



The Messenger

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Jan 5th
PW Circles meet

Jan 6th
7 pm BEG meeting

Jan 7th
1:30 pm Scotia Service
6 pm Wed Meal
6:30 pm Epiphany Service

Jan 8th
9 am "Undecorating" the Church
12 pm MAC meeting

Jan 11th
5:45 pm Youth @ The Hut

Jan 14th
1:30 pm Scotia Service
6 pm Wed Meal
6:30 pm Service

Jan 15th - Meetings
5 pm WMA
5:30 pm Childcare
7 pm Finance

Jan 19th
7 pm Elders' Session Meeting

Jan 21st
1:30 pm Scotia Service
6 pm Wed Meal
6:30 pm Service

January 23-25
RYM retreat

January 24th
Boy Scouts Breakfast

Jan 28th
1:30 pm Scotia Service
6 pm Wed Meal
6:30 pm Service

Jan 25th
5:45 pm Youth @ The Hut

EPIPHANY



E•PIPH•A•NY (noun):

**THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES AS
REPRESENTED BY THE MAGI (MATTHEW 2:1-12)**

**THE FESTIVAL COMMEMORATING THE EPIPHANY
ON JANUARY 6 (SERVICE ON JANUARY 7)**

**A MANIFESTATION OF A DIVINE OR SUPERNATURAL BEING
A MOMENT OF SUDDEN REVELATION OR INSIGHT**

FROM OUR PASTOR:

In the January 1 entry of Frederick Buechner's *Listen To Your Life*, he states:
There is no event so commonplace but that God is present within it, always hiddenly, always leaving you room to recognize him or not to recognize him.... If I were called upon to state in a few words the essence of everything I was trying to say both as a novelist and as a preacher, it would be something like this: Listen to your life. Because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.

As we begin a new year at LPC, I hope we listen to our life: our individual lives--yes; moreover, I hope that we listen to our life as a congregation (life as a collective group of people of faith). I hope that we listen to all aspects of our life: worship, fellowship, stewardship, care of the facilities, outreach, mission, evangelism, Christian nurture and spirituality--all of it. Listen to our life together as a group of folks who continue to grow in faith together and continue to learn to love God and each other.

No event so commonplace but that God is present.
Whether we are in corporate worship, in youth group, in Wednesday night fellowship, a pool party, opening our building to help agencies in our community, session meetings--yes, even in meetings--God is present with us.

If we dare see our time together in this way, I think it will transform our faith walk in 2015. If we listen to our life together and recognize that God is in our midst, even in our mundane moments, it will truly reshape our church, and how we reach out to others in hope. It will open us up to God's Spirit moving in our midst in a new way.

Recommit yourselves at the beginning of this new year: listen to your life--*all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.*



ALMOST THERE!

Thanks to a committed congregation our 2015 Stewardship Campaign is at 96% of its goal! That does mean, however, that we are about \$17,000 short of providing the funds necessary to do the work that our church leaders believe is critical to our mission. For all of you who have pledged, thank you! For those of you who haven't, or those that may consider pledging a bit more to hit our goal, our committee asks that you do it in the next 10 days. The Finance Committee must complete its work and recommend the final budget to the session in January. They would hate to reduce the prepared budget, but will if we cannot achieve our

goal. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I thank you for your support.

Greg Wood
Stewardship Chair

Stewardship Update 12/31/14

2015 Pledge Budget-----\$453,184
2015 Pledges Received--\$436,436
2015 Pledges Needed-----\$16,748

2015 Pledges Received = 96% of Goal

Join us for Sunday Worship

January 4 – Second Sunday of Christmas (Year B)
Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Eph 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Installation of New Officers

Reception of New Members

Neal's sermon: *What Defines Us*

26 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

27 Gently Mary Laid Her Child

28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

January 11 - Baptism of the Lord & Communion

Please note that our communion wafer are gluten-free.

