

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that October has found you doing well. Lewes Presbyterian Church continues to grow and to reach our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Between Life Groups, Sunday School and Bible studies, we have never had more people engaged in discipleship in recent years. All of our leaders in this area say that their ministries of discipleship are going very well. We welcomed some new members into our church as well at the end of October: Brian, Dayna and Jaxon Stewart and also Julius as a baptized member who is a student at Cape Henlopen High School. Every week we continue to have visitors join us in worship. We are truly blessed as a congregation.

And speaking of visitors, **Invite Your One** is coming up on the first Sunday of December. We will be asking everyone in our church to invite one person to join in worship on this day, and will be asking you to post on our bulletin board that you have invited someone. There are a few things we need to do before this date comes around. We need to think about who it is we would like to invite. Hopefully more than one person. And we need to start praying for them that they might come. As a church we'll be praying about this Sunday in November. The underlying reason for all of this is that our unsaved friends and neighbors might come to church and hear the gospel and come to faith in Christ. Secondly, we want those who know the Lord but have dropped away, to start walking with Jesus once again. Pray about who you will invite to join you in worship on this special day.

Finally, as many of you know, I will have turned 60 by the time you receive this newsletter, so I thought I would share some fun quotes about aging, attributed to Mark Twain: "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been" (I love this one). "Age is a matter of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." "The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." "Be careful of reading health books. You may die of a misprint." And finally: "Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. You boys and girls will see more in the next 50 years than Methuselah saw in his whole lifetime." Twain was right! The generation that he spoke to saw men fly for the very first time, experienced the first global war and possibly the second. Transportation went from the horse to the machine, and the world of communication expanded to the entire Globe.

Our age is not any different. Children growing up in the last 50 years have seen the explosion of the digital age through out the

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November 4, 2023**



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Gerry Brown, Clerk of Session

- Grounds clean-up will be held on November 11th at 9am
- Congregational Fellowship Committee is hosting a Holiday Food Drive for the Food Bank of Delaware
- Session approved and LPC is equipped to accept stocks as a form of donations to the church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2023-September 30, 2023

General Fund	2023	2022
Revenue.....	\$354,988	\$338,822
Expenditures ...	\$345,785	\$331,902
Excess Revenue	\$ 9,203	\$ 6,920

Mission	2023	2022
Carryover.....	\$ 7,753	\$ 7,175
Revenue.....	\$ 65,512	\$ 69,042
Disbursements...	\$ 67,324	\$ 71,860
Ending Cash	\$ 5,941	\$ 4,357



LPC CEMETERY CLEAN UP

The cemetery committee is planning a workday for Saturday **November 11th 9-12** with a **rain date of November 18th.**

Bring your rakes and gloves and come help clean up the cemetery.



WORSHIP TIME CHANGE!!

**Beginning
Sunday, November 5th
the 9:15 worship time
will be meeting at
9AM**

In Fellowship Hall



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD CAMPAIGN**

The OCC Shoebox Ministry began Sunday October 15th. Sunday school youth will pack their boxes during the 10:00 A.M. hour on Nov. 5th and **all boxes are due for the blessing of the boxes by Nov. 12th.** Free items for packing your boxes can be found in the Connection Center (on the table between outgoing and incoming boxes) thanks to generous donations and handmade items by many talented hands during the year.

If you would like to participate but can't pack a box in person, you can do so on-line at "Build a Shoebox" at this link: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/> The link will guide you in selection of gifts and how to pay for the box. Or, you may make a donation to LPC and mark it for Operation Christmas Child. We purchase soccer balls, and pumps and other items to add to the youth boxes. Please remember to pray for the child who will receive your box and include a personal note for them. Most of the time these are children who have **never** heard of Jesus OR received a gift in their young life. If we can be of help, please talk with **Diane Moore** or any of the volunteers who will be answering questions after the services in the Connection Center, and **thank you!**

*You can view stories of the children who receive boxes and the impact you are making at **Samaritanspurse.org** go to "Video" then "Operation Christmas Child".





Adult Classes

Patsy Macintire's Bible Study

**Monday at 6:30pm and
Tuesdays at 11:00am**

The book of Proverbs helps us to master the art of godly living. We will gain true insights of living wisely and an all-embracing relationship with our Lord. We will continue our journey with the study of Ecclesiastes.

We are meeting in the first floor Conference Room.

Call Patsy Macintire 302-645-9049 if you have questions.



