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ASSISTANCE FOR OUR MINISTRY

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the short time since I became your interim pastor, I have recognized the need for temporary assistance. The sequential departure of your pastor and education director left a sizeable gap in support and administration in some areas of our ministry and mission. Let me tell you in this letter about two of those areas.

The vital connection of our church to Scotia Village, and the aging membership common to most congregations, require many hours of visitation at care centers, hospitals, and homes of older members. I am not convinced that I alone could give adequate time and attention to the pastoral care needs of people facing declining health and decreasing mobility. Therefore, the session provided initial approval of a search for a short-term, part-time staff position if we could find an experienced, available ordained minister who knows the congregation. After a few unsuccessful contacts with pastors who attend our church or live in the area, we were fortunate when Dr. Doug Hix offered to undertake the position of Assistant for Pastoral Visitation. Doug, as you well know, is a former pastor of this congregation and former president of St. Andrew's. He and Pat have long attended our church and are some of your most highly-respected friends. Doug will begin his duties after October 1, working roughly 5-8 hours a week in close communication with me to ensure that our congregation is well cared-for. We have joked that now we have to be especially clear about which D. Hix is coming to visit. God does work in mysterious ways! Please rejoice with me that someone like Doug, who knows you all so well, stepped forward for this work.

The session also authorized a search for a part-time, interim Assistant in Christian Education. This key area of ministry was recently staffed by Rev. McCall because you recognized how much we needed

administration and supervision of Sunday school, youth groups, and other educational opportunities. While we are not going to hire quickly another DCE or associate pastor, we do expect that shortly the session will approve a candidate for this part-time, short-term position as well. The position description is written, we have interviewed an excellent, familiar candidate, and if it were not for the crunch of time for this newsletter's deadline, I could gladly announce that this position has also been filled. I will notify the congregation as soon as all the details of the hiring are complete. I am confident you will welcome our choice.

Because we did not want to confine the direction your next installed pastor might want to take in staffing, and because we did not want to similarly restrict any decisions about staff that would arise from the mission study, we intentionally are calling these interim assistant positions. They will have a limited term, assisting you and me during this time between installed pastors. The new pastor and session will determine if their tenure should be extended or other arrangements would be better. Let us continue to provide the lay leadership that is so important to all churches, but let us also welcome these two new staff positions as we work to support and educate our members in their journey of Christian faith.

Shalom,
Dr. Duane Hix

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Dr. Hix is compiling a list of recent visitors and non-members who worship regularly to invite them all to a new member class. If you are not yet a formal member of our congregation and would like to join, please let Dr. Hix or the office know so he does not miss any possible interested person. The class will take about 3 hours. We will study basic beliefs of Christianity, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and aspects of this particular congregation. All are welcome to the class, and all questions about our faith are welcome in the class!

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 2, 2016 - Ordinary 27

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "The Wedding Banquet"

Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps. 137

2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

832 Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand

October 9, 2016 - Ordinary 28

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "The Dreams that They Dream"

Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12

2 Tim. 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

664 Morning Has Broken* (an LPC top-ten hymn)

494 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

291 Spirit of Gentleness

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Angela Rump by Lillian Boger.

October 16, 2016 - Ordinary 29

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "A New Covenant"

Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104

2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

49 The God of Abraham Praise

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

39 Great is Thy Faithfulness* (an LPC top-ten hymn)

In lieu of flowers this Sunday, a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Jack and Pony Gaw and Joe, and Sarah Dean given by Ellen and Dan Dean

October 23, 2016 - Ordinary 30

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "Where Are the Others?"

Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65;

2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

37 Let All Things Now Living

716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

157 Lord of the Dance* (an LPC top-ten hymn)

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Coughenour and Clarence Coughenour given by Mrs. Clarence Coughenour and family.

October 30, 2016 - Ordinary 31

Dr. Hix's Sermon: "Why We Worship How We Worship"
(A 4 part, split sermon)

Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps. 119-137-144

2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

[youth selection]

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Carolyn and John Henry Moore given by the family.

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

Volunteer Schedule

Oct. Opening and Closing Church

Volunteers

BUS DRIVERS pickup at Scotia 10:20

Oct. 2 Bill Caudill

Oct. 9 Scotia to bring (Scouts)

Oct. 16 Michael Sellers

Oct. 23 Gus Purcell

Oct. 30 Jamie Sutherland

OCTOBER USHER TEAM # 2

Brian Bounds, Charles Bounds, David Bounds
Eddie Carmichael, Dan Dean, Jim Mason, Boyd McLaurin, Randy Miller, Kevin Patterson
Bill Purcell II, Chip Wells

ACOLYTES

Oct. 2 Communion

Oct. 9 Jack Herr

Oct. 16 Creed Sellers

Oct. 23 Jennings Dean

Oct. 30 Claire Carmichael

NURSERY

Oct. 2 Volunteers

Oct. 9 Volunteers

Oct. 16 Volunteers

Oct. 23 Volunteers

Oct. 30 Volunteers

EXPLORERS (3 years-1st grade)

