



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023	
Fourth Sunday in Lent	
10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
10:15 AM	Sunday School following Parable Time
11:00 AM	Fellowship

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Pastor's Ponderings

Pierce My Soul with Your Love

Lord Jesus Christ,
 pierce my soul with your love
 so that I may always long for you alone,
 Who are the bread of angels
 And the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires.

May my heart always hunger and feed on you,
 So that my soul may be filled with sweetness in your presence.

May my soul thirst for you,
 who are the source of life, wisdom, knowledge, light
 and all the riches of God our Father.

May I always seek and find you,
 think about you, speak to you
 and do everything for the honour and glory of your name.

Be always my home, my peace, my refuge and help
 In whom my heart is rooted
 So that I may never separate from you.

~ written by Bonaventure, 13th century

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MARCH 12, 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 give thanks for those who were ordained and installed as elders at LBPC: Nancy Day, Mike Haldeman, and Carla Major.

We continue to pray for Art Beebe and Paul Haldeman and their recovery.

Dorsey Reese asks for prayers for her grandchildren, Emily, Kya and Theo, who have tested positive for covid. Also their father who seems to be suffering the most.

Angie Chung asks that LBPC continue to pray for her as she navigates the aftermath of a difficult divorce.

Becky Kennedy asks prayers for her aunt, Carol, who remains in the hospital.

Prayers of joy and celebration for Brud Reese's 80th birthday!



2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2023 Giving Goal	\$240,690
2023 YTD Giving	\$71,838

WORSHIP LINKS

March 12, 2023

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

You shall be called

Repairers of the breach. -Isaiah 58

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 (OGHS) - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Developments of People — all work in different 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. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The OGHS offering will be dedicated during worship on Sunday April 2, but you're welcome to give online at any time during Lent at [Presbyterian Special Offerings \(pcusa.org\)](https://www.pcusa.org).

If children would like to fill a fish bank for OGHS, please contact Candace Smith.



Calling all youth 6-12 grade!!!!

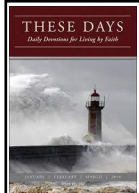
LIFT will be meeting this **Thursday (March 16) from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, in the basement.** Dinner is provided! The other planned meetings are: **March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11, and May 25.** All at the same time, in the same location. Bring a friend and any homework questions you might have!

What are you going to be doing? That's an excellent question! We are rounding up the items on your wish list to finish outfitting your new space. Some of your time will be organizing and decorating, but the rest of the time you will be talking about Relationships, using a PCUSA youth curriculum. We look forward to seeing you then!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Nancy Day at nancyday@comcast.net or Mr. Sean Kennedy at spk1962@outlook.com.



On Sunday, March 19th we will hear from our next Digging Deeper speaker, Dr. Oliver Yost (you've seen him around—he's Zoe's father). After we've all had a little fellowship snack, we'll gather around in the Social Hall to hear Dr. Yost talk about mental healthcare in our country and how therapy can be a resource for the kind of healing and wholeness God wants for us.



The April/May/June issue of *These Days* is now available! Copies can be found in the Narthex and the Social Hall. If you would like one mailed to your home, please contact Becky in the church office.

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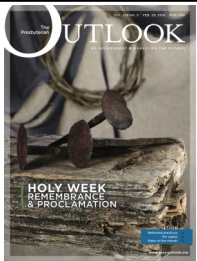
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Rehearsals for the Sixteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert are underway, and adults and high school students are invited to participate! The concert will be on April 29 at 2 PM at Kennett High School, with the featured work as Randall Thompson's 'Frostiana', based on Robert Frost's poems. You must attend at least four Wednesday 7:30 P.M. rehearsals plus the dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 29 at 11 A.M. Come join this talented group of wonderful community singers! This year's concert will benefit

Make-A-Wish of Philadelphia, Delaware, and Susquehanna Valley. See Donna or Marty Beech for more details.

There is no rehearsal on March 29th as Donna is away that week.



The latest edition of *The Presbyterian Outlook* is also now available. Copies can be found in the Narthex and in the Social Hall. Again, if you would like a copy mailed to your home, please contact Becky in the church office. lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or 302-658-2326.

*Come celebrate with us on
March 26th!*



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The mission of the Garage Community and Youth Center in Kennett Square and West Grove is to empower youth to pursue their potential academically, relationally, and spiritually. They provide after school programs and a meal every afternoon during the school year. The LBPC Missions Committee has committed to preparing and delivering a meal on **the second Monday of each month**...that's where you come in!

A list of necessary ingredients will be available in the Social Hall with a due date. If you are able, we would appreciate any donations you may offer! In addition, here is a list of items that are always needed at the Garage. Again, your assistance is much appreciated.

If you are an Amazon shopper, here is a link to their full Amazon wish list! [Click HERE.](#)



Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

Lent 2023

Digging Deeper

With Christians around the world, we enter the season of Lent, a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. In these weeks we seek to deepen our understanding of, and faith in, the teachings of Jesus and ultimately, the meaning his cross and resurrection has for our lives.

