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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Schedule: 10 AM  
In –person and livestreamed

Worship lead by The Rev. Cindy Kohlmann

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## Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Nona Holy

Greetings!

It is a joy to be journeying with you through this season in the life of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church. I look forward to sharing Advent and Christmas with you and experiencing the music, mission and fellowship for which this congregation is known.

As a Bridge Pastor, my role is to "hold the course," so to speak. No big initiatives or changes - maybe just a few small ones to keep things creative and fresh. I'll work with the Session and church staff to keep things moving along as the IPNC seeks an Interim Pastor.

Specifically, working about 15 hours per week, I'll be in the Church Office on Monday and Thursday mornings and leading worship on two Sundays each month. The other Sundays you'll have the opportunity to hear a variety of preachers from New Castle Presbytery.

You can reach me at [pastor@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:pastor@lowerbrandywine.org) or at 302-299-9077 (cell) for pastoral care needs or leave a message in the church office.

LBPC has 300 years of mission and ministry upon which to build the next years. It will be exciting to see where God will lead you. So keep your eyes and heart open!

May God's Spirit guide and bless our time together!

Peace, be well -

Nona



## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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 give thanks for the worship leadership of Pastor Nona Holy!

Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11, is a tribute to military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans Day honors *all* military veterans, including those still with us. This Thursday, take a few moments to give thanks for all those who chose, have chosen, or *were chosen* to serve our county.



### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	<b>\$210,741</b>
Budgeted Giving 2021:	<b>\$244,249</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**November 7, 2021**

**"Saying Grace"**

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Our schedule for November/December is as follows:

Friday, November 12th: LIFT outdoor movie night and bonfire 5:00 PM (indoors if it rains)

Thursday, November 18th: Special meeting! Cooking with Betsy at 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 2nd: Regular LIFT meeting at 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 5th: Advent themed pancake breakfast fundraiser at 11:00 AM

Thursday, December 16th: Christmas party dinner outing, TBD



This year's **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** will be pre-recorded as it was last year. Please join us in the LBPC sanctuary on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM to view this beautiful service as a congregation. Following the service, meet us downstairs in the social hall for some light refreshments and fellowship!



During this time of transition, we would like to welcome back members of the general congregation to participate in our Sunday worship services by serving as Liturgists! What does a Liturgist do? They welcome the congregation, read announcements, and offer prayers during the worship service. Is it hard? Not at all! The information you need will be provided to you before the service. All you need to bring with you is a willingness to share your love of Christ with the congregation.

Contact Becky at [lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org) if you are willing to volunteer! Thanks!!



## Singers welcome!

The Senior Choir has begun rehearsing the Vivaldi 'Gloria', for our special presentation at December 12's worship service. Vaccinated adults and high school students are most welcome to join us for this uplifting cantata, and for any other Christmas music. Plan on coming to at least four rehearsals, which are on Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M. See Donna for more details.



The Missions Committee would like to remind everyone that it's never too soon to start collecting Walmart gift cards for their Christmas Giving Tree! Any amount is GREATLY appreciated. Once again, the recipients will be those people residing at the Refuge. Please indicate the amount on the gift card. Cards may be put in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

# 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](mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org)

**Legacy Options.** 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/>



**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 **272-118389**.

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](mailto: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 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.

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

## NOVEMBER 8TH—NOVEMBER 21ST

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
11/08/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen
11/09/2021	5:00 PM	KPA Meeting in Social Hall
11/10/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
11/11/2021	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	7:00 PM	CCA Meeting - Library
11/12/2021	5:00 PM	LIFT Movie Night and Bonfire
11/13/2021	10:00 AM	NCP Presbytery Meeting/West Nottingham PC
<b>11/14/2021</b>		<b>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>MFM: Stewardship Sunday</b>
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	9:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
11/15/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen
	7:00 PM	Finance & Administration
11/16/2021	10:00 AM	Missions Committee Meeting
	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)
11/17/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
11/18/2021	12:00 PM	Brown Bag bible Study
	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Kid Time
	6:00 PM	LIFT
<b>11/21/2021</b>		<b>Christ the King Sunday / Stewardship Sunday</b> <b>MFM: Stewardship Sunday</b>
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	9:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship

## November 2021 Readings

### **All Saints' Day—November 1**

Isaiah 25:6–9  
 Psalm 24:1–10  
 Revelation 21:1–6a  
 John 11:32–44

### **Sunday, November 7 (Proper 27)**

*Semicontinuous*  
 Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17  
 Psalm 127  
 Hebrews 9:24–28  
 Mark 12:38–44

