

Loyd Lighthouse

The Newsletter of Loyd Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2018

**CRAFT CLASS: SATURDAY
JANUARY 20, 2018**

10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

**TIKI TORCHES
FROM WINE BOTTLES**

No Cost. Make one to keep/make one for the Fall Bazaar. Sign up in the Narthex. All supplies provided. Bring two empty wine bottles if you have them. Thanks Sandy Mann for hosting the class!!

**Global & Local
Mission Luncheon
January 28!!**

**The Local and Global
Mission Committee of
the Presbyterian Women
will be hosting a
covered dish lunch on
January 28, after
worship.**

**Michele Bedingfield will
be the guest speaker
from Harmony House.**

**Bring your favorite
dish/dishes!**

*You're
Invited!!*

SAVE THE DATE....

2018 YOUTH CLUB BEGINS

VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14

5:30 p.m.



From Your Pastor

I want to invite all of you to a Southwest Cluster Event we will host here at Loyd on Sunday, February 11 at 4:30 PM. This will be a hymn sing and choir music festival. Participating choirs from churches in our cluster will join together in singing 2 pieces of music and then each individual choir will have the opportunity to sing. Interspersed in between the choir anthems will be congregational hymn singing. A small reception will be held afterwards in Darden Hall. This is an all-ages event, and we hope that you will plan on attending.

I hope that your New Year has started well. I encourage you to make worship attendance one of your resolutions along with attending a Sunday School class or Bible study (here or with another small group somewhere else). We have many opportunities for fellowship and service planned as well for this year, and so I invite you to come and be a part of the life and ministries of Loyd.

Grace and Peace,
RIX

Remember Wednesday February 14 is Ash Wednesday, service will begin at 7:15 p.m. This is the day many Christians mark as the first day of **Lent**, the time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. As they "impose" or "dispense" the ashes, the pastor reminds each Christian of Genesis 3:19: "For dust you are and to dust you shall return."



Please continue to remember in your prayers the following people:

Cork & Anne Avera
Neva Bone (Pat Darden's Aunt)
Nancy & Ed Brown
Tony Butler
Amanda Craft, Omar Chan & family
Hal Davidson
Bill & Margaret Dussor
Justin Greenleaf
Sherrie Griffeth
Buddy Loyd
Helen Loyd
Wayne McNair
Ellen Wright
Vaughn Yarbrough

Please let us know of anyone that needs to be added to our long - term prayer list.

**2017 Giving Statements
have been mailed.**

January 14, Prayer Request

Gaylene Beason
Jerry Crook
Crawford & Maddox Jones
Paul Jones
Ellen Taylor (surgery Jan. 19)
Bailey Jones
William Dussor Family
Marilyn Daigle Family
Donna & Roger Quiring
Beard Family
Demeris Carter
Ed & Nancy Brown
Paul Jones
Jimmy Jones **Jordan Ring**
Bill Loyd **The Barryman Family**
Marcia Johnson **Chris Lambert**
Bobby Johnson
David Daniel
Jennifer Powell
Leigh Bailey
Whitney Singell
Melissa Wheelus`
Wiley & Jeff Nelson
J. C. Dodgen
Chester & Edith Marlow
Oakley Sikes
Sidney Cochran

ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Attendance on 1/14/18 Sunday School: 52 Church: 95

Operating Fund:

Received 1/14/18	\$ 3,371.25
Budget per Sunday 2018	\$ 5,288.00
Received month to date	\$ 9,495.25
Budget per month 2018	\$ 22,912.00

Building Fund:

Building Repair Fund Balance	\$16,272.00
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For Immediate Release:

Columbia Seminary Receives Major Lilly Grant For Thriving In Ministry Initiative

Columbia Theological Seminary was awarded a grant of \$1 million to expand the Pastoral Excellence Programs offered through The Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL). The grant is part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Thriving in Ministry Initiative. The initiative supports a variety of religious organizations across the nation as they create or strengthen programs that help pastors build relationships with experienced clergy who can serve as role models and mentors and guide them through key leadership challenges in congregational ministry.

The Endowment is making more than \$20 million in grants through the Thriving in Ministry Initiative. The Pastoral Excellence Programs include three opportunities: the Leadership in Ministry Workshops, the Colloquy for Clergy Series, and the Healthy Transitions Wellness Retreats for Clergy and Spouses. While each program is designed to meet the needs of different audiences, each builds on the best practices of clergy professional and personal development and learning.

"It is truly an honor to receive this grant," said Leanne Van Dyk, President of Columbia Seminary. "We're excited to expand the work of The Center for Lifelong Learning which has distinguished itself nationally for offering peer-learning experiences."

The Leadership in Ministry (LIM) workshops are offered in four locations (Atlanta, Boston, Portland OR, and Lynchburg VA), with about 100 clergy attending every year. With the grant, LIM will launch a new location in Kansas City in the fall of 2018. Clergy from many denominations participate.

The Colloquy for Clergy Series will build on the success of CLL's Colloquy for Mid-Career Clergy to offer new colloquies for clergy in particular contexts and of particular profiles. Currently, the following are scheduled: Rural Church Clergy; Latino/a Clergy (2018-19); Young Black Church Pastors; Colloquy for pastors leading a congregation to closure (2019-20); Colloquy for Second Career Clergy; Colloquy for Women of Color (2020-2021); Colloquy for Mid-Career Clergy; Colloquy for Clergy Transitioning into Retirement (2021-2022); Colloquy for Entrepreneur Clergy (2022-2023).

