

**OCTOBER**

**Liberty Hill CONNECTION**  
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My dear brothers and sisters,

Back home again! YES! I love our summer lakeside worship experience. After all, it was Liberty Hill Presbyterian's concern about who would handle the summer worship in 1981 that brought me here in the first place, so this has a special spot in my heart. But we have such a beautiful worship space in our sanctuary on the hill that I am glad to be back. The extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning is not hard to get used too either. 😊

Now that we are back on the hill, we have returned to our normal worship schedule. We have resumed our regular celebration of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of most months. Mica will schedule regular choir rehearsals generally immediately following worship. I have previously mentioned that we will resume Sunday School from 9:00 am - 9:45 effective the first Sunday in November. Since many of you did not grow up in Presbyterian churches, you might wonder why we do certain things in a way that you are not familiar with. I will try to answer some of those questions.

FYI, we will have a Congregational Meeting following worship on October 19th. We will present our financial plans and the proposed budget for next year. We will also have an election to replace a Session member whose time in office will expire. Session members are normally elected for a three-year term and no more than two terms can be served consecutively. Dr. Robin Shealy's first term is coming to an end and she has indicated that she is willing to stand for another. In addition, others may be nominated from the floor. Every active member is eligible to vote. Following the meeting, we will adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for a pot-luck dinner. Plan on staying.

By the way, at our most recent Session meeting, it was noted that our PCUSA General Assembly this past summer changed some rules regarding temporary pastoral relations with congregations. Up until now, no relationship could be contracted for more than twelve months at a time. It was noted that just twelve months was rarely enough time to arrange for a transition to new leadership, so the rule was changed to allow these covenants to be as long as thirty-six months. Thus, your Session has asked me to revise our agreement and extend our relationship for that length of time and I agreed. So I guess you are stuck with me for the foreseeable future. And, honestly, I love the thought. You folks are special and I immensely enjoy being your pastor.

Please feel free to call me if you need me. See you at worship.

Your pastor and friend,  
David



## A NOTE FROM THE SESSION

There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on October 19, 2025 for the purpose of:

Electing elder(s) for the class of 2028  
Receiving the budget for 2026

There will be a potluck dinner following the service and congregational meeting.

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### Congregational Meeting



Congregational Meeting  
Followed By Potluck Meal  
Sunday, October 19

**The church will provide ham.**

### Potluck Dinner



Bring your favorite dish! Sunday Service Begins 10AM

### ***Farewell Lakeside Until Next Year***

Scenes such as these from our Sunday Lakeside services will remain in our memories as well as many others from 2025. Whether it be Ben and Sallie Cheatham's grand-children, Bebe Gail and Trace, Robin and her pal, Jinna, or Pastor David's sermons, we all have our special memories of our summer Sundays.

REMINDER:  
We are back in the sanctuary on  
**October 5th,  
10:00AM!**



## LHCIA NEWS

### County Rep Paid Us a Visit

At the invitation of the Liberty Hill Civic & Improvement Association (LHCIA), on September 17 Kershaw County Council member Russell Brazell met with members of our community for a get acquainted Q & A session at the Community Center in Liberty Hill. It was well-attended given the fairly short notice to the public of the event. We look forward to another Town Hall gathering in the future!

### Book Club - FREE



LHCIA has announced it will sponsor a Book Club for the community to meet at the Community Building **each month on the third Tuesday at 6PM beginning October 21**. We'll be casual - if you start a book that you don't like, stop reading it. Life's too short to read something you're not liking. But come to the discussion meeting to find out about the next book. And who knows... the discussion might lead you to want to finish the book.

The first book is Karen White's The House on Tradd Street. It's set in Charleston. The main character is a realtor and there's at least one haunted house involved in the plot. November 18th's book is Valerie Bauerlein's The Devil at His Elbow, the story of the Alex Murdaugh family murders and a history of his family. The author was a journalist who attended the entire trial and was with the jurors when they toured the murder site.

The club is not just for women and if we have men we'll put books in that they hopefully will enjoy as well.

For more info email [nancykmacdonald@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



Darlene Knauer	7
Sylvia Hudson	20
Jonathan Easley	29
David Leininger	30



YOU SAY TOmayTO...  
I SAY TOMahTO...

At our first lakeside service this summer, I shared tomato plants that I started from seed. I confess my tomatoes did not grow nor produce as expected. I have heard some of you say you had a similar experience. Thank you **Vickie Hawkins** for sharing this photo of your recent harvest, the first as I understand it. Hallelujah! So grateful to see someone's plant survived the summer heat and produced! ~Sylvia Hudson

## David Remembers...

As we approach our 175th anniversary at Liberty Hill Presbyterian, we look back at some of our history. I think back to my first go-round with this church in the 1980's. The church was without an installed pastor at the time and, as summer approached, it was wondered who would handle the lakeside ministry that had begun a couple of years before. As they investigated several possibilities, they learned that I was about to come to Columbia to begin seminary in the fall, so John and Mary Thompson were delegated to come down to Hilton Head Island where Christie and I and our toddler son, David, were living to inquire about our interest. I did not think it would work out, but we agreed to come and meet with the Session and discuss what might come of it. To make a long story short, we ended up making the commitment and we moved to Columbia and the student housing at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary where I was scheduled to begin classes later that summer.

