



LIME LIGHT

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

JANUARY 19, 2023



What is it? Where is it?

The motif above is on or in our church building somewhere. Do you know where? Does its location help us understand its meaning? What elements do you see?

Room by Room

We have received multiple applications for our Custodian position, and we're considering the applications and scheduling interviews. While we are in this in-between time, each of us has the responsibility of keeping the church building clean. Many thanks to those of you who have helped by



vacuuming, mopping, tidying, emptying trash cans, etc. To better coordinate our efforts, there is a list of cleaning tasks on a clipboard in the FLC janitor's closet (on the left as you exit the FLC to the breezeway). You can see which rooms and tasks have been done most recently and which need to be done. Please add information about the work you do. We all enjoy our beautiful facilities. Let's show our love by caring for the buildings - room by room.

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Thanks to You...

Christmas was made a little brighter for 30 angels in our area, thanks to your Angel Tree donations. Let's remember to pray for all those angels, even though the Christmas decorations have been put away 'til next year.

Did You Know?



We have switched some of our Wednesday night serveware to items that are recyclable. The clear plastic cups are recyclable. Rather than throwing everything in the trash after supper, please throw the recyclables in the **RED**

bin. All other trash goes in the black bin. Help us save resources and be better stewards of creation.

Please remember in prayer:

Friends and Family of Peggy Jolley; Friends and Family of Fulton Ross; Anna Cox; JT & Teresa Spires; Ashton & Jenni Lail; Rachel Hopper; Steve Beheler; Confirmation Class: Layla Lemmonds, Taylor Miller & Leah Miller; Confirmation Sponsors: Michelle Jolly, Hazel Hubbard, & Becky Wheeler.

Sunday, January 22

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor
 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
 11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

Monday, January 23

5:30 PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, January 25

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC



APCE 2023 Annual Event

Next week I will be out of the office. She will be attending the APCE 2023 Annual Event in Birmingham, AL, as both a workshop leader and as a representative of the Design Team for the new Center for Excellence in Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte.

APCE (Association of Partners in Christian Education) is an association made up of people who serve or have served in educational ministries, as ministers, professional or volunteer educators, or students, in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Moravian Church in America, and the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Hundreds of Christian Educators from across North America will gather for the event.

APCE 2023 was on my calendar before I ever talked with the Limestone PNC back in March 2022. My workshop, “Stitched: Handsewing as Meditation and Metaphor,” is a hands-on workshop exploring activities like embroidery, smocking, and cross-stitch as both an artistic expression and a metaphor for healing and reconciliation. My house currently holds an unnatural amount of fabric, thread, needles, and embroidery hoops.

And where better than APCE to announce the new Center for Excellence in Christian Education than at a gathering of church educational professionals? I’m serving on the design team as the Center get established, and I’ll be working closely with the Center’s Faith, Arts, and Creativity Initiative. It’s a good relationship

for Limestone and for Foothills Presbytery. I’m excited to be in on the big announcement.

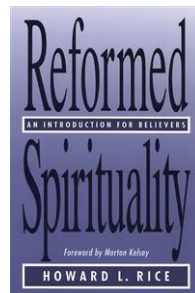
The theme of this year’s annual event is taken from Matthew 11:28-30 (as translated in *The Message*): Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” *It’s a good reminder to all of us that Jesus does call us to rest.*

I’m looking forward to this event as I’ll get to see friends that I usually only see at APCE. One thing I’m particularly pleased about is that this year my name tag will say “Pastor, Limestone Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC.” I will leave on Monday and be back on Saturday. -- Lynn

Check It Out

From the church library

There is much talk of “spirituality,” but sometimes the concept is as disconnected from the real world as the word “spirit” makes it sound. Howard Rice sought to answer the question of how we understand “spirituality” in our Reformed tradition.



Every theological tradition understands God in a particular way. From that understanding grow things like church polity and organization, understandings of sacraments and ordination and church membership. Rice’s first chapter looks at the experience of God in the Reformed tradition. He then puts our tradition and spirituality in conversation, considering both problems and possibilities. He follows with chapters on prayer, uses of the Bible, and spiritual guidance in our theological tradition, concluding with surveys of discipleship and the Christian life.

Rice concludes the book with a prayer by John Calvin in which the reformer prays, “[G]rant that we may strive to profit more by the various helps which thou hast provided for us, so that the law, the prophets, the voice of John the Baptist, and especially the doctrine of thine only-begotten Son, may more fully awaken us...” This book is another of those “various helps” God has provided. **Reformed Spirituality** by Howard Rice is shelved at 248/Ric