



# The Messenger

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### FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR

#### OUR WORK, OUR FAITH

Dear Friends in Christ,  
What does Labor Day mean to Christians? Let's concede right up front that it usually involves a cookout with friends and family, one last visit to the beach or mountains as the summer ends, and maybe a morning to sleep longer before the busy autumn season begins. If you are in a heavily unionized area, it might mean a huge picnic at the union hall and a celebration of the gains made by organizers in past decades.

I have been using my sermons over the last few weeks to emphasize that on Labor Day churches could redirect members toward connecting their work, their jobs and volunteer activities, to their Christian beliefs. My first message noted the gap between Sunday and Monday that many hard working Americans feel, their wonder how worship and church programs support them during the hectic schedule of the workweek. Subsequent sermons are emphasizing at least three ways the Christian religion at its best can equip church members for faithful discipleship in the workplace and marketplace. (Copies of these sermons will be available outside the church office.)

On Labor Day Sunday, September 4, please bring some symbol of your work to worship. If you are in healthcare, bring a sterile glove or mask; if you teach, bring your red pencil or lesson plan; if you are in retail, find a discarded receipt from your store; if you farm, bring a small bag of seed. See where this is headed? I know that some are retired, or too young to get a job, but you still have some kind of labor, like caring for grandchildren, digging in your garden, visiting the sick, volunteering with a local agency or studying for a test. Use your imagination! Find an item that represents the work you do, and bring it with you. We will place these items in baskets near the communion table and then dedicate them to God in a litany of thanks and dedication. It is a way we can say to God that we will carry our faith into the days of our labor and ask God to accompany us there. (Don't worry, you can pick up the symbols after worship.)

If you would like to explore this topic further, let me suggest two books. The one that has informed my own thought is by William Diehl, called *The Monday Connection*. I mentioned in a sermon that Diehl was a vice-president at Bethlehem Steel and an active lay leader in his Lutheran congregation who yearned to see the church support the vocational labor of its members. It is dated, about 25 years old, but still worth reading. More recently, Timothy Keller, a respected New York pastor, has written *Every Good Endeavor*, which also tries to help us connect our faith to our work.

Christ yearns to be our Lord in the workplace and marketplace, 24/7. Let us use this national holiday weekend to welcome him into this significant realm of our life.

Shalom, Rev. Hix

#### THE WHY'S AND HOW'S OF INTERIM MINISTRY

For three weeks in September, Dr. Hix will use his sermons to explain the reasons for and methods of interim ministry. Much will look the same in the next year, in worship, in pastoral care, in fellowship and organization of the church, since one role of the interim is simply to keep a congregation on a steady course and nurtured in the faith. But at times behind the scenes and at times with full congregational participation, we are about to have a grand "holy conversation" about the past, present, and future of this congregation. To introduce you to how and why that will happen, these sermons will explain three dimensions of interim ministry:

- 1) The "process tasks" of the interim minister as he or she gets to know the congregation and assesses its strengths and weaknesses;
- 2) The "developmental tasks" of the congregation as it becomes aware of its history and prepares for a new pastor;
- and 3) The "mission study" process that paves the way for the Pastor Nominating Committee and develops a new identity for the congregation.

Through this introduction, you can become more aware of how you can participate in the "holy conversation" that will guide the future of the church. Copies of the sermons will be available outside the office.

### **September 4, 2016 - Ordinary 23**

Dr. Hix Sermon: "Faith at Work: Doing a Good Job"

A Litany re: our Labor; a Dedication of Symbols of our Work

Jer. 18:1; Ps. 139 1-6, 13-18

Philem. 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

744 Arise, Your Light is Come!

719 Come, Labor On

332 The Right Hand of God (no verse 5)

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Mary Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Davis by Frances and Hal Jernigan.

