



The Messenger

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June 7th is Senior Sunday

This year we recognize 9 seniors in The Class of 2015. They are highlighted on the next two pages. On Sunday, June 7 at 9:45 am, Presbyterian Women invite Seniors and their families to breakfast. Afterwards during worship, we will recognize our graduating seniors and CNE will represent to them a gift from the church. Join us for this special day as we celebrate the accomplishments of these wonderful young adults.

Our Capital Campaign: Building Our Faith

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE (as of 5/28/15)

Capital Campaign Budget	\$408,000
Capital Pledges Received	\$310,135
Capital Pledges Needed	\$97,865

Pledges Received = 76% of Goal

From Our Pastor

In the article, *The Church Is Not Your Home*, Scott Dannemiller writes, "An atheist walked into three churches last Sunday." While it sounds like Dannemiller is about to break into a joke, he is not. Dannemiller wants to reflect on the tale of Sanderson Jones of Sunday Assembly—also known as the atheist church. Sunday Assembly is a gathering of atheists as a corporate gathering. Jones' mission was to attend three London church services in one day. Yet, Jones does not attend church to debunk the faith. Actually, he wants to "learn from the pros." He wants to learn from Christians how to do church so he can emulate it in his nonreligious setting.

At the end of the day, Sanderson Jones walks away with a great appreciation for communion and prayer. While this is not one of those miracle conversation stories, Jones is truly moved by the way which churches welcomed him and gave him a sense of belonging. Jones does not abandon his faith in non-faith. But, he does recognize the welcome that he receives in the congregations he attends.

Ultimately, Jones experiences what each and all of our churches are trying to attain on any given Sunday. We all want to show the hospitality of Christ by welcoming others into the church.

Churches absolutely want to welcome folks to be members of the church. Churches often invite them warmly. But rather than meet them where they are,

churches often ask them to meet the church where it is. The result? Those who are drawn to a church, will be those who tend to worship, believe, and look like the church. (And we wonder why church membership is declining.)

I think about that sense of hospitality a lot lately. You see, earlier this month we hosted the Advance Placement Exam students over a several week period. Each day, for a number of hours per day, students took exams in our fellowship hall (and several other classrooms when necessary). The high school did not have enough room to offer necessary space for them; therefore, the high school came to us. I am glad they did. It shows that the school system knows that we are about hospitality at LPC.

Soles For Students, led by our Deacons, is being discovered as schools contact us for shoes. These situations really hurt me deeply. When folks come from the school and tell the stories of children and youth who do not have adequate shoes for school. There is no better feeling for me than to walk into a local store and purchase shoes and deliver them to a school, knowing that we have helped in a very tangible manner.

As well, recently, I stood and spoke with several folks in the community garden—some from our congregation and others were not. They were appreciative of the space made available to them to share in creation and fellowship. (continued page 4)

Congratulations to the Class of 2015



Noah Bowen Altman
North Carolina School of Science and Math
(NCSSM) in Durham, NC.
Appalachian State University



Ashleigh Nicole Bailey
Scotland High School
Appalachian State University
Major in Athletic Training and to continue to
grad school and major in Physical Therapy



Jonathan Lawson Bowling
Scotland High School
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Biomedical Engineering with plans for
medical school to be an ophthalmologist



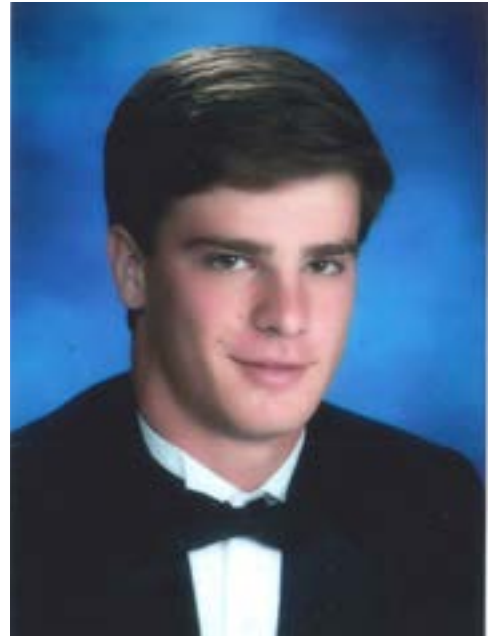
William Davis Freeman
Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School
DePauw University
Communications Major
and Management Fellow

