



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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January 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP**JANUARY 5** at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12

"The Mystery Revealed"

Rev. Scott Ramsey

Messy Church Celebration & Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.**7:00 p.m. Taizé****JANUARY 12** at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 8:30 a.m.

Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

"Until Justice Is Established"

Rev. Scott Ramsey

JANUARY 19 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 8:30 a.m.**Sermon Series: "The Intersection of Heaven & Earth"**

Exodus 40:34-38; Exodus 33:7-11; John 1:14

"The Tabernacle: God on the Move"

Rev. Scott Ramsey

Salzman Lecture-6:30 p.m. reception, 7:00 p.m. lecture**JANUARY 26** at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 8:30 a.m.**Sermon Series: "The Intersection of Heaven & Earth"**

Psalm 27; John 2:13-22

"The Temple: God's House"

Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom

Blood Mobile in Fellowship Hall 7:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22101

2020 SALZMAN LECTURE**JANUARY 19**

**"THE #METOO RECKONING:
FACING THE CHURCH'S
COMPLICITY IN SEXUAL ABUSE
AND MISCONDUCT"**

Rev. Ruth Everhart, an author, speaker, and Presbyterian pastor of over twenty years,

has been writing about sexual abuse and faith since 2012, when she began her memoir, *Ruined*, a deeply personal story of being raped at gunpoint at age 20, and her decade-long journey to build a new faith. Her Salzman lecture, like her forthcoming book of the same title, draws on her own history and her passion for scripture, weaving together contemporary stories with ancient scripture to reflect on one of the crucial issues of our day – how the church responds to sexual abuse.

A graduate of Calvin College and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Rev. Everhart has explored this issue in a variety of venues, including cover stories for *Christian Century*, an essay in *Sojourners*, and an op-ed in the *Washington Post*. Her periodical writing has won awards from the Associated Church Press, and *Ruined* was named 2017 *Book of the Year* by *Christianity Today Women*.

Rev. Everhart, a resident of Northern Virginia and member of National Capital Presbytery, travels widely to urge faith communities to reconsider their response to sexual abuse. We are delighted that she will be joining us to deliver Lewinsville's annual Salzman lecture.

For more information about Rev. Everhart's work, and for preordering instructions and a discount on *The #MeToo Reckoning* (official release date: January 14, 2020), please visit www.rutheverhart.com.

6:30 PM-GATHERING & RECEPTION IN ST. ANDREWS HALL**7:00 PM-LECTURE IN THE SANCTUARY**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

- ◇ *Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth...”*
- ◇ *Isaiah 43:19 – Thus says the Lord, “I am about to do a new thing.”*
- ◇ *John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word...”*
- ◇ *Mark 16:6 – “He has been raised; he is not here.”*
- ◇ *Revelation 21:5 – “See, I am making all things new.”*

Biblical faith is RELENTLESSLY HOPEFUL.

From Genesis to Isaiah to John to Mark to Revelation, Scripture speaks over and over about God’s capacity and readiness to start over, to do a new thing, to break forth, and to begin a new chapter in the life of the world and the lives of individuals.

As a result, biblical faith is RELENTLESSLY HOPEFUL.

I say “hopeful,” as distinct from “optimistic.” We often use the term “optimistic” to mean something like, “On the basis of our current circumstances, I think we have reason to expect a positive outcome.”

That is not what biblical hope means.

Biblical hope means, “*Because God is involved, we can expect a positive outcome, even if current circumstances would seem to indicate otherwise.*” When Jesus was executed and dead, there was no reason to expect a positive outcome – except that God was involved. When Israel was in exile, there was no reason to expect a positive outcome – except that God was involved.

God is involved in your life and in the life of this congregation. God is doing a new thing in our midst – with us and through us – and will be doing that in 2020. We can look forward to seeing what new things God will do with us, for us, and through us. Happy new year!!

Blessings for your journey,
Pastor Scott



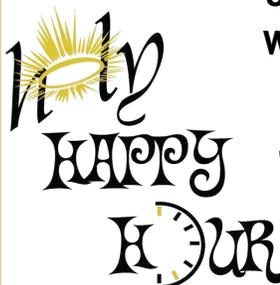
ASK-A-PASTOR/ DOUBT NIGHT

On Sunday evening, February 23, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will be hosting “Ask-A-Pastor/Doubt Night.”

