



SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023	
Fifth Sunday in Lent	
10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
10:15 AM	Sunday School following Parable Time
11:00 AM	Fellowship Linda Natali Farewell

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## Pastor's Ponderings

In the Lenten devotional written by the editor of the Presbyterian Outlook , Teri McDowell Ott, this fourth week of Lent is about examining our dishonesty so that we might live with truth. It's a potent series of reflections, inviting us to consider the ways we are dishonest with ourselves and with God: Dishonest about what is true, about what we are capable of doing in partnership with God, dishonest about not having enough, dishonest about what we know and can know, dishonest about our history.

Ott's reflections lead us to examine the ways we prop ourselves up with illusions, myths, incomplete telling of history. Which is not the best way to find our identity or our security. But after our conversation with psychiatrist Dr. Ollie Yost, our final Digging Deeper speaker, we know how we come to have and to cling to some of these "truths". Imprinted upon our brains, reinforced in our bodies and connected to our emotions, these illusions or myths can become the way we understand the world.

Ott reminds us that in this season of Lent, God invites us to dig deeper – into our own assumptions and understandings, into our own experiences, into scripture – so that we may live life in the freedom that lies within the truth.

*Please, Be Well -  
Pastor Nona*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MARCH 19, 2023

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!**

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Dr. Herb Oettgen on Thursday, March 16, 2023. He was 99 years old. Dr. Oettgen lived an amazing life, contributing greatly to the field of cancer research among many other things. There are no details yet on a celebration of life memorial. We will communicate those when they are available. Please keep Herb's family in your prayers.

We continue to pray for Art Beebe who has returned to Cadia Rehabilitation, and for Paul Haldeman who hopes to be at church next week!

We pray for Angie Guzzardi who suffered a bout of food poisoning last week.

Sarah Yost offered a pray of thanksgiving for the support of Lower Brandywine to Zoe over the past few years. The cards, notes and little gifts have meant so much to her and she feels she has a home here at LBPC.

A memorial service for Marilyn Roberts has been scheduled for June 20th at 11:00 AM.



### 2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>2023 Giving Goal</b>	<b>\$240,690</b>
<b>2023 YTD Giving</b>	<b>\$76,804</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**March 19, 2023**

- ◇ [Audio/Video link](#)
- ◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

### LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *Holy Week*

O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?

#### APR 2 **PALM SUNDAY PALM PROCESSIONAL** 10:00 AM

With a palm processional and shouts of *Hosanna*, we remember Jesus and the disciples' return to Jerusalem! All children and youth who are present are invited to participate! We will also dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.

#### APR 6 **MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL AND COMMUNION** 6:30 PM

Join us in the Social Hall for a simple supper followed by scripture readings, symbolic foot washing, and communion as we remember the evening of the last supper.

#### APR 7 **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE** 7:00 PM

This quiet, contemplative, candlelight service of Tenebrae and Taizé, consisting of prayer and music, will take place in the sanctuary.

#### APR 9 **EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH, EGG HUNT, AND WORSHIP** 8:30 AM

We start off this joyful morning with a potluck brunch in the Social Hall.

9:15 AM  
The children are invited to bring their Easter baskets and join the lively egg hunt on the lawn (weather permitting).

10:00 AM  
*He is risen! He is risen indeed!* We gather in the sanctuary to worship the risen Christ! Join us for this very moving service which includes the flowering of the cross and the festive music of a brass quartet accompanying the Senior Choir.



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*You shall be called*

*Repairers of the breach. -Isaiah 58*

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Developments of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

**The OGHS offering will be dedicated during worship on Sunday April 2, but you're welcome to give online at any time during Lent at [Presbyterian Special Offerings \(pcusa.org\)](https://pcusa.org).**

**If children would like to fill a fish bank for OGHS, please contact Candace Smith.**



**Announcing some special events you won't want to miss! Support our LBPC student singers!**

**Matthew Quarles** a cappella group, *Under Arrest*, will be competing **this Saturday** at the Playhouse on Rodney Square ~ 1007 North Market St., Wilmington, DE ~ 7:00 PM. Tickets may be purchased [HERE](#).

