



Lewes Presbyterian Church

LEWES, DELAWARE

May 2023

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here we are again after the Easter season. We had a tremendous turnout on Easter Sunday morning with nearly 300 in attendance with over 100 joining us by live-stream. Both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were well attended as well. The choir did a fantastic job leading us in worship as did the praise group. I thoroughly enjoyed our young people singing and playing bells during Holy Week. Thanks to all of you who helped welcome our guests and prepare the meal on Maundy Thursday. Overall, it was a tremendous week of worship and celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks to everyone who helped bring this celebration together.

So what is our focus for the rest of this year? In a word, it's **fishing**. Jesus said to Peter: "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." It's all about seeking out the lost and sharing the news about Jesus Christ. I recently heard an excellent speaker about fishing in the Chesapeake Bay at the Saltwater Fly Anglers of Delaware with Ron Smith and Walt Clark. The speaker told us where certain fish could be found and the best way to find them. I didn't know fishing could get that technical with sonar and specific kinds of lures for the unique species of fish. It was fascinating.

But what about fishing for the souls of lost men and women, people without Christ? Where do we find them? What are they most interested in? What are their fears and what are their greatest joys? What might help attract them to the Gospel of Jesus?

What is the best way to approach 21st century people with the good news about Jesus? Like the Chesapeake Bay fishing expert, we need to be students of the people we are trying to reach for Christ and we need to apply what we've learned in telling them about the Lord.

This is the challenge for our church in the middle of a culture of rapid change. May the Lord guide us as we fish for the souls of lost men and women.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

PS-
If you find yourself in the hospital or in need of prayer because of sickness, **let us know**. The only way we find out is if you call the office at 302-645-5345 or e-mail us at the office at lpchurch@gmail.com.



Memorial Day

Shortly after the Civil War, General John Logan called for a "Decoration Day" to honor those who died during the war. For many years it was observed on May 30th. Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Act in 1968 which went into effect in 1971. Memorial Day is officially recognized on the last Monday in May.



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS,
Gerry Brown, Clerk of Session

Regular Session Meeting
April 18, 2023

- The presence of God was felt through all of Holy Week. Special thanks to the Deacons and the Worship Committee.
- On April 30, 2023 a luncheon for new members was held at 12:30pm.
- Congo Trip presentation by Jeannine White & Adrienne Scott was held at 4pm on April 30, 2023



Operation Christmas Child
Crafting 101

There will be two workshops held on **Wednesday, May 10th** in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in learning/helping to create items for Operation Christmas Child. 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 as well. **The workshops will be from 3:00-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m.** For further information please contact Sylvia Gilmore 302-422-9366 or Diane Moore 610-608-0722

TREASURER'S REPORT,
Fred Beaufait, Treasurer

January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenue.....	\$141,046	\$126,565
Expenditures.....	\$122,490	\$108,240
Excess Revenue	\$ 18,556	\$ 18,324
<u>Mission</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Beginning Cash...	\$ 7,753	\$ 7,175
Incoming	\$ 31,744	\$ 25,498
Outgoing.....	\$ 29,750	\$ 25,236
Ending Cash	\$ 9,747	\$ 7,437



Jane Pellington
June 2, 1933 - April 16, 2023

Tim MacMillan
June 26, 1946 - April 17, 2023

Fran Stevenson
May 10, 1931 - April 18, 2023

*May the love of all
around you
bring you strength and
consolation.*

*With sympathy
and prayer
at this time of loss.*

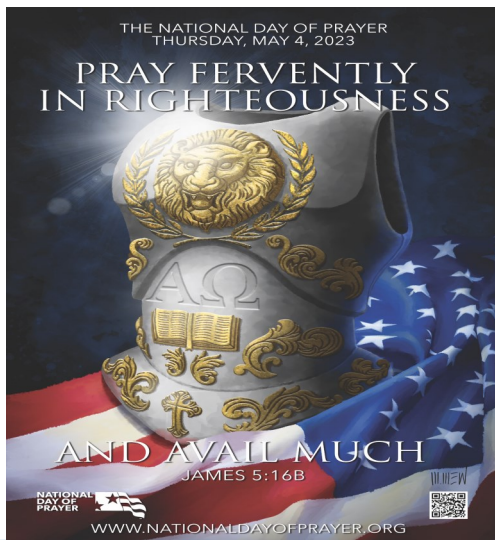


And Grandma's too.....

