



SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM	Adult Study
10:00 AM	Worship Service
10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School Following the Parable
11:00 AM	Fellowship

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## Pastor's Ponderings

## The Worst Thing

The worst thing we ever did  
was put God in the sky  
out of reach  
pulling the divinity  
from the leaf,  
sifting out the holy from our bones,  
insisting God isn't bursting dazzlement  
through everything we've made  
a hard commitment to see as ordinary,  
stripping the sacred from everywhere  
to put in a cloud man elsewhere,  
prying closeness from your heart.

The worst thing we ever did  
was take the dance and the song  
out of prayer  
made it sit up straight

and cross its legs  
removed it of rejoicing  
wiped clean its hip sway,  
its questions,  
its ecstatic yowl,  
its tears.

The worst thing we ever did is pretend  
God isn't the easiest thing  
in this Universe  
available to every soul  
in every breath.

*Chelan Harkin*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM APRIL 23, 2023

Please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we can 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!*

A prayer of joy for Phil and Tricia Dewey; Phill is AT HOME resting and recovering from his surgery last week.

Another prayer of joy for George and Nancy Plerhoples as they welcome a new granddaughter, Ava Marina. Little Ava arrived a little jaundiced so she is spending a couple of extra days in the hospital before she goes home with her parents.

We offer a prayer of gratitude for Matthew Quarles and Genna Hahn, two of our student choir singers! Both had very busy weekends with big performances and still made it to church for Sunday morning!! Although Matthew is leaving us for the summer, we do hope that he will be able to join us again next fall. Thank you to both!!!!

Ed Nass offered an update on his brother-in-law, Charlie, who has undergone treatment for esophageal and stomach cancer. He is having surgery today to remove what cancer remains. The doctors are hopeful this will result in a cure. Praise God!

Ed also lifted up a joyful pray that Nathan Ventura was joining us for worship on the occasion of his 26th birthday!

Brud Reese asked prayers for Julie Hadaway, Dorsey's daughter who has visited LBPC several times. She had a bad fall and suffered a concussion, and then learned their beloved dog, Noelle, has a very serious illness. Prayers for the Hadaway family.



### 2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>2023 Giving Goal</b>	<b>\$240,690</b>
<b>2023 YTD Giving</b>	<b>\$102,145</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**April 23, 2023**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**Many thanks** to our very generous congregation! We collected \$600 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.



### PER CAPITA

A reminder that we are still collecting per capita for 2023. What is per capita? It's a voluntary per member collection that is taken each year which enables ministries across the country and the world and supports the health of the PCUSA church. These ministries reach congregations, mid-councils, and general assembly work in many ways. The denominational per capita rate approved by the 225th General Assembly is \$30 per member for 2023. If you have already submitted your per capita donation, we thank you! If you have not, please prayerfully consider doing so.

If you would like more detailed information about per capita and how it is used, please follow this link:

[Minimalist annual report \(pcusa.org\)](https://www.pcusa.org/minimalist-annual-report)

Envelopes are available on the back tables in the Sanctuary.



Hi friends! Cooper Coat's gymnastics team is doing a fundraiser collecting shoes. If you have any old or unwanted shoes (kids, adults, sneakers, flip flops, anything except things with wheels, holes or blades) please consider donating! We will have a collection box set up in the Social Hall.

*The team is collecting unwanted shoes, and an organization will pay for the shoes then use them to help people in less developed countries!*



PowerUP WorkTeam

We are *delighted* to announce that the 2023 LIFT mission experience will take place right in our own backyard **the week of July 31st –August 4th!** Each morning LIFTers will meet at LBPC and carpool over to Urban Promise where a variety of service opportunities await. At the end of the week, youth will enjoy a lock-in here at LBPC where they can share their stories and celebrate their week! Who knows, maybe even their own talent show!

Don't think you can make the whole week? No problem! Participate when you can. We will just need to know ahead of time so we can schedule accordingly. More details are forthcoming. Oh, and your friends are welcome to join us as well!

For more information about the Urban Promise PowerUP Summer Experience, click [HERE](#).

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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

The Connect Committee is getting organized with subcommittees focusing on *Invitation* (visitors), *Membership* (Pastoral Care, new member integration, fellowship) and *Communications*.

The Membership group is responding to the initiative put forth by Session to strengthen our connections to one another in the congregation through an annual series of events. And of course, we always welcome friends and family to join in too!

We have lots of fun ideas about things we could do together but we need to know which ones sound best to you! Help us firm up plans for summer and fall by completing the check list below.

And if any of these subcommittees peak your interest, please let Pastor Nona or any member of Session know so we can get you connected!

Thank you!

