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SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
10:15	Children's Sunday School following Parable Time
11:00 AM	Fellowship

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Pastor's Ponderings

On my dresser is a picture of a woman I have never met and likely never will. She lives in Guatemala and is connected to the Guatemala Mission Group of New Castle Presbytery. But her presence in my life has changed the way I see my life.

One of the ways the Guatemala Mission Group asks folks to be in solidarity with the women they seek to serve in Guatemala is to become prayer partners. Each woman in the partnership is given the name of their prayer partner and a picture and that is all. And each prayer partner makes the commitment to pray daily for the other.

It seems a worthy gesture, a simple way to connect across borders and cultures. But it is far more powerful than I could have imagined. For praying for Rosa, imagining her life in Guatemala, as I look at her picture and hold her before God each day, has caused me to understand my own life in new ways. I have a deeper sense of unwarranted blessing, a greater awareness of my privilege, and an ear attuned to what is happening in the place she calls home and how the place I call home and the way I live are connected to her and to Guatemala.

My connection to Rosa has been an unexpectedly transformative experience and the source of growth for me. It is humbling to know that this woman in the midst of her daily life takes time to pray for me. Who am I that she would pray for me?

Rosa's companionship in my life has blessed me. I pray mine has been a blessing to her as well.

May your own companionship be a blessing that you give and receive -
Pastor Nona



JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MAY 22, 2022

Please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests.

Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.

Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!

We continue to pray for Sue Gluck who is recovering from a heart procedure and is looking forward to joining us in worship again soon.

We continue to pray for Joanna Kelly's friend, Shary Cutler. She has undergone an initial surgery and is now preparing for another.

Cindy Faulkner offered thanks for the support of LBPC and especially Candace and Catherine Smith during Selina's recent wedding.

We pray for George Thorpe who had an adverse reaction to some medication and spent a long day in the emergency room on Friday. He is feeling better and resting at home.

We pray for Howard and Barbara Bowker who are still contending with a variety of health issues, but appreciate our prayers and support.

2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$233,441
2022 YTD Giving:	\$ 89,937

WORSHIP LINKS

May 22, 2022

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



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It's almost Summer, and that means the return of the Lemonade Social! What is a Lemonade Social? It's a scaled back version of Fellowship Hour that is more accommodating to our congregants busy summer schedules. If you are new to hosting a Fellowship, this is a great time to volunteer. A signup sheet is posted in the Social Hall. Please contact Betsy Coons at betsycoons@comcast.net or 484-643-2479 if you have questions!

OR—if you prefer not to host but want to help out, donations of individually wrapped snacks (cookies, chips, etc.) are always welcome. Leave donations in the church kitchen marked, "Fellowship".



LBPC is constructing its future and one of the tools the Session will be providing to assist our congregation with this work is coming soon to your email box - the CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool). This survey will help us do some digging into who our church is and who we believe God is calling us to be in the coming years.

It's important that we hear from everyone involved in the life of the church so please plan to spend half an hour to complete the survey in early June.



At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and the future by supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. Through the Young Adult Volunteer program; Presbyterian Youth and Triennium office, the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative; as well as programs supported locally, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan. Please give generously, because when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

The Pentecost Special Offering will be received Sunday, June 5th.



Calling all choir members!! The Senior Choir picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 5th at 4:30 PM** at the home of Paul and Janet Haldeman. Please bring a covered dish to share!

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The Lower Brandywine Church office

will be closed for Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, 2022



- **LIFT Movie Night and Cookout/June 4**—We'll meet at the church around 7:00 PM, cook some hotdogs and smores and watch the movie, *Encanto*. Bring a beach chair and a friend!
- **Senior Recognition Sunday/June 12**—We'll recognize all our graduating seniors during worship and then have a special Fellowship hour to celebrate.
- **Stock Sale Fundraiser/June 26, July 3, July 10**—LIFT invites you to invest in THEM! LIFTERS will be selling stock for \$10/share following worship Sunday, June 26, July 3, and July 10. Each share sold entitles the purchaser to a postcard from the youth mission trip. They will be competing to see who can find the most obscure and unusual postcard (church appropriate, of course). Upon their return, mission trip attendees will hold a Shareholder's Meeting during Fellowship on July 31 to share their experiences.
- **FINALLY...THE MISSION TRIP!** This year's mission trip will be in Woonsocket, R.I. from July 17— 23. We have 2 chaperones and 6 youth volunteers committed to attend.

