



The Messenger

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Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action

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HELPING CHURCH LEADERS BECOME CAREGIVERS

Dear Friends in Christ,

The church is offering a splendid opportunity to its deacons and elders – and all other interested members – to learn how to better fulfil their role as spiritual leaders of the congregation. On Sunday, September 17, from 2-5 pm, we have invited Dr. Frank Covington to lead a workshop on helping officers become caregivers.

Many of you will remember Frank as the associate pastor here at Laurinburg Presbyterian from 1973-1981. During that time he also served as part-time chaplain of students at St. Andrew's College. After his departure from here, Frank was the pastor at Auburn Presbyterian in Alabama, and completed a D.Min on the very topic he will share with us. In his words:

“The work of elders and deacons in providing care for members of the congregation in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ is critical and challenging. If God is love, then pastors and church officers need to be well prepared and effective in the team effort of embodying God's love for their congregation and beyond. This requires a lot of thought and energy, study and prayer, guidance and encouragement, heart and soul. Providing an opportunity to explore some of this is the intent of our workshop.”

I publicize this event to the whole congregation because, even though it is targeted to church officers, many of you have been officers in the past, may be in the future, and can enhance your own caring skills for use inside and outside the church.

I hope you can attend. The event will be held in-

fellowship hall, and we intend to videotape the presentation and discussion. If you are unable to attend, that dvd should be available later, and can be used as officer training at a later date. Let us take advantage of this expert offering from a familiar face and use what we learn to make LPC an even more caring congregation.

Shalom,

Duane

SEPTEMBER SERMON INFORMATION

On Labor Day weekend, Dr. Hix will remind us of the connection between our work and our faith. There will be a litany to help us see how God calls us to exercise our Christian faith through the labor, hobbies, caregiving, and study that we all do. Please bring some symbol of what keeps you busy from Monday to Saturday, whether that is your gainful employment or what we as homemakers or retirees or students devote our time to. Those symbols (a business card, a lesson plan, a roll of yarn, a diaper, etc.) will be placed in a basket during worship on Sept. 3 and we will bless our daily pursuits to the glory of God.

Through most weeks in September and October, Dr. Hix will preach a sermon series called “Stories of Renewal”. By using narratives found in a wonderful book, *Presbyterians: A Spiritual Journey*, we will see how lives that seemed to be shattered and almost hopeless revive through the Holy Spirit at work in the church. These “feel-good” short stories will help us continue our belief that what God does with us through the church, and what God does beyond us in the quiet personal moments of life, is worth our best effort and devotion.

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION:

FUN ADULTS CLASS

“LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE”

From September 10 through October 15, Dr. Duane Hix will lead the Fun Adults Class in a study of the many different ways of interpreting the Bible. We will look at how different views of history influence scriptural interpretation, why context is so crucial, how literary forms affect how we should read the Bible's various books, and strategies for getting the most out of what God is trying to tell us through the Holy Scriptures. Join the class at 9:45 Sunday mornings in their room at the end of the fellowship hall.

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 3, 2017 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Duane Hix Sermon: "By the Sweat of Your Brow" (Scripture used) Genesis 2:4b-17; Genesis 3:17-19 Ex. 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28

14 For the Beauty of the Earth
719 Come, Labor On
291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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

September 10, 2017 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Duane Hix Sermon: "Stories of Renewal: A Community of Believers"

(Scripture used) I John 3:18-24; II Corinthians 1:3-7 Ex. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
309 Come, Great God of All the Ages
761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

September 17, 2017 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "Stories of Renewal: Who Has the Answers?"

(Scripture used) Ephesians 1:5-19; Ephesians 2:1-10 Ex. 14:19-31; Ps. 114 or Ex.15:1b-11, 20-21;

Rom. 14: 1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

714 God of the Fertile Fields
792 There Is a Balm in Gilead
319 Shout to the North

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of all Presbyterian Women who have joined the church triumphant since All Saints Day; Anne Shuford McBryde, Katherine Hill McKay, Courtney Lewis Carmichael, Jane Graham McKay, Anne McRae Collins, Clara Montgomery Butler.

September 24, 2017 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "Stories of Renewal: Life's Hard Choices - Redeeming Misfortune"

(Scripture used) Romans 8:12-17 and 18-30 Ex. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1:21-30;

Matt. 10:1-16

408 There's a Sweet Spirit

187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

835 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Dr. Hix's messages Copies are available at the front entrance of Fellowship Hall for anyone that's interested.

