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SUNDAY, APRIL 2 2023

Palm Sunday

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and
OGHS Offering**

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| 10:00 AM | Sunday Worship |
| 11:00 AM | Fellowship |

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Pastor's Ponderings

Jesus, you shared peace around a table of anxiety,

peace with the bread, peace with the wine,

peace in the face of the uncertain, peace in the place of pain.

May we share tables of peace in places of pain, sharing food and friendship and words and life.

Because you came to a fearful world and found your place around those tables. Amen.

(PADRAIG O. TUAMA, Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community: Canterbury Press, 2017)

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MARCH 26, 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 the music leadership of Sunday's guest organist, David Bowlsbey.

We also give thanks that Paul Haldeman was able to join us in worship this morning!

We pray for Lisa and Katie Adams who were displaced from their home by a fire last Thursday. Many have asked how best to support them through this difficult time. ***Gift cards that can be used later are best as they are not sure what they are going to need! Gift cards may be sent to the church. We will collect them and pass them on to Lisa.***

We ask prayers for Jan Beebe and John and Diane Danzeisen after the death of Art Beebe last week. We will keep you informed of any funeral arrangements.

Please pray for the loved one of those who were killed or injured in the chocolate factory explosion in Reading, Pa.

Please pray for those who were affected by the dangerous storms and tornadoes that passed through Mississippi and other southern states last week.



2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| 2023 Giving Goal | \$240,690 |
| 2023 YTD Giving | \$79,520 |

WORSHIP LINKS

March 26, 2023

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *Holy Week*

O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?

APR 2 PALM SUNDAY PALM PROCESSIONAL 10:00 AM

With a palm processional and shouts of *Hosanna*, we remember Jesus and the disciples' return to Jerusalem! All children and youth who are present are invited to participate! We will also dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.

APR 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL AND COMMUNION 6:30 PM

Join us in the Social Hall for a simple supper followed by scripture readings, symbolic foot washing, and communion as we remember the evening of the last supper.

APR 7 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE 7:00 PM

This quiet, contemplative, candlelight service of Tenebrae and Taizé, consisting of prayer and music, will take place in the sanctuary.

APR 9 EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH, EGG HUNT, AND WORSHIP 8:30 AM

We start off this joyful morning with a potluck brunch in the Social Hall.

9:15 AM

The children are invited to bring their Easter baskets and join the lively egg hunt on the lawn (weather permitting).

10:00 AM

He is risen! He is risen indeed! We gather in the sanctuary to worship the risen Christ! Join us for this very moving service which includes the flowering of the cross and the festive music of a brass quartet accompanying the Senior Choir.



Sign-ups for the Maundy Thursday Dinner and Easter Brunch are located in the Social Hall. For more information concerning the Easter Egg Hunt, contact Candace Smith at Candacesmithevents@gmail.com. Easter flower dedications are being accepted NOW. Fill out the form and return it to the church office no later than Wednesday, April 6th, or email lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org to make your dedication.

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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.

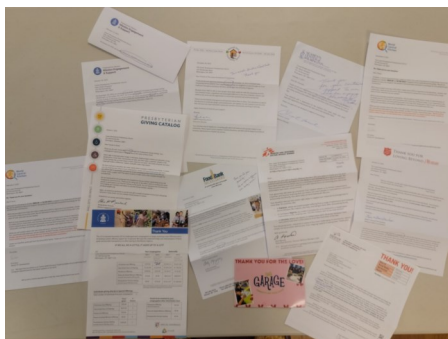
The OGHS offering will be dedicated during worship on Sunday April 2, but you're welcome to give online at any time during Lent at [Presbyterian Special Offerings \(pcusa.org\)](https://pcusa.org).

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



What a fun time we had celebrating Linda Natali's retirement!

THANK YOU to all those who helped make the celebration extra special by helping out with decorations, food, gifts, and—of course—being there to wish her well. **You** are what made it such a great day!



