



## “GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!”

### A Recap of Vacation Bible School!

On **Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**, we hosted a “pop-up” Vacation Bible School, with snacks, crafts, music, and Bible lessons. God’s children of all ages visited Mt. Sinai (Moses,) Mt. Ararat (Noah,) the Mt. of Beatitudes (Jesus,) and the Mt. of Olives (where Jesus prayed.) Later, they visited the “Mountain Marketplace” and the “Spice Shop,” where they could taste, smell, and experience life the way it was in the time of Jesus. With gold coins they received at each mountain, they could “purchase” flat bread, olive wood crosses, toy wooden tops, succulents, and aloe plants. There was even a Noah-themed tattoo booth! The evening concluded with “make-your-own” ice cream sundaes!

Our VBS was a wonderful success, with plenty of participation from children and adults from our extended Lafayette family and from across the community.

This was NOT a commercial VBS that you purchase from a publishing company—this came from the hearts and souls of our faithful Lafayette church family members. I’d like to thank the dozens of volunteers, leaders, and contributors who made this afternoon VBS such a blessing to so many! A special shout-out to Rita Tucker, who helped tirelessly with advance planning and recruitment! ~ Pastor Steve



See more VBS photos later in this newsletter!

## From the Pastor's Desk...

*“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”*

~ Proverbs 16:3

*“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”* ~ Proverbs 16:9

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”* ~ Matthew 6:33



Dear Lafayette family:

I find myself reminding folks that we still have about six months together before my retirement, and I refuse to sit back and put things on “cruise control!” I’m excited about what we can accomplish together during this season!

The transition will begin with the Presbytery engaging us sometime in October. Later, perhaps in January, the Holy Cow process will begin. Searching for a new pastor and long-range planning will go hand in hand.

But this is only one facet of where we will go in these coming months. Together with the Session and our committees, I plan to emphasize the following:

- ◆ Evangelism: I’m looking forward to identifying strategies for attracting new members that are workable and doable.

- ◆ Stewardship: We love our church and I’m looking forward to helping insure our future!
- ◆ Pet projects: There are several improvements and enhancements to our property and campus I would like to see that would bless us and our future—even in small ways.
- ◆ Spirituality, training, and faith-building: The seasons of Stewardship, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas offer us many opportunities for celebrating who we are as Christians!

Let’s walk together in joy, commitment, and purpose!

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Gars". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



# New Member Orientation

Come to our New Member Orientation in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 7th, immediately following worship.



The orientation will be engaging and informative, and is a marvelous opportunity to meet the leaders of our church. It will last approximately 40 minutes. Join us!

## Word Search, Psalm 24:1-2

"The earth is the Lord's,  
and everything in it, the world,  
and all who live in it; for he  
founded it on the seas and  
established it on the waters."

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GATES	LIVE	WORLD

# More VBS Photos





### Coffee and a Cookie Book Club

Please join us for book discussions and plenty of fellowship. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. If you want to join us please contact Denise Vandiver for more details. These are the next books we will be reading.

- Monday, August 15 ~ Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris
- Monday, September 19 ~ Golden Girl by Elin Hilderbrand (This will be a book from the Library Traveling Book Club and we will have copies for anyone who is interested.)

### CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS



**There will not be a Crafts for Missions meeting in August.** If you are interested in resuming meetings in the fall, contact Rita.

**Meanwhile,** work on any projects that interests you will be helpful for the Operation Christmas Child boxes or Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

# Thank you!

THANKS to everyone that assisted with or attended our 2022 Vacation Bible School. It was a lot of fun, great fellowship, and we learned things too! Wonderful job putting things together, Pastor Steve!

The Christian Education Committee

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THANKS to the Property Committee, shrubbery sub-committee. The work on the azaleas, the camellia bush, and especially the pond area look so much better. You can now actually see the fountain from the highway! Also getting the well repaired allows the fountain to work properly. GOOD JOB!

## Session Briefs • July 19, 2022



- ✦ The Treasurer's reports were received and approved.
- ✦ It was announced that Steven Olson will begin as Director of Music on Wednesday, August 24.
- ✦ The Property Committee shared updates concerning the well/pump/fountain, the ice machine, and the alarm system.
- ✦ The CE Committee reminded us that we will have VBS, Sunday, July 24, with the theme, "Go Tell It On The Mountain!"
- ✦ Our New Member Orientation will be rescheduled to Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, after worship.
- ✦ Sandi Herrington will be the Presbytery Commissioner to the Tuesday, August 23, 2022 meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church, Panama City.
- ✦ Pastor Steve reported on priorities over the next six months.
- ✦ There was a discussion concerning long-range planning and Holy Cow!
- ✦ John Chapman submitted a long-range planning document for consideration.
- ✦ August Liturgist: Kay Lachat
- ✦ August Elder on Call: Kay Lachat
- ✦ August Luncheon: Property Committee



