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SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

Worship Service

11:00 AM

Lemonade Social

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Pastor's Ponderings



Peace, Be Well -
Pastor Nona

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JUNE 4, 2023

Please continue to 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.*

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

We are grateful for the opportunity to worship in God's beautiful creation yesterday. We also pray for our graduating seniors as they look forward to their next chapters!

We lift up Dennis Witmer who will be undergoing shoulder replacement surgery this week.

The Hahns ask prayers for travelling mercies for Genna as she travels to Greece to perform with UD's Lyric Opera.



2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE		WORSHIP LINKS
2023 Giving Goal	\$240,690	June 4, 2023 No links due to worshipping in the park. ◇ Audio/Video link ◇ Bulletin/Liturgy link
2023 YTD Giving	\$122,009	

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NEWS YOU CAN USE



Recent regular monthly meetings of the Session of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church were held on April 24 and May 22. Using our Worship, Grow, Connect, Serve, and Resources strategic structure, the session team reviews each of the 10 strategic initiatives on the dashboard.

Here is a recap of the key discussions and decisions of both meetings.

- **Worship:** Worship Visioning Team welcomes feedback from “passing of the peace” test-drive. Session approved the committee’s recommendation to reinstate the option for communion by intinction and passing of the communion plates in the pews (which had been previously suspended as a Covid restriction).
- **Grow/Connect:** Plans for Vacation Bible School are under way and registrations are coming in. *Still need adult volunteers!* The team would like a few more multi-generational members to help assess small group needs and make recommendations.
- **Connect:** We’ve included a questionnaire in recent Messengers and Sunday bulletins to gather feedback on social/cultural activities the congregation would like to do together and/or bring a friend to. *Babette’s Feast* dinner and movie plans were also discussed, and session approved serving wine with the dinner as long as alternative beverages were also offered.
- **Connect:** We are getting familiar with what kinds of data are available from MissionInsite, a demographic database resource available through the Presbytery. Also, photography for the congregational photo directory will start in August/September.
- **Serve:** Volunteer opportunities continue with The Garage in Kennett Square, where we provide a monthly meal for the students and their families. Committee continues to evaluate which Delaware organization to partner with.
- **Serve:** Session approved spending \$1000 of the 300th Anniversary Outreach Fund to sponsor a canoe team for Urban Promise’s annual Paddle for Promise fundraiser. Members of our LIFT group have participated in this for several years now.
- **Resources:** Since the financial markets are doing better this year so far, so have our balance sheet assets. Revenue from donations and pledges is on track, as are expenses. Planned Giving launch has been pushed to January, to not overlap with annual stewardship campaign.
- **Pastor report:** We will have guest pastors on June 10, and three Sundays in July, when Pastor Nona will be away on vacation. Session will begin conversation about next steps for the congregation in terms of seeking installed pastoral leadership in September with Presbytery staff’s guidance. Meanwhile, session concurred with Personnel recommendation that we should not undertake “field education” candidates (per a recent request to sponsor a “Minister in Training”) while we have an interim pastor and so many new initiatives underway.

Next Session meeting is Monday, June 26.



Sunday, June 25th! Bring your requests from either of our song books!

ALSO

We would like to hear about any other music that has special meaning to you. Think contemporary Christian, instrumental, popular. Please let Pastor Nona or Georgia Coats know your ideas!

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PLEASE GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS



It's Paddle time again! Team Lower Brandywine is ready to paddle down the Brandywine again this year to support Urban Promise's "Paddle for Promise" on Saturday June 10. For the past several years, LB has sponsored a canoe to help raise funds for UP's Street Leader Program. This year, Owen Coats and Jeff Day, along with their coach, Don Coats, will represent our church. If you would like to make a donation to support our sponsorship and Urban Promise's Street Leader Program, go to the Lower Brandywine donation page :

<https://donate.urbanpromise.org/team/505716> "Team Lower Brandywine".

Thank you for your support of this wonderful event, as we continue to reach out and serve in Christ's name.



