

Welcome to June

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Lewes, Delaware

June 2023

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

For this month, I would like to share with you some findings from a research project done by the Gospel Coalition (Jim Davis, Michael Graham and Ryan Burge). I have already shared this with the Elders. The project was done on a category of people called the “**de-churched**”. Let’s start off with a definition.

De-Churched: People who used to attend worship service at a church on a weekly basis but now only attend about once or twice a year. De-Churched people make up about 40 million people in the U.S. This was a major shift which took place sociologically between the 1980’s and the early 2000’s. It began with the mainline denominations such as the PCUSA in the 1980’s. Catholics began to leave the church in the 1990’s. For evangelicals it was the mid 1990’s into the early 2000’s. The big number in all of this is now less than 50% of Americans attend church worship on Sunday morning.

I want to share with you the 4 categories of evangelicals (15 million of the total) especially from this study. The study was conducted by Qualtrix and reviewed by Denison University:

1 Cultural Christians - (about 8 million people.) It’s unclear in this category how many are actually Christians. 58% are male, Average age is 40. They left the church in their 20’s. On the orthodoxy score they rated very low. They generally left the church because of inconvenience but also because of sexual lifestyles. **50% said that they are willing to come back!** Relationally this group tends to battle with loneliness and friendships.

2 Mainstream Christians - (About 2.5 million) There is very little difference theologically between this group and evangelicals who still attend church. They have left church in the last 3 years. 60% are female and they have a high view of Scripture. They stopped attending because they moved, or church became inconvenient, or they were offended by church in some way. **100% are willing to return to an evangelical church!** They want a church that cares about ethics. They need a friend to invite them back. They simply need a nudge (an invitation).

3 “Ex-vangelicals” - None are willing to return to an evangelical church (2.5 million). They tend to be middle aged women. They feel American institutions have left them behind. They are fairly orthodox in their doctrine and politically independent. They have significant disagreements with the evangelical positions on societal issues. They are most likely to attend a mainline church if they can find one.

4 People of Color - (2.5 million). Mostly male with the rest being Hispanic. They left the evangelical church in their 20’s. These are mostly educated with high incomes. They willfully chose to attend church at one point in their life and may be open to returning but probably to a more mainline denomination.

What all of this tells me is there are, in fact, some low hanging fruit when it comes to evangelism. Granted, the first part of evangelism is sharing Christ and conversion, but the second part is discipleship.

I think there is some opportunity here. People move to Lewes and just don’t manage to find a church and get involved again. We can let folks know we are here. Groups one and two deserve special attention. They will come to church if we simply bother to invite them! Groups 3 and 4 are a tougher nut to crack, but they know the vocabulary of Christianity. They have been inside a church before. There is much potential here as well. This study is only a small slice of the 50% of Americans who no longer attend church. But it’s a slice with a lot of potential for drawing folks back into the presence of the Lord. **Invite Your One** and daily casual invitations are productive and worth our effort!

Who do you know that has recently moved to Lewes? Have you invited them to join us in worship?

In Christ,
Pastor Greg



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This Is My Father’s World



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I want to thank our LPC family for all the cards, flowers, phone calls, and prayers during our recent health issues. They were all very much appreciated and we certainly felt surrounded by God's love and your love. The card signed by my choir family means the world to me.

In thanks and prayer,

Bonnie Warrington

My Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for the magnificent basket of flowers you sent for my 91st birthday! I am enjoying them very much and I will treasure the memory of your gift always.

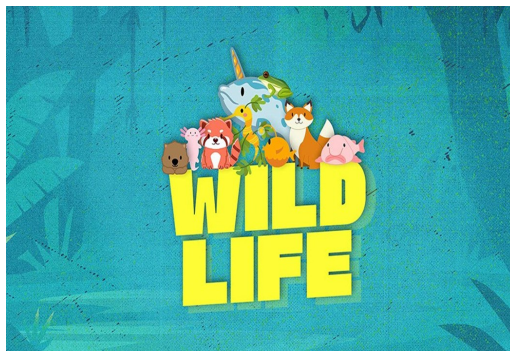
Love,
Norma Bame

Dear Lewes Presbyterian Friends,

Although my husband, Mark, and I have only been attending for a short while, we have been so warmly received. First, I am grateful for every prayer offered on behalf of my recent hip surgery and the lovely flowers to bring cheer to our home. We look forward to my complete healing which will allow us to become a strong presence in the community of LPC.

I thank God for you all and your faithfulness to the Gospel.

Nancy Borodynko



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wild Life Vacation Bible School

August 7-11

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!

VBS will be an 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.

If you are willing to volunteer for VBS, please click on the link below and sign up!!

