



SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Schedule: 10 AM

Mother's Day Fellowship

In –person and livestreamed

Masks are required!

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## Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn

### Mother's Day

This week ends in Mother's Day, a day that can stir up feelings for many people.  
May the prayer below, written by Christine Sine, speak to you this week.

*Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers.*

*For all they mean or have meant to us.*

*We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given.*

*For the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.*

*Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the qualities of mothers.*

*For their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding.*

*We thank you for the part they play in our lives,  
and for this special time of saying 'thank you' to them.*

*Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the wonder of your mothering.*

*As a mother protects her children, you watch over us day by day.*

*We thank you for your arms which always encircle and protect us,*

*Your hands shield and deliver us from harm.*

*Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother's day brings heartache rather than a celebration.*

*We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have died.*

*We thank you for your mothering heart and your tender love ,*

*Which nurtures all who feel abandoned and lost.*

*We wait with those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their own children.*

*We grieve with those who ache because they will never be mothers.*

*We thank you for their mothering hearts which long to be expressed.*

*Lord in your mercy, mother us all with your love.*

*We pray for those who struggle with the way their children have chosen to live their lives.*

*And grieve with those who are orphaned or have a difficult relationship with their mother.*

*We thank you that when we long for a mother's love you do not abandon us.*

*Lord in your mercy, mother us all with your love.*

*May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your mothering love is constant,*

*Your understanding is perfect and your compassion is never-ending.*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM APRIL 25, 2021

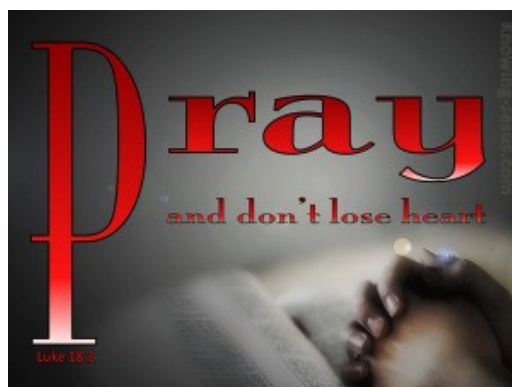
Our pastor's contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Pastor Emma is available for conversation and prayer. Also, please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests.

*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!*

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan prayed for our nation, our community, our church and each other.

We also lift up all those among our congregation who are struggling with health issues.



### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	<b>\$105,465</b>
Budgeted Giving 2021:	<b>\$244,249</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

May 2, 2021

"Our Big Why"

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastor Emma will be on vacation from May 1<sup>st</sup>- May 8<sup>th</sup> . If a pastoral care emergency or other urgent matter arises, please contact the church office and Becky or Linda will reach out to the appropriate support systems. 302-658-2326, lbpc@comcast.net, linda.natali@comcast.net



Join us after worship on May 9th for a special Mother's Day

Outdoor fellowship provided by LIFT volunteers.

See you then!



Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

*We are so pleased to announce that The Missions Committee has voted to donate our church's portion of the Pentecost offering to the LBPC LIFT!*

**PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 23RD. THE SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED THAT SUNDAY.**



Speaking of LIFT...

They are so excited to be able to participate in an offsite mission trip this year! Our youth and leader's will depart Sunday, June 20th for another Group Mission workcamp in Gilbert, South Carolina. Because of your extreme generosity, 8 youth and 2 adults are able to participate at no personal cost to them. Thank you!!!

In addition to the great work that will be done that week, we will take with us donations of canned/nonperishable food and paper products (i.e. toilet paper and paper towels) for Gilbert Food Pantry and Mission Lexington. If you would like to contribute you may drop your donated items in the special collection box in the Social Hall.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Week of Kindness*



Tell us your kindness stories! Donna Beech shared this picture with us. She says she was doing the “dirty work” while Marty was snapping the pictures.

Thank you Donna and Marty!!

Did you visit a friend, write a nice note, donate your time to help someone else? Let us know so that your story might be an inspiration to someone else!

**DONATE  
YOUR  
GLASSES**



During your spring cleaning, have you located a stash of old glasses and wondered what to do with them? Well here’s your answer...

Beginning **Tuesday, May 4th and continuing through Sunday, May 16th**, the LBPC office will be collecting used eyeglasses in **GOD CONDITION** to donate to VSP Eyes of Hope. Look for the donation box in the office foyer. On nice days, we might just leave it on the bench in front of the office. Easy-peasy!

