



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:00 AM	Adult Study
10:00 AM	Worship
10:15 AM	Children's Church School following Parable Time
11:00 AM	Fellowship

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Pastor's Ponderings

Peace,

That's the way I sign my emails. For me it is a blessing, a hope sent with each communication that the person receiving it will also receive God's peace, in whatever way they most need to experience it. During Covid, I added Peace, be well. But always, a hope for Peace.

For there is such a need for God's Peace – the peace that comes when justice, safety, hope, respect, unity and plenty are known in our lives and among all peoples.

Every year on the first Sunday in October we gather around the Lord's table and share communion as a sign of our unity with Christians all over the world. And paired with that ritual is another: the receiving of the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Our gifts to this Special Offering of the Presbyterian Church USA fund our denomination's work of Peacemaking. This offering draws Presbyterians together and provides support to siblings in Christ who are called to serve as International Peacemakers on our behalf. Your support of this offering helps encourage our church partners in Ukraine as they struggle against the trauma of war. It helps congregations begin to address the growing mental health crisis and the increase in the number of suicides in their communities. It provides resources for congregations seeking to address issues of gun violence in their communities.

Our congregation will retain 25% of this Offering to support a Peacemaking effort in our community and 25% is retained by New Castle Presbytery where it will be used to support the work of the Presbytery's Interfaith Peacemaker, Rev. Tom Davis, with "young filmmakers exploring faith." These young adults are creating videos about a variety of faiths by visiting churches, mosques and temples in our area. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

So let us gather joyfully and give generously next Sunday in a spirit of unity and with hope for peace,

Pastor Nona



JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Please share your joys and concerns with us so that we can 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.*

We continue to pray for Rich Mical and Dennis Witmer who are recovering from surgery. We were delighted to see Dennis yesterday—up and moving around although a bit gingerly!

We are happy to report that Joan Wysham's tumble yesterday did not result in any severe injuries. She was planning to do laundry this afternoon. Our love and prayers to Joan!

We ask prayers for Ann and Pete Ferrari as they navigate Pete's Parkinson's diagnosis.



2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE		WORSHIP LINKS
2023 Giving Goal	\$240,690	September 24, 2023 No video or bulletin for Sunday, September 24th.
2023 YTD Giving	\$178,495	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS

LPBC **Pictorial Directory**

PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH. THAT'S THE SAME DAY AS THE HARVEST PARTY AND YOU *DEFINITELY* DON'T WANT TO MISS THAT!!!

If you absolutely can not make it on the 29th, or if you are a student or singleton not currently living at home but want to be included [HELLO CARE PACKAGES!], you may email a digital picture along with your contact information to Becky at lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org BEFORE October 29th.

The new directory will be published soon. Stay tuned!

****Contact information includes: Mailing address, email, phone, cell phone, birth date**



Back to France! I would like to thank you and all the people we met last Sunday in your church. It was a great moment of emotions for us, meditation love and friendship. We were impressed by your enthusiasm, joy and fervor. Please pass our best regards to all and particularly Tom whose French is excellent and Candy. We hope to see you again, may be in France, you have our mail address.

God bless you,
Jean Claude and Dominique (*visitors from France on 9/10*)



SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE UNDERWAY! We welcome all adult and high school singers! Come join us Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the choir room! Contact Donna Beech at beechmartin@msn.com for more information.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH!

Children of all ages are welcome. Come join us Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Children's Church School room. For more information, contact Marti Coats at 610-388-7613 or email at marticoats@verizon.net.



WISDOM WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us for a light supper and meaningful discussion every Wednesday at 6:00 PM. We are finishing a couple of chapters in Everyone is Normal... , and then we'll look into either Wired Word or another weekly discussion format. Those who wish to participate in handbell and choir rehearsals may leave when necessary. See you there!!

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NEWS YOU CAN USE



This is a GREAT event for the entire family! Please sign-up by October 8th!

You'll find the sign-up sheet on the SIGN-UP table in the Social Hall.

Money will be collected on the day of the event.

Ages 5 and up \$12. Ages 4 and younger FREE!

The church will provide hot dogs and marshmallows to roast over a fire following the hayride and there is no additional charge for the food. Prior to the event, contact Sandra Borrer for more details at borrerjury@gmail.com.



TRUNK N TREAT HARVEST PARTY

29th during social hour!

Crafts, spooky treats, and outdoor fun!

TRUNKS NEEDED!!!

Please consider participating using your car/van trunk. Decorate a little or a lot and pass out candy at your car/van. You will have 20 minutes set up time before the kids head out. **Candy donations are also appreciated!** If you are donating candy, please place it on the table by the office.

All help and contributions are greatly appreciated!

Sign up sheets will be available in the Social Hall starting Sunday October 1st!



We need your help! As we increase our marketing efforts, we need more pictures of the heart of our church - our people! Pictures of church members enjoying LBPC activities will help us share the success of events, and help market future church groups, events and/or activities. Pictures may be used in Facebook, our website, email and other various methods of communication. Please send pictures to our Communications Specialist, Laura Deitcher at communications@lowerbrandywine.org with a brief description of who is in the picture and what it's from.

THANK YOU FOR BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS!



