



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

Third Sunday after Easter

Worship Schedule: 10 AM

In-person and livestreamed

Masks are required!

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Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn

"Be A Witness To These Things"

Many times, when we meet someone new, we talk about the answers to two questions, "Who are you?" and "What do you do?" When we learn these answers, they help us to know a little about the other person's identity and help us to learn about how they interact with the world around them. While these questions don't reveal everything about someone's identity, they are at least a start.

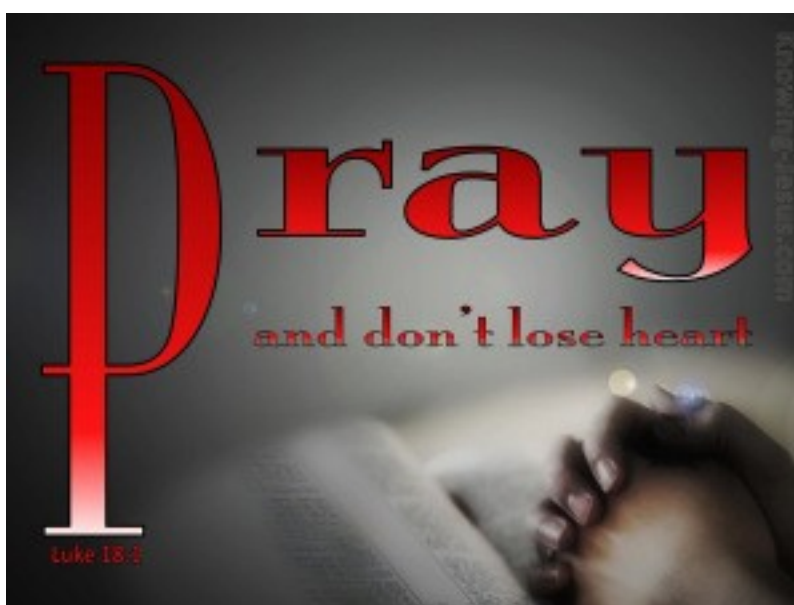
After Jesus crucifixion and resurrection, the disciples found themselves asking these same questions, "Who are we?" and "What do we do?" In this week's scripture, Jesus answers these questions of both who the disciples are and what they are to do, saying in Luke 24:48 "You are witnesses of these things." This statement from Jesus is not just a call to action but, a statement about the identity of believers-that at our deepest core we are witnesses of these things. This idea of being a witness is not just an action that we take but *who we are*. Professor Karoline Lewis, writing on the website Working Preacher, describes the passage in this way, "Jesus' address to the disciples is not 'you will be witnesses'. Not 'please be witnesses.' Not 'consider being witnesses if you have time.' No, 'you are witnesses of these things.' We are witnesses." As a community of faith we get to explore together what it means to more fully live into this identity of being witnesses. I hope that you will join in worship this Sunday, either in person or via our live stream as we wrestle and explore Luke 24:36-48 together, and learn more about what it meant for the early disciples and what it means for us today.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM APRIL 11, 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!



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	\$95,025
Budgeted Giving 2021:	\$244,249

WORSHIP LINKS

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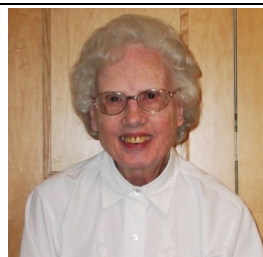
“Doubt and Knowing”

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



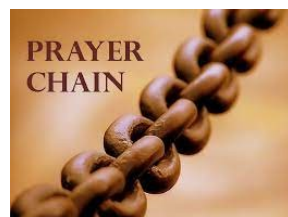
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Recently, **Joanna Kelly** was featured in the Country House Volunteer Spotlight for her faithful dedication to the work of Lower Brandywine. The article outlines how Joanna found herself an author of the church's 300th Anniversary History Book! We are so grateful to Joanna for her tireless efforts to "get it right." Please take a moment to stop by the bulletin board in the Social Hall and read the entire article.



LBPC is proud to be a longtime contributor to the Food Bank of Delaware. The past year has been especially hard for many people, and we want to encourage all to continue to make donations to the food barrel in the Social Hall. When the barrel gets full, we call for a pick-up! Thanks for your support!



