



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

By now, you will have celebrated Easter and the risen Savior, Jesus. I hope that you were blessed by this week of focusing our hearts on the Lord. Let's continue to tell people the joy that is within us through our faith in Christ. We have the best news that anyone could ever hear. Let's not keep it to ourselves.

Speaking of sharing the good news, our YouTube channel on the web just surpassed 400 video worship services uploaded. And we are up to 228 subscribers with over 80 folks visiting our channel every week. In addition to YouTube, we now have a podcast with the sermons available on Apple, Google, Spotify and Podbean as well as several other podcast platforms. You can listen to the service on your smart phone from anywhere. Thanks to the tech team for pulling this off.

As we go into the Spring and then Summer, I want to share some changes that will be taking place. Beginning in August, when Sunday school restarts, **all Sunday School classes will be meeting from 10am to 11am.** The adult class and youth class are already doing this. But in August, pre-K through 5th grade will also be on this schedule. Instead of leaving worship before the sermon (at the 9am worship) to go to Sunday School, kids will remain in the worship service for the entire time. The only exception will be kids between 3 years old and 6 years old. We will be offering Children's worship during the sermon for this age group. This will be headed up by Cheryl Morgan and Sherri Lee Biele. Nursery will be

offered all through 9 am worship and Sunday School. We will also be working on offering nursery during the 11am worship as well. For the kids who are in worship, the Christian Ed committee will be putting together "worship" bags that will have Christian coloring pages and other items for kids if they get the fidgets during the sermon. All of this means that there will be a lot of moving parts beginning in the Sunday School Summer break. To facilitate some of this we will be looking for a **Childcare Director** to coordinate volunteers for the nursery and to work some of the slots during nursery. This is a part-time paid position. This is much more than just a job, this is a ministry to the church. See the description in this newsletter and let me know if you are interested. Finally, we will need volunteers for nursery, children's church and also helpers for Sunday School.

Our hope is to have the very best Children's ministry based on the Sunday morning Sunday School hour. I hope to have the very best Sunday School program in Lewes. This will take all of us to do this. This is the place where young people can have the opportunity to come to faith in Christ. Come help us make it happen. Talk to me or Cheryl or Amanda Swain or send us an e-mail.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS,

Gerry Brown, Clerk of Session

Regular Session Meeting March 21, 2024

- Mission Committee is hosting a program with Rev. Mboymanba from the Congo and dinner on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Evangelism Committee is leading a three-week workshop on April 7, 14 and 21, 2024 from 10:05 a.m.-10:50 a.m. in the library
- LPC is searching for a paid Nursery Coordinator.
- Session approved the membership applications for Richard & Susan Hanson.



COMING IN JUNE

LPC will be partnering with **The Blood Bank of Delmarva** to schedule a blood drive here at LPC in June. More information will be coming.

The Blood Bank of Delmarva was founded in 1954 and is a nonprofit community-based blood center that provides lifesaving and blood products to people and the 19 hospitals across the Delmarva region.

Please plan to participate in this most worthy and needed event.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

Jim Miller, Treasurer

January 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024

General Fund	2024	2023
Revenue.....	\$ 83,683	\$ 92,042
Expenditures.....	\$ 88,004	\$ 85,674
Excess Revenue	\$ (4,321)	\$ 6,368

Mission	2024	2023
Carryover.....	\$ 5,175	\$ 7,753
Revenue.....	\$ 18,999	\$ 25,327
Expenditures.....	\$ 17,052	\$ 19,545
Carryover	\$ 7,122	\$ 13,535

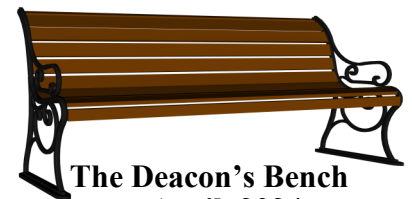


Childcare Director Needed for Lewes Presbyterian Church

Because our nursery population has grown and because we want to be equipped for visitors with children, we are looking to hire a person to lead our nursery ministry on Sunday mornings. This person will recruit volunteers to staff the nursery at 9 am worship, 10 am Sunday school hour and 11 am worship as well. They will also help with the nursery personally by taking some of the nursery slots on Sunday.

Requirements: This person must be a practicing follower of Jesus and be in agreement with our church's beliefs. Knowledge of child health (first aid) and safety practices and prior experience working with infants and toddlers (having been a mom counts!) Interpersonal skills working with volunteers and organization skills would be helpful.

