



LEWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Newsletter of Lewes Presbyterian Church

Lewes, Delaware

September, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's Fall in Lewes once again! All of our Fall programs are starting up and this is an opportunity to get connected with the church and to engage in discipleship. We will be starting up Life Groups this Fall. These are groups that meet once or twice a month and engage in Bible Study, prayer and mission. Look for signups or simply let the office know that you are interested. Adult Sunday School and Children's Sunday School will all be starting after the September 10th. Clarence's zoom Bible study is ongoing. Look for more forthcoming information about all of these opportunities. Patsy's Bible Studies will also be starting up this Fall during the week. I encourage you to find a group that fits your schedule so you can engage in discipleship.

In terms of serving the church, we are always looking for singers and musicians to help with worship. See our music director, Sarah, if you are interested in serving this way. The Deacons are always on the hunt for greeters. Let one of them know if you would like to help out. I expect we'll be having a Fall yard cleanup in the very near future as well. If your skills are in helping out in the yard, let us know. We are always in need of Sunday School teachers for children and adults and we could definitely use some more nursery workers for 9:15am. If you can help in any of these areas, e-mail the office and let us know that you can help.

Finally, let me remind all of us that one of our primary duties as Christians is to make Christ known to the unbelieving world. This kind of service to the Lord takes place primarily outside the walls of the church. Pray that the Lord would

lead you to conversations with people who are open to hearing the Gospel. Let's look for Gospel conversations with those who are in our circle who do not yet know the Lord. If you know someone who used to walk with Christ, consider engaging them in a spiritual conversation to bring them back to the Lord. You might even invite them to join you in church.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you during this Fall season.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

LPC CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC!

Sunday,
September 10th,
11:30 a.m.

At the church.

There will be ONE
worship service at
10:00 AM

online RSVP form

[RSVP for 2023 LPC Church Picnic -
September 10 \(breezechms.com\)](https://www.breezechms.com)



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Gerry W. Brown, Clerk of Session

- Session approved Sunday, October 29th to hold a Congregational meeting following the 11AM service to elect officers and approve the Terms of Call for Pastor Greg.
- Session approved taking a special offering for disaster relief to Maui, Hawaii on August 27th

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues	\$291,601	\$278,434
Expenditures.....	281,582	255,744
Excess Receipts	\$ 10,019	\$ 22,690

<u>Mission</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Beginning Cash	\$ 7,753	\$ 7,175
Receipts	55,257	56,948
Disbursements..	58,123	53,104
Excess Receipts	\$ 4,887	\$ 11,019



Annual Meeting & Lunch
October 29, 2023
12:15pm

Fellowship Hall

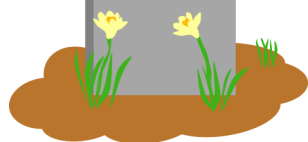
Purpose is to elect Elders and Deacons and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2023

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Grave Stone Cleaning
sponsored by the DAR

Saturday, October 7, 2023



Dear LPC,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for honoring me at the Strawberry Festival on my graduation from high school. The Bible and scholarship money are greatly appreciated. This will not only help me further my education but aid in my reading of God's word. I am very excited to embark on this next journey in my life. Continued prayers are appreciated.

Sincerely,
Hannah Hazzard

Lewes Presbyterian Family,

As we wrap up our summer camping season for Young Life, I wanted to send a note to say thank you. Thank you for all of your work in the community and loving people well. Your donation allowed kids to experience one of the best weeks of their lives. Kids had the opportunity to hear the Gospel in a way they could understand and lives were changed forever!

Thank you,
Matt Windsor

To Pastor Greg, the Deacon Caring Ministry and the prayer groups,

It really meant so much to me to receive your cards, prayers and the beautiful flowers. Your prayers have helped me to continue to improve and give me strength.

Thank you so much.

Mary Young

Aug 15, 2023

Dear LPC Friends,
I wanted to thank everyone for their many prayers. It meant so much to know that I was being held up in prayer by so many and I deeply appreciated it. Thank you for all the calls, cards and beautiful flowers.

It has been almost 2 weeks since my surgery and I am doing very well. I hope to be back to church soon and see you all once again.

