



The Messenger

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Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action

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BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND AUGUST

AN UPDATE ON OUR MISSION STUDY EVENT

Friends in Christ,

Six months ago over 100 of our members spent an afternoon hearing a report from the mission study team. Part of our work that day included small-group responses to eight recurring concerns about the church that had surfaced in the Bible studies, surveys and community questionnaires. In April, you voted as a congregation to embrace the suggestions from that meeting as part of the mission study document. After that, we elected the Pastor Nominating Committee and set them to work finding a new pastor for the congregation. They are meeting regularly and have had their first batch of resumes from prospective candidates to review.

But it would be a mistake for us to sit back and wait for the new pastor to initiate our work on the mission priorities we set. These were issues raised and responses given by the congregation, so it is time to place the suggestions in the hands of our elders, deacons, and committees to begin their implementation.

Let me remind you of the eight concerns we addressed:

- *How can the church encourage better participation at Sunday school, worship, and youth groups among current members?*
- *How can the church attract more young families with children?*
- *What strategies would help the church do a better job of "telling our story" through publicity and media?*
- *What are the best ways to develop even more outreach and mission into the community? What 2 or 3 needs are most pressing?*

- *Since the future of the church is connected to the future of the community, how can the church be a catalyst for growth and jobs in Scotland County?*
- *What would help LPC become an even more hospitable, welcoming congregation to improve diversity and our public image?*
- *Families are busy and often miss church for sports, travel, or work. How can we help them have a sense of "Sabbath" and community in our very mobile world?*
- *What strategies would help us develop an encourage more spiritual growth and spiritual practice, e.g. prayer, in our members?*

During the meetings of committees and boards over the next two months, we will discern where these concerns can best be addressed. Some of the suggestions recommend creation of new committees or task forces, and we will need to consider if that is possible and advisable. But let us be sure that we remember the work that we began that Sunday in February and start the long process of drawing these ideas toward effective, faithful conclusions.

Shalom, Duane

MONTREAT SUNDAY: AUGUST 13

Twenty-four youth and six chaperones from LPC attended the Montreat Youth Conference July 16-22. Many thanks to the members of the congregation who supported their trip, and especially to Amy Sloop for her amazing meals!

The theme of this year's conference was "A Missing Peace." Join us for worship on August 13 to hear about our time at Montreat and what peace means to us today.

Jaime Martinez

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 6, 2017 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Jim Bumgardner Sermon: "The Importance of Welcoming"

(Scripture used) Deut. 10: 12-22; Mark 9: 33-37

Matt. 10: 40-42

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

Matt. 14:13-21

744 Arise Your Light Is Come

300 We Are One in the Spirit

832 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martha McNair Tornow by her family.

August 13th, 2017 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Montreat Sunday/Youth Group

(Scripture used)

Gen. 37-1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105-1-6, 16-22, 45b;

Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Doug McMillan and Ken and Anne Malcolm by Kaye McMillan.

August 20, 2017 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "God Sent Me Before You"

(Scripture used) Psalm 133; Genesis 45: 1-15

Gen. 45:1-15; Ps. 133; Rom. 11: 1-2a, 29-32;

Matt. 15: (10-20) 21-28

157 Lord of the Dance

250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

69 Here I Am, Lord

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been 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 27, 2017 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. Hix's Sermon: Who Do You Say that I Am?

(Scripture used) Matthew 16:13-20

Ex. 18-2:10; Ps. 124; Rom. 12: 1-8; Matt. 16: 13-20

409 God Is Here!

159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

314 Christ, Be Our Light

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S.H. Fulton, Katherine Fulton, and Warren and Jeanine Fulton by Hewitt Fulton.