**While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind of loving ways,
we should also think of Grandma,
She's a mother too, you see ...
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.**

Author Unknown





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

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

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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

Details on these events and how to register will be in the Connection Center and will be sent by email soon. Any questions, please see Gerry or Carol Brown or call the church office.



Men's Luncheon
Lewes Diner
Thursday, May 18th,
12:30 p.m.
Reservations:
Ron Trupp 645-8927

NEW ADDRESS

Bruce & Marla Viekman
198 Training Field Rd.
Chatham, MA 02633

NEW ADDRESS

Ward Stevenson
35859 Parsonage Rd. Apt 101
Rehoboth, DE 19971



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

Peg Partlow.....	1
Mike Burkhart.....	2
Storm Warrington	2
Cathy Heronemus	3
Lutie Davis	6
Gillian Letonoff	7
Hannah Hazzard	8
David McGuigan.....	8
Bob Trafton	11
Cassidy Kellagher	11
Braeden Swain	11
Teddy Letonoff, III	11
Mariah Capers.....	13
Judy Gallagher	17
Pam Waldron	17
Elliott Hurd ..	18
Michael Salvatore	20
Jackie Burton	21
Donna Floyd.....	26
Bill Radhe.....	26
Katlyn Eaddy	27
Bruce Viekman.....	29
Tara Cannon	30
Sherry Lee Biele	31



Dawn and Matthew Hurd will celebrate their 31st anniversary on May 2.

John and Linda Shockley will celebrate their 25th anniversary on May 9.

Lorraine and John Mullecker will celebrate their 55th anniversary on May 11.

Teresa and Gary Lockerman will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 13.

Melinda & David McGuigan will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 14.

Judy and Michael Salvatore will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on May 22.



I would like to thank all of you here at LPC that sent cards, had kind words of encouragement and simply shared a hug of understanding with me through the sorrow of my father's passing. I wish you could have known William T Figart of Altoona, PA because he was quite an incredible, loving, kind and humble man of extreme faith in our Heavenly Father God. Thank you all so much for sharing the love from God that is in each one of you and that we have together as one body in Jesus Christ. It has comforted me.

Sherrylee Biele and Family

Thank you for your labors of love and your prayers on behalf of the North Korean people. Psalm 4:5

We give thanks for God's faithfulness through your prayers, encouragement and support.

Heidi Linton, Exec Dir
Christian Friends of Korea



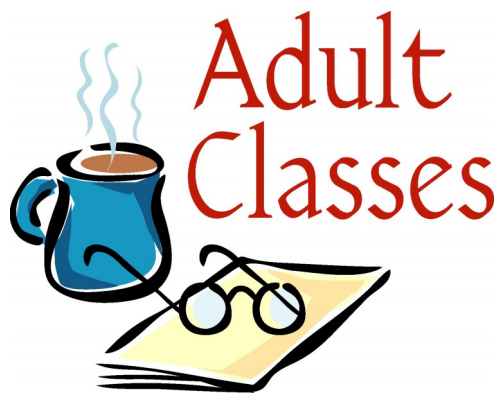
Acts 9 tells us of Paul's (then Saul) encounter with Christ as he traveled along the road to Damascus. A bright light appeared, and Christ spoke to him. He responded with the question, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" From that moment on, Paul's life changed, and this questioning prayer guided and directed everything he did. No matter where we are now on our faith journey, we should include this question in our prayers.

Jeremiah 1 says there is a purpose for our lives which has existed before we were even born. God designed our bodies and planned a job for each of us to do, just as he assigned the miraculous workings of the universe. He delights in our wanting to do what He has planned for us.

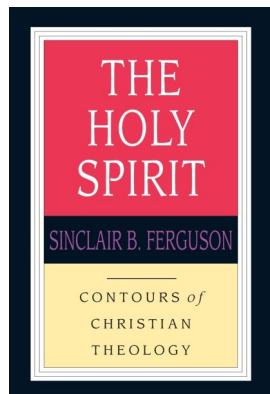
Ephesians 2:10 says: "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." What might be those good works? They may involve our families, our friends, strangers, communities, the world and its inhabitants, and our church.

