



# The Messenger

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**Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action** July 2017



### VBS 2017: JOIN US AT THE MAKER FUN FACTORY!

You are invited to Vacation Bible School at LPC! Join us as we learn about God's many wonderful creations—including YOU! Throughout the week, we will be reminded that God made us for a purpose and is always with us.

**When:** July 10-14, 9-11:50 am

**Where:** Starting and ending in the Fellowship Hall each day.

**Who:** All kids who have finished kindergarten through grade 5—plus children and grandchildren of church members ages 3-5 who have not yet attended kindergarten. (We may have space for younger siblings of elementary-age friends and neighbors who are attending—call Jaime to check!)

**Who Else:** Middle and High Schoolers and Adults—we need your help! If you have not already signed up for a volunteer position, please do so ASAP!

**How You Can Help:** Register your children/grandchildren right away!

**How Else You Can Help:** Donate supplies—we need lots of basic craft and snack items! Donation cards for things like lemonade mix, cheese puffs, pretzels, glue sticks, and scissors are on the bulletin board outside the office.

**You can register or sign up to volunteer online—** use the link on the church home page or Facebook page! We also have paper registration forms on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Colors of the Day

**Monday: Blue**

**Tuesday: Green**

**Wednesday: Orange**

**Thursday: Red**

**Friday: Yellow**

**Closing Program:** All members of the congregation, as well as parents and friends of our participants, are invited to attend our closing program and reception on Friday, July 14, at 11:25 am in the Fellowship Hall.

### Bible School Teachers & Area Coordinators

**Decorations:** Carol Sellers

**Registration:** Robin Snead, Sis Thomas, and Janice Liles (we still need more helpers in this area, especially later in the week!)

**Opening and Closing:** Heather Peele, with help from Cooper Sutherland & Paige Buie

**Arts and Crafts:** Bailey Sloop, with help from Kate McDavid, Alexis Patterson, Creed Sellers, & McKenna Sutherland

**Music:** Jose Rivera, with help from Claire & Katie Carmichael

**Recreation:** Alex Bryant, with help from Negie Babor, Andrew Hartwell, & TP Sellers

**Service Projects:** Carolina Caddell, Susan Hartwell, Carol Sellers, and Debra Sutherland

**Snack Coordinator:** Debi Hobbs (call Debi if you're able to help serve snacks one or more days!)

**Pre-Kindergarten Class:** Chris Carmichael and Mitzi Byrd

**Lower Elementary Class:** Linda Martinez, Andy & Emily Womble

**Upper Elementary Class:** Mary Quick and Amy Davis

### ADULT EDUCATION IN THE SUMMER

Dear Friends in Christ,

Perhaps because of who I am, perhaps because there is so much that wasn't done earlier – for whatever reasons, I've always emphasized adult education and spiritual formation in my ministry. Many Christians fall prey to the idea that faith is a static thing, that you either have it or you don't, and that once you have it, you're safe and secure. I emphasize instead that Christian faith is an ongoing process, a deepening of trust in God, increased awareness of the presence of Christ, heightened sensitivity to the activity of the Spirit. Thus, we never finish growing in faith, never finish learning new dimensions of divine revelation, never lose the need for Christian education. The day may come when we simply run out of energy and curiosity and our eyes can't make out words on a page, but I for one hope that day is not soon.

So, whether you love books and school or are glad that organized learning is merely a vision in your rear-view mirror, as the summer lingers on and fall approaches, I do want to encourage you to join your friends in the church in the opportunities for study that are coming up. Here are some options:

- Remember that every Sunday at 9:45, two classes for adults meet. The 3M's meet in a room off the fellowship hall to study the Present Word curriculum, a lectionary-based cycle of scripture readings that eventually takes readers through every key passage in the Bible. The Men's Class meets in the library to watch DVD presentations of Dr. Mickey Efrd, a superb Bible leader and scholar. The

current topic is on the book of Acts.

- The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing, and Why, is the second book in our Summer Reader's program. It is somewhat more theological than the first book in the Forum, Toxic Charity. Author Phyllis Tickle describes how about every 500 years, the Christian church has had to take a serious evaluation of how it conducts ministry. She says we are in the next phase of that cycle, explains how we got here and what we can count on as we make the needed changes. Books are available now in the office, at a cost of \$10, and we will discuss it at a date to be announced in late August.
- To round out the summer adult education picture, I am in the middle of a sermon series that focuses on Bible knowledge, complete with 10 question quizzes at the end of every bulletin. If you want to enhance your knowledge of the overall flow of scripture, how some events lead into others, and the context of Jesus' incarnation and life on earth, there are copies of these sermons outside the fellowship hall.

As summer turns to fall and a third class reconvenes, Fun Adults, watch for the topics they plan on studying. I will be leading one on how to listen to scripture from different perspectives, as we examine scripture as history, literature, and as the foundation for key themes of our Christian beliefs.