This will be your opportunity to ask Pastor Scott, Pastor Annamarie, and Pastor Jen questions you’ve got about the Christian faith, the Bible, theology, the church, spirituality,

and more. It will be a fun night to see how your pastors think alike on some matters and think differently on others, and to engage with each other in a fun, light-hearted, but serious conversation about our faith.

Watch for the “Box for Questions” to appear in front of the church office, so that you can submit your questions ahead of time!

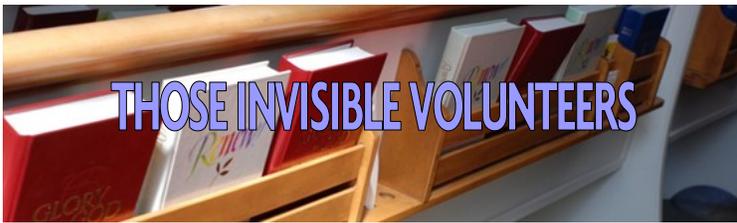


U.S. NAVY BAND’S WOODWIND QUINTET WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 6:15 PM

The U.S. Navy Band’s Woodwind Quintet will perform an hour long program for January’s “Holy Happy Hour” Concert in the Community at 6:15 pm. The music will feature flute, oboe, clarinet, french horn, and bassoon.

Fellowship will follow in St. Andrews Hall.





THOSE INVISIBLE VOLUNTEERS

One of the more visible jobs performed by invisible volunteers each week is the job of cleaning up the pews and restocking materials in pew racks. Their work is essential to the worship service, and if they didn't do it, we would notice as soon as we sat down.

Bibles and Hymnals must be returned to their appointed places, pencils need sharpening or replacing, sufficient "Hand of Greeting" pages must be in the red pew pad, and we always want enough visitor tags, concern cards, and offering envelopes at the ready. The task is not done until trash is removed as well as items for recycling.

Unknown and unheralded, our invisible volunteers slip in and out of the pews each week, not expecting recognition or reward. A word of thanks to each of them would be appropriate if you have an opportunity: Bettie McElroy, Diane Wachtel, Cathy Gaugler, Caroline Van Wagoner, members of the Men's Square ChristCare group led by David Porterfield, and members of the Barnabus ChristCare group led by Lois Dokken.

Bettie McElroy, who has been leading these volunteers for several years, will hand leadership responsibilities to Bob Johnson in 2020. One more regular volunteer is needed with training provided. We also could use folks to serve as substitutes. If interested, contact Bob Johnson (703-356-7035; rmjcameron@aol.com). And once again, THANK YOU volunteers!



ORGAN MAINTENANCE PROJECT

There will be an Organ Maintenance Project during the driest weeks of the year, late January to early February, this upcoming January 2020. The project will improve insulation and ventilation in the swell organ chamber located on the lectern side of the Sanctuary. The project will fix cracks in the organ's blower and winding system caused from heat and humidity. Lively-Fulcher, who did tonal revision on the instrument in 2013, will be leading the repair.

During the weeks of maintenance, worship will be led by piano.



REFORMED
INSTITUTE of
METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON

**The 2020 Convocation
of the Reformed Institute**
January 25, 2020 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby
the W.C. Brown Professor of Theology at
Austin Presbyterian Theological
Seminary

Dr. Rigby is a prolific scholar, gifted teacher, and accomplished preacher and speaker. Her most recent book, *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Faith* (Abingdon Press, 2018), weaves the doctrines of the church into the rhythms and practices of everyday life. Her scholarship includes books on social righteousness, protestant perspectives of Mary, feminist theology, power in theology and scripture, and more.

Rigby is an associate editor for the *Journal of Reformed Theology* and the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* and serves on the board of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

Venue:

**National Presbyterian Church
4101 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20016
Phone:
(202) 537-0800**



CAN MUSIC SAVE YOUR MORTAL SOUL? - A SURVEY OF ROCK AS RELIGION

JANUARY 5-26

Can music save your moral soul? Join a group of fellow music lovers to consider how religion inspires popular music, and how music affirms spirituality. We will listen to a variety of genres and delve into the lyrics, symbolism, historical context, and more.

