



The Messenger

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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Presbyterian Women

Monday, May 5 PW Circles Meet

Circle 1 6 pm covered dish at Clara Butler's 1204 Franklin Avenue Co-host Mary Margaret Miller
Circle 2 4:30 pm covered dish in the Fellowship Hall
Circle 3 12 noon @ Miyako Japanese Restaurant
Circle 4 4 pm at Scotia Dinner at 5:15. Call Carolina Caddell or Adell Page to make a reservation.

Monday, May 12 PW Birthday Salad Dinner 6 pm in Fellowship Hall Bring your favorite salad to share. Scotia Village women will be our guests. The bus will pick you up at 5:30. Following dinner, the new slate of officers will be announced, the PW Honorary Life Membership will be presented, our scholarship recipients will be honored, and the Birthday offering will be received. Please join us for a great time of fellowship as we complete our year.

The Presbyterian Women will host a breakfast to honor our graduating high school seniors on Sunday, June 1 at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Graduating seniors and their families will be our guests.

Sue Schulz, Moderator (schulzsula@gmail.com)

Youth Sunday Evenings at 5:45

High School Youth

Note: May 11 (no HS or MS Youth Mother's Day)

May 4 Kickball at Presbyterian Park
May 18 Youth will sing during morning worship. Afterwards, we go to Lake Tillery for skiing and tubing hosted by Mike Coughenour Cost \$10 Lunch and supper provided. Last year we had a blast!

Middle School Youth

May 4 Parent Appreciation Night

Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 27 2:00-6:00 pm Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Deacons. To sign up for your time to give blood: please call the office 276-0831, x. 301

Connecting with Monroe:

Rev. Lyndsey McCall's call has been extended through Monroe Camp & Retreat Center but in partnership with Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. MCRC has leased out half of her professional time to serve as LPC's Director of Christian Education. "I'm thrilled about this new partnership" says Lyndsey. "We are in a time in the church (and at camp) when we need to be creative with our resources. Pairing the ministry allows LPC to receive an ordained person part-time and it significantly helps the ministry at Monroe by supplementing half the cost of having a Director. "I look forward to bringing the creative ideas I've learned so far and continue to learn from my professional education, continuing education and from my varied experiences in ministry to both these wonderful ministries" says Lyndsey.

But wait, there's more! These may be the obvious logistical needs that are met but there are so much more greater opportunities than just the financial needs that are met. MCRC can be a great resource for LPC whether it's through; the use of the facilities, the connection the camp has with the Presbytery and even the programmatic resources that Monroe offers. "At Monroe, we look forward to hosting retreats in the Fall for LPC leaders of youth, Sunday school teachers and possibly other leadership in the church. During these types of retreats, I plan to use a lot of the knowledge I have from preparing our intensive summer staff training. For example, we have a Diversity Training that equips people with different personalities and learning styles along with differences in family, race, and economic backgrounds can all work together and best teach to these differences. This is just one example but I expect there are many more connections that will be made" says Lyndsey. Monroe is moving in a positive direction between making this connection and kicking off a Capital Campaign. Being part of Monroe's future is especially important as they plan to grow in big

ways by building a brand new 20 bedroom lodge, remodeling our Boyd, building a new barn facility as well as renovating the existing cabins and bath-houses.

“Behold! I am doing a new thing!” -Isaiah 43:19. “We are in a new time in the life of the church. While things may change, it doesn’t mean that it can’t be a good thing. God is doing something great for the ministry at Monroe and at Laurinburg Presbyteri-an Church. “I’m excited to be part of the amazing things that God has in store for these two wonderful ministries.”

Rev. Lyndsey McCall

For more information on the partnering of these ministries or if you have suggestions for additional ways we may partner, please contact Director, Rev. Lyndsey McCall at mccallyndsey@gmail.com.

From Our Pastor:

In a chance quick skim through an article, I stumble upon the name Julia Esquivel, with the descrip-tion- a Guatemalan poet and social justice activist. The author of a book of poems entitled *Threatened with Resurrection*. I know little about the rest of the article; the title of Esquivel’s collection steals all the thunder from the original article.

Esquivel writes in a time of horrific turmoil and suffering in Guatemala as many thousands of in-digenous groups are savagely murdered. With this backdrop, she pens one of her most prolific poems, *Threatened With Resurrection*. The following is a portion of this poem:

*...There is something here within us
Which doesn't let us sleep, which doesn't let us rest,
Which doesn't stop pounding deep inside,
It is the silent, warm weeping of Indian women without
their husbands,
It is the sad gaze of the children
Fixed there beyond memory,
In the very pupil of our eyes
Which during sleep, though closed, keep watch
With each contraction of the heart
In every waking...*

*What keeps us from sleeping,
Is that they have threatened us with resurrection!
Because at each nightfall,*

*Though exhausted from the endless inventory
Of killings since 1954,
Yet we continue to love life,
And do not accept their death!*

