



SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Worship Schedule: 10 AM**

**In –person and livestreamed**

**Masks are required!**

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## Pastor's Ponderings

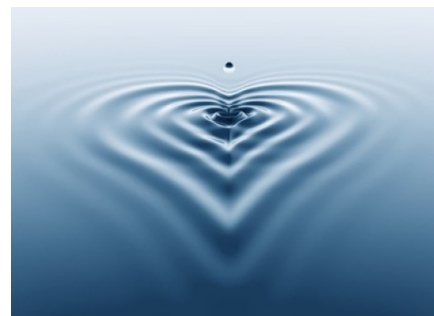
The Rev. Emma Horn

### Honoring a Life of Kindness

Friends, the week of April 25-May 2, LBPC will be participating in a week of kindness, a time when we intentionally live out kindness and compassion in the world. No matter where you find yourself during this week, we invite you to find ways to live into kindness and compassion in your own life. Kindness is something that we are called into time and again in scripture— in passages like Luke 10 when Jesus is asked who is our neighbor, John 21 when Jesus calls Peter to feed his sheep, and in Matthew 25 when we are called to pay attention to the needs of the most vulnerable.

Fred Rogers, whose life and legacy we celebrate described the power of kindness in this way:

*“Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person. There have been so many stories about the lack of courtesy, the impatience of today’s world, road rage and even restaurant rage. Sometimes, all it takes is one kind word to nourish another person. Think of the ripple effect that can be created when we nourish someone. One kind empathetic word has a wonderful way of turning into many.”*



In these days of hatred, ignorance, cruelty and lack of empathy or care for our neighbors may seem to be the loudest narrative at times. May these words from Mr. Rogers and from scripture inspire us to embody kindness in a world that so desperately needs it, not just next week but in all our days.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM APRIL 18, 2021

Our pastor's contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Pastor Emma is available for conversation and prayer. Also, 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 those in our congregation and our world who suffer from illnesses, feel isolated and alone, or live in fear for any reason. May they feel our fervent prayers for them as well as God's loving presence in their lives.

We JOYFULLY lift up the tremendous success of the Fourteenth Annual Jonathan Beech *virtual* Memorial Concert which, to date, has raised around \$14,000 for charity!

Thank you!!!! We were blessed to have a wonderful group of volunteers come in Monday to help us prepare packets for next week. Many, many thanks to Carolyn, Bruce, Janet, Paul, Sandra, Susan, Diane, Hal and Molly (who really tried but had a bit of car trouble). Their help will make next week's fun possible.



### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	<b>\$96,304</b>
Budgeted Giving 2021:	<b>\$244,249</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**April 18, 2021**

**"Be A Witness of These Things"**

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Memorial Concert Update** If you haven't yet viewed our virtual Fourteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert, or would like to view it again, here is the YouTube link for you to click on:

<https://youtu.be/nn4wU8k6BG4>

One advantage to a virtual concert is that you can view it anytime and anywhere --- and thus it has had over 1200 views to date! So far about \$14,000 has been collected, to be split evenly among CHOP Neuro-Oncology, Make-A-Wish of Phila./DE/Susquehanna Valley, and Camp Sunshine of Maine. We are totally amazed, as we had no idea what to expect with this unfamiliar method of doing a concert! Donations will continue to be accepted; checks should be written to 'Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert' and mailed to us.

Many thanks for your support! Donna and Marty Beech



JOIN US FOR...

## A WEEK OF KINDNESS

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

**STARTING SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH**  
**ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY**

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Kindness Prayer Walk

-Starting April 25th. Lift up prayers of love and kindness with your family or bubble mates as you walk through the Pollinator Garden.

### Take-home Kindness Kit

-Available April 25th. Full of ideas and materials to help you spread kindness all over the place!

### Mr. Rogers Movie Night

-Sunday, April 25th at 7:00 PM

-*It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* (teens & adults)

-Three *Mr. Rogers* Episodes (younger children)

-Wear your favorite cardigan in honor of Fred Rogers!

### Mr. Rogers Trivia Night

-Thursday, April 29th at 6:00 PM via ZOOM.

Advance registration is required for the movie on Sunday, April 25th.

All children in attendance must be accompanied by an adult.

Masks are required for in-person gatherings.

Thanks for your consideration.

To register for the movie go to:

[REGISTER FOR MOVIE NIGHT](#)

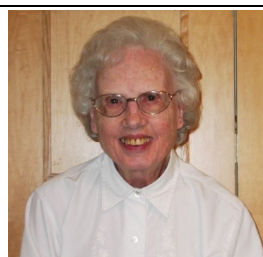
For more information or for questions, contact the LBPC office at

302-658-2326 or lbpc@comcast.net

In the case of inclement weather, which looks to be likely, the movie will be moved to inside the Sanctuary. Snacks will still be available! You may pick them up before you leave. Mr. Roger's episodes for our younger viewers will still be shown in the Social Hall as planned.

See you Sunday!!!

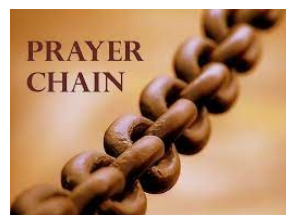
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Recently, **Joanna Kelly** was featured in the Country House Volunteer Spotlight for her faithful dedication to the work of Lower Brandywine. The article outlines how Joanna found herself an author of the church's 300th Anniversary History Book! We are so grateful to Joanna for her tireless efforts to "get it right." Please take a moment to stop by the bulletin board in the Social Hall and read the entire article.



