

\*LPC Youth Group (F3 – Faith, Fun, Fellowship) is on a summer break for the next 2 weeks. For more information on youth see Contina Salyer.

\*Our LPC Choir is taking a well-deserved summer break and will return July 24. We will have a special musical treat on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

### 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 – July 3 – Matt Salyer*

### Offering Counters

**July - Amy & Joan**

### Greeter

**July 3 – Matt Salyer**

**July 10 – Bonnie Hovey**

**July 17- Jane Blackman**

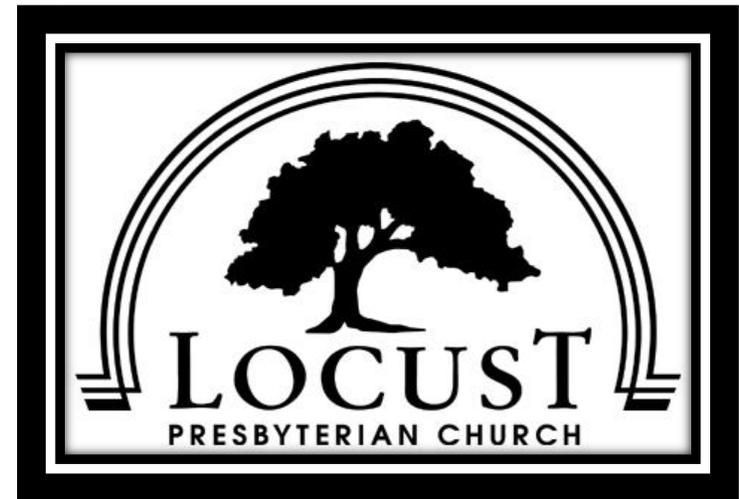
**July 24 – Leah Joyner**

**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, Susie Shoemaker, Kay Baucom-hip surgery – July 11, Jane Blackman's niece-Carlin, Craig Blackman's Mother, Family of Susie Shoemaker, Friends and family traveling over the 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

*July 3, 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**

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

**Call to Worship:**

ONE: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

**ALL: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

ONE: The LORD is good to all,

**ALL: and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

ONE: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

**ALL: and all your faithful shall bless you.**

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

**Children's Message**

**\*Hymn: #2222 The Servant Song**

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

**Prayer of Confession: Gracious and loving God, you gave us free will, but in that freedom we choose unwisely. Too often we only see law and not compassion, grace and forgiveness as you modeled for us. You created us to be in relationship with You and each other and yet we turn our backs on both. Fill us with your Spirit of love, forgiveness and peace and help us turn away from jealousy, anger and actions that separate us from You. Our spirit is weak, but in our weakness Lord, come to us, strengthen us that in all we say and do, that You may be glorified. Have mercy on us O Lord and hear the silent cries of our hearts.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 66:1-9**

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

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 5:1-15  
Galatians 6:1-16

**Sermon: "Discipline"**    **Rev. Skidmore**

**Musical Response to the Message**    **Tim Brown**

**Invitation to The Table**    **Rev. Skidmore**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you – **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts – **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Words of Institution and Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn: #2032 My Life is in You, Lord**

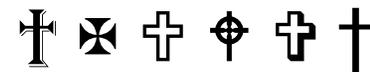
**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**\*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 - America the Beautiful**

Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.



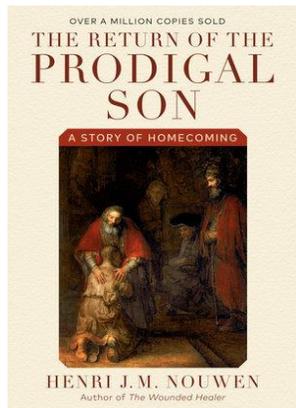
Accompanist: Tim Brown

Choir Director: Bob Remsburg

**Pastor: Rev. Ardy Skidmore**

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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!!

**Locust Presbyterian Church**  
**[www.locustpresbyterian.org](http://www.locustpresbyterian.org)**

### *“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.