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SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
10:15	Children's Sunday School following Parable Time
11:00 AM	Lemonade Social

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## Pastor's Ponderings

We took a test drive on Sunday! Tried something new together and learned a few things. At least I did. Sunday afternoon I thought about the ways I could improve our next conversation Sunday. Wonder what we'll try next?

And while we were out for our drive, we looked at the letter Paul sent to the early Christian community in Galatia. He wrote to them about freedom, the freedom they know through Jesus. No longer are they bound by the law. Now they are free – as he says, “For freedom Christ has set you free.”

He reminds them that they are free, no longer beholden to the law out of fear that only by following it to the letter do they achieve a place in heaven. Now in freedom they may choose how they live. And Paul says to them, choose love.

Choose to love your neighbor as yourself. Choose to be bound to others in love. Choose to be enslaved to one another, as neighbors in Christ. Not enslaved as we know it, as they knew it under Rome – forced bondage, a hostage situation - but as a choice made in freedom. Knowing that this is no longer about securing our eternal life, but about honoring God, following Christ, and choosing love.

Christ has set us free and our freedom gives us choices. Together may we choose to be bound to one another in this human community – loving our neighbor as ourselves.

*Peace, Be Well -  
Pastor Nona*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JULY 3, 2022

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 ask prayers of healing and comfort for Candy Smith and her family who experienced the tragic loss of a young family member, Jonathan Peart, over the weekend. Candy requests prayers especially for her aunt, Millicent, who had raised the young man.

We continue to pray for Joan Cummings as she enters a new round of treatment for recurring cancer.

We give thanks for those who joined us this Sunday after recovering from covid! We were delighted to see Joanna Kelly and Georgia Coats among our congregants.

We pray travelling mercies for Pastor Nona as she heads to Maine with her family, and for all those among us who have travel plans for the summer. While Nona is away, the Rev. Nancy Anderson from Greenhill will be providing pastoral coverage. Should a need arise, please contact the office (Becky or Linda) so that they may direct your concern accordingly. Thank you.

And finally, an update on Genna Hahn from Dorie and Will:

She loved Munich and Salzburg--but the heat in Croatia was tough for her to take--high 90's--feeling even hotter everyday. But she said the choral singing and rehearsing was glorious and made up for it.

And then about 5 days in her roommate tested positive for COVID. Not long after that Genna developed a sore throat. She tested negative for two days in a row and then tested positive. Sadly by the end of the visit and the day of their culminating concert an overwhelming number of the students had COVID and the concert had to be very modified to limited pieces.

Genna was able to fly home yesterday and we were so incredibly happy and relieved to see her. She was incredibly happy to get Zicam nasal spray and be able to breathe again. It seems Croatia and Frankfurt to not have an equivalent....

...She is feeling much better today and we have no doubt that she will be 100% cured by the time her UD Wind Ensemble rehearsals start on the 14th and she flies out for Prague on the 17th.

I also know it would be much appreciated if prayers could be said for Zoe Yost. On the fourth day of her summer music intensive program at Boudewyn in Maine she tested positive for COVID as well.

### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	<b>\$233,441</b>
2022 YTD Giving:	<b>\$119,075</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**July 3, 2022**

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



Our **Summer Worship** will be filled with the movement of God's Spirit! In music, message, and messenger there will be something fresh and new each Sunday. Whether it is a solo or instrumental offering, a guest preacher or Pastor Nona inviting us to be part of a conversation sermon, there will be plenty of room for the Spirit of God to move around, among and through us all as we gather.

**What's in the Box?** Parable Time will be part of our adventure with the Spirit this summer too. Each week a different child will be invited to bring something from home to place in our Mystery Box. And then on Sunday morning, Pastor Nona or Ms. Candy will reach in and with some help from the Spirit, create the Parable message. It's going to be fun!

**So when it's your turn to bring something in, just remember: nothing dead, nothing alive, whatever you bring needs to fit in the box.**



**Last day for LIFT Stock Sale Fundraiser July 10**—Each share sold entitles the purchaser to a postcard from the youth mission trip. They will be competing to see who can find the most obscure and unusual postcard (church appropriate, of course). Upon their return, mission trip attendees will hold a Shareholder's Meeting during Fellowship on July 31st to share their experiences.



**Do you read Presbyterians Today?** It's a magazine that's published bi-monthly by the PCUSA and made available to you by LBPC. Copies may be found in the Narthex and in the Social Hall. This month, the cover story is an article entitled, "I Say Hello, You Say Goodbye," concerning clergy on the move in the PCUSA. It's a timely article for us as we are in the midst of our own transition. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read the article, consider the stories from the clergy, and ponder the suggestions offered. You may access the article through this link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0722-hello-goodbye/> -With Love, Becky

Also, there are still a few past issues available on the credenza in the office. They are free, so help yourself!



**Pastor Nona** July 8 through July 24—The Rev. Nancy Anderson (Greenhill) providing pastoral coverage.  
**Becky Kennedy** July 6 through July 12— Linda Natali providing coverage.  
**Linda Natali** July 16 through July 23  
**Donna Beech** July 18 through August 5—Katie Soukup providing coverage.

Mark Douyard, the Rev. Anne Ledbetter, Jeff Kenton, and the Rev. Jill Tolbert will be providing pulpit supply while Pastor Nona is away. Enjoy your summer, everyone!!!

