

WORSHIP AT THE BEACH

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Lewes, Delaware

August, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

May the Lord bless you in these summer months. By the time you get this letter we will have already gotten back from the West Virginia mission trip. Thanks for praying for us. I'm looking forward to the team's presentation.

Our local mission in Lewes will be VBS. Please pray and support this outreach.

I'm going to keep it short this time but I am looking forward to how God is going to use us this coming Fall. I hope each of you are spiritually refreshed this summer.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

Sharing Music Talents

Do you have any musical ability? Perhaps you would like to bless the church by sharing your skill? If so, there are multiple opportunities for you to serve!

If you sing, there are several ways in which you could participate in worship. At the 9:15 service, we utilize multiple singers to lead the congregation. If you only feel comfortable singing one song, that's ok! If you would like to sing, but do not like to sing alone, you could be paired with someone else. Other instrumentalists would be welcome as well!

If group singing appeals to you, the choir could always use new members. You do not need to have prior experience. You could even come and check it out for a few rehearsals to see if it is something you'd like to do.

The choir begins to rehearse in September and finishes around the first week of June. We rehearse on Mondays, from 5:00-6:00 pm. Praise band rehearses on Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm.

I am also seeking musicians to provide special music once a month for the 11:00 service. If you play an instrument, this might be a good opportunity for you to serve the church. Singers and small groups are also welcome for special music. Perhaps you know a musically gifted Christian, I would be happy to reach out to them and invite them to participate in special music.

If you have any interest at all in providing music for Lewes Presbyterian, please talk with me and let's find a way to get you involved in the music ministry of our church!

Sarah Rose
Music Director

**SING
UNTO THE LORD!**

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Gerry W. Brown, Clerk of Session

- Session did not meet in July

TREASURER'S REPORT,

Fred Beaufait, Treasurer

January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023

General Fund	2023	2022
Revenues	\$250,500	\$231,056
Expenditures.....	237,583	222,254
Excess Receipts \$	12,917	\$ 8,802

Mission	2023	2022
Beginning Cash \$	7,753	\$ 7,175
Receipts	49,037	48,403
Disbursements..	52,873	47,261
Excess Receipts \$	3,917	\$ 8,317



Are you interested in finding out more about Lewes Presbyterian Church? Would you like to join as a covenant partner of our congregation?

A New Members Class will be held **Sunday, September 17th at 12:30pm** in Fellowship Hall following the 11 o'clock worship service. This will be a time to find out more about the church and to ask any questions you might have.

The 2nd follow-up class will be held the next Sunday, **September 24th** between worship services at **10:30am**.

Please talk to Pastor Greg or talk to a Session member or call the Church office if you would like more information or would like to sign up for the class.



IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Summer Sunday School - continues through August 27 for children pre-K through 1st grade.

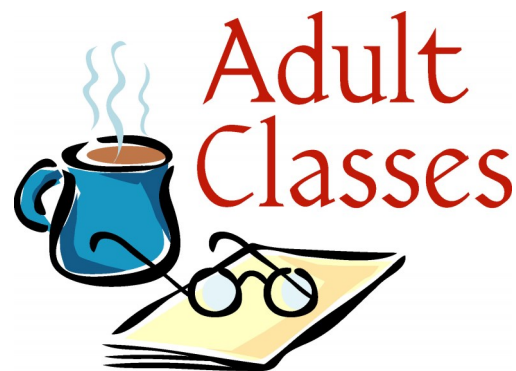
Fall Sunday School - Begins September 17 for children pre-K through 5th grade.

Promotion Sunday - September 17th at the beginning of the 9:15 service, recognizing children who will be moving up in Sunday School or to our youth program.

VBS 2023 is August 7-11



Thelma Warrington
March 7, 1927 - July 1, 2023
Paul Minifie
July 25, 1946 - July 2, 2023



9:15 Adult Sunday School

Stay tuned for more information



STAY TUNED FOR STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Be watching for upcoming announcements for adult Bible study opportunities beginning in September.

Be sure to sign up for something that catches your attention in which you wish to participate.

Everyone is always welcome and encouraged to participate in all available studies.



Library Corner



"Fun Reads" for August

"I Never Loved Him More" by Candy Abbott

A true heartwarming account of a local woman as she accompanies her husband on his journey with Alzheimer's.

"In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart" by Ruth Graham

Catch a glimpse of the personal life of Billy Graham's daughter Ruth and her realization that our churches are filled with people with broken hearts.

"The Secret Thoughts of An Unlikely Convert" by Rosario Champagne Butterfield

The journey of a respected English professor whose world and lifestyle turned upside down when she encounters "Who God Is".

Plus –

A number of Fiction Books that will immerse you in the world of: Amish Romance, "Demands of the Business World", CS Lewis, and "Who Done It Mystery".

