

*LPC Youth Group (F3 – Faith, Fun, Fellowship) is on a summer break for the next 3 weeks. For more information on youth see Contina Salyer.

*LPC Choir will be on summer break for 3 weeks. We will have a special musical treat on July 10th. Thank you, choir! Enjoy the break – return 7-24.

*Thank you to those that donated to the blood drive last Monday. Also, thank you - Contina and our youth for serving as greeters and setting the tables back up after the drive. What a wonderful way to serve!!!

*"Come have Lunch" will be Wednesday, July 20th at 11:30am.

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

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

*The Singing Americans of Stanly County will begin their summer patriotic concerts today at Grace Baptist Church on Edgemont Street in Albemarle at 4:00 PM. Two of our choir members are part of this group that has been sharing patriotic music since 1976. Other concerts this season are scheduled at 4:00 PM for Badin Baptist on July 3rd, Pleasant Grove Baptist on July 17, West Stanly Baptist on August 14 and South Albemarle Baptist on August 28. We'd love to see you come to one of these fun concerts.

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

June – Skip & Contina

July - Amy & Joan

Greeter

June 26- Leah Joyner

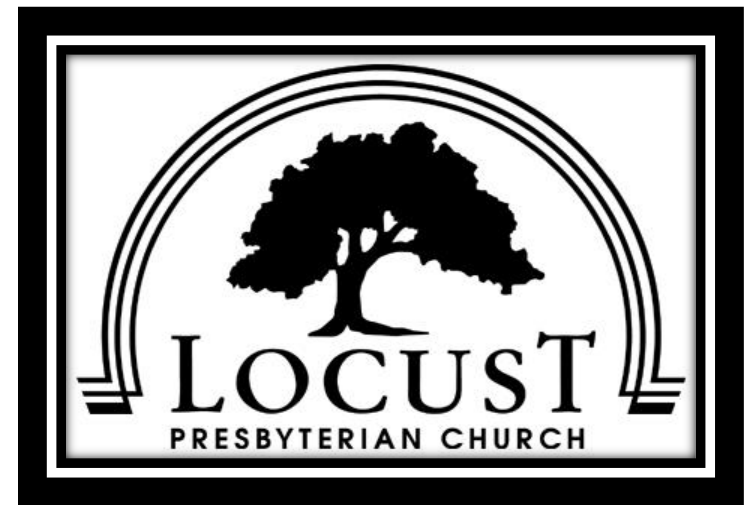
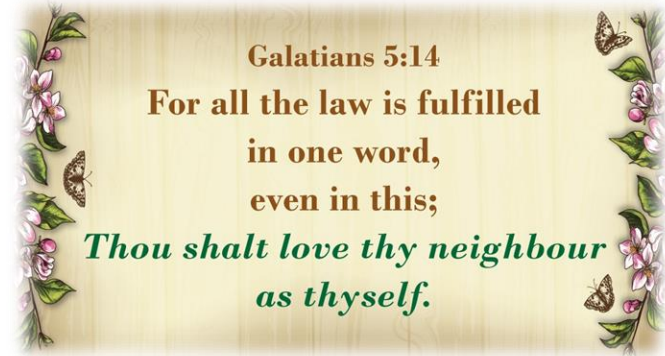
July 3 – Matt Salyer

July 10 – Bonnie 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 5, Jane Blackman's niece-Carlin, Craig Blackman's Mother, Family of Kay Howell, Tim & Becky Brown-accident recovery.

June 26, 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**

Choral Introit We Will Glorify the King of Kings **Choir**

Call to Worship:

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: I will praise the Lord in the morning

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: I will praise the Lord all the day long

ONE: Praise the Lord!

ALL: I give thanks to our mighty God all my life

ONE: There is only one God

ALL: All praise to our triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Morning Prayer **Rev. Skidmore**

Children's Message

***Hymn: #420 God of Grace and God of Glory**

Call to Confession **Rev. Skidmore**

Prayer of Confession: Gracious and loving God. You created us in love, you sustain us in love and you bring us to you through the love of Jesus, our Savior. Let us return that love through our actions towards each other. Forgive us when those actions hurt, belittle, or cause disharmony. As you give us new mercies each day, let us learn from you and reflect your mercy as we face the world's ugliness. Hear the silent cries of our heart.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 16

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Skidmore**

**Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

Sermon: "Giving it Away" **Rev. Skidmore**

Anthem: The First Song of Isaiah **Choir**

***Affirmation of Faith – From A Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA**
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God whom God raised from the dead; breaking the power of sin and evil and delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and make everyone equally in God's image. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation in everlasting love. We trust in the Holy Spirit; giver and renewer of life, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture and engages us through the Word proclaimed. We rejoice that in life and death that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn: #2162 Grace Alone**

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.

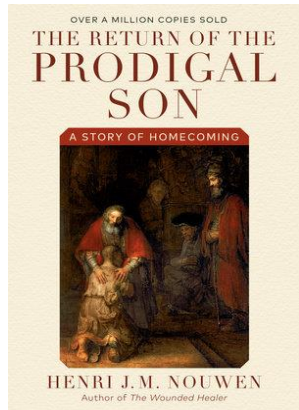


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SUMMER BOOK

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.