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Dear Friends at Lewes Presbyterian

Thank you for your gift to the Global Ministry Fund. Earlier this year our team in a restricted country opened a new airstrip that would give access to dozens of villages which are at the emergency level for food security.

The hope is that **MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)** planes will bring in workers from a partner organization to alleviate some of the suffering in the area. God has been faithful, allowing us to serve in difficult places like this.

Thank you for standing alongside us as we pursue our vision to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.

Karen

Church-Wide Drive to Help Victims of Domestic Violence

At our recent Mission meeting in May we learned of an organization **WHAT IS YOUR VOICE INC., Voices Against Domestic Violence**. We decided to support the recent Life Group's decision to participate in a church-wide drive to raise various items this organization could use.

What is Your Voice Inc. provides Sussex County with fully trained and skilled Domestic Violence Peer Support Advocates. Individuals and children use this program to break free of domestic violence. In the eight years it has been operating, 504 households have been served and over 45,000 messages have been received.

If you feel led to help, we ask that you **lift up these survivors and the program in your prayers**. Another way to help is to spread the word. Let other people know about this program. We never know how God might use us to bless someone.

We would like to conduct the drive during the month of June. Visit the LPC Connection Center in the Welcome Center for a drop off point.

What is Your Voice is currently in need of the following items:

Baby lotion	Bleach
Baby shampoo	Toilet paper
Baby powder	Hand soap
Size 5/6 diapers	Multipurpose cleaners
Cake mix	Cleaning gloves
Canned fruit	Dish detergent
Pancake mix	Laundry detergent
Syrup	Shampoo
Jelly	Conditioner
Tuna	Body wash
Spaghetti noodles	Feminine hygiene items

For further information you may visit www.whatisyourvoice.org.

Mission Committee
and
LPC Life Groups

We will be collecting items the month of June

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS,

Gerry Brown, Clerk of Session

Regular Session Meeting May 16, 2023

- Session approved a letter to the congregation regarding the status of LASP.
- Session approved one combined service at 10am, Sunday, September 10, 2023 with the annual church picnic following the worship service. Save the date!

Ocean Grill Gives Back to LPC!

Ocean Grill in the Villages of Five Points has been supporting local churches since they opened eight years ago. When church members dine at Ocean Grill, you only need to write Lewes Presbyterian on the top front of your bill. Those receipts are separated at the end of each month and total sales are computed. A check equal to ten percent of the sales for that month is donated back to the church.



TREASURER'S REPORT,

Fred Beaufait, Treasurer

January 1, 2023– April 30, 2023

General Fund	2023	2022
Revenue.....	\$189,082	\$162,590
Expenditures	\$169,647	\$140,509
Excess Revenue \$	20,435	\$ 22,081
Mission	2023	2022
Carryover.....	\$ 7,753	\$ 7,175
Revenue.....	\$39,556	\$32,086
Expenditures.....	\$ 39,373	\$31,736
Ending Cash	\$ 7,936	\$ 7,525



May 17, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are sharing some recent news about our Lewes Area Study Place. As many of you know, this after school program has been in place at our church for nearly 20 years. The program began with a grant from law enforcement for at-risk children and then shifted over to a grant from the federal government (21st Century Grant). When this grant ended, we kept the program together through funds from both inside and outside of the church. Over the last couple of years, we had to drop our afterschool license because the State deemed our facility did not meet standards for a licensed state program, (we became a church tutoring center). Because of these changes, our funding was affected as well as the number of children who were referred to us by the school.

Through all of this, Teresa, along with faithful volunteers, have led our program. Through Teresa and the many volunteers, we have carried out a program that has benefited and blessed the local community. This past month Teresa let us know she will be concluding her service as our LASP Director. We are so thankful for the way she has done her ministry with the children who have passed through our doors. She has been a tremendous blessing to the church. Our prayer is God would guide Teresa's path as she pursues what the Lord has next for her.

So where does this leave LASP? Because of the factors previously mentioned, the Session feels it is time to bring the LASP program to a conclusion at the end of this school year. All ministries have a lifespan. LASP at Lewes did very well over the years but it is time to wind things down. It's time for us to pivot a bit as a church.

So how might we still engage in ministry to the local school district? Cape Henlopen School District has a mentoring program where adults can directly mentor school children from a half hour to an hour each week. Rather than start a new program, lets engage directly in serving our community.

Serving the community doesn't necessarily have to be in the schools, there are plenty of places to serve such as the hospital, Meals on Wheels, or the Village Volunteers. Our church still needs helpers with Sunday School, VBS and the nursery. We celebrate the blessing that LASP was to our church and to the community and we look forward to what God is going to do in the future.

