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SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

First Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM	Worship in the Park
11:00 AM	Picnic
3:00 PM	Wilmington Handbell Ensemble Concert

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)

## Pastor's Ponderings

Sometimes an anthem stirs me and stays with me. Sometimes I want to hear it again or be able to read the words sung earlier in the day so that I may spend some more time with them. In that spirit, I share here the words of the closing anthem in Sunday's Pentecost worship service.

*God Has Work for Us to Do ~ text by Carl P. Daw, Jr.*

Till all the jails are empty  
and all the bellies filled;  
till no one hurts or steals or lies,  
and no more blood is spilled;  
till age and race and gender  
no longer separate;  
till pulpit, press, and politics  
are free of greed and hate:  
God has work for us to do.

In tenement and mansion,  
in factory, farm, and mill,  
in boardroom and in billiard-hall,  
in wards where time stands still,  
in classroom, church, and office,  
in shops or on the street;  
in ev'ry place where people thrive  
or starve or hide or meet:  
God has work for us to do.

Through tending to creation--  
to water, land, and air;  
through what we do and what we don't  
to nourish and repair;  
through seeking the protection of creatures great and small;  
through binding up the web of life  
that animates us all:  
God has work for us to do.

By sitting at a bedside  
to hold pale trembling hands,  
by speaking for the powerless  
against unjust demands,  
by praying through our doing  
and singing though we fear,  
by trusting that the seed we sow  
will bring God's harvest near:  
God has work for us to do.

In this season when we give thanks for the gift of God's Spirit among and within us.  
May we also be mindful of how God's Spirit moves through us into the world.

*Peace, Be Well -  
Pastor Nona*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MAY 28, 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!***

This Memorial Day weekend we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Sarah Yost celebrated Zoe's return from San Francisco!

Carla Major asks prayers for her mother-in-law who has recently undergone back surgery.

We pray for Tricia's friend, Gail, who is in treatment for cancer.

We pray for those travelling this summer.

We pray for those who struggle with substance abuse issues and those who love them.



### 2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>2023 Giving Goal</b>	<b>\$240,690</b>
<b>2023 YTD Giving</b>	<b>\$120,464</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**May 28, 2023**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS YOU CAN USE

***The PC(USA) will be on PBS!***

Check out this link: <https://www.ncpresbytery.org/post/the-pc-usa-will-be-on-pbs>



We now have 3 distinct areas in the Social Hall: 1) the Prayer Card table 2) the Sign-Up Sheet table, and 3) the LBPC Information Center, where you will be able to find publications and communications that have to do with LBPC, the PCUSA, and our community partners.

Additionally, you might have noticed that the adult classroom (now Classroom 1) and LIFT youth rooms are mostly complete. The *new* upstairs Parlor is still under construction, but should be completed soon.

Finally, all adult books will now be located in the Library or Classroom 1. All children's books are in the upstairs church school room.



**BUSY BAG KITS** We were graciously selected by a student representative of the Gold Award Committee of Girl Scouts to be the recipients of Children's Busy Bag Kits. Ellie Davis, the student representative, selected Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church to be a part of her Girl Scouts project. We received the kits featured in the photos, for children's use during services and special events. The kits include colorings, fidget toys, booklets, crayons and other engaging materials. We are grateful for these gifts, and grateful to be selected! Please help our children take good care of these Busy Bag Kits. We will enjoy using them and will replenish them as needed. Special thanks to Ellie Davis of the Girl Scouts.



LBPC will be celebrating it's graduating seniors on June 4th while we worship in the park!! Come see the "giant heads" and hear what our wonderful young people have planned for the future. A cake, cookout, and games to follow. Friends and family are welcome.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS



**It's Paddle time again!** Team Lower Brandywine is ready to paddle down the Brandywine again this year to support Urban Promise's "Paddle for Promise" on Saturday June 10. For the past several years, LB has sponsored a canoe to help raise funds for UP's Street Leader Program. This year, Owen Coats and Jeff Day, along with their coach, Don Coats, will represent our church. If you would like to make a donation to support our sponsorship and Urban Promise's Street Leader Program, go to: [donate.urbanpromise.org](https://donate.urbanpromise.org). and click on our team, "Team Lower Brandywine". Thank you for your support of this wonderful event, as we continue to reach out and serve in Christ's name.



**Summer music invitation:** *If you are interested in offering a solo, duo, trio, etc., for one or more Sunday worship services in June/July/August, please contact Donna Beech (Email: [musicdirectorlbpc@gmail.com](mailto:musicdirectorlbpc@gmail.com)) with your available dates, and we will happily get you scheduled!*

## SERVE

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### **With Meals on Wheels**

Summer is a good time to become acquainted with some of the Helping Opportunities we have at Lower Brandywine. One is with Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels delivers food to people in the Wilmington area who cannot, for some reason or other, get out to stores to obtain food or cook it themselves at home. LBPC has been involved for a number of years helping with this service. The actual volunteer time is about two hours for pickup and delivery of the food. Our summer delivery weeks are June 19-23, July 17-21, and August 14-18.