Gen 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Neal's sermon: *Clean Slate*

492 Baptized in Water

72 When Jesus Came to Jordan

341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

In lieu of flowers today a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Jane McKeithan Purcell by the family.

January 18 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Sam 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Cor 12-20; John 1:43-51

Neal's sermon: *Our Prayer Today*

356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

525 Here I Am, Lord

In lieu of flowers today a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Mr. W. R. Dulin and Reverend and Mrs. D. H. Dulin by Mrs. Sibyle Dulin.

January 25 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Ecc 3:1-8; Ps 62:5-12; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Neal's sermon: *Turn, Turn, Turn*

483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

426 Take My Life

388 O Jesus, I have Promised

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cornelius Bushoven, Jr. on the anniversary of his birth by his family.

February 1 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deut 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Neal's sermon: *Boundaries of Love*

488 The God of Abraham Praise

504 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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.

The Membership Committee is also showing Sunday's service at Scotia in the MMEC at 2 pm for the same day's service. The church office is providing large print bulletins and hymns.

Placing Flowers in the Sanctuary

The Flower Calendar, maintained by Lynn Mason, is posted in the office. If you would like to put flowers in the church on Sunday, please contact Lynn Mason 280-1417 to see what dates might be available.

The Worship Committee is pleased to offer the use of two colored silk flower arrangements (or white for communion Sundays) to be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Because the Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used often to discreetly help those in our congregation and community who are in need, we are hopeful that some who wish to honor loved ones might choose to make a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund instead of purchasing flowers. The silk flowers would be used for that Sunday and the bulletin would read, "In lieu of flowers this Sunday, _____ has made a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory (or in honor) of _____."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

Three adult classes are taught at 9:45 am: Men's Bible Class in the Session room, the 3M's Class and the Fun Adult classes meet off the fellowship hall. The Part Time Adults meet upstairs with Neal teaching the weekly lectionary passages at 10 am.

Needed: Sunday School teachers for the Trekkers (2nd - 5th graders). Sunday School is taught after the sermon on the steps.

We have a rotation where you teach about every 5th week. Please call the church office for more details.

SCOTIA STUDY

Join us in the Living Room on the 2nd floor at 1:30 pm every Wednesday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help take down the Chrismon trees and "undecorate" the church on Thursday, December 8 at 9am. All helpers are more than welcome and greatly appreciated!!!

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES is currently experiencing a shortage and is in need of food and gently used clothing donations. Especially needed are canned foods, pasta, grains and fruit cups along with cold weather clothing like gloves, scarves and hats. Please help by donating a few items as you can. Collection baskets are located at the entrances for your donations.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal and Open Space

6:30 pm Wednesday Night Program

6:30 pm Children's Choir/Chimes

7:15 pm Chancel Choir

The Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce that beginning at our January 7th Wednesday night fellowship meal all children 12 and under will eat free! Adults: \$7. Reservations/cancellations needed by 1:00 pm on Wednesday.

Jan 7: **Epiphany Service:** Country style steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, collards, squash casserole, tossed salad, bread, tea, dessert

Jan 14 - Hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, slaw, chips, buns, tea, dessert

Jan 21 - BBQ chicken, brown rice, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread, tea, dessert

Jan 28 - Ham, macaroni and cheese, butter beans, stewed apples, broccoli salad, bread, tea, dessert

Feb 04 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable casserole, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread, tea, dessert

PRAYING FOR THESE

Continuing Concerns: Flora Wells, Susan Hardy, Ray McCormick (Virginia Ann McCormick's brother), Creed Sellers, Frances Shannon, Jim Sutherland, Sam Snowden, Lucile Bridgeman, Hugh McArn, Ralph Parker (Boone). At Scotia: Edna Drake, Frances Hopkins, Virginia Johnson. At Special Care: Frances Haupt, Anne Collins, Reba Essey, Evelyn Crossley. Assisted: Edna McKeithen, Ervin & Ann Hill, Helen Middleton. At Scottish Pines: Thelma Morgan, Mary McDonald, Joyce Stutts. At Prestwick: Dooda Robertson, Lois Muse. At Morgan Center: Katherine Edmund. Hospitalization: George Melton (Asheville)