Let's pray, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Ask God to help us open our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to discern *His* wants. When we pray this, we may experience a life changing attitude, guiding the choices we make.

Debbie Myers, Deacon Moderator
(Based on *A Prayer for Direction* from The Prayer Code by O.S. Hawkins and Upper Room – Apr 14, 2023)



Adult Classes



Come join the new Sunday School Class on the Holy Spirit beginning May 7th.

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

person of the Trinity.

We will study His works from Genesis to Revelation and learn about how He works intimately and lovingly in our daily lives.

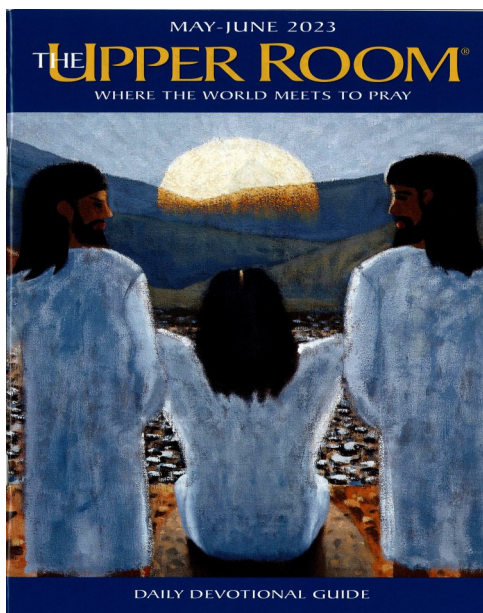
We will be studying Sinclair Ferguson's book *The Holy Spirit: Contours of Christian Theology*.

The study will last until July 2nd. For more information, contact Nicole Ferrari 302-858-9833 or nferrari92@gmail.com

Nicole Ferrari



AUGUST 7-11, 2023



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

THE UPPER ROOM

May Focus:

Remaining Hopeful - Mark 5:34
....Even when I don't understand, I will continue to trust and hope in God.

Looking Ahead - Hebrews 12:1-2
..... Focusing on Christ helps me to keep moving forward.

Safe Place - Psalm 46:1
....God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

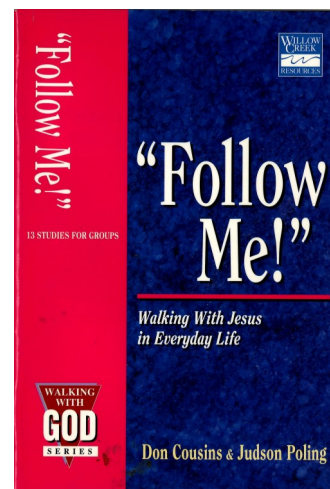
Everything We Need - Exodus 4:2
....God can use the gifts I under-value to serve others.

No Prestige Needed- 1 Sam. 17:42
....Only God can measure my worth.

God's Comfort - 2 Cor. 1:4
.... Today I will watch for ways to offer God's comfort to others.

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

Contact Clarence or Barbara with any questions. 302-645-8347



2023 Spring Bible Study **Follow Me - Walking with Jesus in Everyday Life**

Salvation is described by Scripture as a free gift, yet Jesus also spoke of costly discipleship, urging those who would follow him to count the cost.

Ephesians 2:8-9 promises us unconditional grace that saves us. Eph 2:10 tells us God prepared good works for us to walk in.

This book examines in detail what it means to follow Christ.

Monday Evenings 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday afternoons 11:30-12:30 and 1:30-2:30pm

The study will end May 30th.

This study is lead by Patsy Macintire. Everyone is welcome.

