for a part-time Director of Christian Education. Finance reports budget better than last year. BEG reports new stove

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has been installed. There are many concerns with roofs. Childcare reports babies through pre-school near capacity; however afterschool numbers are down. Member care concerns were shared. Deacons approved adding athletic shoes for coaches to Soles for Students project.

### **From Our Pastor**

#### **Regarding The Apostles' Creed**

From time to time, someone asks, "When we recite the Apostles' Creed, why do we say we believe in the *holy catholic church*? When the Apostles' Creed states, "*I believe in the holy catholic church*," it refers to the universal church rather than a specific branch of Christianity. The word *catholic* comes from the Greek word *katholikos* which means "*universal*" or "*general*."

Speaking of the Apostles' Creed, some ask about the phrase, "*He descended into hell*." It is probably the most controversial in the Apostle's Creed. Some denominations do not include it when they recite the creed. I have found no clear research denoting how it became part of the Apostles' Creed.

There are no explicit New Testament references to Christ having descended to hell (there is an encrypted mention in 1 Peter 3:19–20 of Jesus preaching to "*the imprisoned spirits*"). Its absence from scripture has given rise to various interpretations.

Some hold that the descent into hell represents the physical agony of death upon the Cross. It was hellish in its pain. To others, the word *hell* means *Hades* or *Sheol*, the place of the dead; therefore, Jesus' descent into hell represents how he carried the sins of the world to hell. It could represent how he proclaimed the gospel to the godly dead, such as Lazarus and the repentant thief on the cross.

The Reformed Tradition holds that "*he descended into Hell*" refers to Christ's pain and humiliation leading up to his death; moreover, this humiliation has a spiritual dimension as well. This suffering is connected to God's judgement on the sin which Christ bore on the cross of humanity. Christ's humiliation serves as the assurance that Christ has redeemed them from the pain and suffering of God's judgment on sin.

John Calvin held that "*Christ's descent into Hell was necessary for Christians' atonement, because Christ did in fact endure the penalty for the sins of the redeemed*."

*The Formula of Concord* (a Lutheran confession) states, "*we believe simply that the entire person, God and human being, descended to Hell after his burial, conquered the devil, destroyed the power of Hell, and took from the devil all his power*."

Others still hold that the English translation of the Apostles' Creed can be misleading because the word *hell* is used differently today than it was when the English version of the Creed was fixed in the eighth century.

While the word *hell* now refers only to the place of eternal punishment, it referred to the place of the dead, corresponding more to the New Testament Greek word *Hades* and the Old Testament Hebrew word *Sheol*. This is the sense in which the word *hell* is being used in the Creed, echoing Psalm 16:10: "*For you do not give me up to Sheol*," (NRSV; NIV reads "the grave"; KJV reads "hell"); in other words, "*You will not leave me in the state of death*."

In this view, the Apostles' Creed indicates that Jesus really died. He suffered death so that the old is passed away, and in resurrection, new life has come.



### **Join us for Sunday Worship**

**February 9, 2014**

**5th Sunday of Ordinary time**

New members will be joining.

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

**Matthew 5:13-20**

Neal's sermon: ***When All Else Fails***

281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

450 O Day of Peace

435 We All Are One in Mission

Flowers given to the glory of God in memory of Essie Carmichael by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**February 16, 2014**

**6th Sunday of Ordinary time, Year A**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119: 1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**Matthew 5:21-37**

Neal's sermon: ***It Matters***

457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

338 Kum ba Yah

282 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Flowers given to the glory of God in memory of Dr.

Winston H. Tornow who was born February 21, 1916 by his children.

**February 23, 2014**

**7th Sunday of Ordinary time, Year A**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119: 33-40

1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23

**Matthew 5:38-48**

Neal's sermon: ***Sucker-Punched***

376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Flowers given to the glory of God in memory of John and Josephine McLaurin by their family.

