



Palm Sunday	March 28th 10:00 AM YouTube Livestream and In-Person Worship
Maundy Thursday	April 1st 7:00 PM YouTube Livestream and In-Person Worship with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	April 2nd 7:30 PM YouTube Livestream and In-Person Worship
Easter Sunday	To Be Announced After the Session Meeting Tonight, March 22nd

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MARCH 21, 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!

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Doris Trivits on Sunday, March 14th. Doris had spent the week in Christiana Hospital with an undiagnosed illness, and returned to her daughter's home Saturday afternoon where she spent her final hours with her family. We ask prayers of comfort for Doris' family.

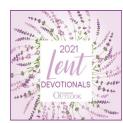
We celebrate with Shane Hurley, one of our WCU singers, who is currently doing his student teaching at Pocopson Elementary School.

We congratulate our newly ordained Elders, Sean Kennedy and Sandra Borror, and our Installed Elders, John Danzeisen, Patricia Dewy and Patrick Lannon. We lift them up in prayer as they embark on the journey of leadership in LBPC.

We pray for those who don't feel safe, especially our Asian-American brothers and sisters.

We pray for the victims of gun violence and for those who are championing a safer world.

2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE		WORSHIP LINKS
Year to Date Total Giving 2021: Budgeted Giving 2021:	\$62,085 \$244,249	March 21, 2021 "Covenant: Living Intentionally" Audio/Video link Bulletin/Liturgy link



Join us for the *final Midweek Lenten Devotional this Thursday, March 25th, at 11:00 AM.* We will spend time looking into the text for *that* day more in depth. This meeting may be joined from the Zoom app, the Zoom website, or by calling in using a home or cell phone. The Zoom information as well as instructions on how to access the meeting is outlined below.

For those who are unavailable to join us during that specific time, a video recording of a portion of the meeting will be posted on our YouTube channel by the end of the day on Thursday.

Join Zoom Meeting (audio and video or audio only)

If you already have a Zoom account set up, you should be able to join the meeting using the link below. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82533472721?pwd=MytEbFFrdjdDaEsxNG10ZWFlaUExZz09</u>

To join by phone (audio only):

Instructions can be found inside the devotional booklet. Please contact the office if you need additional help. Click <u>HERE</u> to view a PDF copy of the 2021 Lent Devotional materials.



We offer a most sincere thanks to Bruce Webber for the time he spent working on our website last week. Some of you might know that on Tuesday, the LBPC website crashed and was unable to be recovered. Bruce spent a number of hours recreating a site on which we can post important links etc. We now have an excellent opportunity to update and refresh our site so that it clearly reflects the mission of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church. Thank you, Bruce!



Our **Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert** was presented virtually this year, since last year's Thirteenth Annual Concert had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The concert includes anthems presented by a virtual choir of over 70 singers (including many from our Lower Brandywine Choir), who have been busy since January recording all of their parts individually. Although this doesn't replace a live, in-person performance, it keeps the spirit of the concert going, and is somewhat of a technological marvel itself. The YouTube video was launched March 17 at 7:00 PM and is still available for viewing on the concert website: <u>JonathanBeechMemorialConcert.org</u>, and from the LBPC website. If you have never been able to come to the concert, this is a chance to view an abbreviated concert without leaving your home!

This year's concert will benefit three organizations: **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Neuro-Oncology, Camp Sunshine of Maine, and Make-A-Wish of Philadelphia, Delaware, and the Susquehanna Valley**. If you wish to contribute, as usual you can mail a check to: Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert, 474 Greenwood Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348. If you prefer to make a donation on-line, you will be able to make a Pay-Pal donation on the website. Thanks to all for your continued support.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING NUNGER-DISASTER-DEVELOPMENT AUDIGER-DISASTER-DEVELOPMENT NUNGER-DISASTER-DEVELOPMENT Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in differ-

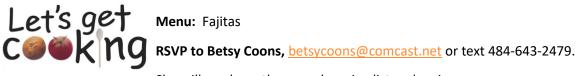
ent ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

LBPC will receive the OGHS offering on Sunday, April 4th. Click <u>HERE</u> to give online.