Also, **Matthew** will be performing with his gospel choir on Saturday, April 25th at 6:00 PM at the Calvary Lutheran Church which is on the campus of WCU. The concert is free, but donations will be gladly accepted.

Finally, **Matthew** will appear in the opera, *Alcina*, by G. F. Handel on May 6th and 7th at the Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall on the WCU campus. For more information and for tickets click [HERE](#).

**Genna Hahn** will be performing her Master's Flute Recital on April 22, 2023 at 12:30 PM at the Gore Recital Hall in the Roselle Center for the Arts on the campus of UD. You are also invited to attend a reception and graduation celebration afterward! Flyers for this special event may be found in the Social Hall.



**Rehearsals for the Sixteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert**

are underway, and adults and high school students are invited to participate! The concert will be on April 29 at 2 PM at

Kennett High School, with the featured work as Randall Thompson's 'Frostiana', based on Robert Frost's poems. You must attend at least four Wednesday 7:30 P.M. rehearsals plus the dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 29 at 11 A.M. Come join this talented group of wonderful community singers! This year's concert will benefit Make-A-Wish of Philadelphia, Delaware, and Susquehanna Valley. See Donna or Marty Beech for more details.

***There is no rehearsal on March 29th as Donna is away that week.***

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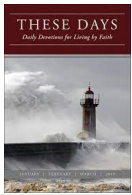
## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



**Calling all youth 6-12 grade!!!!**

The remaining LIFT meetings are: **March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11, and May 25 at 6:00 PM in the basement..** Bring a friend and any homework questions you might have!

We are rounding up the items on your wish list to finish outfitting your new space. Some of your time will be organizing and decorating, but the rest of the time you will be talking about Relationships, using a PCUSA youth curriculum. We look forward to seeing you then! Questions? Contact Mrs. Nancy Day at [nancyday@comcast.net](mailto:nancyday@comcast.net) or Mr. Sean Kennedy at [spk1962@outlook.com](mailto:spk1962@outlook.com).



The April/May/June issue of *These Days* is now available! Copies can be found in the Narthex and the Social Hall. If you would like one mailed to your home, please contact Becky in the church office. [lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org) or 302-658-2326.



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We will be collecting cards and notes to give to Linda at the party! Look for the gift box in the Social Hall.

**Join us every Wednesday  
at 6 PM  
in the Social Hall  
for  
Dinner with the Word**

**Dinner with the Word shifts into Lenten mode!**

We'll gather each Wednesday in Lent to discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and have a conversation about what the stories tell us about digging deeper and growing in faith.



# CALENDAR

## MARCH 20TH—APRIL 2ND

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
3/20/2023	7:00 PM	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
3/21/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe
	10:00 AM	Missions Committee Meeting
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
3/22/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:00 PM	Worship Visioning Team
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
3/24/2023		Church Office Closed
<b>3/26/2023</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship/Retirement Party for Linda
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
3/27/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
3/29/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
3/30/2023	6:00 PM	LIFT
3/31/2023		Church Office Closed
4/2/2023		Palm Sunday
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal

**March 2023 Readings**

**Second Sunday in Lent—March 5**

Genesis 12:1–4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

John 3:1–17 or Matthew 17:1–9

**Third Sunday in Lent—March 12**

Exodus 17:1–7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1–11

John 4:5–42

**Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 19**

1 Samuel 16:1–13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8–14

John 9:1–41

**Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 26**

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6–11

John 11:1–45

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**03/03 Mary Kennedy**

**03/12 Brenda Boucher**

**03/13 Thomas Craven**

**03/17 Joshua Boucher**

**03/18 Madelyn Underwood**

**03/22 Tylor Walther**

**03/23 Stephen Salle**

**03/24 Cooper Coats**

**03/25 Mauricette Benzing**

**03/26 Bruce Webber**

**Zoe Yost**

**03/27 Enzo Natali**

**03/29 Joyce Murphy**

**03/30 Donna Beech**





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