



The Messenger

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

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February 7: Scout Sunday

February starts in the traditional way at LPC. The first Sunday of February is always Scout Sunday and Troop 420 leads us in worship. It's great to see our young men—those in our church and in our community—from our Troop 420 come together as a unit to lead us in worship. It's part of who they are: duty to God, duty to country, as indicated in the Scout Oath (or Promise): "On my honor I will do my best; To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." Our Scouts are living this life and need your support as we worship God together this Sunday, February 7th Transfiguration of the LORD Sunday. Neal will be preaching "God of the Dust" from Luke 9:28-43.

February 7 "Souper Bowl of Caring"

Sunday February 7 is the Super Bowl but it's not just about football or the Carolina Panthers playing the Denver Broncos—it's about feeding the hungry—hence the name Souper Bowl of Caring. Since its inception 26 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring has become a nationwide effort to raise hunger awareness in communities across this country. To help right here in our community, our Youth will be at the doors following worship on February 7th with soup pots to receive your gifts of \$\$ or canned goods. All proceeds go straight to Church Community Services. Show you care. Feed the hungry in our community this Sunday, February 7th.

Scout Troop 420 Celebrates 85 Years

In 2016, Troop 420 celebrates 85 years and Scouts want to invite all who have participated in the Troop to a celebration. If interested, please email your name and phone number to david@davidharling.com; When all the plans are finalized later in the year you will receive an email from David Harling about 85th year celebration.

February 10: Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday Services at 4 pm at Scotia & 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Marked by Ashes

Ruler of the Night, Guarantor of the day . . .

This day — a gift from you.

This day — like none other you have ever given, or we have ever received.

This Wednesday dazzles us with gift and newness and possibility.

*This Wednesday burdens us with the tasks of the day,
for we are already halfway home
halfway back to committees and memos,
halfway back to calls and appointments,
halfway on to next Sunday,
halfway back, half frazzled, half expectant,
half turned toward you, half rather not.*

*This Wednesday is a long way from Ash Wednesday,
but all our Wednesdays are marked by ashes—
we begin this day with that taste of ash in our mouth:
of failed hope and broken promises,
of forgotten children and frightened women,
we ourselves are ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
we can taste our mortality as we roll the ash
around on our tongues.*

*We are able to ponder our ashness with some confidence,
only because our every Wednesday of ashes anticipates
your Easter victory over that dry, flaky taste of death.*

*On this Wednesday, we submit our ashen way to you —
you Easter parade of newness.*

*Before the sun sets, take our Wednesday and Easter us,
Easter us to joy and energy and courage and freedom;
Easter us that we may be fearless for your truth.*

*Come here and Easter our Wednesday with
mercy and justice and peace and generosity.*

We pray as we wait for the Risen One who comes soon.

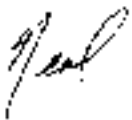
[Walter Brueggemann, Prayers for a Privileged People (Nashville: Abingdon, 2008), pp. 27-28. Following Lenten Poem by Ann Weems.]

*Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem
or to walk along the sea and listen to his Word, a time
to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think, for thoughts
come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven and give us the
faith to take up our lives and walk.*

February 10 is Ash Wednesday, which kicks off the first day of Lent and signals the approach of Easter. It marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent, a roughly six-week journey (not including Sundays) dedicated to reflection, prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. It ends on Maundy Thursday, that marks and celebrates the Last Supper. Many folks choose to abstain from additional foods, luxury or material goods or certain activities and habits as we reflect and pray along the Lenten journey.

Along your Lenten journey, may you ponder your ashness with the anticipation of Christ's Easter victory over that dry, flaky taste of death. May your Lenten journey end with an Easter parade of newness. May Christ Easter each of our days with mercy and justice and peace and generosity.

Grace and Peace,



More than a Note of Thanks:

There was a lot of food left over following the PW Bereavement meal for the family of Clarence Coughenour, so the Bereavement team decided to take the food to Domestic Violence and Rape

Crisis Center of Scotland County. On December 22, we received this note of thanks: ***"Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others."*** (Brian Tracy)

Quite touched one of the ladies serving on the Bereavement Committee said: *"Sometimes we do things because it's second nature to us, but we never know the impact it has on others."*

May we as a church continue to seek and find ways that we can be God's church in our community. Like helping in the following ways:

Scotland Regional Hospice Training:

Bonnie Prudden reminds us that, "You can't turn back the clock, but you can wind it up again." With this encouraging thought in mind, we are planning to offer training for potential new hospice Patient and Family Care Volunteers during February and March. Many view this as a time to begin or to renew their commitment in service to others—and we at SRH want to help make it happen!

