



June 8, 2023



Investing in Limestone Presbyterian

If you ask LPC members to describe our congregation, you might frequently hear the word “family”. Most congregations think of themselves as a family. We are a multigenerational church family. We are young children and aging adults. We have representatives of every generation from the Greatest Generation to Generation Alpha. Generations meet together for midweek programs. We had a Confirmation Class join the church in March. What we have not yet done is delve into the ways generations can mutually influence and learn from each other. We’ve not incorporated our younger members into leadership structures and opportunities that ask for their voices. We’ve not spent time discovering the ways of being human that unite us across generations. We want to do those things.

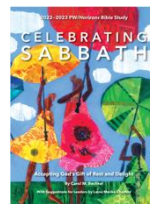
To address those issues and questions, several months ago (with the approval of the Session) we applied for a ReKindle grant to help us become *intentionally intergenerational*. We received notice this week that our application was successful! We will receive \$10,000 to help us develop programs and resources to learn about and across the generations represented in our church family.

A small steering committee will be the hub of the project. They will choose and schedule a

variety of speakers, programs, and resources. You will be receiving (lots!) more information in the coming days, but in general, we’ll begin with a kickoff looking at faith and human development. Over the year we will develop two strands of the project. One strand focuses on learning about the particulars of ages and stages across human life - children, youth, young adults, middle adults, and aging adults. The second strand will look at ideas, principles, activities, emotions, and processes that are common to all of us as humans--they exist across generational lines. This strand will explore topics like grief, parenting (parenting your children and parenting your parents), creativity, nourishment, movement/exercise, and more. Part of the grant money will be used to re-establish the congregational retreat that was so much a part of Limestone’s life (and still lives in so many memories!).

Our grant application was one in a number of nationwide submissions. The fact that the granting committee read a little bit about us and our hopes and dreams and chose to invest in us is a remarkable statement about Limestone Presbyterian Church. Our proposal said, “We believe that the intention to become *intergenerational* will help us deepen relationships within our congregation as it exists today and prepare LPC to be a place where people in all ages and stages of life will be seen, welcomed, and known.” The granting committee has shown in a very concrete way that they believe that, too.

Exciting times are ahead for us!



Circle 1 Meeting

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday morning, June 13th at **10:45 AM** in the church parlor. The Bible study will be the concluding lesson in *Celebrating Sabbath: "Sabbath and Community."*

Members will enjoy lunch together in the Family Life Center after the Bible study. All are welcome. To join the study and fellowship on the 13th, contact Hazel Hubbard by Monday, May 12.

Have you signed up to help serve at the Soup Kitchen on **June 24**?

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Visit Abram's Hometown

That's Abram in the Bible, not either of LPC's TWO Abrams! The lectionary's summer readings from Hebrew scripture are big narrative chunks of text. Year A (this summer) begins in Genesis with the patriarchs and moves through Moses and the Exodus. This Sunday we will consider God's call to Abram (as he was known then). Just prior to our reading this week, we learn about Abram's family and history. His father, Terah, left their hometown, Ur, and moved to Haran (Genesis 11:27-32).

Ur, one of the most important cities of Mesopotamia, was located on the banks of the Euphrates River, in present-day Iraq. As the Euphrates changed course, the city was left with an unstable water supply. Eventually the city was abandoned and reclaimed by the desert.

Between 1922 and 1934 the site was excavated, sponsored by the British Museum and the Penn Museum, yielding thousands of documents, objects, and photographs split among the two sponsoring museums and the Department of Antiquities in the then-new nation of Iraq. After the looting of the Iraq National Museum in 2003, the other two museums began to document their holdings, checked against the total list of finds, in order to help the Baghdad museum determine what had been looted from their collection.

This project became **UrOnline**, a virtual exhibit of the finds from the Ur archaeological digs. You can search the collection by object type, by year of discovery, by the material of which it is made. Learn more about life in ancient Ur at <http://www.ur-online.org/>

What's new on the church website?

10 Questions About

If you look under the "Growing" tab on the home page of limestone-presbyterian.com, you'll see a new section called Lifelong Learning. On this tab we'll be putting resources that will help you grow your faith through Bible study, prayer, theological study, and more.

One of those resources is "10 Questions About." Each week, a document will be posted with 10 questions about one of the Sunday readings. The questions might ask for factual information from the text or ask you to ponder. Use the questions to prepare for Sunday worship or you use it as a review, going back to the questions after worship to see what you remember. All "10 Questions" will be archived on the website so you can refer to them any time.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, June 11

9:45 AM Sunday School – 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, June 12

1:00 PM Picturing God - FLC

Tuesday, June 13

10:30 AM Circle 1

Summer Reading – K. Paterson

Wednesday, June 14

1:00 PM – Ready! Set! Go! – Peach Center

6:30 PM – Ice Cream Social – Cowpens Coffee & Creamery

Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day

9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor

9:45 AM Children's Sunday School

10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room

11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

Please remember in prayer:

Margaret Moeller; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Peggy Wyatt; Buck Jolley; Emma June; DeAnna Tock, Justina Eddy; the family of Sandra Woodlief; Alex Copeland.



Save the
Date!

VBS

July 16-20

6-8 p.m.