Dear LPC Family,

Thank you so very much for the lovely fall flowers! They were the perfect show of your caring and love, both now and in the past as you all have uplifted Paul with cards, prayers and kindness.

We both were encouraged and reminded of God's love and the wonderful kindness, thought and prayers of so many of you in the prayer group, Patsy's Bible study groups and the LPC body.

Thank you Patty Jo and all the others. God bless you all.

Debbie Minifie



ADULT ZOOM BIBLE CLASS Tuesday Evenings 7pm via Zoom

We continue using *The Upper Room* devotional as the study materials for the **Tuesday Night Bible Study**.

The discussion themes for November are:

Talking to God

What does it mean to lean on God's presence in times of fear?

Hospitality

God wants us to be kind to strangers. Hospitality links us with God.

The True Gardener

Do we turn to God in times of need?
Do we give control to God?

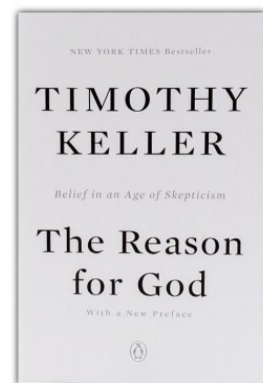
Praise God!

What are our favorite ways to praise God? Does that draw us closer to Him?

Clarence and Barbara are discussion leaders.

Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Clarence Bauman or Barbara Barkdoll.

302-645-8347 or email
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10:00am Adult Sunday School *The Reason for God: Belief in the Age of Skepticism*

Keller excelled at appealing to urban skeptics of the sort who congregate in places like New York City. Mindful that some in his audiences viewed religious belief as intellectually antiquated or morally problematic, he presented compelling arguments for the rationality and goodness of Christian faith. *The Reason for God*, the book that first vaulted Keller to popularity in broader evangelical circles, showcases his gifts as an apologist*Christianity Today*.

Please join us! It does not matter if you have not been to any of the previous classes.

Everyone is welcome to join us Sunday mornings at 10:05 in the LPC Library.

Jack Moore



world. The globe has become smaller as a result of communication and the speed of transportation. With a few clicks of my smart phone, I can speak to someone on the other side of the world. Our world has become smaller and global in culture. Who would have guessed that the largest Hindu temple in probably the world just opened in NJ! And now you can go anywhere in the world and get money with an ATM card or a credit card. Everything is now interconnected. We do live in fascinating days. We live in troubled days, where conflict and war can be seen in real time. In these days of uncertainty, the Gospel is needed more than ever before by the people of this world. And it's our privilege and calling to bring the message of the good news about Jesus to those around us.

Be Blessed,
Pastor Greg



In Memoriam

Eileen Lois Pallace
01/19/1946-10/10/2023



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Congregational Fellowship Committee is hosting a Holiday Food Drive for the Food Bank of Delaware. Shopping bags with the list of items are on the table in the Connection Center by the elevator. Pick one up and return it by Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Special Offering envelopes are available on the table, if you prefer. Make checks payable to LPC and note Delaware Food Bank on the memo line.

FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE Help Bring Hope to the Holiday Table!		
CANNED FRUITS  Applesauce Cranberry Sauce	HOT & COLD CEREAL  Oatmeal Cold Cereals <small>100% whole-grain or whole grain as first ingredient (if possible)</small>	DESSERTS  Pudding Mix Canned Pumpkin Graham Cracker Pie Crust
CONDIMENTS  Gravy Canned Gravy	SIDE DISHES  Rice Macaroni & Cheese Mashed Potatoes Stuffing Hearty Soups Corn Muffin Mix	 Turkey Legs <small>Must be dropped off to Newark or Millsboro warehouses</small>
CANNED VEGETABLES  Sweet Potatoes Yams Peas Green Beans	BEVERAGES  100% Fruit Juice Hot Chocolate Coffee Tea Bags	OTHER  Evaporated Milk Turkey Pan

**Food Bank
OF DELAWARE**
www.fbd.org/food-drives

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

There will be **NO**
community
Thanksgiving
Dinner this year



Veterans
DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

**Thank you to all our
veterans**



2023 Hanging of the Greens
on Nov. 26th at 12:30pm
after worship
All volunteers are welcome

Thanksgiving Offering

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Georgetown Springboard Collaborative started a pallet village earlier this year. They have 40 pallets, all of which are currently occupied with 29 men and 14 women. The pallets are 65 square feet with one or two beds with bedding, heat, air conditioning, and storage space. Meals are provided in a temporary commercial tent. The new community building will soon be built which will house the eating area, the kitchen and an office area. They also have a store with items available for basic needs. The LPC Mission Committee was able to tour the facilities in July and saw the large garden the food service manager set up and dropped off a donation from a an LPC life group.