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church



Kenslee Jane Hecht

was invited to to be recognized with her LPC peers. Kenslee is a senior at Scotland Early College. She will officially graduate May 2016 as a second year senior with an associate of arts with plans to pursue nursing at UNC Wilmington or East Carolina University.



Stone Patrick Phillips

Scotland High School
Mercer University
Biomedical Engineering



Erin Alexandra Salzlein

Scotland High School
Appalachian State University



Haley Brooke Sellers

Scotland High School
East Carolina University



Emma Marie Wilkinson

The O'Neal School, Southern Pines
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

I also think of hospitality as we recently said goodbye to our UNCP college students who sing in the choir—one who is transferring, and the rest who will only be gone for the summer. They have all expressed sincere gratitude for the welcome they receive here. One actually wishes to perform his senior performance here at LPC this year because he is so grateful for the hospitality and support he has received.

In a quieter manner, folks assisted a group of Nigerian students from SAU setup apartments in the area for the summer.

Our church does some amazingly wonderful things. We do corporate worship really well. We have great youth and scout programs. We have a wonderful childcare. We proclaim the gospel to people desperately in need of the good news.

One of the great assets we have for our Christian hospitality is our facility. I recently read an article asserting that a danger for churches is the tendency of churches to see themselves as possessors of property instead of seeing themselves as caretakers of sacred ground. As caretakers, we are here to support God's creation. Churches need to recapture that call. I contend that we at LPC continue to see ourselves as caretakers of sacred ground rather than possessors of the property.

We do not possess it. We shouldn't try to any more than we should try to possess the rushing wind. Consider the parks where gates are wide and all are welcome. This is what our church should continue to be—open to all when it is possible.

Here's the good news: we need not take up such a heavy burden of being possessors. Christ never asked us to own His church or His building.

The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. (Psalm 24:1)

As we continue to see ourselves as caretakers of our given space, we are more concerned with using our resources for outreach and our community. We only want to assure that, no matter the reason folks come, they will feel the beauty and magnificence of Our Creator. We also hope the beauty others experience will be so real, so authentic, that they have no choice but to share the experience with others.

So I pray today that this will be our call. That we may tirelessly look for ways to be caretakers of the

church—this church facility—as we continue to serve our faith. We do not possess it; it is not ours to own. So I pray today that this will be our call. To look for ways to use our buildings and our gifts not for ourselves, but for others. And in so doing, may the light of Christ show through our generosity, our openness, and our selflessness as we continue to reach out to the children of God.



The Glory to God Hymnal

The Glory to God hymnal has worked well in worship. The staff is pleased and we are truly excited as we move forward and explore the new possibilities of worship using the new hymnal and the electronic version that we use for Wednesday evening fellowship. This opportunity was made possible by the gracious memorial gifts given on behalf of four wonderful individuals: Tommy Britt, John Hudson, Martha Tornow, and Win Tornow. We are ever grateful for their lives and commitment to their faith and this church. Their witness continues with the Glory to God hymnals.

Sunday Worship

May 31 - Trinity Sunday, Year B

Communion and Three Confirmands Joining

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Neal's Sermon: Before We Go

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

443 There is a Redeemer

The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of family members who were all educators and now have joined the Church Triumphant by Kathy Wright and her children.

