



# The Messenger

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

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### A GENEROUS REMEMBRANCE

Dear Friends in Christ,

A proverb in the biblical book of Ecclesiastes says, "Cast your bread upon the waters and after many days you will get it back." That saying was a favorite of stewardship campaigns because it promises that the generosity we give to others will return to bless us. Our church has recently received a gift that proves the truth of that promise. The combined wills of Katherine and Jane McKay provide for a bequest to Laurinburg Presbyterian in the amount of \$600,000. The session has asked me to publicly announce that gift in the newsletter and explain how we will temporarily handle it.

Most of you know the sisters better than I. Katherine was an elementary school teacher, and Jane a public school librarian. They lived in a pleasant, modest home across from Covington St. School until their deaths six months ago. They were devoted to one another, and when Katherine's cancer finally ended her life, it came as no surprise to many that Jane would soon join her sister. Their simple lifestyle and patient work with children over decades allowed them to save money, invest wisely, and at their death, to support institutions they believed in. Some of their estate came to the church in the form of this gift, and some of it went to the Foundation of the Carolinas to establish sizeable scholarships for local high school and college students, including members of LPC.

The sisters also provided another gift, much smaller but indicative of their kindness. It serves as an overall example of their gratitude for our members. In the last months of their lives, both sisters received meals and visits from some of us. One of their friends, Pat Ellis, organized the effort. Many of you cooked the meals and made the visits. Shortly before their death, the sisters designated \$5000 to use any way the team of helpers chose. Representatives of that group are now deciding what cause or project to support. You reached out in kindness without any thought of reward, but the bread you cast on the waters, in a welcoming attitude and expressions of caring toward Katherine and Jane, has now returned in manifold proportion to assist the work of the church.

Over the next few weeks, the Finance and Administration committee will develop guidelines to direct usage of the unrestricted \$600,000 bequest. In the meantime those funds will be placed in a separate account in the endowment and managed by the same principles that govern our existing endowment. At a later date we will announce if and when the congregation can suggest ways to use the bequest.

Please give thanks to God for the generosity of Katherine and Jane McKay, pray that we will use their kindness wisely in the future, and consider how you also could invest in the furtherance of our Lord's reign on earth.

Shalom, Dr. Duane Hix

### SERMON SERIES THE BIBLE IN A WIDE-ANGLE LENS

For six weeks stretching through June and July, the pastor will preach a series of sermons that walk the congregation through the Bible, highlighting key events and themes, giving a broad overview of the movement from Genesis to Revelation. The series should help members get a better sense of scripture's continuity as well as its changes in varied historical circumstances.

Please watch for the following:

June 11 – The Pentateuch: Creation, Freedom and Torah

June 18 – The Rise and Fall of Israel: Nation-building and Beyond

June 25 – Wisdom Literature: Poetry, Praise, Proverbs and Protest

July 2 – The Apocrypha: Time Between the Testaments

July 9 – The Gospels: Parallels and Particulars

July 16 – Letters to the Churches: From Pentecost to the Apocalypse

As an added treat (or unwelcome chore!), each week's bulletin will include a 10- question quiz to test your memory and your listening ability and help you remember the most important ideas and events in the Bible.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

### June 4, 2017 Day of Pentecost/Graduation

Communion

**Dr. Hix's Sermon:** "Tongues of Fire"

(Scripture used) Acts 1:6-11, John 14:15-26

Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30; Ps. 104:24-36, 35b;

1 Cor. 12:3b or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or

John 7:37-39

279 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

289 On Pentecost They Gathered

488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

### June 11, 2017 Trinity Sunday

**Dr. Hix's Sermon:** "The Bible in a Wide-Angle Lens - The Pentateuch: Creation, Freedom, and Torah"

(Scripture used) Genesis 17:1-8; Deuteronomy 4:1-4

Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 8, 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

459 O Word of God Incarnate

1 Holy, Holy, Holy

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

### June 18, 2017 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

#### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 6

**Dr. Hix's Sermon:** "The Bible in a Wide-Angle Lens - The Rise and Fall of Israel"

(Scripture used) I Kings 8:1-11; Jeremiah 39:1-10

Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; Rom. 5:1-8;

Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

67 My Song Forever Shall Record

65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

### June 25, 2017 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

#### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 7

**Dr. Hix's Sermon:** "The Bible... Wisdom Literature: Poetry, Praise, Proverbs, Protest"

(Scripture used) Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Psalm 95

Gen. 21:8-21; Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17; Rom. 6:1b-11;

Matt. 10:24-39

450 Be Thou My Vision

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

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

### **Volunteer Schedule**

#### **June Opening and Closing Church**

Richard Mabry

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

June 4 Greg Wood

June 11 Jim Willis

June 18 Boyd McLaurin

June 25 Eddie Carmichael

#### **JUNE 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**

June 4 Communion

June 11 Katie Carmichael

June 18 Garrett Sellers

June 25 Emma Herr

### **NURSERY**

June 4 Volunteers

June 11 Volunteers

June 18 Volunteers

June 25 Volunteers

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

June 4 No Class (Communion)

June 11 Mary and Wesley Quick

June 18 Catherine McLaurin

June 25 Candy Nichols

### **GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS**

June 4 Clint Willis

June 11 Kristen Anderson

June 18 Martha Olmstead

June 25 Robin Snead

### **GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS**

June 4 Beverly Bowling

June 11 David Carmichael

June 18 Dan Sprouse

June 25 Debra Sutherland

### **GREETERS SANCTUARY DOORS**

June 4 Wesley and Mary Quick

June 11 Maggie and Chip Wells

June 18 Beverly and Earl Bowling

June 25 Ann and Dan Sprouse

### **JUNE SANCTUARY COMMITTEE**

\*Betsy Massey, Co-chair, Chris Carmichael, Anne Miller, Sarah Williams, Ellen Harling, Carolyn Thompson

### **LAY LEADER SCHEDULE**

#### **MAY 28 - SEPT. 24, 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.

May 28 - Memorial Day wknd – John Clark

June 4 - Pentecost – Annette Morgan

June 11 - Janet Smith

June 18 - Father's Day – Danny Caddell

June 25 – David Herr

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

July 9 – Bill Loftus

July 16 – Lynn Mason

July 23 - (guest preacher) – Scott Miller

July 30 - (communion) – Roland Stout

August 6 – Montreat Sunday – youth

August 13 - Larry Schulz

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

### **2017 MACS ON THE ROAD AGAIN!**



MACS will be going to Calabash and Ocean Isle Beach on June 15th. Bus will be leaving Church at 9:30 a.m. We will be having lunch at Nance's Seafood. Come on and let's walk on the Beach. Please let Sis Thomas and Betty Jackson know if you plan to attend. Thanks

### **CONGO WATER PROJECT**

We have a unique opportunity to help the people in the Congo by contributing to a fund that will help pay for gasoline to run the pump and chemicals to help purify the water. Also, maybe buy a few Bibles which are surely needed. LPC has in the past been generous in their help to the Congo and we hope you will contribute. Please make your payment to The Congo Water Project. God Bless you for your help. Hal Jernigan

### **THANK YOU, LPC BAKERS**

Once again you have given a wonderful gift to the students at St. Andrews. We had a big crowd for the Exam Week Milk & Cookies event, and "Thank you so much" was heard over and over again as the students filled their plates with your homemade goodies. The Deacons and the St. Andrews students are very grateful for your faithful support of this event. Reusable containers were returned to the church kitchen.

Thanks, Ellen

### **APRIL WEDDINGS**

#### **2017**

Congratulations to Matthew Morgan, who married Hannah Bingham in Wilmington on April 21. Matthew is the son of Jim and Annette.

Congratulations to Tucker Mabry, who married Brittany Block in Charleston on April 29. Tucker is the son of Fred and Lynn and the nephew of Richard and Louise.