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

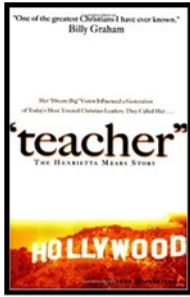


Christian Education

May Book Reviews

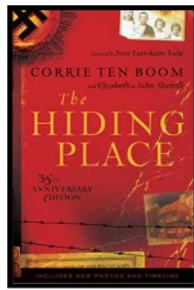
Focus on Women

Henrietta C Mears and Corrie Ten Boom



Henrietta C. Mears is known as “the mother of evangelicalism.” Billy Graham is among the preachers she influenced. He acknowledged her as “one of the greatest

Christians” he had ever known. In 1928, she became the director of Sunday School at the Hollywood First Presbyterian Christian Church. She was aware of the incredible challenges she would have to face in this position, but she boldly stated that “there is no magic in small plans. When I consider my ministry, I think of the world. Anything less than that would not be worthy of Christ.” Henrietta was very successful in establishing the school. She also found the time to write books, found a publishing company, start a conference center and an international curriculum company. Her book *What the Bible Is All About* has recently been re-printed. It helps readers acquire a perspective of each book of the Bible, answering difficult questions and enhancing the knowledge of the Word of God by establishing a deep relationship with the Living Word of the Lord Jesus.



Ravensbrück concentration camp during World War II. She was the daughter of a watchmaker in the Netherlands.

During the German occupation, she followed her Christian duty to help Jewish friends to escape arrest and deportation. Once discovered, Corrie and her family were deported. Later in life, when she met and recognized a Ravensbrück camp guard co-responsible for her sister's death, she forgave him. As she writes in her autobiography, “I had never known God's love so intensely as I did then.” As a survivor, she decided to tell her story because she believed “this is what the past is for. Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for a future that only He can see.”

Mercedes Ferrari

Corrie Ten Boom is a hero of the Christian Faith for her courage and undaunted faith in the face of suffering, torture, starvation, and brutal treatment at

2023 WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP

JULY 16-JULY 21st

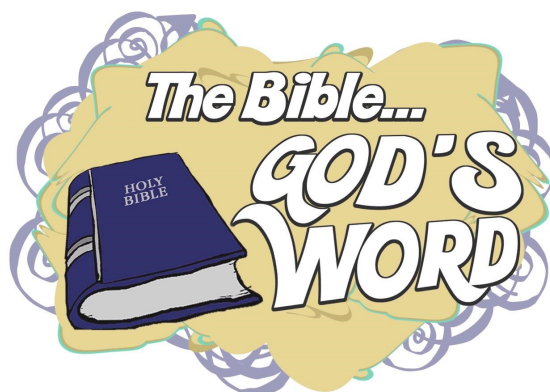


Consider joining us on our summer mission trip to West Virginia. **The dates are Sunday, July 16th through Friday, July 21st.** We'll be helping homes in the Appalachian area with repairs and rebuilds. It's a great opportunity to serve others in the community and help families who can't afford to do these projects on their own.

This year children 12 and up may go on the mission trip supervised or with a parent. You don't need to be a builder or carpentry expert to go on this trip. The organization we work with provides most of 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.

Email the church at lpchurch@gmail.com or sign up in the Connection Center.

Contact Cheryl Morgan for more information. 302-569-2170



Breathe On Me Breath Of God

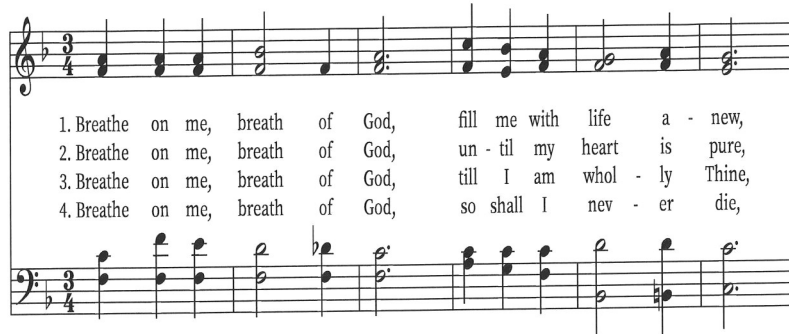
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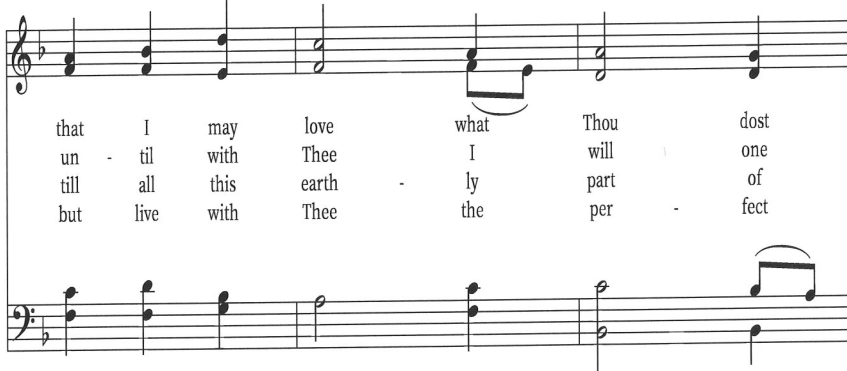
VERSE