June 7, 2015 - Ordinary 10B Senior Sunday

I Sam 8:4-20 (11:14-15); Ps 138; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1;

Mark 3:20-35

Neal's Sermon: Think Different

Anthem: The Lord Bless You and Keep You, Rutter

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

316 Where Charity and Love Prevail

488 I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Louise Wester.

June 14, 2015 - Ordinary 11B

1 Sam 15:34-16:13; 2 Cor 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

Neal's Sermon: By Faith

Anthem: Shout to the North - Youth

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

817 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jerry Peele on his birthday by his family.

June 21, 2015 - Ordinary 12B

1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23); Ps 9:9-20; 2 Cor 6:1-13;

Mark 4:35-41

Neal's Sermon: In the Deepest Selves of All of Us

Call to Worship: 414 Be Still and Know That I Am God

1st Hymn: 39 Great is Thy Faithfulness

2nd Hymn: 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

3rd Hymn: 463 How Firm a Foundation

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anna Jenny Bushoven by her family.

June 28, 2015 - Ordinary 13B

2 Sam 1:1, 17-27; Ps 130; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Neal's Sermon: Stewardship Season

1st Hymn: 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Scripture: 59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

2nd Hymn: 178 The Woman Hiding in the Crowd

3rd Hymn: 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in celebration of Connie and Doug Harris' 60th wedding anniversary.

July 5, 2015 - Ordinary 14B

2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10; Ps 48; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Neal's Sermon: Your Grace is Enough

1st Hymn: 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

2nd Hymn: 829 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

3rd Hymn: 716 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

In lieu of flowers a donation will be made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Purcell and Anges Lynn Buchanan by the family.

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

Youth News & Upcoming Events

On behalf of the LPC Youth and its leaders, thank you both for pulling off a very successful fundraising dinner and "Celebration of Music." According to LeGette, we raised \$1,389.90 for the LPC Youth Ministries!

José the kids performed well and as usual you were able to "Light the Fire." Our thanks to Lynne Mabry for the delicious food and well organized production. The fellowship among the LPC members was impressive as well. I just wish the LPC Youth could realize the impact they have on the LPC Members.

In less than a month, we'll be in Puerto Rico for our Sr. High Mission Trip June 17-22. On Sunday, May 31, another planning and information meeting is set for 4 pm. The final payment of \$200 is due at this time.

Also on May 31st, \$325 is due for Montreat July 19-25 for rising 9th graders through graduating seniors.

We've had a great year. Let's have a great summer.

Bradley M. Williams, Sr. High Youth Advisor

Presbyterian Women

Congratulations to Ramona Wright who received the Presbyterian Women Life Membership Award; and to our 2015 Presbyterian Women of the Church Scholarship Recipients: Emma Wilkinson received the Ann Groves McNeill Scholarship. Haley Sellers and Stone Phillips received the Presbyterian Women of the Church Scholarship.

If you can help with food for the Senior breakfast on June 7, contact Mary Margaret Miller at 384-2250.

The Fall Gathering will be at Galatia Presbyterian in Fayetteville On August 15.

Betsy Massey, PW Moderator

Christian Education

SCOTIA LECTIONARY STUDY meets at 1:30 pm every Wednesday in Scotia's 2nd floor Living Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL During the summer months, two adult classes are taught at 9:45 am: Men's Bible Class in the Session room, and the 3M's Class meet off the fellowship hall. The Fun Adult and Part Time Adults are invited to join one of these two classes.

We have nursery during worship with Darlene Swing and volunteers. Children's SS is taught following the children's sermon. Explorers (3 years-1st grade) meet on 1st floor, and Trekkers (2nd-5th) meet upstairs. Contact Sarah Williams (276-1416) if you can help her teach our older class about every 5th week.

Join Us for Fellowship this Summer

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join them for fun and fellowship this summer. Our Fellowship Pool Parties at Scotch Meadows are scheduled from 7-9 pm. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be served.

Mark your calendar for the Pool Parties on:

Tuesday, June 23 (rain date Wednesday, June 24)

Tuesday, July 14 (rain date Wednesday, June 15)

Tuesday, August 11 (rain date Wednesday, Aug. 12)

In case of a summer storm, please check your email about 5 pm in case we have to reschedule or cancel.