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

August 6 Randy Miller

August 13 Jim Mason

August 20 Richard Mabry

August 27 Richard Massey

AUGUST USHER TEAM #3

Hal Jernigan, Leader, Gus Purcell Jr, Jackson Purcell,

Bill Loftus, Allen McLaurin, John McLaurin,

Penny McLaurin, Gus Purcell, Gray Sellers, Anne

Sprouse, Jimmy Stubbs, Philip Wilkinson, Clint Willis,

Charles Bounds, Phil Eshleman

ACOLYTES

August 6 Cole Broadbelt

August 13 Claire Carmichael

August 20 Jackson Sellers

August 27 Katie Carmichael

NURSERY

August 6 VOLUNTEERS

August 13 VOLUNTEERS

August 20 VOLUNTEERS

August 27 VOLUNTEERS

COMBINED CHILDREN CHURCH (PreK-Grade 5)

August 6 Mary and Wesley Quick

August 13 Kristen and Ryan Anderson

August 20 Catherine McLaurin and Lynn Massey

August 27 Carolina Caddell and Pam Hill

GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS

August 6 Susan Wentz

August 13 David Herr

August 20 Larry Schulz

August 27 Janet Smith

GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS

August 6 Susan

August 13 Bette

August 20 Miriam

August 27 Chris C.

GREETERS SANCTUARY DOOR

August 6 Sis. Thomas and Ramona Wright

August 13 Clint and Carlene Willis

August 20 Kristen and Ryan Anderson

August 27 Janet McQueen and Alex Bryant

AUGUST SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

*Lucy Sojka, Co-chair, Pam Hill, Sis. Thomas, Beverly Bowling, Frances Jernigan, Dawn Sellers

LAY LEADER SCHEDULE

AUGUST 6 - DEC. 31, 2017

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

August 6 – Larry Schulz

August 13 -Montreat Sunday - Youth

August 20 – Edna Ann Loftus

August 27 - Kristen Anderson

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

I admit I'm not much of a "techy" person. I still only have a flip phone and while I have a computer, I use it for "stuff" like this. Is technology running our lives? Silicon Valley has been seducing us for years with new and better ways to get instant information, all sorts of messages (important or not), shopping on line, making reservations and on and on. Even at Scotia, our last Newsletter was devoted to technology.

But I recently read an article about giving our lives some balance again. The suggestion is that the place to start is to practice the Sabbath, reminding ourselves that it is God we trust, not our devices. My sense is that we might begin conversations again, enjoy the beauty of God's creation and begin to appreciate what Sabbath might bring to our lives, recharging our batteries instead of those of our devices. Worth a try?

Meredith Hudson

Blessing of the Backpacks is set for Sunday, August 20 during worship. Backpacks and school supplies are now being collected in the church office for the children at North Laurinburg Elementary School. You may check at Walmart soon for the list of school materials needed or bring any materials you feel appropriate! Thank you for your support of this project.

Thank you, Jacque



LPC Fellowship Committee July 2017 Report

I would like to thank the workers of the Fellowship Committee for coordinating and putting on a great pool party. A good time was had by all, in spite of the heat.

There will be a Fellowship Committee meeting at the church on Wednesday, August 23rd at 5:00 PM. We will be addressing the 2018 Fellowship budget, and planning a September dinner. If you are interested in helping or joining the Fellowship Committee, please attend the August meeting, or call Martha Olmstead at 910-361-4747.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Martha Olmstead

Greetings

Thanks to all members who contributed to the Congo Water Fund. You made it possible for the people in the village of Kabeela - Katanla in the Congo to continue to have fresh water for drinking and cooking. Surely you will continue to be blessed for your generosity. Thanks again.