### **September 11, 2016 - Ordinary 24**

Dr. Hix Sermon: "In the Interim: A Pastor's Process Tasks"

Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps. 14

1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

408 There's a Sweet Spirit

310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

835 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

### **September 18, 2016 - Ordinary 25**

Dr. Hix Sermon: "In the Interim: The Congregation's Developmental Tasks"

Jer. 8:18-9:1; Ps. 79:1-9;

1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

627 I Love You, Lord

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of all Presbyterian women who have joined the church triumphant since All Saints Day; Lois Muse, Reba Essey, Edna McKeithen, Nancy Ezell, Hazel Mills Frances Hopkins

### **September 25, 2016 - Ordinary 26**

Dr. Hix Sermon: " In the Interim: Mission Study and P.N.C."

Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

722 Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

749 Come! Live in the Light!

### **Volunteer Schedule**

#### **Sept Opening and Closing Church**

Brian Bounds

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

Sept. 4 Jimmy Stubbs

Sept. 11 Scott Sellers

Sept. 18 Allen McLaurin

Sept. 25 David Herr

#### **SEPTEMBER USHER TEAM # 4**

John Clark

Mike Coughenour

Joel Hartwell

David Herr

Wayne Hobbs

John Massey

Michael Sellers

Sammy Simmons

Drew Williamson

Greg Wood

Barbara Batemen

Bradley Williams

### **ACOLYTES**

September 4. Katie Carmichael

September 11 Emma Herr

September 18 Cooper Sutherland

September 25 Matthew Patterson

### **NURSERY**

Sept. 4 Volunteers

Sept. 11 Volunteers

Sept. 18 Volunteers

Sept. 25 Volunteers

### **EXPLORERS (3 years-1st grade)**

Sept. 4 Mary and Wesley Quick

Sept. 11 Kristen and Ryan Anderson

Sept. 18 Carolina Caddell and Pam Hill

Sept. 25 Bill and Julie Carmichael

### **TREKKERS (2nd-5th grade)**

Sept. 4 Jamie and Debra Sutherland

Sept. 11 Annette Morgan and Candy Nichols

Sept. 18 Catherine McLaurin and Lynn Massey

Sept. 25 Kristin and Kitxon Broadbelt

### **GREETERS FELLOWSHIP DOORS**

Sept. 4 Nick Sojka

Sept. 11 John Baker

Sept. 18 David Harling

Sept. 25 Bill Hill

### **GREETERS ELEVATOR DOORS**

Sept. 4 Dan Sprouse

Sept. 11 Debra Sutherland

Sept. 18 Denise Herr

Sept. 25 Kim Liles

### **GREETERS SANCTUARY DOORS**

Sept. 4 Clint & Carlene Willis

Sept. 11 Brian & Meredith Bounds

Sept. 18 Charles & Miriam Bounds

Sept. 25 Bob & Kirsten Dean

### **SEPTEMBER SANCTUARY COMMITTEE**

Lucy Sojka -Chair, Pat Ellis, Charlotte McLean,

Sis. Thomas

### **From The Desk of Larry Schulz**

#### **Interested in Flowers and Decorative Arrangements?**

The Worship, Music and Arts Committee needs help. We want to form a new group to plan and implement the Flower Calendar for Sunday services, Advent and Christmas decorations, Easter (the Flowering of the Cross), and the Kirkin' of the Tartan decorations.

This invitation is to those who have served and want to continue and those who want to volunteer for the first time to help. This committee will divide up responsibilities based on interests and needs. Please contact me or the church office if you are interested. This group will need to begin its work in the very near future. Thanks for your help!

