

# LEWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Lewes, Delaware

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that your Fall season is going well. Around the church, things are moving into full speed. The choir has sung for worship on the last two Sundays. They sounded great! And there is room for more folks to join them. The praise group at the middle service is also sounding great under Sarah's leadership. We also have some new faces involved in liturgy. Thanks to Clarence for organizing our liturgists.

In terms of discipleship, we are up to 6 Life Groups who are now meeting; four years ago there were none! During the week, Patsy teaches a Bible study twice and Clarence and Barb lead a Bible study every Tuesday night. Our **adult Sunday School** began at a new meeting time on **September 24th at 10:05** after the Family Praise service. Anyone from any of the worship services may now attend this Sunday school class; and of course, the teens meet at the same time. The Children's Sunday school has also begun and meets during the sermon time at the middle worship service. I don't want to forget to mention the Salvatores are involved in Bible Study Fellowship which is a non-denominational Bible study. There is every opportunity for every member of our church to be engaged in Bible study and discipleship.

I also want to remind you that LPC is fully engaged in the community. We host at least 5 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) groups in our facility each week.

Our Soup Ministry will be starting up Tuesday, October 3rd under the Brown's leadership and we have several charity dinners planned for the coming school year.

Our church also supports several ministries to the homeless in our community as well as food and clothing ministries. Any number of our members serve in ministries to help out the community.

This is just a sampling of all that goes on at Lewes Presbyterian Church. And it all happens because of you. The church is not a building, but it is every one of you who are in fellowship together at our church.

May you be blessed as you engage in ministry this Fall.

In Christ,  
Rev. Greg Wiest

## ANNUAL MEETING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
and LUNCH

To be held **Sunday, October 29th** in Fellowship Hall following 11AM worship service at 12:15pm to:

Elect Elders and Deacons  
Class of 2024 and  
Approve the Pastor's Call

**Please plan to attend**



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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS,

Gerald W. Brown, Clerk of Session

### Regular Session Meeting September 19, 2023

- The Congregational Annual meeting/lunch has been scheduled for October 29, 2023 at 12:15pm for the election of new officers and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call
- Session approved changing the start time of the 9:15am worship service to 9:00am, beginning Nov. 5th.

## TREASURER'S REPORT,

January 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023

### General Fund      2023      2022

Revenues.....	\$322,704	\$309,751
Expenditures.....	\$313,016	\$294,600
Excess Revenues.\$	9,688	\$ 15,151

### Mission      2023      2022

Carryover.....	\$ 7,753	\$ 7,175
Incoming.....	\$60,138	\$ 63,352
Outgoing.....	\$64,124	\$ 64,324
Ending Cash.....	\$ 4,767	\$ 6,203

### HOLD THE DATE

The **Fall Cleanup** of the church yard will occur on the morning of **November 11th** with a rain date of November 18th. More information to come in the November Newsletter.

Granville Reed



## Operation Christmas Child - Work Morning

Wednesday, Oct 11th  
10-12 in Fellowship Hall

Our work morning for OCC is a great opportunity to learn more about the world-wide ministry of Operation Christmas Child and how filling a shoebox may be used to introduce a child to Jesus. We will spend a few hours assembling boxes and packaging items donated as a result of the "giving tree" and crafts made by talented crafters all year. Our children and youth will pack shoeboxes filled with these items. The Fellowship Hall will be set up with a variety of workstations so you may help with an activity that interests you. Please sign up for this event in the Connection Center by **Sunday, October 8th**. See you there!

### Local DAR Members to Perform Community Service

LPC is very fortunate to host the local David Hall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution members on **October 7th** for the 2nd year when they will again clean more of the older cemetery grave stones. The plan is to use D/2, the biocide used exclusively to clean the grave stones at Arlington National Cemetery. It is also the product used by the most serious of cemetery stone preservationists. Watch for the November issue of this newsletter to see some examples of "before and after" photos. If any church member would like to participate in this activity, please show up at 9:00 with gloves and kneepads (if desired). If you have a pump-sprayer, you'd find that helpful.

Granville Reed



## Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, started by Samaritan's Purse, is a tangible expression of God's love for children around the world suffering from poverty, war, natural disasters, & disease. Many of these children have never received a gift before and with these boxes and notes from families like yours, they learn they are not forgotten.

Found in the shoebox among hygiene items, school supplies and a "wow" toy is an explanation of the Gospel in the language of that child receiving the box. Each child is given an opportunity to participate in a 12-week discipleship program called "The Greatest Journey" taught by local Pastors and volunteers.

**Our campaign is every Sunday from October 15th through Sunday November 5th.** Shoeboxes with instructions & an envelope for \$10 donation (shipping/processing) will be available at the Community Center staffed by OCC volunteers. If you would like to participate but can't pack a box you can *make a donation to LPC Operation Christmas Child* or you can participate in **Build a Shoebox Online**.