Volunteer Schedule

August Opening and Closing Church

BUS DRIVERS pickup at Scotia 10:20

Sept. 3 Jimmy Stubbs

Sept. 10 Scott Sellers

Sept. 17 Allen McLaurin

Sept. 24 David Herr

SEPTEMBER USHER TEAM #4

Bradley Williams, Lead, John Clark, David Herr, Mike Coughenour, Joel Hartwell, Barbara Bateman, Wayne Hobbs, John Massey, Michael Sellers, Jamie Sutherland

ACOLYTES

Sept. 3 Garrett Sellers

Sept. 10 Cooper Sutherland

Sept. 17 Jack Herr

Sept. 24 Matthew Patterson

NURSERY

Sept. 3 VOLUNTEERS

Sept. 10 VOLUNTEERS

Sept. 17 VOLUNTEERS

Sept. 24 VOLUNTEERS

COMBINED CHILDREN CHURCH (PreK-Grade 5)

Sept. 3 Sutherland Family

Sept. 10 Jaime Martinez and Alex Bryant

Sept. 17 Mary and Wesley Quick

Sept. 24 Kristen and Ryan Anderson

GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS

Sept. 3 Nick Sojka

Sept. 10 Deborah Hobbs

Sept. 17 Kevin Patterson

Sept. 24 Annette Morgan

GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS

Sept. 3 Stuart

Sept. 10 Bill

Sept. 17 Chris R.

Sept. 24 Ellen

GREETERS SANCTUARY DOOR

Sept. 3 Charles and Miriam Bounds

Sept. 10 Bob and Kirsten Dean

Sept. 17 Earl and Beverly Bowling

Sept. 24 Bill and Lynn Davis

SEPTEMBER SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Lucy Sojka, Co-chair, Pat Ellis, Charlotte McLean, Sis Thomas

LAY LEADER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 3 - DEC. 31, 2017

Please be sure if you cannot make a certain date that you find a replacement and be sure you let Cathy and Dr. Hix know of the change in time for the bulletin printing on late Thursday afternoon.

September 3 - Labor Day – Denise Herr

September 10 – John Clark

September 17 – Annette Morgan

September 24 – Janet Smith

October 1 (communion) – David Herr

October 8 – Danny Caddell

October 15 – Clint Willis

October 22 – Bill Loftus

October 29 – Lynn Mason

Nov. 5 – Larry Schulz (DST ends)

Nov. 12 – Scott Miller

Nov. 19 – Roland Stout

Nov. 26, T'Day wknd, Edna Ann Loftus

Dec. 3 – Kristen Anderson

Dec. 10 – Denise Herr

Dec. 17 – John Clark

Dec. 24 (Xmas Eve day) – Annette Morgan

Dec. 31 – Janet Smith

PRESBYTERIAN PRESENCE

Since I no longer go to presbytery or Western Community meetings, I lose track of what all they are doing. But I did come across some good information. Looking at the Western Community, they are again offering four \$1000 grants to help an idea on missions, projects, or events come to life. There are still opportunities to assist with rebuilding after Hurricane Matthew. And finally a new mission challenge - SOS Support Our Seniors. To participate you are given a laundry basket to fill with supplies needed by the Senior Center, Assisted Living facility or Nursing Home of your choosing.

Presbytery-wide events in August included an All-Girl Slumber Party, ending the next day at the Women's Fall Gathering. For the fellows there was a All Guys Event taking them to a sample "Afghan village" to see how these people live.

Since early August and through the fall, there are these events: Gathering of African-American churches, Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering, various seminars for Vibrant Congregations, a Seminar on Music in Worship, the Present Word Leadership Insights (led by Ron Crossley and Elizabeth Forester), Officer Training and a Women's Retreat (led by Beth Elliott).

You can get more information about any of these programs or new ones through the presbytery's website presbycc.org.
Meredith Hudson

Children's Church Leaders Kick-Off Meeting September 10

All active, substitute, and prospective teachers for children's church are invited to a planning meeting on Sunday, September 10, at 9:45 am. We will review the teaching schedule and overall curriculum for the fall, put the finishing touches on our new classroom space, and explore our new "prayer toolkit." Light refreshments will be provided, along with a supervised hangout space for kids and younger teens. Teachers will also be commissioned during the 11 am service on September 10.

Kick-off Dates for Youth and Kids' Activities

September 10, 5:00 pm: Joyful Singers and Ringers, grades 1-6

September 10, 5:45 pm: Middle and High School Youth & Parents (dinner provided)

September 17, 5:00 pm: Youth Handbells, grades 6-12

September 17, 5:45 pm: Junior Youth & Parents (dinner provided)--this group is open to kids in grades 1-5 and will meet on the third Sunday of each month.

