



The Messenger

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Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action

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REVIEWING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

Friends in Christ,

One of the last and very important jobs I can do as your interim pastor is to present to the new pastor an accurate, updated active membership roll. I have been working on that over the last two months, and now I am asking for your help to finish the task.

It is inevitable over the years that members move away from Laurinburg or decide to join another local church and fail to notify us of these changes. It is even possible, we have found, that members have died and no one made a record of their death in our church rolls. The names of over 200 people surfaced when I thoroughly examined the membership rolls in the most recent official record book of the church.

I hope to send a letter to all the people on that list of 200 for whom I have an address. With the assistance of long-term members of the church, we have tracked down many, but by no means all, of those people. So I am appealing to the whole congregation to help fill in the gaps. The letter will encourage the recipients to guide us in our decision whether to place them on an inactive list, remove their names from the rolls, indicate the church to which they transferred membership or – at their specific request – keep them on our active list for the time being. Please be assured that we will not remove anyone from the list who is away at college or grad school, in a care center or homebound, or on active, transient military duty.

The first list for which I need your assistance includes names that no one has yet identified. Can you provide contact information for:

Willard M. Smith	Mary V. Smith
Jennifer Ingrid Smith	David Jones
Shane & Cynthia Hendren	Clarence & Diane & (Claypool) Brown
Benjamin Brown	Jessie Hawkins
Frances Monroe	Helen R. McInnis
Megan Quick	Emilia McCall
John D. Thomas	

Joseph Bellinger

The second list is people who we believe still live in the area but have apparently joined another local church or have stopped coming here. Can you help us with an address so we can verify their church affiliation?

William & Nell Fields	Paul Warren Sullivan III
Glenn & Sandra Lockey	Brenda & Lee Gaunt
Richie Henley	Mary M. Thames
Chip & Cyndy McDonald	

The third list is too long to enter here. It consists of all the sons and daughters of current members who probably joined the church in confirmation class but over the last 25 years have moved away, unlikely to return. I will try to contact you, their parents, for their addresses, but you could expedite my contact with them by sending it to me. Again, let me reassure you that I only hope to encourage them to find a congregation in which to nurture their faith, and we will not remove them from our rolls if they specifically request us to retain them. I do, however, believe this should be their own (rather than their parents') decision.

Your assistance in providing contact information for the groups above will help us take the proper steps to notify non-resident members that we need to act on their membership status. If we cannot contact these people, we will have to make our best guess at their preferred status and will probably add them to the inactive rolls. So again, thank you for any help you can provide.

Shalom,
Dr. Duane Hix

WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 4, 2018 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time/

Scout Sunday

Sermon: Christian Faith and the Experience of

Scouting: Mr Craig Ellis and Mr. Bill Purcell, Jr

(Scripture used) Psalm 147:1-11;

I Corinthians 9:16-23

Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23;

Mark 1:29-39

12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

157 I Danced in the Morning

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Essie Carmichael and Courtney Carmichael by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

FEBRUARY 11, 2018 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time/

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dr. Hix's Sermon: Christian Faith & Scientific World:

Genetics - What Does it Mean to Be Human?

(Scripture used) Psalm 139:13-18; John 9:1-7

2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

156 Sing of God Made Manifest

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Winston H. Tornow by his family.

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 1st Sunday In Lent

Dr. Hix's Sermon: Words of Faith Series, #1-Love

(Scripture used) Amos 3:1-8; I John 4:7-12

Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

833 O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

215 What Wondrous Love is This

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Jo McLaurin by their family.

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 2nd Sunday In Lent

Dr. Hix Sermon: Words of Faith Series, #2 - Evil

(Scripture used) Genesis 6:5-8; Ephesians 6:10-17

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25;

Mark 8:31-38

39 Great is Thy Faithfulness

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

838 Standing on the Promises

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

Volunteer Schedule

FEBRUARY OPENING AND CLOSING CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

BUS DRIVERS pickup at Scotia 10:20

FEB. 4 David Bounds

Feb. 11 Allen McLaurin

Feb. 18 Greg Wood

Feb. 25 Jim Willis

FEBRUARY USHER TEAM #1

Richard Mabry-Lead, Earl Bowling, Danny Caddell,

David Carmichael, David Harling, Bill Hill,

Richard Massey, John McRae, Maggie Ratcliffe,

Scott Sellers, Andy Womble

ACOLYTES

Feb. 4 Jack Herr

Feb. 11 Matthew Patterson

Feb. 18 Creed Sellers

Feb. 25 Max Anderson

NURSERY FEBRUARY 4- 25

Darlene Swing

COMBINED CHILDREN CHURCH (3 years - 5th grade)

