

Pastor's Ponderings



A big piece of Lower Brandywine's preparation for a new installed pastor is to discern together the mission God is calling the congregation to in the immediate future. And one of the steps in that discerning - that listening to God's leading – is together to come to an understanding of who LBPC is. Much like a college student chooses a career path or a corporation lays out a mission, a congregation needs to know who it is and who it seeks to serve, needs to know their gifts and assets as well as their challenges. And LBPC also needs to know what members believe and feel about those gifts and challenges.

The CAT is a way to get this information into our hands. It will help LBPC know if its self-understanding is accurate. Even the number of surveys received will be a source of information about the number of folks invested in the future of LBPC.

So I strongly encourage you to complete the CAT survey this week. Every Friday we receive an update on how many surveys have been completed and it would be great to see those numbers surge this week. Please take ½ an hour to complete the CAT as soon as you can. Your time and your input will be a gift to your church.

Peace, Be Well-Poster Nero

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JUNE 5, 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!

Memorial services for Barbara Burkhardt will be held at Lower Brandywine on Saturday, June 11th at 11:00AM with a reception in the Social Hall immediately following.

We ask prayers for our dear friend, Joan Cummings, whose cancer has returned.

Prayers of celebration for Susan Wright's uncle, Al, who celebrated his 100th birthday last week.

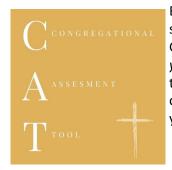
Dr. Herb Oettgen recently notified the church that he has relocated to Kendal Personal Care. Please contact the office if you want his new address.

We continue to morn the loss of life due to gun violence around the country.

2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE		WORSHIP LINKS
2022 Budgeted Giving: 2022 YTD Giving:	\$233,441 \$ 99,185	June 5, 2022 Audio/Video link Bulletin/Liturgy link

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By now, you should have received a link to the CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) survey which will help us do some digging into who our church is and who we believe God is calling us to be in the coming years. If you are a *member or regular visitor 16 years of age or older* and would like to fill out the assessment but have NOT received the link, please email Becky at lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org. If you would prefer to fill out a hard copy, call or email the office and we will make arrangements to get a copy to you. (lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or 302-658-2326).

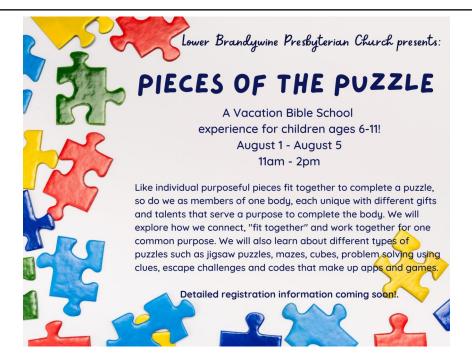
It's important that we hear from everyone involved in the life of the church so please plan to spend half an hour to complete the survey by June 15th.



It's almost Summer, and that means the return of the Lemonade Social! What is a Lemonade Social? It's a scaled back version of Fellowship Hour that is more accommodating to our congregants busy summer schedules. If you are new to hosting a Fellowship, this is a great time to volunteer. A signup sheet is posted in the Social Hall. Please contact Betsy Coons at <u>betsycoons@comcast.net</u> or 484-643-2479 if you have questions!

OR—if you prefer not to host but want to help out, donations of individually wrapped snacks (cookies, chips, etc.) are always welcome. Leave donations in the church kitchen marked, "Fellowship".

Zoe Yost's senior recital has been postponed until August due to covid. Stay tuned for more information!!



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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.



The July August September issue of <u>These Days</u> is now available! Look for copies on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to have one sent to you, please contact Becky at lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org.



- Senior Recognition Sunday/June 12—We'll recognize all our graduating seniors during worship and then have a special Fellowship hour to celebrate.
- Stock Sale Fundraiser/June 26, July 3, July 10—LIFT invites you to invest in THEM! LIFTERs will be selling stock for \$10/share following worship Sunday, June 26, July 3, and 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 appro priate, of course). Upon their return, mission trip attendees will hold a Shareholder's Meeting during Fellowship on July 31 to share their experiences.
- **FINALLY...THE MISSION TRIP!** This year's mission trip will be in Woonsocket, R.I. from July 17— 23. We have 2 chaperones and 6 youth volunteers committed to attend.

The Blackstone River Valley has a long history in the world of manufacturing and commerce. By the mid-1800s, Woonsocket was one of the largest textile manufacturing centers in the United States, but it did not escape the Great Depression. Industry was a draw for immigrants seeking to establish a better life for themselves. French Canadians first arrived in the 1840's, followed by African American immigrants who began to arrive as a part of the Great Migration. Since the 1980s, many Southeast Asian, Latinos, and African immigrants have been calling Woonsocket home. City revitalization began in the 1990s and has continued into the 21st century, including housing renovation projects as well as focused improvements to the greater community.

Help the residents of Woonsocket realize this future and bring the vision to reality as you become part of a greater purpose through home repairs for the people of the Blackstone Valley.





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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

<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 JUNE 5TH—JUNE 19TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
06/06/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
06/07/2022	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
06/08/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
06/11/2022	11:00 AM	Burkhardt Memorial Service w/ Reception Following
06/12/2022		Trinity Sunday
		Sr. Recognition
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Lemonade Social
06/13/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
06/15/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
June 15th		Last day to submit CAT!
06/19/2022		Second Sunday after Pentecost
06/19/2022	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
06/19/2022	11:00 AM	Lemonade Social

June 2022 Readings

Day of Pentecost—June 5 💧

Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9 Psalm 104:24–34, 35b Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21 John 14:8–17 [25–27]

Trinity Sunday—June 12

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1–5 John 16:12–15

Sunday, June 19 (Proper 7)

1 Kings 19:1–4 [5–7] 8–15a Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23–29 Luke 8:26–39

Sunday, June 26 (Proper 8)

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14 Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20 Galatians 5:1, 13–25 Luke 9:51–62

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 06/06 Bryan Day
- 06/10 Michael Haldeman
- 06/13 Mary Ruth Johnson
- 06/15 Lawrence Murphy
- 06/18 Catherine Adams
- 06/22 Phillip Dewey
- 06/26 Availia Lannon
- 06/27 Scarlett Walther

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/18	Marty & Donna Beech
	Hal & Molly Kenton
06/01	Robert & Dara Main
06/20	Akin & Stephanie Odutola
06/24	Bruce & Maureen Ringstrom



Pentecost Ignites Sunday School and the Congregation!

It was a lovey Pentecost Sunday; the children enjoyed learning how the Holy Spirit came in like a big wind and tongues of fire were over Jesus' followers' heads as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The children particularly got a kick out of Pastor Nona's demonstration with the sparkler and had fun outside after service as we each held our own sparkler ignited by Pastor Nona. It is a reminder that Jesus's love is alive in our hearts, and the Holy Spirit is ignited in us. With the Holy Spirit as our guide, we are able to be a light to others and share Jesus's love with our church and our community. Thank you Pastor Nona for an 'exciting' Pentecost!





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