### **Sunday, November 14 (Proper 28)**

*Semicontinuous*  
 1 Samuel 1:4–20  
 1 Samuel 2:1–10  
 Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25  
 Mark 13:1–8

### **Christ the King (or Reign of Christ)—November 21**

*Semicontinuous*  
 2 Samuel 23:1–7  
 Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18)  
 Revelation 1:4b–8  
 John 18:33–37

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### **First Sunday of Advent—November 28**

Jeremiah 33:14–16  
 Psalm 25:1–10  
 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13  
 Luke 21:25–36

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11/3 Akin Odutola  
 11/4 Barbara Heckman  
 11/7 Sandra Borrer  
 11/7 Joan Kenton  
 11/10 Pdraig Kennedy  
 11/12 Carl DeMartino  
 11/14 Joan Wysham  
 11/15 Bob Hartman  
 11/16 Francine Craven  
 11/17 Thomas McGraw  
 11/22 Beverley Jones  
 11/23 Carlee Bennett  
 11/23 John Hileman  
 11/24 Joshua Csuy  
 11/26 Caroline Kenton  
 11/30 Don Coats

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

11/14 Darlene & Robert Sullivan  
 11/16 Susan Latimer & Ralph  
 Schwendeman  
 11/17 William & Christa Kaiser

Hi All, in the spirit of thanksgiving, I would like to share my thanks for the support and generosity Children's Ed received for the Trunk N Treat Harvest Party last Sunday. A great time was had by all in attendance. Amongst the indoor fun was table games, sticker crafts, and a delightful, welcoming, spooktastic food arrangement by Georgia Coats. It was a delicious blend of sweet and savory, theme friendly treats!

The outdoor fun included a ring toss, bean bag toss, a DIY obstacle course and maze, and freeze dance while getting tangled in a canopy of dangling fringe. Festive memories were captured at a cozy, inviting fall themed backdrop with straw bales, mums, pumpkins, and throw pillows.

Of course the fun was topped off by an abundance of candy, in creatively decorated trunks, given out to or "snatched up" by kids!

There are a few winners to announce! Lisa Adams was the winner of guessing the amount of candy in the jar, her guess of 120 was closest without going over, there were 127 pieces of candy in the jar. There were 3 winners of the Trunk N Treat decorations. While all of the trunks were cleverly staged, the crowd favorite was Betsy Coons' Noah's Ark display, it was different, "cool" and well executed! The other favorites were the Waage family's for including a lighting feature, and Sandra Borrer's for her scarecrow family and life size pumpkin scarecrow! Winners will receive a prize and all trunk decorators will receive a gift of appreciation. I enjoyed and appreciated all of the participants! I am especially thankful for all the thoughtful people who donated candy, pumpkins and their time, and equally thankful for the helpful hands that helped with prep, setup, and clean up. Special thanks to Don Coats for brainstorming with Candace, transporting straw bales, pumpkins, maze setup, and clean up; Sandra Borrer for decoration donations and trunk participation; Georgia Coats for an amazing food and table display, and thoughtful prep; the Coats family- Reed, Owen, Cassie and Cooper jumped right in with setup, cleanup, helping in the kitchen and were trunk participants; Nancy Day, Jeff Day, Diane Danzeisen, Betsy Coons, and Daniel and Carla Waage, for being trunk participants. Additionally, thank you to Bruce Webber and Don Coats for arranging donating the straw bales to Urban Promise's Academy Garden. Thank you again to our LBPC community, you all make work fun! There is more candy to share so if you're nearby be sure to stop in for a piece or two... or three or more!



## “Table Talk”



Just before Lower Brandywine’s wonderful 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration finally took place, I received word that the table “foretold” at my farewell last November had been completed! It is made from the ancient oak tree that fell during the August 2020 storm, and – as all woodworkers know – some such creations just cannot be rushed!

Since a picture is said to be worth a thousand words, I wanted to share the beauty of this wonderful gift, from – as I recall – the LIFT Youth Group. (In the photo, it appropriately appears in front of the fabulous quilt stitched by Martha Marsey, and comprised of LIFT Mission Trip shirts that Mimi smuggled out of my armoire.)

In addition to the extraordinary natural beauty of this piece, it also ties – very closely – to a number of my experiences while serving our Lord with you: The hours spent dining with LIFTers in junior and senior high school cafeterias – which happily punctuated the often hot and dirty hours spent on work sites; the celebrations of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper – during which we gathered at Christ’s Table; and our after-worship times of fellowship – at tables in the Social Hall. Happily, I understand that these times of fellowship – which serve to undergird all of the other aspects of ministry at a “regional” church such as LBPC – are now back in full swing!