Feb. 4 Catherine McLaurin & Lynn Massey

Feb. 11 Sue Schulz & Debi Hobbs

Feb. 18 Jen & Chris Rhue

Feb. 25 Jaime Martinez

GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS

Feb. 4 David Herr

Feb. 11 Richard Mabry

Feb.14 Danny Caddell (Ash Wednesday)

Feb. 18 Martha Olmstead

Feb. 25 Robin Snead

GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS

Feb. 4 Beverly Bowling

Feb. 11 David Carmichael

Feb. 18 Dan Sprouse

Feb. 25 Debra Sutherland

GREETERS SANCTUARY DOOR

Feb. 4 Sue Schulz

Feb. 11 Sis Thomas

Feb. 18 Jacque Britt

Feb. 25 Jimmy Stubbs

FEBRUARY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

*Martha Floyd, Pam Coughenour,

Catherine McLaurin, Sue Jones, Susan Hartwell

LAY LEADER SCHEDULE

Feb. 4 -Feb. 25, 2018

Please be sure if you cannot make a certain date

that you find a replacement and be sure you let Cathy know of the change in time for the bulletin printing on late Thursday afternoon.

Feb. 4 Scout Sunday
Feb 14 (Ash Wed) Bill Loftus
Feb.11 Anne Caudill
Feb.18 Stuart Carmichael
Feb. 25 John Clark

PRESBYTERIAN PRESENCE

A personal story. My Grandfather, Larimore C. Denise, became president of Omaha Theological Seminary in 1924. That position ended to 1943 when young men were going into the military not the ministry. The beautiful campus and its buildings were sold and the proceeds were to go to McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. My Grandfather spoke at General Assembly asking that a foundation to set up with those funds so there was financial aid to those mid-western ministers could have continuing education closer to home. I don't know how many people over the years have been helped but when I was a commissioner at the 1983 General Assembly, there was a paper reporting the activities of that Foundation in our packet of materials. Over the years I have heard stories from those who were aided by this program which still functions today. Dr. Denise was a visionary in his time. Does the church have any such visionaries today as they move to make the church more relevant to today?
Meredith Hudson

FUN ADULT CLASS

The Fun Adult Sunday school class has had a very interesting study this January led by Mac Doubles- thank you Mac. We look forward to our February study which will be led by Larry Schulz entitled: **Stemming Religious Violence: Clues in the Stories of Sibling Rivalry in Genesis.**

Membership & Stewardship Committee

On behalf of the Membership and Stewardship Committee, I would like to thank everyone who has sent in their pledge card. We are getting close to our budget, with 92% of the proposed budget already

pledged. As we stated before the campaign began, stewardship involves more than just financial pledges. For those who are unable to turn in a financial pledge this year please consider other ways you can use your time and talents to further the mission of Laurinburg Presbyterian church as we strive to be a church who puts the Word in Action. Thank you,
Annette Morgan - Chair M&S

Advantages of Tax Free Transfer from IRA's

IRA's, 401K and 403b's can be transferred to the church tax-free. This IRA distribution is excluded from income; however no deduction for charitable contribution is allowed.

For people who do not itemize their deductions, making the tax-free transfer can help them benefit from their charitable gift.

For people who itemize, this keeps your IRA distribution out of your adjusted gross income. This will help you stay below the income cutoff for some other taxes.

David Breeden

Scotland County Summer Meals Program Be A Hero Feed A Child

Restoring Hope Center, Inc. would like to extend a **HUGE "Thank You!"** to everyone who participated with the Scotland County Summer Meals Program in 2017. Last year your church hosted a Feeding Site. You were a faithful and excellent host who served a total of 846 lunches!

This year, we are asking if you would consider volunteering at a different site, to deliver food or as a general volunteer. Most food deliveries take less than an hour. You do **NOT** have to load or unload your vehicle alone. There will always be individuals ready to assist you. General volunteer duties include things such as preparing cutlery, milk or meals for delivery, packing breakfasts, cleaning coolers or helping load and unload coolers and etc. These assignments may take one hour or several hours. No matter how much time you have available; whether

it is one hour per week, one week or several weeks this summer, we can utilize you! Be a hero! Feed a child!

Please contact Restoring Hope Center's Scotland County Summer Meals Program Office for more information and to sign-up as volunteers: restoring-hopecenter@yahoo.com or 910-610-9960.

