



Liberty Hill CONNECTION November 2025 ~Volume 36 Issue 11



My dear brothers and sisters,

Will Willimon, the United Methodist Bishop and was the Dean of the Chapel at Duke University, tells of a banquet that was being given in honor of a great man. The whole town was gathered to pay homage to one of its leading citizens. One by one, speakers extolled the virtues of this prominent philanthropist--his aid for the local children's home, his gift which enabled the city to build a new museum, the money he had generously offered to start worthy projects in town.

Finally, it came time for the man himself to speak. His response was characteristically humble. "I want you to know," he said, "that what I have done is only what I should have done, given my circumstances in life. I had no hand in my birth. God placed me in a family with great wealth and influence. This was a gift, not my doing. I could have done none of this without God's gift. All I did was to try, in my own small way, to be faithful to the gifts."

Truth be known, most everyone of us could say much the same. We have been incredibly blessed and have been given so much more than most in this world. At this time of year, a Thanksgiving story: a 4-year-old boy was asked to return thanks before the big dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited--and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"

We, of all people on earth, have much to be thankful for. We have one thing that gets us through, no matter what befalls - our faith in a living, loving Lord who works all things for good for God's people (see Romans 8:28). Thanks be to God! Come nurture that faith this week. See you at worship Sunday.

Your pastor and friend,
David

Congregational Meeting



A Congregational Meeting followed the October 19 Sunday service for the purpose of electing an Elder for the class of 2028. Clerk to Session, Doug Macdonald confirmed that a quorum was present. Elder Robin Shealy, whose term was to expire this year agreed to serve an additional 2 years if elected. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations to Robin as she continues her service to this church and its congregation.

Next, the 2026 budget report was distributed to those present. Treasurer Julianne North provided additional information and offered to answer questions. A call for the vote to accept the budget as given yielded a 2026 approved budget.

Following the meeting everyone adjourned to the Miss Bettie Richards Fellowship Hall to enjoy a potluck meal. As is always the case with our church meals, the food was delicious and plentiful while the fellowship was fabulous.



Charities Receive Checks from Lakeside Summer Services

LHPC supports 6 area charities from donations received at the summer lakeside service. The monies received for those six agencies, \$3987.00, were shared equally among them (\$664.50). In addition, some donations were **designated for a specific agency** and were given that amount **in addition** to the basic amount. These six charities each received a check for their amount as shown below:

<u>Charity</u>	<u>Basic Amount</u>	<u>+ Additional Designated</u>	<u>= Total</u>
*Hope of Lancaster	\$664.50	\$ 280.00	\$ 944.50
*KARE, Kershaw	\$664.50	\$ 185.00	\$ 849.50
*Food for the Soul, Camden	\$664.50	\$ 185.00	\$ 849.50
*Christian Community Ministries Camden	\$664.50	\$1,660.00	\$2,324.50
*Community Medical Clinic Camden	\$664.50	\$ 160.00	\$ 824.50
*Helping Hearts Senior Services Liberty Hill/Surrounding Communities	\$664.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 744.50
	\$3,987.00	\$2,550.00	\$6,537.00

Many thanks to so many generous souls for these contributions...the life line for all these charities.

LHCIA NEWS

Thanksgiving Eve Annual Service

For nearly 40 years the LHCIA has hosted the annual Thanksgiving Eve service at the Community Building. It is the "kickoff" to the holiday season for so many of our residents. This year's service will be on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00PM. The speaker has not been selected at this writing but we know from past years, the message is always exciting. If you are so inclined, we would happily accept cookies or brownies to be available for our guests. Please let Sylvia Hudson know if you are willing to bring a finger food, 803-804-9949.

Book Club - FREE

LHCIA has announced it's first Book Club selection and group discussion on October 21 was a success. **The club will meet again on November 18 at 6:00PM** at the Community Building to discuss this month's book The Devil at His Elbow (author, Valerie Bauerlein). The author was a journalist who attended the entire trial and was with the jurors when they toured the murder site. Remember, if you start a book that you don't like, stop reading it but come to the discussion meeting to find out about it. And who knows... the discussion might lead you to want to finish the book.

For more info email nancykmacdonald@yahoo.com.

Line Dancing - FREE

Line Dancing continues at the Community Center on **Tuesday mornings at 10AM**. Our very own Pat Ribelin leads the way to a fun and healthy hour of dancing.

Yoga

Classes are held at the Community Center on **most Thursdays at 9AM** and lasts about an 1 hour & 15 minutes. For more information contact Margie Pokorney at 704-576-3645.



