

LIME LIGHT

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

December 7, 2023



Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order because our own Vincent Anokye has completed the requirements for a Master of Public Health degree with a Concentration in Epidemiology from MUSC. The formal graduation is May 2024, but his certification is complete as of December 18. He has a job, beginning December 12, as a Prevention Specialist at Dorchester Alcohol and Drug Commission in Summerville. He and Afia and baby Hazel will continue to live in Ladson as Afia continues working as a registered nurse at the MUSC hospital and at the Presbyterian Home in Summerville.

Congratulations, Vincent! And thank you, Afia - we know this degree has been a family effort. We are proud of you and love you, and we are happy to join in the celebration!

December Giving Opportunity: Christmas Joy Offering

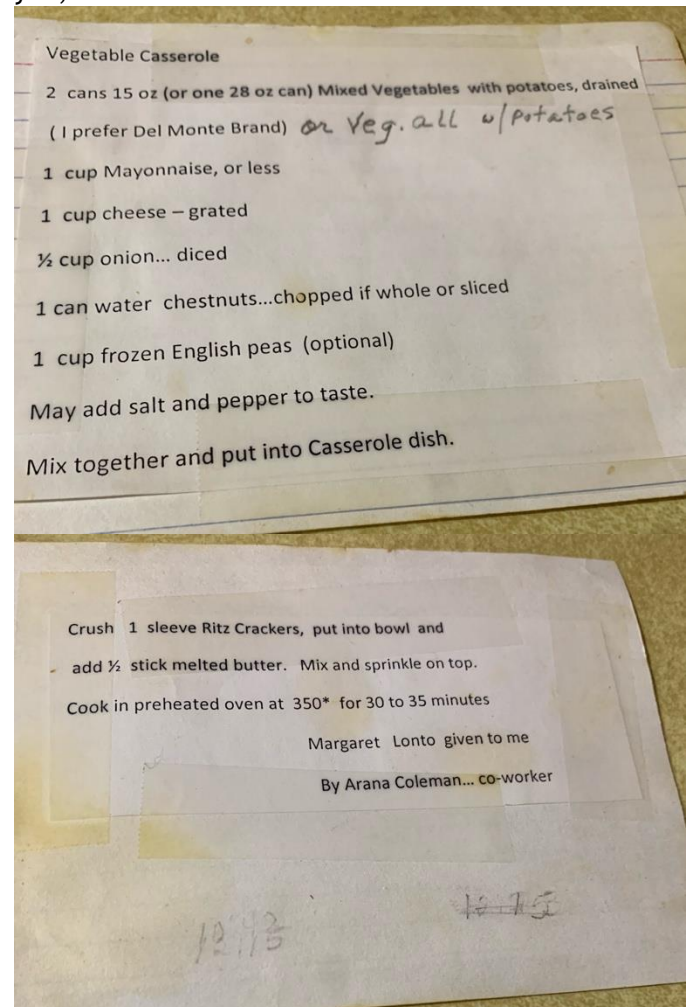
The Christmas Joy Offering, one of the 5 special offerings of the PCUSA, is received every December. The offering is tied to the Assistance Program of the PCUSA Board of Pensions, which provides assistance to church professionals. Assistance can be anything from funds after a house fire to purchasing a wheelchair that insurance won't cover. You can put your Christmas Joy Offering in the plate during worship or in the Monthly Giving

Opportunity box in our worship space. If you write a check, please note it for Christmas Joy Offering. For additional information, see the Between 2 Pulpits podcast at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/guests-tell-between-2-pulpits-how-the-pcusas-christmas-joy-offering-helps-institutions-and-individuals-to-thrive/>

Who Made That?

At our table at the Women's Christmas Dinner, there was much conversation about the vegetable casserole. Who made it? What was the mystery flavor? Michelle Jolly determinedly tracked down the cook who brought it - our very own Rita Harmon! The recipe came to her from her aunt, and she has shared it with us. So we are sharing it here. Rita said she uses Duke's mayonnaise (that discussion happened, too) and doesn't include the peas. Thank you, Rita!