Last but not least, we are promised the Ultimate Table – in the Kingdom of God, as the assembled Bride of Christ. The best is truly yet to come!

Dave Lovelace





November 2, 2021

Friends:

Lower Brandywine has served as a focal point in our lives, our refuge where we gather as God's family in faith, giving one another comfort in times of illness and loss, sharing our happiness at weddings and baptisms, working together on mission projects, encouraging and praying for one another and for peace in the world, joining in songs of praise and joining in true fellowship with one another.

This year reminds us that financial support, in the form of a pledge to the Operating Budget of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church, is vital to carry out the church's work. Whether we gather for worship inside our building, in our parking lots, or online, we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness, and our care for one another. As in past years, we have attached a narrative budget explaining expenses for the year with a 3% increase.

We cannot know what lies ahead of us, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church can keep doing what love requires of us by nurturing life-giving, joyful ministries both inside and outside our church.

In recognition of the many, many blessings that God continues to bestow on us, and as stewards of the message of God's unceasing love, I ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2022 using the enclosed pledge card to communicate your commitment. You may mail the pledge card, email your pledge to the address below, or bring it to the church office; however, please consider bringing it for dedication on Stewardship Sunday, November 21st.

On behalf of the Session and each of your fellow congregants, I thank you for every offering that you give. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further making a financial pledge to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

To pledge directly, please email [finance@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:finance@lowerbrandywine.org).

Faithfully,

Linda Natali

Financial Assistant

[finance@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:finance@lowerbrandywine.org)

## Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church 2022 Asking Budget

These income figures were developed by the Finance Committee to show the level of support required to meet the financial challenges of the church, and to make the congregation aware of the sources of income that support our mission and ministry.

2021 Budget	INCOME	Asking 2022
\$204,000	Pledges	\$210,000
36,250	Donations (identifiable gifts)	36,000
2,000	Plate cash	2,000
18,600	Rental income	18,600
29,000	Other (flower fund, interest)	27,200
\$288,850	Total	\$291,800

### Lower Brandywine Mission & Ministry

The session, in response to the budget requests and program needs of each committee, proposes the following budget for 2022. This preliminary budget shows pledges remaining flat to 2021 expected levels, however, this is a challenging environment for predicting costs and revenues due to the uncertainty presented by the Covid pandemic. The proposed spending levels will allow Lower Brandywine to continue maintaining all of the worship, education, and mission programs we currently enjoy.

**Christian Education (2021 - \$36,430)**

**2022 - \$36,430**

Adult education, Sunday School, Nursery Care, Vacation Bible School and Youth Ministry are supported by this ministry area. Christian Education is an area of focus for Lower Brandywine Church, and we intend to continue this support in the 2022 budget.

**Worship (2021 - \$57,030)**

**2022 - \$59,980**

Our worship experience includes traditional and alternative services and offers praise through music, drama, liturgy, speakers and special programs. Funds support chancel and communion supplies, bulletins, guest speakers, and a portion of the minister salary and property costs.

**Music (2021 - \$40,630)**

**2022 - \$40,630**

Music is an important part of our worship experience, providing praise and setting a mood for reflection and prayer. Funds support our Music Director, supplies, instrumentalists, vocalists, and a portion of our property budget to support the building use.

**Church Administration and Member Communication (2021 - \$30,900)****2022 - \$30,900**

This budget enables us to stay in touch with one another and the communities around us. Newsletters, advertising, office supplies, postage, and a portion of the church secretary's wages are covered in this budget. A member per capita of \$6,300 paid to the presbytery is also included in this amount.

**Member Care and Recruitment (2021 - \$64,860)****2022 - \$64,860**

We continue to reach out as a church family, striving to bring each other closer to God and His word. This budget supports our fellowship, pastoral care and community outreach efforts, and includes a portion of the Minister's salary as well as property costs utilized to support these efforts.

**Finance, Administration, and Stewardship (2021 - \$27,400)****2022 - \$27,400**

This group plans and carries out financial campaigns, tracks and reports the church's financial condition, and educates the congregation on the importance of regular financial giving throughout the year. This budget supports a portion of the office and administration costs, stewardship materials, computer equipment and supplies.

**Missions (2021 - \$31,600)****2022 - \$31,600**

This budget supports a variety of local mission projects including Sunday Breakfast Mission, Emmanuel Dining Room, Canine Partners for Life, Youth for Christ, and Meeting Grounds. 2022 continues to include additional funds for local and international outreach; including youth mission trips, and greater opportunities for the entire congregation to participate in mission works and education.



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