

Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn

Joy and Abundance

This week we welcome Cindy Kohlmann as our guest pastor. Cindy serves as Connectional Presbytery and Stated Clerk staffing Leadership, Committee on Coordination, Committee on Ministers and Congregations, and Committee on Preparation for Missional Ministry. She provides pastoral support to New Castle Presbytery ministers and serves as Co-Executive with the Missional Presbyter. She will be leading us in an exploration of joy and abundance that will invite us to think deeply about the amazing abundance of God and the invitation to respond with abundant joy and thanksgiving.

For many people, for many reasons, many people have struggled to see God's abundance in the past year. Yet even in the most difficult years and in the midst of our most profound struggles God's abundance is somehow always there. In those times we can hold onto hope that God is still working and moving and inviting us to respond with joy and thanks-giving to this movement.

May this prayer, attributed to Augustine of Hippo, inspire us this week and invite us to be aware of God's abundance even during the difficult times in our lives.

"God of life, there are days when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down, when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening, when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honor and glory. Amen."

Friends, you are invited to join in worship this Sunday either in person or online as we continue to explore God's abundance with scriptures, songs, and liturgy.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JULY 4, 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 pray for a resolution to the increasing gun violence around the country, particularly in Wilmington and Philadelphia.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

| Year to Date Total Giving 2021: | \$133 <i>,</i> 897 |
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| Budgeted Giving 2021: | \$244,249 |

WORSHIP LINKS

July 04, 2021

"We Are Made for the Beloved"

- ♦ <u>Audio/Video link</u>
- ♦ Bulletin/Liturgy link



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JUMP into a week of fun with LBPC's 2021 Vacation Bible School Monday- Friday, July 26-30, 2021 11am-2pm

Ages 5-10

Safety Precautions are in place so please send your Child with a mask! There will be

Bible Stories, Games, Crafts & Refreshments

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church 101 Old Kennett Rd, Wilmington, DE 19807

Registration link: https://forms.gle/PPVsPsiZLcwEKSDQ7

Registration is first come, first serve, space is limited. Please register as soon as possible, registration will close when full.

Volunteers needed and appreciated!

Contact Candace Smith for more information 302-897-2469 candacesmithevents@gmail.com

<u>Registration link</u>: <u>https://forms.gle/PPVsPsiZLcwEKSDQ7</u>

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FELLOWSHIP TIME RETURNS

Sunday, July 18th we welcome BACK fellowship time after worship! The 18th will be a very special day indeed as we celebrate the youth and hear about their mission trip experience, and then have a fellowship time hosted by Betsy Coons. Betsy is the current chair of the Fellowship Committee and is looking for volunteers to help. Contact Betsy at <u>betsycoons@comcast.net</u> or 484-643-2479 if you want more information, or click <u>HERE</u> to add your name to the Sign-Up Genius calendar!



A Visual Prayers of the People, September 5th. As part of the worship service for Sunday, September, 5th, we are putting together a visual Prayers of the People. The subject is "*Beauty and Compassion*".

If you were to pray for beauty and compassion, what that look like? We invite everyone to submit a picture or pictures that represent what a prayer for beauty and compassion looks like to each person. Please submit your pictures to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or put them in Becky's box. The deadline for submission is **August 26th**.



A large portion of our church building is over 100 years old. As such, maintenance of our building and grounds is something that requires a great deal of thought, planning, creativity, patience and time. At LBPC we rely on a committee of volunteers to ensure our property continues to be a beautiful, safe, and comfortable place for people to worship. It is a very big job. At this time we find ourselves in desperate need of enthusiastic people willing to join this committee and commit their time and talent to ensure the proper upkeep of LBPC. They meet once a month. If after prayerful consideration you feel called to step into this roll, please contact Larry Murphy at Mjmlpm@verizon.net or 302-540-1779.

Per Capita

For those of you who are willing to pay for your per capita membership, we ask that you do so by making a payment to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$29.80 per member. Kindly note that members include our teenage confirmands. It would also be helpful for you to include on your check that this payment is for the "per capita contribution."

As always, we greatly appreciate your generosity in supporting not only our Church, but the greater Presbyterian Church USA.



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 for the most up-to-date information.

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



Leave Gifts to Benefit Lower Brandywine Presbyterian

Please consider making a gift to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian that tells the story of your hope in Christ. Each will is unique and must be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of the individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan. Our Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officer (MRO) can guide you through this important giving process:

Olanda Carr, Jr. 5141 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210 olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org

<u>Legacy Options</u> You can leave a gift to your church in the following ways: • A bequest in your will • Retirement plan beneficiary • Life insurance beneficiary • Proceeds from the sale of real estate or property • Other ways that suit your situation.

Consult with an attorney or professional advisor before making changes to your estate plans. For more information visit: <u>https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/</u>



Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution or electronically through our website? Visit the Giving tab on our website to see how!

Stock Transfers – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **Z72-118389.**

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 finance@lowerbrandywine.org 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.

For more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions, check out the Internal Revenue Service Publication 590-B, "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)" or speak with your tax advisor.

July 2021 Readings

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—July 4

Topic: We Are Made for the Beloved Psalm 16:7-11

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—July 11

Topic: Compassion and Contemplation 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3–14 Mark 6:14–29

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—July 18

Topic: Worth It—2021 Mission Trip Report Luke 15:11-32

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—July 25

Topic: Awakening to Beauty, Falling in Love with the World Psalm 147:1-11

> "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

> > Saint Augustine

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

| 7/2 | George Thorpe | |
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| | Alison Jury | |
| 7/3 | Jeffery Day | |
| | Meredith Day | |
| 7/4 | David Baldr | |
| 7/6 | Susan Gluck | |
| 7/7 | Ginny Nutt | |
| 7/10 | Emily Salmons | |
| | Marina Wright | |
| 7/11 | Thomas Johnson | |
| | Michael Wright | |
| 7/12 | Jake Armstrong | |
| 7/16 | Edward Nass | |
| | Colin Underwood | |
| 7/17 | Janet Haldeman | |
| 7/18 | Brian Kent | |
| 7/23 | Kelly Soliman | |
| 7/24 | Hayden Faulkner | |
| 7/26 | Michael Connolly | |
| 7/27 | Barbara Burkhardt | |
| 7/28 | Conor Garrigan-Nass | |
| 7/30 | Keeley Lannon | |
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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

| 7/6 | Kieran & Chantel Connolly |
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| 7/11 | Phillip & Patricia Dewey |
| 7/16 | Dennis & Diana Witmer |
| 7/27 | William & Lisa McNett |
| 7/30 | Patrick & Keeley Lannon |

CALENDAR

JULY 6TH—JULY 18TH

| Start Date 07/06/2021 | Start Time 12:00 PM | Subject Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM) | ZOOM Contact Sandra Borror |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 07/07/2021 | 12:00 PM | Al-Anon | contact sandra borror |
| 07/11/2021 | | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | |
| | 8:00 AM | Adult Topical Study | |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed) | |
| 07/12/2021 | 7:00 PM | Al-Anon | |
| | 7:00 PM | Al-Ateen | |
| 07/13/2021 | 5:00 PM | KPA Meeting in Social Hall | |
| 07/14/2021 | 12:00 PM | Al-Anon | |
| 07/16/2021 | | LIFT Day at the Beach | |
| 07/18/2021 | 12:00 AM | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost | |
| | | LIFT Mission Trip Report | |
| | 8:00 AM | Adult Topical Study | |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed) | |





- Sunday, July 18 Youth Sunday with mission trip report
- Week of July 26th Vacation Bible School (see previous VBS announcement)



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