In Christ,

The Session of
Lewes Presbyterian Church



Lauren Hapeman
September 12, 1945 - May 13, 2023

Memorial Services to be held in the LPC Sanctuary

Jane Pellington
Saturday, June 10th at 11AM

Lauren Hapeman
Wednesday, June 21st at 1PM



Spring 2023 Bible Study
Tuesday Evenings 7:00-8:00pm
via Zoom

THE UPPER ROOM

June Focus:

Ask the Expert - Luke 11:5-13

....At all times, God is ready to listen to my requests.

Breathe—Luke 11:1

....Prayer is an opportunity to breathe deeply.

Letting Go of Baggage - Psalm 55:22

....It is not weakness but strength that allows me to put my struggles in God's hands.

The Best Gift - Ephesians 6:1-4

....Today I will thank those who have taught me to pray.

God's Spirit Intercedes - Rom 8:26

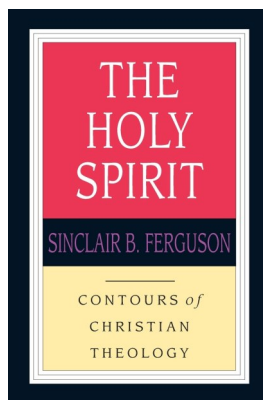
....When I cannot pray, the Holy Spirit prays for me.

We welcome you to join us in September with these weekly studies,
7pm Tuesday evenings via Zoom
 through June.

We will not meet in July and August

Feel free to contact Clarence or Barbara. 302-645-8347
crb05bbb@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome!



The Adult Sunday School Class on the **Holy Spirit** continues through June.

We invite you to come spend some time hanging out with the third

person of the Trinity.

We are studying His works from Genesis to Revelation and learning about how He works intimately and lovingly in our daily lives.

We are studying Sinclair Ferguson's book *The Holy Spirit: Contours of Christian Theology*.

The study will last until July 2nd.

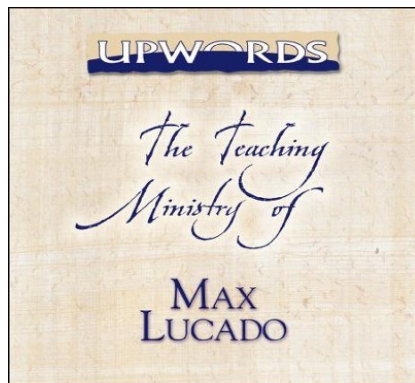
For more information, contact Nicole Ferrari 302-858-9833 or nferrari92@gmail.com

Nicole Ferrari

Summer Book Study

"Dealing With Difficult People"

By Max Lucado



Led by Patsy Macintire

The book study will begin in July - no date set yet but keep on the lookout for more information.

Contact Patsy with questions.
 302-645-9049



"You are a brother or sister in a family of faith." What does this statement mean to you?

It could bring a number of emotional or spiritual responses to mind. Here are some possibilities: 1. A faith family is a warm, caring place where you feel welcome and known. 2. You are a part of a whole that has a commonness of spirit. 3. You are with others where you are needed and where you can share what you have to offer.

All these together are part of what a church is to be. How can our ties as a family of believers be realized at LPC, especially with three separate Sunday worship services?

Worshipping together is not the only time we are to be a family. Participating in a Bible study class, a Life Group, the choir, or a committee are just a few ways to gain a closer relationship with others. In these smaller gatherings you will experience not just common interests, but love, fellowship and caring. This is where you can get support when you need it and give help to those you've grown closer to. Here is where we can always share our prayers. Offering (or asking for) a meal, a visit, or a ride are easier with those you talk, share, and pray with in a group.

As the hymn says, "Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

And Galatians 6:10, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

May you find your way to be a brother or sister in our LPC church family.

Debbie Myers
 Deacon Moderator

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

Granville Reed	4
Bruce Triplett	5
Carol Bishop.....	6
Tom Stuart.....	7
Alex Brown	10
Debbie Anglin	11
Anne Marie Scheurer.....	13
Jacki Hoffman	13
Don Anderson.....	15
Kelly Cannon.....	15
Jamie Gross	15
Diane O'Rear.....	17
Jeannine White	18
Jeanne Comeau.....	19
Sally Gioeni.....	19
Loretta Moik.....	20
Mary Ann Sobieski	20
Bonnie Warrington	20
Claire Wiest.....	20
Wayne Wickstrum	21
Sarah Rose.....	22
Jacob Gross.....	23
Sabatino Maglione.....	24
Ruth Ann Goarcke.....	26
Joseph Roskos	26
Patty Jo Mock.....	27
Clarence Bauman	27
Michael Camasso	28
Ryan Mock	28

Charles & Debbie Anglin will celebrate their 39th anniversary on June 3.

