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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Schedule: 10 AM
In-person and livestreamed

Rourke Moore, CRE

Preaching

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Pastor's Ponderings



This past week, January 6th, was Epiphany. The day we recall the journey of the magi, or wise men, as they followed the star which led them to the child, Jesus.

At worship on Sunday, folks received an Epiphany Star. Each star printed with a single word which becomes your word when you receive it. It becomes your word to receive. A gift, chosen for you by the Spirit.

The word on each star is an invitation to follow where it leads you, seeking to draw nearer to Jesus. It provides an intentional way to seek Jesus in your daily life. Perhaps seeing it on your mirror each morning invites you to spend a few moments wondering how that word speaks to you and your life this day. Maybe having it tucked into the Bible marking the place for your daily reading prompts you to hear the word of God in light of that star word, drawing out new meanings for you. Or it could find its place on your dashboard, where your time in the car becomes a holy place to ponder just what God may be saying to you through that one particular word.

If you were not able to receive your Epiphany Star and your word for 2022 last Sunday, yours is waiting for you at the church. We will leave them out in the Fellowship Hall, or you can let me know you would like one and I can put it in the mail to you.

Blessings on your journey! May your star brighten your way and guide you in the days to come -

Pastor Nona

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JANUARY 9, 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 give thanks for the worship leadership of Mark Douyard.

We offer up prayers for the families in both Philadelphia and New York that were affected by the fires which resulted in tragic loss of life.

We pray for the safety of all during this latest surge of Covid.

We pray for those on the IPNC and the COMC who were working diligently to identify an interim pastor so that LBPC may move on the next phase of our transition.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Pledged Giving:	\$185,064
2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$210,000

WORSHIP LINKS

January 9, 2022

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Annual Reports Due This Week/January 14th



Below are the major sections that will be included in this year's report. If you are a staff member or chairperson of a committee represented here, a summary of activities for 2021 is due to the office by Friday, January 14th. If you have questions or need a sample from a previous year, please contact Becky at lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org. Thank you for your consideration.

1. Pastor's Report
2. Clerk of Session's Report
3. Children and Youth Ministries Report
4. Music Director's Report
5. Adult Studies Report
6. Missions Committee Report
7. Fellowship Report
8. Pastoral Care Report
9. Worship Committee Report
10. 300th Anniversary Activities Summary Report
11. Personnel Committee Report
12. Cemetery/Property Annual Report
13. Investment Team Report
14. F & A Report



We are still accepting pledges for 2022! At this time we are \$24,936 away from reaching our goal of \$210,000. **Simply email your 2021 pledge commitment to Linda Natali at finance@lowerbrandywine.org.**

We cannot know what lies ahead of us, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church can keep doing what love requires of us by nurturing life-giving, joyful ministries both inside and outside our church.

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In May of 2020, the confirmation class chose to pause its meetings during a time where the youth were feeling overloaded with school by Zoom and the other moving pieces in their lives. Little did we know that it would be over a year before time brought us back together. We are delighted to announce that all six candidates from the Confirmation Class of 2020 have decided to complete the confirmation process! Pastor Nona and the LIFT leaders plan to spend the month of January assisting the confirmands in completing their faith statement/projects so that we may confirm all six on Sunday, January 30th. We look forward to welcoming the following youth into the membership of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church:

Owen Coats

Kate Connelly

Michael Connelly

Arabella Hirs

Emma Main

Molly Main



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.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 10TH—JANUARY 23RD

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
01/10/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
01/12/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
01/13/2022	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
01/16/2022		Second Sunday after Epiphany
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
01/17/2022	7:00 PM	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
01/18/2022	10:00 AM	Missions Committee Meeting
01/19/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
01/20/2022	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	6:00 PM	LIFT
01/23/2022		Third Sunday after Epiphany
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship

January 2022 Readings

Second Sunday of Christmas—January 2

Jeremiah 31:7–14

Psalm 147:12–20

Ephesians 1:3–14 John 1:(1–9) 10–18

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 9

Isaiah 43:1–7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14–17

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Sunday, January 16

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalm 36:5–10

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

Sunday, January 23

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Luke 4:14–21

Sunday, January 30

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Psalm 71:1–6 1

Corinthians 13:1–13

Luke 4:21–30

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/02	Jacob Jury
01/03	Kristin Armstrong
01/03	Erin Walther
01/04	Paul Kenton
01/06	Alex Schwendeman
01/07	Hunter Witmer
01/09	Dara Main
01/15	William Martinez
01/16	Molly Kenton
01/16	Adrienne Underwood
01/18	Susan Latimer
01/21	Janis Kumpf
01/22	Dennis Witmer
01/24	Hanna Firment
01/24	Hunter Firment
01/24	Marilyn Roberts
01/26	Xande Robertson
01/26	George Salmons
01/27	Paul Haldeman
01/28	Carey Kaiser
01/29	Carolyn Hooper

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01/01	Joan & Doug Cummings
01/01	Jonathan & Barbara Sypher
01/29	David & Barbara Heckman

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