Class 1- January 5 – Gospel, Soul, Early Folk

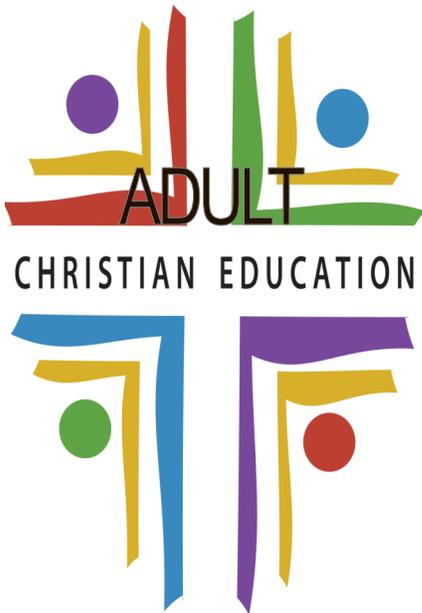
Class 2- January 12 – Reggae, Early Rock and Roll – 70s, 80s, 90s

Class 3- January 19 – Americana, Folk, Bluegrass, Modern Country

Class 4- January 26 – Current Day Music, Rap, Hip Hop, Kanye

**LED BY: JOE & SUZANNE PARISI, AND
DAVE & PATTIE GUNTER**

LOCATION: ROOM 103



NATIONALISM AND RELIGION SINCE THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

JAN 5-26

Nationalism, like the nation-state itself, is a modern creation, and it is a product in no small measure of cultural differences created by the Protestant Reformation. But it also raises significant theological issues that are still very much in play in today's world. The purpose of this set of lectures is to explore some of those issues in the light of the relevant history. Particular attention will be paid to the evolution of Christian (especially Protestant) views.

January 5 – The Splintering of Christendom in the West and the Rise of Modern Nation-States

January 12 – The Rise of Nationalism; Divergent Protestant and Catholic Responses

January 19 - Globalization and the “New” Nationalism

January 26 – The Idea of the Christian Nation and Religious Pluralism

LEAD BY: R. BRUCE DOUGLASS

LOCATION: CHAPEL



ADULT BREAK OUT GROUP

JANUARY 12-26

THE LITURGICAL YEAR-THE LIFE OF CHRIST

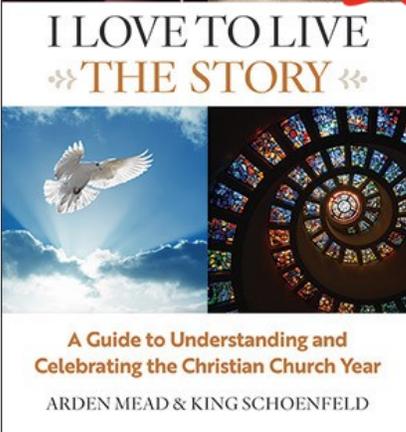
Following the Messy Church Celebration (January 5), Adults are invited to explore the meaning in the Liturgical Year with all its symbols and colors.

The Christian Church Year is a convenient, colorful tool for leading Christian communities to understand and celebrate the story of our Lord and the Church, as well as our own stories!

Each member of the class will receive a copy of the booklet and tool for the family, *I Love To Live The Story*, which summarizes the essentials about the Church Year—the message of its seasons and days, as well as basic details to aid in celebrating them.

CLASS FACILITATORS: DEBBIE LEAVENS & RUTH BAXLEY

LOCATION: ROOM 25A



WINTER IN THE CITY

Winter in the City - Sweaters, jackets and coats, caps, and flannel shirts in good condition are needed for Christ House patients and the homeless men who use the Unity Health Care) shower room at Christ House. New men's underwear and socks are especially needed for shower program users who must have new underwear in order to visit the Christ House/UHC medical staff.

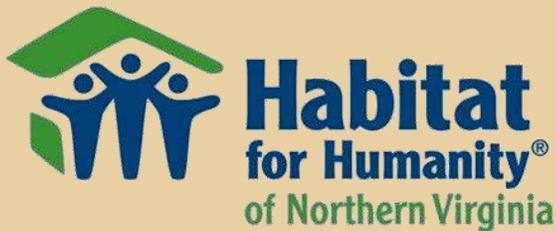
Unity Health Care also distributes blankets from its van on cold nights to homeless men and women living on the streets of Washington . Used blankets, in reasonable condition (frayed or missing binding is OK) are greatly needed. Your warm blanket could make a life and death difference! If each LPC pledging unit provided one used blanket from its household, we would have approximately 350 blankets.

Just one pair of socks, a package of men's underwear, or an outgrown sweater will bring comfort and warmth to one of the poorest of Christ's children. Please be generous in your giving throughout the cold winter months.

Please place your winter gift of warmth in the boxes located in the Volunteer Room. Thank you for your support of this special outreach to those in need during the winter months.

Additional information: www.unityhealthcare.org and www.christhouse.org

Point-of-contact: Janet Jacewicz - jjacewicz@gmail.com / (703) 231-4973.