Take home story pamphlets are available for children.

Sylvia Gilmore



August 2023

God nourishes our souls with his loving presence through the beauty of nature. Throughout the Bible we read testimony of the Lord communicating to us in the skies, ocean waves, breezes rustling through the trees, fields and flowers, and birds that sing cheerfully. The joy of the Lord comes to us in splashing waves and playful animals! (Psalm 29:3, 6) The sun by day, and the moon and stars by night remind us that God's light and love shine on us. Jesus reassures us that our Father in the heavens is always near caring for us (Matthew 6:26 and 10:29).

Jesus teaches us to look upon creation and listen as it declares to us the nature of God. Nature tells us that God is creative, practical, brilliant, loving, and full of mystery and wonder. Nature tells us that God speaks. The Lord is speaking to us and warming us from the heavens, the Psalmist says (Psalm 19:1-6).

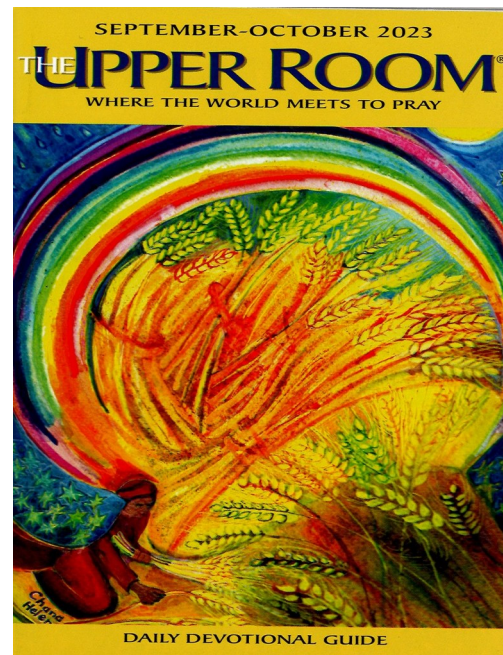
God created the cosmos so that you might have another mysterious, yet clear way of hearing his voice. "O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens... When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers — the moon and the stars you set in place — what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?" (Psalm 8:1, 3-4, NLT)

Spend some time looking upon God's creation and listen for his voice. Ask him what he wants you to know as you see all the wonders of his hands. Let the beauty and

mystery of all of God's creation fill you with a deeper longing to know your heavenly Father, and listen to God, allowing your heart to be stirred as you discover his unwavering desire to speak to you through his creation.

-- Excerpts from "God Speaks through his Creation," Cross-walk.com & "Contemplating God in the Beauty of Nature," SoulShepherding.org.

Debbie Myers,
Moderator



You can pick up your ***Upper Room*** daily devotional for September - October in the Welcome Center the end of August.



Birthdays & Anniversaries August

Bob Young	4
David Swain	6
Earl Eggers	6
Barbara Barkdoll	7
Gerry Brown	7
Joy Van Heest	7
Sandy Sherow	7
Gladys Shaw	9
Bristol Brown	9
Gail Yorkey	13
Bill Landon	14
Sherry Richter	14
Rachel Pappa	15
Cindi Warrington	15
Debbie Myers.....	17
Sharon Ogonowski	21
Aminta Athey	22
Margaret Petersen	22
Lorraine Mullecker	22
Susan Kammerer.....	22
Sean Mock.....	23
Victor Letonoff, Jr.	24
Jacob Irwin	27
Brenda Keith	29
Louise Eggers	29

Greg & Laura Wiest will celebrate their 37th anniversary on August 9.

Chuck & Joy Van Heest will celebrate their 32nd anniversary on August 10.

Amanda and John DiStefano will celebrate their 12th anniversary on August 13.

Bruce and Marla Viekmán will celebrate their 40th anniversary on August 13.

Don and Gail Anderson will celebrate their 48th anniversary on August 23.

Sherrylee and Pat Biele will celebrate their 49th anniversary on August 24.

Jill and Bill Landon will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on August 28



Dear LPC,
Thank you so much for your efforts and generosity to help the young lady who was aging out of foster care and moving into her new apartment. The outpouring of love and concern was beyond what she ever could have imagined. Her expression when there was more ...and more was one that would melt your heart. She was so deeply moved by the thoughtfulness and the extent of the church's giving. Her little family is in a much better situation thanks to the wonderful donations from LPC and presenting her with God's word and the understanding that so many people care about her are immeasurable gifts as well.

Thank you so much for always showing up for others the way LPC does!

Jacki Hoffman

Thank you so very much for the use of your beautiful church and space. We were very grateful for your hospitality.