*...Because in this marathon of Hope,
there are always others to relieve us
in bearing the courage necessary
to arrive at the goal which lies beyond death...*

*Accompany us then on this vigil
And you will know what it is to dream!
You will then know how marvelous it is
To live threatened with resurrection!
To dream awake,
To keep watch asleep
To live while dying
And to already know oneself resurrected!*

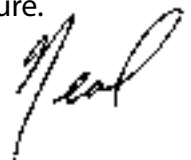
We (I) tend to think of death as the grand foe; resur-rection is the grand hope. Yet, Julia Esquivel might just have a point. Why? Because death, hopeless-ness, darkness: all can provide a perverse sense of relief. With no hope, there is no expectation of a bet-ter future (or a better present for that matter). We are exempt from the demands of life. All risk is void. But if we hope, if we look to the new life beyond an empty tomb, who knows the mighty daunting tasks we might be called upon to take on? What de-mands might resurrection hope place on us? What change might we be expected to live with resurrec-tion hope before us?

I suspect that we often go the way of death (chaotic bustle, too full calendars, negative relationships, un-healthy associations, constant judgmental attitudes of others, incessant gossip, false integrity, live in the past, substance abuse, inescapable cynicism, etc.) for we do not wish to face the threat of resurrection.

As the Easter season continues, soon to fade into Pentecost, may we at LPC continue in this marathon of Hope ...

*May we dare to know what it is to dream!
May we then know how marvelous it is
to live threatened with resurrection!*

It just might challenge us beyond who we are; it might just be gift beyond all measure.



Sunday Worship

May 4, 2014 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23;

Luke 24:13-35

Neal's sermon: *Along the Road*

118 *The Day of Resurrection*

113 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

104 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Bess Caroline Urie to Jeremy Duane Johnson.

May 11, 2014 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 23; John 10:1-10; 1 Peter 2:19-25

Charles Wentz's sermon: *Signs of An Abundant Life*

111 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

108 Christ is Alive!

In lieu of flowers a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Estelle and Julian Butler, Margaret and Irvin Montgomery and Mildred B. Snowdon by the Butler and Snowdon families.

Youth Sunday May 18, 2014 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John

14:1-14 Hymns TBA (Youth picking)

Neal's sermon: *Identity*

May 25, 2014 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22;

John 14:15-21

Neal's sermon: *He Descended Into Hell*

115 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

313 Come Down, O Love Divine

105 Because You Live, O Christ

The flowers given to the glory of God and in memory of family members who were all educators and have joined the Church Triumphant by Kathy Wright.

Graduation Sunday June 1 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14;

5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Neal's sermon: *Waiting On The World To Change*

150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
In My Life

151 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Flowers given to the glory of God by Louise Wester

TOT: Theology on Tap On Tuesday, May 13 at the Downtown Club, we gather for food, drink, and fellowship at 6 pm. Discussion begins at 7. Join us as we discuss, laugh, think, and grow in the faith.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

OPEN/CLOSE Allen McLaurin

ACOLYTES

May 4 Katie Carmichael

May 11 Daniel Caudill

May 18 Jackson Sellers

May 25 Sara Beth Sellers

BUS DRIVERS Remember to pickup at Scotia 10:15

May 4 Gus Purcell

May 11 Randy Miller

May 18 Tommy Britt

May 25 Jamie Sutherland

NURSERY

May 4 Leslie & Scott Sellers, Sara Paige Liles

May 11 Ellen Dean, Gibson McLaurin

May 18 **Volunteer needed**, Ashlyn Murray

May 25 Jamie & David Synan, Haley Sellers

GREETERS Sanctuary Doors

May 4 Laurene & Jimmy Stubbs

May 11 Lynn & Jim Mason

May 18 Deane & Bill Phillips

May 25 Millie Peele, Anne Sprouse

GREETERS Office/Fellowship Door-Elders

May 4 Bill Purcell, II

May 11 John Baker

May 18 David Harling

May 25 Bill Hill

GREETERS Elevator Door-Deacons

May 4 Jamie Synan

May 11 Tim Altman

May 18 Kristen Anderson

May 25 Denise Herr

USHER TEAM 4 Leader Bradley Williams

Tommy Britt, John Clark, Mike Coughenour, Joel Hartwell, David Herr, Wayne Hobbs, John Massey, Don Ohi, Michael Sellers, Sammy Simmons, Jamie Sutherland, Drew Williamson, Greg Wood (May 25 - Middle School Youth)

Christian Nurture and Education

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 children's sermon. Adults: Men's Bible Class 9:45 in the Session room. 3M's Class at 9:45 off the fellowship hall. Fun Adult Class at 9:45 in the classroom off the fellowship hall. Part Time Adults meets upstairs starting at 10 am with Neal teaching the weekly lectionary passages.

