



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
and Good Samaritan Offering**

**10:00 AM Sunday Worship**

**11:00 AM Lemonade Social**

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## Pastor's Ponderings

Hello!

With this edition of The Messenger, you'll see a new feature, the Clerk's Corner. Wanting to keep the congregation informed about the mission and ministry of the church in this transitional time, the elders asked Clerk of Session Sandra Borrer to prepare a brief update after each regular Session meeting.

It is the role of the church's elected leaders, the Session and Pastor, to lead – making decisions regarding the practical operations of the church as well as discerning the church's mission into the future. But it is not the work of the Session members alone to carry out that mission. Every member of the church has a part to play in LBPC faithfully fulfilling the ministry God envisions for this particular congregation in this particular place and time.

So take a look at Sandra's update and think about where you see yourself among the plans and ministries highlighted there. Especially, keep an eye out and rsvp for the coming small group conversations hosted by members of Session so that the Strategy & Planning Team can hear your input about its work.

*Peace, Be Well -  
Pastor Nona*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM AUGUST 28, 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 pray for Art Beebe who will soon be undergoing a full body scan to determine next steps in his medical treatment.

Becky asks prayers for her brother, Jon, who has just received a diagnosis of prostate cancer and will be having surgery in the next few weeks.

We celebrate Joan Wysham's return to worship!

Joanna Kelly shares this joy: Her only granddaughter, Rachel, graduated from medical school in July as a naturopathic doctor, passed her boards in August and will intern in Portland, Oregon in September. She and her special someone, John, are now in Croatia vacationing and on Tuesday became engaged!



### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	<b>\$233,441</b>
2022 YTD Giving:	<b>\$145,796</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**August 28, 2022**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

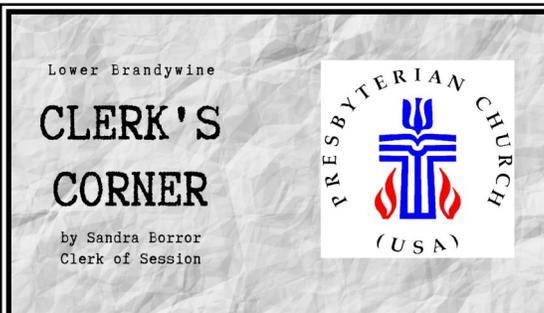
## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Do you chair a committee, host a small group, teach a class currently or are you interested in starting something new?? Please let us know what your schedule is for the Fall/Winter, what topics you are exploring, what activities you have planned for your group so that we may include all this information in a brochure we plan to publish and make available on Rally Day (September 11th). Email Becky in the office ([lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org)) or drop a note in her box so that

**These Days and Presbyterian Outlook**—the new editions of both publications have arrived. Copies may be found in the Narthex and the Social Hall. If you would like one mailed to you, notify Becky at [lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org) or call 302-658-2326.



### Here are the key things Session discussed/voted on at the regular monthly meeting on August 22:

- Agreed (via email in mid-July) to cancel Vacation Bible School (VBS) two weeks before the scheduled August 1 date, due to lack of volunteers signed up and lack of children registered.
- Agreed to change the date of Music Director Donna Beech's concert of Ann Wyeth McCoy music to Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. (previously scheduled for this past spring).
- Agreed to allow multiple wind instruments in worship at LBPC, with the expectation that those who play are vaccinated for Covid-19. This would allow us to confirm the Dixie Ramblers for Kick-Off Sunday (aka Rally Day) and increase the options for Advent and Christmas music.
- Other worship updates: Guest preacher on October 23 will be Thailand missionary Leith Fuji, to whom LBPC has contributed support for many years through the Mission Committee; All Saints Day on November 6 will recognize loved ones lost to Covid and other losses experienced during the pandemic; Advent theme (starting Sunday after Thanksgiving) will be about "messengers."
- Agreed to schedule Christmas Eve service for 5:00 p.m. Decision deferred to September meeting re: whether to have Sunday (Christmas Day) service in a different format, or at all.
- Approved Christian Education curriculum (for multiple age levels) presented by Candace Smith, Christian Education Manager. Children's Sunday School will focus on Bible Heroes. A few more volunteers are needed to fill in Sunday School teacher rotation.
- Agreed for Barbara Walsh to move forward with Outreach program ideas for handbell movie/presentation and local archeology speaker.
- Strategy & Planning committee (S&P) work continues as CAT survey feedback is incorporated into Strategic Plan. Session members agreed to host small "focus group" dinners with the congregation, to present goals and objectives and solicit feedback on initiatives. Dinners will be scheduled in late October. These are important for completing the mission study that is required by Presbytery before a Pastor Nominating Committee can be formed.

# 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! Sign-ups for food donations, volunteers, and the bake-off may be found in the Social Hall.



***Fall Kick Off  
Celebration***

**September 11, 2022**

*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*

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\*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!!



# CALENDAR

## AUGUST 26TH—SEPTEMBER 11TH

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
08/29/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
	12:00 PM	Alanon
09/01/2022	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
<b>09/04/2022</b>		<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
		<b>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering</b>
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	Lemonade Social
<b>09/05/2022</b>		<b>**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**</b>
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
09/06/2022	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
09/07/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
<b>09/11/2022</b>		<b>Kick Off Sunday (Rally Day)</b>
		<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	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

**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  
 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





### **LBPC History Notes – A Historic Church by Joan Wysham**

I was listening to the TV news one morning when they announced that the Third Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia (on the list of historical churches of the Presbyterian Church having been built in the mid 1800's) was burning and would be completely destroyed. I wondered why they were considered a historic church and we weren't, that I knew of, and so I called the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia. The answer from them was, "no, we were not listed." I asked what we had to do and found that we just needed a picture and a very short and concise resume. I told Becky Kennedy and she took care of doing the whole thing and we will appear when they finish redoing the list this summer or fall.

Update from Becky:

After a couple of crossed wires, we are finally on track to be included in The American Presbyterian and Reformed Historic Sites Registry! Many thanks to Marti Coats for her assistance.



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