Oct. 2 Communion Sunday

Oct. 9 Chris and Eddie Carmichael

Oct. 16 Mary and Wesley Quick

Oct. 23 Kristen and Ryan Anderson

Oct. 30 Carolina Caddell and Pam Hill

TREKKERS (2nd-5th grade)

Oct. 2 Families Worship Together

Oct. 9 Denise & David Herr

Oct. 16 Jamie & Debra Sutherland

Oct. 23 Annette Morgan & Candy Nichols

Oct. 30 Catherine McLaurin & Lynn Massey

GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS

Oct. 2 Lynn Mason

Oct. 9 Maggie Ratcliffe

Oct. 16 Anne Caudill

Oct. 23 Mike Coughenour
Oct. 30 Debby Holcomb

GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS

Oct. 2 Richard Mabry
Oct. 9 Kaye McMillian
Oct. 16 Denise Herr
Oct. 23 Jimmy Stubbs
Oct. 30 Kitson Broadbelt

GREETERS SANCTUARY DOORS

Oct. 2 Geoff & Molly Taylor
Oct. 9 John & Martha Olmstead
Oct. 16 John & Henrietta Carmichael
Oct. 23 Nick & Lucy Sojka
Oct. 30 Clint & Carlene Willis

OCTOBER SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Kim Liles, Chair, Delia Muse, Linda Maddox, Shirley Pait, Carol Coughenour (Mike), Gloria Coughneour, Lillian Boger

OCTOBER SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 11 at 9:30 am-CLEAN UP TIME

Come join us as we dust all wood, clean out the racks, clean pews, vacuum cushions and clean window seal. If you have a handheld vacuum cleaner, please bring. The church only has one. I know many of you work and will not be able to help, but hopefully there will be enough individuals available so we can do our Fall cleaning. I appreciate any person who would like to help with this day or would like to serve on the Sanctuary Committee. All of us working together will keep the Sanctuary ready for use. Thank you.

Sis Thomas, Sanctuary Committee Chairperson



**COME ON LADIES
LET'S MAKE IT
DO WHAT IT DO!!!!**

BIRTHS



Congratulations to Nick and Jennifer Harling on the birth of their new son Hugo Montgomery Harling. Hugo was born September 2, 2016. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and he was 20.5 inches long. He is the grandson of David and Ellen Harling and the nephew of Meredith.



Congratulations to Amy and Adam Rose on the birth of their new son Benjamin Alexander Rose. Benjamin was born September 11, 2016. He weighed 8 lbs. and he was 21 1/2 inches long. He is the brother of Abigail Rose, and the grandson of William and Courtney Carmichael.



Brynley Freeman	10/20
Dawn Salzlein	10/22
Barbara Salzlein	10/23
Katie Carmichael	10/25
Hannah Mason	10/25
Michael Norton	10/25
Micah McCanna	10/26
Dan Sprouse	10/26
Jeff Byrd	10/28
Jim Coughenour	10/28
Jerry Norton	10/29
Lauren Harling	10/30
Ellen Harling	10/30
Joel Hartwell	10/31

Bruce Ezell JR	10/01
Emily Sellers	10/01
Erin Sellrs	10/01
Beth Elliot	10/03
John Gullledge Jr	10/03
Kaye McMillan	10/03
Jean Powell	10/04
Susan McArn	10/05
Haley Sellers	10/05
David Breeden	10/06
Clint Willis	10/06
Anne Goodwin	10/07
Angela Purcell	10/07
Joyce Gibson	10/08
Anna Norton	10/08
Carol Sellers	10/08
Leslie Bruner	10/09
Gray Sellers	10/09
Anne McKenzie	10/10
Marcus Norton III	10/10
Ann Stack	10/10
Mark Coughenour	10/12
Courtney Phillips	10/12
Garrett Sellers	10/13
Linda McQueen	10/14
Sherry Smithwick	10/14
Ruel Mannede	10/15
Hannah Massey	10/15
Jason McQueen	10/16
John Murray Jr	10/16
John Clark	10/17
Caitlin Russell	10/17
Bob Dean	10/19
Thomas Willis	10/19

The Deacons

We are continuing our Soles for Students mission project for needy children in our area. Last year, we found that it's easier to purchase the specific size of shoes needed as these needs arise. If you wish to contribute to this mission fund, monetary contributions should be marked "soles for students."



HEART FOR SOLES

FOOD DRIVE

Don't forget the first Sunday of every month is the Deacon Food Drive for Church Community Services. Each person is asked to bring one canned good with them to church on October 2 and November 6, 2016. Collection baskets are located at all entrances for your donations.



October 3, 2016 Circle Meetings

Circle # 1

7:00 pm Phyllis Breeden Home

Circle # 2 & 3

5:00 pm Eileen Mckinnon & Vivian Carter's Home

Circle # 4

3:45 pm Scotia Village

October 24, 2016

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team - LPC Session Room

Presbyterian Women are starting a new Bible Study, "Who is Jesus?" What a difference a lens makes. We would like to personally invite all women to attend our circle Bible Studies. However, we realized that a circle might not fit into your family's schedule. There are many ways to participate in PW Fellowship, Church, and Community Services. Presently we have three active circles. Every Presbyterian Woman has been placed into a circle at random. This does not mean you have to attend that circle. This was a way to organize Presbyterian Women into a manageable contact list. We have combined Circle 2 and Circle 3 in to one circle. If you would like to make a donation to help fund the projects, because you're unable to participate, we would certainly appreciate it. By opening our projects up to the congregation, we hope to increase involvement in the Women's Ministry and build a closer community of faith. We are looking forward to getting to know you better and hope you will join us in one of our projects.