They must pass a background check on employment. To express your interest, please e-mail the church with a letter of interest. Our e-mail is lpchurch@gmail.com You may also call to express interest at 302-645-5345



The Deacon's Bench April, 2024

Part of the mission statement of the Deacon Caring Ministry reads, "to tend to the spiritual and physical needs that may arise from our faith community as we are able." Keeping in touch with our members through cards, visits, and phone calls provides a connection with our church family. At times, Deacons call upon others to assist them, such as when you are asked to be a Greeter on Sunday mornings.

When we offer a reception following a funeral or memorial service for a loved one is another part of our ministry. By doing so, family members have a place to continue sharing memories and offering comfort to each other.

We ask for your assistance as we meet this need. If you are able to bake cookies or are willing to purchase lemonade, iced tea, chips, or dip please call the church office or speak to Cindi Warrington or any Deacon.

In *Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice [sharing others' joy], and weep with those who weep [sharing others' grief].* (AMP), we are called to care for those in our faith community in all circumstances.

We appreciate all the ways you participate in our ministry with one another.

The Board of Deacons





Adult Classes

WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

Many of us are confident that we know our faith journey, but few of us have ever tried to explain that journey, even to ourselves. For example, have you truly considered how you came to Christ and what God has meant and done in your life? You know the facts but describing the key points and organizing them coherently can be a challenge. You might be surprised what you learn about your relationship with God as you examine your faith journey.

The Evangelism Committee is conducting a three-part workshop to help people develop the story of their faith journey. The workshop is not an exercise in writing or communication skills, but rather, it is intended to aid self-reflection about your personal relationship with God.

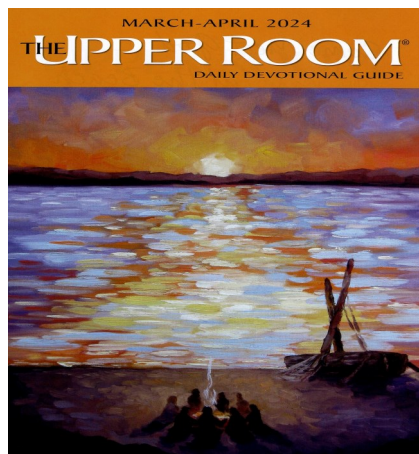
The three parts of the workshop are:

April 7: Process overview. Discussion and aids for developing your story.

April 14: A discussion about progress, examples of stories and tips to overcome challenges.

April 21: Attendees pair off to share each other's stories and discuss next steps. Wrap up.

Questions can be directed to Dawn Hurd or Cheryl Morgan



**Spring 2024 Bible Study
Tuesday Evenings 7:00-8:00pm
via Zoom**

THE UPPER ROOM

April Focus:

Are You Sure, Lord? When it seems like everything in your life is a mess, do you feel like a failure?

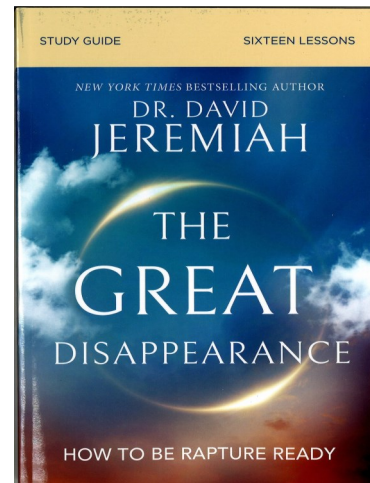
Anchored - Do you feel God's peace in those stressful or unexpected situations?

God Provides Strength - Has God provided hope when you felt no hope of succeeding at something?

Despite, not Because - Is my gaze focused on God or my circumstances?

**Everyone is welcome to join us
at 7:00PM each Tuesday
evening via Zoom.**

Contact Clarence or Barbara with any questions. 302-645-8347
crb05bbb@gmail.com .



2024 Spring Bible Study

The Great Disappearance compiles Dr. Jeremiah's prophetic research for believers who await the return of Christ and skillfully unravels the mysteries surrounding the Rapture and the Second Coming.

The study continues into April.

Monday Evenings 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday Mornings 11:00-12

This study will be led by Patsy Macintire. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Patsy if you have any questions 302-645-9049



Christian Education



SOUP

MINISTRY

Tuesdays 11-1pm

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 will be the Soup Ministry's last day for the season. It has been a joy to share prayers, food and fellowship. We thank our wonderful team of volunteers. May God continue blessing our volunteers and our guests that joined us weekly.

Blessings,
Gerry and Carol Brown



2024 West Virginia Mission Trip - July 14-July 19

Our Lewes Presbyterian Church Mission Trip will be in Summersville, WV from **Sunday, July 14th through Friday, July 19th**. We'll be ministering to people who need help with home improvements.

