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Capital Campaign

Please read this to the end. Our aging flat roof has been an ongoing problem and is getting worse. Our roof has given the Church tremendous service for the last ±50 years but it is past time to be replaced. Bids are being finalized as I type this Pastor's Corner but it is clear that the price tag is going to be roughly \$66,000. Thankfully we have that in our General Fund, which at the end of April totaled approximately \$90,000. The price of the roof however will deplete that account by more than 73%.



The Session, in its May meeting, approved spending the funds to replace the roof. In addition the Session approved a brief Capital Campaign to raise funds to replace the deficit that will be caused in our reserves. The Session also left the design of this drive to me and to those that I consult with.

We will have a 6 week campaign from June 1st through July 15th and of course you may contribute after that as well. I want to make you aware of the need, spend several weeks reminding us of the need and then leave it to all of us to do the best we can. I have no desire to talk about money months on end until you are worn out coming to church!

You may contribute to the Roof Fund in several ways:

1. You may make a one-time donation:
 - If by check simply put it in the envelope marked "Roof Fund" and then place in the collection plate when it is passed.

- If you donate cash and want us to keep a record of your donation for tax purposes simply write your name on the outside of the envelope.
2. You may contribute over a one year period. Envelopes will continue to be in the pew racks for the next twelve months or you can get some to take home from the church office.
 3. You may contribute stock to the church for the Roof Fund. If this is your desire, please see Ruth Lewis, our treasurer, about making that contribution.
 4. If you receive The Beacon by email, I hope you will want to participate in this Campaign as well. Checks or Money Orders can be made payable to Long Beach Presbyterian Church and mailed to us at P.O. Box 332, Long Beach, MS 39560. Please indicate "Roof Fund" in the memo line.

Finally, let me remind you that including the church in your Will is not only an act of generosity it also safeguards the church's well-being in the future. Most children are delighted that you have remembered your church in your Will. It is a way to honor the place where you and they participated in baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. Our church is the place that has seen us from one end of life to the other. Please consider remembering Long Beach Presbyterian in your Will.

Hopefully this campaign will replenish the money in our general fund which is being spent on the roof replacement.

Lord, pitch a roof over our heads!

Faithfully,



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| Scooter Scarborough – 1 st | Blake T. Carroll – 14 th |
| Janis Holloway – 3 rd | Maya Hightower – 18 th |
| Diane Kerns – 8 th | John Justice – 21 st |
| Martha Thomas – 11 th | Abby Lyons – 21 st |
| Sandy Ramsay – 11 th | June Strahan – 27 th |



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Pentecost Offering. We received and forwarded \$374.00 to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



Sadly we must report that Rev. Dr. Rachael Knoll resigned as our Regional Presbyter effective May 23, 2018. We are asked to not contact her at this time. Please keep Rachael, her family and the Presbyteries of Mississippi and South Alabama in your prayers.



Thrivent for Lutherans will be sponsoring a Medical Benefit Dinner for Carmela Jones. Carmela is a member of Grace Lutheran Church and has recently been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma which is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow.

The benefit will raise funds to help offset her medical costs and travel expenses. Due to her insurance restrictions, she may have to travel back and forth to Jackson or New Orleans. You can help by purchasing a ticket or dropping a donation by Grace Lutheran Church.

The dinner will include Salad, Baked Ziti, French bread and dessert for \$7.00 a plate with To-Go plates available.

Friday, June 15, 2018
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
19221 Pineville Road
Long Beach, MS 39560



Thank you to all who continue to donate food each week. These small gifts make a big difference in the lives of those in need.

Suggested items include but are not limited to peanut butter, jam, rice, dried beans, stews, canned tomatoes, baby foods, snacks, fruit juice, raisins, soda crackers, cereal, tea, coffee, baking items, flour, honey, salt, pepper, spices, sugars, ketchup, mustard, relishes, spaghetti sauce, dry pastas, canned meat, canned fish, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, puddings, cake and cookie mixes, cheese whiz/Velveeta, macaroni and cheese, diapers and formula.



Editor's Note

Next month we will be starting with a empty list. If you have someone you would like to place on this list please do so by placing the information in the collection plate on Sunday or emailing us at LBPCUSA@outlook.com.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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| Barnett Family | Tom, Regina |
| Boswell Family | & Isaac McCarty |
| Cono Caranna | Jamie |
| & Family | Ken Pell's Family |
| Corcoran Family | Peterman Family |
| Alice Gaston | Ramsay Family |
| Chris Hathaway | Nakita Rankin |
| Marta Halliburton | Judy Sawyer |
| & Family | Mikey Sawyer |
| Alan Harlan | Becky Schruff |
| Joe Holloway | Stacey Stone |
| Cheri Jung | Mary Westmoreland |
| Matthew | |



Our readers for the month of June are:



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| 3 rd – Bobby Thomas | 17 th – Steve Dees |
| 10 th – Jackie Blackman | 24 th – Tal Flurry |



It seems that we have fallen a bit behind the times by still calling our group the Women's Circle. Going forward it will be referred to by its proper name within the PCUSA which is Presbyterian Women.

