



The Little Mountaineer

Little Mountain Presbyterian Church

Summer 2024

The Pastor's Corner

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

In a world of conflict and strife, even as we pray for peace and goodwill among all people, it is important to remember we are called to be peacemakers and peacekeepers in our homes, our churches and in our community. So it is that the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi is both relevant and timeless for all people who live and serve with faith, hope and love.

Grace and Peace to you all,
Darrell

Upcoming Events

July 4th
Independence Day

July 7th
Presbyterian Disaster Relief
special offering received

August 4th
Deacons' Fund offering
received

August 11th
Session meeting

August 18th
Homecoming Sunday

September 2nd
Labor Day

September 8th
Session meeting

Christian Education and Youth

VBS was held at LMPC from June 4 through 7 and co-hosted with Upper Long Cane and Abbeville Presbyterian Churches. We had an average of 24 children during the four nights. This year's theme was God's Love Around the World (Olympics) and kids learned about training their minds and hearts so that they can have eternal life with Jesus. On Saturday some of us attended the Summer Splash at Long Cane with hot dogs and water slides. The children raised money to give to UCMAC. Next year Upper Long Cane will host VBS.

On June 23, during worship we recognized our graduates, Kathryn Ware and Caslyn McCary. Kathryn earned a degree as a pharmacist and Caslyn a degree in nursing. After worship we had a meal in their honor. The Christian Education and Fellowship committees worked together on this event. We hope to have a summer event for our youth soon, details to be announced.



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We celebrated recent graduates Kathryn Ware and Caslyn McCary (not pictured) on June 23.

Fellowship

The Fellowship committee helped the Christian Education committee celebrate two of our graduates, Kathryn and Caslyn, with a potluck meal after worship on Sunday, June 23. A wonderful time was had by all.

We are also planning for Homecoming on August 18. Please join us for a potluck meal after worship that day.

Worship

The Worship committee reports that our church pianist is out of service for a while due to surgery. We are blessed to have Tara Stone, John Boyd and Stephen Solesbee to operate the electronic piano during her absence. Renee & Stephane recorded hymns to be used during worship. Thank you all! In May, we celebrated Mothers' Day gifting two mothers with hanging flower baskets. In June we celebrated Fathers' Day gifting two fathers with Lowe's gift cards. We are glad to report attendance has been steady with average or 45-50 on Sundays. Homecoming is soon, always the third Sunday in August. This year's Homecoming will be held on August 18. We hope to see plenty of both old and new faces that day!

Administration, Personnel and Finance

The APF committee is happy to inform everyone that the website has launched for Little Mountain Presbyterian Church. The website has the history, information on current elders, and contact info for the church. We have added links to the Facebook page, added the newsletter, and added a calendar that will help folks keep up with meetings and events at the church. Please check it out at www.littlemountainpresbyterianchurch.org. A special thank you to the developer Becki Craig who helped us get it done.

Mission and Outreach

On July 7, we will hold a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for domestic assistance for severe weather relief. 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:

April:

- \$250 to the Theological Education Fund (provides support for PC(USA) seminaries)
- \$200 to Camp Fellowship
- \$50 to Caroline Dennis (pastor at Westminster PC for a Cluster mission project)
- \$683.30 in matching funds for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

May:

- \$400 to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont
- \$100 to Amanda Boyd to help with expenses for her summer mission experience
- \$348 to Presbyterian Communities of SC in matching funds for the Mother's Day Offering

June:

- \$450 to UCMAC
- \$337 to Trinity Presbytery's Migrant Ministry in matching funds for the Father's Day Offering

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will hold our annual installation service in August, date to be announced. All women are invited, so please plan to attend!

We are still in need of a Secretary for the Coordinating Team (CT). The Secretary is responsible for taking the minutes for each of our meetings, and an agenda is provided by the Moderator. Our CT typically meets every other month, and the position is a 2-year term. Amber Jones is our current Secretary and she has done an excellent job of keeping records during her term, so whoever serves in this position would already be set up to succeed. Please let Tara Stone or Janice Ruddock know if you feel called to serve.

Presbyterian Men

LMPC Men are on our annual summer break from meetings. We are planning a mission project of collecting “slip-proof” socks. The socks will be donated to a local nursing home and Clinton Presbyterian Community. Everyone is welcome to donate socks. Several of our men continue to regularly meet with Abbeville Christian Men at Upper Long Cane PC and helping build ramps and make home repairs.

Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds committee is working on several updates:

- Shelves installed in the upper classroom closets.
- The well pump was rewired to a breaker box and brought up to code.
- New yard lights were installed for the LMPC sign.
- Having the fuse box in the Old Fellowship Hall converted to a breaker box.
- The ice machine’s water line was replaced.
- We are planning to pressure wash the front of the New Fellowship Hall and the concrete in front of the church.

UCMAC Food Pantry Donations

UCMAC has three community food pantries serving those meeting the eligibility guidelines in Abbeville County: Abbeville, Calhoun Falls and Lowndesville. Each month during the second quarter of 2024, LMPC delivered to UCMAC about \$200.00 worth of fruit, approximately 180 cans. This is funded by donations from the three Women’s Circles and the LMPC Men.

Prayer Concerns

LMPC Members:

Brenda and Justin Barnes,
Claire Whaley, Mary Saylor,
Jimmy and Edna Ellis, Charles
and Carole Dawson, Bob
Martin, Jeanette Ware, Betty
McClain, Janet Gambrell, Jimmy
Boyd

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

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)