

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

July 8 – 15

Today	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Worship
	11:00 am	Connect Time
Monday	7:00am	Bridge to Recovery Meal Team Larry, Vicki, Melissa
Wednesday	5:00pm	Youth Confirmation
Thursday	7:00am	West Stanly Rotary Meeting in FH
	6:00pm	Weight Watchers Meeting in FH
Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Connect Time

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Session Meeting	July 24, 7:00pm
Archie Love Memorial Blood Drive*	July 29, 11:30am
*Community Blood Bank	
Presbytery Mtg at CN Jenkins PC	August 18, 9:30am

PASTOR EVAN AMO

The church office phone number is 704.888.4339. During other times Evan can be reached at 714.397.4832.

BULLETIN & PRAYER CONCERN

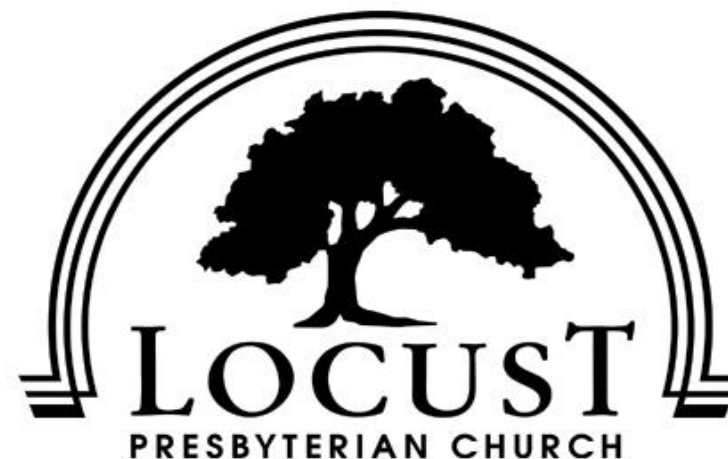
If you have an announcement for the bulletin or a prayer concern please submit to Amy Bates @ abbiv4@yahoo.com or leave message at 704.622.5003. Bulletin information needs to be submitted by noon on Thursdays.

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LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN

July 8, 2018



Our Mission:

To be a place where people want and need to be - where God is glorified in Jesus Christ and real human needs are met. We will do this as Christ's Church through the power of the Holy Spirit as we worship, study, serve and fellowship.

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LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:00am

**All who are able please stand, acceptable to remain seated also.*

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Song All the People Said Amen

Words and Music by Matt Maher, Paul Moak and Trevor Morgan

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

Chorus

And all the people said Amen. Whoa.
And all the people said Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said Amen.

(add last time – And all the people said Amen.)

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

Chorus – go back

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

Chorus – go back – sing twice

CARE OUTREACH GROUP

In a desire to expand our outreach to the community, LPC is considering providing divorce and separation support to those in need. Several facilitators with experience related with divorce and separation, or an interest in showing compassion to those hurting will be needed. Materials for facilitation provided by curriculum. This is 13 week course and possibly start this fall. Please see Michael Longhurst or Amy Bates for questions.

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY

We are beginning to serve breakfast twice monthly for the men at Bridge to Recovery. Please consider this meaningful and fun way of showing God's love. Thank you to all that expressed an interest last week. You may still speak to Mike Longhurst or Pastor Evan if you're interested or would like more information. We currently have 5 teams of 3 folks. Below are teams and dates to serve:

Team 1- Bob R, Ruthi J, James B = 6-25-18, 8-27-18, 11-5-18
Team 2 – Larry B, Vicki H, Melissa B = 7-9-18, 9-10-18, 11-19-18
Team 3 – Nancy B, Robin H, John H = 7-23-18, 9-24-18, 12-3-18
Team 4 – Ray B, Deb B, Donna R = 8-6-18, 10-8-18, 12-17-18
Team 5 – Evan A, Matt S, Fred W = 8-13-18, 10-22-18, 12-31-18

TREASURE REPORT

Jan-June

	<u>Actual:</u>	<u>Budgeted:</u>
Tithes	\$57,339.29	\$37,500.00
Expenses	\$45,322.13	\$53,300.16
Excess "Income"	\$12,017.16	(\$15,800.16)

Thanks to a very generous anonymous donor (\$10,000) and everyone's generosity and hard work, we are above our Budgeted contribution/tithing amount for the year to date. We are also incurring less expenses that we had budgeted for the year. THANK YOU everyone and let's keep up the hard work! ~ Cindy Fish

Scripture 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sermon When I'm Weak, Then I'm Strong Chris Hampton

Prayers of the People Michael Longhurst

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith)

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

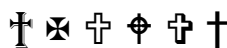
Offering

***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.

***Benediction**

Postlude



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR: Our Session and Our LPC Family, Our Government Leaders, LPC Prayer Shawl Ministry, Our Youth, LPC Choir, Our Military. Our Police Officers, Bill Dehn, Ruth Fitton, Helen Smetts, Virginia Hartsell, Gay Troutman, Katherine Griffin, Chan Smith, David Hartsell Joe Garzoni-Peggy's son, Dana Guinn, Ron Lane, Traci Baucom Fannie Hathcock is at Forrest Oakes Healthcare Center in Albemarle., Ray Bradford Back Surgery recovery at home, John Wallace-ACL surgery recovery Glenda Love – total knee replacement recovery at Presbyterian Main Ortho Rehab

Our Servanthood Schedule... No Service is too Small...

