

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church Lent 2023

Digging Deeper

With Christians around the world, we enter the season of Lent, a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. In these weeks we seek to deepen our understanding of, and faith in, the teachings of Jesus and ultimately, the meaning his cross and resurrection has for our lives.

It is a season to go deeper, to challenge ourselves to go below the surface of these familiar stories but also of our own souls. We seek to unearth the wisdom to be found in the deeps. God invites us into the wilderness, into the darkness, not to abandon us, but to accompany us on an exploration that leads us to greater wholeness, stronger commitment, and a renewed experience of God's presence in our lives and in our world.

We'll gather for worship, bible study and reflection, the rituals of ashes and communion, and other special events as we explore the blessings of **Digging Deeper**.

Digging Deeper Speakers

Sunday, March 5 | 11:45am in the Sanctuary
Keith Doms, Resident Archaeologist at Newlin Grist Mill
We'll hear from Keith about the archaeology happening in this area and then have the opportunity to bring our own "found" treasures (Antiques Road Show style).

Sunday, March 19 | 11:45am in the Social Hall
Oliver Yost, Psychiatrist
We'll dig a little deeper into mental health care in our country and hear from Ollie about how therapy can be a resource for the kind of healing and wholeness God seeks for us.

Dinner with the Word

Wednesdays | 6 - 7pm in the Social Hall
Our midweek group turns its attention to the scriptures and themes chosen for each Sunday in Lent. We'll dig into the stories of Jonah, the woman caught in adultery, Joseph, Esther, and Paul as they come to new understandings, taken deeper in their relationship with God as they go below the surface, into the belly of the whale, into the darkness. All are welcome - come when you are able!



Digging Deeper Worship

Ash Wednesday Supper and Service, March 22

6:00pm Lenten Supper in the Social Hall

6:45pm Reflection and Receiving of Ashes in the Sanctuary

With the mark of the ashes, Lent begins. We are reminded as we receive this symbol that we are mortal, as it says in Genesis 3:19: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." A ritual of penitence, humility, a seeking after forgiveness and healing, the ashes will begin our journey of digging deeper.

Palm Sunday Worship, April 2 | 10:00am in the Sanctuary
Hosanna! Children will start the service with a palm processional.

Maundy Thursday Meal, April 6 | 7:00pm in the Social Hall
Gathered around tables, as the first disciples gathered with Jesus in the upper room, we share a simple meal followed by communion as we recall the Last Supper.

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 7 | 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
Often called the Service of Shadows, the music and readings take us into the last events of Jesus' life. Come to sit by the cross, to pray, to reflect on the meaning of these events for you and for the world.

Easter Sunday Worship, April 9 | 10:00am in the Sanctuary
Celebration of Easter featuring the Flowering of the Cross and festive Brass Quartet.

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