With Love,
Ruthy Goarcke

Greetings to the LPC Family,

The family of Bill and Florence Kirby thank you for the many years you cared for them as shut-ins at Rehoboth Beach. They appreciated your prayers, transportation to church, visits to share communion, letters and phone calls. After moving to Florida to live with their daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jim Diiorio, Florence especially appreciated getting the mail with cards, drawings by the children and bookmarkers from the Deacons Caring Ministry. Sha also enjoyed the letters and phone calls from LPC friends. She kept all her mail in two empty Whitman's candy boxes. The letters and cards became no-calorie treats for her as she re-read them and thought of her LPC friends. We are sure her thoughts of you were often turned into prayers.

We appreciated the care given to us as we laid Mom to rest beside Dad. The Lord provided a beautiful day. Pastor Greg led us in a meaningful graveside service. The time of fellowship with refreshments in the church as just right. Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy with anecdotes about Florence and Bill. They will be treasured. Blessings on you all.

Susan & Jim Diiorio, Bill Kirby



It's Never Too Late !

It's never too late to learn more about God and His Word. Here are some opportunities:

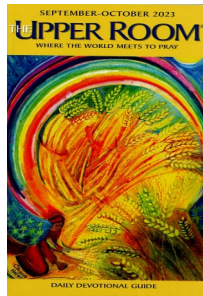
Sunday at 9:15– TBD

Tuesdays at 7pm - via Zoom
Beginning **Tuesday, September 12th**, using **The Upper Room** led by Clarence Bauman

Monday & Tuesdays - Patsy Macintire's Bible Study, beginning **September 18** at 6:30 pm & **19th** 11:30am.

9:15 Adult Sunday School

Be watching for further information on Adult Bible Study opportunities.



Tuesday Evenings
7pm via Zoom

Beginning Tuesday
September 12th

We will begin a new study using
The Upper Room

This devotional, in addition to daily readings, has study questions to use in small group studies, such as

- * **Embracing Obstacles**
How do we handle the frustration caused by obstacles?
- * **Honesty With God**
What does it mean that God will refine our hearts?
- * **God's Mysteries**
What ways can we celebrate the mysteries of God?

Please contact Clarence Bauman with any questions. 786-236-0683
crb05bbb@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome.



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DISASTER RELIEF in MAUI

A special offering for disaster relief in Maui, Hawaii was held Sunday, August 20th & 27th.

Over \$3,600 was collected and all monies collected was sent to Maui's Food Bank for distribution of food throughout the devastated areas caused by the recent wildfires.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to help provide help to those people in Maui who were affected by the fires.



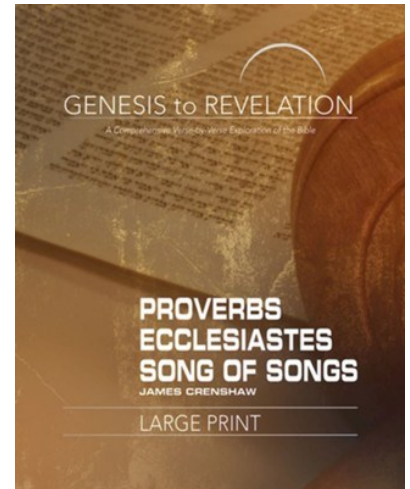
Patsy's Bible Study **Time to Rewind!**

Bible Study coffee at Pat Macintire's will be **Tuesday, September 12th from 10:00-1:00.**

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.

Please join us -
MONDAY Sept. 18th at 6:30pm
or
TUESDAY Sept. 19th 11:30am

Please call to reserve your book!
302-645-9049 if you have questions.





CALLING ALL YOUTH Grades 6-12

LPC Youth Group will begin,
Sunday, September 17th
promptly after the 9:15 service.

- September 10th, 10am service, church picnic to follow. Any youth & parents available to help would be greatly appreciated.
- October 6-7th **Night Without a Bed** at American Legion Post 28 in Long Neck. More details and sign-ups to be sent out. This is a fundraising event to increase awareness of the homeless families in our community and schools.
- October 14th youth can assist with the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at LPC for local homeless groups.

Look for upcoming events - the fall clean up will be here soon. All volunteer opportunities are a great way to serve our Lord, our community and log hours to meet requirements for organizations.

Friends are welcome!

More information to come. A lot of fun and exciting events are coming up: baking cookies, Christmas parade, dinners, escape rooms, Mission trips and some surprises!

See you soon. Any questions feel free to ask.

Joyful blessings,
Stephi Brown
302-542-9632

stephidbrown13@gmail.com



ANCHOR HOPE DAY RETREAT FOR LADIES

Sylvia Gilmore hosted a 1-day retreat for ladies at her cottage in Fenwick Island on August 15th & 17th. The theme of the day was "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10



Thank you Sylvia for a time of study, prayer, fellowship and friendship.



