



The Messenger

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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Lent Begins Wednesday March 5

Join us for breakfast and Ash Wednesday worship in the fellowship hall.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

On Sunday, March 9 in worship, 34 students from the Coker College Choirs* will be with us. They will sing Rorando Coeli (by Jan Campanus Vodňanský); We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace (arr. William Appling); Lux Aurumque (by Eric Whitacre); Stay With Us (by Egil Hovland); Pilgrim's Hymn (by Stephen Paulus) and Ride On, King Jesus (arr. by Moses Hogan). Following worship our Chancel Choir will feed the Coker College Choir lunch in the fellowship hall.

*The Coker College Choirs from Hartsville, SC featuring the Coker Singers, Chamber Singers and Men's Vocal Ensemble begin their Spring Tour at Scotia Village Sunday afternoon March 9 at 3:00 pm. Admission is free.

Sunday, April 6 is Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Make plans to join us for 11 am worship in the sanctuary and 12 pm lunch in the fellowship hall: Boston butt, grilled chicken, green beans, squash casserole, mac and cheese, corn, tossed salad, broccoli salad, rolls, sweet and unsweetened tea, dessert. Advance purchase tickets required. Adults: \$10 Children (12 and under): \$5 You will have the option to reserve a table for your family, but tickets must be purchased at the same time at a minimum of 6 (up to 7 can be seated at your table).

Tickets will be sold beginning Sunday, March 9 on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings or through the church office during the week. The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, April 3.

Your help is needed at Kirkin'. If you can help with set up/decorating on Saturday, April 5, please contact Carol Lee or Pat Hix. If you can carry a banner this year for someone who is not able, please contact Kirkin' coordinators Edna Ann and Bill Loftus. Thank you.

Highlights from the Session Meeting **February 17, 2014**

At the request of Dr. Carter, Charles Wentz spoke to the session about how to be an effective care group officer.

Mission Committee Chair Bill Hill reported that the committee had met as directed to recommend how to apportion the \$3000.00 for Benevolences as adopted in the budget. Motion made, seconded and passed to allocate \$3000. for Benevolences as follows: \$1000. to be given to North Laurinburg Elementary School and expenditures would be controlled by the Board of Deacons; \$1000. to be given to Pastor's Discretionary Fund; \$500. to be given to Scotia Village; and \$500. to be given to the Concerned Citizens for the Homeless in Scotland County.

Music and Arts Committee Chair Jacque Britt requested additional volunteers to be videographers for the worship services. By consensus, the Session agreed to serve communion at Scotia Village during the showing of the video on days when communion is served at church.

For the Christian Nurture and Education Committee Beth Elliott presented the position description for a Part Time Director of Christian Education that was prepared by the ad hoc committee that was established at the Session retreat. Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt the Position Description for Part Time Director of Christian Education.

From Our Pastor

Worship After Worship

I watch me as I charge the congregation to go out into the world to continue to “work on their building” (the hook from the sermon—the hook from a Carter Family song); it is an odd feeling to watch a recording of myself. Moreover, eighteen people sit around me and watch me on the screen. As a ministry, we take a DVD of the service to the Scotia Village Retirement Community, where sixty of our members live—some of which are no longer able to attend church services.

Lu puts together large print bulletins, hymns included; Pam Hill, the mastermind of this ministry, collects them and takes them out to Scotia.

Pam invites me to come and participate in the service, so we sit in worship in an aerobics workout room at Scotia and watch the service (normally they meet in the Morgan room).

It is a pleasant group of course, as we sit and chat before we begin. All are friends here, glad to see each other. Yet, once the play button is pushed, this wonderful group of friends transforms into a collection of friends who are engaged in worship. They have not taken time out of their day to watch a DVD; they are gathered to worship.

