

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Schedule: 10 AM

In-person and livestreamed

# OFFICE STAFF

**Bridge Pastor, Nona Holy** 

pastor@lowerbrandywine.org

cell: 302-299-9077

Office, Becky Kennedy

lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org

Finance, Linda Natali

finance@lowerbrandywine.org

Cemetery, Jason Casper

cemetery@lowerbrandywine.org

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!** 

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

CHECK OUT OUR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

### Pastor's Ponderings

Oh, to be on the mountain with Jesus! Away from the crowd, or even with the crowd, but away from the busyness of our days and able to just take in what he says. Sunday Rev. Mark Douyard will preach and one of the texts is the Beatitudes, given to us by Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount according to Matthew and Luke.

This week I will gratefully take some time away, not on the mountain but at the coast as a dear seminary friend and I join the worship, keynotes, and workshops of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators conference virtually. What a gift to be able to step away from other responsibilities and roles to focus on friendship, rest, and giving my heart, brain, and soul a chance to find new perspective, to learn, and to grow with intention.

I hope that as this new year begins, you too will find a place that speaks to your soul where you can spend some time away with Jesus. Perhaps treating yourself to a daily time of prayer or a chapter a day of a book that challenges you to grow. Maybe it will be a few days on retreat somewhere or a daily walk breathing in all that Creation can reveal and teach us.

Wherever it may be for you, I encourage you to nurture the Mary in you that the Martha may serve with wisdom and joy!

Peace, be well -

Pastor Nona

# JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Our pastor's contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Pastor Holy 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 offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the worship leadership of Pastor Shannon Hanson on Sunday!

We pray for Keeley Lannon and the Lannon family as she recovers from surgery. A Meal Train has been established and cards are welcome. Contact the church office for more information.

We also pray for Diane Danziesen while she continues to suffer with shingles. She is recovering slowly.

Prayers of healing for Dr. Herb Oettgen who was admitted to the health care center at Kendal.



## 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving: **\$233,441** 

2022 YTD Giving: \$ **47,411** 

2022 Budgeted Pledges: \$190,000

2022 YTD Pledges: \$186,504

## WORSHIP LINKS

## February 6, 2022

- **Audio/Video link**
- **♦ Bulletin/Liturgy link**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



A new season of LIFT begins! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month starting this February. We begin at 6:00 PM with pizza and fellowship followed by a bible study, lesson or activity. As we head into Lent, we will continue with the Follow Me series and dive into Practice Spiritual Disciplines. LIFT is open to all those in 6th to 12th grade, and ALL are welcome. Bring a friend and please wear a mask!



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th, LIFT will once again be collecting canned goods for the "Souper Bowl of Caring". Collection baskets will be located in the Sanctuary and in the Social Hall. Proceeds benefit the Delaware Food Bank.



LBPC is excited to welcome all K-5th graders to Children's Sunday School! Sunday School takes places during worship immediately following the Parable Time, at which point the children will leave with Miss Candy for a fun and informative activity. This season, they will also be learning to <a href="Practice Spiritual Disciplines.">Practice Spiritual Disciplines.</a>. There is NO Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month, but children are invited to stay in worship and join

their families for the Sacrament of Communion. Activity packets will be available to keep little hands busy!



LBPC is DELIGHTED to reopen our nursery on Sunday, February 20th! Children from birth through age 4 are welcome to stay in the nursery during our Sunday morning worship which begins at 10:00 AM. Miss Fabiola will be there to greet you. Stop in for a visit!!



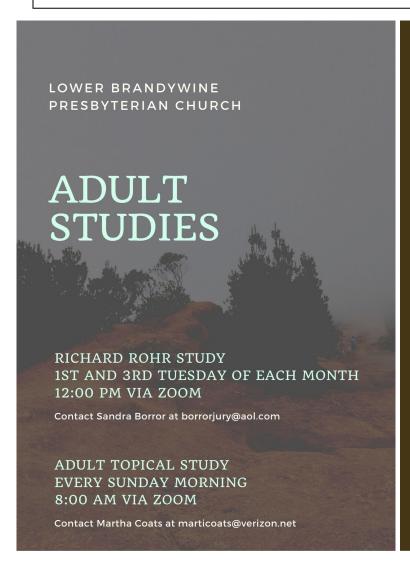
The Brown Bag Bible Study is now the Women's Bible Study and they meet every Thursday at 12:00 PM at LBPC. Through February they will continue their study of women in the bible. Starting in March they will turn to a more Lenten focused study. Candace Smith will be leading the group. If you have questions, please contact her at candacesmithevents@gmail.com. All are welcome!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



Rehearsals have begun for our Fifteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert, this year benefitting CHOP Neuro-Oncology. Our featured work will be the jazzy and eclectic "Missa Gaia" by Paul Winter. Adults and high school students are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 in the church sanctuary. The Beeches are requesting that all participants be vaccinated and masked.



## SESSION RETREAT

Saturday, February 19 9:00 AM

All current and newly elected members of session are invited to an informative retreat facilitated by Pastor Nona Holy. The meeting will be held in the LBPC Social Hall.

For more information contact Pastor Nona at pastor@lowerbrandywine.org or the church office at lbpc@loweerbrandywine.org.



# 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/



www.shutterstock.com - 184553630

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 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.

# CALENDAR

# FEBRUARY 7TH—FEBRUARY 20TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
02/07/2022	6:30 PM	Strategy and Planning Committee
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
02/09/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
02/10/2022	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	2:00 PM	Staff-Personnel Meeting
	7:00 PM	CCA Meeting - Library
02/13/2022		Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
		Souper Bowl of Caring
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
02/14/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
02/15/2022	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group
02/16/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
02/17/2022	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	6:00 PM	LIFT
02/19/2022	9:00 AM	Session Retreat
02/20/2022		Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
02/20/2022	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
02/20/2022	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
02/20/2022	11:00 AM	Fellowship

## **February 2022 Readings**

### Sunday, February 6

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1–11

### Sunday, February 13

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Luke 6:17-26

### Sunday, February 20

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40

1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

Luke 6:27-38

## Transfiguration of the Lord—February 27

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Luke 9:28–36 [37–43]

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

02/01	Jacob Csuy
02/03	Mimi Lovelace
0206	Trude Holmes
02/08	Julieta Balderas-Castro
02/09	William Sudell
02/11	Nancy Plerhoples
	Sandra Messikomer
02/12	Harold Salmons, III
02/12	Harold Kenton
02/14	John Danzeisen
02/16	Madison Armstrong
02/18	Clint Veasey
02/20	Darlene Sullivan
	Lisa Holt
02/21	Kate Connolly
02/23	Art Beebe
02/23	Steve Ernst
02/28	Weston Wright

Keep up with the latest news from the PCUSA and the NCP (New Castle Presbytery) by subscribing to one of the many available e-newsletters. There is so much happening in our denomination beyond our walls! Learn more about how other Presbyterians are responding to the needs of our world. Follow the links below to subscribe:



Follow this link to subscribe to PCUSA newsletters.



Follow this link to subscribe to NCP newsletters.



#### **Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church**

101 Old Kennett Road ~ Wilmington, Delaware 19807

Rev. Nona Holy, Bridge Pastor

pastor@lowerbrandywine.org

Dr. Donna Beech, Music Director

Beechmartin@msn.com

Candace Smith, Christian Education Program Manager

Candacesmithevents@gmail.com

Becky Kennedy, Office

lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org

Linda Natali, Finance and Payroll

finance@lowerbrandywine.org

Jason Casper, Cemetery Manager

cemetery@lowerbrandywine.org