Music Notes

UNCP "Songs and Stories" Concert February 27

UNC Pembroke will present **SONGS AND STORIES: From Civil War to Civil Rights** on Tuesday, February 27. The concert, a joint production of the Departments of Music and History, will take place at 7:30 pm in the Givens Performing Arts Center on the UNCP campus. The program will feature the UNCP Jazz Combo, the University Chorale (conducted by José Rivera), and a Brass Quintet, as well as individual musical performances and readings by students and faculty members (including Ryan Anderson as 3 different Union generals!). A slideshow of period photographs will accompany the concert, and art produced by Robeson County students will decorate the lobby.

A group from LPC will be attending the program together. The buses will depart from the parking lot near the Fellowship Hall at 6:40 pm and drop everyone as close as possible to the GPAC doors in time to visit restrooms and view the artwork in the lobby prior to the curtain time. Buses will return everyone to LPC as soon as the concert ends. Scotia Residents: it is possible that a Scotia bus will be set up to take you; if not, we will arrange for the LPC bus to come get you at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Emily Womble (910-610-5283 or wombleemily@gmail.com) by Friday, February 23, to reserve your space on the bus, to volunteer as a backup bus driver, or to volunteer as an overflow car driver, as needed. Make sure you provide Emily with your contact information (email and phone) so that we can provide you with updated information should it become necessary.

Christian Ed Corner: Communion Preparation

When should children start to take communion?

There's no hard-and-fast answer to this question. The *Book of Order* of the PC(USA) states that "invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized ...Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity" (W-2.4011). So, it is up to parents to decide when a child (who has been baptized) is ready to begin taking communion. But we, as a congregation, should be helping parents to teach kids about "the significance of the invitation to the Table." Lent is an ideal time for us to do this.

Any elementary-age kids who are not currently taking communion and would like to learn more about it are encouraged to attend Junior Youth on February 18 and March 18, from 5:45-7 pm. Kids who are currently taking communion are also welcome to attend on these nights, since there will be fellowship and activities for all to enjoy. We will spend part of each meeting learning about communion, as well as providing families with some resources to review in the intervening weeks. This way, kids who have not taken communion in the past will be ready to do so on Easter Sunday!
Jaime Martinez



First United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall Wednesday's at Noon

February 14, 2018 Rev. Dr. Kenneth Locklear
Gateway District Superintendent

March 14, 2018 Rev. Dr. Stephen Teague
St. David's Episcopal Church

March 21, 2018 Rev. Kenneth Blease
Northview Harvest Ministries

March 28, 2018 Rev. Linda Nelson
Lutheran Church of the Living Word

**A light lunch will be available each Wednesday after the Lenten service for a \$6.00 donation.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle Meetings will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018.

Circle 1: Home of Beverly Bowling @ 7:00 pm

Circle 2: Home of Anne Sprouse @ 1:00 pm
Hostess: Anne Sprouse and Barbara Bateman

Circle 4: Scotia Village 2nd floor: 3:45pm

Thanks
Leslie Sellers PW Moderator

VALENTINE CANDY

Jan. 31, 2018 - Deadline for College Student Address

Feb. 7, 2018- Candy individually wrapped due in LPC kitchen for Valentine mailing to College Students- Please note on candy if made with nuts!

Feb. 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Meet in Session Room to pack candy for mailing.

Thanks Chair of PW Hospitality
Janice Liles

BLANKET PROJECT - For only 10 dollars, you can give a blanket that can provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care. Envelopes for donating to the Blanket Project will be in the bulletin on February 18th during church service. However please feel free to drop a donation off at the church office if that is more convenient for you. Or you can simple go to <https://cwsblankets.org/donate/> to

online. We appreciate any support you can provide. Thanks,
Angela Purcell

Brown Bag Bible Study

Please join us at the weekly Brown Bag Bible Study every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the Session Room. We eat lunch, discuss our book and learn from each other for about an hour.

This year we will read Philip Yancey's Vanishing Grace: Whatever Happened to the Good News? The back cover reads: "In a time of division and discord, grace seems in vanishing supply. Why? And what can we do about it?...This is a milestone book for all those who are striving to make sense of faith and live it out amid the changing landscape of our day." This book may be purchased from Amazon.

Bring your lunch and a drink and take a break with friends as we study this interesting book. Attendance isn't taken, so come when you can.
Janet Smith

Sunday, February 18 will be the Annual Congregational Meeting of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church, after worship. We will distribute copies of the annual report during the week prior, so please have all annual reports from committees and organizations in electronic or copy-ready form in the office by Feb 4, next Sunday.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP **FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

The season of Lent formally begins on Ash Wednesday. To initiate the season, please join the church in a worship service that evening, after the Pancake Supper. The service is divided into four parts, signifying four symbols of the Christian faith: the water of baptism, the ashes of penitence and mortality, the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, and the call to discipleship. After reflecting on each theme, worshippers will take a journey through these four symbolic stations, dipping their fingers in the baptismal font, receiving ashes on one's forehead, partaking of communion, and receiving the nail of sacrifice. We

hope you will be a part of this significant ritual of the Lenten season.