Each person, the collective body of believers, joins in worship: they pray the prayers, sing the hymns, confess their sins, breathe in their assurance of pardon offered in Christ, affirm their faith, listen to the sermon. They worship. The Scotia congregation departs with the benediction assurance of hope that accompanies the congregation that disperses on the video screen. As I watch myself walk down the aisle, the signal that the service is over, the congregation in the sanctuary with me know corporate worship is over and they may go. And so they do. But, they have worshipped. I have worshipped along side them.

It is truly a new day. A new ministry begins: a ministry that expands the circle. It is a ministry formed out of the congregation. That is the church being the church. See a need—meet the need, if you can. We will have issues I am sure. Actually, we already have had a few snags. It will not always be easy.

Ministry seldom is. But, we are reaching out in the spirit we share with the children every Sunday—there is always room for one more.

And yet, as I reflect on this experience of worship after worship, I am not sure who did the ministry. Did we minister to them, or did they minister to me as I was able to sit with them and worship? It is not clear. Ministry seldom is.



P.S. In the sermon on February 23rd, I referenced Mother Teresa’s Anyway Poem that she had on her wall. Some of you have asked for a printout so here it is:

Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you’ve got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God; It was never between you and them anyway.

Sunday Worship

Lent 1, Year A

March 9, 2014

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Neal's sermon: *And So It Begins*

The Coker College Choirs to sing in worship.

81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

80 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

77 Forty Days and Forty Nights

The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Edna Drake on the 100th anniversary of her birth, March 11, by the family.

Lent 2, Year A

March 16, 2014

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Neal's sermon: *I Didn't Ask You To*

488 The God Abraham Praise

76 My Song Is Love Unknown

85 What Wondrous Love Is This

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Emily McQueen-Borden on her birthday March 19 and Loma McQueen on her birthday March 26 by Jim and Linda McQueen.

Lent 3, Year A

March 23, 2014

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Neal's sermon: *Open Secrets*

356 Come Now Fount of Every Blessing

84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

354 Guide My Feet

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Howard, Emily, and Jim Clark by John Clark.

Lent 4, Year A

March 30, 2014

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Neal's sermon: *All I Know*

399 We Walk By Faith

339 Be Thou My Vision

280 Amazing Grace

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Ricki Ohl by the family.

Lent 5, Year A - Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service

April 6, 2014

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Neal's sermon: *Always Time For Hopelessness*

Mel Bringle's From Highland Peaks

170 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

280 Amazing Grace

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

You are invited Sunday, March 30

On Sunday evening, March 30, you are invited to attend our Middle School breakfast casserole fund-raiser dinner (\$7 per adult, \$3.50 for children 12 & under) and our High School Youth will have a Journey to the Cross Passion Walk with communion being served. Watch for start time and more details in Sunday bulletins later in March.

Youth Sunday Evenings at 5:45

High School Youth

March 9 Sanctuary clean up

March 16 Olympics @ Scotia

March 23 Preparation for Journey to the Cross

March 30 Journey to the Cross Passion Walk

Middle School Youth

March 9 Program with Neal

March 16 & 23 Watch movie and discussion

March 30 HS Journey to the Cross and MS fund-raiser breakfast

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, March 5 Ash Wednesday

Pancakes, sausage, ham, grits, egg casserole, fruit, tea and coffee with Ash Wednesday worship in the fellowship hall

Wednesday, March 12

Boston Butt, pinto beans and rice, squash casserole, collards, tossed salad, tea and dessert
Jamie Synan will do a program on poverty.

Wednesday, March 19

Grilled chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, glazed carrots, tossed salad, tea and dessert
(Program TBA)

Wednesday, March 26

Pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli casserole, cooked apples, tossed salad, tea and dessert (Program TBA)

Wednesday, April 2

BBQ chicken, potato salad, green bean casserole, corn, tossed salad, tea and dessert (Program TBA)

Wednesday, April 9

Chicken, dressing, rice and gravy, sweet potato casserole, broccoli salad, tossed salad, tea and dessert
Program: Chancel Choir to perform John Rutter's Requiem.

