

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School following

Parable Time

11:00 AM Fellowship

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

Pastor's Ponderings

Blessing the Dust For Ash Wednesday

All those days you felt like dust, like dirt, as if all you had to do was turn your face toward the wind and be scattered to the four corners

or swept away by the smallest breath as insubstantial—

did you not know what the Holy One can do with dust?

This is the day we freely say we are scorched.

This is the hour we are marked by what has made it through the burning.

This is the moment we ask for the blessing that lives within the ancient ashes,

that makes its home inside the soil of this sacred earth.

So let us be marked not for sorrow.
And let us be marked not for shame.
Let us be marked not for false humility or for thinking we are less than we are

but for claiming what God can do within the dust, within the dirt, within the stuff of which the world is made

and the stars that blaze

. . . .

in our bones

and the galaxies that spiral

inside the smudge

we bear.

-Jan Richardson

From <u>Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons</u> ©Jan Richardson

Ash Wednesday at LBPC
6pm Dinner
6:45 Brief Time of Reflection
& Receiving of Ashes



JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023

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 continue to pray for Art Beebe and Jan. Art is now at Cadia Silverside.

We lift up prayers for Paul Haldeman who is back in the hospital following his ablation on Thursday, this time for a suspected infection.

We celebrate with thanksgiving that Carol Young has begun to feel her strength returning.

We pray for the people of Turkey who have suffered another devastating earthquake in which many thousands of people are missing. If you would like to donate to those in need, you may do so through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance here: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (pcusa.org)

Please pray for the members of session who will gather this Saturday for a leadership retreat in which they will continue to make important decisions and plan for the future of LBPC.



2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE		WORSHIP LINKS
2023 Giving Goal 2023 YTD Giving	\$240,690 \$47,706	February 19, 2023

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A quick reminder that additional copies of the Annual Report, Strategy and Planning Report Slides, Time Talent & Treasure Survey, Stewardship Envelopes, and Per Capita Envelopes may be found in the back of the Sanctuary!



ASH WEDNESDAY February 22, 2023

6:00 Dinner in the Social Hall
6:45 Brief time of reflection and the receiving of ashes
We'll begin creating the weaving which will become the parament for the Communion Table during Lent.

The entire evening will be appropriate for all ages and will be the beginning of our Digging Deeper Lenten theme. We'll finish up so that those who need to can join the Senior Choir Practice at 7:30pm.



<u>Inward Work for Outward Living: 2023 Lenten Devotions</u>, by Teri McDowell Ott, editor of the *Presbyterian Outlook*, is available now! Copies may be found in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Social Hall. If you would like PDF version, please contact Becky in the church office.



As we *Dig Deeper* in Lent we welcome Keith Doms, Site Manger and Archaeologist at Newlin Grist Mill, to speak to us following worship on **Sunday, March 5th**. We'll hear about the archaeological work happening in this area and then have the opportunity to bring our own found "treasures" (Antiques Roadshow Style)! BRING A FRIEND!



A reminder to all Jr. and Treble Choir participants and their parents that due to Mrs. Coats' vacation, there is change in the practice schedule for February:

Juniors: no choir rehearsals on Feb. 15 and 22

Trebles: no choir rehearsals on Feb 12 and 19

The two youth Choirs resume the week of Feb. 26. Expect an update regarding dates for resuming from Marti Coats a few days prior to the 26^{th.}

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Thursday, March 16, 2023 5:30 pm Check In Opens 8:00 pm Tables Close Advance tickets: \$25 (deadline March 10) Tickets at door: \$30 The Carriage House at Rockwood Park 4671 Washington St. Ext. Wilmington, DE 19809 *Enter off of Washington St. Hearty Hors D'oeuvres will be served!

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

Lent, a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. In these weeks we seek to deepen our understanding of, and faith in, the teachings of Jesus and ultimately, the meaning his cross and resurrection has for our lives.

