



SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Schedule: 10 AM  
 In-person and livestreamed

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Masks are required

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Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn



## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MAY 30, 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!**

In the Gospel of John we hear the story of how Jesus, in the final hours before his death, taught his followers some essential truths. This is part of what he taught them: *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

On this Sunday before Memorial Day, we pause to remember the self-giving love of Jesus Christ that he modeled for us and which has been imitated in the self-giving love of those men and women who died in military service to our country:

- we remembered and we prayed for our soldiers who laid down their lives for their friends and fellow citizens;
- we remembered and we prayed for those who put the health and well-being of others above their own;
- we remembered and we prayed for those who did not lay down their lives, but who suffered physical, emotional, or mental damage and need healing;
- we remembered and we prayed for those families who are grieving;
- we remembered and we prayed for those soldiers and military family members who need our ongoing support and care;
- we remembered and we prayed for our leaders to honor our soldiers, and all of us, by leading with wisdom and restraint;
- we remembered and we prayed for the example of Jesus Christ to be the vision of service for all of us, whoever we are and wherever we are;
- we long for and we prayed for a world filled with peace, where we no longer need to lay down our lives for our friends anymore.

We lift up a prayer of joy for a member of our larger denominational church family. We celebrate with joy the birth of Eli Estevez, son of Rev. Edwin Estevez, former pastor in New Castle Presbytery, and Dr. Merideth Hitte Estevez. Eli was born on May 29th and mom and baby are doing well.



### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	<b>\$121,463</b>
Budgeted Giving 2021:	<b>\$244,249</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

May 30, 2021

"Heavenly Things"

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



This Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you are worshipping with us on-line, we invite you to gather your communion elements so that you may join us at the appropriate time.



Weekly flower dedications are back!! Beginning this Sunday, June 6th, we welcome the return of weekly fresh flowers on the retable. A sign-up sheet is posted in the usual place in the Social Hall. Feel free to call in or email your dedications as well and the office will ensure it is noted (lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org). The requested donation amount for a flower dedication is \$40.00. If you wish to take your flowers home with you, please let the office know. Otherwise, Pastoral Care will make arrangements to deliver the flowers to a shut-in.



**Thank you!!!** Because of your donations, we were able to send in 23 pairs of used eyeglasses to be repurposed for those in need. For more information about how to donate gently used eyeglasses, please go to <https://vspglobal.com/cms/vspglobal-outreach/home.html>



Churches have personalities influenced by stories that are told about them. Over the 300 years that Lower Brandywine has been in existence, a rich catalogue of stories has been accumulated! Some are funny, some sad, and some tickle your heart. Our newer members do not know these stories to their loss, so now is the time to share, and be amused, and talk about them. We invite you to write your stories and submit them to the church office by June 15th. If you have pictures that would enhance your story, please feel free to submit those as well. You can email them to Becky at lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or drop them in her mailbox. We look forward to hearing from you!



Join us on **Sunday, June 13** as we celebrate graduating seniors AND commission those that are going on the summer mission trip to South Carolina. It will be a special day you don't want to miss!



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**Livestream Reminder:** If you are worshipping with us in person, be aware that we start the live stream about 5 minutes before the actual start of the service. Our new sound equipment is quite sensitive and picks up even quiet conversations taking place in the sanctuary. In order to protect everyone's privacy, we kindly ask that you keep this in mind. Thanks for your consideration.



Per the announcement that went out last week, Becky Kennedy has a new email address:

**[lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org)**

She is still able to receive email at her old address, but will be transitioning to the new address over the next few weeks.



**Working with a committee or small group?** Don't forget to let the office know. If even if you are still meeting via Zoom, it is important that we keep our calendar up to date; especially now that our church calendar is such a prominent part of our website. Just let the office know who is meeting, where and what time. Send your information to [lbpc@comcast.net](mailto:lbpc@comcast.net)



**Al-Anon/Alateen is a recovery support fellowship for families and friends of alcoholics. Al-Anon/Alateen members share how attendance has helped them more fully understand their alcoholic relative, and how they can enjoy a full and happy life, regardless of whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Al-Anon meets twice weekly and Alateen meets once a week at LBPC:**

**Al-Anon Meetings: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesday Noon-1:00 pm**

**Alateen Meeting: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm**

***Due to the pandemic, Al-Anon and Alateen are having virtual meetings.***

***Please go to [delawarealanon.org/meeting](http://delawarealanon.org/meeting) for the most up-to-date information.***



Lower Brandywine Office Hours

**Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

**Cemetery by appointment only.**

Voicemail is always monitored. If you have an urgent need, do not hesitate to call. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

## June 2021 Lectionary Readings

### **Second Sunday after Pentecost—June 6**

1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Mark 3:20–35

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost—June 13**

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17

Mark 4:26–34

### **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—June 20**

Topic: Contemplation on the Borderlands

Psalm 130

Luke 11: 1-13

### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—June 27**

Topic: Beauty, Contemplation, and Radical Compassion

Ezekiel 31:3-7

Matthew 25:31-45

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

<b>06/05</b>	<b>Michele Salle</b>
<b>06/06</b>	<b>Bryan Day</b>
<b>06/10</b>	<b>Michael Haldeman</b>
<b>06/13</b>	<b>Betsy Coons</b>
<b>06/13</b>	<b>Mary Ruth Johnson</b>
<b>06/15</b>	<b>Lawrence Murphy</b>
<b>06/18</b>	<b>Catherine Adams</b>
<b>06/22</b>	<b>Philip Dewey</b>
<b>06/26</b>	<b>Availia Lannon</b>
<b>06/27</b>	<b>Scarlett Walther</b>

### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>06/01</b>	<b>W. Robert &amp; Dara Main</b>
<b>06/17</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Janet Haldeman</b>
<b>06/18</b>	<b>Harold &amp; Molly Kenton</b>
<b>06/18</b>	<b>Martin &amp; Donna Beech</b>
<b>06/20</b>	<b>Akin &amp; Stephanie Odutola</b>
<b>06/24</b>	<b>Bruce &amp; Maureen Ringstrom</b>

# CALENDAR

## JUNE 1ST—JUNE 13TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	Contact
06/01/2021	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borrer for link
06/02/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
<b>06/06/2021</b>		<b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81477282701?pwd=NFFhV29lTjJUYkI5bTJpMjBhZGswdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81477282701?pwd=NFFhV29lTjJUYkI5bTJpMjBhZGswdz09</a>
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
	11:00 AM	Pastoral Care Meeting	
06/07/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
06/08/2021	5:00 PM	KPA Meeting in Social Hall	
06/09/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
<b>06/13/2021</b>		<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81477282701?pwd=NFFhV29lTjJUYkI5bTJpMjBhZGswdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81477282701?pwd=NFFhV29lTjJUYkI5bTJpMjBhZGswdz09</a>
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
		Senior Recognition and Youth Mission Commissioning	



The following is a list of proposed upcoming events with proposed dates and times. Watch your email for more details and information!

- Sunday, June 13 Senior recognition and youth mission trip participant commissioning
- Sunday, June 20 Youth leave for mission trip week
- Sunday, July 18 Youth Sunday with mission trip report
- Week of July 26th Vacation Bible School (specific days and times TBD)



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