A **prayer chain** is a list of people who agree to **pray** for a someone during a troubled time. **Prayer** is among the most ancient of human practices, and to this day billions of people believe in its power. **Prayer** transcends religions, denominations, sects and belief systems of all kinds. If you are interested in joining the LBPC Prayer Chain, please contact Carolyn Hooper at bc.hooper@verizon.net or 302-234-0475.



Mark your calendar! Our next delivery week begins **April 26 to April 30**. Our next week after that is **May 24-28**.

If you are interested in joining the Meals on Wheels delivery team, please contact Judy Thorpe at judythrp@gmail.com or 310-388-1270.

LBPC Cooks by Zoom on Tuesday, April 27th at 6PM!

Where: Your own kitchen!

Menu: Chicken Lettuce Wraps



RSVP to Betsy Coons, betsycoons@comcast.net or text 484-643-2479.

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.

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*A week of Kindness.
Starting Saturday,
April 24, 2021.*



Something for the whole family!

Watch your email for a list of events and registration information.



Easter Fun at LBPC

We all know Easter looked a bit different this year, masks on faces and limiting interactions, but just as God's love never changes, the fun for the kids at Lower Brandywine remains as well. We rejoice and celebrate our risen savior always, but Easter is an extra special time to do so! 15 kids came out for an *EGG* specially good time! We had lots of great parent helpers too; praise God for helpful hands that come together to bring joy to our kiddos! There was a paper bag (sack) game, ring toss, 3 kinds of bean bag toss, and hit Owen with the bean bags too? ... No, he was just blocking Daniel and Cooper's hula hoop goal for a bit of *EGG* extra fun! And of course, there was lots of Candy! The kids especially get a kick out of that, Miss. Candy, was giving out Candy! There is no shortage of fun for the youth at Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church. During Sunday School we shared about Jesus' sacrificial love by his death on the cross and his resurrection so that our sins can be forgiven and we can be with him forever in heaven one day. We also talked about having Jesus in our hearts and living by his example by showing his love and kindness to others. God's love never stops radiating in our lives! And as the sun shines and warmer days approach, we look forward to more opportunities to engage the youth and provide a safe outlet for learning and much more fun!



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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

300th Anniversary Campaign Update



We have reached \$297,639 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 linda.natali@comcast.net or visit www.vancopayments.com 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 **772-118389**. 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](mailto:linda.natali@comcast.net) 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.

April 2021 Lectionary Readings

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter—April 4

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

Second Sunday of Easter—April 11

Acts 4:32–35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1–2:2 John 20:19–31

Third Sunday of Easter—April 18

Acts 3:12–19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48

Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 25

Acts 4:5–12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16–24 John 10:11–1

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/02	Howard Bowker
04/03	Stephanie Odutola
04/06	Matthew Kmecz
	Claire Connolly
04/07	Heather Day
04/08	Barbara Sypher
04/12	Pamela Sudell
04/13	Edwin Messikomer
04/14	Edward Major
	Joshua Walther
04/15	Scot Armstrong
04/20	Harriet Spayth
	Julia Wright
04/21	Ethan Walter
04/23	Martha Marsey
	Nathan Ventura
04/24	Reed Coats

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/09	Brenda & Joshua Boucher
04/10	Lawrence & Joyce Murphy
04/21	Sean & Becky Kennedy

CALENDAR

APRIL 12TH—25TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	ZOOM Link
04/12/2021	7:00 PM	AI-Ateen	
04/12/2021	7:00 PM	AI-Anon	
04/13/2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM Fellowship	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286676223?
04/13/2021	5:00 PM	KPA Meeting in Social Hall	
04/14/2021	12:00 PM	AI-Anon	
04/15/2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM Fellowship	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609951154?
04/18/2021		Third Sunday of Easter	
04/18/2021	10:00 AM	Worship Service	In-person and livestream.
04/19/2021	7:00 PM	AI-Ateen	
04/19/2021	7:00 PM	AI-Anon	
04/19/2021	7:00 PM	Finance & Administration	Contact John Danzeisen for ZOOM link.
04/20/2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM Fellowship	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286676223?
04/20/2021	10:00 AM	Missions Committee	
04/20/2021	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borrer for ZOOM link.
04/21/2021	12:00 PM	AI-Anon	
04/22/2021	6:00 PM	ZOOM Fellowship	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609951154?
4/24/2021		Week of Kindness Kickoff	Watch email!!
04/25/2021		Fourth Sunday of Easter	
04/25/2021	10:00 AM	Worship Service	In-person and livestream.



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