Children 12 and up can go on the mission trip supervised or with a parent. We want to encourage you to start thinking about joining us this coming summer as we go to help those who are in need of grace, mercy and practical help. We'll also have an opportunity to talk about Jesus with the people that we are

helping. You don't need to be a builder or carpentry expert to go on this trip. The organization we work with provides the tools and needed training. We also need folks who can be drivers, people who help plan meals, and people who can just do light kinds of work.

Every volunteer who has gone on our mission trips has said they were tremendously blessed. In addition to working on home projects, our mission team had fellowship with one another through daily devotions, sharing meals, and visiting some beautiful sites on the way back to Delaware.

Email the church at lpchurch@gmail.com or sign up in the LPC connection center if you are interested in going. Contact **Cheryl Morgan** for more information.

1 Peter 4:10 *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

In Christ,
Pastor Greg



Jeannine,
Thank you and the Lewes Presbyterian family for your gifts to the FIMCK Endowment. We are so blessed by your faithfulness and generosity.

Thank you,
Patrick Coughlin
MBF



The Congregational Fellowship Committee is very grateful to the giving and caring congregation of LPC and the greater Lewes community for their support at our recent spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Many braved the inclement weather to dine in person or to get take outs.

There was a tremendous outpouring of volunteerism on display with helpers from all three services represented and a contingent from our youth group.

The total raised was approximately \$2500.00 which will be divided between Family Promise of Southern Delaware and The Shepherd's Office in Georgetown.

Again, thank you for your support and may God Bless you.

Gerry Brown, Chair

In Memory

Nina Amato

April 10, 1942 - February 29, 2024

Russell Serafini

September 2, 1932-March 10, 2024



Welcome to Lewes Presbyterian Church!

Rick and Suzie Hanson

Confirmands
 Mariah Capers
 Reef Hay
 Teague Warrington

We are so pleased to welcome you and anticipate the many ways you will incorporate into this family of faith.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The next New Members Class will meet **Sunday, April 7th at 12:30pm** in Fellowship Hall with a follow up the next Sunday, **April 14th at 10:15AM.**

Please contact Pastor Greg:

- if you are interested in joining LPC,
- have been thinking about joining but have questions, or
- just want more information.

Please let Pastor Greg or the Church Office know if you plan to attend. 302-645-5345.

The Christian Education: Children and Youth Committee honors our high school graduates, and graduating youth who are actively involved in our church are asked to prayerfully and thoughtfully complete the Graduate Gift Application, including a description of their Christian Faith Journey.

Graduate Gift Application

Applications must be submitted no later than the last Sunday in April, April 28th.

Applications are available in the church office or online with a Google account at <https://tinyurl.com/lpcgradgiftapp>

Completed applications may be submitted hard-copy directly to any current member of the Christian Education: Children and Youth Committee and/or submitted electronically at:

lpcgraduates@gmail.com

Also, stay tuned for exciting news about Vacation Bible School and opportunities to volunteer.

Amanda Swain

The LPC Youth Group just completed the 2024 Confirmation Class with Mariah Capers, Reef Hay, and Teague Warrington attending.

We had several youth and parents assist with the Spaghetti Dinner on March 9th.

We plan to assist in the next yard cleanup. We participated in the Invite Your One program on Palm Sunday, March 24th, and assisted with the Good Friday service March 29th, as well as our Easter Sunday celebration on March 31st.

We have a wonderful group of kids and great parents!!

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement!

In Christ,
 Stephi Brown



**SPRING IS A TIME OF NEW GROWTH & NEW BEGINNINGS.
 LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER!!!
 HALLELUJAH**



Evangelism

“Spread out your petition before God, and then say, “Thy will, not mine, be done.” The sweetest lesson I have learned in God’s school is to let the Lord choose for me.”

D. L. Moody

And choose He has! As you prayerfully invited your Family, Friends & those the Lord put in your path, to attend our ‘Invite Your One’ services, prayers were answered! We had tremendous success as we saw increased attendance at all three services, including on-line, with many new faces. It was wonderful to see the interaction between members and guests and we pray the message delivered is received in their hearts and leaves them hungering for more! Keep in contact and encourage their return. As we complete Holy Week services, many questions may arise as they attend.

While we appreciate your support in contributing to our FULL ‘Invite Your One’ board, we ask that you continue to pray for all those who were invited and others on our hearts but not invited. For as it is written in the parable of the ‘Lost Sheep’ even though the shepherd has 100 sheep, he will leave the 99 and seeks the lost sheep until he finds it!

He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So, pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” Matthew 9:37-38

In Christ,
Dawn Hurd

Mel & Mary Ellen Kreps will celebrate their 65th anniversary on April 18.

Bruce & Leslie Triplett will celebrate their 56th anniversary on April 20.

Glenn & Sharon Higbie will celebrate their 50th anniversary on April 20.