July Greeter: Cindy Fish & John Haggerty
July Head Usher: Eugene

ACOLYTES - Lilly Hall
Emma Salyer, Jady Salyer, Emma Haggerty

COLLECTION COUNTERS – To Volunteer see Cindy Fish
7-8 Greta Baucom & Chris Fish
7-15

NURSERY – To Volunteer see Joan Hall & Diane Haggerty

MEAL TEAMS - Wednesday meal will return in September

ELDERS

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Dianne Haggerty	18	Ray Bradford	19	Nancy Bartlett	20
Matt Salyer	18	Chris Fish	19	Jane Balckman	20
Lee Smith	18	Joan Hall	19	Michael Longhurst	20

Administration & Finance Chair: Chris Fish

Christian Education Co-Chairs: Joan Hall, Matt Salyer & Nancy Bartlett.

Building & Grounds Co-Chairs: Matt Salyer, Ray Bradford & Lee Smith.

Worship & Music Chair: Michael Longhurst.

Congregational Life Co-Chairs: Diane Haggerty and Jane Blackman.

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

MINISTERS: All of the Members of LPC

Pastor: Evan Amo	Choir Leader: Bob Remsburg
Youth Leader:	Organist: Kay Howell
Piano: Patsy Smith	Treasurer: Cindy Fish
Sound Board: Stephen Remsburg & Maverick Baucom	

GUEST PASTOR@ 10:00

Today we welcome Chris Hampton back to lead our worship. Pastor Evan and Lauren are traveling this week. Chris works in the joint ministry of the Methodists and Presbyterians at UNC-Charlotte.

GUEST SPEAKER @ 11:00

Fred Valfer, whose mother, father, and uncle survived a Nazi concentration camp will be a guest of the Fellowship Class TODAY during Connect time (11:00). He will be making a presentation on the Holocaust and all are invited to come and hear this presentation. Thanks to Michael Longhurst for making the arrangements to have this special guest.

JULY BLOOD DRIVE

During the summer months the blood supply is always in high demand. On Sunday, July 29 we will be hosting the Annual Archie Love Memorial Blood Drive for the Community Blood Center. We hope you will consider donating!! If you need details please see Greta Love Baucom.

WORSHIP AND OTHER CHANGES

The Worship and Vision Team has made several recommendations which have been approved by the Session. These affect our worship experience. These recommendations included reversing our worship and traditional Sunday School times (Worship at 10 and Connect at 11:00); reducing some of the traditional worship elements while retaining the sharing of scripture, sermon and sacraments and Sunday School would now be called "Connect". All are invited to participate in this vision process. The next meeting of the committee will be in late July as we continue to examine ourselves, our mission and our vision. Look for an announcement later in July about the next meeting time.

MUSIC NOTES

Changes... we continue to make some adjustments in worship. Today we'll sing two great praise songs. The first is a song telling that we are never alone. Despite all the trials of life, Jesus is with us each step of the way. Today's message is from Paul's letter to the church at Corinth – despite Paul's problems he knows that God is with him throughout his journey. Matt Maher's, *And All the People Said, Amen* is a fun recent contemporary song. Sing out because God is with YOU! Our second praise song is a repeat from last week calling on us to let God's living water flow through us and to help us *Thrive* because we have a faith that is unsinkable, joy that is so great we cannot say enough about it and love that is unstoppable! The choir will share Laura Story's great song, *Blessings*. This song ties into Paul's letter as we may experience blessings from God that we don't understand, just like Paul did not understand his afflictions.

***Praise Song Thrive**

Written by John Mark Hall / Matthew West

Whoa, oh, whoa, oh, Whoa, oh.

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream have died.
Like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.

Chorus

So, living water flowing through,

God, we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.

Just to know You and to make You known,

we lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive.

We were made to thrive.

Whoa, oh, whoa, oh, Whoa, oh.

Into Your word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart.

Into the world we're reaching out to show them who You are. *Chorus*

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable, anything is possible. 4x

Just to know You and to make You known,

We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive.

We were made to thrive. Hey!

Whoa, oh, whoa, oh. Whoa, oh. 2x We were made to thrive.

Children's message

Leah Joyner

Prayer of Restoration

Chris Hampton

Anthem Blessings

LPC Choir

Words and Music by Laura Story

What if Your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near? And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