The Blackstone River Valley has a long history in the world of manufacturing and commerce. By the mid-1800s, Woonsocket was one of the largest textile manufacturing centers in the United States, but it did not escape the Great Depression. Industry was a draw for immigrants seeking to establish a better life for themselves. French Canadians first arrived in the 1840's, followed by African American immigrants who began to arrive as a part of the Great Migration. Since the 1980s, many Southeast Asian, Latinos, and African immigrants have been calling Woonsocket home. City revitalization began in the 1990s and has continued into the 21st century, including housing renovation projects as well as focused improvements to the greater community.

Help the residents of Woonsocket realize this future and bring the vision to reality as you become part of a greater purpose through home repairs for the people of the Blackstone Valley.



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Leave Gifts to Benefit Lower Brandywine Presbyterian

Please consider making a gift to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian that tells the story of your hope in Christ. Each will is unique and must be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of the individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan. Our Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officer (MRO) can guide you through this important giving process:

[Olanda Carr, Jr. 5141 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210 olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org)

Legacy Options. You can leave a gift to your church in the following ways: • A bequest in your will • Retirement plan beneficiary • Life insurance beneficiary • Proceeds from the sale of real estate or property • Other ways that suit your situation.

Consult with an attorney or professional advisor before making changes to your estate plans.

For more information visit: <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/>



Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution or electronically through our website? Visit the Giving tab on our website to see how!

Stock Transfers – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **272-118389**.
If needed – Fidelity Investments – 4001 Kennett Pike Ste. 120, Greenville, DE 19807, our Account Executive is Daniel Glazer 302-428-3776 ext. 78869.

Please remember to advise Linda Natali at finance@lowerbrandywine.org of your donation, so that we may credit your giving account promptly.

Donations of Required Minimum Distributions from Retirement Accounts

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account to tax exempt charities, such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and your donation will be tax exempt?

Here's how it works. If a person is at least age 70½, they must take at least a minimum distribution from their IRA or incur a penalty equal to one-half of the otherwise required minimum distribution amount. They may take more than the minimum at their discretion. These individuals may instruct their IRA account manager to distribute any amount of their choosing to one or more tax exempt charities such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian.

When that is done, it is considered to be a tax-exempt contribution. Lower Brandywine would acknowledge to the giver the receipt of that contribution from their IRA. Also, this contribution is tax exempt even if the individual does not itemize deductions for income tax purposes because the IRA account manager would not identify this to the IRS as reportable income in accordance with the tax code.

For more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions, check out the Internal Revenue Service Publication 590-B, "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)" or speak with your tax advisor.

CALENDAR

MAY 23RD—JUNE 5TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
05/23/2022	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
05/24/2022	4:00 PM	Presbytery Meeting
05/25/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
05/29/2022		Seventh Sunday of Easter
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
05/30/2022		**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
06/01/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
06/02/2022		Piano Guild Auditions
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
06/03/2022		Piano Guild Auditions
06/04/2022		Piano Guild Auditions
	7:00 PM	LIFT Movie Night and Bonfire
06/05/2022		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Pentecost Offering
		Day of Pentecost
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	4:00 PM	Sr. Choir Picnic at the Haldeman's



May 2022 Readings

Third Sunday of Easter—May 1

Acts 9:1–6 [7–20]
 Psalm 30
 Revelation 5:11–14
 John 21:1–19

Fourth Sunday of Easter—May 8

Acts 9:36–43
 Psalm 23
 Revelation 7:9–17
 John 10:22–30

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 15

Acts 11:1–18
 Psalm 148
 Revelation 21:1–6
 John 13:31–35

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 22

Acts 16:9–15
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
 John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 29

Acts 16:16–34
 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21
 John 17:20–2

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/03 Georgia Coats
 05/04 Owen Coats
 05/07 Kieran Connolly
 05/08 Sandra Paul
 05/10 Molly Main
 05/10 Sean Kennedy
 05/10 Emma Main
 05/13 David Heckman
 05/16 Debra Ventura
 05/19 Bruce Ringstrom
 05/21 Gail Kother
 05/22 Emily Coons
 05/26 Sally Kephart

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/05 Ed & Deb Ventura
 05/17 Matthew & Emily Kmecz
 05/24 Jay & Maret Headley
 05/25 Michael Csuy & Linda Bronson





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