Please note from Finance Committee: Only those members who do not have emails will be contacted by phone using the One Call Now system.

Following worship, we join us for Lemonade on the Lawn starting Sunday, June 14th through Sunday, August 16th. If you can help the Fellowship Committee set up and host one Sunday, please contact Maggie Ratcliffe 266-8350.

1st Sunday of the Month Food Drive

On June 7, please bring one canned good per family member to church. If you miss that Sunday, please bring yours the following week. Collection baskets are located at all entrances for your donations.

Blood Drive a Success

The Red Cross thanks us for our assistance in making the May 26th blood drive a success! They collected 29 units so we passed our goal of 23!

VBS 2015 Mon. July 13 - Fri. July 17

Many volunteers are needed and there are many ways you can help. Please contact the church office today if you are interested in helping teach, decorate or assist in any way.

VBS is open to children in the community in K-5th grade. Church members may bring children starting at age 3. Registration/Safe Sanctuary forms will be available starting June 7. Please help us plan by pre-registering your children and grandchildren. Thank you.

Summer Camps at MCRC

Monroe Camp and Retreat Center thanks you for your generous donations of first aid kits during the month of May, and they appreciate you for making their campers health a priority.

For campers interested in attending summer camp, we are excited about another great summer camping season at Monroe Camp and Retreat Center. Our theme this year is "Living in God's Time." Each day we will focus on a different liturgical season including Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

We have numerous camp options for kids ages 5-17. Camps for Dance, Drama, Culinary, Horse, Mission, Music, Photography, Night Owl, Sport, Swim and Wilderness Specialty. We have a lot of great options for kids of all different personality types to enjoy.

For more information, check out our website: www.monroecamp.org where you can register online, get a paper copy of our registration, or get a copy of our brochure. Have additional questions? Go to our website or call the Camp at (910)276-1654 we are ready for you so please register today!

Thank you, Rev. Lyndsey McCall

Volunteer Schedule

ACOLYTES

June 7	McKenna Sutherland
June 14	Matthew Patterson
June 21	Creed Sellers
June 28	Jennings Dean
July 5	Sara Beth Sellers

NURSERY

June 7	Mary & Wesley Quick, Sara Paige Liles
June 14	Leslie & Scott Sellers, Gibson McLaurin
June 21	Sue Schulz, Haley Sellers
June 28	Jamie & David Synan, McKenna Sutherland
July 5	Mitzi & Jeff Byrd, Grace Wilkinson

EXPLORERS (3 years-1st grade)

June 7	Chris and Eddie Carmichael
June 14	Beth Elliott and Kim Liles
June 21	Sarah Williams
June 28	Carolina Caddell and Pam Hill
July 5	Chris and Eddie Carmichael

TREKKERS (2nd-5th grade)

June 7	Sarah Williams
June 14	Jamie and Debra Sutherland

June 21 Annette Morgan and Candy Nichols
 June 28 Denise and David Herr
 July 5 Kristin and Kitson Broadbelt *switch needed*

BUS DRIVERS pickup at Scotia 10:15

June 7 Jim Willis
 June 14 Boyd McLaurin
 June 21 Eddie Carmichael
 June 28 Richard Mabry

July 5 volunteer needed call 276-0831, x. 301

GREETERS Sanctuary Door

June 7 Kevin and Terry Patterson
 June 14 Nick and Lucy Sojka
 June 21 Brian and Meredith Bounds
 June 28 Earl and Beverly Bowling

GREETERS Office/Fellowship Door-Elders

June 7 Lynn Massey
 June 14 Bill Purcell II
 June 21 John Baker
 June 28 David Harling
 July 5 Bill Hill

GREETERS Elevator Door-Deacons

June 7 Randy Miller
 June 14 Amy Sloop
 June 21 Kevin Patterson
 June 28 Jamie Synan
 July 5 Richard Mabry

USHER TEAM # 1 Leader - Jimmy Thigpen
 Earl Bowling, Danny Caddell, David Carmichael,
 David Harling, Bill Hill, Richard Mabry, Richard
 Massey, John McRae, Marcus Norton, Maggie
 Ratliffe, Scott Sellers, Andy Womble

Congratulations and Updates

Congratulations on the birth of Margaret
 Gray Garner on April 10, 2015. Margaret is the
 daughter of Brandon and Katie Mae Garner and
 granddaughter of Marilyn and Terry Garner.