Shalom, Rev. Hix

### WORSHIP SERVICE

#### JULY 2, 2017 4th - Sunday after Pentecost

**Dr. Hix's Sermon:** "The Bible... The Apocrypha: Time Between the Testaments"

(Scripture used) Zechariah 9: 9-13; Daniel 12: 1-13 Gen. 22:1-14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6: 12-23; Matt. 10: 40-42

664 Morning Has Broken

795 Healer of Our Every Ill

338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

**In lieu of flowers** this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Purcell and Agnes Lynn Buchanan by the family

#### July 9, 2017 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

**Dr. Hix's Sermon:** "The Bible... The Gospels: Parallels and Particulars"

(Scripture used) Luke 1: 1-4; John 20: 24-31

Gen. 24: 34-38; 42-49, 58-67; Ps. 45: 10-17 or Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt. 16-19, 25-30

12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

462 I Love to Tell the Story

384 Soon and Very Soon

**In lieu of flowers** this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Sarah Pate Townsend by Dolly and Richard Brown.

#### July 16, 2017 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

**Dr. Hix's Sermon:** "The Bible... Letters to the Churches: From Pentecost to Apocalypse"

(Scripture used) Acts 10: 34-38; Galatians 2: 15-21

Gen. 25: 19-34; Ps. 119: 105-112;

Rom. 8: 1-11; Matt. 13: 1-9, 18-23

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

482 Baptized in Water

839 Blessed Assurance

#### July 23, 2017 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

"Guest Preacher: Helene Warren-Church, Qualified Ruling Elder"

Gen. 28: 10 -19a; Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24;

Rom. 8: 1-11; Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43

819 Be Still, My Soul

838 Standing on the Promises

#### July 30, 2017 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost/

Communion

**Dr. Hix's Sermon:** "The Kingdom of God is Like"

(Scripture used) Matthew 13:31-33; 44-53

Gen. 29: 15-28; Ps. 105: 1-11, 45b or

Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52

401 Here in This Place

373 O Day of Peace

525 Let Us Break Bread Together

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

### Volunteer Schedule

#### July Opening and Closing Church

#### BUS DRIVERS pickup at Scotia 10:20

JULY 2 Chip Wells

JULY 9 Bradley Williams

JULY 16 Scotia to bring (Montreat)

JULY 23 Scotia to bring (Montreat)

JULY 30 David Bounds

#### JULY USHER TEAM #2

Brian Bounds, Leader, David Bounds, Eddie Carmichael, Jim Mason, Boyd McLaurin, Randy Miller, Bob Dyer, Kevin Patterson, Bill Purcell II, Chip Wells, Charles Bound, John Decembrino

### ACOLYTES

JULY 2 Cooper Sutherland

JULY 9 Jack Herr

JULY 16 Matthew Patterson

JULY 23 COMMUNION

JULY 30 Creed Sellers

### NURSERY

JULY 2 VOLUNTEERS

JULY 9 VOLUNTEERS

JULY 16 VOLUNTEERS

JULY 23 VOLUNTEERS

JULY 30 VOLUNTEERS

**COMBINED CHILDREN CHURCH** (3 years - 5th grade)

JULY 2 Jaime Martinez and ? (volunteer needed!)

JULY 9 Carolina Caddell and Pam Hill

JULY 16 Debra and Jamie Sutherland

JULY 23 **No Sunday School (Communion)**

JULY 30 Catherine McLaurin and Lynn Massey

### GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS

JULY 2 Scott Miller

JULY 9 Susan Wentz

JULY 16 Richard Mabry

JULY 23 Larry Schulz

JULY 30 Scott Miller

### GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS

JULY 2 Bob

JULY 9 Jacque

JULY 16 Lynn

JULY 23 Kirsten

JULY 30 John

### GREETERS SANCTUARY DOOR

JULY 2 Bob Dyer & Phil Eshleman

JULY 9 Janet Smith & Greg Wood

JULY 16 Barbara Bateman & Sis. Thomas

JULY 23 Sue Schulz & John Clark

JULY 30 Bob Dyer & Phil Eshleman

### JULY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

\*Mary Hambright, Co-chair, Leslie Sellers, Mary Margaret Miller, Debra Sutherland, Maggie Ratcliffe

### LAY LEADER SCHEDULE

#### JULY 2 - 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.

July 2 - (July 4<sup>th</sup> wknd.) – Clint Willis

July 9 – Bill Loftus

July 16 – Danny Caddell

July 23 - (guest preacher) – Scott Miller  
 July 30 - (communion) – Roland Stout  
 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 WOMEN**

Put these dates on your calendar:  
 November 17-19, 2017 - Women's Fall Retreat  
 "Called by Name" at Monroe Camp & Retreat Center.  
 Information on desk outside Church Office. PW did this one in February 2017 at our Beach Retreat, It was enjoyed by all who attended - makes you think what your name really means- Beth Elliot will be leading the program.

