



December 14, 2023



What was the Best of 2023 for LPC?

It's the time of year when everyone is doing it - publishing a "Best of 2023" list. Best Books of 2023. Best Tech Devices. Best Concerts. Why not us? What do you think were the "best of" things in the life of our congregation in 2023? Best meal? Best outreach? Best intergenerational program? Best time you had with your church family? Best church history note in the bulletin? Best anthem? Best physical plant improvement project - for safety's sake, we'd all probably agree that asbestos abatement was a good thing.

Do you even remember everything we've done? You can review the year on social media (we're on Facebook and Instagram). All the LIMELIGHTs and worship bulletins for the year are published on the website (<https://limestone-presbyterian.com/>). Bulletins are under the Gathering tab. LIMELIGHTs are under the News and Events tab. Take a look back - we've been busy in 2023!

Make your choices and turn in your "Best of" by Sunday, Dec. 24. You can write your answers on a hard copy form (available wherever you pick up a bulletin...put it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office) or use this link to a Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdW0wcljjhMYx_ftI0zfELd55prRjJhJzlXWsebOHB4u1CG5w/viewform?usp=sf_link

We aren't looking for a single top answer in any category - and feel free to make up your own category. We're just curious about what programs, gatherings, studies, service, and opportunities you found especially meaningful in the past year.

We'll compile the answers and report them in the 12/28 LIMELIGHT - the last one of 2023!

Christmas in Art: Bird is the Word



We think about donkeys and oxen and sheep at the manger. Come see the birds that have flown in to witness the Birth of Christ (at least according to painters).

Wednesday, December 20
Program at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center (no supper)



December Giving Opportunity:

Christmas Joy Offering

Here's where your gifts to the 2022 Christmas Joy Offering went...

\$1.1 million in gifts from 2022

272 individuals helped

assisted retired church workers and surviving spouses

are being used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their times of need

223 recipients

Could afford to stay in their homes, assisted living, or long-term care

621 Emergency Assistant Grants

helped people facing economic hardship

You can put your Christmas Joy Offering in the offering plate (designated for Christmas Joy Offering) or in the Monthly Giving Opportunity box in the Chapel.



Looking Ahead to 2024

As we move into the new year we will be making some changes, some additions, and some

modifications in how we communicate as a congregation. There are enough “moving parts” in our life together that we need to think about how to keep the whole congregation informed. This means centralizing some things and making others more widespread. We’re looking at text sign-up for notifications and options for responding online to things like Wednesday night suppers. We’ll have a year-at-a-glance wall calendar in the office so that everyone can see what is scheduled for a given date. (If it isn’t on that calendar, then it isn’t really scheduled!) There will be some growing pains as we find the system that works best for us, so we ask for your patience all the time and for your feedback when requested.

Calendar

Sunday, December 17

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
 10:30 AM Worship - Chapel & via Facebook Live
 4:00 PM Yoga - FLC

Tuesday, December 19

Cherokee Co. Special Election held in FLC

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 PM Wed. night program – NO SUPPER

Thursday, December 21

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 23

10:30 AM Serving at the Soup Kitchen – Bernie St.

Sunday, December 24

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
 10:30 AM Worship - Chapel & via Facebook Live
 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming

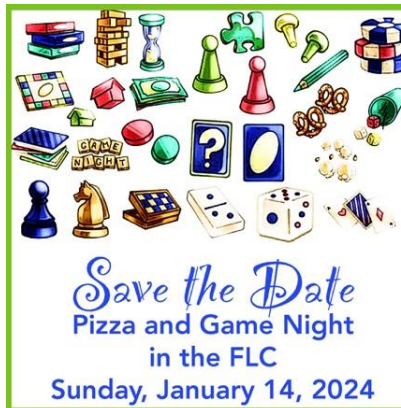
Dec 21 - 26 – Church Office Closed for the Christmas Holiday



Our Youth will Get Ready! Get Set! And GO! On a service project on **Tuesday, January 2**. They'll welcome adult involvement, too! Watch for information.

We Are Praying For...

Abigail Pressley; Audrey Pressley; Family of Bryson Burgess; Helen Lowrey; Roberta Byars; Christopher Scott Henry; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.



**2024 LPC
 Congregational
 Retreat
 May 3-5, 2024**



AMONG THEM WAS
DANIEL

SPRING 2024 BIBLE STUDY ■ TUESDAY NIGHTS
 WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

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