**Boxes built online** are sent to the hardest to reach places and are carefully prepared to abide by strict custom regulations so the box is sure to be received by a child.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

Contact Diane Moore for more information. 610-608-8309

Online is available at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>





## Patsy Macintire's Bible Study

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

Time to renew old friendships and get back into God's word. 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.



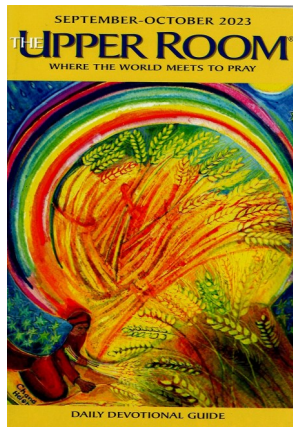
## JUNIOR BELL CHOIR

The LPC Junior Bell Choir will begin to practice on **Sunday, October 15th**. We will once again start practices immediately following the 9:15 Sunday School classes.

There is no need to read music as the bells are color coded to familiar songs the children already know.

We will be playing at the Advent Dinner, Christmas Eve Children's Service and Easter Sunday.

If your child is between 6 and 14 years old and might be interested, please contact Sherry Lee Biele 302-258-4203



## ADULT 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 October are:

### God's Mysteries

How can the mystery & majesty of God strengthen our faith?

### Keep Caring

How can we keep the continued welfare of people at the forefront of our minds?

### God Hears Us

How are we encouraged to know God is always listening?

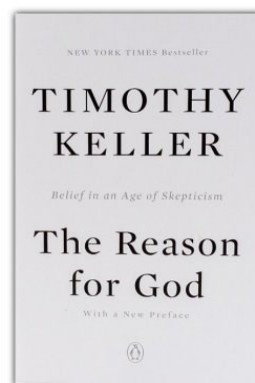
### Restoration

How does God bind up our sorrows and restore us to wholeness?

Clarence and Barbara are discussion leaders.

Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Clarence Bauman or Barbara Barkdoll. 645-8347 or email [crb05bbb@gmail.com](mailto:crb05bbb@gmail.com)

**It's never too late to join us!**



**10:05am in  
the LPC  
Library**

Please note  
the time  
change for  
Adult Sunday  
School !!

Tim Keller said he has often asked non-Christians, "What is your biggest problem with Christianity? What troubles you most about its beliefs or how it is practiced?" Do you make a habit of asking non-Christians questions similar to that? Keller agreed with the notion that religions, claiming exclusivity of their beliefs, are a barrier to world peace. Come join the discussion.

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

Jack Moore



## THE DEACON'S BENCH



### The Deacons Bench

**October 2023**

Now that it is officially Fall, we are surrounded with leaves changing colors, pumpkin – spiced “everything,” cool temperatures, and Halloween decorations and costumes reminding us of the season.

What about Halloween? Pope Gregory III established Nov. 1 as All Saint's Day, also known as All Hallows' Day as a day to honor all saints of the church who had attained heaven. The evening before became a holy or hallowed eve – thus named Halloween.

What must a person do to be considered a saint? Are you a saint? Do you have the qualifications? Must you be canonized in the Roman Catholic church after you have died?

What does being a saint mean? The word *saint* belongs in the same word family as sanctification or holiness. All who believe in Jesus Christ and confess Him as their Lord and Savior are sanctified because of Jesus' death and resurrection as forgiveness of our sins. 1 Peter 2:9 says God chooses and sets apart those who are a holy nation for His special purpose and sends the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. By this we are to strive to live more Christ-like in this world. This is what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:2-3 “To the church of God ... to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ... 3 Grace to you and peace....” (ESV)

Pastor Greg answered two questions in his Sept. 10th sermon: Who am I? I am a child of God.

Why am I here? I am to follow God's commands and strive to live more like Jesus each day. And it seems we all are saints when we profess our faith as Jesus' chosen followers. Have you ever thought of this? So – Are you a saint? Yes, you are!

A simple children's hymn titled, “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” was written by Lesbia Scott and published in England in 1929. It became more popular in the US in the 40s than in Britain. It describes all those who are saints. Here is verse 3:

*They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;*

*The world is bright with the joyous  
saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

*You can meet them in school, or in  
lanes, or at sea, in church, or in  
trains, or in shops or at tea;*

*For the saints of God are just folk  
like me,*

*And I mean to be one too.*

Debbie Myers,  
Deacon Moderator



*In Memoriam*

**Kay Burkhardt**  
09/05/1946–09/27–2023



## LPC SOUP MINISTRY

The Soup Ministry begins  
**Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023**  
**11am -1pm**

**Dine-In  
Fellowship Hall**



## Library Shelf Book Review

The October Book Collection features books by **Max Lucado**, one of America's bestselling authors. Many of you are familiar with his writing through Patsy's Bible Study or through personal readings. Inside every book by Max Lucado, you'll find words of encouragement plus challenges drawing you into a deeper experience with Jesus and treasure for your walk with God.

