



The Messenger

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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***There is Always "Room for One More"
So Come Join the Fun At Jungle Safari:
Where Kids Explore the Nature of God!
at Vacation Bible School
Monday July 7 - Friday, July 11, 2014
Fellowship Hall 9 am - Noon***

Preparations and plans for Vacation Bible School are underway. And things are shaping up thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and you! Folks have been bringing in decorations. We could still use some jungle animals, silk plants and vine-like garland, insects and butterflies, etc. or you can make a monetary donation to help us buy VBS supplies. Folks have been coming in to paint our cardboard animals, cut leaves out of construction paper, etc. to decorate the stage, fellowship hall, and entrance.

Starting at 10 am on Monday, June 30 and Tuesday, July 1, we could use your help to finish. Please join us if you can! Please check your email or call the church office on Wednesday, July 2 to see if we still have things to do to get ready.

So folks what's coming during our great week on the VBS jungle adventure that sets kids on the path to finding the greatest treasure of all. During our week kids will KNOW what's so great about God, EXPLORE the nature of God, and learn how to SERVE God in practical ways. Starting each morning at 9, kids will enter the jungle (fellowship hall) and gather at "Toucan Jam" for opening and closing assemblies. Here they will sing and shout as they learn how God is CREATOR, PROVIDER, PROTECTOR, SAVIOR, AND KING. Jake Jordan and Professor Allbright will lead our safari through Zip Line Bible Time, Lizard's Leap, Jaguar Junction, and Slug-a-Bug S.W.A.M.P.

The totem pole color of the day will guide our stories, so kids get your t-shirts for the week out and be prepared for the fun-filled jungle!



On...Monday wear Green
Tuesday wear Blue
Wednesday wear Orange
Thursday wear Red
Friday wear Purple or White

Parents and Grandparents, pre-registration will help us. Registration forms for children age 4 through the Fifth Grade (completed) are available outside the church office. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires health and safety information for all children in our care. Invite your friends to share this adventure and pick up extra copies to give to their parents. There are also DVDs for your computer so the kids can learn the hand motions and music ahead of time, or you may also pick up a CD to use in your car or CD player to learn the music.

Thanks for all of your help!
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From Our Pastor:

I recently read the trending news story of KFC as it is investigating a report that a family of a 3-year-old girl who said she was asked to leave one of its restaurants because her scars from a vicious pit bull attack were frightening other customers.

The child's grandmother, said she was driving her granddaughter home from the hospital when they stopped at a KFC in Jackson, Mississippi, for a quick bite to eat. The grandmother claims she was asked to leave because her face is disrupting our customers.

National and world media such as CNN, Nancy Grace, Huffington Post and "The Today Show" jumped on the story, lambasting the employees, KFC and KFC's corporate owners.

After it went viral, employees and managers at both Jackson KFC locations have faced death threats, have had drinks thrown at them through the drive-thru window and have faced constant verbal harassment, the source confirmed.

After a little time and further investigation, the story is thought to be a hoax, made up to get sympathy — and donations (\$135,000.00 — even KFC pledged \$30,000 to go to medical expenses).

News reports can push our emotions in rapid fashion.

I have heard so many responses about the decisions made at the PCUSA General Assembly — positive and negative alike. The emotions and feelings about marriage and the Middle East run deep. They can make their way to the surface rather quickly as well (like concerns over a child supposedly being rejected at a restaurant).

Of the numerous overtures dealt with at this year's General Assembly, I agree with some of the decisions made, disagree with others; others still, I just scratch my head and wonder. As my father use to tell me: you win some, you lose some, and some get rained out.

Of all the decisions made, my faith in God still remains as it was.

We at LPC are a very eclectic group. As most downtown mainline churches, we have a host of theological perspectives, shades, views. Our vast number of theological perspectives is what makes us healthy and a challenge as a congregation. I suspect that as a congregation, most of you folks would agree with some of the decisions made, disagree with others; others still, you folks would just scratch your heads and wonder.

As for LPC and decisions of the larger denomination, few of these decisions have an impact on what we do and who we are.

So, before we react to the decisions of General Assembly (positively or negatively), my hope is that we join with Paul who proclaims:

"... but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." [Philippians 3:13-14]

We have a heavenly call of God to be a herald of truth here in Scotland County. We have a number of issues in our community that demand us to remain focused on our call right here — right now.

We can't control all the decisions that are made in the church, or how the media presents them. We can choose to remain focused on our call here. I pray that we do just that.



