

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK February 3 - 10

Today 9:30am Choir Practice
 10:00am Connect Hour
 11:00am Worship- Ardy Skidmore
 Diane Giannola

BRING CANNED FOOD ITEMS ~ SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Monday 6:15pm – 7:15 Girl Scout Troop Meets at LPC

Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm Divorce Care Ministry in FH

Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Dinner by Girl Scout Troop
 7:00pm LPC Choir Practice

Thursday 7:00am West Stanly Rotary Meeting
 6:00pm Weight Watchers Meet in FH

Sunday 9:30am Choir Practice
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Community Meals (1st & 3rd Wed)
Wednesday Feb 6th & 12th, 6:00pm

Guest Pastor - Sunday, Feb 17th Meg Shaw Skidmore

John Denver Tribute Concert
Sunday, February 17, 4:00pm

Guest Pastor - Sunday, Feb 24th Ardy Skidmore

Senior Lunch Bunch
Tuesday Feb. 26th, 11:00am

Session Meeting
Tuesday Feb. 26th, 7:00pm

The church office phone number is 704.888.4339.

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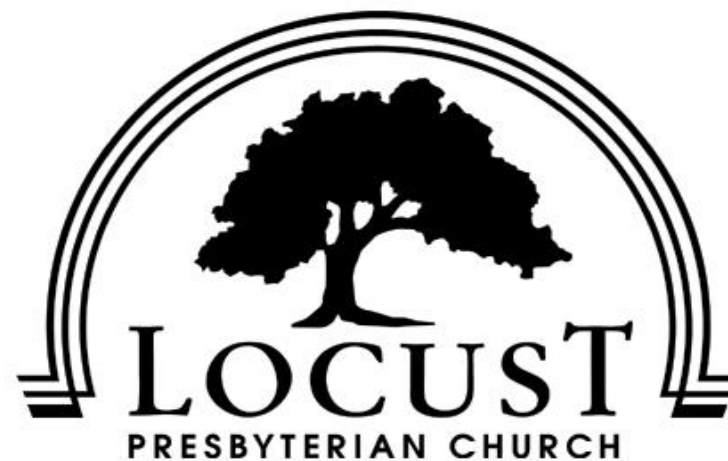
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Amy Bates at abbiv4@yahoo.com or 704.622.5003

LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN

February 3, 2019



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Our Mission:

**"Locust Presbyterian glorifies God
and grows in faith by serving and
meeting needs of all, through love,
hope and compassion."**

LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We welcome any visitors who may be with us today. May the Lord bless our fellowship time together.

Prelude Kay Howell

Welcome & Announcements Bob Remsburg

***Song of Praise: Have Thine Own Way, Lord**
Hymn #372 Hymns for the Living Church

***Song of Praise: Be Thou My Vision**
Hymn #339 Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession Ardy Skidmore

Confession:

All: Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are tired; we are busy; we are young; we are old; it is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Ardy Skidmore

Children's Message Ardy Skidmore

Anthem: Strong and Mighty God LPC Choir
Words and music by Julie I. Meyers; Arranged by Stan Pethel
"O Lord, your arm is not too short, not too short, to rescue me."

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24 Ardy Skidmore

Sermon: Linking Arms

Affirmation of Faith (from the Book of Common Worship)

All: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

The Invitation Rev. Diane Giannola

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

MANY: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

You are invited to come forward and receive the elements by intinction.

Prayer after Communion

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction Ardy Skidmore

Postlude Kay Howell



WELCOME TODAY: Today we welcome, Ardy Skidmore back to our pulpit. Ardy recently completed her seminary work with Union Seminary of Charlotte and is ready to be ordained into ministry. Ardy will be with us for most of February and plans a theme of Love and Faith for the month. Thanks so much for sharing your love of Christ with us! We also welcome Rev. Diane Giannola who is assisting today with Communion.