**Louisiana Flooding** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has already sent teams of workers to do assessment of needs and spiritual counseling in the wake of the terrible floods in the Baton Rouge area. If you want to contribute to the response to this emergency that has left thousands homeless, you can go to: [www.pda.pcusa.org](http://www.pda.pcusa.org) and contribute to account DR000191. You can also call 866-732-6121. Remember also that PDA is one of the national agencies aided by your annual contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Wayne Freeman Jr	09/01
Mindy Joy Mejia	09/01
Lillian Boger	09/03
Christa Davis	09/03
Annabelle Holman	09/05
Pamela Adams	09/06
Earl Bowling	09/06
Clayton Brooks	09/06
Mackey* McCormick	09/06
Matthew Sellers	09/07
Walt Bounds	09/08
Chase Bruner	09/08
Ramona Wright	09/08
John Phillips	09/09
Kathryn Fuller	09/10
Pam Hill	09/10
D.J. McCormick Jr	09/10
Phyllis Breeden	09/11
Chris Carmichael	09/12
Andrew Blackburn	09/13
Carleigh Carter	09/13
Stella Collins	09/13
Liza Purcell	09/13
Bryan Freeman	09/14
Emma Wilkinson	09/15
Tim Altman	09/16
Elizabeth Monroe	09/16
Jane Somerville	09/16
Lisa Bowden	09/17
Paul Harling	09/17
Fred Mabry Jr	09/17
Jane McLaurin	09/18
Elizabeth Priode	09/18
Richard Stang	09/19

Terry Patterson	09/20
Margaret Caudill	09/21
Harrison Hartwell	09/21
George Shannon	09/22
Dean Nichols Jr	09/23
Jimmy Thigpen	09/23
Parks Carmichael III	09/24
Jim Wooten Jr	09/24
Negie Babor	09/25
Candy Nichols	09/25
Buddy Blalock	09/26
Kim Liles	09/26
Scott Miller	09/26
Jim Smithwick	09/27
Bobby Jones	09/28
Cameron Burroughs	09/29
Joel McCanna	09/29
Ryan Williams	09/29



**!!!!HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE BORN IN SEPTEMBER!!!!**





## Presbyterian Women

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 12 at 6 pm PW Fall Salad Supper and Kick-off to a new year. All women of the church are invited to attend. Please bring a salad to share. Scotia women will be our guest; a bus will pick you up at 5:30 pm. New directories & PW Study books will be available. Please make checks payable to PW for \$9.



**!!!COME ON OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF!!!**

Mark your calendars for the Installment of The Presbyterian Women On September 18, 2016

Beverly Bowling, Secretary  
Delia Muse, Treasurer  
Betsy Massey, Historian

Virginia Ann McCormick  
PW Moderator

Leslie Sellers  
PW Vice-Moderator



The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you and your family to a Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be followed by a short program given by Rev. Duane Hix. Please indicate how many will be attending on the pew pad or by calling the Church office. We look forward to seeing you there!



**!!!!!!!!!!!!LET'S EAT!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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.



**!!!IT'S GOING TO BE UM UM GOOD!!!**

## **LPC YOUTH**

**On September 11th**, we will have LPC Youth's "Parents Night". All Youth and Parents of LPC Senior High & Middle School Youth are encouraged to attend. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:45. A meal will be served for all. After dinner, we will discuss plans for our upcoming year, have a brief program and complete all necessary paperwork.

We are looking forward to another exciting year!

## **MUSIC NEWS**

### **FROM THE DESK OF JOSE RIVERA**

#### **Hymnfest on Sunday, September 25 at 4 pm!**

The Chancel Choir is hard at work learning classic and not-so-classic settings of some of our most beloved hymns. We hope you will all join us for Hymnfest at 4 pm on Sunday, September 25, when we will be joined by guest musicians, our children's choirs, and YOU—there will be lots of opportunities for audience participation, including the winning hymn in our "LPC's Favorite Hymn" contest! Don't forget to vote for your favorites by submitting a ballot (or two or three) during worship each week of September. This year, we will add a new feature:

#### **LPC's Favorite Hymn!**

Ballots will be available in your worship bulletins on August 28, September 4, 11, and 18—we will collect the ballots, calculate the results, and reveal the "winner" by including it as part of the Hymnfest program. Booklets featuring the top 10 selections will be available at the dinner following the Hymnfest program, and we will also incorporate the top five hymns into worship during October and November.

#### **Chancel Choir Announcements**

Our Chancel Choir welcomes singers of all ages, High School Youth and above, and is always looking for new members! We lead worship each week, providing an anthem and helping the congregation to sing the hymns. We also enjoy each other's company as we praise God and share our faith through song! Please join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, 7:15-8:30 pm. In addition to preparing for Hymnfest on September 25, we will soon begin to work on special music for the Advent and Christmas seasons, including Benjamin Britten's classic Ceremony of Carols for choir and harp.