Since its inception in January, 93 people have participated in the village. It is a blessing that 12 of those have found permanent housing. Several moved into permanent treatment centers.

Springboard is looking at 3 locations in Milford to set up more villages. It is heartwarming to see what they are doing. This project is ongoing with needs for feeding over 40 people each day to long term projects to facilitate them moving out of the village into housing of their own.

The Mission Committee has designated the Georgetown Pallet Village as our 2023 Thanksgiving offering. Thanksgiving envelopes will be available for the month of November.



I wish to thank you for all your prayers and cards during my surgery and recovery. Nicole and I have deeply appreciated your care and support. It has helped us get through a very difficult time.

Mercedes Ferrari

Dear Lewes Presbyterian Church Family,

Fred and I very much appreciate the prayers, the lovely flower arrangements and the notes and cards you have sent us over the last few months. They have lifted our spirits greatly. Lewes Presbyterian does a wonderful job in its care-giving activities. Thank you so much for what you have done for us as we face the challenging health issues of many fellow Americans in their senior years. The world needs of your true Christian fellowship. May God bless you all,

Lois & Fred Beaufait

Our deepest gratitude for all the support from our LPC family during this period of illness and recovery. The flowers, cards, calls, visits and most of all, your prayers have been greatly appreciated!

Jack & Bonnie Warrington

Thank you for your donation. The Crisis House will put it to good use! We cannot thank you enough! We really needed this.

Maria Evans, Exec Dir
Sussex Community Crisis House



Thanking God for Who God Is

November is a month of gratitude, of giving thanks for the blessings we have received throughout the year. We thank God for the good things he bestows on us – for food, shelter, family, friends, and so on. These are things He does for us.

But do our prayers include praise and being thankful for who God is?

Telling Him we are grateful for the qualities that make Him our forever and loving God is important. God hears and is pleased when we honor Him with praises including that He is holy, almighty, gracious, loving, faithful, forgiving, just and merciful, and that His wisdom directs and protects our lives.

As King David says in *Psalm 145: 3, 8* “Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.” (NIV)

David also says in *Psalm 92: 1-2*: “It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night.” (NKJV)

Let us all give praise and thanks in our prayers to God for who He is. The One who cares for us and blesses us with His love without us doing anything to deserve it.

Debbie Myers,
Deacon Moderator





HELP WANTED!!

Sing in the choir
Clean up the church yard
Visit our shut-ins
8am Advent Readers
Deliver altar flowers

There is something to do at LPC!!!



The **Baltimore Children's Choir** will be giving a performance in our church Sanctuary on **Saturday, November 4th at 4pm!!**

Please plan to attend. There is no charge. A free will offering will be taken.



Please welcome our new members

Bryan Stewart and Dayna Almeida. We were also introduced to their son, Jaxon Stewart. Bryan & Dayna joined our church congregation on Sunday, October 23rd during the 9:15 worship service.



Will you come to church with me?

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Invite a friend or family member to come to church with you!!

Who in your circle needs to hear about Jesus? Who do you know who used to attend church but hasn't in a long time? Inviting someone to church with you is an easy and powerful way to share Christ with a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or a co-worker. **LPC will hold 'Invite your One' Sunday on December 3rd!**

Most people are willing to attend church if invited. You can invite someone to church and sit with them during the worship service or you can invite someone to watch a worship service on our LPC YouTube channel. As followers of Jesus, we are called to carry out Christ's mission to invite people to become His disciples.

The goal is simply to extend invitations and let the Holy Spirit work in the hearts of those we invite. We need the Lord's wisdom on whom to invite, and then commit to pray for your guest, the guests of others, Pastor Greg and for our church.

We are holding an **'Invite Your One' prayer meeting on Sunday, November 12th at 4pm** to pray for outreach and those we invite. We encourage everyone to gather in the Sanctuary or join us via Zoom.

Details of how to participate in 'Invite Your One' in person and digitally will be sent out in a church email.

