



# The Messenger

## Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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### From Our Pastor:

The summer is filled with plans, vacations, trips, travel sports, family, friends, bike rides, relaxation, "down" time—a reprieve from the norm. Drop the travel sports (I have already paid my daddy dues in gyms and sand courts), add some continuing education days, and that had been our summer as well. We need vacation time—all of us. Yet, there is a change (there is that word again) around Laurinburg Presbyterian these days. When I first arrived here back in 2004, it seemed that we had a great deal of down time in the summer. Now, amidst vacations and trips, you folks continue to be active in worship and around the church. There is a great deal of work going on around here. There is yard work as the grass begins to grow on our new addition beside the office-side parking lot (the former Wells property). A painting crew is making its way through the halls of the building. Gardeners continue to enjoy the Community Garden.

The Boy Scouts keep taking trips, the Childcare continues to provide care, and once again, the youth group sent numerous folks to the Montreat Youth Conference. Even still, the youth and children continue to help lead in worship and show up in force for our Time on the Steps. The choir went off on a trip to Costa Rica; yet, they have continued to provide excellent music for us this summer.

Some folks (me included) always note that the summer brings with it many members disguised as empty pews; yet, many folks (me included) have been excited and pleasantly surprised with our numbers, worshipful spirit, and energy. I cannot say enough about all the wonderful volunteers we had for VBS. With over ninety children and about forty-five workers each day, I was simply blown away. Along with VBS, the pool parties have been wonderful as well. I am aware that you have been inviting friends to share in our activities and worship as well.

I guess I write all this to say *Thank You* for all that you are doing to be faithful in your worship attendance, your openness as you share your time and your wonderful gifts of ministry in worship, in fellowship, in Christian Education. *Thank You* for your continued faithfulness in giving of your resources to sustain the ministries and outreaches of our congregation. *Thank You* for inviting

others to be a part of worship—truly, *there's always room for one more*. *Thank You* for showing hospitality to others who come our way in need of compassion and care.

I have been reading Paul's letter: I Thessalonians. In it he shares his love and devotion for the congregation. The affection he shares for the congregation is the same that I share for You—LPC.

*... You received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.*

*So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? Yes, you are our glory and joy!*

*Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more.*

I love this last line ... *you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more.*

Or as I recently said in a sermon (quoting a college president at a graduation ceremony as he shook each graduate's hand as each received her/his diploma): Congratulations! Now, keep going!

LPC! Thanks and congratulations for all you do! Now, keep going!

## Sunday Worship

### **August 3 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15; Rom 9:1-5; **Matt 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

Flowers given to the glory of God and in memory of Doug McMillan & Ken & Anne Malcolm by Kaye McMillan

### **August 10 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Montreat Youth Sunday led by Montreat Youth & Advisors**

Flowers given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha McNair Tornow who was born August 9, 1918 by her children

### **August 17 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gen 45:1-15; Ps 133; Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; **Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28** Neal's sermon: "Reformed and Always Reforming"

298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(300 new hymnal) We Are One in the Spirit

435 We All Are One in Mission

In lieu of flowers today, a contribution will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary fund in memory of Marshall P. James by Frances and Jim Willis.

### **August 24 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 1:8 - 2:10; Ps 124; **Rom 12:1-8**; Matt 16:13-20

Neal's sermon: "Stewardship Season"

473 For the Beauty of the Earth

261 God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us

391 Take My Life

In lieu of flowers today, a contribution will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary fund in memory of Virginia Mason Sanders, Ralph Dame Sanders, Marie Cornelius Mason, Kathryn James Mason, Ann Marie Mason, and Ann Groves McNeill by their family and friend.

### **August 31 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Rom 12:9-21; **Matt**

**16:21-28** Neal's sermon: "Discovering Life"

488 The God of Abraham Praise

334 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

339 Be Thou My Vision

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S.H. Fulton, Katherine Fulton, Warren and Jeanine Fulton by Hewitt Fulton.

### **September 7 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 12:1-14; Ps 149; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20

Neal's sermon: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

244 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

487 When Morning Gilds the Skies

302 I Danced in the Morning

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Mary E. Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Davis by Frances and Hal Jernigan

## Fellowship at LPC

Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn following worship each Sunday through August 24. Our last Fellowship Pool Party is on Tuesday, August 12 at Scotch Meadows from 7 to 9 pm. Hot dogs will be served. *(In case of bad weather the rain date is Wednesday, Aug. 13)* If we have to cancel you will be contacted through the One Call Now service. Mark your calendar, Wednesday evening fellowship meals resume Wednesday, September 3 at 6 pm.

## Rally Day is Wednesday, September 3

Rally Day is a day when the Church "rallies" together to launch all of the educational ministries for the upcoming school year after having been gone for the summer. We welcome every member of our faith family to participate in Worship, Sunday School and social events. Our programs provide meaningful Christian education for children, youth and adults where ever they may be on their faith journey. Join us September 3 for our first Wednesday night program that will include activities and presentations led by our church committees. We look forward to another wonderful planning year with your church family of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church!

## Blessing of the Backpacks - September 7

Blessing of the Backpacks is set for Sunday, September 7 during worship. We will "Bless the Backpacks" and we will present 3rd grade Bibles, and commission our Sunday School teachers and youth advisors for the 2014-2015 year. Backpacks and school supplies are now being collected in the church office for the children at North Laurinburg Elementary School. You may check at Wal-Mart soon for the list of school materials needed.

