



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and
Good Samaritan Offering

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship

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At the Annual Congregational Meeting yesterday, we celebrated another year of ministry at LBPC and looked forward to the coming years as we received the report of the Strategy & Planning Team of Session. Enjoy these images from 2022! Links to the documentation discussed during the meeting are found below. If you would prefer a hardcopy, please contact the office: lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or 302-658-2326

[2022 VIDEO AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING](#)

[ANNUAL REPORT](#)



JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JANUARY 29, 2023

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 prayers of thanksgiving and hope that Art Beebe has improved to the point that he was able to go home! Art's family wishes to thank LBPC for their continuous prayers.

Georgia Coats was able to join us in worship today after her gall bladder surgery on Monday. She is improving steadily and we give thanks for her recovery.

Charlie, brother-in-law of Ed Nass and Deb Ventura, is responding remarkably well to his treatments and is looking forward to the future with hope. Praise be to God!

Prayers of thanksgiving that Carol Young is finally beginning to improve, even though she still has a bit of recovery ahead of her. She is looking forward to the day she can join us in person again! Here is a message to LBPC from her: *While I appreciate all prayers offered for a return to full health, I would like to offer my own prayer of thankfulness for everyone's prayers as I went through the worst of this illness.*

We were happy to welcome back Joann Wood!

We hold Melinda La Salle in our hearts after news of the death of her aunt. We also lift up Sean Kennedy following yesterday's memorial service for his mother, Lavada Kennedy.

We pray for a successful surgery and quick recover for Lisa Adams who is having shoulder surgery today.

2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2023 Giving Goal	\$240,690
2023 YTD Giving	\$34,644

WORSHIP LINKS

January 29, 2023

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



We need your help to prepare 52 campers and students for our 'Speak UP' Speech Contest this year.

Would you give up a few evenings over the next month to help a child research, write, and practice their speech? Pass this invitation along to others who might be interested.

This is the image of success! Julius was a previous winner of the [UrbanPromise](#) Speak UP Contest!! What a confidence boost for all who participated.

Not only that, he and all of our other participants qualified to go on the UP week long Spring Break Trip, making a lifetime memory.

What is a Speak UP Sponsor? A volunteer who helps one UP camper prepare for the Speech Contest with research, writing, and/or practicing their speech.

What's Needed First? Join our **KICKOFF SPEECH WRITING NIGHT: Feb. 9, 6:15-8:15p.m. at Westminster Pres. Church (1502 W 13th St., Wilmington). Additional prep time will be available for you to come in on weeks leading up to the contests.**

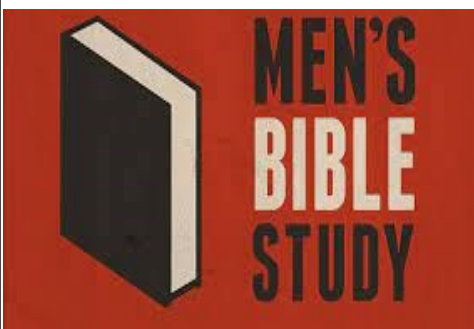
When are the Speak UP Contests? Depending on age, your UP camper or student will compete on either March 9 or March 21, 2023. Contest date details to follow.

How do I get started? Let us know if you can help by replying to this email or Click on the link below to sign up:

[Want to help? Tell us here!](#)



Last week, Pastor Nona and Christian Educator Candy Smith attended (on-line) the Association of Partners in Christian Education conference. This national conference for those in educational ministry is well-known in the denomination and Pastor Nona has participated for years. She was eager to introduce Candy to this group. Thanks to Personnel Committee and the Session and you for making this possible!



UPDATED SCHEDULE

Jeff Anderson from Green Hill Presbyterian Church wants to let the LBPC men know that there is a ***location and time change!***

The new location is J's Café in Janssen's market.

3801 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807


The new day/time is **9:00 AM on alternate Tuesdays.**

The February and March schedule are as follows:

Feb 7, Feb 21, Mar 7, Mar 21

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A reminder to all Jr. And Treble Choir participants and their parents that due to Mrs. Coats' vacation, there is change in the practice schedule for February:

Juniors: no choir rehearsals on Feb. 15 and 22

Trebles: no choir rehearsals on Feb 12 and 19

The two youth Choirs resume the week of Feb. 26. Expect an update regarding dates for resuming from Marti Coats a few days prior to the 26th.