October 4, 6:20 pm: Cherub Choir, ages 3-6

Christian Ed Corner Back-to-School Edition: Making the Most of Time in the Car

How do you make the most of the time you spend shuttling kids and grandkids around from one activity to another, or waiting in the school drop-off line? Here are some ideas:

Moments of Silence: One of the first things to get squeezed out of our busy, device-dependent lives is literal and mental quiet time. So when you get in the car together, take twenty or thirty seconds to close your eyes, breathe deeply, and invite God's peaceful

Gratitude Alphabet: Good for PreK and Elementary age kids. The first person states something he or she is grateful for. The next person responds, but they have to find something that starts with the next letter of the alphabet. And so on, around the car, until you get all the way back to the opening letter. So if I said, "I'm grateful for chocolate," the next person would need to be grateful for something starting with a D, and then an E, and so on. From Z we'd go back to A and then B. It can be a fun mental challenge to think of something for each letter!

Sharing Music: Ask your kids or grandkids to share favorite songs and listen to them in the car as a family, rather than everyone on their separate headphones. Share a song that you loved at their age. Talk about the similarities and differences, or what memories the songs evoke for each of you. Or, if your music hasn't aged well, have a good laugh together.

Silly Descriptions of Your Day: This one builds creativity, and is great for kids about 7 and up. It's also so much more informative than "How was your day?" "Fine." The basic prompt is "If your day was a _____, what would it be and why?" Try mixing things up: What if your day was an animal? A TV show? A sport? A type of food? A smell? Let your kids or grandkids take turns posing the question as well.

Jaime Martinez

An Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Many of you are eager to learn about LPC's search for a new pastor. The process probably appears quite slow and especially so if one is counting from Neal Carter's departure. I hope this update will usefully explain what is happening.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) held its first meeting on May 8, 2017. The Committee uploaded LPC's Ministry Information Form (MIF) on June 21. This form which was informed by the hard work of the Mission Study Committee and approved by the Session and the Presbytery, is our "advertisement". It informs Presbyterian ministers about us and the opening for a call to our church.

The PNC has also received many "self-referrals" from pastors.

The Committee has been reviewing PIFs only since the end of June. During this short period of time, the committee has reviewed more than fifty PIFs, listened to sermons on-line and in person, and interviewed candidates via Skype and in person. Committee members have been working weekly and sometimes daily, to find a pastor for our church.

Even after we identify a call to LPC the process will be far from over. Details in the transition are time consuming. Most prominent among them is the reality that the time for a minister to conclude one call before moving on can take many months.

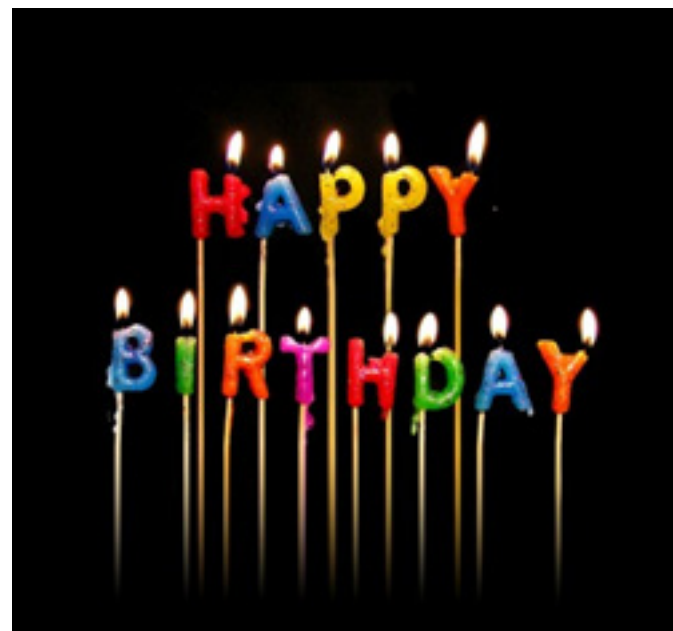
Throughout these reviews and visits the Committee and the ministers rely on the fact that their activities are conducted in private. Public disclosure can be embarrassing at the very least and potentially disastrous for either a minister or a congregation, including ours.

It is surely unusual in our church to hold proceedings in such confidence and I can assure you the Committee takes no pleasure in doing this, but we know you will support us as we represent your hopes for a successful call.

The PNC appreciates your understanding and asks for your continued prayers.