LBPC Cooks by Zoom on Tuesday, March 23rd [TOMORROW] at 6PM!

Where: Your own kitchen!



She will send you the easy shopping list and recipe.

We'll all cook together and then sit down together (Via Zoom!) to enjoy the meal.



<u>These Days</u> for April May June 2021 have arrived. If you would like a copy mailed to your home, please respond to lpbc@comcast.net

Copies are also available as you enter the Social Hall.



There are some EXCITING things happening in the office this week! We welcome Infinity Business Solutions to the LBPC family as they will be providing us with a new copier. The switch-a-roo takes place Thursday morning. Also on Thursday, Sound-Designs will be installing a new switch to our livestream set-up and moving some important equipment. The changes should make for a more stable and reliable livestream environment.

ALSO...Please note the office will be CLOSED on Easter Monday, April 5th and the Messenger will be mailed on Tuesday the 6th.



Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

HOWEVER

Voicemail is always monitored. If you have an urgent need, do not hesitate to call. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

300th Anniversary Campaign Update



We have reached \$295,938 toward our pledge goal of \$300,000. *We are so close! There's still time to donate to the 300th campaign!!* Contact Linda Natali at <u>linda.natali@comcast.net</u> or visit <u>www.vancopayments.com</u> to give electronically, or mail your check to the church office with a memo, "300th 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 **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 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.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Christian Education News and Announcements

DATE CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Rogers Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 17th. Stay tuned for more information!

FINAL WEEK!!!

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Easter Flower	- 1	-
Dedications		
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To make an Easter Flower dedication, please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check for \$18.00 per plant. Make checks payable to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and mark your check, "for Easter Flowers." You may return your dedication by email, by dropping it in the offering plate before worship, or by mailing it to the church office. (101 Old Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807)

In loving memory of _____

To the Glory of God

Dedications must be received by Monday, March 29th.

Name

Phone Number

*You may pick up your flowers after the Easter service.

March 2021 Lectionary Readings

Third Sunday in Lent—March 7

Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 John 2:13–22

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 14

Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22 Ephesians 2:1–10 John 3:14–21

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 21

Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16 Hebrews 5:5–10 John 12:20–33

Passion/Palm Sunday—March 28 Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11

Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40–47)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES				
MARCH BIRTHDAYS				
03/02	Martha Coats			
03/03	Becky Kennedy			
03/06	Heather Garvey			
03/12	Brenda Boucher			
03/13	Thomas Craven			
	Julie DiNatale			
03/17	Joshua Boucher			
03/18	Madelyn Underwood			
03/22	Tylor Walther			
03/23	Stephen Salle			
03/24	Cooper Coats			
03/25	Mauricette Benzing			
03/26	Emily Underwood			
	Bruce Webber			
03/27	Enzo Natali			
	Roman Garvey			
03/28	Marilee Calibrese			
03/29	Joyce Murphy			
03/30	Donna Beech			
	MARCH ANNIVERSARIES			
03/01	Brian & Dot Kent			
03/10	Christopher & Alexis Kenny			
	Jesse & Heather Garvey			
03/20	Enzo & Linda Natali			
	Edward & Ann Major			
03/25	Rev. David & Mimi Lovelace			

ZOOM AND WORSHIP CALENDAR WEEK OF MARCH 22ND

3/22	Al-Anon/Alateen Meeting	7:00 PM		
3/22	Session Meeting	7:00 PM		
3/23	Zoom Fellowship	9:00 AM		
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3/23	LBPC Cooks!	6:00 PM		
	Contact Betsy Coons for Zoom in	formation.		
3/24	Al-Anon Meeting	12:00 PM		
3/24	AA Meeting	8:00 PM		
3/25	Zoom Lenten Devotional Study	11:00 AM		
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3/28	Zoom Adult Bible School	8:00 AM		
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3/28	Zoom Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM		
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3/28	Worship Service	10:00 AM		
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