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MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee continues to give thought to how we can best allocate our funds to be in alignment with the goals of the church as outlined in the Strategic Plan. Our emphasis has been on local benevolence as evidenced by our strong support for The Garage in Pennsylvania and to a lesser extent, Meals on Wheels in Delaware.

We were allocated \$11,900 in the 2023 budget. Thus far, we have voted to donate \$2500 of that to The Garage. At the same time, with the help of various groups of the church, we continue to provide a meal a month and will begin to gather supplies for their Makers Space creativity area. We also sent \$1500 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief for Maui. Added to that was a \$1000 donation from Joan Cummings which she wished to be combined with ours, earmarked for that purpose.

Added to the budgeted amount is \$700 which represents memorial donations in Joanna Kelly's name (which was her wish).

Good Samaritan donations amount to \$572, The committee will decide at its October meeting how we would like to direct that collection this year. We will also donate most of our remaining funds, leaving just enough for last minute needs in December.

Regarding the four Special Offerings: it was decided we would continue to participate for this year as we have in the past, but at some point, we will need to evaluate how that fits into the Strategic Plan. One Great Hour of Sharing donations added up to \$600 and this amount was forwarded to the Presbyterian Missions Agency. The Pentecost offering amounted to \$420.07 of which \$252.04 went to PCUSA and \$168.03 we designated for LIFT.

THE GARAGE KENNETT SQUARE AND AVONDALE!

The LBPC Missions Committee is pleased to announce our congregation's continued partnership with The Garage in Kennett Square. And *THEY* are excited to announce their expansion into Avondale! In the meantime, here is a link to their Amazon Wish List as well as some additional items they will need as they set up a maker space at the new site:

[AMAZON WISH LIST](#)

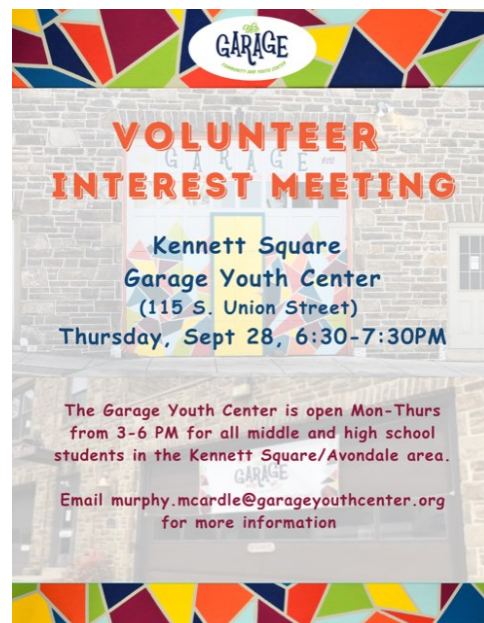
Volunteer Needs for Kennett and Avondale:

- Help with some events that we are having in October (Dia de los Muertos) and an Art Exposition done by our students! (AG)
- Ongoing support in the Makerspace (a space where students are able to use and make various kinds of art - sewing, painting, pottery, etc.) (AG)
- Homework helpers/Tutors (KSQ/AG)
- Meals Support (good for church groups or businesses!)

Please see the schedule below and email which day you will be joining us!

GARAGE SCHEDULE:

- 2:30 - 3pm Welcome Time
- 3:00 - 4pm Homework Hour
- 4:00 - 5pm Activity
- 5:00 - 6pm Free time



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 25TH —OCTOBER 8TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
9/25/2023	5:00 PM	KPA
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
9/26/2023	12:30 PM	Worship Committee Meeting ZOOM
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
9/27/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Wisdom Wednesday
	7:30 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
9/29/2023		Church Office Closed
10/1/2023		Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
		World Communion Sunday
		MFM: Laura Deitcher - Communications
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group - ZOOM
	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
10/2/2023	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
10/3/2023		Church Office Closed
10/4/2023		Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	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
10/6/2023		Church Office Closed

September 2023 Readings

Sunday, September 3 (Proper 17)

Exodus 3:1–15

Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

Sunday, September 10 (Proper 18)

Exodus 12:1–14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8–14

Matthew 18:15–20

Sunday, September 17 (Proper 19)

Exodus 14:19–31

Psalm 114 *or* Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

Sunday, September 24 (Proper 20)

Exodus 16:2–15

Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45

Philippians 1:21–30

Matthew 20:1–16

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/06 Lisa Adams
 09/08 Delaney Armstrong
 09/08 Gillian Haldeman
 09/12 Linda Bronson
 09/12 Maureen Ringstrom
 09/15 Addie Kmec
 09/19 Evelyn Middleton
 09/19 Susan Porth
 09/20 Selina Toedtor
 09/22 William Main
 09/22 Susan Wright
 09/25 George Plerhoples
 09/27 Raquel Balderas-Castro
 09/27 Natalie Heger
 09/27 Emily Kmec
 09/30 Meredith Kenton

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/06 Reed & Georgia Coats
 09/21 Ann & Pete Ferrari
 09/30 Bob & Marian Hartman



Join us for this year's banquet in Celebrating the
Promise of Yes!

Thursday, October 26th
Chase Center on the Riverfront
815 Justison St, Wilmington, DE 19801

6PM Registration
7PM Dinner and Program

Lower Brandywine will be purchasing a table as
we've done in years past. To reserve your seat,
contact Nancy Day at
nancyday@comcast.net.



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