Heath Rada elected moderator of 221st General Assembly on first ballot

Heath Rada, a retired ruling elder who served the American Red Cross as CEO of the Greater Richmond chapter and president of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, was elected moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Saturday evening June 14 on the first ballot. Serving with him as vice moderator will be

Larissa Kwong Abazia, Church of Forest Hills, a multicultural, multiethnic congregation in Queens, New York. "I believe the role of the moderator is to listen carefully," Rada said in a news conference following the election. "I will try to do my best to interpret the decisions of the Assembly."

During his speech, Rada displayed a t-shirt that said "Jesus loves you, but I'm his favorite." "That's Original Sin into a sassy sound bite," he said. "How easy it is to wear that t-shirt." But Rada accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior when he was 12-years-old. Ever since, he said, Jesus has continued to open doors and show new dimensions. Leaders of many faiths have helped me to see that truth can be understood from many different angles. People who were sure they were Jesus's favorites had their minds expanded."

His call as a ruling elder was to develop mediation skills that could be used to make life better. He put these to use in his service with the Red Cross, working to help make peoples lives better in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. "We have to challenge those who want to be favorites. In too many instances we forget the power of the gospel. We need to abound in hope and get rid of this message," he said.

Rada emphasized that "the love of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is the foundation that unites us." Heath has a local connection. He studied at St. Andrews, and he preached for us at St. Andrews Sunday four years ago.

Heath is a member of the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville.

Sunday Worship

July 6 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17;

Romans 7:15-25a; **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Neal's sermon: "Come to Me"

423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

276 Great is Thy Faithfulness

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Purcell and Agnes Lynn Buchanan by the family

July 13 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;

Romans 8:1-11; **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Neal's sermon: "Careless Sower of the Seeds"

483 Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

306 Fairest Lord Jesus

411 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Flowers open

July 20 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;

Romans 8:12-25; **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Neal's sermon: "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!"

454 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

516 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Sarah Pate Townsend by Dolly and Richard Brown.

July 27 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Neal's sermon: "When Words Fail"

491 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

314 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

425 Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Flowers open

August 3 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;

Romans 9:1-5; **Matthew 14:13-21**

Neal's sermon: "Too Tired to Care"

263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

404 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Doug McMillan and Ken and Anne Malcolm by Kaye McMillan.

August 10 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Montreat Sunday - mark your calendar for this time

when our youth and youth advisors lead worship!

Montreat week this year is July 13-19.

Improving Communications

In an effort to be able to communicate with all members of LPC, the session approved the use of a service through "One Call Now." This service allows us to communicate with you through calls to land lines, cell phones, as well as email.

Also for CELL phone users only you can opt to receive text messages. This is helpful for members who do not receive emails to their cell phones. In order to receive text messages from us, because of FCC regulations, you have to text the word "ALERT" to the number "22300" from your cell phone. If you DO NOT wish to receive text messages, simply do nothing.

The One Call Now service also allows us to set up subgroups within the entire church roster. For instance a group has been set up that includes members who primarily use land lines only as their means of communication. If you use email but wish to also receive phone call notifications, please contact me in the church office. I will gladly add you to this call list.

Voice communications through One Call Now can be sent in a variety of ways. Sometimes you will receive a call from me or Neal or another leader in their recorded voice. Another option allow us to use an automated voice. The voice you hear will depend on how we initiate the call, i.e. whether we log on to the One Call Now website or initiate the communication through a telephone call.

Another feature available is the use of mobile apps which staff and leaders can download to their smartphones and use to communicate with the entire church or with a designated subgroup. The use of mobile apps allows us to communicate important information to you wherever we are, even when we are not in the church office.

The use of this service also saves us time. After we initiate calls, One Call Now sends us a report. The one I received last week said, "Since 05/06/2014, you have sent 8 messages to your group, currently with 321 members. We have made 2,388 attempts, re-dialing busy and no-answers, to deliver 1,510 message attempts to your group. At 1 minute per

call, One Call Now Notification Service has saved you 39 hours 48 minutes to date!"

Two important feedbacks that I have received are:
1. If you have a work email or another email address that you want to have added to the notification list, please contact me. I will gladly add it.

2. If you have received calls to your cell or land line that you do not wish to receive because you would prefer to be notified through email only, please contact me. It is very easy for us to remove your name from the call list.

3. As stated earlier, if you get email and want to also get phone calls, please let me know it's very easy to add you to this roster and sub-group.

Thank you for you feedback and assistance. Through the many options that this service provides, we are simply trying to communicate and serve LPC in a more efficient way.

