



LIME LIGHT
WHAT'S CENTER STAGE AT LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • GAFFNEY, SC
April 11, 2024



Company is Coming Cleaning Day

We will have around 100 friends from across the Presbytery joining us on Saturday, May 18th for the Stated Presbytery Meeting. It's time for us to start cleaning in preparation for our "company." We have scheduled Saturday, April 27th beginning at 9:00 am as a Church Work Day. We will wash the inside of windows, clean the kitchen, polish furniture, and pressure wash sidewalks. Please come help us get our church ready for company!

If you have any questions, please contact Renee Wiseman.

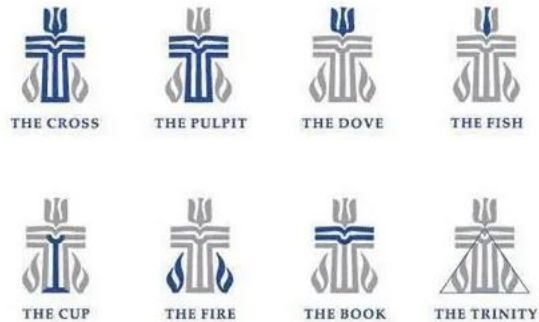
We started our PCUSA 101 journey last night with Debbie Foster, Foothills Presbytery Leader talking with us about church organization - the how and some why. For the next four weeks we will be exploring various aspects of being Presbyterian and being in the PCUSA. Here are highlights of the next two sessions:

On April 17, Buz Wilcoxon, Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College, will talk about "The Life of the Mind as Service to God: Presbyterians and Education." Did you know there are 54 member institutions in the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities? Buz is a PC grad (he was valedictorian!) who served congregations in Greenville, SC, and Mobile, AL, before returning to PC.

On April 24, Sy Hughes, PCUSA ministry engagement specialist for the Southeast region (which includes the synods of the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic), will present **A Connectional Church: It's amazing what happens when we join together.** Sy, a native of Greer, SC, now working out of Columbia, will share with us the things that we do as a denomination that connect us to the world and to each other.

What's in the PC(USA) Seal?

On Wednesday, April 10, the table doodle at Wednesday Night Supper invited you to find all the symbols worked into the seal of the PC(USA). Did you find all of them?



Sometimes Congregational Care is in an Aluminum Pan

Don't forget that there are now two meals in the freezer because every now and then we all need a little help with dinner. One is a cheese manicotti and the other a spinach and tomato quiche. Each will feed a family of four. If you need one of these meals or know someone who does, please just come by the church and take it. You do not need to ask permission or let anyone know that you have taken it. Congregational Care will monitor the freezer so that when these are gone, others will take their place. Let us take care of you or someone you know.



Wednesday Nights in April-May: PCUSA 101

Why are we called *Presbyterians*? What does it mean to say we are *elected*? Why do we have communion after the sermon? Why do we

celebrate infant baptism? What does *ordination* do to/for a person? Why do we say we are a *connectional* church? Why do we work through committees?

Exhibit 29: Generations at a glance
Gen Z will be a key driver of AR/VR technological adoption

Generation	Greatest / Silent	Baby Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z
Years Born	1923 - 1945	1946-1964	1965-1980	1981-1997	1998-2016
Age in 2016	71-93Y	52-70Y	36-51Y	19-35Y	0-18Y
Population (Global)	0.3bn	1.1bn	1.5bn	2bn	2.4bn
% of Global Population	5%	15%	20%	27%	32%
Life-Defining Events	World War I and II Great Depression Electric Appliances	Cold War Moon Landing Transistor Invented	End of Cold War Live Aid First Personal Computer	9/11 Terrorist Attacks Iraq War Advent of Social Media	Post-Great Recession Arab Spring Rise of AI
Communication Style	Letter	Telephone	Email / SMS	Instant Message	Snaps
Key Technology	Car	TV	PC	Smartphone	AR/VR
Hobby	Fishing	Watching TV	Surfing the Internet	Video Games	Music Streaming
Digital Proficiency	Pre-Digital	Digital Immigrants	Early Digital Adopters	Digital Natives	Digital Inmates
Iconic Figure	Franklin D. Roosevelt	John F. Kennedy	Kurt Cobain	Mark Zuckerberg	Mihali
Music	Jazz	Elvis	Nirvana	Britney Spears	Justin Bieber
How They Get Around	'55 Ford Thunderbird	SUV	Bicycle / Car	Uber / Lyft	Mom's Plus
Current Living Situation	Retirement Home	Semi-Detached House	Own Small Apartment	Sharing an Apartment	Parents' House
Social network other than Facebook	The Rotary Club	Match.com	LinkedIn	Tinder	Snapchat
Deepest Fear	The world in 2016	No longer center of attention	What about my generation	Paying off student debt	Low batteries
Key Life Question	How did the country go so wrong?	Where's the Viagra?	What's the point?	What's a career?	What's a landfill?
Defining Condition	Permanently Aggrieved	Erectile Dysfunction	ADHD	Gluten-Intolerant	Peanut Allergy
What They Spend On	Oklahoma Community Busian Reaction	VP tickets to The Rolling Stones	Burning Man	Coachella	Minecraft

