

LIME LIGHT

WHAT'S CENTER STAGE AT LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • GAFFNEY, SC
DECEMBER 8, 2022



Listening for Sirens

Do you say a prayer when you hear the siren of a fire truck or ambulance or law enforcement vehicle? It's not a bad idea, and now you may be praying for one of LPC's own.

On November 11, James Hart graduated from the Spartanburg County Rookie Firefighter School. He is working out of the Gaffney Fire Department station right down the street from the church. On Sunday mornings you may not see James as he is usually up in the balcony, facilitating our Facebook livestreaming.

So the next time you hear a siren, offer up a prayer for safety for our first responders and a prayer of thanks for their service. You might be praying for James.

Congratulations, James! And thank you!



Podcasts: Are You a Fan?

The PCUSA's Office of Mid-Council Ministries offers two podcasts to the church: **Nourish**: Short episodes for ruling elders and deacons. **Encounter**: Longer episodes for church and mid council leaders. Be inspired, hear the stories of others, and practice the tools of faith and leadership through conversations that nourish, enrich, and aid in the formation of leaders in the church. Mid Council leaders will integrate foundational values with the practice of faith and ministry. Congregational leaders, particularly ruling elders and deacons, will experience practices to connect faith to everyday life. Podcasts are available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Amazon Music. For links: <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/mid-council-ministries/podcast-along-the-road/>

A Season of Giving

2022 saw the addition of two staff members at LPC, which increased the number of activities and opportunities for the congregation, including things like our children's trip to Strawberry Hill, the Blessing of the Backpacks, the Advent Wreath-making event and their Sunday morning activities. New staff members increased the personnel portion of our budget. We also continued to engage in the missions and ministries we as a congregation pledged to support. As we come to the end of the year, please remember Limestone in your giving and consider how you might help us end 2022 and begin 2023 in a strong financial position. We know God has promised us a future and a hope, and we are eager to go where God calls us, together.

Please remember in prayer:

Mark Porter; Miriam Burgess; Pam Niesslein; Peggy Wyatt; Steve Beheler; Justina Eddy; Jo Jo Ritchie; Trish Tong; Students from Limestone; lymphoma diagnosis; Confirmation Class: Layla Lemmonds, Taylor Miller & Leah Miller; Confirmation Sponsors: Michelle Jolly, Hazel Hubbard, & Becky Wheeler.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, December 11

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
2:00 PM Open House – Lynn's home
5:00 PM Session Meeting – Conference Room

Monday, December 12

Angel Tree Gifts Due
5:30 PM Girl Scouts
6:30 PM Art and the Nativity – FLC

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

A study by Emory University showed that the more stories a young person knew about their family, the more resilient they were in the face of hardship and trauma. Are you telling stories to the children in your lives? Are we telling the story of Limestone Presbyterian to the children of Limestone Presbyterian?

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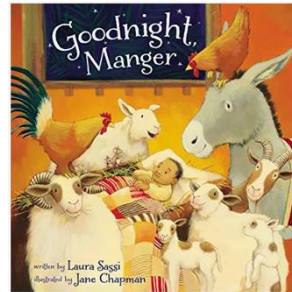
On The Bookshelf

Are you looking for a children's book that tells the story of Christ's Nativity? Consider one of these...

Song of the Stars: A Christmas Story by Sally Lloyd-Jones. Paintings by Alison Jay. All of nature - flowers, whales, sandpipers, lions - joins in the chorus "It's time! It's time!" on the night of Christ's birth.

This Is the Stable by Cynthia Cotten. Illustrated by Delana Bettoli. In simple rhyme, the story of the Nativity - shepherds and magi - focuses on what happened in and who came to the stable. "This is the stable, dusty and brown, in a quiet corner of Bethlehem town..."

In a more humorous (yet very believable) turn, it is Jesus' bedtime in **Goodnight, Manger** by Laura Sassi, illustrated by Jane Chapman. Yes, Mary is ready to settle Jesus down for the night, but it's just too noisy. Animals make noise, the hay is itchy, and people keep showing up! Will the baby ever get to sleep?



The Story of Our Stewardship

Foothills Presbytery publishes *Covenant Connections*, a bi-weekly blog sharing stories from congregations about our connected relationships centered in Jesus Christ. This week's post comes from our own LPC, highlighting our recent \$20 Stewardship Experiment. You can read our story (and see photos from the October Mission and Ministry Fair) here: <https://foothillspresbytery.org/news-calendar-events/covenant-connections/> You can also subscribe to the blog.