Your **Session Members in 2022** are:

Class of 2022: Sandi Herrington, Richard Loose,  
Denise Pentecost

Class of 2023: Ned Stacey, Doug Pitts, Faith Kinneer

Class of 2024: Kay Lachat, Paul Muyon, Rita Tucker

Your **Deacons in 2022** are:

Class of 2022: Susanne Korta, Ken Norman

Class of 2023: Patti Dickman, Diane Dowling,  
Martha Ann McCaskill, Molly Miller

Class of 2024: Janet English, Susie Graves, Phyllis Loose







# Calendar Dates and Special Days

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship-----Sundays-----10:30 AM  
 Grace Sunday School-----Sun/Zoom-----9:00 AM  
 Pastor's Bible Study-----Mon/Zoom-----11:00 AM

## MONTHLY EVENTS

Committee meetings-----as scheduled  
 Circle of Friends-----2nd Monday-----6:30 PM  
 Contemporary Book-----3rd Monday-----1:00 PM  
 Morning Circle-----2nd Tuesday---10:30 AM  
 Session Meeting -----3rd Tuesday-----6:30 PM  
 Evening Circle-----Last Tuesday---6:00 PM  
 Crafts for Missions-----4th Thursday---1:30 PM

## SCOUTS (actual times and dates may vary)

Pack 10 Meetings-----Mondays-----6:30 PM  
 Troop 10 Meetings -----1st, 3rd Tues---7:00 PM  
 Senior Patrol Leaders---2nd Tuesday---7:00 PM  
 Crew 10-----3rd Thursday---7:00 PM  
 Girl Scouts 4023-----as scheduled

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CHURCH EVENTS MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELED!**

## AUGUST

MON	1		US Air Force Day
THU	4		US Coast Guard Day
	4		National Chocolate Chip Day
SAT	6		Hiroshima Day
	6		Tisha B'Av
SUN	7	11:20 AM	New Member Orientation
	7		American Family Day
	7		Purple Heart Day
WED	10		Smithsonian Day
SUN	14		V-J Day
THU	18		National Fajita Day
FRI	19		Kool-Aid Day
SUN	21	11:20 AM	PW Planning Meeting
	21		National Spumoni Day
TUE	23	TBA	Presbytery Meeting, Grace, Panama City
THU	25		National Park Service Day
SUN	28	11:20 AM	August Luncheon, Property



## SEPTEMBER

MON	5		Labor Day
SUN	11	10:30 AM	September 11th Memorial Sunday
	11	4:00 PM	Ice Cream Social, Fellowship Committee
SUN	18	10:30 AM	Back to Church Sunday
WED	21		International Day of Peace
SUN	25	10:30 AM	Theological Education Sunday
	25	10:30 AM	Bible Study Sunday



Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver 198 million shoebox gifts to children in 170 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. These boxes are sent with prayers that the child who receives it will experience God's love through their simple gifts.

**START PRAYING NOW!** There are bookmarks in the Narthex to help remind you. This is the most important thing we can do. There is also information on needed items, a brochure on how to pack a box, and a basket in which to put donations. There are also envelopes for monetary donations for shipping and handling and buying needed supplies. Please make checks payable to Lafayette Shoebox Mission.

The national drop-off date for boxes is November 15-21. Monetary donations can be made up until the 13th (though earlier makes for better planning) and other donations as early as possible for packing.

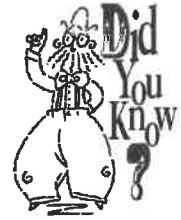
We thank you for your help for this ministry and encourage your participation. There is information available about this ministry in the Narthex and we will be happy to answer any questions we can. If you want instructions or want to come pack boxes in the Packing Room, call Bonnie Burns at 491-6761.

The Property Committee invites you to a Walking Taco get together. Please join us on Sunday, August 28 after the Worship service for tacos and fellowship. You can fix your walking tacos and take a stroll around the grounds...or just sit and enjoy the fellowship of your Lafayette family. All the fixings will be provided, just bring yourself and a love of tacos!