Is it Time for a New Cookbook? The conversation about Rita's casserole and an upcoming Wednesday supper using a recipe from the most recent LPC cookbook has led to the question...is anyone interested in being part of a group that would put together a new LPC cookbook? There is no push, we're just taking the congregation's temperature on the subject.

Cloth for the Cradle

During this Advent season, we are singing about cloth woven into a blanket to warm the baby Jesus and about how we, too, can bring warmth and welcome to our neighbors. We are making scarves to hand out when we serve lunch at the Soup Kitchen on December 23. Below are three children's books that tell stories about the warmth of woven fabric and knitted yarn. They are perfect for reading at this time of year.




The Mitten Tree by Candace Christiansen tells the story of Sarah, who notices a boy with no mittens. She knits him a pair of blue mittens and begins a game of surprises for a number of children...and for Sarah herself!



A Hat for Mrs. Goldman by Michelle Edwards begins with Mrs. Goldman teaching Sophia how to knit but ends with Sophia surprising Mrs. Goldman.



The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco is the true story of a quilt that tells the author's own family story across multiple generations.




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.



Save the Date
Pizza and Game Night
in the FLC
Sunday, January 14, 2024

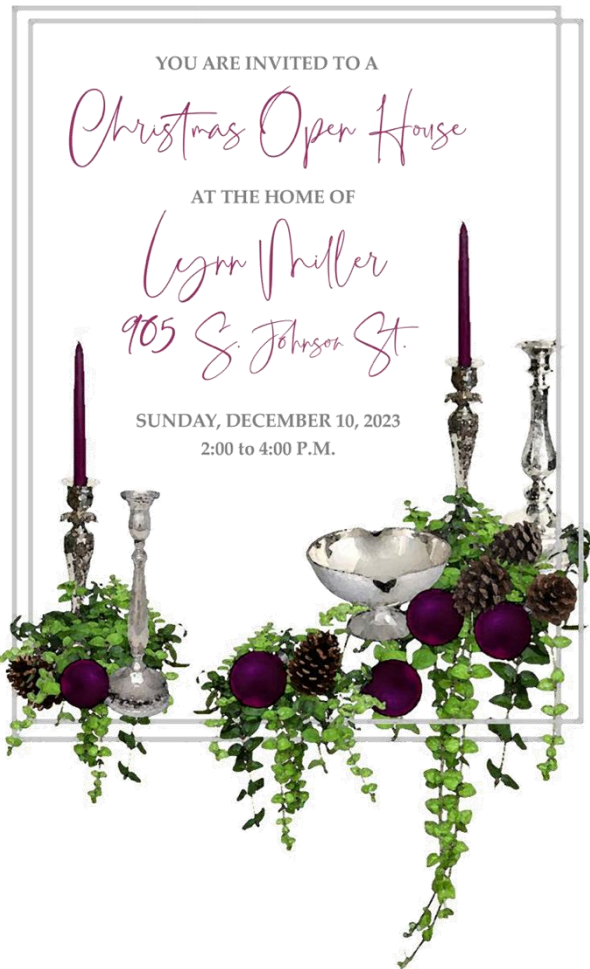
IT'S BAAAAACK!



The LPC Congregational Retreat. that is. Mark your calendar and save the date:
MAY 3-5, 2024

Yes, the illustration has something to do with the retreat theme...

We are currently looking at having the 2024 LPC Congregational Retreat at William Black Lodge in Montreat. We hope you will mark your calendar and help us revive this event! More information will follow.



We Are Praying For...

Please remember in prayer:

Helen Lowrey; Roberta Byars; Christopher Scott Henry; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

Calendar

Sunday, December 10

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:30 AM Chancel Choir Practice – FLC
10:00 AM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal – FLC
10:30 AM Worship – FLC & via Facebook Live
11:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting
2:00-4:00 PM Open House @ Lynn's

Tuesday, December 12

5:00 PM Foster Care Group Dinner

Wednesday, December 13

6:00 PM Wed. night supper

Sunday, December 17

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

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