**March 2, 2014**

**Transfiguration Sunday, Year A**

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Neal's sermon: ***Old Clothes***

We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion during worship.

75 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

504 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

73 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

In lieu of flowers, a contribution will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary fund in celebration of the 72nd wedding anniversary of Ervin and Ann Hill by their children.

**Sunday Worship Service** is broadcast on WLNC 1300 Sunday at 11 am, & on the internet (wlnradio.com) On TV Channel 2 Sundays at 10 am and Tuesdays at 8 pm for the previous week's service.

## **New Ministry at Scotia Village**

In recent months, Pam Hill and others have taken an extra copy of Sunday's service DVD, big print bulletins and copies of hymns to Scotia Village. Pam picks up the DVD immediately after church and leaves everything with the person at the Scotia front desk. The MMCenter is prepared each Sunday with the big screen pulled down and the bulletins and hymns placed at the door; the DVD is played at 2:00 that very same Sunday! All of our LPC members were told of the opportunity through notices that were put in their boxes. So far, the attendance has been great with 10-15 attending each Sunday. Everyone has expressed their gratitude that they can worship together as a group and see the service on the same Sunday. Thank you Pam for the wonderful idea and to all those that have helped you make this ministry possible.

Wayne Freeman, Moderator  
2013 Membership Committee

## **New Members Who Joined January 26**

***Jean Snively***

Jean Snively was born and raised in Suffolk, Virginia. She attended Flora Macdonald College and is a graduate of Methodist University. She taught in the North Carolina public schools until her retirement in 1997.

Jean married the Reverend Stradford Snively, a Presbyterian minister and member of Coastal Carolina Presbytery, and they were blessed with three children and two granddaughters.

Upon Strad's retirement they moved to Pinehurst and Jean became a member of Bethesda Church in Aberdeen, where she sang in the choir, served as deacon and elder and as a Stephen Minister. She also volunteered in the church office and published the monthly kid's page for the church newsletter.

In 2010, Jean and Strad moved to Laurinburg and have made their home at Scotia Village. Last year, Strad passed away.

We are delighted to welcome Jean to our church as an affiliate member.

Carlene Willis, Membership Committee

### ***Bill and Anne Goodwin***

We are happy to welcome Bill and Anne to our church family! They have been an active couple in our community for many years. Anne grew up in Wadesboro and graduated from Meredith College, while Bill is a native of Greenville, graduating from East Carolina University and UNC's School of Dentistry. After living in San Francisco and Fayetteville, they moved to Laurinburg, where Bill established his orthodontic practice from which he retired several years ago. Presently, he is chairman of the Board of Trustees for Presbyterian Homes, Inc. Bill and Anne are the proud parents of two boys and grandparents to five!

Susan Wentz, Membership Committee

### **Youth Sunday Evenings at 5:45**

Charlotte CROSS Weekend Feb 14-16  
Winterplace Ski Weekend Feb 28 - March 2  
Montreat Youth Conference\* July 13-19

\*(open to rising 9th through graduating seniors)

### ***High School Youth***

2/9 - study with Leslie  
2/14 - 2/16 - CROSS trip  
2/23 - Scavenger hunt  
2/28 - 3/2 - Ski Trip\*\*

### ***Middle School Youth***

2/9 Program to get us ready for our CROSS trip  
2/14- 2/16 CROSS  
2/23 Bake and take cookies to public service employees in the community  
2/28 - 3/2 Ski trip\*\*

\*\*Ski trip forms are due by February 19th - if you are unable to print the forms emailed out last week you can pick them up outside the church office.

### **Wednesday Night Meal & Fellowship**

At 6 pm, we invite you to join us for dinner and Wednesday night programs in the fellowship hall.

Dinner reservations/cancellations needed by 1 pm Wednesday. Sign up on the friendship pad, call Lu in the church office 276-0831, x. 301 or email laurinburgpresby@bellsouth.net Meal cost: \$7 per adult, \$3.50 for children 12 & under; Family of 4: \$21; More than 4: \$23.