Joyce and Sabatino Maglione will celebrate their 57th anniversary on June 4.

Bob and Jeanne Comeau will celebrate their 66th anniversary on June 4.

Bob and Peg Partlow will celebrate their 63rd anniversary on June 4.

Jamie and Jeff Gross will celebrate their 10th anniversary on June 8.

Bob and Jean Patterson will celebrate their 63rd anniversary on June 11.

David and Amanda Swain will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 12.

Jim and Anne Athey will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on June 12.

Carolyn and Dave Koster will celebrate their 24th anniversary on June 12.

Jim and Marion Ford will celebrate their 64th anniversary on June 13.

Ron and Marge Trupp will celebrate their 66th anniversary on June 15.

Barry and Elaine Simmerman will celebrate their 39th anniversary on June 16.

Michael & Anne Camasso will celebrate their 46th anniversary on June 17.

Ryan and Nicole Mock will celebrate their 3rd anniversary on June 19.

Jack and Bonnie Warrington will celebrate their 67th anniversary on June 22.

Wayne & Mary Wickstrum will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 23.

Grier and Jeannine White will celebrate their 44th anniversary on June 23.

Jeff & Cheryl Morgan will celebrate their 22nd anniversary on June 23.

Clarence Bauman and Barbara Barkdoll will celebrate their 18th anniversary on June 25.

Walt and Daphne Blaker will celebrate their 59th anniversary on June 27.

Ed & Amanda Hale will celebrate their 15th anniversary on June 28.



NEW MEMBERS

2023 Confirmands

Bristol Brown
Edward Hale
Hannah Hazzard
David Kohr
Jonathan Kohr
Markus Mihalics
Viktor Mihalics
Storm Warrington



Please welcome our newest confirmands and church members!!



Men's Luncheon Lewes Diner

Thursday, June 15th,
12:30 p.m.

Reservations:
Ron Trupp 645-8927

July & August NO LUNCH

*Happy
Father's
Day!*
JUNE 18, 2023



Operation Christmas Child Crafting 101

There will be another workshop held on **Wednesday, June 7th** in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in learning/helping to create items for Operation Christmas Child boxes. No experience is necessary and all skill levels are needed. If you can use scissors and stuff, we have a job for you!

Project ideas will be demonstrated that can easily be replicated at home. The workshop will be from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

For further information please contact Diane Moore,
610-608-8309.



Class of 2023

It is the custom of Lewes Presbyterian Church to recognize and honor our graduating high school students and confirmands.

This year's 2023 graduate is
Hannah Hazzard



Let the church office know if you have a college graduate this month. We would love to recognize them.

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen

LPC Volunteer Activities

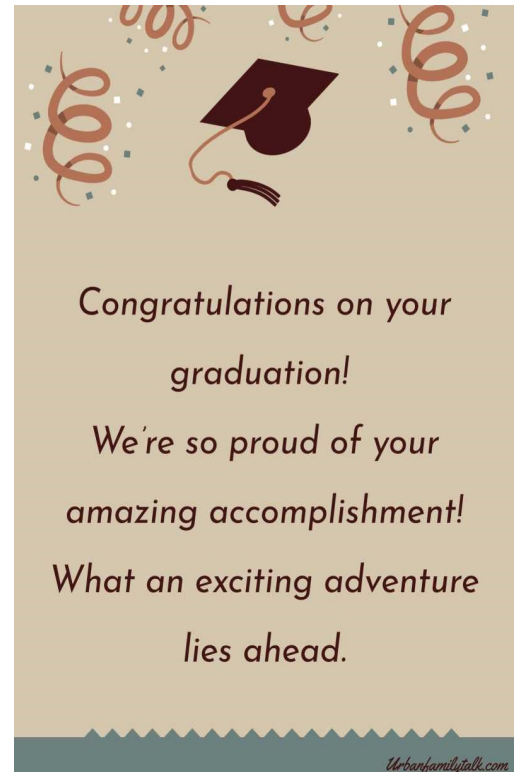
Are you looking for an opportunity to serve or help our LPC family? There are many ideas you might consider:

Choir - We happily invite you to join our Chancel Choir. Talk to Sarah Rose, Music Director

Greeter - Talk to one of our LPC Deacons if you would like to be a greeter.

Liturgist - Try it out! You might like to be worship liturgist at the 11 o'clock service.

Grounds Maintenance - Talk to Granville Reed if you would be interested in helping with the church grounds maintenance.