Dr. Duane Hix

RENOVATION OF BATHROOMS TO BEGIN IN SPRING

The B.E.G. committee wants the congregation to know that plans are underway to address a need that was postponed when the capital campaign was launched three years ago. The fellowship hall bathrooms need serious updating. A team from B.E.G. is seeking contractors who will redesign and renovate the two bathrooms off the hallway near fellowship hall. Although the schedule will always be affected by contractor schedules, the committee hopes the project can be completed before summer's end.

MACS (Maturing Adult Christians)

2018 WE'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN. JOIN US AS WE TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT PLACES. REMEMBER THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE!!!!!!!



MACS will be going to see the "Odd Couple" at Temple Theater in Sanford NC. Afterwards we will be having dinner at Olive Garden, Southern Pines, NC. Bus will be leaving LPC at 12:15. If interested call Sis Thomas, 276-0220 or Betty Jackson, 544-9304. Sis Thomas, Betty Jackson, Chairs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Pete Liles Jr</i>	<i>02/03</i>
<i>Lucy Sojka</i>	<i>02/03</i>
<i>Kristen Anderson</i>	<i>02/04</i>
<i>Alec Braswell</i>	<i>02/04</i>
<i>Daniel Caudill</i>	<i>02/05</i>
<i>Stuart Carmichael</i>	<i>02/06</i>
<i>Debby Holcomb</i>	<i>02/06</i>
<i>Apita Waters</i>	<i>02/07</i>
<i>Bill Carmichael</i>	<i>02/08</i>
<i>Vivian Carter</i>	<i>02/09</i>
<i>Bill Loftus</i>	<i>02/09</i>
<i>Jaime Martinez</i>	<i>02/09</i>
<i>Nathaniel Bowden</i>	<i>02/10</i>



<i>Sarah Carmichael</i>	<i>02/10</i>
<i>Robert Floyd</i>	<i>02/10</i>
<i>Scott Bruner</i>	<i>02/12</i>
<i>Emily Freeman</i>	<i>02/12</i>
<i>Bill Purcell</i>	<i>02/12</i>

<i>Jimmy Stubbs Jr</i>	<i>02/12</i>
<i>Jennings Dean</i>	<i>02/14</i>
<i>William Carmichael</i>	<i>02/16</i>
<i>Susan Hartwell</i>	<i>02/16</i>
<i>Eleanor McRae</i>	<i>02/16</i>
<i>Tripp Wells III</i>	<i>02/17</i>
<i>Gracen Byrd</i>	<i>02/18</i>
<i>Mike Coughenour</i>	<i>02/18</i>
<i>Celeste McRae</i>	<i>02/18</i>
<i>Steve Urie</i>	<i>02/18</i>
<i>Sara Beth Sellers</i>	<i>02/19</i>
<i>Mac McInnis</i>	<i>02/24</i>
<i>Andy Womble</i>	<i>02/25</i>
<i>Glenn Batten</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>Janice Liles</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>Leigh Williams</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>Katherine Edmund</i>	<i>02/27</i>
<i>Irvin "Bill" Hill Jr</i>	<i>02/27</i>

Church Leadership by Committee for 2018

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Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers!!!

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Joel McCanna Will Faulk-LPC Custodian

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Scotia Special Care: Margaret Caudill

Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, Louise Koonce, Marion McNair, Marjorie Coughenour, Flo Johnson, Millie Peele, Elizabeth McIntosh

At Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

On the Calendar

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

February 4

Scout Sunday

After church service Deacons meeting.

February 6

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

7:00 pm BEG

February 7

5:00 pm Fellowship

5:30 pm WMA

February 13

5:00 pm CNE

February 14

5:30-6:30 pm Pancake Supper

Please RSVP In Pew Pad.

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Finance/Administration

February 15

5:30 pm Childcare

February 19

7:00 pm Session

February 20

6:30 pm Theology On Tap McDuff's

February 26

5:30 pm PW Coordinating

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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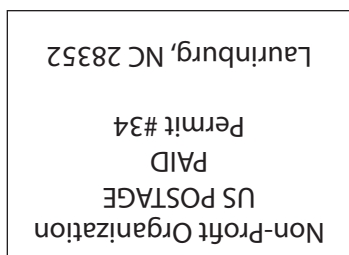
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