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SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Schedule: 10 AM  
In –person and livestreamed

Masks are required

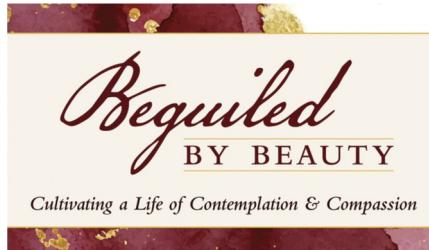
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)

## Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn



Friends, this week begins our summer worship series, *Beguiled by Beauty: Cultivating a Life of Contemplation and Compassion*, a worship series based on a resource from Dr. Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio.

The Worship Design Studio website describes this worship series in this way,

"An early 6<sup>th</sup> century theologian described God as 'beguiled by beauty'. The Creator was lured by a longing for beauty and so set in motion a world of immense diversity and goodness. We were made for this Divine Goodness. We were made inherently worth, not by our "doing" but by our simply being. All things are beautiful- both by a standard of pretty as seen by our eyes but by an essence of sacred worth that is sense by the spirit. This is the root and heart of compassion and justice. Practices of contemplation help us train our gaze to these deeper truths. In this worship series we will dwell with the God of Divine Goodness, deeply in love with us, and practice was to return that love as we fall more deeply in love with creation and with one another."

During this series, we will be spending intentional time exploring together what it means to live a life that is focused on the compassion to which God's loves calls us. We will learn about and experience together different spiritual practices intended to help us cultivate a new habit. For some of us, this might be a time filled with learning, when we are stretched spiritually. Others may have already integrated these practices into your spiritual life. Our prayer for all is that this series be a meaningful time of exploring God's word and thinking about practical ways in which we can deepen our spiritual lives. Whether you are a veteran of regular spiritual practice, or whether this is your first time employing these different methods of listening and speaking to God, we trust it will be a meaningful time of contemplating compassion. I hope that you will be able to join in either in person or online on Sunday mornings!

# JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JUNE 13, 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!**

Congratulations to Jason Casper, LBPC's Cemetery Manager, for being awarded *Knight of the Year* from the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph on the Brandywine Council #15436. Jason, we are so proud of you and the work you do at LBPC, St. Joseph's on the Brandywine and in the larger community!



Congratulations also to LBPC's own Megan McGraw who recently celebrated one year of employment at Starbucks. Even behind her mask, the joy she finds in this work is so evident. We're so happy for her success!



We lift up Dave and Barbara Heckman. Dave recently suffered a bad fall and had to have surgery. We are grateful to hear he is home now.

We continue to pray for those in our congregation who suffer with health issues and isolation.

## 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	<b>\$127,451</b>
Budgeted Giving 2021:	<b>\$244,249</b>

## WORSHIP LINKS

**June 13, 2021**

“Sent”

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## HOP SKIP JUMP Into God's Love

**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](mailto:candacesmithevents@gmail.com)

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

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Congratulations, graduates!

Delaney Armstrong  
Gillian Haldeman  
Shane Hurley  
Zoe Yost

Thank you to our youth mission trip leaders and participants!

Sean Kennedy  
Georgia Coats  
Owen Coats  
Cassie Coats  
Meredith Day  
Jeff Day  
Padraig Kennedy  
Andrew Baun  
Catherine Smith



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. Your can email them to Becky at [lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org) or drop them in her mailbox. We look forward to hearing from you!



The July/August/September issue of These Days is now available. Copies can be found at the Social Hall entrance and on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to have one mailed to your home, please contact Becky in the church office.



We are happy to 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](mailto: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 have them delivered to a shut-in.



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.*

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## 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) 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

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

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

# CALENDAR

## JUNE 14TH—JUNE 27TH

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
06/14/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
06/15/2021	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borror
06/16/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
<b>06/20/2021</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
		LIFT Mission Trip to SC	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
06/21/2021		LIFT Mission Trip to SC	
	11:00 AM	Pena Memorial Service	
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
	7:00 PM	Finance & Administration	
06/22/2021		LIFT Mission Trip to SC	
	10:00 AM	Missions Committee Meeting (Social Hall)	
06/23/2021		LIFT Mission Trip to SC	
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
06/24/2021		LIFT Mission Trip to SC	
06/25/2021		LIFT Mission Trip to SC	
06/26/2021		LIFT Mission Trip to SC	
<b>06/27/2021</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	

As many of you noticed this weekend, we lost another tree on our property. Sincere thanks to Larry Murphy and Jay from A to Z Landscaping for responding so quickly and getting the mess cleared from our parking lot before Sunday worship!



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



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