



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Schedule: 10 AM

In –person and livestreamed

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Good Samaritan Offering Collected

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## Pastor's Ponderings

Pastor Emma Horn

Friends,

As you read this, I will be away at a conference in the mountains of North Carolina, learning about how systems work in organizations, adaptive leadership, and how to more effectively understand both the spoken and unspoken aspect of a church's culture.

Many of you have noticed the large stack of books on my desk that I have been reading in preparation for this conference. While pre-work for the conference asked me to read 7-8 books, there are three that I wanted to recommend to you all. I know that we have many in our church and community who love to read and I encourage you to add the following to your "to read" list, as I have found them especially inspiring and challenging and they have encouraged me to think about our context at LBPC. All of them can be found at most major booksellers. If you do read them, I'd love to have a conversation with you about what you find inspiring or challenging in them.

**-Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming the Faith** by Diana Butler Bass

This book gave me so much hope by sharing stories about how churches across denominational and regional boundaries are finding ways to remain faithful to their traditions while becoming vital spiritual communities.

**-The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters** by Priya Parker

This book challenged me to think about why and how groups gather, whether in the church or in secular organizations.

**-Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory** by Tod Bolsinger

Using the experiences of the explorers Lewis and Clark, this book helps the reader to think about how to be adaptable and rethinking what effective leadership looks like in a constantly changing world.

I encourage you to keep reading, prayer, learning and thinking deeply!

-Pastor Emma

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM AUGUST 29, 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 give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Chelsea Spyres who led us in worship while Pastor Emma is away.

We pray for students, teachers, professors and families as the new school year gets underway.

Marian Hartman had a fall yesterday and fractured her leg. She has had surgery and will be in Lancaster General Hospital for a few days. After that she will move to rehab for a while. She is doing OK but would appreciate our prayers!

We lift up Linda Natali who underwent hip replacement surgery this morning. Update: She is out of surgery and already in a room! Praise God!

We pray for the injured and displaced people in Afghanistan, Haiti, and now those in the southern U. S., in the wake of violence and natural disaster.

### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	<b>\$149,146</b>
Budgeted Giving 2021:	<b>\$244,249</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**August 29, 2021**

**"Radical Hospitality, Compassion and Courage"**

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*We are so excited to be able to worship and fellowship together again, but we need your help! Betsy Coons is looking for people to host our fellowship time after worship services. It doesn't have to be a big, fancy, feast; just some snacks to share with friends and family. Please contact Betsy Coons at [betsycoons@comcast.net](mailto:betsycoons@comcast.net) or 484-643-2479 to sign up!*

*Also, in anticipation of getting back to a "more normal" worship service, we need ushers and greeters to help welcome our members and visitors. Greeters simply need to arrive a few minutes early and welcome folks in. Ushers collect offering and have some minor duties when service is over. For more information, contact Dave Robertson at [da.robertson@verizon.net](mailto:da.robertson@verizon.net) or 302-764-9591.*



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.](#)

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**ATTENTION ALL K-5TH GRADERS!** Sunday School for children is back in session beginning Sunday, September 12th. All children will attend worship then be dismissed after parable time to join Miss Candy in Classrooms 3 & 4 for Children's Sunday School. A complete Fall schedule will be published later this week. For more information please contact Candace Smith at [candacesmithevents@gmail.com](mailto:candacesmithevents@gmail.com)



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 MEETING IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

*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.*

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



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:

For more information visit: <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/>



***Please remember to advise Linda Natali at [finance@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:finance@lowerbrandywine.org) of your donation, so that we may credit your giving account promptly.***

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.

## **September 2021 Readings**

### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 5**

Topic: From Beauty to Compassion and Justice

Psalms 98

Isaiah 52:7-10

### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 12**

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

### **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 19**

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 26**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

09/06	Lisa Adams
09/08	Delaney Armstrong
	Gillian Haldeman
09/12	Linda Bronson
	Maureen Ringstrom
09/15	Addie Kmec
09/19	Evelyn Middleton
	Susan Porth
09/20	Selina Faulkner
09/22	William Main
	Susan Wright
09/25	George Plerhoples
09/27	Emily Kmec
	Natalie Ventura
09/30	Meredith Kenton

### **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

09/06	Reed and Georgia Coats
09/21	Ann and Pete Ferrari
09/23	Alan Senegeto and Madelyn Underwood
09/30	Bob and Marian Hartman

# CALENDAR

## AUGUST 30TH—SEPTEMBER 12TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	Zoom
08/30/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
09/01/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
<b>09/05/2021</b>		<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
	11:00 AM	Fellowship	
09/06/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
09/07/2021	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borrer
09/08/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal	
09/11/2021	5:00 PM	LIFT: Fundraiser for Mission Family	
<b>09/12/2021</b>		<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day</b>	
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)	
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School	
	11:00 AM	Fellowship	

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## Join Us In Celebrating Our Church's 300th Anniversary!

**Saturday,  
September 25, 2021  
Noon - 4PM**

**Lower Brandywine  
Presbyterian Church**

**101 Old Kennett Road  
Wilmington, DE  
Across from Winterthur**



# Community Festival



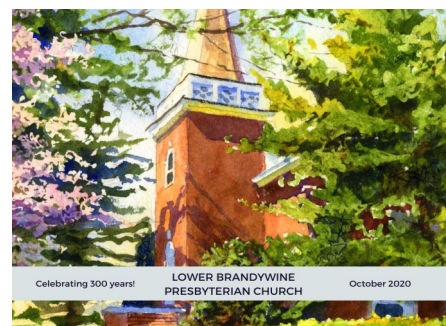
**FREE FOOD TRUCKS    MAGIC SHOW BY SPEED  
HUGE SLIDE/GAMES    FACE PAINTER/BALLOONIST  
LIVE MUSIC BY FAITH AND FRIENDS**



**SPECIAL PROCLAMATIONS WILL BE ISSUED BY DELAWARE STATE SENATOR LAURA STURGEON, DELAWARE STATE REPRESENTATIVE KRISTA GRIFFITH, AND NEW CASTLE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MATT MEYER MARKING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

### 300th Anniversary Happenings!

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| <b>TUE 9/14</b>   | New Castle Presbytery State Meeting @ LBPC (4 PM-8 PM)   |
| <b>SAT 9/25</b>   | Fall Festival (12 PM-4 PM)   |
| <b>SUN 9/26</b>   | 300th Anniversary Window Dedication  |
| <b>SUN 10/3</b>   | Distribution of commemorative 300th ornament and LBPC History Book after Sunday Service.   |
| <b>SUN 10/10</b>  | Performance of Play "Meeting of New Castle Presbytery in 1720" during Sunday Service 10 AM / continued distribution of commemorative ornaments and History Books after service.                      |
| <b>THUR 10/14</b> | 300th Anniversary Prayer Vigil (12 PM—6 PM)  |
| <b>FRI 10/15</b>  | 300th Anniversary Reception and Concert (5:30 PM—7:30 PM)<br>Music Concert in Sanctuary by Gina Roche (7 PM—8 PM)  |
| <b>SAT 10/16</b>  | 300th Anniversary Day of Service with Urban Promise (9 AM—1/2PM)   |
| <b>SUN 10/17</b>  | 300th Anniversary Sunday Service (10 AM—11:15 AM) Unveiling of commemorative plaque-framed list of family names during service<br>Congregational Brunch at Greenville Country Club (12 PM—2/3:00 PM) |





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