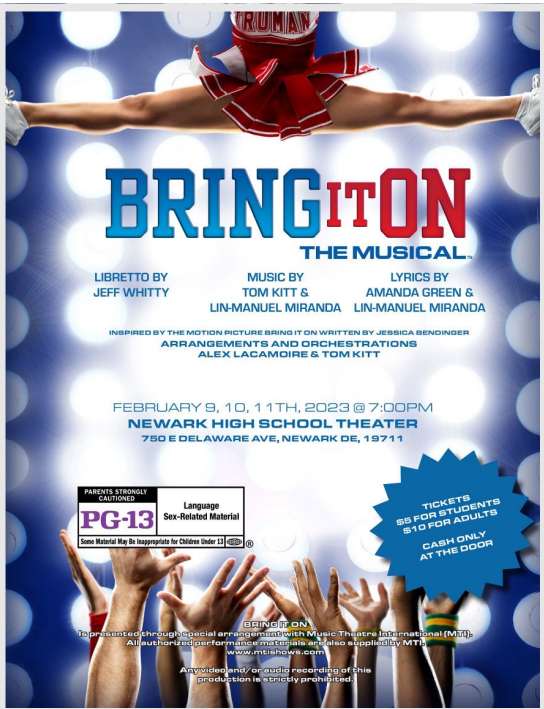
PASTORAL CARE

LBPC Cards and Notes

In an effort to make our Lower Brandywine experience more personal, we are trying to make our cards and notes more reflective of our church, such as views of the church interior and exterior, as well as the many activities that occur. Some of these activities necessarily include pictures of the congregation, both adults and children.

These cards and notes are sent only to our members. But, if you do not want you or yours to be included in the photos on these cards, would you please let the church know via email or USPS?

Thank you very much.



BRING IT ON
THE MUSICAL

LIBRETTO BY JEFF WHITTY MUSIC BY TOM KITT & LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA LYRICS BY AMANDA GREEN & LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

INSPIRED BY THE MOTION PICTURE BRING IT ON WRITTEN BY JESSICA BENDERGER
ARRANGEMENTS AND ORCHESTRATIONS ALEX LACAMOIRE & TOM KITT

FEBRUARY 9, 10, 11TH, 2023 @ 7:00PM
NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL THEATER
750 E DELAWARE AVE, NEWARK DE, 19711

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Language Sex-Related Material

TICKETS \$5 FOR STUDENTS \$10 FOR ADULTS
CASH ONLY AT THE DOOR

BRING IT ON
 is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
 All authorized performances must obtain and also comply with MTI.
 www.mtishow.com
 Any other audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

Click the brochure to find out more about the 2023 Annual Bay Retreat.

We are happy to support our own Catherin Smith in her role in the Newark High School musical, *Bring It On*



2023 Annual Bay Retreat

On Your Marks. Get Set. Go!



Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay
100 Heron Boulevard, Cambridge, MD

Friday, March 3-
Saturday, March 4

This one is for everyone!

For church folks, ruling elders, deacons, and clergy

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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 \[olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org\]\(mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org\)](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 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

JANUARY 30TH—FEBRUARY 12TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
1/30/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
2/1/2023	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
2/3/2023		Church Office Closed
2/5/2023		Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
2/6/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
2/7/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
	12:00 PM	Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
2/8/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
2/9/2023	10:30 AM	Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	CCA Meeting - Library
2/10/2023		Church Office Closed
2/12/2023		Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	3:00 PM	Piano Duet Concert

February 2023 Readings

Sunday, February 5

Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12]

Psalm 112:1–9 [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]

Matthew 5:13–20

Sunday, February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 or Sirach 15:15–20

Psalm 119:1–8

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

Matthew 5:21–37

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 19

Exodus 24:12–18

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16–21

Matthew 17:1–9

Ash Wednesday—February 22

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–12

Psalm 51:1–17

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

First Sunday in Lent—February 26

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12–19

Matthew 4:1–1

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Jacob Csuy

02/06 Trude Holmes

02/08 Julieta Balderas-Castro

02/09 William Sudell

02/11 Sandra Messikomer

Nancy Plerhoples

02/12 Harold Kenton

Harold Salmons III

02/14 John Danzeisen

02/16 Madison Armstrong

02/18 Clint Veasey

02/20 Lisa Holt

Darlene Sullivan

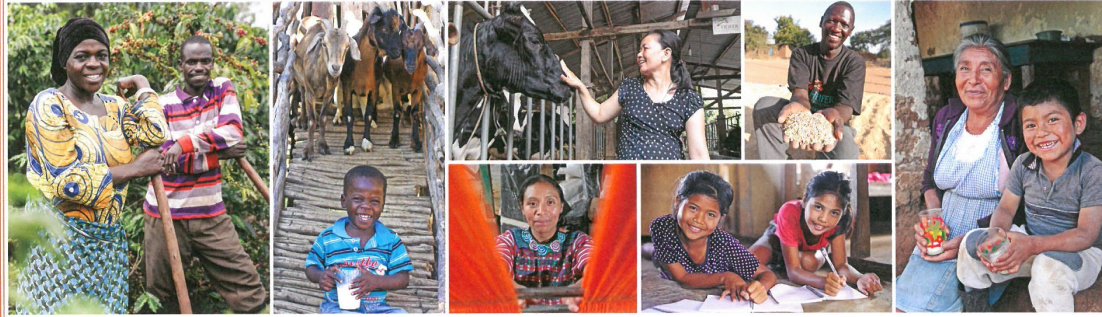
02/21 Katherine Connolly

02/23 Art Beebe

02/24 Steve Ernst

02/28 Weston Wright





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for your contribution of healthy animals and training
in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

Christy Moore
Heifer International

December 2022
Date



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CONCERT



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