Our Missions Committee has been so busy! The picture attached shows all the thank you cards they have received from the organizations they—and our church— support!

Including: World Central Kitchen, PCUSA Missions and Support, Presbyterian Giving Catalog, Kennett Area Community Services, Food Bank of Delaware, The Garage, Seamen's Center of Wilmington, Doctor's Without Borders, and the Heifer Project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

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

Note: No Dinner with the Word
Wednesday, April 5th.



Calling all youth 6-12 grade!!!! Your new furniture has arrived!!!!

The remaining LIFT meetings are: **March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11, and May 25 at 6:00 PM in the basement..** Bring a friend and any homework questions you might have!

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! Questions? Contact Mrs. Nancy Day at nancyday@comcast.net or Mr. Sean Kennedy at spk1962@outlook.com.



Announcing some special events you won't want to miss! Support our LBPC student singers!

Matthew Quarles will appear in the opera, *Alcina*, by G. F. Handel on May 6th and 7th at the Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall on the WCU campus. For more information and for tickets click [HERE](#).

Genna Hahn will be performing her Master's Flute Recital on April 22, 2023 at 12:30 PM at the Gore Recital Hall in the Roselle Center for the Arts on the campus of UD. You are also invited to attend a reception and graduation celebration afterward! Flyers for this special event may be found in the Social Hall.



Speaking of Matthew—congratulations to him and his acapella group for tying for 2nd place in Saturday's competition. This is the **FIRST** time West Chester University has ever had a group compete at this level and we are so happy for Matthew!!!



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.

CALENDAR

MARCH 27TH—APRIL 9TH

| Start Date | Start Time | Subject |
|-----------------|------------|---|
| 3/27/2023 | 7:00 PM | Alateen: LIFT Room |
| | 7:00 PM | Alanon: Classrooms 3-4 |
| | 7:00 PM | Session Meeting |
| 3/29/2023 | 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 |
| | 6:00 PM | LIFT |
| 3/30/2023 | | |
| 3/31/2023 | | Church Office Closed |
| 4/2/2023 | | Palm Sunday |
| | | Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and One Great Hour of Sharing |
| | 9:00 AM | Adult Topical Study |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 AM | Fellowship |
| | 11:30 AM | Treble Choir Rehearsal |
| 4/3/2023 | 7:00 PM | Alateen: LIFT Room |
| | 7:00 PM | Alanon: Classrooms 3-4 |
| 4/4/2023 | 9:00 AM | Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe |
| | 11:00 AM | Richard Rohr Small Group |
| 4/5/2023 | 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 |
| | 6:30 PM | Junior Choir Rehearsal |
| | 6:30 PM | Handbells |
| | 7:30 PM | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| | 6:30 PM | Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion (Sign-up in the Social Hall) |
| 4/6/2023 | | |
| 4/7/2023 | | Church Office Closed |
| | 7:00 PM | Good Friday Tenebrae Service |
| 4/9/2023 | | Easter Sunday |
| | 8:30 AM | Easter Brunch (Sign-up in the Social Hall) |
| | 9:15 AM | Easter Egg Hunt |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship Service |

March 2023 Readings

Second Sunday in Lent—March 5

Genesis 12:1–4a

Psalms 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

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1–11

John 4:5–42

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 19

1 Samuel 16:1–13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8–14

John 9:1–41

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 26

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalms 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

Zoe Yost

03/27 Enzo Natali

03/29 Joyce Murphy

03/30 Donna Beech





To make an Easter Flower dedication, please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check for \$18.00 per plant. Make checks payable to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and mark your check, "*for Easter Flowers.*" You may return your dedication by dropping it in the offering plate, putting it in Becky's box, emailing it to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org, or by mailing it to the church office. (101 Old Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807)

☐ In loving memory of _____

☐ To the Glory of God

Dedications must be received by Wednesday, April 5th.

Name

Phone Number

*You may pick up your flowers after the Easter service.



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