Also mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 23 SAU Choir Spring Concert, and April 30 LPC Children's Spring Concert

Presbyterian Women

PW sent out 32 boxes of Valentine candy to our college students. Thanks to everyone who helped. Blankets+ Project collections continue through Sunday, March 30. Remember to mark your check "Blankets+".

Presbyterian Women Scholarships

Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship applications were due on February 14, 2014. Women of the Church applications are available outside the church office and are due in the church by noon on April 25. Scholarship will be presented May 12 at our Birthday Dinner.

PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Monday, March 31 at 5:30 (note time change)

The Annual Spring Gathering of PW is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 at Culdee Presbyterian Church in West End, NC. Contact Sue Schulz if you are interested in attending.

Sue Schulz, Moderator
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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 fellowship 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. Part Time Adults meets upstairs starting at 10 am. Neal teaches the weekly lectionary passages.

TOT: Theology on Tap

Join us on Tuesday, March 11 at the Downtown Club. We start gathering for food, drink, and fellowship at 6 pm. Menu: corned beef and cabbage. 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.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Sunday Open/Close

Richard Mabry

ACOLYTES

March 9 Laney McLaurin
March 16 Matt Sellers
March 23 McKenna Sutherland
March 30 Andrew Oswald

BUS DRIVERS

Remember to pickup at Scotia 10:15

March 9 Jim Mason
March 16 Richard Massey
March 23 Sam Thompson
March 30 David Carmichael

NURSERY

March 9 Anna Urie, Gibson McLaurin
March 16 Jamie Synan, Ashlyn Murray
March 23 Georgia Dye, Haley Sellers
March 30 Pam and Bill Hill, Bailey Sloop

GREETERS Sanctuary Doors

March 9 Bill and Anne Goodwin
March 16 David and Denise Herr
March 23 Chris and Jen Rhue
March 30 Wayne and Kaly Freeman

GREETERS Office/Fellowship Door-Elders

March 9 Greg Wood
March 16 Jacque Britt
March 23 Beth Elliott
March 30 Clara Butler

GREETERS Elevator Door-Deacons

March 9 Randy Miller
March 16 Don Ohl
March 23 Kevin Patterson
March 30 Sammy Simmons

USHER TEAM 2

Co-leaders Charles Bounds and Randy Miller
Brian Bounds, Charles Bounds, David Bounds
Eddie Carmichael, Dan Dean, Wayne Freeman
Boyd McLaurin, Jim Mason, Randy Miller
John Murray, Kevin Patterson, Bill Purcell
Chip Wells

Noon Wednesday

Community Lenten Services

First United Methodist Church

March 5 Rev. Sam Wynn
Gateway District Superintendent

March 12 Rev. Rebecca Kahnt
Trinity Presbyterian Church

March 19 Rev. Dechard "Deck" Guess
Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church

March 26 Rev. Vermel Taylor
Galilee United Methodist Church

April 2 Rev. Robert "Bobby" Dean
Central United Methodist Church

April 9 Rev. Billy Olsen
St. Luke United Methodist Church

April 16 Rev. Dr. Jonathan Jeffries
First United Methodist Church

**A light lunch will be available each Wednesday after the Lenten service for \$5.00 per person.

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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IN MEMORIAM

John Parks "Jack" Hanna

August 2, 1924 — February 4, 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 Jack Hanna in his death, and to Andy Womble in the death of his aunt, Edith Boland.