God Bless,

First Presbyterian Church
Pottstown, PA
Senior High Seekers



Thank you all for the wonderful support and Pastor Greg's great funeral service for my husband Paul on 7/11/12. Please continue to pray for our family, especially Paul's single sister Karen from Denver as she grieves her last family member.

God Bless You,
Debbie Minifie

On behalf of all those served by your medical ministry, MBF (Medical Benevolence Foundation) thanks you for your generous gift of \$1,500. Because of your ministry, lives are being changed through medical mission. Your gifts make sustainable, quality healthcare possible where it is needed most.

Blessings,
Andy

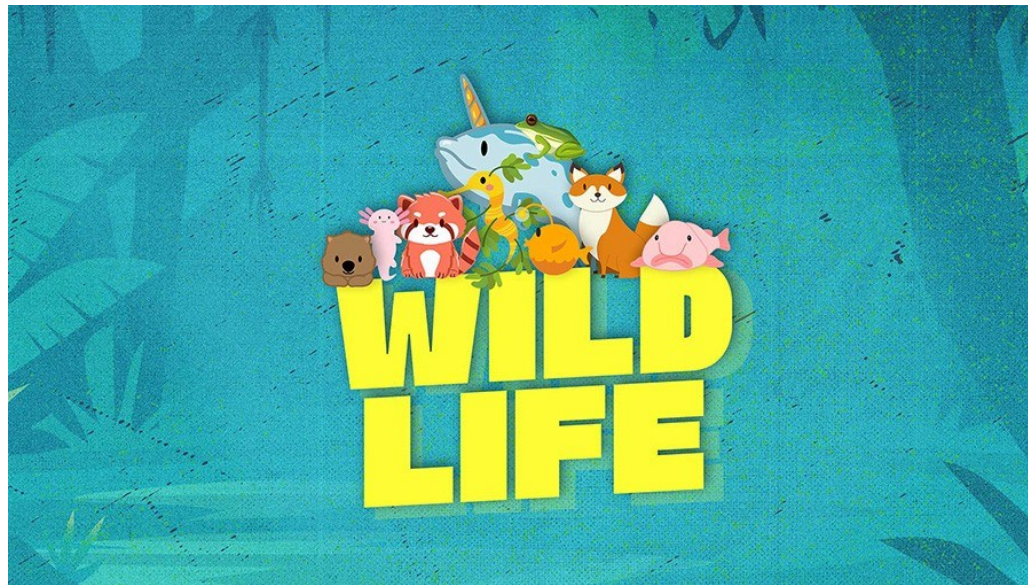
E. Andrew Mayo
President & CEO of MBF



Pray for Missions



**REJOICE
IN THE LORD
FOR THE
LORD IS
GOOD!**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 7-11, 2023

It is that time of year again--we are beginning our plans for Vacation Bible School! This year VBS will take place the **week of August 7-11**, from **5:30-7:30 each evening**. As usual, we are inviting kids from ages **3 years old (potty-trained) through 5th grade** to register to participate in VBS, while also asking that young adults that are in 6th-12th grade consider volunteering to help.

At *Wild Life*, we will think about the weirdest animals you know. What noise does an aardvark make? Is an axolotl really smiling? Are glass frogs made of real glass? Is a wombat a type of bat? It's wild that God helps each animal grow and thrive... and us, too!

Wild Life is 4-day adventure where kids discover how special they are to God and how wild it is that they **can share their story, use their gifts, spend time with God, and spend time with others.**

To prepare for our week of fun in August, we are asking **anyone interested in attending VBS 2023 sign up online**, preferably in advance to help with planning:

[Link here for Kid Signups](#)

Thank you for considering our program and please pray for another great year! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any comments, questions, or suggestions.

Amanda Hale: arphale@gmail.com

Jacki Hoffman: jmw0532@gmail.com



Save the Date LPC CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC!

**Sunday,
September 10th,
11:30 a.m.
At the church.**

**There will be ONE
worship service at
10:00 AM
Sunday, September 10**

The Congregational Fellowship Committee invites you to our annual churchwide LPC picnic on **Sunday, September 10th** at 11:30am.

[THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10AM in Fellowship Hall.](#)

To help us know how much food to provide, please sign up:

[RSVP for 2023 LPC Church Picnic - September 10 \(breezechms.com\)](#) or

in the Connection Center by
September 1, 2023.

Call the church office with any questions.



2023 WV Mission Trip

Our July, 2023 mission trip to Summersville, WV was a great success! It was incredibly rewarding to minister to the families and helping improve the quality of life for families who can't afford these projects on their own. We worked with WV Ministry of Advocacy & Workcamps, a wonderful ministry which provided the materials and tools for the work and instruction and guidance on the projects.