Training is free and offered in the evenings and during the daytime so that potential volunteers will have more than one choice of times. Those who wish to become volunteers are required to complete an initial 12 hours of training.

Tuesday, February 16, 5:30-8:30 pm

Thursday, February 18, 5:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday February 23, 5:30-8:30 pm

Thursday February 25, 5:30-8:30 pm

Monday, March 7, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 9, 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-4:00 pm

Questions contact Carol Lee, Director of Volunteer Services at 276-7176 or cleee@scothosp.org

***Scotland Co. Literacy Council Taste of the Town Thursday, Feb. 11 6-8 pm**

The 20th Annual Taste of the Town to benefit Scotland Co. Literacy Council will be held in our fellowship hall Thursday, Feb. 11 from 6-8 pm. Get your tickets (adults \$12, children under 10 \$6) at Scotland Co. Literacy Council 213 McLaurin Ave. 276-7007 Tutors are also needed. Help teach others to read.

Calls to Service at LPC:

Would you be willing to serve as an usher? What kind of a commitment is it? We have 4 teams that

serve 3 months each year. You would be called by the lead usher to see what Sunday that month you could usher. Also when there is a funeral during the month you serve you could also be called to help. Sound easy enough? Let Lu in the church office know if this is a way you would be willing to serve and I'll pass your name on to one of the lead ushers. Thanks.

Answer the call to service and contact the church office or the committee chair listed below.

Other Ways to Serve:

- Driving the bus to pick up Scotia residents
- Reading scripture in worship
- Teaching Sunday school
- Working in our nursery
- Serving as an acolyte
- Taking up money on Wednesday night
- Working with our youth as an advisor
- Singing in the Chancel Choir
- Ringing with WhiteChapel bells
- Helping with our children's music programs
- Serving as a Sunday morning greeter
- Visiting shut-ins or people in the hospital
- Working with the scouts
- Planting and weeding our flower beds
- Serving on the sanctuary committee
- Serving on a session committee*

*Chairs of the Session Committees are:

Finance & Administration (F&A): David Harling

Christian Nurture & Education (CNE): Anne Caudill

Building Equipment Grounds (BEG): Mike Coughenour

Fellowship: Debby Holcomb

Childcare Advisory: Richard Massey

Worship, Music and Arts (WMA): Larry Schulz

Membership/Stewardship: Bill Hill

Special Meeting of the Finance Committee Wednesday, February 3 at 7 pm

2016 Stewardship Update 1/28/16

2016 Pledge Budget \$453,214

2016 Pledges Received \$402,585

2016 Pledges Needed \$50,629

2016 Pledges Received = 89% of Goal

If you can increase your pledge or have not turned in your 2016 pledge card, please mail it or drop it off in the church financial office as soon as possible. The Stewardship/Membership Committee

The Worship of God at LPC:

Sunday, February 7 - Ordinary 5

Transfiguration of the Lord - Scout Sunday

Scouts will lead us in worship. Neal's sermon: "God of the Dust;" Lectionary: Ex 34:29-35; Psalm 99; II Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43); Hymns: 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain; 156 Sing of God Made Manifest; 295 Go to the World! Anthem: This Glimpse of Glory, White; Offertory: America the Beautiful (Scouts); In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Essie Carmichael by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Wednesday, February 10 - Ash Wednesday

4 pm at Scotia & 6:30 pm in sanctuary with communion by intinction and marking of ashes

Lectionary: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Is 58:1-12; Ps 51:1-17; I Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Opening Hymn: 166 Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days; Communion Hymn: 531 Seed, Scattered and Sown; Distribution of Ashes: 433 Sign Us with Ashes; Closing Hymn: 726 The Summons

February 14 - 1st Sunday in Lent

Lectionary: Deut 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;

Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Hymns: 166 Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days; 626 As the Deer (2 times); 215 What Wondrous Love Is This; Confession Response: 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am; Anthem: Lamb of God, arr. Larson;

Flowers given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Winston H. Tornow by his family.