Wednesday, February 5

Grilled chicken, mac and cheese, vegetable casserole, butter beans, tossed salad, tea and dessert

Wednesday, February 12

Chicken, dressing and gravy, green beans, yams, tossed salad, tea and dessert

Wednesday, February 19

Ham, scalloped potatoes, cabbage, field peas, tossed salad, tea and dessert

Wednesday, February 26

BBQ chicken, potato salad, green bean casserole, corn, tossed salad, tea and dessert

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

Pancakes, sausage, ham, grits, egg casserole, fruit, tea and coffee

### **Presbyterian Women**

#### ***Circle Schedule:***

Monday, February 3

Circle 1 7 pm Leslie Seller's house  
Co-host Carol Sellers

Circle 2 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall with Lillian Boger and Anne Sprouse hosting

Circle 3 12 noon Fellowship Hall with Sibyle Dulin and Betty Wayne Cooley hosting  
(Remember to bring a sandwich)

Monday, February 10

Circle 4 4 pm Scotia Village

### ***Valentine Candy for our College Students***

If you are making candy for our college students, please bring it to the church by Wednesday, February 5th as we are packing the candy Thursday morning, February 6th. Thank you.

### ***LPC Women's Retreat***

February 21-23, 2014 at Ocean Isle Beach  
Ellen Dean and Beth Elliott are our program leaders. Charge per participant is \$20. Sign up now through the church office or call Pam Hill 276-7871. We invite all LPC women to attend. You deserve this time of spiritual refreshment. Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 10th.

### ***Blanket Project - \$5 Blankets***

We have the opportunity to answer a cry for help coming from families living in extreme conditions such as homelessness, famine, war, poverty, or natural disasters. This program has been a steady supplier of blankets for humanitarian work around the world. Some 8,000 congregations in the US have joined in this great work over the past 40 years. Please help once again by answering this worldwide need. Blankets cost just \$5 each. Make checks payable to LPC and note Blankets+.

### ***Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship***

Attention all high school seniors and students enrolled in institutes of higher education: The scholarship forms for the 2014-2015 Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship are available and can be picked up outside the church office. The deadline for submission to the Presbytery is Friday, February 14, 2014.

### ***Laurinburg Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Women Scholarships***

Forms for these scholarships will be available in early March for the 2014-2015 school year.

### ***PW Honorary Life Membership Nominations***

Nominations are now being received for the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award. Please pick up a copy of the application outside the church office. The deadline for all nominations is March 2. Contact Lucy Sojka with any questions: 277-7598.

### ***PW Coordinating Team Meeting***

Monday, February 24 at 5:15 (note time change)

Sue Schulz, Moderator  
schulzsula@gmail.com

### ***Christian Nurture and Education***

#### ***Sunday Mornings***

Nursery: Darlene Swing, caregiver

Children's Classes: Explorers for 3 year olds -1st Grade first floor. Trekkers for 2nd Grade -5th Grade upstairs. These classes will be taught at 11:20 following the children's sermon.

Adult Classes: Men's Bible Class meets at 9:45 in the Session room. 3M's Class meets at 9:45 off the fel-

lowship hall. Men's Bible Class and 3M's Class use the Uniform series.

Fun Adult Class meets at 9:45 in the classroom off the fellowship hall. Larry Schulz will teach the class during the month of February. The topic will be "Is God in American Foreign Policy? Reflections based on Reinhold Niebuhr, American Theologian."

On Sunday, Feb. 9, the Fun Adult Class will meet at Scotia Village MMEC for Sunday School with Jack Hanna at 9:45 am. Larry Schulz will be teaching. Join us for study and fellowship with Jack and each other. We will be finished in time to go to worship in our sanctuary.

Part Time Adults meets upstairs starting at 10 am. Neal Carter teaches the weekly lectionary passages.