Ben Cheatham	3
Vicki Hinson	5
Ina Horton	7
Rebecca Fairchild	7
Julianne North	12
Rob Jones	14
Carole Cook	21
Shorty Gibson	28



Set your clocks
BACK
one hour
before
going to
bed
tonight.

Don't Forget!
Sunday, November 2 ends
Daylight Savings Time.
Before you go to bed
Saturday night,
turn your clock BACK
one hour.



SUNDAY, November 2

Living Waters for the World

(A Minute for Mission from Clerk of Session Doug Macdonald)



Unfortunately over 600 million people in the world are not as lucky as we are. They do NOT have access to clean affordable water. Living Waters for the World (LW) is a charitable mission program started by the PC(USA) Synod of Living Waters. One of its major goals is to empower everyday people to change their lives through clean water by training, equipping and supporting volunteers that help international communities to install water purification systems.

To prepare U.S. volunteers for a water project in another country, LW established Clean Water University which provides three courses designed for (1) Water Project Management & Relationship Development, (2) Health and Spiritual Education, and (3) Water Testing, System Installation, Operation and Maintenance.

Providence Presbytery formed a Living Waters Team (LWT) before COVID put everything on hold. However, this November, five members of the Providence Presbytery LWT will partner with an elementary school in rural Guatemala to assist teachers, local Fire Department personnel, and parents to install a water purification system. In 2026 our team plans to install another water system there at a Presbyterian Church in nearby community.

We have raised enough funds to support this trip and project in November; **however, additional financial support for the 2026 trip and project is needed.** More information about this will be made available later. We hope you will choose to help.

A Special Celebration for the Fort Mill American Legion Auxiliary Post #43

On the evening of October 11, 2025, the American Legion Auxiliary celebrated their 100th anniversary. A number of local and state dignitaries spoke at the event recognizing members and praising their accomplishments. A couple of special, familiar guests were in attendance - our very own **Karen Bailey**, her neighbor **Shelly Samsel**, and Karen's daughter **Bailey Kennington**. It just so happens that Bailey is an Auxiliary member who was part of the event planning team!



Karen was a member of the Air National Guard and her dad was in the Navy... a true military/patriotic family! It just so happens that Pastor David lives across the street from the American Legion Post in Fort Mill. He was their guest and able to enjoy this special event with these ladies.

<i>Pastor David</i>	<i>Pastor David</i>
<i>Bailey Kennington</i>	<i>Karen Bailey</i>
	<i>Shelly Samsel</i>





A New Christmas Activity: Memories Tree

For Christmas this year we're having a tree of memories in the Miss Bettie Richards Hall. If you'd like to put on an ornament in honor or in memory of someone please help us decorate our tree. The ornament can be new or used. When you bring it, please include who you're remembering (so we can acknowledge them) and if there's a short story about the ornament, please include that also. For example: your granddaughter loves ballet and you'd like to honor her with an ornament that looks like ballet shoes. I'm planning to include a silver bell in honor of my mom and dad because they gave me silver bells for my tree every year. You could put on an ornament in memory of a beloved pet. There's all sorts of possibilities and stories. More info will follow.

Nancy Macdonald
Project Coordinator

Another Christmas Activity: Bill Harrington Coat Drive

Over Twenty-five years ago former member and Elder, Bill Harrington, proposed that the church collect winter coats for students in need at Baron Dekalb Elementary School. The school has since closed and area children attend North Central Elementary now, but the spirit of giving is still strong at LHPC. In early November we will receive the names and sizes of 30 elementary students who need a winter coat. Sign ups will be available the first weekend in November. Please consider choosing a child and buying a coat. New coats will be due back to the church wrapped or in a gift bag on or before December 7.



Margie Pokorney
Project Coordinator

Poinsettias for Christmas

Each year for Christmas we give members and friends the opportunity to purchase Poinsettias to place in the sanctuary for the month of December.

We plan to do so again this year. Be thinking now about who you might wish to honor or memorialize by purchasing a Poinsettia.

In recent years the church has ordered them at a cost of \$20.00 each.

Be on the lookout for the form you will need to complete, the deadline for payment and for the cost of each Poinsettia.



Francis Bell
By
Mark & Lisa Bridges

Bible Study Class Continues

Nancy Macdonald continues facilitating the Bible Study Class at **6PM on Mondays**. Bring your Bible and join us as we study and fellowship together.

Don't Forget: Being Presbyterian!

Wonder whatever makes Presbyterians Presbyterian? Starting **November 2 at 9:00AM**, Pastor David will teach "Being Presbyterian" in the Miss Bettie Richards Hall. The class is open to anyone wanting to know more about the Presbyterian Church: its history, form of government, and what makes it unique. Coffee and donuts will be provided the first Sunday.