Celebrating Birthdays

John McLaurin	05/01
Edna McKeithen	05/02
Geoffrey Taylor	05/02
Drew Williamson Jr	05/02
David Bounds	05/03
Marjorie Coughenour	05/04
Jane Quick	05/04
Ginger Voss	05/05
Chuck DeVaney	05/07
Lynn Mason	05/07
Peggy Medlin	05/07
Helen Baker	05/08
Leslie Coughenour	05/09
Sibyle Dulin	05/09
Charli Ann Ohl	05/09
Alice Wilkins	05/09
Emily Womble	05/09
Frances Hopkins	05/10
Carol Lee	05/10
Lloyd Newsome Jr.	05/10
Jamie Sutherland	05/10
Carlene Willis	05/11
Connie Harris	05/13
Adell Page	05/13
Bailey Sloop	05/13
Louise Wester	05/14
Julian Butler Jr	05/15
Richard Massey III	05/15
Bill Purcell II	05/15
Steph McDavid	05/16
Matthew Morgan	05/16
Lauren Bowling	05/17
Virginia Johnson	05/17
Chris Rhue	05/17
Molly Taylor	05/19
Eleanor Sojka	05/22
Anne Melton	05/23
Jonathan Bowling	05/24
Jean Snively	05/24
Emma Wells	05/24
John McRae	05/25
Meredith Hudson	05/26
Gus Purcell	05/26
Phil Waters	05/26
Sandra Hoffman	05/27
Joseph Sojka	05/27
Cooper Sutherland	05/27
Hal Jernigan	05/29

Creed Sellers	05/30
John Baker	06/02
Penny McLaurin	06/02
Jim Sutherland III	06/02
Patricia Evans	06/03
Katie McLaurin	06/04
Gloria Coughenour	06/05
Anna Thompson	06/06
Daniel McDonald III	06/07
Danny Caddell	06/08
Carol Coughenour	06/08
Evelyn Crossley	06/08
Hew Fulton III	06/08

Congregational Concerns

Sam Snowdon SMH; Flora Wells rehab *St. Joseph's of the Pines Therapy Village Room 151 103 Gossman Dr. Southern Pines NC 28387*; Continuing Concerns: Courtney Carmichael, Gloria Coughenour, Susan Hardy, Ray McCormick (Virginia Ann's brother), Ralph Parker, Creed Sellers, Frances Shannon, Marty Sutherland, Laura Massey Owen (John and Lynn Massey's daughter); At Scotia SNF: Lucile Bridgeman (rehab), Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, John Hudson, Virginia Johnson, Janet Petris; At Scotia Assisted: Mary Hafer, Ervin and Ann Hill, Edna McKeithen; At Scotia Special Care: Anne Collins, Evelyn Crossley, Reba Essey, Frances Haupt; At Scottish Pines: Thelma Morgan, Mary McDonald, Pauline Bruner; At Morgan Center: Katherine Edmund; At Prestwick: Lois Muse, Dooda Robertson

Session Meeting Highlights April 21 '14

Building Equipment and Grounds. Celeste McRae, Committee chair, reported on the minutes and work of the committee. She reviewed the report of Neal Smith Engineering on the inspection of the Church roofs. The committee along with the Finance Committee will consult and recommend to the Session how to repair and pay for the needed work.

Presbyterian Women: Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously that the following persons shall serve as officers of the Presbyterian Women for next year: Moderator Betsy Massey, Vice-Moderator Carol Sellers, Secretary Beverly Bowling, Treasurer Delia Muse, Historian Lucy Sojka, Moderator of Search Committee Janice Liles.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS:

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to consider Elder and Deacon Nominees for the Class of 2017. Your suggestions are important in helping us present the nominees of your choice. We will also be nominating 3 at large members from the congregation for next year's Nominating Committee. Please carefully consider who would best serve the church.

PRINT your suggested nominees below and return it to the office in the next two weeks. Thank you.

2014 Nominating Committee

Clara Butler, Chair

Craig Ellis, Chair-elect

ELDERS for CLASS 2017

DEACONS for CLASS 2017

AT LARGE MEMBERS Nominating Committee

On the Calendar...

Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 11 am Worship;
11:20 am Children's Church School

Wednesdays: 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
Sun 5/4 5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting

Mon 5/5 PW Circles

Tues 5/6 6:30 pm BEG

Mon 5/12 6 pm PW Salad Dinner

Tues 5/13 5 pm Membership;
5:15 pm Fellowship; 6 pm TOT
6:30 pm Court of Honor

Thurs 5/15 5:30 pm Childcare; 7 pm Finance

Mon 5/19 7 pm Session Meeting

Tues 5/26 2-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

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.

Note of Appreciation

Nick and Debbie Mager wish to thank all those
members and friends of LPC who have graced them
with cards, notes, calls, and prayers on the occasion
of the death of Nick's mother.

Contacting Staff

Office closes at noon on Friday, but remember
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Vacation Bible School July 7-11 9 am - Noon

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