## **Youth Handbells**

All middle and high school members and participants in LPC's Youth programs are invited to join the new Youth Handbell ensemble, which will meet on Sundays at 5 pm in the handbell rehearsal area (enter through the Adult Choir Room). This group kicks off on Sunday, September 11. Note: handbells will not meet on September 25.

## **Kids' Choirs**

Kids and Youth PreK-Grade 8 are invited to participate in Cherub Choir and Joyful Singers during the month of September. We will meet Sunday mornings from 10-10:25 am in room 219, starting on Sunday, September 11. The two choirs will work together for four weeks to learn songs for Hymnfest (September 25) and World Communion Sunday (October 2). Parents, please join us for the first week, and please also note that we will need at least one adult to help supervise each rehearsal.

## **From The Desk Of Susan Hartwell**

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We so appreciate everyone coming and participating in Montreat Youth Sunday. We loved getting back together to remember our wonderful week in Montreat. We hope it gave you a small glimpse into this "magical place". A few church members wanted to know why they wrote on the strips of cloth. Below is a copy of the directions provided at the beginning of worship along with the Assurance of Pardon that Tyler Parks Sellers read after all of the braids were linked together. We hope it gives some clarification regarding the activity.

Directions for Braided Prayer activity:

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please leave these strips of cloth in a knot and use them to write these things:

1st strip- Write a time you helped someone

2nd strip- Write a time you hurt someone

3rd strip- Write a time you experienced the presence of God

Assurance of Pardon:

People of God, though we tear ourselves apart, we are never fully torn. Though we are broken and battered, we will not fall apart. For Christ has come. Just as you wove your feelings of God's presence through your individual and unity braids, feel the freshness of forgiveness and grace that God weaves throughout our lives, through the good and the bad. God's Spirit has poured down upon us, making us into a new creation, now, and forevermore. Believe this good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you all. (And also with you. Amen.)

## Church Leadership by Committee

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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 Mille 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, Ervin Hill, Adell Page, John and Helen Bakerr

**Scottish Pines:** Katherine Edmund, Thelma Morgan

## ARE YOU READY FOR SCHOOL?

SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER , AND IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR FOR SCHOOL TO START BACK. I HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR SUMMER. LIKE THEY SAY; ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END!!!!!! SO GET READY TO ENJOY THIS SCHOOL YEAR. PURPOSE IN YOUR HEARTS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO YOUR BEST, THAT THIS WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIVES.

BECAUSE YOU ARE THE FUTURE OF TOMORROW.





# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Scotland County Literacy Council  
1976-2016

If you, or anyone you know has at any time been affiliated with the Scotland County Literacy Council from 1976 to the present, please contact Janie Adams at (910) 276-7007. We want to get in touch with past and present tutors, directors, board members, students, volunteers, donors, etc.

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Is

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ONE MORE  
SUMMER  
VACATION  
TO SPEND  
WITH  
FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS



HAPPY  
LABOR DAY

**On the Calendar**

Sundays: 9:45 am SS Adults; 11 am Worship;  
 11:20 am Children's Church;  
 Mon 9/5 Labor Day -Office Closed  
 Tues 9/6 7 pm BEG Committee  
 Sat 9/11 5:45 pm LPC Youth's Parents Night  
 Sun 9/11 4:30 pm Deacons  
 Mon 9/12 6pm Presbyterian Women Salad Dinner  
 Wed 9/14 7 pm Finance and Administration  
 Thurs 9/15 5:30 Childcare  
 Sun 9/18 Installation of Presbyterian Women Officers  
 Mon 9/19 7 pm Session  
 Wed 9/21 6pm Spaghetti Supper  
 Sun 9/25 4 pm Hymnfest  
 Mon 9/26 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team  
 Wed 9/28 7 pm CNE

**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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