Source: iKonic, McKinley, Pew Research, Bruce Feirstein - Vanity Fair, various sources, BoFA Merrill Lynch Global Research

“We really need to listen to Gen Z”

In a recent installment of “A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast” hosts Rev. Lee Catoe and Simon Doong did just that. Their guest, Dr. Sarah Leer, a practical theologian and youth worker, was advocating for greater inclusion of youth in the life of the church.

The podcast opened with the voices of youth youth who had attended a conference at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA. Catoe asked youth about what they want to see happening in the church today. Among their answers, which can be heard [here](#), were:

- “There’s a lot in the world that needs to be changed. I think we need to start small and just keep going.”
- “I want to see people going out and talking face-to-face and not have everything be social media related. I think the church should be going out and connecting with other people.”
- “I want the world to be a peaceful, loving place, and for everyone to have what they need. I want churches to be loving and accepting.”
- “I’d like to see more positivity and see the church as a whole take a bigger part in everyone’s life.”
- “I’d like to see the church be more involved in the local community and see if they can hold town halls to discuss the issues. The church can take those recommendations to community leaders.”
- “I would like the church to learn to be better allies to the people of color in our community.”
- “I want the church to talk more about reality.”
- “I’d like to see the church become a place where people can not only go to learn about Scripture, but also go to learn about topics that need to be spoken more of.”

- “It would be nice to see diversity throughout the church.”
- “I just wish the church would practice radical inclusivity like they say they do.”
- “I would like my church to do more community service by cleaning up pollution.”
- “I think the church would be better if we focused more on correcting sin than condemning sin and welcoming those who are different or living a different life than we know. Jesus came to heal the sick.”

Do you remember who Gen Z is? They are the people born between 1996 and 2010. How do you hear what they said they want to see happening in the church today?

We Are Praying For...

Lynn Miller & the Family of Carolyn Waltman; Lib Allen; Mary Fleming; Sara Setzer; Butch & Barbara Jarman; Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

Calendar

Sunday, April 14

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
11:45 AM Finance Committee Meeting
4:00 PM Yoga

Monday, April 15

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 17

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper

Sunday, April 21

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
11:45 AM Session Meeting

Upcoming

April 27 "Company's Coming" Cleaning day - 9am
April 27 Soup Kitchen
April 28 Yoga
May 3-4 Congregational Retreat at Montreat

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Updates from Outreach

The Outreach committee is providing the congregation with 2 opportunities to serve in the month of April. First, on April 9 from 5:30-7 we will be hosting the Cherokee County Foster Parent Association for dinner and babysitting the children while the parents have a program. Then, on April 27 we will be serving at the Salvation Army. If you are able to help at either of these events, please let Mimi McCully know by emailing her at mimimccu@gmail.com, or call/text 704-616-2169.

Our giving project for the month of April is Living Waters for the World. This is an organization which was started by the Synod of Living Waters, where Lynn started her ministry. Living Waters for the World (LWW) **trains volunteers** to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to **implement and operate** sustainable water purification systems and health education programs.

LWW Networks come alongside water teams and partners throughout every phase of a water project. They provide essential support for **sustainable** water systems that produce **clean water for a generation**.

The Outreach Committee needs your help getting out the word about our benevolence grant opportunities. If you know of a charitable organization that could benefit from a small grant, please get an application, and cover letter from the church office. Our next round of applications is due April 15th, but we review the applications quarterly.

Limestone Spring Chorus Concert

You are invited to the spring concert of the Limestone University and Community Chorus Sunday, April 21st at 3:00 p.m. in Fullerton Auditorium. The theme is *Voices Rising* and admission is free. Under the direction of Dr. Gena Poovey, the program is full of songs about music and singing. Some beloved favorites include *It's a Grand night for Singing*, *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*, *I Write the Songs*, and *I Sing Because I'm Happy* (His Eye is on the Sparrow). Accompanying instruments include piano, trumpet, soprano saxophone, violin, and drum set.