

## Pastor's Ponderings

As I prepare for our Reformation Sunday recognition, I am aware of the foundations upon which our lives as members of LBPC are built. With more than 300 years of history this congregation stands upon the shoulders of all those faithful who have gathered and served in this community for generations.

As a Presbyterian congregation, our roots are firmly planted in the soil of the Reformation movement in the 1500's. Those turbulent days when folks like Martin Luther and John Calvin held the Church to a higher standard, demanding that reforms be made in the way the Church carried out its ministry, and when those demands were not met, leaving to create a new expression of the Christian Church which became known as the Reformed Tradition.

Things like access to scripture and the sacraments for all members of the church, beliefs such as the priesthood of all believers which lifts up the privilege and responsibility of all members to discern and share their God-given gifts with the Church and the world, and the conviction that the Church must be reformed and always reforming as it seeks to be faithful to God's call in new days: these are our roots and our heritage.

This Sunday we'll welcome new members as they commit to membership in this congregation. We rejoice that they have come to this point in their lives of faith and look forward to the gifts they bring to share with the world through LBPC. And we know that new faces who come with different experiences will enrich this church.

As new folks join the mission of the Church, we celebrate the energy of getting to know them, of the ways the church will re-form to embrace and welcome them. In this time of transition between installed pastors, we trust that what can feel like turmoil is a holy reformation drawing us into partnership with God. When we find ourselves weary or resistant to this re-forming which is our birthright but nonetheless a challenge, let us remember the foundations upon which we stand.

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# JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM OCTOBER 23, 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!

Kristen Armstrong asks for prayers for a young man, Connor Montgomery, who fell into a fire pit with both hands and sustained third-degree burns, requiring painful treatment.

John Danzeisen asks for prayers for his brother-in-law, Art Beebe, as he prepares for surgery on November 1st to have a cancerous kidney removed.

Joanna Kelly and Carol Young gave thanks for their sonswho joined them in Worship today. Pastor Nona added words of thanksgiving for all sons.

Dave Baldt asks for prayers for an end to all of the negative political ads on television and is hopeful for happiness and joy to return.

Pastor Nona gave thanks for the LIFT group who attended the first Congregational Dinner at the Armstrong residence. Our young folks shared their thoughts and feelings about Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Nona also asks for prayers for Mission Co-workers, Leith and Carol, and those he introduced us to when he visited Sunday: Moon, Mint, Man, Ahmed, Niza, Omar, Ju, Khaw, Phanni, Mai, Pu, Mee, and Asnee

Safe travels were extended to Larry and Joyce Murphy as they journey south for the winter.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE		WORSHIP LINKS
2022 Budgeted Giving: 2022 YTD Giving:	\$233,441 \$191,017	October 23, 2022  Audio/Video link Bulletin/Liturgy link

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Please note the calendar for the Congregational dinners this week.

Contact Clerk of Session, Sandra Borror to sign up.

Check the calendar for more information.



Please join us on Sunday, October 30th as we gather to celebrate the birth of the reformed church and...WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! This will be a joyous day you won't want to miss!



LIFT will have Sunday School twice a month starting Sunday, October 23rd! It is an opportunity for them to continue building leadership skills as they take turns preparing and facilitating small group discussions. All those 6th-12th are welcome! You do not have to be a member of LBPC to participate in our youth activities!!



UPW Banquet Celebrating 25 Years: The Next Generation The UrbanPromise Banquet is just around the corner! Celebrate 25 years of ministry in Wilmington with us Thursday, October 27 Chase Center on the Riverfront 815 Justison St., Wilmington, DE 19802 6pm Registration 7pm Dinner & Program

UP is happy to announce that this year's Urban Promise Banquet will be held in-person again! As part of our continued Outreach support, LBPC is purchasing 10 tickets to this very important fundraising event. If you are interested in attending the banquet being held at the location and date listed above, please contact Nancy Day at nancyday@comcast.net. **Seats are still available!** 



The Harvest Party and Trunk N Treat will happen during Fellowship on October 30th. Your donations of candy, pumpkins and haybales are appreciated and can be dropped off at this table, just inside the downstairs entrance. Feel free to bring your donations with you on Sunday morning, or drop them off between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm Monday—Thursday.