### ***TOT: Theology on Tap***

Join us on Tuesday, February 11 at the Downtown Club. We start gathering for food, drink, and fellowship at 6 pm. Discussion begins at 7. Mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of each month as we continue to discuss, laugh, think, and grow in the faith.

### ***Have you linked your Harris-Teeter VIC Card to our Childcare Center #7357?***

Please help the Laurinburg Presbyterian Childcare Center earn money by linking your VIC card to account #7357. The staff, children and Childcare Advisory Board appreciate your support. HT Together in Education pays us for purchases you make August through May. The program does not run in June and July.

### ***Annual Taste of the Town at LPC***

#### ***Thursday, February 27***

Come support the Scotland County Literacy Council at their Annual Taste of the Town fund-raiser on Thursday, February 27, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets cost: \$8 for Adults, and \$6 for children 6 and under. You may purchase tickets at the door or through the Literacy Council office.

## **You are Invited to Attend**

Come hear Kevin M. Levin, author of Remembering the Battle of the Crater and the popular blog Civil War Memory, on Monday, February 17 at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Levin will discuss the ways Americans have remembered and commemorated the Battle of the Crater since the summer of 1864, focusing in particular on competing black and white interpretations of the battle and its significance. A reception and book signing will follow the presentation; copies of Levin's book will be available for cash or check purchase on site.

Levin is an instructor of history at Gann Academy in Waltham, Massachusetts, and a frequent guest speaker at Civil War Roundtables and teachers' workshops run by the US Department of Education and the Civil War Preservation Trust. His visit to our area is part of UNC Pembroke's "Perspectives on the Civil War Era" speaker series, and it will also include a teachers' workshop on the morning of February 17. These programs are co-sponsored by UNCP's Department of History and University-School Programs.

Levin's evening presentation on "The Battle of the Crater in History and Memory" is free and open to the public; for more information, please contact Dr. Jaime Amanda Martinez, UNCP Department of History, (910) 775-4031 or [jaime.martinez@uncp.edu](mailto:jaime.martinez@uncp.edu).

## **Contacting Staff**

Lu's office hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8am-5pm and Friday 8am-Noon. Remember the staff will be able to receive voicemails to their smartphones/iPhones anytime; just call LPC 276-0831, when you hear Lu's voice you can dial the extension number immediately.

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## **Celebrating Birthdays**

Pete Liles Jr	02/03
Lucy Sojka	02/03
Kristen Anderson	02/04
Alec Braswell	02/04
Hugh McArn Jr	02/04
Daniel Caudill	02/05
Stuart Carmichael	02/06
Debby Holcomb	02/06
Apita Waters	02/07
Bill Carmichael	02/08
Vivian Carter	02/09
Bill Loftus	02/09
Jaime Martinez	02/09
Robert Floyd	02/10
Helen Middleton	02/11
Scott Bruner	02/12
Emily Freeman	02/12
Bill Purcell	02/12
Jimmy Stubbs Jr	02/12
Jennings Dean	02/14
William Carmichael	02/16
Susan Hartwell	02/16
Eleanor McRae	02/16
Tripp Wells III	02/17
Gracen Byrd	02/18
Mike Coughenour	02/18
Celeste McRae	02/18
Steve Urie	02/18
Sara Beth Sellers	02/19
Mac McInnis	02/24
Andy Womble	02/25
Glenn Batten	02/26
Janice Liles	02/26
Leigh Williams	02/26
Katherine Edmund	02/27
Bill Hill	02/27
John Hudson	02/28
Frances Willis	02/29
Martha Floyd	03/03
Kaly Freeman	03/03
Curt Britt III	03/05
Katherine Britt	03/05
Candace Carter	03/05
Katherine Livingston	03/05
Dooda Robertson	03/05
Heather Scarboro	03/07
Kathy Williamson	03/07
Scott Sellers	03/08

IN MEMORIAM

**Mary Lee Shaw**

June 13, 1923 - January 16, 2014

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord  
henceforth; that they may rest from  
their labors for their deeds follow them.*

Revelation 14:13

**Congregational Concerns**

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Lee Shaw in her death, to Neal Carter in the death of his aunt, to Deb Carter in the death of her uncle, to Beth Elliott in the death of her father, to Edna McKeithen in the death of her sister-in-law, and to Sarah Bullock in the death of her sister-in-law.