WINTER WORK DAYS WITH LOCAL HABITAT AFFILIATE

Want to work with Habitat for Humanity in our own backyard? Get a head start on getting ready for the 2020 Summer Mission Project? The next workdays for the Fairfax Interfaith Coalition for Habitat (FICH) with Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia are Wednesday, Jan. 15, Saturday, February 8 and Wednesday, March 4, from 8:30-3:00. For all these dates, we will be working (indoors) on an extensive rehab off Telegraph Road and 495 in the Alexandria portion of Fairfax County. Volunteers supply their own lunch and Habitat supplies water and tools. If you're interested in joining volunteers from other local congregations on any of these dates, contact Mary Frase, the Lewinsville representative to FICH, at maryjfrase@gmail.com or (703) 536-4091.

2020 WINTER MISSION PROJECT



Lewinsville is excited for this year's Winter Mission Project!

We will be serving God in the McLean community and Washington D.C. Throughout Christmas break, college students and young adults will have the opportunity to serve at the Falls Church Homeless Shelter, Miriam's Kitchen, and LRR.

For more information, please speak with Rev. Annamarie or Linda Bender. We are so excited for the opportunity to serve in our neighborhood.



HELPING THE HOMELESS

NEWS FROM OUR LEWINSVILLE FAMILY

MEMBERS IN INDEPENDENT LIVING, NURSING HOMES & CARE CENTERS

ASHBY PONDS: Quinn and Celia Morrison, Evelyn Jones, Fran Kogon, Richard Rager

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES: Dee Custer, Nancy Miller

THE FALLSTEAD: Margie Roe

THE GARDENS AT FAIR OAKS: Mary Partridge

GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH: Charles and Mary Hutchison

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD: Joanne Field

THE HERMITAGE: Margot Scheffey

THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON: Fran Pearce

THE KENSINGTON, FALLS CHURCH: Michael Werner, Bob Heilen

LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE: Louise Fox, Jane Gardner, Dong Lee, Lurleen Ogle, Lucille Quinn, Mina Sulaiman

SUNRISE, MCLEAN: Betty Palmer

VINSON HALL, MCLEAN: Elaine Baker, Jean and Charlie Mertz, Helen Martin

WESTMINSTER AT LAKE RIDGE: Lora Watson

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to ALL Lewinsville couples celebrating JANUARY wedding anniversaries.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Liz and Michael Tamburri on the birth of their son, Landon Michael Tamburri, on December 12. The proud grandparents are Ed and Kirsten Kenney

DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Betty Douglass on the death of her brother, Dick Burlison, on December 2.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Joe Parisi on the death of his grandmother, Alfia (Freda) Parisi, on December 3.

THANK YOU

With grateful hearts, we wish to thank the congregation and pastors of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church for all of the cards, emails and telephone messages expressing concern and good wishes. We also wish to thank you for the beautiful flowers and the hospital and home visits, but most especially for the prayers for us during the last four months as Paul recovered from double bypass surgery on August 2. Your love and care for us during a difficult time were greatly appreciated.

Paul and Rosalind Phillips and Laura, Dennis and Ashley Barghaan

Single SENIORS

Single seniors are warmly invited to our next monthly fellowship lunch in the **Chapel Friday, January 10**, at 11:30 am. We will be privileged to have Pastor Scott Ramsey share his personal life story. Bring \$5 for a simple lunch. For further information and to RSVP, contact Lois Dokken (manpadokken@aol.com / 703 789-0617) or Wendy Maiwurm (wmaiwurm@gmail.com / 703 759-6705).



YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT JANUARY 24

On January 24, the Young Adult Ministry will be hosting its first Game Night of the year. At 7:30pm, all young adults are invited to gather in the chapel for some games, snacks, and fellowship. Please bring friends and games you are interested in playing. We can't wait for a little healthy competition.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: JANUARY

The month of January is filled with exciting Youth Fellowship opportunities. We plan to join together for food, fellowship, and discussion each Sunday night.

On January 5, we will play games and discuss New Year Resolutions. On January 12, we will have a game night and youth will have the opportunity to play their favorite board games. We also look forward to the Annual Ski Retreat on January 17-19. On January 26, we plan to have our annual Doubt Night. January is sure to be a great month for the Youth at LPC.



YOUTH SKI TRIP JAN 17-19

The Annual Youth Ski Retreat is scheduled for January 17-19. We will be driving to Wintergreen for some fun, fellowship, and skiing. This retreat will be a highlight of the Youth Ministry program year. Ask Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom for details about registering.