Scotland Memorial: Lucile Bridgeman

CMC Monroe: Herman Gillis

Baptist Hospital Winston- Salem: Jen Rhue's step-father, Sam Riley

Continuing Concerns: Emery Boger (Lillian's son), Courtney Carmichael, Susan Hardy, Ray McCormick (Virginia Ann's brother), Creed Sellers, Frances Shannon, Marty Sutherland, Laura Massey Owen (John and Lynn Massey's daughter)

At Scotia SNF: Edna Drake, 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

Prayer Concerns: Frank and Carol Covington's daughter Amanda is expecting twin girls and is now at 22 weeks. Frank is a former associate at LPC and Amanda was a guest preacher here a couple of years ago at Homecoming. Amanda is on bed rest at Duke Hospital (room 7732) due to thinning of the cervix. She and the babies are fine. The goal is to get her to 10 days or two weeks so the babies are ready and she can either have a natural labor or a C-section. Amanda and Craig have been informed of possible outcomes. Their son Grant is a little over a year old.

Celebrating Birthdays

Curt Britt III	03/05
Katherine Britt	03/05
Candace Carter	03/05
Katherine Livingston	03/05
Dooda Robertson	03/05
Kathy Williamson	03/07
Scott Sellers	03/08
Kathy Wright	03/09
Jake Caudill	03/11
Edna Drake	03/11
Randy Hoffman	03/11
Eileen McKinnon	03/11
Sarah Williams	03/11
Dan Dean	03/12
Cross Sellers	03/13
Jeff Braswell	03/14
Brian Bounds	03/15
Janet Norton	03/15
Deane Phillips	03/15
Anne Caudill	03/17
Anne Collins	03/17
Pam Coughenour	03/18
Madison Dwyer	03/18
Sarah Bullock	03/19
Gib McCall	03/19
Terry Garner	03/21
Becky McKeithan	03/21
David McLaurin	03/21
Kathleen Purcell	03/21
Chip Wells	03/21
Charles Liles	03/22
Patricia Massey	03/22
Linda Simmons	03/22
David Harling	03/23
Catherine McLaurin	03/24
Ivey Thigpen	03/24
Henrietta Carmichael	03/25
Patricia McLaurin	03/25
Becky Heller	03/26
Sue Jones	03/26
Jacque Doubles	03/29
Bonnie Purcell	03/29
Poppy Bounds	03/30
Douglas Hix	04/01
Ellen Thompson	04/01
Sara Harling	04/02
Ben Freeman	04/03
Heather Whistler	04/03

Lent begins Wednesday, March 5 and Easter will soon be here so it's time to order Easter lilies for our sanctuary. Presbyterian Women take orders for Easter Lilies each year given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Cost of the lilies is \$10.00 each. The deadline for ordering is Thursday, March 13.



Checks and order forms must be received no later than Thursday, March 13 so if you are mailing them to the church or Delia please put them in the mail by Tuesday, March 11 to make sure that we receive them by the deadline .

Make checks payable to: Presbyterian Women. You may mail checks and order forms to: Delia Muse P.O. Box 335, Laurinburg, NC 28353 or place them in the PW box in the church office. You may also email laurinburgpresby@bellsouth.net with the information needed below if you would like. Please give the name of the one you are honoring or remembering and who is donating the lilies. Also please remember to pick up your lilies after the Easter Service on April 20.

Thank you,
Lynn Mason
PW Flower Chair

PLEASE **PRINT** the following part and return with your check

Your Name _____ Amount of check \$ _____

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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: 6-7:10 pm Fellowship Meal & Program
6:30-7:10 Children's Music; 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Tues 3/4 5 pm CNE; 6:30 pm BEG

Wed 3/5 Ash Wednesday

Thurs 3/6 5 pm WMA

Tues 3/11 5 pm Membership; 5:15 Fellowship; 6 pm Theology on Tap at Downtown Club

Thurs 3/13 Deadline to order Easter Lilies; 5:30 pm Childcare; 7 pm Finance

Mon 3/17 7 pm Session Meeting

Sun 3/30 March collection of 2 cents a meal for world hunger

Mon 3/31 5:30 pm PW Leadership Team

4/4-4/6 CROSS Youth Mission Trip (rescheduled)

Sun 4/6 Kirkin' o' the Tartan Worship and Lunch

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