Grace and Peace

Hal Jernigan

Music Notes

Join a choir—it's good for you! Here are five ways, according to medical researchers and social scientists:

1. Singing in a group helps regulate your heart rate and improve your lung function.
2. Singing in a group boosts natural oxytocin levels, reducing stress, anxiety, and depression.
3. Choral singing improves balance, facial dexterity, and cognitive function, so has been shown to moderate symptoms associated with Parkinson's and dementia.
4. Making music helps children improve pattern recognition skills crucial to reading and math.
5. Singing in a choir strengthens feelings of togetherness and social well-being. Or, as Garrison Keillor says, "By singing together in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other." (Singing with the Lutherans, 2007)

LPC music ensembles would love to be part of your personal plan for well-being this fall! Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays 7:15-8:30 pm starting on August 16, and sings for worship each Sunday during the school year. Youth Handbells (Grades 6-12) meet Sundays 5-5:45 pm starting on September 17. Joyful Singers and Ringers (Grades 1-6) meet Sunday evenings starting on September 10 (time TBA). Cherub Choir (Age 3-Grade 1) meets on Wednesday evenings (time and start date TBA).

Christian Ed Corner

We had a wonderful time at Maker Fun Factory for this year's Vacation Bible School! 52 children, including 26 from our childcare program, joined us over the course of the week. We also had 18 teenage helpers running around, so the church was filled with young people building stronger relationships with God, our community, and each other.

This year's theme emphasized God as Creator and reminded us that God made us for a purpose and will always love us. We heard Bible stories about Rahab, Gideon, Abigail, and Jesus to reinforce these points, and also met some amazing animals from God's creation. We made robots, musical instru-

ments, and slime, and an art installation for the church. In addition, we worked on three service projects.

Many thanks to the volunteers who worked hard to make all this happen—especially Carol Sellers and Robin Snead! We also really appreciate everyone who planned for and led a class or area all week: Paige Buie, Chris Carmichael, Debi Hobbs, Linda Martinez, Mary Quick, José Rivera, and Cooper Sutherland.

And thanks to all our other volunteers: Negie Babor, Lillian Boger, Beverly Bowling, Walt Bounds, Alex Bryant, Gay Bumgardner, Clara Butler, Mitzi Byrd, Carolina Caddell, Hannah Caddell, Claire Carmichael, Katie Carmichael, Amy Davis, Sherry Fox, Ellen Harling, Susan Hartwell, Debbie Holcomb, Pat Hix, Janice Liles, Betsy Massey, Morgan McColl, Kate McDavid, Jane McLaurin, Andrew Oswald, Heather Peele, Jackson Purcell, Mabel Rivera, Creed Sellers, Garrett Sellers, Jackson Sellers, Leslie Sellers, Matt Sellers, Sara Beth Sellers, Tyler Parks Sellers, Bailey Sloop, Anne Sprouse, Debra Sutherland, McKenna Sutherland, Sis Thomas, Susan Wentz, Andy Womble, and Emily Womble

Children's Church Teachers & Substitute Teachers: Kick-Off Meeting on September 10

All teachers for Children's Church are invited to a planning meeting on Sunday, September 10, from 9:45-10:45 am. We will review the teaching schedule and curriculum, put some finishing touches on our new classroom space, and explore our new "prayer toolkit." Teachers will also be commissioned during the 11 am service on September 10.

Jaime Martinez



CONGRATULATIONS to Arthur and Holland Miller Pulley on the arrival of their baby girl Elle Alexandra Pulley, born July 15th. Elle is the first Grandchild of Scott and Anne Miller.



Emma McInnis	08/04	Cole Broadbelt	08/15
Philip Wilkinson	08/04	Denise Herr	08/15
Sumner McLaurin	08/05	Helen Livingston	08/15
Chris McDavid	08/06	Jerry Bruner	08/16
Robert Poage	08/06	Michael Sellers	08/16
Doug Harris	08/07	Mason Woessner	08/17
Barbara Bateman	08/08	Allen Bowden	08/18
Lucile Bridgeman	08/09	Ralph Parker Jr.	08/18
Pat Hix	08/10	Linda Maddox	08/19
Bette Parker	08/10	Zoe Broadbelt	08/20
Charlie Phillips	08/10	Noah Altman	08/21
Daniel Bowden	08/11	Ann Pridgen	08/23
Bobby Livingston	08/11	McKenna Sutherland	08/23
LeGette* McLean	08/11	Lisa Hecht	08/25
Laura Beth Urie	08/11	Ryan Anderson	08/27
Caroline Bounds	08/12	Randy Blackburn	08/30
Sara Paige Liles	08/12	Gib Jones	08/30
Malcolm # Doubles	08/14	Nick Sojka	08/30
Bill Phillips	08/14	Mary Hambright	08/31
		Kristi Huddleson	08/31