Moderator: Virgina Ann McCormick

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

A big "Thank you" to all the people that worked so hard preparing for the September Fellowship Spaghetti Meal. The meal was a big success with about 80 people in attendance. We would also like to thank Pastor Hix for presenting the program. We hope to see you all again on Wednesday, October 19th for our next Fellowship Meal.





Mark your calendars for St. Andrews Sunday on November 6th, 2016. It will be following the service in the Fellowship hall. Please bring a dish for your family and an extra for the St. Andrews Students. We look forward to seeing you there.

Debra Holcomb, Fellowship Chair

Music

Many thanks to the members of the Chancel Choir for all the work you did to make Hymnfest a success! Thanks as well to the congregation for your support. We hope you enjoyed the program!

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing for our Christmas Cantata, Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, on Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm throughout October, November, and early December, as well as preparing for our weekly anthems. We always welcome new members! We will present this year's cantata during worship on Sunday, December 11.

Youth Handbells meet Sunday evenings at 5 pm prior to Youth Groups. We had a great time at our first gathering and are eager to see everyone again--and bring your friends! We will practice every Sunday in October as we prepare to lead worship on Sunday, October 30.

Joyful Singers & Ringers rehearse every Sunday at 10 am in room 219. On Sunday, October 23, we invite all kids and youth in grades 1-8 to join us for a special party! Friends, neighbors, and cousins are welcome too! We will eat Dunkin Donuts, sing a little (because we always sing at least a little), and gather all the percussion instruments in the building to create a new interpretation of Psalm 65, which we will

share in worship during the Children's Message.

Questions about our music offerings? Talk to Jose (jriver45@gmail.com), Sean (seanmichaelmcdonald@gmail.com), or Jaime (jam6ah@gmail.com).

Jose' Rivera, Director of Music



NURSERY

The four year old class will be learning about fire safety, the color orange, community helpers, and Columbus day, the shape will be oval and things associated with fall. They are excited about this project and so are we.



Don't forget about Belk Charity Day November 5, 2016. We have tickets for sale. They are \$5 and all proceeds will go to the childcare. Please help us make this a Success.

Precious Graham, Child Care Director

PRESBYTERIAN PRESENCE

After a four year "rest" from writing the Presbyterian Presence column, I decided to resurrect it in each Messenger. Much has happened in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina (PCC) in those years and I will attempt to describe some of the changes. When you have the large number of churches, as well as area in the PCC, it is difficult to form any relationships and communicate to all members. The solution for our size was to divide into three communities, even while keeping the PCC. We are in the Western Community, one of 67 churches located in Moore, Hoke, Harnett, and Lee counties as well as Scotland County. Laura Lupton is our mission coordinator who resources congregations, working to help them see ways to work together in a variety of areas of ministries. November 4 the Western Community will meet as they look to the future. At the present time there is a Steering Committee and Committee on Ministry functioning with task forces in three areas - Christian Education, Congregational Vitality, and Shared Ministry. Edna Ann Loftus is the Vice Moderator for our community. But the total PCC also meets, fewer times than previously. On October 8 at First Fayetteville the meeting's theme will be International Missions. Martha Olmstead is our commissioner for this meeting but others from our congregation will attend as well.

Meredith Hudson

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Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Lucile Bridgeman, Margaret Caudill, Ray McCormick, Clark Hanmer, Anne Ramsey Melton, Katherine McKay, Sarah Bullock, Jake Caudill Millie Peele, Elizabeth McIntosh, Flo Johnson

In Scotia Skilled: Anne Collins, Evelyn Crossley, Edna Drake, Virginia Johnson, Mackey McCormick, Helen Middleton, Klare Van Dusen (Scotia 94 Farmhouse)

Scotia Special Care: Frances Haupt, Ann Hill

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

Scottish Pines: Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan



On the Calendar

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

October 2

4:30 pm Deacons

October 3

PW Circle Meetings

7:00 pm Circle 1- Phyllis Breeden's Home

5:00 pm Circle 2 &3 - Eileen McKinnon & Vivian Carter's Home

3:45 pm Circle 4 - Scotia Village

October 4

7:00 pm BEG

October 5

5:30 pm WMA

October 12

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

October 13

5:30 pm Childcare

October 17

7:00 pm Session

October 19

6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner

October 24

5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team - LPC Session Room

October 26

7:00 pm CNE Meeting

REHEARSAL

Parents please keep in mind that we will be having rehearsal on Sundays.

Children's Choir 10-10:30 am

Youth Handbells: 5-5:45 pm

Youth Groups: 5:45-7:30

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANNE MCBYRDE

Memorial service for Anne McBryde will be held at LPC on October 13, 2016 at 3:30 pm.

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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