Our first project first we built a wheelchair ramp for a home, rebuilt stairs and added a handrail. The owner of the house and all 3 grandchildren helped with the building of the wheelchair ramp. Our second project was building framing for the skirting on a mobile home. The families felt blessed and grateful for the work we accomplished, and we all felt incredibly blessed serving them.

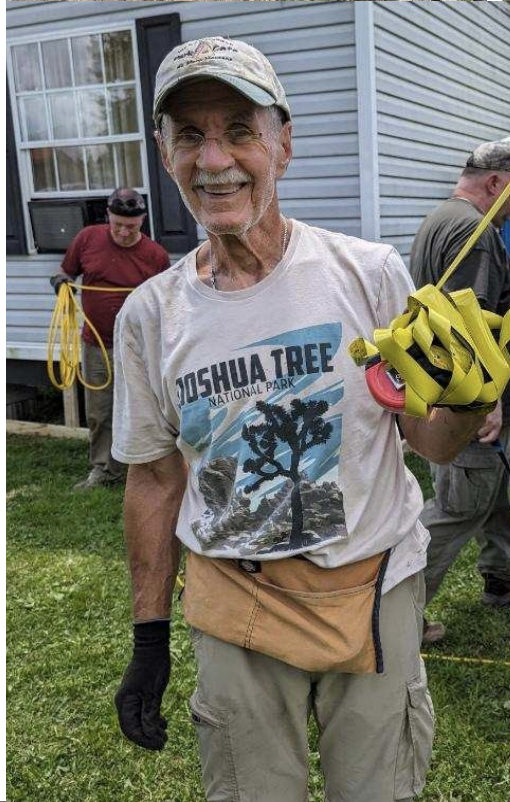
We had an opportunity to have gospel conversations with one of the families and shared the link to our LPC YouTube channel. We were blessed with cool, beautiful weather for most of the week.

The mission trip provided a special time of fellowship working together, sharing meals, lots of laughing, bonding, and devotional time with God's Word. It was a fun and meaningful trip with brothers and sisters in Christ and a tremendous time of learning, growth, and encouragement for all of us.

We visited Coopers Rock State Forest in WV for a picnic and the beautiful scenic views on our way back to DE .

We will share our mission trip presentation during our worship service on September 10th and we hope it will be an encouragement for others to serve and participate in our next summer mission trip.

Cheryl Morgan and
LPC Mission Team



Love Through Service

DAY RETREAT FOR LADIES

**THEME: "BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM
GOD"**

PSALM 46:10



WHERE: "ANCHOR HOPE"

**SYLVIA GILMORE'S COTTAGE AT 1215 N. SCHULTZ ROAD,
FENWICK ISLAND, DELAWARE**

WHEN: 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**CHOOSE ONE DAY: TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 17
 MONDAY, AUGUST 21**

(NOTE: EACH SESSION LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE)

**WHAT: AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETREAT FROM YOUR BUSY WORLD AND FOCUS
ON "THE WORD" THROUGH STUDY, SHARING & FELLOWSHIP**

BRING: YOUR BIBLE, PEN AND BAG LUNCH (BEVERAGE & DESSERT PROVIDED)

SIGN-UP: IN THE CONNECTION CENTER **BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023
CALL SYLVIA GILMORE FOR MORE INFORMATION (302) 745-2984**

August

Lazy summer afternoons,
Walks along the beach,
Balmy evenings, cloudless skies,
Stars just out of reach,
Sailing on a quiet lake,
Hammocks in the shade...
These are the simple treasures
Of which August days are made.

The Ninety and Nine

There were ninety and nine that
safely lay in the shelter of the fold,
but one was out on the hills away,
far off from the gates of gold.
Away on the mountains wild and
bare, away from the tender
Shepherd's care, away from the
tender Shepherd's care.

Lord thou has here thy ninety and
nine; are they not enough for thee?
But the Shepherd made answer,
"This of mine has wandered away
from Me and although the road be
rough and steep, I go to the desert
to find my sheep. I go to the desert
to find My sheep.

But none of the ransomed ever
knew how deep were the waters
crossed; nor how dark was the night
that the Lord passed thro' ere he
found his sheep that was lost. Out
in the desert he heard its cry; sick
and helpless and ready to die. Sick
and helpless and ready to die.

Lord, whence are those blood drops
all the way that mark out the moun-
tain's track? They were shed for
one who had gone astray ere the
Shepherd could bring him back.
Lord whence are thy hands so rent
and torn? They're pierced tonight
by many a thorn. They're pierced
tonight by many a thorn.

But all thro' the mountains, thunder



riv'n and
up from the
rocky
steep, there
arose a
glad cry to
the gate of
heaven.
"Rejoice! I
have found
my sheep!"
And the
angels
echoed
around the

throne, rejoice for the Lord brings
back his own. Rejoice for the Lord
brings back his own.