Summer music invitation: *If you are interested in offering a solo, duo, trio, etc., for one or more Sunday worship services in June/July/August, please contact Donna Beech (Email: musicdirectorlbpc@gmail.com) with your available dates, and we will happily get you scheduled!*

SERVE

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

With Meals on Wheels

Summer is a good time to become acquainted with some of the Helping Opportunities we have at Lower Brandywine. One is with Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels delivers food to people in the Wilmington area who cannot, for some reason or other, get out to stores to obtain food or cook it themselves at home. LBPC has been involved for a number of years helping with this service. The actual volunteer time is about two hours for pickup and delivery of the food. Our summer delivery weeks are June 19-23, July 17-21, and August 14-18.

Basic policy is we pick up the meals, along with a route sheet, at around 10:30 or 10:45 a.m. from St. Anthony's church in Wilmington. We then drop off the meals at each home or residence. Basically, we do not go into the home for a visit; this is only to drop off a meal with a short chat to see how the client is doing. The child and parent would go with the regular LBPC deliverer who is familiar with the recipients. Our regulars are able to explain why some homes would be more appropriate than others for a child to visit.

With Home Communion Visits

Pastor Nona would love the company of our children and youth as she visits members of our congregation with home communion this summer. And those we visit will be thrilled to see young faces from church! Dates and times are flexible: we'll coordinate with families who sign up and the folks we plan to visit.

We hope seeing others' situations will help our young members grow in caring and service as they have the opportunity to see life from another perspective. Please contact Candace Smith, Judy Thorpe or Pastor Nona to schedule one of these opportunities for your family.

Thank you, and God's Blessings.

Judy Thorpe

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NEWS TO SHARE



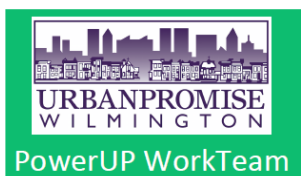
Summer will be here before we know it, so it's time to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School! Registration is now open!! Click the QR code on the flyer above or use the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/26tk42a3>

Hard copy registration forms are available at the church, and you may register by phone by contacting Candace Smith at 302-897-2469.

We also need VOLUNTEERS!! Sign up sheets are located in the Social Hall, or click on this Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044DA8A62AA4FE3-pieces>

And finally...if you have marketing skills or suggestions, the Nurture Committee is seeking VBS marketing help! Please contact Candace candacesmithevents@gmail.com or Carla Major waage1976@gmail.com. Thank you!



We are *delighted* to announce that the 2023 LIFT mission experience will take place right in our own backyard **the week of July 31st –August 4th!** Each morning LIFTers will meet at LBPC and carpool over to Urban Promise where a variety of service opportunities await. At the end of the week, youth will enjoy a lock-in here at LBPC where they can share their stories and celebrate their week! Who knows, maybe even their own talent show!

Don't think you can make the whole week? No problem! Participate when you can. We will just need to know ahead of time so we can schedule accordingly. More details are forthcoming. Oh, and your friends are welcome to join us as well!

For more information about the Urban Promise PowerUP Summer Experience, click [HERE](#).

CALENDAR

JUNE 5TH —JUNE 18TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
6/5/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
6/6/2023	10:00 AM	SERVE/Missions Committee Meeting (ZOOM)
	6:00 PM	Musical Recital
	8:00 PM	Reception
6/7/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Worship Visioning Team ZOOM
6/9/2023		Church Office Closed
6/10/2023		Urban Promise Paddle for Promise
6/11/2023		Second 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	Lemonade Social
6/12/2023		The Garage Meal Delivery
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
6/14/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
6/16/2023		Church Office Closed
6/18/2023		Third 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	Lemonade Social

June 2023 Readings

Trinity Sunday—June 4

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Matthew 28:16–20

Sunday, June 11

Genesis 12:1–9

Psalms 33:1–12

Romans 4:13–25

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Sunday, June 18

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)

Psalms 116:1–2, 12–19

Romans 5:1–8

Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

Sunday, June 25

Genesis 21:8–21

Psalms 86:1–10, 16–17

Romans 6:1b–11

Matthew 10:24–39

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/05	Michele Salle
06/06	Bryan Day
06/10	Michael Haldeman
06/11	Isaac La Salle
06/13	Mary Ruth Johnson
06/15	Lawrence Murphy
06/18	Catherine Adams
06/22	Phillip Dewey
06/26	Availia Lannon
06/27	Scarlett Walther

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/01	W. Robert & Dara Main
06/18	Martin & Donna Beech
06/18	Harold & Molly Kenton
06/20	Akin & Stephanie Odutola
06/24	Bruce & Maureen Ringstrom





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