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Fellowship with LPC this Summer

Join us for these fellowship events:

1. Lemonade on the Lawn follows worship each Sunday and continues through August 24.

2. Fellowship Pool Parties at Scotch Meadows from 7 to 9 pm. In June we had a great time of fellowship and enjoyed pizza at the pool. We have two more pool parties planned for:

Tuesday, July 8

(rain date Wednesday, July 9)

Tuesday, August 12

(rain date Wednesday, Aug. 13)

In case of bad weather and we have to cancel you will be contacted through the One Call Now service. Please plan to join us for dinner, swimming and conversation around the pool

The Fellowship Committee

Thank You to Our Volunteers

OPEN/CLOSE SUNDAYS

July Sammy Simmons
August Randy Miller

ACOLYTES

July 6 Alexis Patterson
July 13 Emma Herr
July 20 *Communion - no acolyte*
July 27 Katie Carmichael
Aug 3 Daniel Caudill

BUS DRIVERS Remember to pickup at Scotia 10:15

July 6 Richard Mabry
July 13 *Montreat - Scotia to bring*
July 20 Brian Bounds
July 27 Jimmy Stubbs
Aug 3 Jim Mason

GREETERS Office/Fellowship Door-Elders

July 6 Carolina Caddell
July 13 Mary Hambright
July 20 Wayne Freeman
July 27 David Herr
Aug 3 Wayne Hobbs

GREETERS Elevator Door-Deacons

July 6 Kaye McMillan
July 13 Stuart Carmichael
July 20 Pat Hix
July 27 Laura Beth Urie
Aug 3 Kathy Wright

JULY USHER TEAM 2

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

Celebrating Birthdays

Grace Batten 07/01
Clay Bruner 07/01
Charles McKeithan 07/01
Annette Morgan 07/02
Kathryn Williams 07/02
Sara Williamson 07/04
Alison Norton 07/05
Jackson Sellers 07/05
Hallie Willis 07/05

Ron Crossley 07/06
Jim Morgan Jr. 07/06
Charles Bounds 07/07
Turner Bounds 07/07
Vivienne Rhue 07/07
Gary Dwyer 07/08
Lee Anne Harling 07/08
Claudia "Sis" Thomas 07/09
Robin Snead 07/12
Lu Fowler 07/13
Maggie Ratcliffe 07/14
Cheryl Stang 07/15
Marilyn Garner 07/16
Martha Underwood 07/16
Ryan Phillips 07/17
Betty Decembrino 07/18
Will Freeman 07/18
John Carmichael Jr. 07/19
Blossom Harris 07/19
Katherine McKay 07/19
Marcus Norton Jr. 07/19
Heidi Poage 07/20
Caleb Wood 07/20
Sharlene McLaurin 07/21
Leslie Sellers 07/22
Nan Turner 07/22
Lou Presler 07/23
Bradley Williams 07/23
Baxter Lee 07/24
Erin Salzlein 07/25
Joann Altman 07/26
Clara Butler 07/26
Paula Blackburn 07/27
Dick Burr 07/28
Miriam Bounds 07/29
Kevin Patterson 07/29
Sharon Brandon 07/31
Angela LeFlore 07/31
Mac McKeithan III 07/31
Terri Purcell 07/31
Dawn Sellers 07/31
Mary Margaret Miller 08/01
Emma McInnis 08/04
Philip Wilkinson 08/04
Sumner McLaurin 08/05
Chris McDavid 08/06
Robert Poage 08/06
Doug Harris 08/07
Barbara Bateman 08/08
Don Ohl 08/08

Christian Nurture and Education

Nursery during worship with Darlene Swing as caregiver with volunteers.

Children's Classes are taught following the children's sermon on the steps.

Explorers for 3 year olds -1st Grade first floor.

Trekkers for 2nd Grade -5th Grade upstairs.

Adult classes are taught at 9:45

Men's Bible Class in the Session room.

3M's Class off the fellowship hall.

The Fun Adult Class and Part Time Adults do not meet during the summer. You are invited to attend one of the other classes.

Congregational Concerns

Recently Discharged:

Thelma Morgan (back at Scottish Pines)

Continuing Concerns:

Freida Parker (Catherine McLaurin's sister), Lucile Bridgeman, Susan Hardy, Ray McCormick, Ralph Parker, Creed Sellers, Frances Shannon, Marty Sutherland, Flora Wells

In Care Facilities:

Scotia SNF: Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, John Hudson, Virginia Johnson, Janet Petris; Scotia Special Care: Anne Collins, Evelyn Crossley, Reba Essey, Frances Haupt; Assisted: Ervin and Ann Hill, Edna McKeithen, Mary Hafer; Scottish Pines: Thelma Morgan, Mary McDonald, Pauline Bruner; Prestwick: Lois Muse, Dooda Robertson; Morgan Center: Katherine Edmund

Christian sympathy is extended to:

The family of Dr. Bill Purcell in the death of his brother Ed Purcell.