Healthy Transitions Wellness Retreat for Clergy and Spouses will partner with the Ministering to Ministers Foundation to provide an annual four-day retreat on the Columbia Seminary campus for clergy and their spouses who have experienced forced termination from a ministry setting.

"This is a silent epidemic, under addressed by denominational bodies," noted Israel Galindo, Associate Dean of Lifelong Learning and Director of Online Education. "We are particularly eager to provide this opportunity to our alumni, especially in those difficult first call experiences where so many experience their first crises while inexperienced and unprepared to deal with often toxic church conflicts."

Columbia Seminary is one of 24 organizations taking part in Lilly Endowment's initiative. They represent diverse Christian communities, including Baptist, Brethren, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Churches of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Roman Catholic, and Quaker organizations, as well as interdenominational and non-denominational organizations. Many of the organizations, including Columbia Seminary, are working to help clergy from multiple denominational traditions.

The Thriving in Ministry Initiative is part of Lilly Endowment's grantmaking to strengthen pastoral leadership in Christian congregations in the United States. This has been a grantmaking priority at Lilly Endowment for nearly 25 years.

"Many pastors are seeking role models and wise colleagues who can guide them through professional transitions and challenges encountered in particular ministry contexts," said Christopher L. Coble, Lilly Endowment's vice president for religion. "Our hope is that this grant to Columbia Theological Seminary will support a new wave of efforts that help clergy thrive and lead their congregations more effectively."

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family—J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli—through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. The Endowment exists to support the causes of religion, education and community development. Lilly Endowment's religion grantmaking is designed to deepen and enrich the religious lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.

Columbia Theological Seminary is "Cultivating faithful leaders for God's changing world." As an educational institution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Columbia Seminary is a community of theological inquiry and formation for ministry in the service of the Church of Jesus Christ. Columbia offers six graduate degree programs and up to 60 courses and events each year as a resource for church professionals and lay people through The Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL). The CLL also offers four certificate programs including training spiritual directors, two scholars programs, and a post-graduate Pastoral Excellence Program that is focused on clergy leadership development. Over 700 persons attended CLL's programs last year.

CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Sunday	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 1:00 AM	Coffee & pastries in Darden Hall Sunday School Worship
Sunday, January 21	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM	Coffee & pastries in Darden Hall Sunday School Worship
Saturday, January 20	10:00 AM	Craft Class - Community Building
Sunday, January 21	12:15 PM	Session Meeting in Darden Hall
Monday, January 22	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Rix - Book of Jonah
Thursday, January 25	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Noon Circle meets in Darden Hall Mollie Darden Circle meets in Darden Hall
Sunday, January 28	12:15 PM	Mission Luncheon in Darden Hall
Monday, January 29	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Rix - Gospel of Mark
Sunday, February 4	9:00 AM	Breakfast in Darden Hall
Monday, February 5	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Rix - Gospel of Mark
Thursday, February 8	6:30 PM	The Men meet in Darden Hall
Wednesday, February 14	NOON 5:30 PM 7:15 PM	Noon Circle meets in Darden Hall <i>Youth Club Kick Off!!</i> Dinner in Darden Hall Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, February 15	7:00 PM	Mollie Darden Circle meets in Darden Hall
Friday, February 16	6:30 PM	L Club Bowling in Valley AL

The sign up sheet for 2018 Sanctuary Flowers is in the Narthex.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

A sign up sheet for Children's Church can be found on the table in the Narthex. Please volunteer to teach, lessons will be placed in your mail box a week in advance.
Thank you!

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY 21

Liturgist: Elaine Partin

Elders on Duty: Koren Stapp and LaRhonda Bailey

Ushers: Mickey Norris, Bobby Goldston, Mike Pauley, Jeff Skinner

Greeters: Bobby and Suzi Goldston

Acolytes: Matthew & Andrew Taylor

Nursery Assistant: Patti Knox

Children's Church: Jayne Pauley



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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A Partner in Education with Long Cane Elementary School

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Session Members

Wade Moore (2018) Buildings & Grounds

Jayne Pauley (2018) Nurture & Outreach

Brock Sirmons (2018) Worship

Koren Stapp (2018) Christian Education

LaRhonda Bailey (2019) Christian Ed.

Gina Bradfield (2019) Nurture & Outreach

Chase Darden (2019) Buildings & Grounds

George Stefenelli (2019) Worship

Joe Hendricks (2020) Finance/Personnel

Chris Hester (2020) Buildings & Grounds

Roxann Quintana (2020) Nurture & Outreach

Jennifer Wood (2020) Clerk & Christian Ed.

LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRAM TEAM

Dr. Rix Threadgill

Pastor

Suzi Goldston

Office Manager

Shelley Skinner

Financial Secretary

Mike Pauley

Youth Director

Marty Davis

Music Director

Jo Loyd

Organist

Rick Robertson

Pianist

Pam Darden

God's Promised Land

Koren Stapp

Nursery Coordinator

Amy Crites

Children's Choir Dir.

Janice Westbrook

Nursery Worker