LBPC is proud to be a longtime contributor to the Food Bank of Delaware. The past year has been especially hard for many people, and we want to encourage all to continue to make donations to the food barrel in the Social Hall. When the barrel gets full, we call for a pick-up! Thanks for your support! **Update: our FULL barrel is scheduled to be collected this Wednesday! Keep the donations coming!**



A **prayer chain** is a list of people who agree to **pray** for a someone during a troubled time. **Prayer** is among the most ancient of human practices, and to this day billions of people believe in its power. **Prayer** transcends religions, denominations, sects and belief systems of all kinds. If you are interested in joining the LBPC Prayer Chain, please contact Carolyn Hooper at [bc.hooper@verizon.net](mailto:bc.hooper@verizon.net) or 302-234-0475.



Mark your calendar! Our next delivery week begins **April 26 to April 30**. Our next week after that is **May 24-28**.

If you are interested in joining the Meals on Wheels delivery team, please contact Judy Thorpe at [judythrp@gmail.com](mailto:judythrp@gmail.com) or 310-388-1270.

## LBPC Cooks by Zoom on Tuesday, April 27th at 6PM!

**Where:** Your own kitchen!

**Menu:** Chicken Lettuce Wraps

**RSVP to Betsy Coons, [betsycoons@comcast.net](mailto:betsycoons@comcast.net) or text 484-643-2479.**

She will send you the easy shopping list and recipe.

We'll all cook together and then sit down together (Via Zoom!) to enjoy the meal.



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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

### 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign Update



**We have reached and exceeded our goal with a total of \$300,039 donated to the 300th Anniversary Campaign! Thanks to all for their very generous contributions!**

If you still wish to contribute, please contact Linda Natali at [linda.natali@comcast.net](mailto:linda.natali@comcast.net) or visit [www.vancopayments.com](http://www.vancopayments.com) to give electronically, or mail your check to the church office with a memo, "300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary."

**Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution? Or electronically via Vanco services? Vanco – visit our website and follow the instructions to "contribute online."**

**Stock Transfers** – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **772-118389**.

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 [linda.natali@comcast](mailto:linda.natali@comcast.net) 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.



## April 2021 Lectionary Readings

### **Resurrection of the Lord / Easter—April 4**

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

### **Second Sunday of Easter—April 11**

Acts 4:32–35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1–2:2 John 20:19–31

### **Third Sunday of Easter—April 18**

Acts 3:12–19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 25**

Acts 4:5–12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16–24 John 10:11–1

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

04/02	Howard Bowker
04/03	Stephanie Odutola
04/06	Matthew Kmecz
	Claire Connolly
04/07	Heather Day
04/08	Barbara Sypher
04/12	Pamela Sudell
04/13	Edwin Messikomer
04/14	Edward Major
	Joshua Walther
04/15	Scot Armstrong
04/20	Harriet Spayth
	Julia Wright
04/21	Ethan Walter
04/23	Martha Marsey
	Nathan Ventura
04/24	Reed Coats

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

04/09	Brenda & Joshua Boucher
04/10	Lawrence & Joyce Murphy
04/21	Sean & Becky Kennedy

# CALENDAR

## APRIL 20TH—MAY 2ND

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	ZOOM Link
04/20/2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM Fellowship	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286676223?pwd=UnpFVEVxOHRWemZOZ3p1ZHHlaUljQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286676223?pwd=UnpFVEVxOHRWemZOZ3p1ZHHlaUljQT09</a>
04/20/2021	10:00 AM	Missions Committee	
04/20/2021	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borrer
04/21/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
04/22/2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM Fellowship	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609951154?pwd=aFBna2xtNVdFaXIwTGxYSm5MaDFpZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609951154?pwd=aFBna2xtNVdFaXIwTGxYSm5MaDFpZz09</a>
<b>04/25/2021</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
		Week of Kindness Starts	
04/25/2021	10:00 AM	Worship Service	In-person and livestream
04/25/2021	7:00 PM	Movie Night!	
04/26/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
04/26/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
04/26/2021	7:00 PM	Session	Contact Pastor Emma
04/27/2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM Fellowship	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286676223?pwd=UnpFVEVxOHRWemZOZ3p1ZHHlaUljQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286676223?pwd=UnpFVEVxOHRWemZOZ3p1ZHHlaUljQT09</a>
04/27/2021	6:00 PM	LBPC Cooks! (Zoom)	Contact Betsy Coons
04/27/2021	7:00 PM	ZOOM 300th Anniversary Meeting	Contact Ed Nass
04/28/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
04/29/2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM Fellowship	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609951154?pwd=aFBna2xtNVdFaXIwTGxYSm5MaDFpZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609951154?pwd=aFBna2xtNVdFaXIwTGxYSm5MaDFpZz09</a>
<b>05/02/2021</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
		Good Samaritan Offering	
05/02/2021	10:00 AM	Worship Service	In-person and livestream

### **WEEK OF KINDNESS START SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH**

**The activities planned this week are for all ages! Stop by the prayer walk with your family or friends, pick up your kindness packet that's filled with ideas for young and old alike, come to movie night where there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Treat yourself, those you love, and your neighborhood to a little kindness next week and always!**



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