

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Schedule: 10 AM In-person and livestreamed

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering

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Pastor's Ponderings

In our baptisms, God says, "I see you. I know you. There is a place for you with me. You are welcome" With joy, LBPC welcomed six confirmands into church membership as they professed their faith and claimed their place among us and in the worldwide fellowship of Jesus' followers. We look forward to the ways they will share their gifts with this congregation and in the world as they live into this commitment. Blessings upon them as the join us in this ministry of justice and joy with Jesus!



Peace, be well – Nona Pastor Nona

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JANUARY 30, 2022

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 offer a pray of thanksgiving for our newest members; Michael Connolly, Kate Connolly, Emma Main, Molly Main, Arabella Hirs, and Owen Coats.

We continue to pray for Keeley Lannon and the Lannon family as she recovers from surgery.

We lift up Diane Danzeisen who is suffering from shingles!! Please keep Diane and John in your prayers!



| 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE | | WORSHIP LINKS |
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| 2022 Pledged Giving: 2022 Budgeted Giving: 2022 YTD Contributions | \$186,504 \$210,000 \$ 44,551 | January 30, 2022 Audio/Video link Bulletin/Liturgy link |

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



Beginning February 2, community members will be invited to come to LBP's choir rehearsals to begin preparing Paul Winter "Missa Gaia" for our Fifteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert. As in past years, we will begin our Wednesday rehearsals with 45-60 minutes on the Memorial Concert music. At the end of that time we will rehearse music for the Sunday services. All those who wish to participate are kindly asked to be vaccinated and wear masks during rehearsals.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN:

Fellowship Hosting

A sign-up sheet for January - May is located in the Social Hall. Want to find out more? Contact Betsy Coons, chairperson, at betsycoons@comcast.net.



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th, LIFT will once again be collecting canned goods for the "Souper Bowl of Caring". Collection baskets will be located in the Sanctuary and in the Social Hall. Proceeds benefit the Delaware Food Bank.



A new season of LIFT begins! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month starting this Thursday, February 3, 2022. We begin at 6:00 PM with pizza and fellowship followed by a bible study, lesson or activity. LIFT is open to all those in 6th to 12th grade, and ALL are welcome. Bring a friend and please wear a mask!

Links for the Congregational Annual Meeting:

Annual Report

Congregational Livestream from 1.30.22

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Confirmation Class of 2019-2020







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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

<u>Legacy Options</u> 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: <u>https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/</u>



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 **Z72-118389.**

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 31TH—FEBRUARY 13TH

| Start Date | Start Time | Subject |
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| 01/31/2022 | 7:00 PM | Alanon |
| | 7:00 PM | Alateen |
| | 12:00 PM | Richard Rohr Small Group |
| 02/02/2022 | 12:00 PM | Alanon |
| | 7:30 PM | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| 02/03/2022 | 10:30 AM | Staff Meeting |
| | 12:00 PM | Brown Bag Bible Study |
| | 6:00 PM | LIFT |
| 02/06/2022 | | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering |
| | 8:00 AM | Adult Topical Study (Zoom) |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed) |
| | 11:00 AM | Fellowship |
| 02/07/2022 | 7:00 PM | Alanon |
| | 7:00 PM | Alateen |
| 02/09/2022 | 12:00 PM | Alanon |
| | 7:30 PM | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| 02/10/2022 | 12:00 PM | Brown Bag Bible Study |
| | 7:00 PM | CCA Meeting - Library |
| 02/13/2022 | | Sixth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Souper Bowl of Caring |
| | 8:00 AM | Adult Topical Study (Zoom) |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed) |
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February 2022 Readings

Sunday, February 6

Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Luke 5:1–11

Sunday, February 13

Jeremiah 17:5–10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12–20 Luke 6:17–26

Sunday, February 20

Genesis 45:3–11, 15 Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50 Luke 6:27–38

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 27

Exodus 34:29–35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2 Luke 9:28–36 [37–43]

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

| 02/01 | Jacob Csuy |
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| 02/03 | Mimi Lovelace |
| 0206 | Trude Holmes |
| 02/08 | Julieta Balderas-Castro |
| 02/09 | William Sudell |
| 02/11 | Nancy Plerhoples |
| | Sandra Messikomer |
| 02/12 | Harold Salmons, III |
| 02/12 | Harold Kenton |
| 02/14 | John Danzeisen |
| 02/16 | Madison Armstrong |
| 02/18 | Clint Veasey |
| 02/20 | Darlene Sullivan |
| | Lisa Holt |
| 02/21 | Kate Connolly |
| 02/23 | Art Beebe |
| 02/23 | Steve Ernst |
| 02/28 | Weston Wright |

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