Scotland Memorial:  
Marty Sutherland

Recently discharged:  
Maggie Liles

Continuing Concerns:  
Emery Boger (Lillian's son), Courtney Carmichael, Susan Hardy, Ray McCormick (Virginia Ann's brother), Creed Sellers, Frances Shannon

At Scotia SNF:  
Edna Drake, Jack Hanna, Frances Hopkins, John Hudson, Virginia Johnson, Lois Muse, Janet Petris

At Scotia Skilled:  
Mary Hafer, Edna McKeithen

At Scotia Special Care:  
Anne Collins, Evelyn Crossley, Reba Essey

At Scottish Pines:  
Thelma Morgan, Mary McDonald, Pauline Bruner

At Morgan Center:  
Katherine Edmund

At Prestwick:  
Dooda Robertson

**Thank You to Our Volunteers**

**Sunday Open/Close**

Scott Sellers

**ACOLYTES**

Feb 9 Jackson Sellers  
Feb 16 Sara Beth Sellers  
Feb 23 Jackson Purcell  
March 2 *communion - no Acolyte*

**BUS DRIVERS**

**Remember to pickup at Scotia 10:15**

Feb 9 Jimmy Stubbs  
Feb 16 *Scotia to bring - Youth CROSS*  
Feb 23 Brian Bounds  
March 2 *Scotia to bring - Youth Ski trip*

**VIDEOGRAPHERS**

Feb 9 Chuck DeVaney  
Feb 16 Phil Waters  
Feb 23 Jacque Doubles  
March 2 Chuck DeVaney

**GREETERS Sanctuary Doors**

Feb 9 Hal & Frances Jernigan  
Feb 16 Bill & Anne Caudill  
Feb 23 Drew & Kathy Williamson

**GREETERS Office/Fellowship Door-Elders**

Feb 9 Carolina Caddell  
Feb 16 Wayen Freeman  
Feb 23 David Herr  
March 2 Wayne Hobbs

**GREETERS Elevator Door-Deacons**

Feb 9 Denise Herr  
Feb 16 Kim Liles  
Feb 23 Richard Mabry  
March 2 Kaye McMillan

**USHER TEAM 1**

Jimmy Thigpen, lead

Earl Bowling, Danny Caddell, David Carmichael, David Harling, Bill Hill, Richard Mabry, Richard Massey, John McRae, Marcus Norton, Maggie Ratliffe, Scott Sellers, Sam Thompson, Andy Womble

On the Calendar...

Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 11 am Worship; 11:20 am Children's Church School  
12:15 pm Whitechapel Ringers; 5:45 pm Youth

Wednesdays: 6-7 pm Fellowship Meal & Program  
6:30-6:55 Children's Music; 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Mon 2/3 PW Circles 1, 2 & 3

Tues 2/4 5 pm CNE; 6:30 pm BEG

Sun 2/9 New members joining  
Noon Congregational Meeting

Mon 2/10 PW Circle 4 at Scotia

Tues 2/11 5 pm Membership; 5:15 Fellowship; 6 pm Theology on Tap at Downtown Club

Thurs 2/13 5:30 pm Childcare; 7 pm Finance

2/14-2/16 CROSS Youth Mission Trip

Sun 2/16 1:30 pm Pinewood Derby

Mon 2/17 6 pm Civil War Lecture (fellowship hall)  
7 pm Session Meeting

2/21-2/23 PW Beach Retreat (deadline to sign up is Feb. 10)

Sun 2/23 February collection of 2 cents a meal for world hunger

Mon 2/24 5:15 pm PW Leadership Team

2/28-3/2 Youth Ski Trip

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