This has been a very good year for the Presbyterian Women and we have enjoyed an interesting series of Bible lessons on the importance of building a Christian community. Since we are now on summer break we have chosen to continue putting together personal hygiene bags for homeless individuals. We will be packing these bags after services on the second Sunday of the summer months, June 10th, July 8th, and August 12th. If you can contribute items they will really be appreciated. Please see Linda Osburn or Jackie Blackman. We will resume our lessons on September 11th with a new Bible study titled *God's Promise: I Am With You*. We have also been providing our share of the monthly Outreach Offering to the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence. We want to continue to help meet the needs of others in our community.



If you haven't been with us for the last couple of weeks you will see a new addition to the Sanctuary. We received a Re-Igniting Worship grant from the Presbytery of Mississippi to purchase the new flat screen TV and stand which are now being used as part of the worship service.



FREE PRINTER INK

Do you own an Epson® printer that uses #69 ink cartridges? Susan Littell has brought in 7 sealed ink cartridges that she no longer needs and wants to give to anyone who has a use for them. If this is you, please see Keith in the office. There are 2 Black, 2 Yellow, 2 Magenta and 1 Cyan.

They work in Epson printer models Stylus CX5000, CX6000, CX7000F, CX7400, CX7450, CX8400, CX9400FAX, CX9475FAX, NX100, NX105, NX110, NX115, NX200, NX215, NX300, NX305, NX400, NX415, NX510 or NX515 and Workforce 30, 40, 500, 600, 610 or 615.



On Monday May 14th Chris Hathaway fell and broke her hip. While recuperating in the hospital two days later she suffered a stroke and was both paralyzed on her right side and unable to speak for several days. We are happy to report that she has regained her movement and ability to speak. Please keep Chris in your prayers.



If you shop on Amazon.com you can also generate donations to Long Beach Presbyterian Church at no cost to yourself. Amazon will donate to the church .5% of your eligible purchases on a quarterly basis. Since becoming part of the program we have received **\$150.29** from the AmazonSmile Foundation.

The program uses your existing Amazon account so all you have to do to set things up is go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/64-0535185> (sign into your Amazon account if necessary) and select us as your charity. After selecting us as your charity start at smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com.

If you currently use the Amazon app on your smartphone to shop you can continue to do so but when it's time to Check Out, switch to a browser either on your smartphone or on a computer and go to SMILE.amazon.com to check out. A donation will NOT be generated if you check out using the Amazon app on your phone.



Session

• In May we collected a total of \$456.83 for our Outreach offering which was divided between Long Beach Outreach, Rebekah's House, and the Presbyterian Women's choice of the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence.

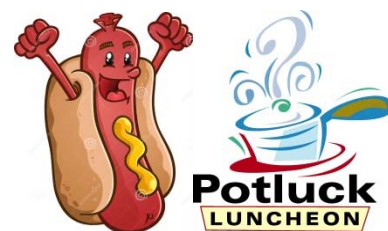
- The Session approved spending up to \$66,592.00 to have the flat roof on the church replaced. That is the amount of the current bid we have received. We are attempting to get a second bid from another company but it is proving difficult to find another company in the area qualified to do the type of work and repairs we need to have done.
- Elder Amanda See is looking into organizing some "outside activities" for our youth.
- The next meeting of the Presbytery of Mississippi will be on August 11, 2018 at Diamondhead Community Church.
- The estimated publication and distribution of the new Church Directory has been pushed back until June.
- The next Stated Session meeting will be on Sunday June 17, 2018.

Treasurer's Report

	Income	Expenses	Difference
April 2018	\$ 12,310.16	\$ 4,513.54	\$ 7,796.62
YTD 2018	\$ 30,747.95	\$ 20,366.71	\$ 10,381.24



There will be no Fellowship after worship on the last Sunday in June. Instead we will have our annual **Hot Dog / Pot Luck Fellowship**



on Sunday, July 1st in celebration of the **4th of July**. The luncheon will be held in McInnis-Wharton Hall after worship. We will also be inviting our Special Needs Sunday School Class and our friends with the Resurrection Anglican Church on the Gulf. The church will provide Hot Dogs, Buns, fixings & drinks and the congregation is asked to bring any other items such as sides, deserts, etc. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the narthex and in McInnis-Wharton Hall on June 10th. Please sign up on one of these and indicate the number of people you expect to have with you even if you are unable to bring anything.



Find us online at <http://LBPCUSA.org>



And visit our Facebook page at <http://Facebook.com/LBPCUSA>.

You can view our Facebook page even if you don't have a Facebook account but, if you do have one, click the button to be notified when we post updates.



PLEASE send us information to include in the Beacon

- By email: Lbpcusa@outlook.com
- By hand: Place in the collection plate at Sunday Worship.
- By phone: Leave a message on the church answering machine at 228-863-7633. (Phone messages are checked on Saturdays)



To receive the Beacon by email, please send a request including your name and email address to Lbpcusa@outlook.com. Please note that this will be maintained as a private email list and only used for Long Beach Presbyterian Church communications.