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

### **OPEN/CLOSE SUNDAYS**

August Randy Miller

Sept Brian Bounds

### **ACOLYTES**

Aug 3 Daniel Caudill

Aug 10 Jackson Sellers

Aug 17 Sara Beth Sellers

Aug 24 Jackson Purcell

Aug 31 Matt Sellers

### **BUS DRIVERS Remember to pickup at Scotia 10:15**

Aug 3 Jim Mason

Aug 10 Richard Massey

Aug 17 Sam Thompson

Aug 24 David Thompson

Aug 31 Chip Wells

### **GREETERS Sanctuary Door**

Aug 3 David and Phyllis Breeden

Aug 10 Sammy and Linda Simmons

Aug 17 Earl and Beverly Bowling

Aug 24 David and Ellen Harling

Aug 31 Hal and Frances Jernigan

### ***GREETERS Office/Fellowship Door-Elders***

Aug 3	Mary Hambright
Aug 10	Greg Wood
Aug 17	Jacque Britt
Aug 24	Beth Elliott
Aug 31	Craig Ellis

### ***GREETERS Elevator Door-Deacons***

Aug 3	Kathy Wright
Aug 10	Randy Miller
Aug 17	Pat Hix
Aug 24	Kevin Patterson
Aug 31	Sammy Simmons

### ***VIDEOGRAPHERS***

Aug 3	Craig Ellis
Aug 10	Phil Waters
Aug 17	Jacque Doubles
Aug 24	Richard Massey
Aug 31	Chuck DeVaney

***AUGUST USHER TEAM 2*** Philip Wilkinson (leader), Bill Caudill, Craig Ellis, Herman Gillis, Hal Jernigan, Charles Liles, Edna Ann Loftus, Allen McLaurin, John McLaurin, Penny McLaurin, Gus Purcell, Anne Sprouse, Jimmy Stubbs, Clint Willis

### ***Celebrating Birthdays***

Sharon Brandon	07/31
Angela LeFlore	07/31
Mac McKeithan	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
Lucile Bridgeman	08/09
Pat Hix	08/10
Bette Parker	08/10
LeGette McLean	08/11
Laura Beth Urie	08/11
Caroline Bounds	08/12
Betty Wayne Cooley	08/12
Sara Paige Liles	08/12
Malcolm Doubles	08/14
Bill Phillips	08/14
Lane Roberson	08/14
Cole Broadbelt	08/15
Denise Herr	08/15
Helen Livingston	08/15
Jerry Bruner	08/16

Clarence Coughenour	08/16
Michael Sellers	08/16
Ralph Parker Jr.	08/18
Linda Maddox	08/19
Zoe Broadbelt	08/20
Randy Miller	08/20
Noah Altman	08/21
Ann Pridgen	08/23
McKenna Sutherland	08/23
Jane McKay	08/24
Lisa Hecht	08/25
Ryan Anderson	08/27
Randy Blackburn	08/30
Gib Jones	08/30
Nick Sojka	08/30
Kristi Caddell	08/31
Mary Hambright	08/31
Wayne Freeman Jr	09/01
Mary Hafer	09/01
Lillian Boger	09/03

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

We have nursery during worship with Darlene Swing as caregiver with volunteers. Our Children's Classes are taught following the children's sermon on the steps: Explorers 3 year olds -1st grade meet on first floor, and Trekkers for 2nd-5th grade meet upstairs.

Adult classes are taught at 9:45 Men's Bible Class in the Session room, and the 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.

### ***Praying for these:***

#### ***Christian sympathy is extended to:***

The family of Clarence Coughenour in the death of his brother Aubrey Coughenour.

Recently discharged: Frances Shannon, Sam Snowdon, Hewitt Fulton

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

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 McKeithan, Mary Hafer; Scottish Pines: Thelma Morgan, Mary McDonald, Pauline Bruner; Prestwick: Lois Muse, Dooda Robertson; Morgan Center: Katherine Edmund

**On the Calendar...**

Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 11 am Worship;  
 11:20 am Children's Church School  
 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  
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir resumes  
 Thurs 8/14 5:30 pm Childcare; 7 pm Finance  
 Mon 8/18 7 pm Session  
 Sun 8/24 Last Lemonade on the lawn  
 Mon 9/1 Labor Day Church office is closed  
 Wed 9/3 6 pm Fellowship Meals resume  
 6:30 pm Rally Day

**Joyful Singers & Ringers starts on Rally Day Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30-7:10 pm in the Fellowship Hall,** then we'll head upstairs in room 219 to get to work! Many exciting activities are planned for this year: play chimes for the Hymn Festival on Sept. 28, present a brand-new Christmas Pageant on Dec. 7, participate in worship each month, and perform at selected locations in our community. Our music for this year will take us on a world tour of cultures, languages, and rhythms. New and experienced musicians alike in Grades 1-8 are encouraged to join us! For more info., please contact Jaime Martinez (jam6ah@gmail.com or 910-258-8459).

**Office hours for August 4 through August 22** will be different than usual. Monday through Thursday a volunteer will be in the office to assist you from 8:30 am to noon and from 1 to 5 pm. On Fridays, a volunteer will be here from 8:30 am to noon. Most of the staff can receive voice-mails to their smartphones/iPhones anytime call LPC 276-0831, when you hear Lu's voice dial the ext number:

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**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.

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