It is a season to go deeper, to challenge ourselves to go below the surface of these familiar stories but also of ou own souls. We seek to unearth the wisdom to be found in the deeps. God invites us into the wilderness, into the darkness, Digging Deeper Worship not to abandon us, but to accompany us on an exploration that leads us to greater wholeness, stronger commitment, and a renewed experience of God's presence in our lives and

We'll gather for worship, bible study and reflection, the rituals of ashes and communion, and other special events as we explore the blessings of Digging Deeper.

Digging Deeper Speakers

Sunday, March 5 | 11:45am in the Sancturary Keith Doms, Resident Archaeologist at Newlin Grist Mill We'll hear from Keith about the archaeology happening in this processional. area and then have the opportunity to bring our own "found" treasures (Antiques Road Show style).

Sunday, March 19 | 11:45am in the Social Hall Oliver Yost, Psychiatrist

We'll dig a little deeper into mental health care in our country and hear from Ollie about how therapy can be a resource for the kind of healing and wholeness God seeks for us.

Dinner with the Word

Wednesdays | 6 - 7pm in the Social Hall

Our midweek group turns its attention to the scriptures and themes chosen for each Sunday in Lent. We'll dig into the stories of Jonah, the woman caught in adultery, Joseph, Esther, and Paul as they come to new understandings, taken deeper in festive Brass Quartet. their relationship with God as they go below the surface, into the belly of the whale, into the darkness. All are welcome come when you are able!



Ash Wednesday Supper and Service, March 22 6:00pm Lenten Supper in the Social Hall 6:45pm Reflection and Receiving of Ashes in the Sanctuary With the mark of the ashes, Lent begins. We are reminded as we receive this symbol that we are mortal, as it says in Genesis 3:19: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." A ritual of penitence, humility, a seeking after forgiveness and healing, the ashes will begin our journey of digging deeper.

Palm Sunday Worship, April 2 | 10:00am in the Sanctuary Hosanna! Children will start the service with a palm

Maundy Thursday Meal, April 6 | 7:00pm in the Social Hall Gathered around tables, as the first disciples gathered with Jesus in the upper room, we share a simple meal followed by communion as we recall the Last Supper.

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 7 | 7:00pm in the Sanctuary Often called the Service of Shadows, the music and readings take us into the last events of Jesus' life. Come to sit by the cross, to pray, to reflect on the meaning of these events for you and for the world.

Easter Sunday Worship, April 9 | 10:00am in the Sanctuary Celebration of Easter featuring the Flowering of the Cross and

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

Dinner with the Word shifts into Lenten mode!

We'll gather each Wednesday in Lent to discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and have a conversation about what the stories tell us about digging deeper and growing in faith.

This week's meeting will be followed by a service of reflection and the receiving of ashes.

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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:

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<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: 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 70%, 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

FEBRUARY 21ST—MARCH 5TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	
2/21/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe	
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group	
2/22/2023	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	Ash Wednesday Dinner	
	6:45 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal	
2/24/2023		Church Office Closed	
2/25/2023	9:00 AM	Session Retreat @ The Farmhouse Retreat Center	
2/26/2023		First Sunday in Lent	
	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	
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal	
2/27/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room	
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4	
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting	
3/1/2023	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	
3/3/2023		Church Office Closed	
3/5/2023		Second Sunday in Lent	
		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	
	11:45 AM	Speaker - Keith Doms, Archeologist	

February 2023 Readings

Sunday, February 5

Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12]

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]

Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 19

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday—February 22

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–12

Psalm 51:1–17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

First Sunday in Lent—February 26

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1–1

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Jacob Csuy

02/06 Trude Holmes

02/08 Julieta Balderas-Castro

02/09 William Sudell

02/11 Sandra Messikomer

Nancy Plerhoples

02/12 Harold Kenton

Harold Salmons III

02/14 John Danzeisen

02/16 Madison Armstrong

02/18 Clint Veasey

02/20 Lisa Holt

Darlene Sullivan

02/21 Katherine Connolly

02/23 Art Beebe

02/24 Steve Ernst

02/28 Weston Wright





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