Notes of Appreciation were received:

June 4, 2014

Dear Church Family,

I am still at a loss of words and cannot possibly tell you all how much your kind gestures have meant to me and my family over the past few weeks. Tommy was aware of the many thoughts and prayers, and since his death you have all rallied

around us in unbelievable ways. Prayers, hugs, food, flowers, monetary contributions... the list goes on and on! I have never felt so loved and cared for.

We realize our lives will be very different moving forward, but we also realize that we are not alone. Please continue to keep us in our thoughts and prayers and know how much you all mean to us.

Love,

Jacque

June 14, 2014

Dear LPC Staff and Members,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plaque and staff lunch. I have 20 years of very fond memories of LPC. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin a new journey and chapter in my life.

Wishing you God speed,

Sheryl Icard

The plaque that was presented to Sheryl Icard, our Business Office Assistant, for her 20 years of service to the Business and Administration Offices of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. On June 16, Sheryl and her husband moved to Georgia to be near family.

Summer Camp at LPC Hut

Summer Camp now under new leadership starts Monday, June 9 for Children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Several Options are available for your convenience:

1. Full-time: Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm \$90/week

2. Part-time: Three days per week (you choose the days) 7:00 am to 5:30 pm \$70/week

3. Drop-in from time to time \$25/day (for availability/special plans you'll need to call the day before)

Registration fee: \$25 + Activity fee: \$50 Breakfast, lunch and a snack provided.

For more information please contact:

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LPC Chancel Choir Members Visit “la Isla del Encanto”

After two years of pestering, Music Director Dr. José Rivera arranged for members of the LPC Chancel Choir to visit Puerto Rico. José, 10 members of the choir, and four additional participants left Charlotte on June 19 and touched down in San Juan a few hours later. Thanks to José and Mabel’s excellent trip planning, we had a busy and fantastic 4 1/2 days!

Our journeys took us through the mountains, deep into the rainforest, and back in time 500 years to a Spanish colonial fortress. Along the way, we encountered many friendly people, gained new insights into Caribbean history and culture, and relaxed on beautiful beaches. We also sampled new foods, exploring the many culinary uses of the plantain, tasting truly fresh pineapple, and enjoying some really excellent flan.

On Sunday, we participated in the worship service at the Second Union Church in Guaynabo, just outside

San Juan. We sang “Halle, Halle” as an anthem and “May the Road Rise to Meet You” for the benediction. Although the worship service was held in English, we sang some of the hymns in Spanish as well. After the service, we had a lunch provided by some of the members of the church and presented pastor Robert Zoba with a gift from our congregation, a communion chalice and plate made in Seagrove. Their music director, Carlos Rivera, gave each of us a CD featuring Second Union Church’s handbell choir, and also gave José a copy of his curriculum for children’s handbell groups (which Jaime promptly stole). The congregation of Second Union Church has a number of community outreach programs and service projects underway, and we hope to continue our relationship with them in the future.

from Jaime Martinez and the group:
Julian Butler, Mary Margaret Miller,
Angela LeFlore, Charlotte McLean,
Betsy Massey, Lillian Boger, Fred and
Lynne Mabry, Carol and Haley Sellers,
and Emily and Andy Womble

On the Calendar...

Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 11 am Worship;
11:20 am Children's Church School
Fri 7/4 office closed 4th of July
Mon-Fri 7/7-11 9 am - Noon VBS
Tues 7/8 7-9 pm Pool Party
Wed 7/9 rain date for Pool Party
Sun-Sat 7/13-19 Montreat Youth Conference
Sun-Sat 7/20-26 Scouts at Camp Raven Knob
Sun 7/20 Worship & Communion
Sun 8/3 5:30 pm Deacons' Meeting
Tues 8/5 7 pm BEG
Sun 8/10 Montreat Sunday
Tues 8/12 5 pm Membership; 5:15 Fellowship
7-9 pm Pool Party
Wed 8/13 rain date for Pool Party
Thurs 8/14 5:30 pm Childcare; 7 pm Finance
Mon 8/18 7 pm Session
Wed 8/20 7:15 pm Chancel Choir resumes

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.

Contacting Staff

Office closes at noon on Friday, but remember
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