



SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
10:15	Children's Sunday School following Parable Time
11:00 AM	Fellowship

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Pastor's Ponderings



One Million

A number hard to grasp. But so many individuals and families,
friend groups and congregations, neighborhoods and staffs,
carry that grief, remember their face, her smile, his voice.

On this day, we pause to remember and acknowledge this loss to our country.

In a moment of prayer we surround those we know who have lost loved ones.

And loving as Christ loves, we hold in prayer those we do not know as they grieve.

Holy God, we know our own sorrow.

We cannot begin to grasp your own

for we know your care for the people you created and called good.

*We turn to you seeking comfort and peace for now,
wisdom and healing going forward.*

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MAY 15, 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 celebrate the life of Ed Messikomer, who died Thursday, May 12 following a series of strokes. A private memorial service will be held at Lower Brandywine on Thursday, May 19th. All are welcome to a celebration of his life at Greenville County Club at noon. Please keep the Messikomer family in your prayers. A link to the obituary may be found [HERE](#).

We celebrate the birth of Beaux Paul Kenton, who was born on May 12th. He is the son of Paul and Eve Kenton, grandson of Jeff, Stephanie and Lynette Kenton, and great-grandson to Hal and Molly Kenton. Congratulations!

Please pray for Sue Gluck who is undergoing a heart procedure today.

We continue to pray for Joanna Jelly's friend, Shary Cutler, who is struggling with a diagnosis of cancer.

Prayers for our country and the world as we reach the grim milestone of 1 million deaths from covid.

2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$233,441
2022 YTD Giving:	\$ 89,707

WORSHIP LINKS

May 15, 2022

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



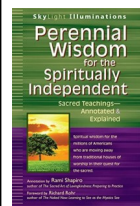
ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Donna Beech’s lecture-recital/slide presentation, “Piano Music of Ann Wyeth McCoy, Book Two: Of Paintings and Sculpture”, originally scheduled for May 22 at 3 PM will be postponed until September.



The newest issue of *Presbyterians Today* is now available! Copies may be found in the Social Hall and the Narthex.



The Richard Rohr study group wishes to invite you to participate as they begin their next book study, ***Perennial Wisdom for the Spiritually Independent*** by Rami Shapiro. The study begins in May and continues through the summer (except for August). 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 11:00 AM via Zoom, so you can join from anywhere! For more information, contact Sandra Borrer at 610-506-5783 or email at Borrerjury@gmail.com



Calling all choir members!! The Senior Choir picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 5th at 4:30 PM** at the home of Paul and Janet Haldeman. Please bring a covered dish to share!

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 Pocopson, PA
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***“I know the plans I have for you, says the Lords, ...to give you a future with hope.
 -Jeremiah 29:11.***



Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. With our gifts, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan.

The Pentecost Special Offering will be received Sunday, June 5th.



**The Lower Brandywine Church office
 will be closed for Memorial Day
 Monday, May 30, 2022**

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LIFT meets this Thursday

May 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM

- ⇒ **DATE CHANGE:** We are planning to have a bon-fire/cookout/movie night at **6:00 PM at the church on Saturday, June 4th.** We'll cook hot dogs and s'mores and watch a movie outside (weather permitting). Bring a friend!
- ⇒ **Senior Recognition Sunday** is Sunday, June 12th. There will be a time during the service to recognize our graduating seniors (high school AND college), as well as a special reception afterwards. We are asking each LIFT family to provide a savory appetizer. You may drop off your dish either Saturday afternoon (time TBA) or bring it Sunday morning. **For parents...**Becky needs pictures of your senior for the tribute video. Please include the school they are graduating from and some information about what he/she plans to do in the fall. Three to five pictures will be enough. Deadline for submission is **Thursday, June 2nd.** Please send them to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org. Thanks!
- ⇒ LIFT Mission Trip Stock Sale—more info coming soon!
- ⇒ **FINALLY...THE MISSION TRIP!** This year's mission trip will be in Woonsocket, R.I. from July 17— 23. This is another Group Mission Trip, so those of you that have participated before are familiar with how it works. This trip is open to any youth 12-18 years old. ALL adults 18 years old or older will be required to submit a current background check along with registration. The church office will take care of initiating those checks. Once we have more information concerning the accommodations and check-in specifics, we will finalize our travel plans and communicate them to everyone.

The Blackstone River Valley has a long history in the world of manufacturing and commerce. By the mid-1800s, Woonsocket was one of the largest textile manufacturing centers in the United States, but it did not escape the Great Depression. Industry was a draw for immigrants seeking to establish a better life for themselves. French Canadians first arrived in the 1840's, followed by African American immigrants who began to arrive as a part of the Great Migration. Since the 1980s, many Southeast Asian, Latinos, and African immigrants have been calling Woonsocket home. City revitalization began in the 1990s and has continued into the 21st century, including housing renovation projects as well as focused improvements to the greater community.



Help the residents of Woonsocket realize this future and bring the vision to reality as you become part of a greater purpose through home repairs for the people of the Blackstone Valley.

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Legacy Giving

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.](mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org) 5141 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210 olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org

Legacy Options 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: <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/>



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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

MAY 16TH—MAY 29TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
05/16/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
	7:00 PM	Strategy and Planning
05/17/2022	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
05/18/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
05/19/2022	6:00 PM	LIFT
05/22/2022		Sixth Sunday of Easter
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
05/23/2022	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
05/25/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
05/29/2022		Seventh Sunday of Easter
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship

May 2022 Readings

Third Sunday of Easter—May 1

Acts 9:1–6 [7–20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11–14
John 21:1–19

Fourth Sunday of Easter—May 8

Acts 9:36–43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9–17
John 10:22–30

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 15

Acts 11:1–18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1–6
John 13:31–35

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 22

Acts 16:9–15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 29

Acts 16:16–34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21
John 17:20–2

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/03 Georgia Coats
05/04 Owen Coats
05/07 Kieran Connolly
05/08 Sandra Paul
05/10 Molly Main
05/10 Sean Kennedy
05/10 Emma Main
05/13 David Heckman
05/16 Debra Ventura
05/19 Bruce Ringstrom
05/21 Gail Kother
05/22 Emily Coons
05/26 Sally Kephart

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/05 Ed & Deb Ventura
05/17 Matthew & Emily Kmecz
05/24 Jay & Maret Headley
05/25 Michael Csuy & Linda Bronson





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