September 2023

September, for me, brings feelings of excited anticipation that something new is coming, even more than in January when beginning a new calendar year. It may be I always looked forward to going back to school as a kid, right through high school and college. As I became a teacher, September meant new students, new experiences, new challenges.

My Sunday school years always started with Rally Day Sunday in September! Moving up to the next grade class, having a new teacher or being old enough to attend youth group Sunday evenings were benchmarks I looked forward to.

At LPC, the combined worship service Sept 10th, followed by the all-church picnic right here on our grounds, brings that same feeling for me of enthusiastic anticipation. What will the coming months be like? Starting with all of us together is such a special time of being reacquainted and reconnected.

A devotion I recently read was titled "Transformed." 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.... behold, the new has come." Our Lord promises to make us newly created and transformed when we believe in and pray to Him. What an amazing feeling to know God is always giving us a brand-new beginning, a totally fresh start by our faith in Him. This verse tells of our hearts being changed and a new spirit dwelling in us; however, it is up to us to show this "re-creation" through our words and actions, displaying the kind of people God wants us all to be.

As LPC kicks off September and the Fall with new beginnings of Sunday school, adult education opportunities, Life groups, and various ways to engage in service and ministries, let's ask in our prayers that we will be transformed and be used to share our remade heart as instruments of God's work.

Debbie Myers,
Deacon Moderator



Birthdays & Anniversaries September

Myla Smith.....	1
Russell Serafini	2
Maureen Carpenter	6
Avery Scott	6
Joe Witoski	9
Bob Patterson	14
Shirleen Thomas.....	15
Brenda Nelson	18
Doris Burkhardt.....	18
Mickey Vessels.....	14
Jenn Athey	23
Dain Hurd	24
John Mock	26
Page Athey	26
Donna Stuart	26
Jim Barr	27
Diane Moore.....	27
Doreen Truitt	28
Adam Scott.....	28
Pat Cummings	30

Jim and Marianne Miller will celebrate their 56th anniversary on September 2.

Jim and Deborah Spellman will celebrate their 36th anniversary on September 4.

Earl and Louise Eggers will celebrate their 71st anniversary on September 6.

Jeff and Sherry Stewart will celebrate their 27th anniversary on September 7.

Jeff and Nancy Williams will celebrate their 44th anniversary on September 8.

Robert and Cindi Warrington will celebrate their 45th anniversary on September 9.

Justin and Jacki Hoffman will celebrate their 3rd anniversary on September 10.

Joe and Geni Roskos will celebrate their 43rd anniversary on September 13.

Bob and Mary Young will celebrate their 6th anniversary on September 13.

Bill and Cathy Heronemus will celebrate their 45th anniversary on September 16.

Ned and Doris Burkhardt will celebrate their 53rd anniversary on September 26.

Kelly and Felicia Cannon will celebrate their 31st anniversary on September 26.

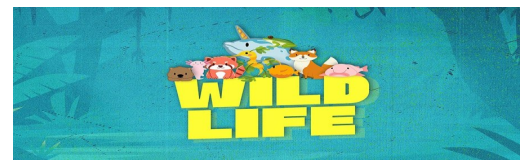


Florence Kirby
November 23, 1922 - August 6, 2023

Jim Roberts
October 5, 1932 - August 22, 2023

CONDOLENCES

We also extend condolences to the family of Cliff Hilderly, whose father died Aug 3rd and to the family of Shirley Plunkett, a long time member of Patsy Macintire's Bible Study class, who died last month after an extended illness.



The 2023 Vacation Bible School

Wild Life Vacation Bible School was held on August 7th-11th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Over twenty adult volunteers and ten youth volunteers helped make the week a success. Thirty-five children participated in this 4-day adventure to 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.

The children also were able to learn about some really cool animals along the way. The week ended with an outdoor picnic where all of the children and their families were able to spend time together and share a meal.

Amanda Hale,
VBS Director





JOIN US

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about LPC. A light lunch will be provided.

Second meeting, if you wish to join LPC will be on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sign up by clicking here:
[RSVP for New Member Luncheon \(breezechms.com\)](https://www.breezechms.com)

or

Call the church office 302-645-5345

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



LIFE GROUPS for 2023-24

Friends in Christ,

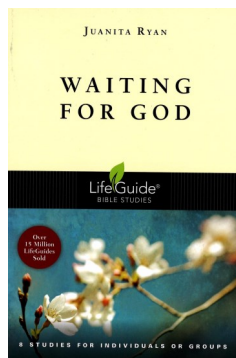
Life Groups are beginning in September. Life Groups are discipleship groups where we grow together in Christ by studying God's Word, praying together, building friendships, and serving others. They are a place to share how our walk with Christ is going and to support and encourage one another. It's where we put the Bible into practice through community outreach and working together to be Christ's ambassadors in the world.