February 21 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Lectionary: Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35; Prelude: Fairest Lord Jesus, arr.

Mitchell (Joyful Ringers); Hymns: 49 The God of Abraham Praise; 836 Abide with Me; 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; Anthem: Angels Watching Over Me, arr. Paradowski (Joyful Singers); Offertory: You Are My All in All, Jernigan (Chancel Choir); Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Jo McLaurin by their family.

February 28 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Lectionary: Is 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; I Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9; Prelude: Whitechapel Ringers; Hymns: 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me; 741 Guide My Feet; Anthem: There's a

Wideness in God's Mercy, arr. Schweizer (Chancel Choir & Whitechapel Ringers)

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in celebration of the 74th wedding anniversary of Ervin and Ann Hill by their children.

From the Flower Committee:

Easter is March 27 but we do not have a deadline for Easter Lily orders. Please watch bulletin and emails for details TBA. If you would like to put flowers in the church or contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory or in honor of someone, contact Lynn Mason, 276-5353.

From the Fellowship Committee:

The Committee reports that the new tablecloths have arrived. If you have an old tablecloth to return, please do not hang it with the new tablecloths but leave it on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you. Debra Holcomb, Fellowship Committee Chair

From Worship, Music & Arts Committee:

Kirkin' o' the Tartan is Sunday, April 3

The 14th Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan worship service and luncheon is Sunday, April 3. If you have a Tartan, please let the office know who will carry it for your family this year. Lunch tickets to go on sell in March.

Music Announcements

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord.

LPC Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 7:15

Whitechapel Ringers (Grade 6-Adult) practice after worship 12:15-1 pm and ring in worship on Feb 28.

Joyful Singers & Ringers (K-8th) rehearse on Sunday mornings from 10-10:30 am in room 219 for worship participation dates: Feb 21, March 20, and April 24. For 2 more weeks our children also have Wednesday music time from 6:30-7 pm Feb. 3 and 17. We will worship together on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. Jaime (jam6ah@gmail.com or 910-258-8459)

Presbyterian Women

NEEDED ASAP College Students Valentine Candy
By Friday, 2/5 to get on the list and stay connected we need college students addresses: email address, mailing address and cell phone number. Please email them to laurinburgpres@bizec.rr.com

College Students Valentine Candy and Packing Help Needed. Volunteers needed to pack Valentine candy on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 am. Please bring your individually wrapped candy or treats by 10 am that morning. Please note if they contain nuts.

Circles meet Monday, February 8

Circle 1 at 7 pm at Phyllis Breeden's (Janice Liles co-hostess); Circle 2 at 4:30 at Anne Sprouse's (Barbara Bateman co-hostess); Circle 3 at noon in fellowship hall (bring a sandwich) Circle 4 at 3:45 at Scotia PW Coordinating Team meeting Feb 29 5:30

DON'T MISS The Feb 13 DEADLINE! The Lorena

Clark Piner Scholarship offered by Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is for accredited institutions of higher learning. Graduating seniors and college students currently enrolled are eligible. Scholarship forms available outside the church office. Applications must be signed by the PW Moderator or Pastor so don't delay. No exceptions! The deadline is Feb 13 at the Presbytery office in Elizabethtown. (Church scholarships are due later in the spring date tba.)

Winter Church World Service Blankets+ Program

Help those in need by donating to Church World Service Blankets+ Program. Our help does not only purchase blankets, but CWS school kits, raised beds, vitamins for children, emergency food packages, pumps and wells, filters, bags of sand.... and more! A \$10 gift purchases a blanket. A \$35 gift buys a tree or wheelbarrow. HELP - Buy today, CHANGE tomorrow! Make checks payable to LPC-PW, bring to the church PW box or send to: Delia Muse, PW Treasurer, PO Box 335, Laurinburg 28353

LPC YOUTH GOT TALENT !!

Don't Miss This: Sunday, February 28 starting at 6 pm!

Come enjoy an evening of light-hearted fun and laughs at the Youth Variety Show "LPC Youth Got Talent" & Youth Fundraiser featuring Amy Sloop's Famous Chicken Bog! The meal starts at 6 pm in the fellowship hall with entertainment to follow. Buy your tickets NOW from any one of our High School or Middle School Youth. Adults: \$7; children under 11: \$5. Come on out and eat, laugh and support our youth!