Basic policy is we pick up the meals, along with a route sheet, at around 10:30 or 10:45 a.m. from St. Anthony's church in Wilmington. We then drop off the meals at each home or residence. Basically, we do not go into the home for a visit; this is only to drop off a meal with a short chat to see how the client is doing. The child and parent would go with the regular LBPC deliverer who is familiar with the recipients. Our regulars are able to explain why some homes would be more appropriate than others for a child to visit.

### **With Home Communion Visits**

Pastor Nona would love the company of our children and youth as she visits members of our congregation with home communion this summer. And those we visit will be thrilled to see young faces from church! Dates and times are flexible: we'll coordinate with families who sign up and the folks we plan to visit.

We hope seeing others' situations will help our young members grow in caring and service as they have the opportunity to see life from another perspective. Please contact Candace Smith, Judy Thorpe or Pastor Nona to schedule one of these opportunities for your family.

Thank you, and God's Blessings.

Judy Thorpe



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NEWS TO SHARE

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!

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 Wilmington, DE 19807  
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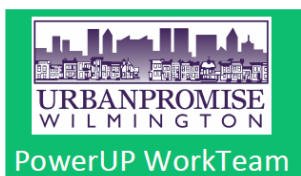
*Summer will be here before we know it, so it's time to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School! Registration is now open!! Click the QR code on the flyer above or use the link:*

<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!*



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](#).

# CALENDAR

## MAY 30TH —JUNE 11TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
5/31/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	5:30 PM	Dinner with the Word (Babette's Feast)
6/2/2023		Church Office Closed
6/4/2023		<b>Worship in the Park</b>
		<b>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper</b>
		<b>Senior Recognition Sunday</b>
6/5/2023	10:00 AM	Worship Service In the Park
	3:00 PM	Wilmington Handbell Ensemble Concert
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
6/6/2023	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	6:00 PM	Musical Recital
	8:00 PM	Reception
6/7/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Worship Visioning Team
6/9/2023		Church Office Closed
6/11/2023		<b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship

## June 2023 Readings

### **Trinity Sunday—June 4**

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Matthew 28:16–20

### **Sunday, June 11**

Genesis 12:1–9

Psalms 33:1–12

Romans 4:13–25

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

### **Sunday, June 18**

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)

Psalms 116:1–2, 12–19

Romans 5:1–8

Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

### **Sunday, June 25**

Genesis 21:8–21

Psalms 86:1–10, 16–17

Romans 6:1b–11

Matthew 10:24–39

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

<b>06/05</b>	<b>Michele Salle</b>
<b>06/06</b>	<b>Bryan Day</b>
<b>06/10</b>	<b>Michael Haldeman</b>
<b>06/11</b>	<b>Isaac La Salle</b>
<b>06/13</b>	<b>Mary Ruth Johnson</b>
<b>06/15</b>	<b>Lawrence Murphy</b>
<b>06/18</b>	<b>Catherine Adams</b>
<b>06/22</b>	<b>Phillip Dewey</b>
<b>06/26</b>	<b>Availia Lannon</b>
<b>06/27</b>	<b>Scarlett Walther</b>

### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>06/01</b>	<b>W. Robert &amp; Dara Main</b>
<b>06/18</b>	<b>Martin &amp; Donna Beech</b>
<b>06/18</b>	<b>Harold &amp; Molly Kenton</b>
<b>06/20</b>	<b>Akin &amp; Stephanie Odutola</b>
<b>06/24</b>	<b>Bruce &amp; Maureen Ringstrom</b>



# WE WILL ROCK YOU

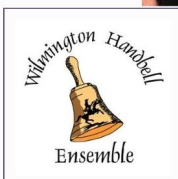
*Featuring some of the songs we've loved to sing and dance to for decades such as "Dancing Queen," "Stairway to Heaven," a Beatles medley, "Rock Around the Clock," and "Bohemian Rhapsody."*

## THE WILMINGTON HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

(WHE) is the only community-based handbell ensemble in the Wilmington, DE area. Membership is by audition or invitation and the group draws from various church bell choirs in New Castle County.

Founded by Michael Helman in 2000, WHE was started for and by those who love handbell music and wanted to share this love with audiences of all ages and abilities. The group is also dedicated to promoting excellence in musicianship among its members.

**Suggested donation \$5.00 at the door**



### Lower Brandywine Concert Series

#### Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

Kerry Deitz, Artistic Director

A sponsored ministry of St. Paul's UMC, Wilmington, DE

**Sunday, June 4 at 3:00 PM**

#### Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

101 Old Kennett Road, Wilmington, DE 19807 (Route 52 at Old Kennett Road, across from Winterthur)  
[www.lowerbrandywine.org](http://www.lowerbrandywine.org)



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