Also on the shelf, you will find a variety of books dealing with the topic of "Christian Living."

Do stop and explore these offerings.

Sylvia Gilmore







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Dear Presbyterian members!

Much and much more thanks for the beautiful vase of flowers. I really liked the baby's breath - it made it complete.

In friendship,  
Jean Babiarz

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at LPC,

I want to express my thanks and appreciation for all the support I received during my recent hip replacement surgery and recovery. Things could not have gone better and continue to do so for my recovery. I'm sure that it's due to the fact that I wasn't just showered in prayer but was in a torrential downpour of prayer. I want everyone to know how much I appreciate the prayers and cards that have supported me. Praise all of you for your prayers and praise God for answer to prayer!

God's blessings,  
Debbie Anglin

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Thank you, Lewes Presbyterian. On behalf of the Maui Food Bank and those we serve, thank you for your gift (\$5,000) during this time of crisis on Maui. Your generous support makes it possible for Maui Food Bank to provide safe and nutritious food to anyone in Maui County who is at risk of going hungry.

Together we're making a difference!

Richard Yust, Exec. Dir  
Maui Food Bank

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Waldron,  
On behalf of the Kirby family, I want to thank you for honoring my mother, Florence, by donating Gideon Bibles for distribution. We have friends in Pennsylvania who are Gideon members. I always check for them in the hotel rooms when we are traveling.

May God bless you in spreading His Word.

Susan DiIorio

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Dear Church Family,

As many of you know,,, our son and his wife live on Maui. We have learned over the years of visiting that the local community, in general, is very close knit. Although John and Joanna did not suffer any injury or damage from the fire, they have friends who have lost everything. Everyone on the island has been affected by the tragedy. I told John and Joanna of the tremendous generosity of LPC through our giving to the Maui Food Bank and we continue to be asked how they are making out. They were very touched by this and asked that we send a big "MAHALO" (Thank You in Hawaiian) to all.

Nancy & Jeff Williams

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Dear "Church,"

"Thank you" is such a small phrase to express my feeling of gratitude for all you've done for me during my hospitalization and on-going recovery period. Your cards, calls, texts, visits from Pastor Greg and Cheryl, and especially your prayers, have shown me God's love plus enabled me to navigate this challenging time.

"I thank God every time I remember you," and your gift of caring during this time.

Phil 1:3

Sylvia Gilmore



## Birthdays & Anniversaries October

Brooke DiStefano.....	2
Sue Ellen Radhe.....	5
Charles Goarcke .....	6
Jane Gross .....	7
Libby Rotsch .....	7
Pat Trafton .....	7
Robert Warrington .....	7
Leslie Triplett .....	9
Lily Koster .....	9
Walt Blaker.....	9
Lois Beaufait .....	12
Carol Pizzillo .....	13
Bill Heronemus .....	16
Jean Meyer .....	18
Jim Pellington .....	18
Amanda Hale .....	18
Randall Friend .....	20
Evelyn Hale .....	20
Maryann Barr .....	21
Cheryl Morgan .....	21
Sharon Higbie .....	22
Jill Landon .....	23
Greg Wiest .....	24
Ellie Ziegler .....	24

**Adam & Michelle Scott** celebrate their 8th anniversary on October 3  
**Margaret Goodwin & Carl Skeen** celebrate their 14th anniversary on October 10.



Friends in Christ,

We are encouraging you to join a Life Group this year. Life Groups are discipleship groups that engage in Bible study, prayer and mission.

They are a place to share how our walk with Christ is going and to support and encourage one another. It's where we put the Bible into practice through community outreach and working together to be Christ's ambassadors in the world.

If you'd like to join a Life Group, please complete and submit the [online registration form](#) on the LPC Webpage. You can also register by filling out a paper form located at the Connection Center.

### **2023 Life Groups**

- Jim & Ann Athey  
4th Sunday/month at 1:30pm  
beginning Oct.29
- Pastor Greg  
1st Thursday/month at 4pm  
beginning Oct 5th
- Sue Ellen Radhe/Cheryl Morgan  
4th Tuesday/month at 6pm begin-  
ning October 24th
- Pete & Kate Green  
1st Sunday/month after church  
beginning Sept 28th "The Cross"
- Patty Jo Mock  
One Thursday/month. Dates vary,  
beginning Sept 28 th via Zoom  
Study on grandparenting
- Gerry & Carol Brown  
1st & 3rd Thursday/month at  
2pm beginning Sept 7th via  
Zoom.