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Logan Newkirk	01/01
Harry Camper	01/02
Katherine Collins	01/02
Louise Mabry	01/02
Jim McQueen	01/02
Tim Rumph	01/03
Parker Byrd	01/04
Bill Caudill	01/04
Frances Haupt	01/04
Betty Jackson	01/04
Neal Carter	01/07
Sherrie Phillips	01/07
Carolyn Thompson	01/08
John Decembrino	01/09
Scott Poage	01/09
Jane Tornow	01/09
Marty Sutherland	01/10

Sandra Lockey	01/11
Owen Bruner	01/12
Craig Ellis	01/13
Sherry Fox	01/13
Bill Parker	01/14
Sam Thompson	01/14
David Herr	01/15
Mac McLaurin Jr	01/16
Hewitt Fulton Jr	01/17
Herman Gillis	01/17
Ann Hill	01/17
Julie Hogan	01/18
Sammy Simmons	01/18
Carol Coughenour	01/19
Mildred Schartein	01/19
Aaron Gatten	01/20
Susan Wentz	01/20
Margaret Cooley	01/21
George Melton	01/22
Stephen Bridgeman	01/23
Mary Frances Fitch	01/23
Ervin Hill	01/24
Lynn Massey	01/24
Kenslee Hecht	01/25
Allen McLaurin	01/25
Jane Murray	01/25
Will Purcell III	01/25
Alex Jones	01/26
Charlotte McLean	01/26
Debra Sutherland	01/26
Sophia Freeman	01/28
Flora Wells	01/28
Stone Phillips	01/30
Emma Herr	01/31
Betsy Massey	01/31
Martha Evans	02/03
Pete Liles Jr.	02/03
Lucy Sojka	02/03
Kristen Anderson	02/04
Alec Braswell	02/04
Hugh McArn Jr.	02/04
Sara Simmons	02/04
Daniel Caudill	02/05
Will Loftus	02/05
Stuart Carmichael	02/06
Debby Holcomb	02/06
Apita Waters	02/07
Bill Carmichael	02/08
Vivian Carter	02/09
Bill Loftus	02/09

OPEN/CLOSE SUNDAY MORNINGS

Jan Scott Sellers

ACOLYTES

Jan 4 Emma Herr
Jan 18 Katie Carmichael
Jan 25 Daniel Caudill
Feb 1 Jackson Sellers

NURSERY

Jan 4 Mary & Wesley Quick, Carolina Bounds
Jan 11 Leslie & Scott Sellers, Kenslee Hecht
Jan 18 Sue Schultz, Sara Paige Liles
Jan 25 Jamie & David Synan, Gibson McLaurin
Feb 1 Mitzi & Jeff Byrd, Haley Sellers

BUS DRIVERS Remember to pickup at Scotia 10:15

Jan 4 Sam Thompson
Jan 11 Eddie Carmichael
Jan 18 Chip Wells
Jan 25 David Herr
Feb 1 Bill Caudill

GREETERS Sanctuary Door

Jan 4 Sue Schulz & Sis Thomas
Jan 11 Kim & Charles Liles
Jan 18 Celeste & John McRae
Jan 25 John Clark & Jimmy Stubbs
Feb 1 Ellen & Dan Dean

GREETERS Office/Fellowship Door-Elders

Jan 4 Jacque Britt
Jan 11 Celeste McRae
Jan 18 Craig Ellis
Jan 25 Allen McLaurin
Feb 1 Beth Elliott