Prayers for George Melton, John Decembrino, Dr.
 Bill Purcell, Lucile Bridgeman, Courtney Carmichael,
 Ray McCormick, Hugh McArn, Ralph Parker, Frances
 Shannon, Creed Sellers; At Scotia SNF: Edna
 Drake, Frances Hopkins, Virginia Johnson, Mackey
 McCormick, Edna McKeithan; At Scotia Special Care:
 Anne Collins, Evelyn Crossley, Reba Essey, Frances
 Haupt; At Assisted: Betty Wayne Cooley, Ervin & Ann
 Hill, Helen Middleton, Sam Snowdon; At Scottish
 Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan, Joyce
 Stutts; At Prestwick: Lois Muse, Dooda Robertson

Celebrating Birthdays

John Baker	06/02
Penny McLaurin	06/02
Jim Sutherland	06/02
Patricia Evans	06/03
Katie McLaurin	06/04
Gloria Coughenour	06/05
Anna Thompson	06/06
Daniel McDonald III	06/07
Danny Caddell	06/08
Carol Coughenour	06/08
Evelyn Crossley	06/08
Hew Fulton III	06/08
Lee McCanna	06/10
Anna Urie	06/10
Delia Muse	06/11
Kristin Broadbelt	06/13
Blue Currie	06/15
Andrew Oswald	06/16
Annie Anderson	06/18
Sue Schulz	06/18
Bette Sellers	06/18
Laney McLaurin	06/19
Martha Fulton	06/20
Norma McKeithan	06/23
John Muse	06/23
Jamie Synan	06/24
Daphney Gaw	06/25
Frances Jernigan	06/25
Bess Johnson	06/25
Doug Stack	06/26
Andrew Hartwell	06/27
Jim Mason	06/27
John Massey	06/28
Abby Bruner	06/29
Thomas Coughenour Jr.	06/29
Ellen Dean	06/29
Laurene Stubbs	06/29
Christopher Woessner	06/29
Georgia Dye	06/30
Grace Batten	07/01
Clay Bruner	07/01
Charles McKeithan	07/01
Annette Morgan	07/02
Kathryn Williams	07/02
Sara Williamson	07/04
Alison Norton	07/05
Jackson Sellers	07/05
Hallie Willis	07/05
Ron Crossley	07/06
Jim Morgan Jr	07/06

Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 11 am Worship;
 11:20 am Children's Church School
 Sun 5/31 11 am Worship, Communion &
 3 Confirmands join LPC
 4 pm Puerto Rico planning meeting
 Sun 6/7 9:45 am Sr. Breakfast
 11 am Worship Senior Sunday
 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting
 Tues 6/2 7 pm BEG Committee
 Wed 6/3 6 pm Fellowship Committee
 Thurs 6/4 5 pm WMA Committee
 Tues 6/9 5 pm Membership Committee
 Wed 6/10 7 pm Finance Committee
 Thurs 6/11 Presbytery Meeting- West End
 Sun 6/14 Lemonade on the Lawn begins
 Mon 6/15 7 pm Session Meeting
 Tues 6/16 5:30 pm Childcare Committee
 6/17-6/22 Sr. High Mission Trip Puerto Rico
 6/21-6/27 Chancel Choir at Montreat
 Tues 6/23 7-9 pm Pool Party at Scotch Meadows
 (rain date Wednesday, June 24)

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