

# Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

*To grow in Christ, becoming like Him, to the glory of God.*

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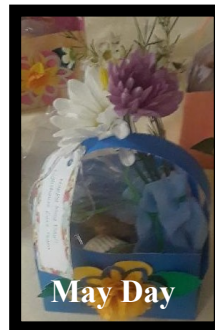
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**Worship: Sunday 10:00am**

## Lighthouse vs COVID



Just a quick glance at what we have done to Worship God through this pandemic!



**1st Thursday for Seniors Drive Thru**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:6-7**



**Baptisms**

### Welcoming our Confirmands!





## NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Oct. 2nd.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of:

- **Christine Rosner** (Marge Miller's daughter and Terry Herron's sister)
- **Jean Kaiser** (Edie Hewitt)
- **Larry Fuller** (Tracey Hecker's uncle)

# New Members



Mary Ann & Ron Hinkle



Kathie & Bob Kirkpatrick



Gale & Bob Matson



Elijah & Katie Short

*"For we are all members of one body."  
Ephesians 4:25*

1st Thursdays   
for Seniors

Thursday, October 1st  
11:30am-Noon

Looking ahead: September First Thursdays **Drive-Thru**. This is for all our friends of AARP age. You may RSVP by September 29<sup>th</sup> to Rebecca at [rebecca@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:rebecca@paolalighthouse.com) or call the church office, 294-2400.

You will enjoy our delicious and favorite chicken casserole, veggies, dreamsicle salad and chunky apple cake.



- 1 Kylie Tennis
- 2 Charlee Majors  
Shawn Miller  
Olivia Thompson
- 3 Steve Gronemeyer  
Lue Ann Hellyer
- 5 Harry Hellyer  
Stella Newton
- 7 Lon Boyd  
Woody McDougal
- 9 Leah Sparks
- 10 Andy Bouse  
Brady Buescher
- 11 Rose Simons
- 14 Jane Hines  
Ruth Simons
- 15 Darren Green
- 17 Sherry Ahlbrandt  
Larry Beyer  
Lindsay Ebeling  
Kay Ufford
- 18 Karen Blumhorst  
Lyle Briley
- 19 Kristal Sparks  
Ezra Wedde
- 20 Susan Bayles
- 21 Samantha Poetter
- 22 Tresa Brandt  
Lorelie Carter  
Greg Ebeling
- 24 Lexi Dyer  
Devin Trent
- 25 Christi Hay  
Steele Meade  
Sadie Olson  
Marlene Voigts
- 26 Megan Sutton
- 28 Kim Bruza  
Jonathan Sterk
- 29 Jon Wade  
Bob Zoller
- 30 Brielle Baldrige  
Victor Baldrige  
Art Morrow  
Briana Patton
- 31 Laurie Johnston  
Charlotte Reeder

## MONTHLY INCOME REPORT

### August 2020

#### GENERAL GIVING

YTD Budget Needed	\$ 403,160.96
YTD Actual Giving	<u>\$ 399,876.33</u>
Amount still needed:	\$ 3,284.63

#### BUILDING FUND

Annual Budget Needed:	\$ 187,085.88
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 93,342.74
Loan Balance:	\$2,526,341.10



The Session of Lighthouse Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at the beginning of the worship service for the purpose of: electing Elders and Deacons and electing 6 members from the congregation-at-large to serve on the 2021 Church Nominating Committee.

Allen Baldrige, Clerk of Session





## How does a shoebox gift impact a child in need?



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is not intended as a solution for meeting physical needs, but rather a strategy for the local church to meet spiritual needs of children in their communities. The unexpected gift delights and sparks hope in the life of a child as they hear of Jesus' love for them. Simple gifts-packed with love in Jesus' Name-deliver hope and joy to children all around the world, regardless of their faith or religious background. Shoebox gifts are given freely in Jesus' Name.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD HELPS COMBAT THE EMPTINESS AN ORPHAN FELT.

When people tell Karabo Maretlane he's lucky, he says, "I'm chosen."

Karabo grew up in a village in the southern African nation of Lesotho. When he was 5 years old, his father died and his mother left him with his grandmother. As this elderly woman raised him, she taught him how to read, write, and follow God. But Karabo's grandmother died when he was still young and, shortly afterward, his mother died as well. Loneliness set in like never before as he realized he was an orphan.



Karabo's uncle soon invited him to come live with him in the city. It was there that a friend invited him to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event where he received a box full of gifts just for him.

"That shoebox filled one of the holes in my heart," he said.

Today Karabo is part of a family again and he encourages others to pack shoebox gifts for other kids around the world: "If you hear the voice of God, do not harden your heart" (paraphrasing Hebrews 3:15).

Now more than ever, children need hope. You can bless a child like Karabo with great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ by packing a shoebox.



**Now is the time to start packing shoebox gifts! Mark your calendar: National Collection Week will be November 16-23.**



## First Quarantians



*I (Pastor Brad) have been posting some devotions, scriptures and thoughts on our Lighthouse Facebook Page since the pandemic began in March. You can find them [here](#). Or, beginning with this current issue, you can read some of them on this page of the Beacon. Hope God blesses you through them.*

## First World Problems

The term, *First World Problem*, has become more prevalent these days, though I'm not sure why exactly.

Maybe it's due to the pandemic – easy to blame almost everything on the current health crisis. If you have not heard this phrase, a First World Problem is a relatively trivial or minor problem or frustration, which implies a contrast with serious problems such as those that may be experienced in the developing world – like clean water or poverty or war.