**The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be observed Sunday, November 2, 2025**

Second Request: A Call for Volunteers

Remember those Murphy's Oil commercials with church ladies polishing pews, chatting, and laughing while everything sparkled? We're bringing that vibe back at Liberty Hill!

We're looking for volunteers to help clean the Sanctuary and the Miss Bettie Richards Hall. All it takes is just an hour or two of your time to help keep God's house welcoming and beautiful. Jobs include dusting, vacuuming, and a little light tidying to keep our worship and fellowship spaces fresh.

Grab a rag, roll up your sleeves, and join the fun. Think fellowship, good smells, and a little elbow grease — all while making God's house shine.

Sign up with Julianne North and be part of the sparkle crew!



Prayers For Our People

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

*** Added Since Last Month's Newsletter**



Andrew Adams (Mica Jones)
Marguerite Adams (Sylvia Hudson)
Family of Joan Allen (Richard Van Ooyen's sister who died on her 90th birthday)
Vickie Baker (Karen Bailey)
*** Karen Bailey** (knee issue)
Ed Baxley (Sylvia Hudson)
Kirk & Lynne Bennett's Son
Rachel Blackmon (Lisa Knight's mother)
*** Kendra Broome**
Ed Bunch
Pat Bunch (Jeanette Robinson)
Amy Burns
Christie Chambers (Sunshine Smith)
Carole Cook
Bill and Mary Crain (Rebecca Fairchild)
Terry Davis (Ben Cheatham brother-in-law)
*** Phyllis Dufrene** (Sylvia Hudson)
Steven Fairchild (Dot Fairchild's son)
Kathi Fletcher (cousin of Sylvia Hudson)
Jerry and Trish Flynn
John Foster
Lisa Funderburke (Margie Pokorney)
Phillip Gaulin (Merilyn Roll)
Carol Ghent
Elaine Gosnell (Diane Porter's sister)
Shane Granger (Tommy & Sandy's son)
Gloria Hamilton (sister-in-law of Jenny)
Billy Harris (needs kidney transplant)
Rodney Hegler (John Thompson)
Melissa Frost Henson (Elaine Maree)
Jenna Horton
*** Family of Chuck (Catfish) Hunter**
Curtis Hurst
Mica Jones
Family of Tommy Kelly (Patti's brother)
Darlene Knauer
Family of Clydia Knight (Lisa's mother-in-law)
Tonya Lancaster



Pastor David Leininger
Jill Locklair
Cheryl McAbee
Ken & Elaine Maree
Scott Meadows (Lynne Bennett)
Melody (Robin's sister)
Dolly Miller (Ben Cheatham)
Mike Morgan (Wanda Ghent's brother)
Brandon Mungo (Luanne Kennington's son)
Diana Murphy (Joan Ward)
Claire Oliver
Audrey & John Osipow (Karen Bailey)
John Paul
Daryl & Melinda Rabon
Brent Rainforth (Stan's nephew, cancer)
*** Nancy Rawlinson** (Jim Hudson)
Vivian Ray (Robert & Diana Murphy)
Louise Reece (Gale Jent's Mother)
Bill Rhodes
Wren & Bruce Ridgeway (Lisa Knight)
*** Morgan Sexton**
*** Robin Shealy's neighbor's mother**
Gerald Stone (Micki McLeod's father)
Peg Stulken (Stan Pokorney's sister)
*** Mary Etta Taylor**
Derrell Thomas
Shelby Thomas (Terry Hoffman)
Richard Van Ooyen (Jim & Sylvia Hudson)
Shirley Varro (Jeanette & Pat)
Vivian Vinson (Karen Bailey)
7 friends of Joan Ward
Elizabeth Parfitt Webb (Elaine Maree)
Jimmy White (Kenny's brother)
Kenny White

Three year old boy (Sandy Granger)
Five friends of Sandy Granger

Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

To connect with God, to connect with others, and to connect others with God.

Liberty Hill Presbyterian church Vision Statement:

To be an inclusive church that surrounds people with Love, Hope, Prayer, and Compassion.

We encourage you to contact the office for updates about our services, events, etc.

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*"There is
 always
 something to be
 thankful for."*

Rhonda Burns
 Author, [The Secret](#)

November

Monthly Calendar

Sat, 1	Turn BACK clock 1 hour at bedtime
Sun, 2	Adult Sunday School, 9-9:45AM
Sun, 2	Holy Communion Sunday, 10:00AM
Sun, 2	Session Meeting following the Sunday Service
Mondays	Bible Study, 6pm Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays	Free Line Dancing Classes - Community Cntr, 10AM
Sun, 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service, Community Bldg, 7:00PM
Sun, 27	Thanksgiving Day

Look out for Poinsettia Order Form/Info

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