



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

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

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Pastor's Ponderings

Together We Serve

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

*As we continue to explore what it means to live into LBPC's Mission to Welcome All,
the words of our closing hymn from Sunday's worship are good ones to keep before us.*

*Building on LBPC's strengths of fellowship and caring, God calls us to stretch that we
may be even more united by love, a beacon of hope and a place to belong for a lifetime of faith.*

*Please, Be Well -
Pastor Nona*

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MAY 7, 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 continue to pray for Charlie Gaebel as he heals from surgery. Charlie is Deb Ventura's and Ed Nass' brother-in-law.

Prayers for all those who join us in worship through the livestream. We hear regularly from folks who appreciate being able to worship this way.



2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2023 Giving Goal	\$240,690
2023 YTD Giving	\$104,630

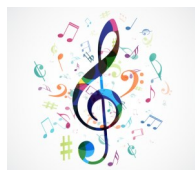
WORSHIP LINKS

May 7, 2023

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS YOU CAN USE



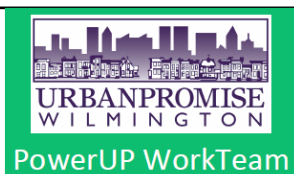
Our Sixteenth Annual Memorial Concert can be accessed via our concert website, for anyone who was unable to attend the April 29 concert (or for anyone who would like to view it again!). Simply go to JonathanBeechMemorialConcert.org and click on the YouTube link. So far over \$10,000 has been raised for Make-A-Wish of Philadelphia, Delaware, and Susquehanna! We will continue to collect through this month. Kudos and thanks to all who participated, attended, and supported in any way!

Link to the site here: [Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert](http://JonathanBeechMemorialConcert.org)

To make a contribution you may:

Mail a check to Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert, 474 Greenwood Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Please make the check payable to "Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert."

Donate by going to our website and using the PayPal button. To donate using this method, you must put in the amount you wish to donate before you choose whether to pay using PayPal or credit card.



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](#).

Also for LIFT...there is a meeting this Thursday to put the finishing touches on the Mother's Day worship service. We need all participants to attend! See you there at 6:00 PM.



June 6, 2023 Join us as we celebrate communion and recognize our high school and college graduates in the midst of God's beautiful creation in Anson B. Nixon Park! All LBPC families and extended families are invited to attend. Games and a cookout following.

August 6, 2023 Once again we will convene at Anson B. Nixon to celebrate communion and worship God surrounded by nature. All are welcome! Maybe even invite a friend! Games and a cookout to follow.

Neither oven in the kitchen is working properly and our freezer is completely out of order! Thank you for your patience while we work to address these problems.

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NEWS TO SHARE



Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church presents:

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

A VBS Experience for
Children age 5-10
July 31- August 4, 2023
9am-12pm

FREE

SPACE LIMITED REGISTER NOW!

Using various types of puzzles, we will explore how we connect, “fit together” and work together for one common purpose. Have fun with jigsaw puzzles, mazes, cubes, problem solving, escape challenges, and more!

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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!

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PLEASE GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS

The Connect Committee is getting organized with subcommittees focusing on *Invitation* (visitors), *Membership* (Pastoral Care, new member integration, fellowship) and *Communications*.

The Membership group is responding to the initiative put forth by Session to strengthen our connections to one another in the congregation through an annual series of events. And of course, we always welcome friends and family to join in too!

We have lots of fun ideas about things we could do together but we need to know which ones sound best to you! Help us firm up plans for summer and fall by completing the check list below.

And if any of these subcommittees peak your interest, please let Pastor Nona or any member of Session know so we can get you connected!

Thank you!

X	Shorter Day Trips	X	Longer Day Trips
	Winterthur		Ephrata Cloister
	Longwood Gardens		Cocalico Museum
	Nemours		Strasburg Train Museum
	The Hagley Museum		Amish Farm Museum
	Blue Rocks game		Sight and Sound Theatre
	Marshall Steam Museum		Intercourse, PA
	Philadelphia Museum of Art		Odessa, DE
	Rodin Museum		Batsto Village/Coming Glass Works
	The Barnes Museum		Farm Museum in NJ
	The Philadelphia Masonic Temple		Canoeing on Bass River
	Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site		Statue of Liberty
	Washington's Crossing		Tenement Museum
	Play or Ballet		The Met Cloisters
	Movie Night at the church		

X	Overnight Trips
	Mt. Vernon
	Monticello
	Annapolis
	Retreat (church, family, men, women)

Please put an "X" in the columns by the fellowship opportunities you would participate in yourself, and if you would invite a friend along, give it a double "XX".

Thank you!!

Please return your completed survey to the basket in the Sanctuary.

CALENDAR

MAY 8TH —MAY 21ST

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
5/8/2023	1:00 PM	Food prep for The Garage
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
5/10/2023	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	Worship Visioning Team
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
5/11/2023	6:00 PM	LIFT
5/12/2023		Church Office Closed
5/14/2023		Sixth Sunday of Easter
5/14/2023	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
5/15/2023	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
5/16/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
5/17/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
5/19/2023	12:00 AM	Church Office Closed
5/21/2023		Seventh Sunday of Easter
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	10:15 AM	LIFT Church School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Missions Committee SERVE Meeting

MAY 2023 Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 7

Acts 7:55–60

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 14

Acts 17:22–31

Psalm 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

Ascension of the Lord—May 18

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 21

Acts 1:6–14

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

Day of Pentecost—May 28



Acts 2:1–21 or Numbers 11:24–30

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 or Acts 2:1–21

John 20:19–23 or John 7:37–39

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/03 Georgia Coats

05/04 Owen Coats

05/07 Kieran Connolly

05/08 Sandra Paul

05/10 Sean Kennedy

05/10 Emma Main

05/10 Molly Main

05/13 David Heckman

05/16 Debra Ventura

05/19 Bruce Ringstrom

05/22 Emily Coons

05/26 Sally Kephart

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/05 Edward Nass & Debra Ventura

05/17 Emily & Matthew Kmecz

05/24 James & Maret Headley

05/25 Michael Csuy & Linda Bronson





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

After sharing a simple supper, the group will be talking about a chapter from Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them through the month of May.

Then...

Gather for rehearsal with Jr. Choir, Handbells or Sr. Choir.

If you would like a copy of the book, come by the church office or pick one up on Wednesday.



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