Registration packets are due on January 5.

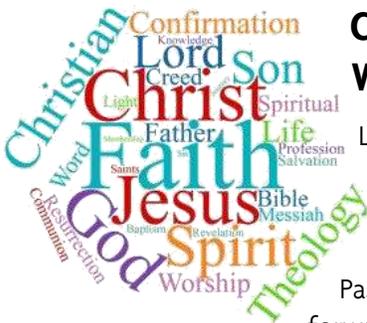


**SUNDAY, JAN. 5
9:30-11:00 A.M.**

THEME: FISHING FOR PEOPLE

AN INFORMAL STYLE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY INVOLVING CELEBRATION, STORY, SINGING, CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AND SHARING A MEAL TOGETHER!

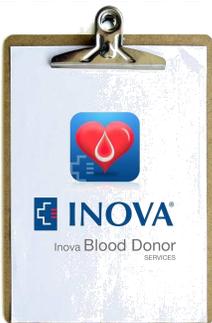
HELD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



**CONFIRMATION
WINTER/SPRING 2020**

LPC is excited to have a Confirmation class this coming Winter/Spring 2020! The class will be led by Pastor Scott and Pastor Annamarie. We look forward to starting this Confirmation

Journey on February 9 and Confirmation Sunday will be on Pentecost, May 31. We are also attending the Reformed Institute Confirmation Retreat. If you know of an 8th-10th grader interested in diving deeper into their faith and going on this Confirmation journey, please let Pastor Annamarie know!



The next blood drive is Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 7:45am to 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up to give on the church website or before and after the church services in St. Andrews Hall on January 12th and January 19th.

**JANUARY 2020 UPDATE
FROM THE BUILDING
TASK FORCE**

LeMay Erickson architects and representatives from our contractor, Whitener Jackson, presented updated construction costs to the Building Task Force in



November. To no one's surprise, costs have increased over the most recent six months, but not so much that they exceed the contingency built into the original estimate. In other words, the scope of the project remains the same. As the new year begins, our architects remain at work on final design documents. The congregation will have an opportunity to review these plans before the architects are given a green light to proceed with preparation of final documents.

The month of January will see the county give a first review of the site plan. Any required revisions will be submitted for a second review before the end of January. The Task Force anticipates that a second review will be completed by the end of February.

A Sustainable Building Practices Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been adopted by representatives of the architects, the task force and the Earth Care team. The MOU, accepted by Session in November, means all parties with an environmental interest will be working closely to make sure the renovation remains sensitive to environmental issues. A Landscape Committee, consisting of members of the Task Force, Facilities Committee and Earth Care Team, will work to develop a master landscape plan for the church and cemetery. Finally, to assure that the newly renovated building will have state-of-the-art communication/teaching technology installed, a subcommittee of the task force is working with the architect and consultants to accommodate this requirement in the final drawings.

**LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BLOOD MOBILE
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, January 26, 2020
7:45 am to 12:15 pm
Fellowship Hall**



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SAVE THE DATE:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 9:45-10:45 AM
COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE JANUARY 17

CHESTERBROOK VALENTINE DAY PROGRAM

The choirs of Lewinsville will be singing a Valentine's Day Program Sunday, February 16 at Chesterbrook Residence at 3:30 pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact John Nothaft at jnothaft@lewinsville.org for more information.



RESOLVE TO BE GREEN IN 2020

As you clean up after Christmas, are you feeling overburdened by all the plastic, paper, and “stuff” associated with celebrating Christmas? Now is a great time to begin thinking about simplifying your life, and treading more lightly on our God-given home, by making some **Green New Year’s Resolutions**. Here are ten suggestions to get you started (pay special attention to #1 – doing that will help you engage with further lifestyle changes!).



1. **Commit to attending the LPC Adult Education Module in March (4 Sundays) on the topic of Christian Simplicity.**
2. **Drink from a reusable bottle.**
3. **Say no to plastic straws at restaurants.**
4. **Use re-usable shopping bags.**
5. **Recycle following the rules set by your trash service.**
6. **Teach kids about earth care.**
7. **Vary your diet – explore plant-based options.**
8. **Use the cold water setting when washing clothes.**
9. **Shop for products with less packaging.**
10. **Reduce energy consumption. Opt for LED lights, and turn off electronic devices instead of leaving them on stand-by.**

(Go online for a fuller description of these 10 actions)