

\*Today we welcome Michelle Flanagan to share her musical talents with us along with Tim Brown. Michelle is Rev. Ardy's daughter.

\*Cong Life/Mission Team meeting Wednesday at 6:30 in FH.

\*LPC Youth Group (F3 – Faith, Fun, Fellowship) is on a summer break for July. For more information on youth see Contina Salyer.

\*"Come have Lunch" will be Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. We will be having a summer picnic with ham, potato salad and all the fixings!! Invite a friend and join us!

\*July book discussion Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> - "The Return of the Prodigal Son" Henri Nouwen & August 31<sup>st</sup> "Sabbath" Wayne Muller

\*Card Ministry meets on Tuesday 6:00pm & Thursday 9:30am

\*Save the date - August 14 for the Summer Ice Cream Churn Off and Hymn sign.

\*Save the date - August 21, 12-4pm for the Archie Love Community Blood drive. We will have the blood/platelet buses in the parking lot.

\*Our LPC Choir is taking a well-deserved summer break and will return July 24. If you would like to join the choir now is a great time!

### Session & Committee Chairs & Mtg Dates

*Clerk of Session – Chris Fish*

*Administration & Finance: Tammi Remsburg 8-14@9:30am*

*Building & Grounds: Scott Hall*

*Christian Education: Dennis Joyner*

*Congregational Life & Mission: Contina Salyer 7-13 @6:30pm*

*Worship & Music: Bonnie Hovey 8-24 @6:30pm*

*Communion Server – August 7 -*

### Offering Counters

**July - Amy & Joan**

### Greeter

**July 10 – Bonnie Hovey**

**July 17- Jane Blackman**

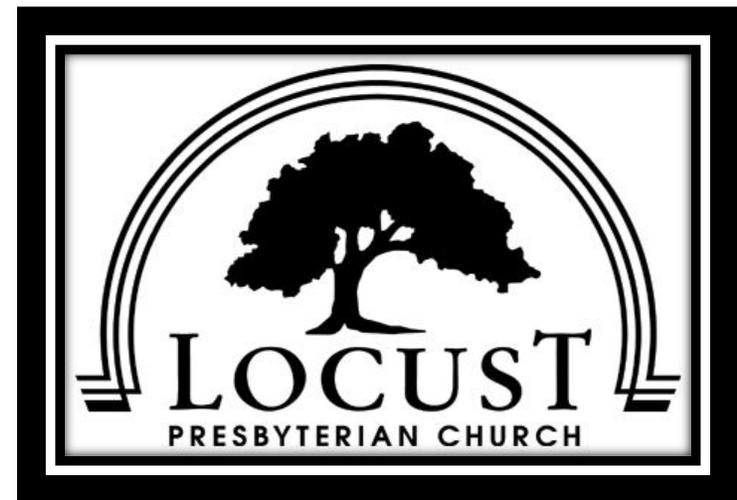
**July 24 – Leah Joyner**

**July 31 – Rex Hovey**

### Prayer Concerns:

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Conflict in Ukraine, People of Afghanistan, Charlie Higgins, Glenda Love, Virginia Hartsell, Bill Dehn, Gay Troutman, David Hartsell, Kay Baucom-hip surgery – July 11, Craig Blackman's Mother surgery, Emma Dixon-preemie baby born at 23 weeks-Janice Hil's family member.

*July 10, 2022*



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

**Pastor: Rev. Ardy Skidmore**

**Prelude** **Michelle Flanagan, Timothy Brown**

**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev. Ardy Skidmore**

**Call to Worship:**

ONE: You, O gracious Lord, have given us hope

**ALL: You have given us the gift of salvation.**

ONE: You have shown us forgiveness

**ALL: You extend your great mercy to us**

ONE: You, O mighty God, are worthy of all praise

**ALL: You give us peace in the middle of the storm.**

ONE: You, O Lord, alone are my comfort and peace.

**ALL: All praise to you, Sovereign God**

**Morning Prayer** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Children's Message**

**\*Hymn: #339 "Be Thou My Vision"**

**Call to Confession** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Prayer of Confession: In the middle of the tempest, we seek peace from the world instead of You, mighty God. In the moments of our daily lives, we do not put you first, we do not have your Word in our heart. Forgive us Sovereign God, heal us and make us whole. Forgive us as we do not do as you call us to, love our neighbor and put away the idols of riches and self-centeredness, of hate and disobedience. Repair the fractures in our lives, ones of our own doing. Forgive us when we sit in the seat of judgment of others, and never see our own sins. We trust in you O, God and seek your forgiveness. Hear the silent cries of our hearts.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 25:1-10**

**Prayer of Illumination** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 & Luke 10:25-37**

**Sermon: "What is the Right Stuff?"** **Rev. Skidmore**

**Musical Response to the Message**  
**Michelle Flanagan, Timothy Brown**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)** **Apostles Creed**  
**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #333 "Seek Ye First"**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

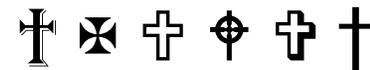
**\*Doxology-** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Sending Song – #2281**

May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

**Postlude** **Michelle Flanagan, Timothy Brown**



Accompanist: Tim Brown

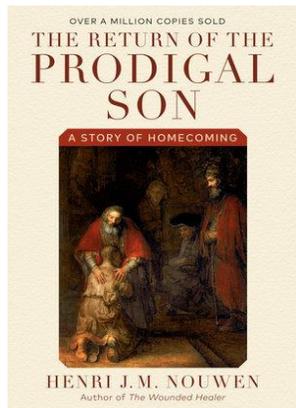
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## SUMMER BOOK

We will be reading this book for July. We will meet on July 27 at 6:30pm in the New Beginnings Classroom for a book discussion. Get the book, read, join in and invite a friend!!

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### *“The Return of the Prodigal Son”* *By: Henri J.M. Nouwen*

With over a million copies sold, this classic work is essential reading for all who ask, “Where has my struggle led me?”

A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt’s *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on an unforgettable spiritual adventure. Here he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell.

As Nouwen reflects on Rembrandt’s painting in light of his own life journey, he evokes a powerful drama of the classic parable in a rich, captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son’s return, the father’s restoration of sonship, the elder son’s resentfulness, and the father’s compassion. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. The challenge to love as God loves, and to be loved as God’s beloved, will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time, and is here represented with a vigor and power fresh for our times.

Henri J. M. Nouwen was a Dutch-born Catholic priest, professor, and pastor, who gained international renown as the author of more than thirty books on the spiritual life, including such classics as *The Wounded Healer*, *The Inner Voice of Love* and *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Since his death in 1996, ever increasing numbers of readers, writers, teachers, and seekers have been guided by his literary legacy.