X	Shorter Day Trips	X	Longer Day Trips
	Winterthur		Ephrata Cloister
	Longwood Gardens		Cocalico Museum
	Nemours		Strasburg Train Museum
	The Hagley Museum		Amish Farm Museum
	Blue Rocks game		Sight and Sound Theatre
	Marshall Steam Museum		Intercourse, PA
	Philadelphia Museum of Art		Odessa, DE
	Rodin Museum		Batsto Village/Coming Glass Works
	The Bames Museum		Farm Museum in NJ
	The Philadelphia Masonic Temple		Canoeing on Bass River
	Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site		Statue of Liberty
	Washington's Crossing		Tenement Museum
	Play or Ballet		The Met Cloisters
	Movie Night at the church		

X	Overnight Trips
	Mt. Vernon
	Monticello
	Annapolis
	Retreat (church, family, men, women)

Please put an "X" in the columns by the fellowship opportunities you would participate in yourself, and if you would invite a friend along, give it a double "XX".

Thank you!!

Please return your completed survey to the basket in the Sanctuary.



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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church presents:

# PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

**A VBS Experience for  
Children age 5-10  
July 31- August 4, 2023  
9am-12pm**

**FREE**

**SPACE LIMITED REGISTER NOW!**

Using various types of puzzles, we will explore how we connect, "fit together" and work together for one common purpose. Have fun with jigsaw puzzles, mazes, cubes, problem solving, escape challenges, and more!

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church  
101 Old Kennett Road  
Wilmington, DE 19807  
302-658-2326

**Summer will be here before we know it, so it's time to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School!**

**Registration is now open!! Click the QR code on the flyer above or use the link:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/26tk42a3>**

**Hard copy registration forms are available at the church, and you may register by phone by contacting Candace Smith at 302-897-2469.**

**We also need VOLUNTEERS!! Sign up sheets are located in the Social Hall, or click on this Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044DA8A62AA4FE3-pieces>**

**And finally...if you have marketing skills or suggestions, the Nurture Committee is seeking VBS marketing help! Please contact Candace [candacesmithevents@gmail.com](mailto:candacesmithevents@gmail.com) or Carla Major [waage1976@gmail.com](mailto:waage1976@gmail.com). Thank you!**

# CALENDAR

## APRIL 24TH —MAY 7TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
4/24/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
4/26/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:00 PM	Worship Visioning Team
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
4/27/2023	5:30 PM	Green Willow Folk Club - Social Hall
	6:00 PM	LIFT
4/28/2023		Church Office Closed
4/29/2023	2:00 PM	Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert @ KHS Benefiting Make-a-Wish
4/30/2023		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	10:15 AM	LIFT Church School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
5/1/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
5/2/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
5/3/2023	7:00 PM	Bee Watchers
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
5/5/2023		Church Office Closed
5/6/2023	10:30 AM	Art Beebe Memorial
5/7/2023		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal

**This Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 7:00pm ~ Alan Reid ~ Presented by the Green Willow Folk Club**  
**Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church**  
 101 Old Kennett Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19807  
 (opposite Winterthur)  
 Advanced Reserved Tickets: **\$27.00**  
 Tickets Purchased at Door: **\$29.00**  
 17 & under: FREE when accompanied by paying adult  
 Full information, including reservations visit  
[www.greenwillow.org](http://www.greenwillow.org)

## April 2023 Readings

### **Maundy Thursday—April 6**

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

### **Good Friday—April 7**

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

John 18:1–19:42

### **Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)—April 9**

Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

Colossians 3:1–4 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10

### **Second Sunday of Easter—April 16**

Acts 2:14a, 22–32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3–9

John 20:19–3

### **Third Sunday of Easter—April 23**

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19

1 Peter 1:17–23

Luke 24:13–35

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 30**

Acts 2:42–47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19–25

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

04/01	Ann Ferrari
04/02	Howard Bowker
04/06	Claire Connolly
04/07	Heather Gomez
04/08	JoAnne Wood
04/10	Nona Holy
04/12	Pamela Sudell
04/14	Dan Major
	Joshua Walther
04/19	Dorsey Reese
04/20	Genevieve Hahn
	Harriet Spayth
	Julia Wright
04/21	Ethan Walther
04/23	Nathan Ventura
04/24	Reed Coats

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

04/09	Brenda & Joshua Boucher
04/10	Lawrence & Joyce Murphy
04/21	Sean & Mary Kennedy
04/23	David Baldt & Sandra Borror







**Join us every Wednesday  
at 6 PM in the Social Hall  
for Dinner with the Word!**

After sharing a simple supper, the group will be talking about a chapter from Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them through the month of May.

Then...

Gather for rehearsal with Jr. Choir, Handbells or Sr. Choir.

If you would like a copy of the book, come by the church office or pick one up on Wednesday.



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