



SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

Worship Schedule: 10 AM
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
and Good Samaritan Offering

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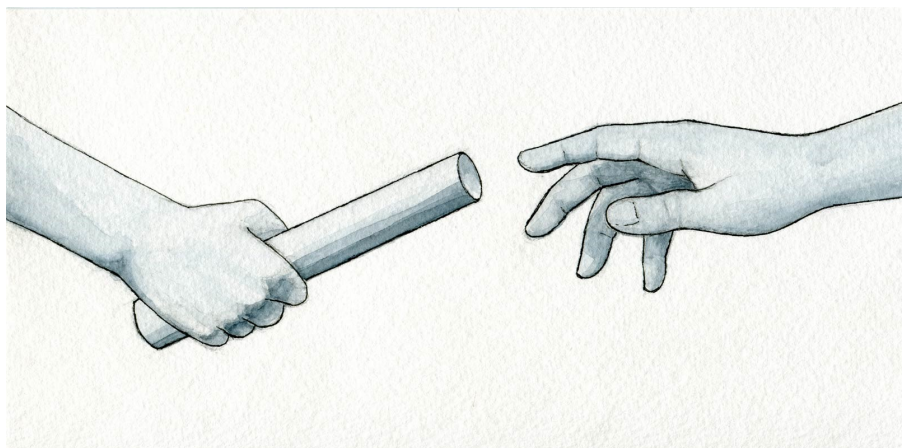
Pastor's Ponderings

Thank you! As my time as your Bridge Pastor ends, your send-off was very meaningful to me. It has been a delight to join you in this season of LBPC's life.

I hope as you move into the interim season, you will find it exhilarating, full of possibilities, enriched with honest self-reflection as a congregation. And that all of that will leave you eager and hopeful about the future God has for this church in this place and this time. May God's Spirit draw forth your creativity, faithfulness, kindness, and grace as you move forward together.

Peace, be well –

Pastor Nona



JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM FEBRUARY 27, 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!

We lift up the people of the Ukraine.

Ed Nass asked that we pray for a friend and colleague, Ann Kennedy.

Kristin Armstrong asked that we pray for her neighbor, Gail Russel, who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

We pray for Dot's grandchildren who are in ROTC and feeling anxious in these uncertain times.

We lift up Ed Messikomer as he recovers at Country House Health Center from a series of strokes. We also hold Sandra in our hearts and pray for her strength.

We pray for Dave Robertson who is recovering at home following knee surgery, and facing a long road to recovery.

We remember and pray for the family of Emma Hill, a student at UHS who died very suddenly after a diagnosis of cancer. We also pray for the staff and students at Unionville as they navigate their grief and loss.

John Danzeisen thanked Pastor Nona for her service to Lower Brandywine as Bridge Pastor.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$233,441
2022 YTD Giving:	\$ 51,457
2022 Budgeted Pledges:	\$190,000
2022 YTD Pledges:	\$186,504

WORSHIP LINKS

February 27, 2022

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



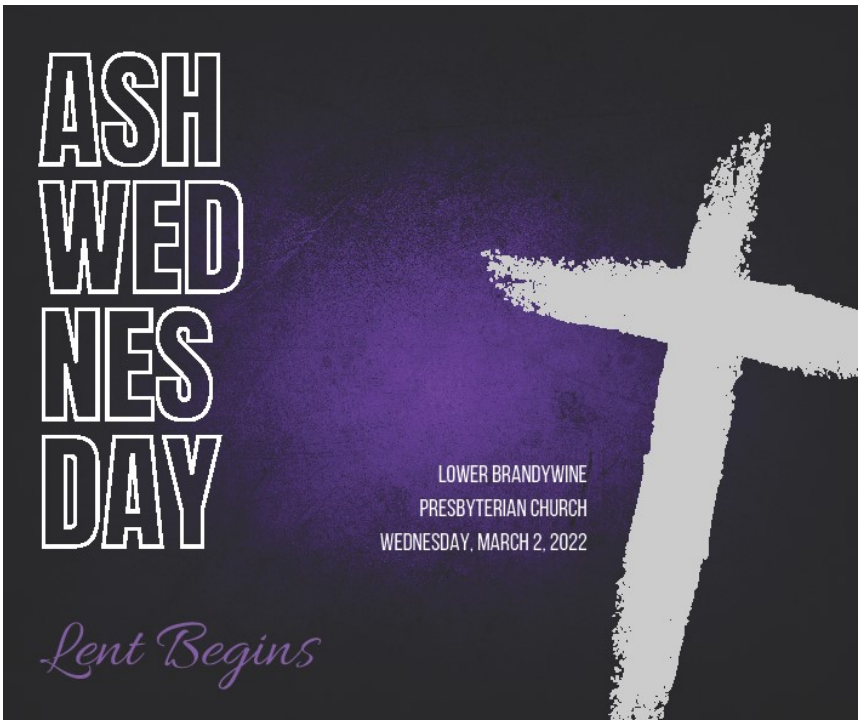
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There are multiple ways to observe Lent at LBPC. Details to follow! Continue to watch the LBPC calendar, Messenger, and bulletin announcements. Here is a preview:

Sundays in Lent (beginning March 6)	“Food for Thought”	Table discussions during extended fellowship hour.
Thursdays in Lent (beginning March 10)	<i>Lent in Plain Sight</i>	Light supper followed by book discussion.
Maundy Thursday	Worship Service	LIFT will make bread followed by dinner and communion in the Social Hall.
Good Friday	Taize Service	
Easter Sunday	Easter Breakfast and Worship Service	Our traditional Easter Potluck followed by Easter Worship.



**We hope you enjoy this virtual
Ash Wednesday Service!**

If you are accessing the Messenger online, double click the image to the left to open the file. There is a prayer, some scriptures, hymns, and a devotional. You may click on the underlined scriptures and hymns to navigate to the scripture text and to see/listen to a video of the hymns.

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Rehearsals have begun for our Fifteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert, this year benefitting CHOP Neuro-Oncology. Our featured work will be the jazzy and eclectic "Missa Gaia" by Paul Winter. Adults and high school students are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 in the church sanctuary. The Beeches are requesting that all participants be vaccinated and masked.



The LBPC nursery is open! Children from birth through age 4 are welcome to stay in the nursery during our Sunday morning worship which begins at 10:00 AM. Miss Fabiola will be there to greet you. Stop in for a visit!!

UrbanPromise Wilmington *Spring into Auction* Thursday, April 7, 2022



Join UrbanPromise Wilmington for the Silent Auction!

Thursday, April 7, 2022
The Carriage House at Rockwood Park
4671 Washington Street Ext.
Wilmington, DE 19809
(enter off of Washington St. Ext.)

5:30pm In person Registration
8pm Auction ends

Advance Tickets: \$25 (deadline: April 1)
Tickets at door: \$30

Hearty Hors D'oeuvres will be served!

Register online at urbanpromise.org

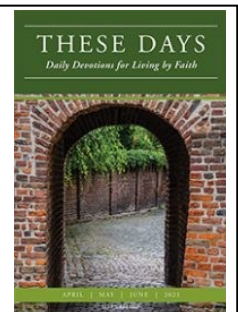


NEW: Virtual bidding will be available to registered guests starting at 9am



New editions of These Days and Presbyterians Today are now available! Copies may be found in the Narthex and the Social Hall. If you would like one mailed to your home, contact Becky in the office:

lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org or 302-658-2326



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Legacy Giving



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:

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

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 **272-118389**.

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

MARCH 1ST—MARCH 13TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
03/01/2022	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group
03/02/2022		Ash Wednesday (virtual worship found in the Messenger and on FB)
		Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
03/03/2022	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	6:00 PM	LIFT
03/06/2022		First Sunday in Lent
		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 and 'Food for Thought'
03/07/2022	6:30 PM	Strategy and Planning Committee
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
03/09/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
03/10/2022	TBD	Lent in Plain Sight
	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
03/13/2022		Second Sunday in Lent
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and 'Food for Thought'

March 2022 Readings

First Sunday in Lent—March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13 Second

Sunday in Lent—March 13

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Luke 13:31–35 or Luke 9:28–36

Third Sunday in Lent—March 20

Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalm 63:1–8

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 27

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–3

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 Emily Underwood
 03/26 Bruce Webber
 03/27 Roman Garvey
 03/27 Enzo Natali
 03/29 Joyce Murphy
 03/30 Donna Beech

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 03/01 Brian and Dot Kent
 03/20 Dan and Carla Major

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