Special events!



The Congregational Fellowship Committee is pleased to be hosting the following events:

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

June 11, 2023 - 12:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

We will be celebrating our 2023 Graduates with lunch and dessert

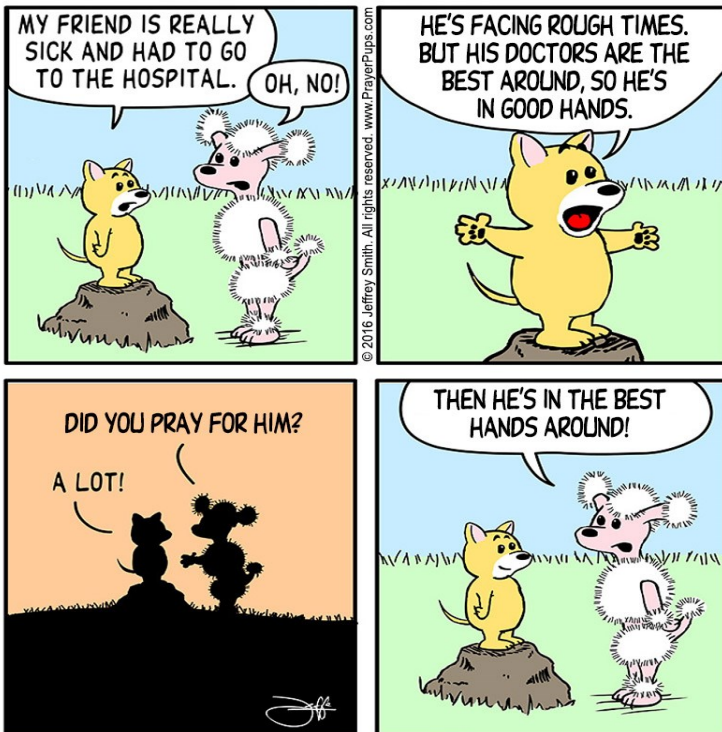
SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP

Tuesday, July 11, 2023,
Lancaster PA

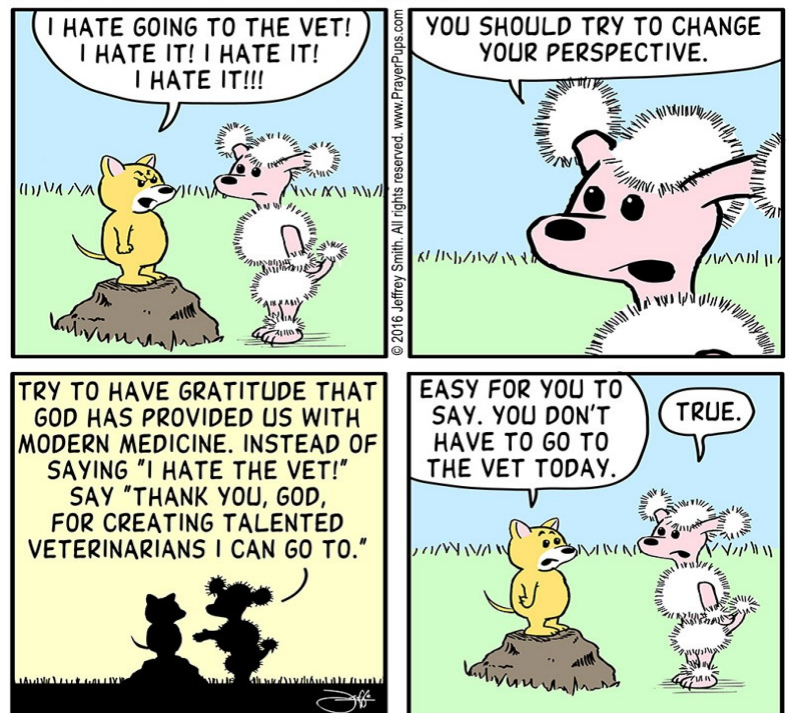
We will be seeing "Moses" followed by a smorgasbord lunch at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant



PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



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JUNE

BIRDS JUST waking up to sing
as NIGHTTIME slips away,
DEWDROPS sparkling in the SUN
to greet a BRAND-NEW Day,
FIREFLIES lighting dusky skies
AND STROLLS Beneath the MOON –
What COULD BE MORE perfect
than the LOVELY
MONTH of JUNE.
Happy SUMMER

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This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world
and to my listening ears;
all nature sings and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees
of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world
the birds their carols raise
the morning light
the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong
seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world
the battle is not done
Jesus, who died,
shall be satisfied
and earth and heaven be one.



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