GREETERS Elevator Door-Deacons

Jan 4 Jimmy Stubbs
Jan 11 Jamie Synans
Jan 18 Denise Herr
Jan 25 Kim Liles

USHERS

USHER TEAM #4 Leader - Bradley Williams
John Clark, Mike Coughenour, Joel Hartwell, David Herr,
Wayne Hobbs, John Massey, Don Ohl, Michael Sellers,
Sammy Simmons, Jamie Sutherland, Drew Williamson,
Greg Wood

VIDEOGRAPHERS -

Training now on new equipment. There is a desperate need for help in this ministry! We will train

you, no prior knowledge is needed. Call Jacque Britt 610-8093 or Richard Massey 276-0479 if interested in learning.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden will be leasing plots for 2015 in a few weeks! If you are interested, please contact Sam Thompson at 910-852-9415 or samthompson2009@gmail.com for more information. Anyone that currently has a plot will be able to retain the plot for as long as they want it.



BLANKET PROJECT

Every January we have the opportunity to answer a cry for help coming from families living in extreme conditions such as homelessness, famine, war, poverty, or natural disaster. This program has been a steady supplier of wool, cotton, and eco-friendly Ingeo (corn) relief blankets for humanitarian work around the world. Blankets cost \$5. Our collection will be received on Sunday, January 25.

HARRIS TEETER VIC CARD

Did you know that you can help raise money for our childcare center, just by shopping for groceries and prescriptions? It's easy, just link your HT VIC Card to #7357!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Circles

Monday, January 5

Circle 1 meets at 7:00 pm at Janice Liles' home

Circle 2 meets at 4:30 pm Ann Sprouse's home
(cohost Barbara Bateman)

Circle 4 meets at 4:00 pm at Scotia

Please note that Circle 3 will meet Monday, January 12 at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall

There will be a PW coordintaing Team Meeting on Monday, January 26 at 5:30 pm in the Session Room.

Presbyterian Women's Beach Retreat

February 20-22

Ocean Isle and Sunset Beaches

*Please note that this retreat is for all women, not just those that are involved in a circle. *



Ellen Dean and Beth Elliott have prepared a study for our weekend. As you know from past retreats, the message will be both meaningful and thought provoking. Please contact the church office to sign up and for more information.

Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship

Attention all high school seniors and students enrolled in institutes of higher education: The scholarship forms for the Lorena Clark Piner Scholarship (given by Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina) will be available soon and can be picked up in the church office. Deadline for submission is Saturday, February 14, 2015.

Valentine Candy for Our College Students

The PW will be sending Valentine candy to our church members who are away at college. This year each of our four circles will be donating candy. However, if you do not attend a circle and would like to help, you may do so by preparing a pound of candy (individually wrapped) and delivering it to the church kitchen by 4 pm Tuesday, February 3. Contact the church office for more information. If you are not a candy maker, a donation to help defray the cost of shipping is always appreciated.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS- We need current addresses; please email the church office or call 276-0831 with this information.

IN GRATITUDE

Philippians 4:13-14

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. In our time of loss, the family of Bill McInnis wishes to express our sincere and humble gratitude for each and every gesture of love and support extended to us by you, our church family. May God's grace and peace sustain us now and always.

MUSIC NEWS

It's Cool In the Furnace

One night only! March 14th at 7:00pm. Join our students as they tell the tale of a Godly guy named Daniel, his three side-kicks and a fiery furnace. This one is about as cool as it gets! Stay tuned for more information regarding casting and practices.



MACS

Thursday January 8th at 12pm

There will be a meeting in the LPC Fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring ideas for our upcoming trips and social outings!

YOUTH

January Youth Meetings at the Hut

Jan 11	5:45 pm
Jan 25	5:45 pm

Raleigh Youth Mission

Middle and High School youth, it's not too late! Mark your calendars for the RYM on January 23-25, 2015. RYM offers a variety of mission experiences in the Raleigh area. Our young people will use the weekend to explore their own God given gifts and how they can use them to help others. Cost: \$55.00 per person due Jan 11. Buses leave Friday January 23 at 5 pm from LPC and will return Sunday, January 25 at 12 pm to LPC. For more information, please contact Lyndsey McCall.



