

# Pastor's Ponderings



September 11, next Sunday, just the other end of this short week, the program year at Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church begins! It feels like we're finally able to shrug off most of the limitations of the pandemic and make plans. We have time and emotional space to give to other things as the daily dealing with covid lessens.

I hope that as you begin this new season, you will know there is a place for you here at LBPC whether

you are looking for a place to serve others and make a difference in the world, or

want to grow in your knowledge of the bible or have a place to consider some of the big questions of life, or

are seeking an experience of community and reflection that strengthens you what each week brings to your life.

And please know as well, that this congregation will be strengthened and better able to carry out the mission God has for it if you are here.

As we all get set at the starting line of this new year, there is a place for you.

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# JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 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!

Evelyn Middleton wishes to thank the congregation for their cards and care. She is very appreciative of the connections with her church!

Jay Headley asked for prayer for his brother-in-law, Addison Maupin. Covid has left him deaf in both ears and he is scheduled to see an ENT this week to see if it can be reversed.

Please keep Bob Hooper in your prayers as his surgery is scheduled for September 13th.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE		WORSHIP LINKS
2022 Budgeted Giving: 2022 YTD Giving:	\$233,441 \$151,907	September 4, 2022 Audio/Video link Bulletin/Liturgy link

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

**Kick-Off Sunday** is the PERFECT day to invite your friends and family to show them what life at LBPC is all about! If you are a member or regular visitor, please plan to be here on Sept. 11th to support and celebrate the KICK-OFF of a new season! We are still in need of volunteers for food donations, set-up, and the bake-off. Contact the LBPC office if you would like to add your name to the list! 302-658-2326



Kick-Off the Sunday School Year & Fall Activities

Blessing of backpacks during 10am worship service and special musical guests

DIXIE RAMBLERS

Celebration Continues After Service

Food, Games, Dessert Bake-Off Community Missions Project

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church 101 Old Kennett Road Wilmington, DE 19807 302-658-2326 Sign up to bring a side or to compete in the bake off-12 bake off spots available! Calling all students! Be sure to bring your school backpack to church on September 11th to have a special blessing said over it!!!

## PLUS...

STREAMING OF THE EAGLES/LIONS GAME ON THE TV IN THE SOCIAL HALL!!

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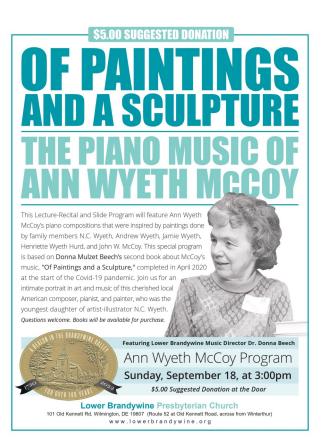
# PEACE & GLOBAL WITNES

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

## For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace. — ISAIAH 55:12

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God's peace, empowered by God's joy, reminds us that we are connected to each other. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

> The Special Offering will be received on Sunday, October 2nd.



# **THE PIANO MUSIC OF ANN WYETH MCCOY** JOIN US SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AT 3:00 PM



For this program, LBPC features our own Music Director Donna Beech, editor of two books of Ann Wyeth McCoys piano music. Donna completed the first book in 2017 after working in tandem with Ann's duagiter Robin McCoy "Book "two, Of Paintips and a Sculpture" was completed in 2020 and includes input from Ann's daughter Anna B. McCoy On September 18, Donna will perform all of Ann's painting-inspired compositions, give brief commentaries, and show specific paintings that inspired each plano composition.







DETAILS

Suggested Donation \$5

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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

# SEPTEMBER 6TH—SEPTEMBER 18TH

#### Start Date Start Time Subject

- 09/06/2022 11:00 AM Richard Rohr Small Group
- 09/07/2022 12:00 PM Alanon
- 09/11/2022 Kick Off Sunday (Rally Day)

#### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

MFM: Peacemaking Offering

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
- 11:00 AM Kick-Off Day Congregational Picnic
- 09/12/2022 7:00 PM Alanon

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- 09/13/2022 6:00 AM Primary Voting at LBPC
- 09/14/2022 12:00 PM Alanon
- 09/17/2022 12:00 PM Messikomer Committal Service
- 09/18/2022 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

MFM: College Choir Singers

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
- 11:00 AM Fellowship
- 3:00 PM Piano Music of Ann Wyeth McCoy, Book Two: Of Paintings and a Sculpture

## A reminder that listening devices for in-person worship services and concerts are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you require assistance.

# September 2022 Readings

### Sunday, September 4

Jeremiah 18:1–11 Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 Philemon 1–21 Luke 14:25–33

## Sunday, September 11

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12–17 Luke 15:1–10

## Sunday, September 18

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 Psalm 79:1–9 1 Timothy 2:1–7 1 Luke 16:1–13

## Sunday, September 25

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15 Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 1 Timothy 6:6–19 Luke 16:19–31

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 09/06 Lisa Adams
- 09/12 Linda Bronson
- 09/12 Maureen Ringstrom
- 09/19 Evelyn Middleton
- 09/19 Susan Porth
- 09/20 Selina Faulkner
- 09/22 Susan Wright
- 09/27 Emily Kmecz
- 09/27 Natalie Ventura
- 09/30 Meredith Kenton

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 09/06 Reed & Georgia Coats
- 09/21 Ann & Pete Ferrari
- 09/30 Bob & Marian Hartman





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