In Christ,
Cheryl Morgan, PA



Chuck VanHeest.....	1
Anne Honeycutt.....	2
Jim McMullen	4
Daphne Blaker	4
Stephen Pappa	4
Ellen Serafini	5
Viktor Mihalics.....	8
Sylvia Gilmore	10
Brenda Hazzard	14
Savannah Stewart	15
Jack Pallace	20
Glenn Higbie	20
Barry Simmerman	24
Fred Beaufait	28
Lorraine Smith	28
Sarah Pappa	29
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Arthur & Anne Honeycutt will celebrate their 7th anniversary on November 7.

Dain & Jennifer Hurd will celebrate their 3rd anniversary on November 20.

Fred & Lois Beaufait will celebrate their 59th anniversary on November 27.

Charlie and Charlene Pappa will celebrate their 31st anniversary on November 28.



LPC YOUTH GROUP

The LPC Youth Group would like to thank all of our supporters, the Night Without A Bed was a successful event!

We celebrated Pastor Greg and all his dedication and support for our Church & Youth on Clergy Appreciation Day, October 8th.

Our adopted child Sushma celebrated her birthday on October 25th, the kids voted to send her a financial gift for her birthday and Christmas. Sushma is in second grade, lives at home with her parents, two older brothers, and a cousin.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father,
on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You
and pray.

We give You thanks for all
You've done
Especially for the gift
of Jesus, Your Son.

For beauty in nature,
Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends
and family,

For daily provision,
Your mercy, and care
These are the blessings You
graciously share.

So today we offer this
response of praise
With a promise to follow You
all of our days.

[Mary Fairchild](#)

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT? JESUS SAYS YOU "MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH."

DEUTERONOMY 6:5



"WITH ALL YOUR HEART" MEANS YOU DON'T LOVE ANYTHING MORE THAN YOU LOVE GOD.



"WITH ALL YOUR SOUL" MEANS YOU WELCOME THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO YOUR LIFE AND ALLOW IT TO GUIDE YOU IN EVERY WAY.



"WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH" MEANS YOU'LL DO WHATEVER GOD CALLS YOU TO DO, NO MATTER HOW HARD. SEE, THE COMMANDMENTS ARE AS EASY AS 1...2...3!



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
1844

Henry Alford was born October 7, 1810, in London. He dedicated his life to Christ when he was 16. He lived his early years with his widowed father, Rev. Henry Alford, who was curate of a local Anglican church. His mother had died in childbirth. He went to Trinity College at Cambridge in 1827 as a scholar and studied for the ministry. He was ordained in 1833 and began his 18-year tenure in a vicarage in Leicestershire. He was a powerful preacher and brilliant scholar. While in Leicestershire, Alford visited every home, loved every soul, taught the Bible simply and helped the people in their times of need. He began to take pupils under his tutelage and is believed to have had at least 60 pupils under his charge.

Alford married his cousin Franny when he was 26, the daughter of his uncle Rev. Samuel Alford.

He accepted a pastorate of a large London church in 1853. In 1857 Alford was appointed Dean of Canterbury, where he lived the same energetic and diverse lifestyle as ever. He had been the friend of most of his eminent contemporaries and was much beloved for his amiable character. Alford held this office until his sudden death in Canterbury on January 12, 1871, at the age of 60. After Henry's death, Fanny brought out his journals and correspondence in 1872 which she carefully edited by herself.

Henry Alford is remembered for his scholarly books, which included his classic *Greek New Testament* which took 18 years to write. He wrote this hymn with seven stanzas in his *Psalms and Hymns* in 1844. He revised and shortened it for publication in 1865 and made his final changes in 1867 to be published in his *Year of Praise*. This hymn was written to celebrate the thanksgiving of the harvest festival in one of his districts in 1844 while Alford was vicar of his Wymeswold parish in Leicestershire.

Alford was a talented artist who had abundant musical and mechanical talent. He published several volumes of his own verse *The School of the Heart*, 1835, *The Abbot of Muchelneyne*, 1841, The Greek testament *The Four Gospels*, 1849 and a number of hymns. Alford was also mechanically inclined and it was said he could construct an organ and then play upon it. He constructed a walking stick for himself. In its upper joint he secreted his surplus money and his drawing materials and in its lower joint were pens, ink, wax and pencils.

“Dean Alford was a man as variously accomplished as any of his generation; and he would unquestionably have risen to far greater eminence than he ever achieved in poetry, in oratory, in music, in painting, in theology, or in general literature, if he had aimed at excelling in one or two alone of those arts or sciences, instead of endeavoring to shine in all of them alike.”

Charles Kent

Come ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come:
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire that tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In Hi garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather, Thou, Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels, come;
Raise the glorious harvest home.