By David Herr, Chairman

TO EVERYONE BORN IN SEPTEMBER



Wayne Freeman Jr 09/01

Lillian Boger 09/03

Christa Davis	09/03
Earl Bowling	09/06
Clayton Brooks	09/06
Mackey* McCormick	09/06
Matthew Sellers	09/07
Walt Bounds	09/08
Chase Bruner	09/08
Ramona Wright	09/08
John Phillips	09/09
Pam Hill	09/10
D.J. McCormick Jr	09/10
Phyllis Breeden	09/11
Chris Carmichael	09/12
Andrew Blackburn	09/13
Carleigh Carter	09/13
Stella Collins	09/13
Liza Purcell	09/13
Bryan Freeman	09/14
Emma Wilkinson	09/15
Tim Altman	09/16
Lisa Bowden	09/17
Paul Harling	09/17
Fred Mabry Jr	09/17
Jane McLaurin	09/18
Richard Stang	09/19
Terry Patterson	09/20
Margaret Caudill	09/21
Harrison Hartwell	09/21
George Shannon	09/22
Dean Nichols Jr	09/23

Parks Carmichael II	09/24
Jim Wooten Jr	09/24
Candy Nichols	09/25
Buddy Blalock	09/26
Kim Liles	09/26
Scott Miller	09/26
Bobby Jones	09/28
Cameron Burroughs	09/29
Joel McCanna	09/29
Ryan Williams	09/29



SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed on the Sanctuary Committee! Call 276-0220 or see Sis. Thomas, to find out how easy volunteering for this committee. It involves a few duties after church services. You may only have to do this once a month for the year.

As we say at LPC **"There is always room for one more."**

Sis Thomas

MACS- Maturing Adult Christians

Somewhere between September 14- October 8, we will be getting a group together to see "Dreamgirls" a musical, that will be performed at the Cape Fear Regional Theater in Fayetteville, NC and a Dutch treat meal. You will be advised later as to day, time, and cost.

Co chairs,
Sis Thomas, Betty Jackson

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The first Fellowship Dinner of the season is coming quickly. It will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 20th. We will be serving spaghetti, salad, rolls, drinks and desserts. Mark your calendars and the Friendship Pads. We are looking forward to seeing you and your family.
Martha Olmstead

!!!LET'S EAT YA'LL!!!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mark your calendar for Monday September 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm for the PW Fall Salad Supper. All women of the church are invited to attend!! Please bring a Salad to share and join us as we kick off a new year of bible study with Cloud of Witnesses by Melissa Bane Sevier.

Bible study books will be available for purchase for \$10. Scotia women will be our guest. A bus will pick you up at 5:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

!!!NOW THAT WE GOT THAT OUT OF THE WAY
LET'S THROW DOWN!!!!



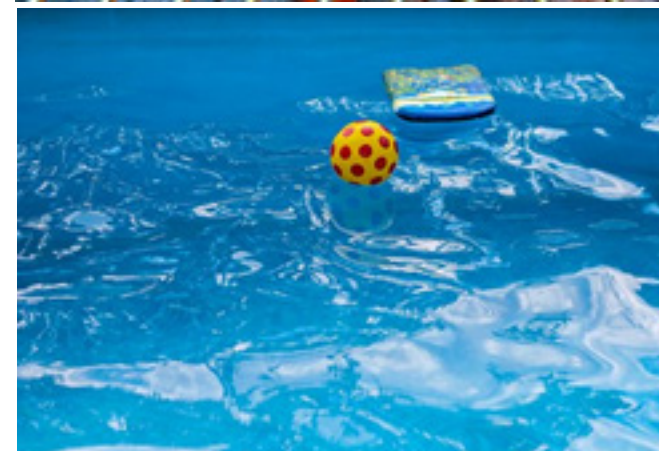
INSTALLMENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mark your calendars for the Installment of the Presbyterian Women Sunday, September 17, 2017.

Leslie Sellers - PW Moderator
Phyllis Breeden - PW Vice Moderator
Julie Carmichael - Secretary
Delia Muse - Treasurer
Betsy Massey - Historian

LABOR DAY- THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER!!

ENJOY YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!



Church Leadership by Committee for 2017

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Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers!!!

Joel McCanna, Carol Lee, Bill Goodwin,

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Fred Fox Louise Wester, Fred Fox, Flo Johnson, Sammy Simmons, Elizabeth McIntosh, George Shannon

In Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Margie Coughenour, John and Helen Baker,

Scotia Special Care: Frances Haupt, Ann Hill, Margaret Caudill

Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, Louise Koonce, Marion McNair

Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

On the Calendar

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

September 3

4:30 pm Deacons

September 5

7:00 pm BEG

September 6

5:30 pm WMA

September 10

Rally Day for Christian Edu.

9:45 am Teacher's Breakfast

September 11

6:00 pm PW Salad Supper Fall Gathering

September 12

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

5:00 pm CNE

September 13

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

September 14

5:30 pm Childcare

September 17

2-5 pm Workshop on Spiritual Leaders as Caregivers

6:00 pm Session/with dinner

September 20

6:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner

September 25

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Meeting

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are broadcast on WLNC 1300 Sunday at 11 am, on the internet (wlncradio.com), the previous week's service TV Channel 2 on Sundays at 10 am & Tuesdays at 8 pm. Sunday's (same day) service is shown at 2 pm Scotia's MMEC.

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