Each Sunday that summer, we commuted from Columbia to Liberty Hill. The ladies of the church were kind enough to welcome us each week to one of their homes for Sunday dinner. There was a rotation among them as to who would host us from one week to the next, an arrangement that was delightful for us as we became acquainted with families each week that we would come to know even better as time went along.

In previous years, your pastors has a manse on Peay's Ferry Road for a home as they served you but in recent years, it had fallen into disrepair and proved unsuitable without significant upgrades. It was finally sold. But traveling from Columbia to Liberty Hill did not allow me the pastoral care opportunities that I felt were appropriate and necessary. So, the church began a search for living opportunities in or near Liberty Hill.

In the spring of 1982, the congregation was offered the home and almost two acres of property adjacent to the church by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wardlaw. The Wardlaws owned the general store at the end of our driveway but as they were getting older, they wanted to move to Camden to be closer to handy medical care. The family offered the property to us for \$30,000.

Unfortunately, the church did not have that kind of money and mortgage rates back then were ridiculously high - 15 1/2% to 16 1/2% - so that made no sense, but this was such a wonderful opportunity that we needed to consider it. I said we should just raise it in cash. Some thought that was crazy and impossible, but we proceeded.

Elder Abe Richards headed up a campaign to raise the funds and an announcement on Sunday, June 6, that the entire amount had been raised from over 150 individual, family, and corporate donations with enough over the original amount to allow for needed renovations and upgrades to what had been the Liberty Hill school.

*(See DAVID, page 5)*

**DAVID**

*(From page 4)*

Elder Bud Haese supervised the interior work which included the construction of closets in the master bedroom, the filling in of a door that led from the den into the kitchen so as to make kitchen space more efficient, as well as extensive electrical work. In addition, the house needed a new water heater as well as a new washer and dryer.

The Leiningers moved in later that summer and lived there for the next two years until I accepted the call to the Oakdale church in Clover, SC.



### Thank you, Lisa Knight for Your Years of Service

We say goodbye to a dear member of our church who has chosen to return to her home church to worship with her mother and other family members. A long-time member of our church, she has been a valuable part of our Sanctuary Choir for a number of years. Since March 2018, Lisa has served behind the scenes as the LHPC Custodian, cleaning weekly all the buildings. She has done so with much love and devotion. You will be missed, Lisa. We wish you much happiness and joy as you spend more time with your family.

### Shred Event & Food Drive

Mid-Carolina Credit Union is partnering with Christian Community Ministries (CCM) on Thursday, October 16, 10AM-12 noon at 841 US-1 in Lugoff. Bring up to three bags of sensitive documents for free shredding AND nonperishable food donations for the CCM pantry (canned vegetables, soups, Chef Boyardee, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese, canned meats, cereal, oatmeal, and grits).

### Rabbit Mystery Solved!

You might have noticed this little fella this summer at lakeside. The gentleman who lives to the right of our pavilion, "Stella's" dad, gave it to us. It had been among his mother's possessions. Apologies for not knowing the gentleman's name.



### Word Has It...

Word has it that the planned 5 cent First Class postage rate increase set for January has been put on the back burner! Let's hope it stays there!





**Francis Bell**

*By*

Bob & Karen Deaton  
Sharon C Hammond  
Christopher D Garner  
Frank & Sheila Robertson

## **Bible Study Class Continues**

Nancy Macdonald continues facilitating the study of Jesus' Parables 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 October 5, 2025**

## **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!

**Volunteers  
Needed!**



**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)  
**Ed Baxley** (Sylvia Hudson)  
**Kirk & Lynne Bennett's Son**  
**\* Rachel Blackmon** (Lisa Knight's mother)  
**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)  
**Faye Dexter**  
**\* 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**  
**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**  
**Nancy Macdonald**  
**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)  
**Vivian Ray** (Robert & Diana Murphy)  
**Louise Reece** (Gale Jent's Mother)  
**Bill Rhodes**  
**Wren & Bruce Ridgeway** (Lisa Knight)  
**Gillis Robinson** (Pat & Ed Bunch's grandson)  
**Gerald Stone** (Micki McLeod's father)  
**Peg Stulken** (Stan Pokorney's sister)  
**Talyn** (Abi's classmate & friend)  
**Derrell Thomas**  
**Shelby Thomas** (Terry Hoffman)  
**Richard Van Ooyen** (Jim & Sylvia Hudson)  
**Shirley Varro** (Jeanette & Pat)  
**Vivian Vinson** (Karen Bailey)  
**Four 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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Pray  
 For  
 Peace  
 Throughout  
 the  
 World.



## Monthly Calendar

Sun, 5	Sunday Services in Sanctuary Resume
Sun, 5	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>
Mondays	Bible Study, 6pm Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays	Free Line Dancing Classes - Community Cntr, 10AM
Thur, 16	Shred Event/Food Drive, Mid-Carolina, 10AM-Noon
Sun, 19	<b>Congregational Meeting following church service</b>
Sun, 19	<b>Potluck Dinner following congregational meeting</b>
Tue, 21	Book Club, Community Center, 6PM

**Beginning November 2 - Sunday School, 9AM - 9:45 AM**

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