Granville Reed & Anne Marie Scheurer will celebrate their 39th anniversary on April 20.

Ruth Ann & Charles Goarcke will celebrate their 45th anniversary on April 21.

Donald & Sandy Sherow will celebrate their 38th anniversary on April 25.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

Elaine Dewey-Shupe.....	5
Troy Hazzard.....	5
Bryn DiStefano.....	6
Teague Warrington.....	7
Mary Wickstrum	9
Pat Nye	10
Robert Capers	11
Melinda McGuigan	11
Jeffrey Stewart.....	12
Peg Love.....	13
Meaghan Swain.....	13
John DiStefano	16
Don Sturtz	18
Daniel Swain	20
Norma Bame	22
Charlotte Burns	25
Jeff Williams	25
Mycah Smith	29

Lorraine & Ron Smith will celebrate their 60th anniversary on April 4.

Pam & Alan Waldron will celebrate their 56th anniversary on April 6.

Brenda & Troy Hazzard will celebrate their 23rd anniversary on April 7.

Bob & Pat Trafton will celebrate their 60th anniversary on April 10.

Bill & Sue Ellen Radhe will celebrate their 32nd anniversary on April 12.



All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil Frances Alexander

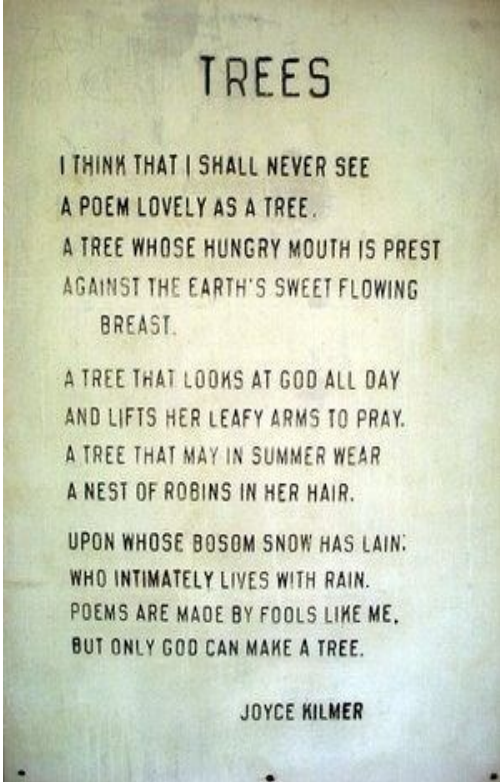
All things bright and beautiful,
 All creatures great and small,
 All things wise and wonderful,
 The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
 Each little bird that sings,
 He made their glowing colours,
 He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
 the river running by,
 the sunset, and the morning
 that brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
 the pleasant summer sun,
 the ripe fruits in the garden,
 God made them, ev'ry one.

God gave us eyes to see them,
 and lips that we might tell
 how great is God Almighty,
 who has made all things well.



YOU ARE AN ARTIST

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



Easter Flowers

Given In Memory Of

Loved Ones, *Don & Gail Anderson*
Our parents, *Clarence & Barbara Barkdoll Bauman*
Loved Ones, *Alex Brown and Family*
Bill & Shirley Figart, *SherryLee Biele*
Bob Bishop, *Carol Bishop*
Our parents, Mr & Mrs William O'Toole, *Charlie & Ruthie Goarcke*
Our parents, Mr & Mrs Charles Goarcke, Sr., *Charlie & Ruthie Goarcke*
My parents, Ernest & Emma Schwarz, *Anne Honeycutt*
My parents, *Arthur Honeycutt*
Kenneth & Marjorie Jackson, *Kenneth Jackson, Jr.*
Our sons Stephen & Kevin, *Mel & Mary Ellen Krepps*
My parents, Bill & Jeanne Kammerer, *Melinda McGuigan*
Marian Jean Krajec, *Cheryl Morgan*
Ronald George Morgan, *Jeff Morgan*
Our Grandparents, *Len & Debbie Myers*
Eileen Pallace, *Jack Pallace*
Alton P Scott, Jr. *Adrienne Scott*
William & Frances Stevenson, *Ward Stevenson*
Alice Sturtz, *Donald Sturtz*
Our Parents, *Chuck & Joy VanHeest*
Ralph C. Ziegler, Jr. *By his loving family*

Given In Honor Of

Our Children & Grandchildren, *Clarence & Barbara Barkdoll Bauman*
Family & Friends, *Alex Brown and Family*
Family, Friends & Loved Ones, *Dawn Hurd*
The Nye Family, *Pat Nye*
Greg & Laura Wiest, *Bob & Pat Trafton*
Our Children & Grandchildren, *Alan & Pam Waldron*
Our Parents, *Greg & Laura Wiest*