It is a season to go deeper, to challenge ourselves to go below the surface of these familiar stories but also of our own souls. We seek to unearth the wisdom to be found in the deeps. God invites us into the wilderness, into the darkness, not to abandon us, but to accompany us on an exploration that leads us to greater wholeness, stronger commitment, and a renewed experience of God's presence in our lives and in our world.

We'll gather for worship, bible study and reflection, the rituals of ashes and communion, and other special events as we explore the blessings of **Digging Deeper**.

Digging Deeper Speakers

Sunday, March 5 | 11:45am in the Sanctuary
Keith Doms, Resident Archaeologist at Newlin Grist Mill
We'll hear from Keith about the archaeology happening in this area and then have the opportunity to bring our own "found" treasures (Antiques Road Show style).

Sunday, March 19 | 11:45am in the Social Hall
Oliver Yost, Psychiatrist

We'll dig a little deeper into mental health care in our country and hear from Ollie about how therapy can be a resource for the kind of healing and wholeness God seeks for us.

Dinner with the Word

Wednesdays | 6 - 7pm in the Social Hall
Our midweek group turns its attention to the scriptures and themes chosen for each Sunday in Lent. We'll dig into the stories of Jonah, the woman caught in adultery, Joseph, Esther, and Paul as they come to new understandings, taken deeper in their relationship with God as they go below the surface, into the belly of the whale, into the darkness. All are welcome - come when you are able!



Digging Deeper Worship

Ash Wednesday Supper and Service, February 22
6:00pm Lenten Supper in the Social Hall
6:45pm Reflection and Receiving of Ashes in the Sanctuary
With the mark of the ashes, Lent begins. We are reminded as we receive this symbol that we are mortal, as it says in Genesis 3:19: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." A ritual of penitence, humility, a seeking after forgiveness and healing, the ashes will begin our journey of digging deeper.

Palm Sunday Worship, April 2 | 10:00am in the Sanctuary
Hosanna! Children will start the service with a palm procession.

Maudy Thursday Meal, April 6 | 7:00pm in the Social Hall
Gathered around tables, as the first disciples gathered with Jesus in the upper room, we share a simple meal followed by communion as we recall the Last Supper.

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 7 | 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
Often called the Service of Shadows, the music and readings take us into the last events of Jesus' life. Come to sit by the cross, to pray, to reflect on the meaning of these events for you and for the world.

Easter Sunday Worship, April 9 | 10:00am in the Sanctuary
Celebration of Easter featuring the Flowering of the Cross and festive Brass Quartet.

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Additional items needed for The Garage:

Food is delivered the 2nd Monday of each month!

- Fresh fruits and veggies (no apples)
- Applesauce pouches
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Paper Plates and bowls
- Liquid hand soap

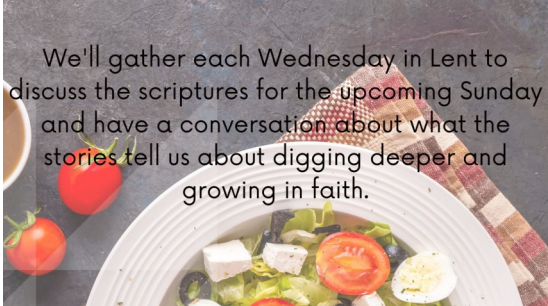
For Summer:

- Towels and water bottles

**Join us every Wednesday
at 6 PM
in the Social Hall
for
Dinner with the Word**

Dinner with the Word shifts into Lenten mode!

We'll gather each Wednesday in Lent to discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and have a conversation about what the stories tell us about digging deeper and growing in faith.



CALENDAR

MARCH 13TH—MARCH 26TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
3/13/2023	1:00 PM	Food prep for The Garage
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
3/15/2023	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
	3/17/2023	
3/19/2023		Fourth Sunday in Lent
	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
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
	11:45 AM	Digging Deeper Lenten Speaker - Oliver Yost, Psychiatrist
3/20/2023	7:00 PM	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
3/21/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe
	10:00 AM	Missions Committee Meeting
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
3/22/2023	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
	6:00 PM	Worship Visioning Team Meeting
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
3/24/2023		Church Office Closed
3/26/2023		Fifth Sunday in Lent
	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/Retirement Party for Linda Natali
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal

March 2023 Readings

Second Sunday in Lent—March 5

Genesis 12:1–4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

John 3:1–17 or Matthew 17:1–9

Third Sunday in Lent—March 12

Exodus 17:1–7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1–11

John 4:5–42

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 19

1 Samuel 16:1–13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8–14

John 9:1–41

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 26

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6–11

John 11:1–45

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/03 Mary Kennedy

03/12 Brenda Boucher

03/13 Thomas Craven

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 Bruce Webber

03/27 Enzo Natali

03/29 Joyce Murphy

03/30 Donna Beech





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