Most groups are studying "Waiting For God." Books are in the workroom next to the church office.



### **Worship Time for the Family Praise Service will be at 9:00am beginning on November 5th**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Beginning on the first Sunday of November (November 5), the Family Praise service starting time will move from 9:15am to 9:00am. As some of you may remember, the Family Praise service started at 9am for many years. So why are we going back to 9am? Primarily we are doing this because we are holding our adult Sunday school from 10:05 to 10:55. With this new schedule, all 3 worship services should be able to attend the adult Sunday school without any overlap. This time adjustment gives us a full hour for the Family Praise Service before the adult Sunday school class. This change was approved by the Worship Committee and also by the Session. I realize this may be an inconvenience for some of us who have become used to the 9:15 starting time, but I believe this is a move we need to make for the long-term life of the church. We ask for your patience as we make this change.



## **Saturday Night November 4, 2023**



This a heartfelt multiple thank you to so many of you in our church community.

First, thank you to the amazing reception group and fellow Deacons for your support and delicious contributions.

Next, thank you to those who have donated plants, pulled weeds, watered plants and picked tomatoes in the parking lot flower beds.

Finally, thank you to those who have donated yarn and/or made articles for The Ruth Project which sends these hats, afgan squares, scarves, mittens, etc. to Korea to help keep persecuted Christians warm and more comfortable knowing someone from the other side of the world made something for them.

I am grateful and truly blessed to belong to such a God-centered church family. Thank you all.

Fondly in Christ,  
Cindi Warrington



## LPC YOUTH GROUP

2023

### FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE



The **LPC Youth Group** is back together for another exciting year. We will be meeting **Sundays at 10:30am**, following the 9:15 worship service.

Right off the start we are supporting a wonderful ministry in a fundraising event with **Family Promise** who ministers to the homeless people.

Our Youth Group will participate in the **NWOB** (Night Without A Bed) at the American Legion Post 28 on **Friday night, October 6th**.

Our youth are focusing on the plight of the homeless by spending the night without sleeping on a bed. They are looking for sponsors to support this fundraiser

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come participate in the weekly Youth Group meetings at **10:30am**.

Contact **Stephi Brown** for more information on how to support our youth in this project.

Stephi Brown  
(302) 5420-9632  
[stephidbrown13@gmail.com](mailto:stephidbrown13@gmail.com)



**The Baltimore Children's Choir** will have a concert at LPC on **Saturday, November 4th at 4pm**

**Please plan to attend!!**

#### PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



"SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE."

# Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest LPC members who joined our congregation on Sunday, September 24th.

Mark & Nancy Borokynko  
Susan Cannon  
Danny & Sarah Rose







## Your Giving and Serving Supports LPC

The season is upon us when we are prayerfully considering our level of giving to support the ministry of our church, both monetarily and of our time and talent. The church will be mailing you a commitment letter. You can mail it in the stamped return envelope, or you can drop it in the offering plates whichever is more convenient. We do ask that you return it by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Your commitment helps pay the staff, the building expenses such as the electric bills, and the committee expenses such as Vacation Bible School. Your mission commitment is used to help support Missionaries, local Missions, and Mission organizations.

The vision of Lewes Presbyterian is "believing, growing, and sharing the love of Christ. Our giving of our financial resources and ourselves in service enables our church to nurture the faith and encourage the spiritual growth of our members and friends through worship, study, fellowship, and mutual caring.

The opportunities to volunteer in the church are endless. We have many committees that could use new members such as Mission, Christian Education, and Finance. We have a large church yard that needs weeding and gardening. We have a choir that sings at the 11:00 service that would welcome you. These opportunities and more are represented in the time and talent form online. If you have not received an email linking you to the sign up, we will have paper forms in the Welcome Center.



*God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)*



On Friday Sept 8, Rev. Kabasele wrote:

May God bless Holy Mountain Parish members. They did succeed to Feed more than 100 needy people today in the Parish. We bless God for this and glorify Him eternally. We thank very much the cookers they did good job. We bless Executive of Kananga Presbytery, Rev. Thierry, for the wonderful message he has given. We did like the presence of Rev. Léon. We thank God He has allowed even the mad to come and eat. We have the Big God. May He bless Holy Mountain Parish because they said yes. And have decided to do this every month. May God bless Me too. In the power name of Jesus Christ the True Liberator. Amen.  
RK



Rev Thierry has given the message in John of Gospel chapter 4:6-10 and has shown to the needy people that God is Love. It is why the Holy Mountain Parish has invited you; to show you the True Love of God.