F B \flat /F B \flat m/F F F/A B \flat G 7 /B C




1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

7 F F/A B \flat



that I may love what Thou dost
un - til with Thee I will one
till all this earth - ly part of
but live with Thee the per - fect

10 Gm 7 F/C C 7 F



love, and do what Thou wouldst do.
will, to do and to en - dure.
me glows with Thy fire di - vine.
life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.”

Acts 2:1-3



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Bishop Thomas Ken
Bishop of Bath and Wells
1637-1711

*"Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.*

*Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past
Live this day as if 'twere thy last;
Improve thy talent with due care
For the great day thyself prepare.*

*Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear,
Think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.*

*By influence of the light divine,
Let thy own light in good works shine
Reflect all heaven's propitious ways
In ardent love and cheerful praise.*

*Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part,
Who all night long unwearied sing
High praise to the eternal King."*

Thomas Ken was born in 1637 in Hertfordshire England. He was an English cleric and one of the fathers of modern English hymn writing. While Bishop of Winchester College, Ken wrote hymns for morning, evening and midnight prayers. Evening hymns are among the very earliest Christian hymns, from as early as the 2nd Century. His doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,* is widely sung today. In 1684, Ken was appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells.



MOTHER'S DAY 2023



History of Mother's Day

During the 19th century, women's peace groups in the United States tried establishing holidays and regular activities in favor of peace and against war. A common early activity was the meeting of groups of mothers whose sons had fought or died on opposite sides of the American Civil War.

In 1868, Ann Jarvis organized a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day", with the purpose "to reunite families that had been divided during the Civil War." Ann Jarvis, who had previously organized Mother's Day Work Clubs to improve sanitation and health for both Union and Confederate encampments undergoing a typhoid outbreak, wanted to expand these into an annual memorial for mothers, but she died in 1905 before the annual celebration was established. Her daughter Anna Jarvis, would continue her mother's efforts. In New York City, Julia Ward Howe led a "Mother's Day for Peace" anti-war observance on June 2, 1872, which was accompanied by an "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world." The observance continued in Boston for about ten years under Howe's sponsorship, then died out. In these celebrations, mothers all around the world would work towards world peace.

In 1904 Frank E. Hering, alumnus and administrator at the University of Notre Dame and President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, made a plea for "setting aside one day in the year as a nationwide memorial to the memories of Mothers and motherhood". After observing a class of Notre Dame students sending home penny postcards to their mothers, Hering went on to be a vocal advocate for a national Mother's Day.

In its present form, Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis with the help of Philadelphia merchant, John Wanamaker, following the death of her mother. A small service was held on May 12, 1907, in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, WV, where Anna's mother had been teaching Sunday school.

The first "official" service of worship was on May 10, 1908, in the same church, accompanied by a larger ceremony in the Wanamaker Auditorium in the Wanamaker's store in Philadelphia.

Jarvis campaigned to establish Mother's Day as a U.S. national holiday and the holiday was declared officially by the state of West Virginia in 1910, and the rest of the states followed quickly. On May 10, 1913, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution calling on all federal government officials (from the president down) to wear a white carnation the following day in observance of Mother's Day.

On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and requesting a proclamation. The next day, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring the first national Mother's Day as a day for American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war. In 1934, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a stamp commemorating the holiday.

Sunday, May 14, 2023