Youth Ski Trip

Mark your calendars for the Annual Middle & High School Youth Ski Trip on March 6-8, 2014!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 420

PACK 420 CUB SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

The Pack 420 pancake fundraiser will be Saturday morning January 24, 2015 from 7:00 - 10:30 am at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Tickets are \$6.00 per plate and available in the church office. Please contact Gray Sellers for more information along with items still needed for donation.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 420 is about to begin another great year. We have 43 Boy Scouts and 17 Scout leaders registered in our program. This is the largest we have been in over 15 years. Our spring program will soon welcome six Webelos Scouts crossing over from Cub Scout Pack 420. Our spring program will feature the following activities:

JANUARY: Working on rank advancement, review of our drug awareness and youth protection programs

FEBRUARY: Scout Sunday celebration on February 1 and the continued testing of our cooking skills on a troop campout at McCoy Pond

MARCH: Study of the Battle of Bentonville and participating in the 150th anniversary of this final battle of the civil war

Troop 420 meets every Tuesday night at the Hut from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We are one of the most active troops and one of the largest troops in the Cape Fear Council. We appreciate the support of the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church as we ready to enter our 85th year of Scouting in the Laurinburg community. If you would like to support our troop in anyway, contact David Harling or Gus Purcell.

David Harling, Troop Committee Chairman
Gus Purcell, Scoutmaster

Church Basketball Schedule

Come out and cheer on our LPC Sr High Basketball team!

Jan 8, 6:30 pm @ Nazareth

Jan 9, 6:30 pm @ MPH #1

Jan 13, 6:30 pm @ LBG Pres

Jan 15, 6:30 pm @ LBG Pres

Jan 20, 6:30 pm @ LBG Pres

Jan 22, 6:30 pm @ LBG Pres

MONROE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Attention College Students! Are you looking for a summer job? Consider applying to Monroe Camp & Retreat Center. Currently we are seeking applicants for counselors, lifeguards, musicians, a horse wrangler and other leadership positions. For more information, please contact Rev. Lyndsey McCall. Applications can be found on our web page monroecamp.org. Summer season is from June 24, 2015 - August 7, 2015.

Youth Leadership Training -201

January 9-11, 2015

\$75.00 per person

In conjunction with Amy Hodges, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Youth Coordinator, MCRC is offering a NEW Youth Leadership Training Event. During most PYC retreats, the adults gather together for a time of small group learning. During our Retreat, we will expand that time that will include opportunities for continuing education and sharing with those also in the field.

Presbytery's Engaging Evangelism Retreat

Feb. 6 & 7

What is your church's process for creating disciples of Jesus Christ? What part does EVANGELISM play in DISCIPLESHIP? What resources are available for helping your youth and adults claim and share their faith? Please register on or before Jan 9, 2015.

MLK Service Day

Monroe is hosting a service day on January 19th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Help us with all different types of projects from painting, raking, organizing, and more! Come and make a difference!

On the Calendar... Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 11 am Worship; 11:20 am Children's Church School; 12:15 White chapel Ringers; 5:45 pm Youth
Wednesdays 6 pm Fellowship Meal & Open Space; 6:30 pm Adult Program and Children's Chimes/Choir 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

From the Deacons:

Thank you so much for your help with Christmas Cheer this year! We sponsored 10 families who were very grateful for our generosity! Thank you to all of you who got tags off the trees, helped deliver gifts to families & all the other jobs (typing tags, cutting tags, sticking & hanging tags & sorting) it took to make this year a success!! Thank you so very much!

From the Church Office:

Thank you for all your cards, notes of encouragement and thoughtful gifts, along with the numerous hours of volunteering! We appreciate each and everyone of you that kept us in your thoughts and prayers this past year.

Most of the staff can receive voicemails to their smart-phones/iPhones anytime call LPC 276-0831, when you hear Lu's voice dial the ext number:

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