### **PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, JUNE 4th, 2017**

"For the Promise is for you, for your children, and for all

who are far away" Acts:2:39

On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. What happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today, though usually not in such a dramatic fashion. We rarely get a heavenly wind and tongues of fire on our heads anymore. Nevertheless, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become his disciples. Pentecost presents us with an opportunity to consider how we are living each day. Is the fruit of the Spirit, things like love, joy, and peace growing in our lives? Most Christians I know, including me, are limited by our fears, our sin, our low expectations, not to mention our human tendency to be distracted from God's work within us. Perhaps this Pentecost will offer all of us a chance to confess our failures and ask the Lord to renew us as he did the disciples on the Pentecost. In this spirit please consider giving towards a more promising future for our young people. All the money received during the Pentecost offering will be distributed as follows, 40% stays with Laurinburg Presbyterian and will support programs for young people in our church, 25% goes to Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) to provide opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through Christian Service, 25% goes to Ministries with Youth to help lift them up as messengers of God's Word, 10% goes to advocates for at risk children to help improve education and provide safe havens for children. Please give generously, Chris Rhue

### **Congratulations to Eagle Scout Grant Ciarrocca**



Grant Ciarrocca, son of Brian and Melisa Ciarrocca recently received his Eagle Scout award in a ceremony at St. Luke Methodist Church. Grant is a Scotland High Senior who will be attending High Point University in the fall. Many know of him as the kicker for Fighting Scots football. Grant is the 162<sup>nd</sup> Eagle Scout of Troop 420 sponsored by the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. David Harling, Troop Committee Chairman

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

If you missed the PW Birthday Dinner, you missed an evening of good fellowship and good food. PW would like to thank Sis Thomas's Fellowship Team for the beautiful table settings and decorations, to Henrietta Carmichael for the wonderful and thought provoking conclusions to our Bible Study- "Who is Jesus? What a difference a Lens Makes." Special thanks to Dr. Duane Hix for our Invocation and Blessing and to Craig Ellis for driving the LPC bus for the Scotia Ladies, so glad you could join us. Would like to thank the PW Coordinating Team for all their help and support, could not have done it without you. Please join the PW in congratulating our newest Honorary Life Membership for 2017: Sue Schulz, and our Scholarship Recipients for 2017: Caroline Bounds, Gus Purcell, and Negie Babor.

### 2017 PW SALAD SUPPER A Day of Honor and Celebration



Outgoing PW Moderator Virginia McCormick Presents Sue Schulz with 2017 WOC Honorary Life Membership



Past President and Moderators of Laurinburg Presbyterian Women

### 2017 DAY CARE - MOTHER'S DAY DINNER



### 2017 DAY CARE-Scotland County Cooperative Extension



Day Care Singing at the Scotland County Cooperative Extension Office on May 19, 2017. What an Honor. They had a good time and the people really enjoyed them.

On June 1, 2017 they will be going to Discovery Place in Rockingham NC for a fun day. They deserve it. We are so proud of them.

Priscilla Graham, Day Care Director

### Christian Ed Corner

#### Coming Soon to LPC: VBS 2017—Maker Fun Factory!

#### Mark your calendars for our 2017 VBS, July 10-14.

This year, we will enter the Maker Fun Factory, where we'll discover God's awesome creations and learn that we are "Made by God, Built for a Purpose!" We hope all the children of the church, as well as grandkids, nieces & nephews, friends & neighbors, will be able to join us. We need you all to spread the word and invite new participants!

**We will also need your help! Talk to Jaime (258-8459 or [jam6ah@gmail.com](mailto:jam6ah@gmail.com))** if you're able to lead a rotation station, co-teach an age group, organize the registration/check-in table, or prepare snacks. We have lots of materials and ideas for teaching teams and rotation leaders & helpers to use—if you've never done this before, you'll be amazed at how easy it is to fill 20 or 30 minutes with all the activities they recommend.

**Teachers and Station Leader will meet on June 13** during the CNE meeting to help each other plan and take a look at the materials. We also need help decorating June 25-July 9 **AND** undecorating once VBS ends! Check your bulletins over the next few weeks for supply and decor wishlists.