Also, we are still looking for volunteers for the Trunk N Treat.

Please notify Candace Smith at candacesmithevents@gmail.com if you are interested in decorating your trunk for this event!

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### IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



**CHOIR INVITATIONS:** Rehearsals have begun for our **Senior Choir** Christmas cantata, to be presented at the December 11 worship service. We are once again doing Camille Saint-Saens' very beautiful <u>Christmas Oratorio</u>, for chorus, string quartet, harp, and organ. High school students and adults are invited to join the choir for this wonderful work as well as for any other Christmas music. You must attend at least four Wednesday 7:30 P.M. rehearsals plus the dress rehearsal on Saturday Dec. 10. See Donna Beech for more details.

Our **Junior Choir** will soon begin rehearsing their special Christmas cantata, Helen Kemp's delightful <u>Calling All Angels</u>, to be presented on Dec. 18, and all elementary children are most welcome to participate. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. See Marti Coats for more details.

Come be an active part of this season of Christ's birth!

Genevieve Celeste Hahn Master's Voice Recital

November 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm

Gore Recital Hall in the Roselle Center for the Arts The University of Delaware 110 Orchard Road Newark DE 19716



Reception to follow 5:00 pm Deer Park Tavern All Invited – Complimentary Food/Soda – Cash Bar



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

Enjoy a simple meal with friends while we relate scripture to important matters of faith raised by the news of the week.

The Wired WORD

Then... Gather for rehearsal with Jr. Choir, Handbells or Sr. Choir.

f would like to receive The Wired Word lessons prior to the meetings, please contact Pastor Nona or Candace Smith to be added to the distribution list.

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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

# OCTOBER 24TH - NOVEMBER 6TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
10/24/2022	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
10/25/2022	6:00 PM	LBPC Small Group Dinner @ Dot Kent's home (Oxford PA)
10/26/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
10/27/2022	6:00 PM	LBPC Small Group Dinner @ Reed & Georgia Coats' home (Kennett Sq., PA)
10/28/2022	11:00 AM	LBPC Small Group luncheon & Sandra Borror & Dave Baldt's home (Centreville PA)
10/28/2022	6:00 PM	LBPC Small Group Dinner @ John & Diane Danzeisen's home (Centreville PA)
10/30/2022		Reformation Sunday
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Fall Harvest Party
	11:00 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 AM	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
10/28/2022	6:00 PM	LBPC Small Group Dinner @ Ed Nass & Deb Ventura's home (Unionville PA)
10/31/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
11/01/2022	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
11/02/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
11/03/2022	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
11/06/2022		Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal

## **October 2022 Readings**

### Sunday, October 2

Lamentations 1:1–6 Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137 Timothy 1:1–14 2 Luke 17:5–10

### Sunday, October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 2 Psalm 66:1–12 2 Timothy 2:8–15 Luke 17:11–19

### Sunday, October 16

Jeremiah 31:27–34 Psalm 119:97–104 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 Luke 18:1–8

### Sunday, October 23

Joel 2:23–32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 Luke 18:9–14

### Sunday, October 30

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4 Psalm 119:137–144 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12 Luke 19:1–10

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 10/03 Gibson Major
- 10/04 Bret Armstrong
- 10/04 Hunter Odutola
- 10/05 Diane Danzeisen
- 10/06 W. Robert Main
- 10/07 Candace Smith
- 10/11 Harold Salmons IV
- 10/12 William McNett
- 10/14 Tessa Haldeman
- 10/20 Caitlin Garrigan-Nass
- 10/27 Joanna Kelly
- 10/28 Joan Cummings
- 10/30 Benjamin Adams

### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

10/03 Joshua & Erin Walther 10/04 Kristin & Scot Armstrong 10/12 Felix & Rita Connolly 10/14 Thomas & Mary Ruth Johnson 10/28 Michael & Susan Wright 10/29 Cindy & Michael Faulkner



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