Moderator,  
 Virigina Ann McCormick

**PRESBYTERIAN PRESENCE**

I have been behind in my reading but I want to report an interesting article I found on the Global Church in the Presbyterian Outlook.  
 "In 2017, Presbyterian World Mission celebrates 180 years of international mission service. Although the desire to serve has never changed, the approach from the colonial model of mission has shifted gradually to a model of partnership based on invitation, mutual respect and interdependence. In that experience of both discovering and sharing, Presbyterians have learned to participate more fully in God's mission..  
 Early missionaries were rarely just evangelists. They were generally engaged in holistic mission,

healing the soul and the body, building schools and hospitals, translating the Bible and seeking social justice. There are currently more than 130 mission coworkers serving in 70 countries....Presbyterian mission workers have planted churches, built hospitals and started schools on nearly every continent. In many places, the seeds sown have developed into self-sustaining churches and schools now led by local Christians. Today, more than 94 million Christians worldwide belong to a church that was founded or co-founded by PC (USA) workers." LPC has long supported a particular missionary. We do so even now. Do you know who that is and where they serve?  
 Meredith Hudson



**2017 College Graduate**

David Burris McLaurin graduated Cum Laude from North Carolina State University in May with degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He will live in Rockville, Maryland and will work for Hughes Network. David is the son of Jane and Allen McLaurin, and brother of John and Patricia.

**Music Notes: LPC Musicians Attend Worship & Music Conference**

From June 18-23, ten musicians from our congregation participated in the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' annual Worship & Music Conference at Montreat. Tim Altman actually helped lead the conference, co-coordinating all instrumental music groups. The rest of us sang in the choir, participated in daily worship services, played handbells, and attended Bible studies and seminars on liturgical art, drama, drumming, and early childhood music.

Three of our participants were in the Middle School group—Claire Carmichael, Katie Carmichael, and Paige Buie (granddaughter of Emily & Andy Womble). Here are their thoughts on the week's experiences:

"This week at Montreat was one we will never forget. There were so many fun things to do. We got to canoe and paddleboat in Lake Susan. We went rock-hopping three times, including once with a big group from University Presbyterian in Chapel Hill. We got ice cream at the Huckleberry and souvenirs at the Montreat Store.

"All of our classes were great! We had handbells, choir, drama, fun & games, Bible study, and worship every day. Drama was our favorite because we played tons of fun games, but handbells was fun too. In Bible study we had to memorize a Bible verse about the worship lesson each day. On Friday we had to recite all five, and Claire won a prize for being word-perfect with no prompting. The songs we sang in choir were really meaningful and intense. We even sang a song in a different language! Our choir teacher was Miss Emmy and she taught us a lot about techniques to be better singers that we will never forget.

"During Wednesday worship our drama class presented the scripture reading, Revelation 21:1-6. Claire had most of the lines and did them from memory. Katie and Paige participated in the pantomime. On Thursday our choir sang Psalm 23 as one of the scripture readings during worship, and also led a song during communion. We had a great time and can't wait to go to Montreat again next year!"



Please check out the additional pictures and video clips we posted to the church Facebook page! Also keep an eye on worship services this year—you might see something we learned at Montreat. Many thanks to the anonymous donor who contributed toward the cost of our rental house, and to the entire congregation for supporting our music program through your prayers and good wishes.



**Summer Feeding Program At LPC  
 June 12 - July 31- Monday - Thursday - 11:30 a.m.**

**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



**Fun Week of Camp For LPC Youth**  
**We're playing BASKETBALL**  
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**Youth at Puppet Show**



**JULY BIRTHDAY'S**

Grace Batten	07/01
Clay Bruner	07/01
John "Charles" McKeithan	07/01
Annette Morgan	07/02
Kathryn Williams	07/02
Angela McDonald	07/03
Marion McNair	07/03
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
Rebecca Priode	07/06
Harrison Priode	07/06
Charles Bounds	07/07
Turner Bounds	07/07
Vivienne Rhue	07/07
Gary Dwyer	07/08
Lee Anne Harling	07/08
Claudia "Sis" Thomas	07/09

Robin Snead	07/12
Maggie Ratcliffe	07/14
Cheryl Stang	07/15
Marilyn Garner	07/16
Martha Underwood	07/16
Ryan Phillips	07/17
Betty Decembrino	07/18
Will Freeman	07/18
John Carmichael Jr	07/19
Blossom Harris	07/19
Marcus Norton Jr	07/19
Heidi Poage	07/20
Caleb Wood	07/20
Sharlene McLaurin	07/21
Leslie Sellers	07/22
Lou Presler	07/23
Bradley Williams	07/23
Baxter Lee	07/24
Lib Currie	07/25
William Davis	07/25
Erin Salzlein	07/25
Joann Altman	07/26
Clara Butler	07/26
Paula Blackburn	07/27
Anna Sorensen	07/27
Miriam Bounds	07/29
Kevin Patterson	07/29
Sharon Brandon	07/31
Mac McKeithan III	07/31
Terri Purcell	07/31
Dawn Sellers	07/31



Anyone interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary please call Beverly Bowling at 610-7456 to check on available dates.

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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

**Vacation- Office will be closed June 30, July 3 & 4**

**Vacation- Childcare will be closed July 3 - 5**

**Vacation Bible School will take place July 10-14**

**JULY 12 POOL PARTY**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**JULY 13 RAIN DAY**

**Youth Camp at Montreat July 16-22**

**ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN AUGUST**

**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY EVERYONE**



**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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