VBS POOL PARTY



HAVING FUN



SWIM BREAK



LADIES HARD AT WORK, UMHUM

YOUTH AT ST. ANDREWS



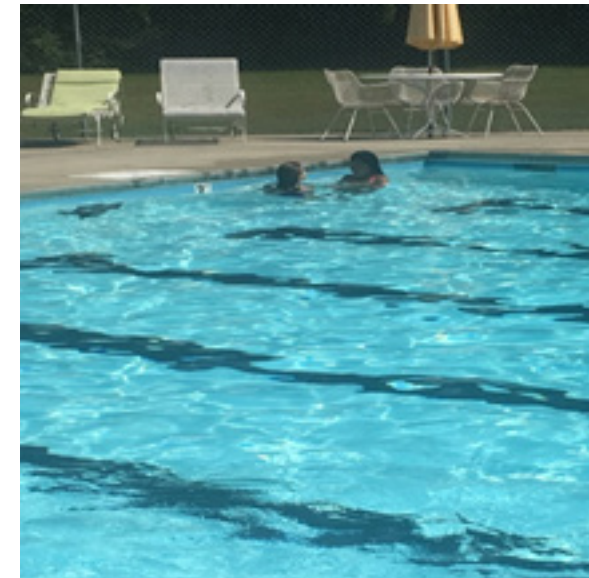
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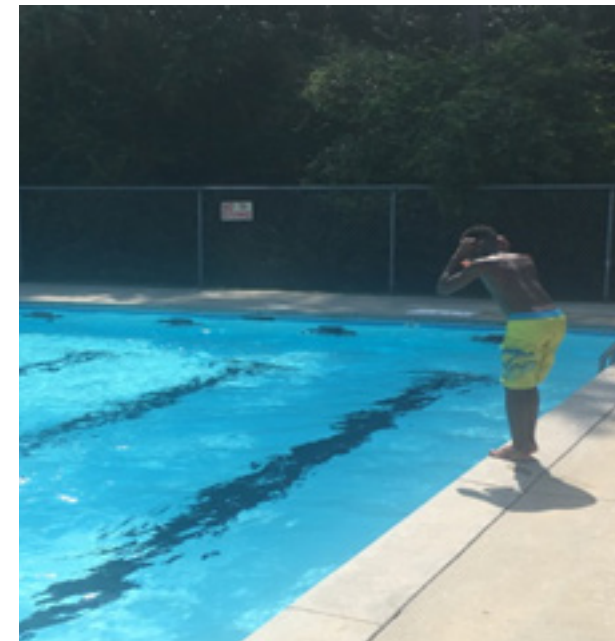
WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO COACH?



DON'T FORGET THE LIFE SAVER



LET'S JUST CHILL



I BELIEVE I'LL TAKE A DIVE, MOVE FEET!!!

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Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers!!!

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Millie Peele Flo Johnson, Louise Wester, Sammy Simmons Elizabeth McIntosh, Bob Dye, George Shannon, Joel McCanna, Chuck Devaney

In Scotia Skilled: Evelyn Crossley, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Klare Van Dusen

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

Scotia Assisted: Ervin Hill, Adell Page, John and Helen Baker, Margie Coughenour

Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

On the Calendar

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

August 6

4:30 pm Deacon

August 8

5:00 pm CNE

August 9

5:30 pm WMA

7:00 pm BEG

August 16

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

August 17

6:30 pm Childcare

August 21

7:00 pm Session

August 23

5:00 pm Fellowship

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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