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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

**Vacation Bible School**

## PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

A VBS Experience for  
Children age 6-11  
August 1-2, 2022  
11am-2pm

Using various types of puzzles, we will explore how we connect, "fit together" and work together for one common purpose. Have fun with jigsaw puzzles, mazes, cubes, problem solving using clues, escape challenges, and codes that make up apps and games.

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This event is **FREE!**

Click [HERE](#)  
to access our online  
**Registration.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Generosity and helpful hands make VBS run smoothly. Your help is appreciated more than you know! This is also a great opportunity for students to get volunteer/service hours. Students' volunteer/service sheets will be signed by or completed electronically by Candace Smith. Thank you for giving of your time!

Help is needed for the following:

- Kitchen/ food prep
- Greeters at the start and at dismissal
- Facilitate small groups of kids
- Interact with kids to complete puzzles and activities
- Oversee craft and activity stations
- Setup and clean up

\* **Each task comes with clear, manageable instructions!**

\* **Special Request:** Please contact Candace if you have experience with coding or if you know anyone with coding experience. ([candacesmithevents@gmail.com](mailto:candacesmithevents@gmail.com) / 302-897-2469)

If you are able to donate, the following items are needed and appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the table outside the church office.

- Assorted Legos
  - 5 Kid friendly puzzles
  - 3 Bags of pretzel sticks
  - 2 Bags of mini pretzels
  - 3 Boxes or 1 Big carton of goldfish crackers
  - 1 Boxes of assorted colorful goldfish crackers
  - 3 Boxes of honey graham crackers
  - 5 Assorted bags of chips (Doritos, Lays, Herr's, etc.)
  - 2 Containers of Chocolate Oreo Cookies
  - 2 Containers of Vanilla Oreo Cookies
  - 6 Juice Boxes of Lemonade, Apple juice or Tropical Punch
  - 1 large fudge ice cream topping
  - 1 large caramel ice cream topping
  - 1 large strawberry syrup ice cream topping
  - 5 Cases of mini water bottles
  - 3 Cases of regular water bottles (16.9 fl oz.)
  - 2 Packs of Zipper seal sandwich baggies
- \*If you prefer to give monetarily, please give to Becky Kennedy in the church office. Thank you!**



# CALENDAR

## JULY 4TH—JULY 17TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
07/04/2022	12:00 AM	<b>**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**</b>
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
07/05/2022	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
07/06/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
07/10/2022		<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Lemonade Social
	11:15 AM	LIFT Stock Sale
07/11/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
07/13/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
07/17/2022		<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
		LIFT Mission Trip to RI
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Lemonade Social

**A reminder that listening devices for in-person worship services and concerts are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you require assistance.**

## July 2022 Readings

### **Sunday, July 3 (Proper 9)**

2 Kings 5:1–14  
 Psalm 30  
 9 Galatians 6:[1–6] 7–16  
 Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

### **Sunday, July 10 (Proper 10)**

Amos 7:7–17  
 Psalm 82  
 Colossians 1:1–14  
 Luke 10:25–37

### **Sunday, July 17 (Proper 11)**

Amos 8:1–12  
 Psalm 52  
 Colossians 1:15–28  
 Luke 10:38–42

### **Sunday, July 24 (Proper 12)**

Hosea 1:2–10  
 Psalm 85  
 Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19]  
 Luke 11:1–13

### **Sunday, July 31 (Proper 13)**

Hosea 11:1–11  
 Psalm 107:1–9, 43  
 Colossians 3:1–11  
 Luke 12:13–21

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

07/02 Alison Jury  
 07/02 George Thorpe  
 07/03 Jeffrey Day  
 07/03 Meredith Day  
 07/04 David Baldt  
 07/06 Susan Gluck  
 07/07 Ginny Nutt  
 07/10 Emily Salmons  
 07/10 Marina Wright  
 07/11 Thomas Johnson  
 07/11 Michael Wright  
 07/12 Jake Armstrong  
 07/16 Edward Nass  
 07/16 Colin Underwood  
 07/17 Janet Haldeman  
 07/18 Brian Kent  
 07/24 Hayden Faulkner  
 07/26 Michael Connolly  
 07/28 Conor Garrigan-Nass  
 07/30 Keeley Lannon

### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

07/06 Kieran & Chantel Connolly  
 07/11 Phillip & Patricia Dewey  
 07/16 Dennis & Diana Witmer  
 07/27 William & Lisa McNett  
 07/30 Patrick & Keeley Lannon





### **The Contemporary Service by Joan Wysham**

The Contemporary Service at Lower Brandywine was started around 2000 when many churches felt their younger members would support a less structured service. By using modern music, less formal dress and order of service it was hoped it would encourage church attendance. Martha Marsey and I were the two elders on the Worship Committee, and she volunteered to head up the creation of that service. She had a few others on her committee, and they were the ones who hired Phil Calabrese who brought his wife Marilee with him to play the piano and sing. She also took the responsibility of creating a songbook by getting the music copyrighted, the music into book form and getting it printed. It has been a well-used music book.

Phil added to the service by playing the guitar, leading and singing, and getting other musicians to participate instrumentally. They made a joyful noise to the Lord.

This continued up until the present time. Then Covid struck and we did not have any church services for a time. Phil expressed his desire to retire, and the Session voted with the decline in attendance, we would go back to a single service. However, this story remains an example of how Lower Brandywine sought to expand its outreach



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