Some examples include:

- Slow internet access
- Not being able to find items in a shop
- Bad-tasting fruit
- Getting a bad haircut
- TV remote not working
- Poor cell phone coverage
- Phone battery dying

Of course, there are entire pages devoted to the funnier side of this idea, like:

- Someone on the internet disagrees with me!!!
- My pool cover won't open properly!
- No fennel left at the deli! What a disaster!

Putting the sillier ones aside, these kinds of problems are still problems, but they are manageable in our First World. After all, these things are easily corrected; whereas the solutions for poverty are few and far between, and they are also much debated between those who desire to help our brothers and sisters in the developing world.

To consider the way your special coffee order got messed up as an annoyance rather than a major issue is akin to the realization that you really are not starving...you may be hungry, but you are not *starving* (but millions of people are); which hopefully makes a difference in the way we approach life as a follower of Jesus.

For me, recognizing a *First World Problem* re-focuses my thoughts in the following ways:

- Thank God for providing my needs
- Pray for people who live daily in poverty
- Trust God, not technology or progress
- Give generously to reputable global ministries
- *Live simply, that others might simply live*





## For the month of September 2020

### Miscellaneous Issues

**Joel Ahlbrandt**  
**Sherry Ahlbrandt**  
**Lea Anderson** (Janell Bouse)  
**Virginia Ayers** (Susan Hime)  
**Tom Balch** (Bob Dameron)  
**Anna Beyer** (Larry & Joslin Beyer)  
**Kirk Blain** (Susan Blain)  
**Jackie Brewer**  
**Pam Bryant**  
**Joe Burke** (Terry Robinson)  
**David & Sarah Cano**  
 (Rick & Angela Bishop)  
**Summer Carl** (Bob Dameron)  
**Kristen Cummings**  
**Rosemary Cummings**  
**Lester & Leta England**  
 (Mike England)  
**Billie Fretz**  
**Jan Gillespie**  
**Jennebelle Gillespie**  
 (Joe & Jan Gillespie)  
**Joe Gillespie**  
**Sandy Gillespie**  
**Eric Haas** (Rick Bishop)  
**Zoe Harrington** (Cumming's family)  
**Leslie Harvell** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Harry Hellyer**  
**Lue Ann Hellyer**  
**Lesla Higginbotham** (Jenny Paulsen)  
**John Huff** (Lyle & Marcia Scott)  
**Tim Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Mary Kohlenberg**  
**Rene Korsten** (Janet Offutt)

**Betty Matney** (Evelyn Cowden)  
**Russ Mayer** (Tammy Dowd)  
**Barbara Morrow**  
**Janet Offutt**  
**Bettie Ore** (Carol Knoche)  
**Gary Patillo** (Margaret Quintero)  
**Don Probe** (Susan Blain)  
**Margaret Quintero**  
**Janet Rhea**  
**Shirley Schachle** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Iris Simons**  
**Marcia Sparks** (Oliver, Benjamin & Katie Sparks)  
**Larry Sumner** (Tracey Hecker)  
**Brent Teasley** (Paula Armstrong)  
**Dr. Gail Walter**  
**Karl Wesemann** (Karen Dietrich)  
**Donna Whiteford**  
 (Rose Anne Taylor)  
**Peggy Willows**  
**Diana Wilson** (Theresa Morrison)  
**Leonard Windler**  
 (Lyle & Marcia Scott)

### Military

**Joshua Alex** (Theresa Morrison)  
**Christina Behnke**  
**Tony Newman** (Bob Paulsen)

### Cancer

**Lon Boyd**  
**Vicki Campbell** (Tammy Dowd)  
**Ray Chapman** (Lyle & Bert Briley)  
**Tom Dameron** (Bob Dameron)  
**Ken Dietrich** (Dave Dietrich)  
**Jim Donner** (Charlie Brink)  
**Jim Galemore** (Cindy Walters)  
**Julie Gentry** (Amy Herron)  
**Pam Hire** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Kim King** (Orval & Karen Miller)  
**Megan Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Joan McComb**  
 (Christine Thomas-Hursey)  
**Mike McGuire** (Kristal Sparks)

**Megan McKellips**  
 (Mandy Wiseman)  
**Jim Moscript** (Leon Briley)  
**Frank Mueller** (Jason Mueller)  
**Judy Mullenix** (Kay Ufford)  
**Larry Nation** (Susan Blain)  
**Connie Patillo** (Margaret Quintero)  
**Jennifer Penny** (Janet Rhea)  
**Russ Porterfield**  
**Susie Porterfield**  
**Nancy Robb** (Mandy Wiseman)  
**Rich Rowan** (Abbie Perina)  
**John Sandoval** (Terry Robinson)  
**Jonica Sauce** (Sheila Majors)  
**Marcia Scott**  
**Chuck Smith** (Shonda Dyer)  
**Steve Trembly** (Terry Robinson)  
**Jim VonGrep** (Leon Briley)  
**Ursula VonRydingsvard**  
 (Terry Robinson)  
**Rosemary Wolf** (Linda Gibson)  
**Strong Wright** (Bruce Jenkins)

*(Names in parentheses indicate the church family requesting prayer)*

*(Names will run for four weeks, so please notify the office if you would like to have a name left on this prayer list.)*



Congratulations to Matt and Jessica Hollway on the birth of Mila Rae born on September 17th. Proud grandparents are Jim & Kathy Ferguson.

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