

## **SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** 

Worship Schedule: 10 AM In –person and livestreamed

**LIFT Youth Sunday** 

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

## Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn

Want to learn more about our youth's experience in South Carolina? Join us this Sunday at 10:00 AM to hear how they were impacted by their mission trip!!



# JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JULY 11, 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!

A message concerning Shirley Pritchard from her son and daughter, Jen and Jeff. Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers at this difficult time. You may share your stories with Jen at <a href="mailto:ienpritchard@me.com">ienpritchard@me.com</a>

"...Many of you know that she (Shirley) has been under hospice care since late Spring once it was determined that there was nothing curative the Doctors could do for her medically. Since then, my brother and my objective are to keep her as happy, comfortable, and pain-free as possible. The depth of compassionate caring extended to her through The Hickman and Compassus is incomparable.

Jeff and I are in constant communication with hospice, and it appears that Mom is accelerating into the final stages of her life. She is still conscious, a pip basically - equal parts mischievous and endearing to those around her. She is still eating - very little, but the weakness in her poor heart can no longer circulate her system, and the feeling is her time is at hand. Jeff and I have made arrangements to be east together for the coming weeks.

My reason for writing is that communicating with her is difficult and strained - something I know too well as I depend on Facetime daily to check in with her. Jeff and I are committed to sharing narratives and relaying the impact she has had on our lives and others. If you have a story to share or a message, please feel free to email me. We will make sure she hears it. As many of you know, hearing is the last sense that leaves us, and we would like her to know her value right up until she departs this world.

And please feel free to extend this offer to anyone who considers her a friend. Visits are difficult and tiring. She is awake only in small batches. But, Jeff and I will make sure that when she is awake, she hears all 'the good stuff.'"

# 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

WORSHIP LINKS

Year to Date Total Giving 2021: \$133,897

Budgeted Giving 2021: \$244,249

July 11, 2021

"Joy and Abundance"

- Audio/Video link
- Bulletin/Liturgy link



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Registration link: <a href="https://forms.gle/PPVsPsiZLcwEKSDQ7">https://forms.gle/PPVsPsiZLcwEKSDQ7</a>

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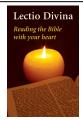


Please join us this Sunday, **July 18th**, for a very special Youth Mission Trip Report. Our youth will take the reigns Sunday morning as they lead us in worship! This year, the youth not only want to talk about what they did, but they also want to *share* the parts of the trip that were so meaningful to them. They want to give you a "taste" of their experience! Come with an open mind and an open heart and be prepared to share in a moving and uplifting worship service. We look forward to "seeing" you in-person or on line!



FELLOWSHIP TIME RETURNS

THIS SUNDAY 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 <a href="mailto:betsycoons@comcast.net">betsycoons@comcast.net</a> or 484-643-2479 if you want more information, or click <a href="mailto:HERE">HERE</a> to add your name to the Sign-Up Genius calendar!



This summer in worship we are exploring the theme of contemplation and compassion and learning about different spiritual practices in worship. One practice that many people connect to is Lectio Divina. This intentional way of reading scripture invites us to slow down and listen for the ways that God is speaking to us through the text. In case you find this a helpful practice, here is a link to Pastor Emma walking us through the process of Lectio Divina for this week's sermon text.



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 RETURNS TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS TODAY!

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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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: https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/



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**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 70%, 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	<b>George Thorpe</b>	
	Alison Jury	
7/3	Jeffery Day	
	<b>Meredith Day</b>	
7/4	<b>David Baldr</b>	
7/6	Susan Gluck	
7/7	<b>Ginny Nutt</b>	
7/10	<b>Emily Salmons</b>	
	Marina Wright	
7/11	<b>Thomas Johnson</b>	
	Michael Wright	
7/12	Jake Armstrong	
7/16	<b>Edward Nass</b>	
	<b>Colin Underwood</b>	
7/17	Janet Haldeman	
7/18	Brian Kent	
7/23	<b>Kelly Soliman</b>	
7/24	Hayden Faulkner	
7/26	Michael Connolly	
7/27	Barbara Burkhardt	
7/28	Conor Garrigan-Nass	
7/30	Keelev Lannon	

#### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

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

# CALENDAR JULY 12TH—JULY 25TH

Start Date Start Time	Subject	ZOOM
07/12/2021 7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	Al-Ateen	In-person and ZOOM. See
		delawarealanon.org/meeting
07/13/2021 5:00 PM	KPA Meeting in Social Hall	
07/14/2021 12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
07/18/2021	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
	LIFT Mission Trip Report	
8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
11:00 AM	Fellowship	
07/19/2021 7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	In-person and ZOOM. See
		delawarealanon.org/meeting
07/20/2021 12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borror
07/21/2021 12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
07/25/2021	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
11:00 AM	Fellowship	

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