# DID YOU KNOW?

BY PHIL FERGUSON

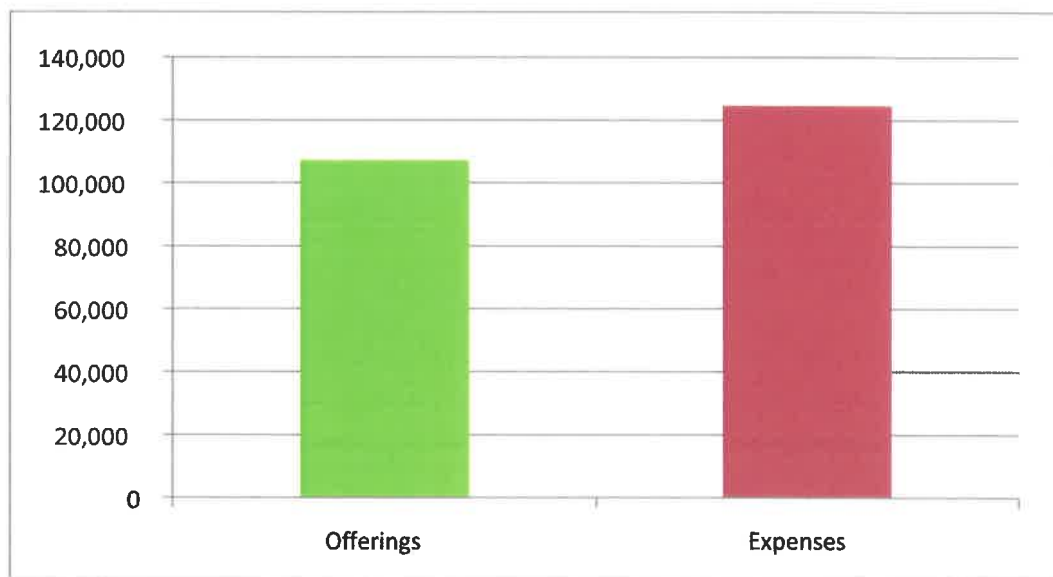


The Bible mentions four different men named Simeon: Simeon, a son of Jacob; Simeon, who is listed in the lineage of Jesus; Simeon, a member of the church at Antioch; and Simeon, an elderly prophet who met the baby Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem. The Simeon at the temple is the one we will talk about here.

According to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to God in a purification ceremony, 40 days after Jesus' birth. An elderly prophet who was named Simeon, and who was described as righteous and devout, took the baby Jesus and offered a blessing and a prophecy. It was here that Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah and as the person who would bring salvation to the world.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen "the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). Realizing that he had seen God's salvation, Simeon offered a prayer that God would allow him to die in peace. He also prophesied to Mary that Jesus would bring glory to Israel, but that there would also be pain and trouble for Jesus (and also Mary) during his lifetime.

JUNE 2022 FINANCIAL UPDATE	
Actual Offerings January - June	Actual Expenses January - June
\$107,508.95	\$124,568.85



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27





Dear Lafayette Presbyterian members:

The Kearney Center thanks you! Your contributions help provide safe shelter, food, medical and dental care, job placement, and more to our most vulnerable citizens. Due to your generosity, we are making a difference in transforming their lives and our community. For example:

- > Approximately 240 clients have been housed, fed, and serviced with resources to help them become more self-sufficient.
- > 70% of clients are fully or partially vaccinated.
- > We've created an Enrichment Center to provide our clients with mental health services, professional development, and life skills training.
- > We've developed partnerships within the community for donation drives to meet client needs.



Our UKirk Campus Ministry operates a non-profit coffee shop called Calvin's Coffee House. We hope Calvin's and UKirk will be a space where all

people feel welcomed, loved, and affirmed. Calvin's will reopen August 22, 2022 for the Fall.



Everyone **LOVES** Dogwood Acres, our Presbytery's Camps and Conferences Center!



Javier is a farmworker, and a frequent food pantry recipient, who depended on others for transportation.

At times he paid up to \$20 for a ride to work. Through your donations, **Beth-El Ministries** gifted Javier a bicycle to give him reliable transportation to work. He is very grateful for his bicycle and feels a new sense of independence.



Remember to support our church generously during the summer months!



"If God loves a cheerful giver, why are you supposed to give 'til it hurts?"



Through our Synod, we are related by covenant to the following Presbyterian educational institutions:

### Secondary Schools

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School,  
Rabun Gap, GA

### Colleges

Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA  
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL  
Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

### Seminaries

Columbia Theological Seminary,  
Decatur, GA  
Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary,  
Atlanta, GA

## Presbytery of Florida News

- ▶ Save the date! Disciplefest 2022 will be held at Dogwood Acres Saturday, September 17, with the theme "Rooted and built up in him."
- ▶ Grace Presbyterian, Panama City, will host the Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting Tuesday, August 23. There will be an educational time with Dr. Catherine Meeks, Executive Director of the Absolom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, GA, entitled "Engaging Your Shadow: Racial Healing in This Present Moment".
- ▶ The Board of Pensions invites active and retired plan members and their spouses, including surviving spouses, to the 2022 Well-Being Retreat at Montreat Conference Center August 22 – 24.
- ▶ Our presbytery is in need of a number of Commissioned Ruling Elders, or CREs, to pastor several of our smaller churches. A CRE is a ruling elder who feels a call to go through a period of conversation and discernment with our Committee on Preparation for Ministry. This is followed by some online courses, and evaluation as to readiness. For further information, please contact the Presbytery office.



Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

## We Lift Up In Prayer . . .

**7/31/22**

- ◆ Karen Gunter, who is recovering from COVID.
- ◆ Lois Johnson, who has contracted COVID.
- ◆ James Hankinson, dear friend of Phil Smith, who is facing serious medical issues.
- ◆ Jerry and Kay Phillips are in Virginia for two weeks, so please visit Twila Phillips if you're able.

**7/24/2022**

- ◆ Rachel Herman, who has COVID.
- ◆ Marena Blount's friend, Taylor Pate, whose six month old son is hospitalized with COVID.
- ◆ Denise Vandiver, who is having a procedure tomorrow, Monday.
- ◆ Our prayers are with Mary Lindsey for support and encouragement, as it appears that her employment situation will necessitate her moving to Oregon.

**7/17/2022**

- ◆ Pray for the Burns family. Randy & Bonnie are recovering from COVID, and Bonnie has a sinus infection.
- ◆ Rachel Herman's husband, David, who has COVID.
- ◆ Christy Stacey asks that we pray for Farrell and Susan Conlon, as Farrell is facing a recurrence of cancer.
- ◆ Dogwood Acres Director Ben Powell and his wife, Kathy, as he begins treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- ◆ Ken Norman asks that we pray for his friend, Darrell Fain, who is having heart issues; and for Ken's brother who has COVID.
- ◆ A joy! Steve and Susie are great-grandparents for the first time, as their grandson Rodney, and his wife, Amanda announced the birth of Leo Dale Fletcher, born last Friday, 21 inches, 8 lbs., 13 oz.
- ◆ A joy! Thanks to the Property Committee and Allan Tucker, our well/pump is now working and the fountain is flowing!
- ◆ A joy! Ruth Dawson celebrated her 92nd birthday on July 18th.

**7/10/2022**

- ◆ Craig Isom, who is recovering from COVID.
- ◆ A joy! Doug & Linda Pitts are expecting a fourth grandchild, courtesy of daughter Ashlee and Roman Welch.
- ◆ Patti Dickman who is recovering from a procedure.
- ◆ Please pray for Lois Johnson as she travels to Minnesota for her annual sibling reunion.
- ◆ Rob & Denise Vandiver's son, Zach, who has COVID.

- ◆ Steve & Susie ask for prayers for the family of Linda Lytle, who passed away unexpectedly.
- ◆ Kay Phillips asks for prayers for the family of Vicki Sellars, who passed away last week.
- ◆ Congratulations! Ginny Telander gave birth to a son, Ollie Schmitt, on July 5th, 7 lbs, 2 oz., 19 inches long.

**7/3/2022**

- ◆ Billie Jackson, who is facing several health concerns.
- ◆ Paul Munyon asks that we pray for his brother's wife, Marilyn, who is under hospice care.
- ◆ Colleen McConnell, who is recovering from COVID.
- ◆ Please pray for the Burns' granddaughter, Micah, and partner, Alex, who are facing family-related issues.
- ◆ A joy! Pam Terry will not need chemo. Praise the Lord!
- ◆ Patti Dickman, who had a procedure this week.

### Continued Prayers

- ◆ Our Armed Forces around the world
- ◆ Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Angela and Jerry White, daughter and son-in-law of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Charla Casey's brother, Howell
- ◆ Jon Chapman's daughter, Tiffany
- ◆ LaVerne Gibson
- ◆ Anne Hebrock
- ◆ Hal Herman, father-in-law of Rachel Herman
- ◆ Jaya Herman
- ◆ Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer (heart transplant)
- ◆ Twila Phillips
- ◆ Christy Stacey's sister-in-law, Charlotte Lehman and her brother Earl Keister.
- ◆ Russell Stovall
- ◆ Barry Fake, brother of Diana Swegman
- ◆ Denny Chevillot, friend of the Telander's
- ◆ Gail Yates
- ◆ Those who have no one to pray for them

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.*

Psalm 17:6NIV





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**August Ushers**

Aliceann Donaldson  
Peggy Johnson  
\*Rita Tucker  
Substitutes  
\*Captain(s)



**August Birthdays**

7	Heather Brooks
11	Perry Dawson
24	Leo Lachat
30	Denise Pentecost
31	Beth House



September articles are  
due **Friday, August 22**



*Remember our church in your will.*