Glasses only please, no cases. Thank you!



**Al-Anon/Alateen is a recovery support fellowship for families and friends of alcoholics. Al-Anon/Alateen members share how attendance has helped them more fully understand their alcoholic relative, and how they can enjoy a full and happy life, regardless of whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Al-Anon meets twice weekly and Alateen meets once a week at LBPC:**

**Al-Anon Meetings: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesday Noon-1:00 pm**

**Alateen Meeting: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm**

***Due to the pandemic, Al-Anon and Alateen are having virtual meetings.***



Lower Brandywine Office Hours

**Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

**Cemetery by appointment only.**

Voicemail is always monitored. If you have an urgent need, do not hesitate to call. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

### 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign Update



**We have reached and exceeded our goal with a total of \$300,039 donated to the 300th Anniversary Campaign! Thanks to all for their very generous contributions!**

If you still wish to contribute, please contact Linda Natali at [linda.natali@comcast.net](mailto:linda.natali@comcast.net) or visit [www.vancopayments.com](http://www.vancopayments.com) to give electronically, or mail your check to the church office with a memo, "300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary."

**Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution? Or electronically via Vanco services? Vanco – visit our website and follow the instructions to "contribute online."**

**Stock Transfers** – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **772-118389**.

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 [linda.natali@comcast](mailto:linda.natali@comcast.net) 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.

## May 2021 Lectionary Readings

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 2**

Acts 8:26–40

Psalms 22:25–31

1 John 4:7–21

John 15:1–8

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 9**

Acts 10:44–48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1–6

John 15:9–17

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 16**

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9–13

John 17:6–19

### **Day of Pentecost—May 23**

Acts 2:1–21 or Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Romans 8:22–27 or Acts 2:1–21

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

### **Trinity Sunday—May 30**

Isaiah 6:1–8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12–17

John 3:1–17

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

<b>05/03</b>	<b>Georgia Coats Karen Light</b>
<b>05/04</b>	<b>Owen Coats</b>
<b>05/08</b>	<b>Sandra Paul</b>
<b>05/07</b>	<b>Kieran Connolly</b>
<b>05/10</b>	<b>Sean Kennedy Emma Main Molly Main</b>
<b>05/11</b>	<b>Ashley Vanderslice</b>
<b>05/12</b>	<b>Elizabeth Earnst</b>
<b>05/13</b>	<b>Joanne Haase David Heckman</b>
<b>05/16</b>	<b>Linda Natalie Deb Ventura</b>
<b>05/19</b>	<b>Bruce Ringstrom Leif Major</b>
<b>05/21</b>	<b>Gail Kother</b>
<b>05/22</b>	<b>Emily Coons Emma Horn</b>
<b>05/23</b>	<b>Chantel Connolly</b>
<b>05/26</b>	<b>Sally Kephart</b>

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>05/05</b>	<b>Ed Nass &amp; Deb Ventura</b>
<b>05/17</b>	<b>Matthew &amp; Emily Kmecz</b>
<b>05/24</b>	<b>James &amp; Maret Headley</b>
<b>05/25</b>	<b>Michael Csuy &amp; Linda Bronson</b>

# CALENDAR

## MAY 3RD—MAY 16TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	ZOOM
05/03/2021	7:00 PM	AI-Anon	
	7:00 PM	AI-Ateen	
05/04/2021	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borrer
05/05/2021	12:00 PM	AI-Anon	
<b>05/09/2021</b>		<b>Sixth Sunday in Easter</b>	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service	In-person and livestream
	11:00 AM	LIFT Mother's Day Fellowship	
05/10/2021	10:00 AM	Gillespie Funeral	
	7:00 PM	AI-Anon	
	7:00 PM	AI-Ateen	
05/11/2021	5:00 PM	KPA Meeting in Social Hall	
	7:00 PM	Centerville Civic Association in Social Hall	
05/12/2021	12:00 PM	AI-Anon	
05/13/2021	5:30 PM	Mission Trip Leader Dinner Meeting	
<b>05/16/2021</b>		<b>Seventh Sunday in Easter</b>	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service	In-person and livestream
	11:00 AM	LIFT End of Year Bash	





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