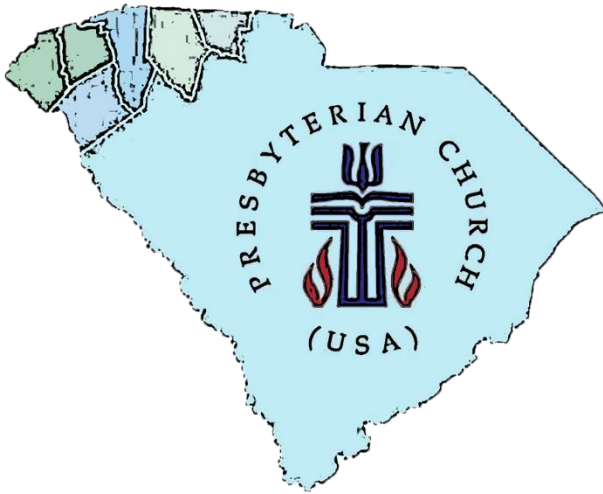




LIME LIGHT
WHAT'S CENTER STAGE AT LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • GAFFNEY, SC
April 25, 2024



23 Days and counting...

It is only 23 days until Ministers and Ruling Elders from the congregations of Foothills Presbytery gather at Limestone for their 126th meeting. The day will begin with registration and fellowship time in the FLC. There will be displays and representatives from church-related organizations, sharing information that is of benefit to congregations. Worship begins at 10:00 in our sanctuary. The theme for this service is mental health, with Psalm 130 and Psalm 131 as our scripture. Everyone is invited to worship. Following a short break after worship, the business portion of the meeting will begin. Lunch concludes the day, again in the FLC. We will need lots of volunteers to make things run smoothly, so we hope everyone has set aside Saturday, May 18, to be here and help us host the presbytery.

One of the interesting aspects of the May meeting is the recognition of the 2023-2024 Presbytery Youth Council and the commissioning of the 2024-2025 PYC. These 25 high school students come from congregations across the presbytery. So in addition to the "regular" 100+ people at a presbytery meeting, we will also have the PYC. While the presbytery business meeting is happening, the PYC will be meeting upstairs in the old Fellowship Hall, settling in as a team and planning their upcoming year, including retreats for high school and middle school students.



Cleaning Day

This Saturday, April 27, we will have a cleaning day at the church to do some last-minute sprucing up. There are windows to be cleaned and rooms to be tidied. Because the PYC will be joining us, we will be working not only in the FLC and sanctuary but also upstairs. There are all kinds of tasks to be done, requiring all kinds of abilities, so bring your hands and help make the work lighter for everyone. We will start at **9:00 a.m. on Saturday**. If you have questions, contact Renee Wiseman

Making Tables Bright

We will be serving the presbytery a low country boil for lunch on May 18. We will have flowers on each of 25 lunch tables, and we thought some seashells would emphasize our welcome-to-summer meal. Do you have seashells and/or small clear glass vases (fishbowl-type vases, mason jars, bud vases, etc.) that we could borrow for the day to use on those tables? If you have those items, please bring them to the church office. If you want them returned, please make sure your name is on them (write your name on a piece of tape and attach to the base of the vase or collect all your seashells in a bag with your name on it and we'll try to keep all your shells on one table so they can be returned easily to you). Any unmarked vases will be donated to a thrift store after presbytery. Thank you for helping us make the best use of our resources!



Congregational Retreat...It's Here!

We've been planning for months...and now it's here! The 2024 LPC Congregational Retreat will open with registration at 3 p.m. next Friday, May 3. Our keynote presenter is The Rev. Pressley Cox, and the Rev. Dwight Christenbury will be leading several sessions as well.

NOTE: Worship on May 5 will be livestreamed from the retreat. If you are in Gaffney, come to the FLC at 10:30 a.m. for morning worship with your church family. The service will be livestreamed onto the big screen in the FLC.

Retreat attendees: Watch for an informational email this week.

We are Invited...



Hymn Sing

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

Covenant Presbyterian Church

880 W.O. Ezell Boulevard/West Main
Spartanburg, SC

Please come and join us in song as we praise
God!

Additionally, we'll have talented individuals
who will be contributing their musical and
singing talents for
your enjoyment.

Refreshments will be served



Wednesday Nights in April-May: PCUSA 101

Our five-week look at the
PC(USA) continues this
Wednesday, May 1, with a look
at Reformed theology - not

just what we believe, but how it shapes everything
from church organization to mission work to our
daily lives. Dr. Rebecca Davis, Sarah Belk Gambrell
Professor of Christian Education at Union
Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, will lead our
reflections.

Session Meeting Highlights

At its monthly meeting on April 21, the LPC Session:

- Approved changes to the LPC Wedding policy
- Took a brief look at the Theological Declaration of Barmen
- Approved benevolence requests from Imagination Library and Salvation Army Food Pantry
- Heard a report on the installation of the new water monitoring system
- Was apprised of an upcoming financial campaign to begin saving for a new AC system

Full minutes of all congregational committees and
Session are available for review in the church office.



Grab & Go Meals

Don't forget that there
are two meals in the
freezer that are
available when you
need a quick meal.

1001 New Worshipping Communities

On Wednesday, April 24, Sy Hughes, our "Church Dude," who talked with us about our connectional church, introduced several videos centering on the PC(USA) initiative "1001 New Worshipping Communities." For over a decade now, the 1001 New Worshipping Communities movement has been focused on igniting and supporting flourishing new faith communities in every context.

One of the videos was about "Serious JuJu" a 13-year old ministry in Kalispell, Montana, that reaches out to young skateboarders. You can read about their work in the middle of COVID [here](#). And about the moment that JuJu was able to call the Rev. Miriam Mauritzen as a full time pastor [here](#).

The New Worshipping Community initiative has supported hundreds of faith communities across the country.

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites - Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice - Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
4:00 PM Yoga - Family Life Center

Monday, April 29

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 1

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - Family Life Center

Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5

Congregational Retreat - Montreat

Sunday, May 5

10:30 AM Worship via live stream - Family Life Center

We Are Praying For...

Liz C.; J.T. Spires; 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.

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