MUSIC NOTES: This month's theme is Faith and Love. God created us. He is the potter and we are the clay. Our songs today reflect God's ability to reach out with His hand and touch us because everything his does is marvelous. Our first hymn is *Have Thine Own Way*. Our second hymn is *Be Thou My Vision* and the choir will share one of their favorites, *Strong and Mighty God*. This song has a Caribbean beat and words based on Isaiah 51 which is similar in language to our scripture from Psalm 139. We hope you enjoy the songs today.

HABITAT HOME UPDATES: Questions- See Jane, Chris or Michael. Continue to look for opportunities to help out. Thanks to Michael, Jane and Chris for helping coordinate our part in this great ministry!

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch met last Tuesday with 14 folks enjoying lunch at Sogo. Be sure to save the date of Tuesday, Feb. 26 for the next outing.

WEDNESDAY MEAL: All are invited to the meal this Wednesday at 6:00pm. Cindy Fish and Team will be preparing the meal. Thank you to the Girl Scouts for preparing all the delicious soups last week!!!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: TODAY is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday and Scouting for Food Day. Members of BSA Troop 202 will be responsible for getting the food to West Stanly Christian Ministries! Did you forget to bring your can goods but have some change in your pocket, get the money to Stephen Remsburg and he will go purchase some items to add to the cart.

DIVORCE CARE MINISTRY: The 13week sessions will begin on Tuesday, Feb 5 at 7:00pm and conclude on May 7. Questions see Amy or Michael. For more information please visit www.divorcecare.org and if you are planning to attend please register. The sessions are part video and support group. The facilitators will be Michael Longhurst, Amy Bates, Michael Greene, Harriet Helms and Christine Scheuerman.

LOCK YOUR DOORS: Please remember to lock your doors during the time you are at church and do not leave valuables in sight.

CONCERT: Save the date! Sunday, 2- 17-19 at 4:00 PM, Locust Presbyterian will host a special concert, *Rocky Mountain High in Carolina! A tribute to John Denver*. This will be a special treat for us and we encourage you to invite friends, family and neighbors. Rod Almond and a talented group of musicians are coming together to give us a concert to remember! The concert is free. We will collect a love offering with funds going to support Live Again Ministries and Stanly County Habitat for Humanity. Don't miss it!!!

EVAN & LAUREN: An apartment has been found!!! 955 Eudora Street, Apt 102E, Denver, CO 80220. They are adjusting well and thank you all for the many prayers of love and support.

141st STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING

Saturday, February 9th at 9:30 am

Hosted by Sharon and Quail Hollow Presbyterian

Sharon Presbyterian Church 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte,

February Greeter: Jane Blackman & Fred Wickert

February Head Usher: Eugene

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR:

Our Session & Our LPC Family, Our Government Leaders, LPC Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, Our Military. Our Police Officers, Bill Dehn Helen Smetts, Virginia Hartsell, Ruth Bowers, Gay Troutman, Katherine Griffin, Fannie Hathcock, Kay Baucom, David Hartsell, Jordan Hinson, Family of Joe Drake, Family of Kenneth Coley,

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY BREAKFAST TEAMS

Team 1 – Bob R, Ruthi J, James B. – 2-25-19

Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki H, Chris F, - 3-11-19

Team 3 -Nancy B, John H, Cindy F. – 3-25-19

Team 4 – Matt S, Fred W., Skip H. - 2-11-19,4-8-19

SESSION Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Class of 19: Ray Bradford, Chris Fish, Joan Hall

Class of 20: Nancy Bartlett, Jane Blackman, Michael Longhurst

Class of 21: Leah Joyner

Session Committee Chairs:

Administration & Finance Chair: Chris Fish

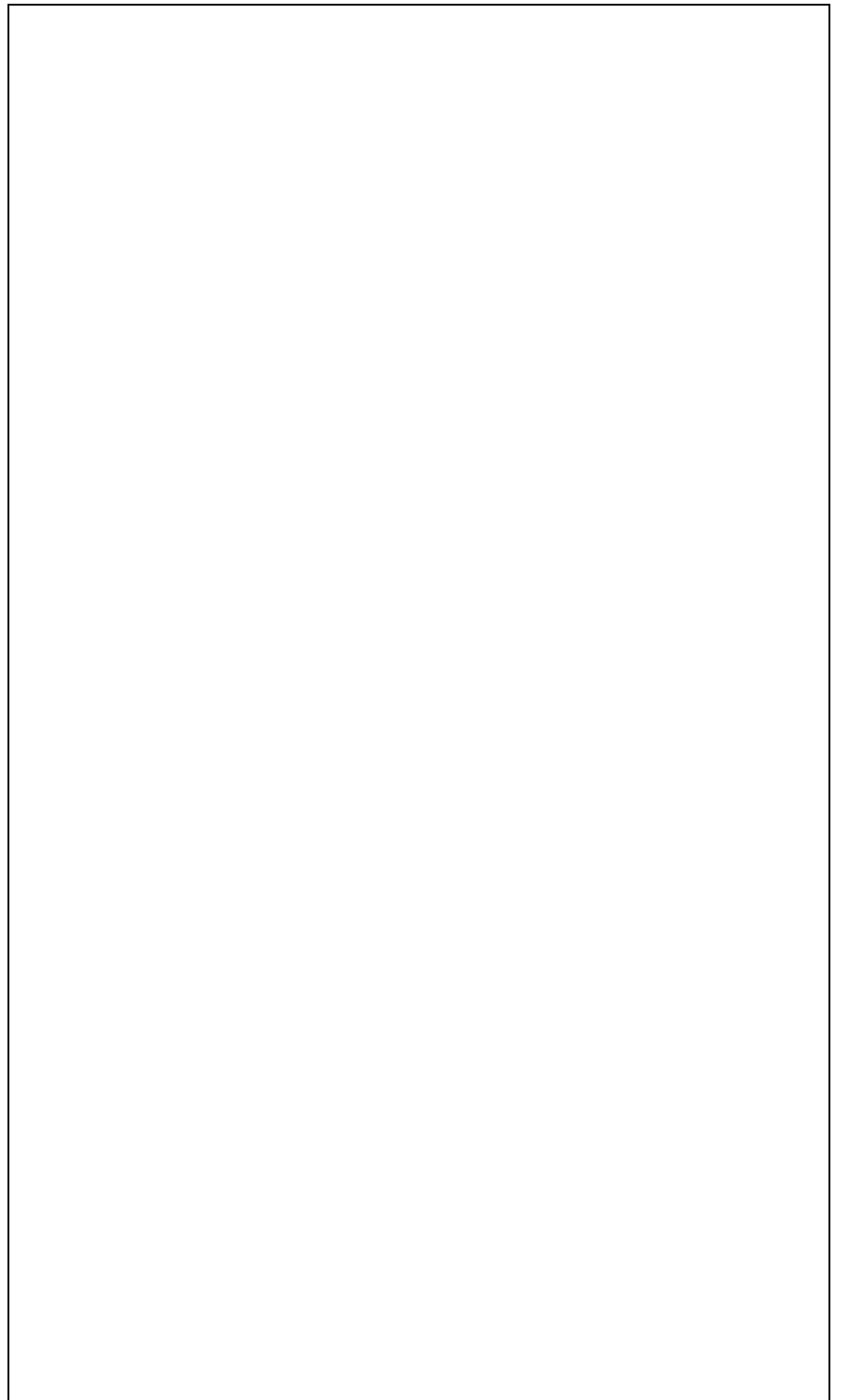
Christian Education Co-Chairs: Joan Hall, Nancy Bartlett. Leah Joyner

Building & Grounds Co-Chairs: Ray Bradford

Worship & Music Chair: Michael Longhurst, Leah Joyner

Congregational Life Co-Chairs: Jane Blackman.

Mission, Outreach & Membership Co-Chairs: Jane Blackman & Michael Longhurst



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