Life Groups meet once or twice a month on different days and times. Some groups meet in person at church, some meet via zoom only and some meet both in person and on zoom.

If you'd like to join a Life Group, please complete and submit the [online registration form](#) on the LPC webpage.

You may also register by filling out a paper form located at the Connection Center.

We believe the mission of the church is to make disciples (Matthew 28) and we encourage all of our church family to join a life group this year.



Cheryl Morgan



Operation Christmas Child "The Giving Tree"

The Operation Christmas Child "The Giving Tree" program runs from **September 3rd through September 24th**. A Christmas tree decorated with gift ideas is set up in the Connection Center next to the elevator.

Each decoration has a tag with a gift idea to be purchased. Red tags are for boys and green tags for girls. These gifts will then be used to fill the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes by our LPC children and youth. Monetary gifts are also welcomed.

Take the tag as a reminder of the gift to be purchased. You may bring the gift back and place it in the baskets next to or under the tree.

Individual shoeboxes will be available for you and your family to pack beginning **Sunday, October 15th**.

Please contact Joanne Friend (302-930-3131) if you have questions.





September 3 - NO Sunday School

September 10 - Church service at 10:00AM followed by the church picnic at 11:30AM.

September 17th is Promotion Sunday!

The 9:15 service marks the start of our Fall Sunday School! Children and youth who are moving up to the next Sunday School class or to our Youth Group will be recognized prior to the Pre-K through 5th grade children being excused from the service to their Sunday School classes.

We can't wait for our children and youth to dive into the fun and fellowship of our Fall programs!

In Christ,
Mandy Swain



In September we will begin our 3rd year of **Community Prayer Walks**. Our group walks and prays for a neighborhood in our community once a month for about an hour. We welcome all who would like to join in blessing our neighbors and raising awareness that there is Good News waiting to be heard!

Last year we were fortunate to have volunteers offer to be partners in prayer for our group and our purpose of sowing seeds in fertile ground. From home they lift us up in prayer for safety and success in our evangelistic endeavor.

Again this year we are in need of neighborhoods to pray for and a spot to park in each neighborhood. So far we have blessed 18 neighborhoods and over 1,000 homes.

If you would like to join us on our walks, participate as a prayer partner from home, or offer your neighborhood/ driveway please contact Patty Jo Mock.

pjmock4@gmail.com
302-228-2574



Meet: **Connie Zinn**, Operation Christmas Child, Regional Manager for Mid Atlantic South.

When: **Saturday, September 9th 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

Where: **Long Neck United Methodist Church 32051 Long Neck Road Millsboro, DE 19966**

Connie will be sharing ministry stories, updating policies & answering questions. Plus, we will be meeting other OCC representatives from our local area.

Please register by September 7th.

SIGN UP SHEET is in the Connection Center

For more information see Diane Moore or Sylvia Gilmore.

"Let God take care of the big stuff. It's our job to fill in the cracks. Kind of like caulking"
From *A Light in the Window*
by Jan Karon



HISTORIC STAINED GLASS WINDOW

In 1886 an open steeple was constructed on Lewes Presbyterian Church to house the new 1,000 pound bell. The tower was 40 feet tall and over the entrance an amber circular window was installed. The amber circular window was removed in 1931 when changes were made to the entrance.

In 1997 Bob Faust found the old window in the belfry and talked to Connie Ballato with the idea of restoring it to its original beauty. The inner circle of the window was intact but the outer circle was in pieces. Connie repaired and rebuilt the inner circle.

In 2003 Bob Marstiller restored the remainder of the frame and Connie, finding glass that closely matched the original, restored the outer circle of the window. Lights were installed behind the window and a team of “window installers”, made up of Bob Faust, Don Burton, Groome Mears, Jim Roberts, Ron Smith and Bob Comeau, hung the newly restored window in the Welcome Center. The area was reinforced with a thick steel band the circumference of the frame and is hanging from steel chains which is tied to the roofing timbers.

After the installation, Connie said “Bob and I feel we have merged a little bit of the history of the “old” Lewes Presbyterian Church with the “new” and hope that it will remind us we are all builders of the kingdom of God - past, present and future.”

