

## Give Thanks by Giving Back to Camp Fellowship

As we reflect on our many blessings, what better way to show our gratitude than by giving back to those in need? Camp Fellowship, a place where many of us have experienced growth, renewal and peace, is still recovering from the impacts of Hurricane Helene.

Camp Fellowship is hosting volunteer workdays on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26 to clean up from the aftermath of Helene. Volunteers are asked to bring tools (leaf blowers, chain saws, trailers) and work gloves, and to dress appropriately.

If you can't come and would like to help, Camp Fellowship is also accepting contributions through their website (<https://www.campfellowship.org/donate>). Your gifts allow them to give priority to the most urgent needs as they go through their recovery.

Finally, First Presbyterian Church of Laurens is hosting a Community Concert Series benefitting Camp Fellowship on Sunday, November 3 at 4 p.m. featuring the Mulfinger String Quartet. There is a \$10 suggested donation which goes to Camp Fellowship. This concert series raises awareness and support for community organizations.

For more information on any of these ways to help, call or text (864) 998-3400 or (864) 396-0582, or email [info@campfellowship.org](mailto:info@campfellowship.org).

Whether you can lend a hand or offer support in other ways, there are many opportunities to give back by getting involved. Let's give thanks by helping restore this cherished space.

### Upcoming Events

October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Festival, 4 to 7 p.m.  
at LMPC

November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fall Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

November 28<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving

December 8<sup>th</sup>  
LMPC Christmas Program

December 1<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Season of Advent

## Christian Education and Youth

The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 26 at the church from 4 to 7 p.m. Little Pig's Barbecue will be catering a menu of barbecue, chicken strips, sides and tea. If you can please bring a sweet or a soft drink. Hopefully it will be cool enough for a bonfire with roasted marshmallows and s'mores! We have lots of activities planned for all ages so please come join us for a time of fun and fellowship and to celebrate God's gift of the changing of seasons!

We had the Sunday School Rally Day on September 1. Wanda Stone, Sunday School Superintendent led our program. The following were presented certificates of attendance (missing 2 Sundays or less): Ron Creswell, Tommy Ferguson, Dot Fleming, Diane Hamrick and Beverly Ware. Wanda also thanked all the Sunday School teachers for their service. Light refreshments were served after the program.



*Beverly Ware, Diane Hamrick, Dot Fleming, Ron Creswell and Tommy Ferguson were recognized for their excellent Sunday School attendance during Sunday School Rally Day on September 1.*

## Mission and Outreach

On Sunday, October 20, we will hold a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. This offering will be matched by Mission and Outreach committee, so please plan to give generously to this much-needed cause.

Donations were made during each month as follows:

July:

- \$1200 (\$150 each) to Abbeville County school nurses for supplies
- \$365 in Matching Funds to PDA's designated fund for domestic severe weather disaster relief

August:

- \$500 to Piedmont Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels

September:

- \$350 to Meg's House, an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence

## Elder Nominating Committee

The Elder Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the Class of 2027. If you feel called to serve as an Elder, or know someone who would be a good candidate, place your/their name in the nomination box in the narthex by October 27. If you have any questions, reach out to Tommy Ferguson.

## Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women are busy making plans for our annual fall bazaar! It will be held Saturday, November 2 in the New Fellowship Hall, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m. We will have homemade crafts, furniture, canned goods and other homemade items, plus this year we are bringing back our white elephant yard sale. We will also have hotdogs, chips, drinks and soup by the quart for sale. Flyers are available in the narthex, please pick some up and help promote the bazaar.

The Presbyterian Women held their installation service in August, where the following women were installed: Vice Moderator-Wanda Stone, Secretary-Amy Solesbee, and Treasurer-Susan Beverly. After the meeting we enjoyed a presentation from Lisa Hagan and Nancy Bell of Greenville Presbyterian Church about Bags of Blessings, a local service project that helps provide desperately needed weekend meals to hungry students in Abbeville County.

## Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds committee has completed several updates:

- Rear walkway and covering installed to connect the main church building to the Fellowship Hall.\*
- Carpet replaced with vinyl flooring in the communications center and the hallway classroom.\*
- Two air conditioning units replaced in classrooms.

\*These projects were financed by the generosity of Dot Fleming in loving memory of her husband, Neuffer “Junior” Fleming.



*Recent building updates include a new covered walkway and new flooring.*



## Worship

Below is the planned schedule for pastors for the remainder of the year:

October 20 – Andrea Paschall  
October 27 – Scott Crane  
November 3 – Katie Henderson  
November 10 – Danny Murphy  
November 17 – Brad Christie  
November 24 – Paul Kerr

December 1 – Lucy Youngblood  
December 8 – Doug Lawson  
December 15 – Chaz Hayes  
December 22 – Chaz Hayes  
December 29 – TBA

## Presbyterian Men

Several of our men continue to regularly meet with Abbeville Christian Men at Upper Long Cane PC to help build ramps and make home repairs. The men recently built a ramp at Ron and Darlene Creswell's home for Claire.



### Prayer Concerns

LMPC Members:  
Brenda and Justin Barnes,  
Claire Whaley, Dianne Hartsell,  
Mary Saylor, Jimmy and Edna  
Ellis, Charles and Carole  
Dawson, Bob Martin, Jeanette  
Ware, Betty McClain, Carol  
McKenzie, Sarah and Lee  
Kennerly, Joseph and Becki  
Stone

### Family and Friends:

Christiana Johnson, Cheri Fisher  
Mann, Trey Fisher, T.J. Fisher,  
Brenda Vaughn, George Brock,  
Tommy and Jean Fleming,  
Sammy Hall, Jimmy Faulkner,  
Angel Ownby, Reed Gordon,  
Dede Grant, Charles Shipman,  
Sherri Ellis, Ovid Crenshaw,  
Cornelia Bowen, Rebecca Hall,  
Bill and Teri Walker's great-  
granddaughter

### Session Members for 2024

Pat Boyd (Christian Edu.)  
Ronald Creswell (B&G)  
Daniel Ferguson (Worship)  
Tommy Ferguson (Worship)  
Diana Green (M&O)  
Anthony Martin (B&G)  
Michelle Martin (Christian Edu.)  
Cindy Price (Fellowship)  
Sue Poteat (Fellowship)  
Ernie Ruddock (APF)  
Joseph Stone (APF)  
Tara Stone (M&O)