Jaime

### PRESBYTERIAN PRESENCE

Several pieces of information have caught my attention recently and I hope you will find them interesting too. When you gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing, some of the money is designated for Presbyterian Disaster Relief. This spring Lumberton and Fayetteville were each granted \$60,000 from that fund to hire coordinators to help in the relief programs still taking place from the problems after Hurricane Matthew. I read recently that the Presbyterian Church in Tripoli and the Synod of Syria and Lebanon ordained the first Arab woman to serve as Minister of Word and Sacraments. Barriers do come down. On the other hand, it is reported that Montreat College has left the Association of Presbyterian College and Universities. The trustees have identified their mission in "Community Life Covenant" and all faculty and staff must sign it. Several items in this covenant are the infallibility of the Scriptures, chastity among the unmarried, and opposite to abortion. Some faculty have already resigned. Barriers also go up.

Meredith Hudson

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Penny McLaurin	06/02
Jim Sutherland III	06/02
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
Claire Carter	06/09
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
Daphney Gaw	06/25
Frances Jernigan	06/25
Bess Johnson	06/25
Pat Phillips	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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!!**



**2017 COLLEGE GRADUATE**

Lauren Bowling just graduated from ECU with a BS in Business Management and Marketing. Lauren is the daughter of Earl and Beverly Bowling and the sister of Jonathan.



**2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

Charles Augustus Purcell, II (Gus) graduated as the Salutatorian from Scotland Early College High on May 20th. In addition to his high school diploma, Gus also received an Associate' Degree in Science from Richmond Community College, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He will be attending North Carolina State University's School of Engineering with plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Gus is the son of Gus and Angela Purcell and the brother of Jackson. Gus received the 2017 Katie Groves McNeill Scholarship from the Laurinburg Presbyterian Women.



**2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

Cross Sellers will graduate from Marlboro Academy on Friday May 26, 2017. Upon graduating he plans to attend Richmond Community College and enroll in Electric Utility Substation & Relay Technology with the Duke Energy Program. Through this program he plans to obtain an Associates Degree in Applied Science. He then will start his career with Duke Energy or continue on to further his degree. Cross is the son of Gray and Bette Sellers and the brother of Creed.



**2017 College Graduate**

Joseph A. Sojka graduated from UNC at Chapel Hill, May 2017 with a BA in Economics, and Media & Journalism. Joseph is now Attending UNC Masters of Accounting. He is the son of Nick and Lucy Sojka, and the brother of Eleanor.

**Church Leadership by Committee for 2017**

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**2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

Caroline Bounds Will graduate with honors from Scotland High School on June 10, 2017. She has plans to attend East Carolina University in the fall where she will pursue a degree in Nursing with the career goal of becoming a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse. Caroline is the daughter of Brian and Meredith Bounds and the sister of Turner (6th grade). Caroline received the 2017 Laurinburg Presbyterian Women Scholarship and the Lorena Piner Scholarship from the Coastal Carolina Presbytery.



**2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

Negie Babor will graduate from Scotland High on June 10, 2017. He will be attending Richmond Community College in the fall, and transfer to UNCP, where he will pursue a career in Nursing. He is the son of Mary Waters. Negie received the 2017 Laurinburg Presbyterian Women Scholarship.



**2017 COLLEGE GRADUATE**

Alex Bryant son of Janet Dial McQueen graduated from East Carolina University with a Double Major in Religious Studies and Political Science. He will be teaching at Covington Street School in the Fall.

**Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers!!!**

**Continuing Concerns:** Lucile Bridgeman, Millie Peele Flo Johnson, Louise Wester, Sammy Simmons Elizabeth McIntosh, Bob Dye  
**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

**May 26**

**Office Closed**

**May 29**

**Memorial Day Office and Day Care Closed**

**June 4**

**9:45 Senior Breakfast**

**4:30 pm Deacons**

**June 6**

**7:00 pm BEG**

**June 7**

**5:30 pm WMA**

**June 13**

**5:00 pm CNE & VBS Prep. Meeting**

**June 14**

**7:00 pm Finance & Administration**

**June 15**

**5:30 pm Childcare**

**June 19**

**7:00 pm Session**

**June 20**

**Theology on Tap - McDuff's**

**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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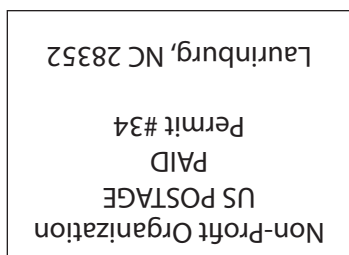
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