PW Honorary Life Membership Nominations are now being received for the Presbyterian Women Life Membership Award. Applications are available outside the office. Deadline is March 8. Please contact Lucy Sojka, 277-7598 with any questions.

We want YOU to join us! February 26 – 28, 2016 for the Annual Presbyterian Women's Beach Retreat

Personally, I don't want you to miss out! These weekends have been some of my best days on my spiritual journey at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. It has given me the opportunity to grow in my faith and meet the people behind the familiar faces at LPC. By making these connections and sharing our stories, I have gained a sense of belonging that I had never before felt. I hope you will join us for a wonderful weekend of faith, fun, and building friendships.

Our church is blessed to have Ellen Dean and Beth Elliott to lead us in our Bible study. They have been planning and working on this year's study since last fall. If you have not signed up, contact the church office by **Tuesday, Feb. 16** to give us time to plan and arrange for housing. It is only \$20 and includes housing, supper Friday night, lunch Saturday, and three days of 'spiritual healing' with Ellen and Beth.

Generally, this is how the weekend goes. On Friday night we meet for fellowship and supper then a short introduction to our Bible study. On Saturday morning we have breakfast at our individual houses then we meet for our morning session. We feast on pizza for lunch before our afternoon session. During free time on Saturday afternoon, some go for a walk on the beach or read a book, others go shopping, and there are always conversations, board and card games to join. Saturday night we meet at a seafood restaurant then go to a house for coffee and desserts. Sunday morning early risers meet at sunrise on the beach; others sleep in, then meet for our closing session before leaving for home about 12 noon.

So, Why Come?

1. Self-Care. Restore, rest, heal, renew—who knows, it may be a blessing to those around you.
2. Spiritual Renewal. Reconnect to God and nature. Find peace and rekindle your purpose. Open your heart to the joy in your life.
3. Make Connections. Build relationships, strengthen and sustain friendships.
4. Experience something new. Get out of the rut, &

5. The Best Reason: Your Father wants to spend some time with YOU.

Remember, there is always room for one more; and I am saving you a seat. I promise there will be hugs and laughter and you will leave the beach knowing there are people in your church that love and care about you.

Carol Sellers, PW Moderator 276-1952 cell 318-2471
carolsellers44@yahoo.com

Middle School & High School Youth

Feb 7 Carolina Panthers Super Bowl parties in homes
Feb 14 Practice songs/1st responder candy delivery
Feb 21 Rehearse for Variety Show 2/28
Feb 28 Sunday morning sing in worship and 6 pm variety show and fundraiser
Ski Trip March 4-6; Montreat July 17-23 (rising 9th-graduating seniors); August 7 is Montreat Sunday.

Adult Sunday School Sunday at 9:45 am.

Teachers for the Men's Class: Scott Miller, Fred Mabry, Hew Fulton, Clint Willis; 3 Ms Class: Ramona Wright, Lillian Boger, Carlene Willis, John Baker. The Fun Adult class invites you to join them on Sunday mornings at 9:45. They meet in a classroom off the fellowship. At 10 am Neal Carter teaches the weekly lectionary. The weekly lectionary study is also taught at Scotia in the upstairs living room on Wed. at 1:30 pm.

TOT meets Tuesday, February 9

TOT meets at the Downtown Club starting at 6 pm for fellowship, 7 pm dinner and discussion. RSVP to church office or Frances Willis.

Wednesday Fellowship Meals at 6 pm

Reservations/cancellations are needed by 1 pm on Wednesday. The meals will be catered by Rick's Catering. Adults \$7.00; children (under 12) \$3.00 Please RSVP by 1 pm Wednesday to the church 276-0831, x301 or laurinburgpres@bizec.rr.com For our Wednesday evening fellowship meals, bread, tea and dessert are served with these menus: Feb 3: Boston Butt, pinto beans, rice, collards, tossed salad; Feb 10: Pancakes, sausage, ham, grits, egg casserole, fruit; Feb 17: Stewed chicken and mushrooms, rice, butter beans, stewed apples, tossed salad; Feb 24: Sliced Ham, scalloped potatoes, steamed cabbage, field peas, broccoli salad; March 2: Pork chops,

mac and cheese, green beans, squash casserole, marinated bean salad

Wednesday Night Program at 6:30 pm

TENTATIVE schedule for Wednesday nights:

February 3 Looking at the Cross
February 10 Ash Wednesday Service & Communion
February 17 Looking at the Cross
February 24 Deon Cranford of Hospice
March 2 TBA: UNCP Choir or Looking at the Cross
March 9 St. Andrews Choir Concert
March 16 TBA: UNCP Choir or Looking at the Cross
March 23 No Program - Holy Week
Thursday, March 24 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 pm
March 30 No Program - Easter break
April 6 Theology of Presbyterians I
April 13 Theology of Presbyterians II
April 20 Children's Concert (possibly)

LPC Childcare Center

If you could donate children's books, old pots and pans, and clothes for dress up. Our children would love "reading and acting out parts." Also please remember to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Laurinburg Presbyterian Daycare Center #7357. Our children and teachers thank you for your support.

Christian Sympathy/Prayer Concerns

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Reba Essey in her death, to the family of Flora Wells in the death of her brother-in-law, and to Sean and Angela McDonald and family in the death of Angela's grandmother.

Georgia Dye is receiving in-home care and staying in home across the street from their daughter. You may write to Georgia and Bob c/o Darcy Bower 3439 Bradley Place, Raleigh, NC 27607

Continuing Concerns: Helen Baker, Lucile Bridgeman, Curt Britt, William Carmichael, Margaret Caudill, Nancy Ezell, Clark Hanmer, Connie Harris, Fred Mabry, Ray McCormick, Don Ohl, Barbara Salzlein, Marge Coughenour; Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick; Special: Anne Collins, Frances Haupt, Edna McKeithen; Assisted: Betty Wayne Cooley, Ann and Ervin Hill, Helen Middleton, Adell Page; Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

Our Memorial Garden

Did you know that there is great symbolism to the memorial garden that is located in the middle of our building within the interior walls? Well, there is. This information was passed on to us by those who helped create the LPC Memorial Garden.

There is one door into the Garden to remind us that Christ is the way.

As you step out into the garden you will be standing at the foot of the brick walk that is in the shape of a cross. We are reminded that we are called to the foot of the cross.

As you stand in the garden, the cross points upward to the steeple of the church sanctuary, for the church is instituted by Christ for the building up of our faith.

There are two benches on each side of the cross. Here we can come to reflect in meditation ever mindful that we are resting in the arms of the cross—our only sure and constant peace and comfort.

The garden is surrounded on all sides by the church building to assure us that we are among the great cloud of witnesses.

There are no permanent containers or markers for in the communion of the saints, all who are intern are all one in Christ.

Volunteer Schedule

ACOLYTES

Feb 7 Jackson Sellers
Feb 14 Jennings Dean
Feb 21 Sara Beth Sellers
Feb 28 Claire Carmichael

BUS DRIVERS pickup at Scotia 10:15

Feb 7 Richard Mabry
Feb 14 Brian Bounds
Feb 21 Randy Miller
Feb 28 SCOTIA TO BRING

NURSERY

Feb 7 Sara Paige Liles & Grace Wilkinson
Feb 14 Eleanor McRae
Feb 21 Alexis Patterson
Feb 28 Sue Schulz

EXPLORERS (3 years-1st grade)

Feb 7 Mary & Wesley Quick
Feb 14 Bill and Julie Carmichael
Feb 21 Chris and Eddie Carmichael
Feb 28 Kristen and Ryan Anderson

TREKKERS (2nd-5th grade)

Feb 7 Jamie and Debra Sutherland
 Feb 14 Kristin and Kitson Broadbelt
 Feb 21 Denise and David Herr
 Feb 28 Annette Morgan and Candy Nichols

GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS

Feb 7 Debby Holcomb
 Feb 14 Edna Ann Loftus
 Feb 21 Clint Willis
 Feb 28 Kristen Anderson

GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS

Feb 7 Jimmy Stubbs
 Feb 14 Don Ohl
 Feb 21 Kitson Broadbelt
 Feb 28 Chris Carmichael

GREETERS SANCTUARY DOORS

Feb 7 Scouts
 Feb 14 Lynn and John Massey
 Feb 21 Clara Butler and Sue Schulz
 Feb 28 Miriam and Charles Bounds

FEBRUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEES

Martha Floyd chair; Pam Coughenour, Sibyle Dulin,
 Catherine McLaurin, Sue Jones, Susan Hartwell
 Sis Thomas, Sanctuary Committee Chair

FEBRUARY USHER TEAM # 1 Danny Caddell (lead)

Earl Bowling, David Carmichael, David Harling, Bill Hill, Richard Mabry, Richard Massey, John McRae, Maggie Ratcliffe, Scott Sellers, Andy Womble

OPEN/CLOSE SUNDAYS

Feb. Randy Miller
 March Richard Mabry

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Rowan McDonald	02/02
Pete Liles Jr.	02/03
Lucy Sojka	02/03
Kristen Anderson	02/04
Daniel Caudill	02/05
Stuart Carmichael	02/06
Debby Holcomb	02/06
Bill Carmichael	02/08
Vivian Carter	02/09
Bill Loftus	02/09
Jaime Martinez	02/09
Nate Bowden	02/10
Robert Floyd	02/10
Helen Middleton	02/11
Scott Bruner	02/12
Emily Freeman	02/12
Bill Purcell	02/12

Jimmy Stubbs Jr	02/12
Jennings Dean	02/14
William Carmichael	02/16
Susan Hartwell	02/16
Eleanor McRae	02/16
Tripp Wells III	02/17
Gracen Byrd	02/18
Mike Coughenour	02/18
Celeste McRae	02/18
Steve Urie	02/18
Sara Beth Sellers	02/19
Steve Lowe	02/20
Mac McInnis	02/24
Andy Womble	02/25
Janice Liles	02/26
Katherine Edmund	02/27
Bill Hill	02/27
Frances Willis	02/29
Martha Floyd	03/03
Kaly Freeman	03/03
Curt Britt III	03/05
Katherine Britt	03/05
Candace Carter	03/05

From the Finance Committee:

"Nontaxable IRA Transfers to Eligible Charities Made Permanent Taxpayers who are 70 1/2 or older could, in tax years beginning before January 1, 2015, make tax-free distributions to a charity from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) of up to \$100,000 per year. These distributions weren't subject to the charitable contribution percentage limits since they were neither included in gross income nor claimed as a deduction on the taxpayer's return. Under pre-Act law, these rules didn't apply to distributions made in tax years beginning after December 31, 2014. New law, effective for distributions made in tax years beginning after December 31, 2014, the Act retroactively revives and permanently extends the ability of individuals at least 70 1/2 years of age to exclude from gross income qualified charitable distributions from IRAs up to \$100,000 per year. (Code Sec. 408(d)(8)(F), as amended by Act Sec. 112)"

Check with your tax preparer to see if you may qualify for this distribution from your IRA to a charity.

Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 10 -10:30 Children's Music Joyful Singers/Ringers; 11 am Worship; 11:20 am Children's Church; 5:45 pm Youth
 Wednesdays: 6 pm Fellowship Meal; 6:30 pm Adult Programs; 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
 Wed 2/3 7 pm Special Finance Committee Mtg
 Thurs 2/4 5 pm WMA Committee
 Sun 2/7 Scout Sunday Souper Bowl of Caring
 Mon 2/8 PW Circles
 Tues 2/9 10:30 PW Candy Packing; 6 pm TOT
 Wed 2/10 4 pm Scotia Ash Wednesday; 6 pm Meal; 6:30 Ash Wednesday; 7 pm F&A Com.
 Thurs 2/11 5:30 pm Childcare Advisory Com.
 Sun 2/14 3 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony Gus Purcell
 Mon 2/15 7 pm Session
 Fri 2/26-Sun 2/28 PW Beach Retreat
 Sun 2/28 6 pm Youth Fundraiser & Variety Show
 Mon 2/29 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team
 Tues 3/1 7 pm BEG Committee
 Fri 3/4-Sun 3/6 Youth Ski Trip
 Sun 3/6 11am Worship & Baptism
 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are broadcast on WLNC 1300 Sunday at 11 am, on the internet (wln-crudio.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.
Make sure you have these as your staff emails
 Neal Carter ext. 302 cell: 910-280-9688
 nealcarter64@gmail.com
 Lyndsey McCall ext. 303 cell: 919-656-2718
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