



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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April/May 2020

**SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR APRIL**

**HOLY WEEK BEGINS**

APRIL 5, service online at 11:00 a.m.

**PALM SUNDAY**

Virtual Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a

*"From Acclaim to Abuse"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Virtual Taizé <https://youtu.be/IsTO9kdAFk8>

APRIL 9, service online at 7:30 p.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Virtual Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Luke 22:14-27

*"All That We Remember"*

Rev. Jen Dunfee

APRIL 10, service online at 7:30 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Isaiah 52:13-53; John 19:16b-30

*"It is Finished"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

APRIL 12, service online at 11:00 a.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY AND THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

Virtual Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Matthew 28:1-10

*"With Fear and Great Joy"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

APRIL 19, service online at 11:00 a.m.

**EARTH CARE SUNDAY IN RECOGNITION OF EARTH DAY**

2nd Sunday of Easter

Genesis 2:4b-9; Proverbs 3:13-18; Revelation 22:1-5

*"The Tree of Life"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

APRIL 26, service online at 11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35

*"What It Takes To Open Our Eyes"*

Rev. Jen Dunfee

*Holy Week Schedule*

Sunday, April 5

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10



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**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M.

**VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

JEREMIAH 31:1-6; MATTHEW 28:1-10

*"WITH FEAR AND GREAT JOY"*

REV. DR. SCOTT RAMSEY



**EASTER SUNDAY SELFIES:**

For the online worship service on Easter Sunday, we are hoping to create a slideshow of photographs of people in the Lewinsville church family, all holding up a sign that says, "He Is Risen!" We invite you to take a picture of yourself or your family with your "He Is Risen!" sign and email the photo to [roland@mcelroyassoc.com](mailto:roland@mcelroyassoc.com).

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

*Do not be afraid.*

As we move into Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in the coming days, we are reminded that these words constitute the essential Easter proclamation: Do not be afraid. As the pastor father of one of my best friends said each year at Easter, *“Jesus Christ has overcome sin and the grave. Therefore, we do not need to be afraid—of anyone, or anything, anymore.”*

These words are needed and especially appropriate at the time of our deaths. But let us not be mistaken; they apply throughout our lives, every single day. Fear is an all-too-common commodity in the world. Political figures have always been tempted to prey upon it (to get us to follow them or vote for them); advertisers and marketers try to cultivate it (to get us to buy their products); and fear and anxiety can easily become the air that we breathe.

But the gospel introduces a bracing shot of courage, hope, and energy into this atmosphere, announcing to us that fear is not an appropriate response to our lives, because the triune God of Israel, known to us in Jesus Christ, is sovereign and is making all things new.

Now, what this does not mean is that we should be foolish. We can still get sick (the coronavirus is reminding us of this with great force); we will still get hurt and find ourselves in troubling situations; we will still make mistakes and hurt others.

But we do not need to be afraid of those things, because they do not define our lives. The presence of God defines our lives. And because we find our identity and our ultimate security in God, we can walk away from fear and thereby become more useful to the world. (After all, the world is not much helped by people who are panicking.) In the midst of the grief, trouble, and fear of the world, the church can live as a people who make wise decisions, who are compassionate towards those who are suffering, who speak out for what is right, and who live with unceasing joy.

That is what it looks like to be an Easter people.

Blessings for your journey,

Pastor Scott



## CELEBRATING VIRTUAL COMMUNION



This year, due to the changes we have made in our celebration of the Lord's Day we will celebrate *Virtual Communion*.

- ◆ To participate, you are invited to prepare for the service by gathering bread and wine (or some approximate substitute like crackers and grape juice, or similar elements).
- ◆ During the online service, we will walk through the communion celebration in a way similar to in-person worship and direct participants at home.



Important things are happening with the staff at Lewinsville. Several key aspects:

- ◆ The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has begun its work of searching for the next installed Associate Pastor. Please hold the members of the APNC in your prayers: Jack Calhoun, Bruce Douglass, Mary Frase, Siobhan Grayson, Elaine Guth, Meggie Lineberger, Doug Smith, and our liaison with the Committee on Ministry, Paul Dornan from New York Avenue.
- ◆ A search committee for an Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator (chaired by Bruce Douglass from the Personnel Committee) is seeking to hire an individual to coordinate and lead the church's youth ministry during the period of the APCN search. We hope to have someone on board by this summer.
- ◆ During the period of the APNC search, Rev. Jen Dunfee will be enlarging her area of responsibilities to include leadership and support of the church's Congregational Care ministry. In particular, this will involve support of the ChristCare Small Group ministry and other small groups at the church.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott or Clay McConnell, chair of the Personnel Committee.



# How Lewinsville Is Responding



Dear friends of Lewinsville,

During this season with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, many of us are living with *anxiety* and *fear* and *grief*. These are normal human reactions. Many of us can feel *overwhelmed* by the news and by the scope of the problem. This is also normal. We do not need to feel badly for having normal human reactions. As we move through these days, there are several things that we can bear in mind that may help during this time.

**Be kind.** In times of high anxiety, it can be a natural reaction to close down towards others or to lash out at them. If we find ourselves doing this, we shouldn't beat up on ourselves because, after all, we're human beings and we're imperfect. But we can also set an intention for ourselves to be kind to others and to ourselves. We can remember that others are also living under great stress, which may help us to respond more compassionately if they are acting in ways that are less than constructive. (We can also extend that same compassion to ourselves if we are the ones who are being less than constructive!)

**Remember the poor.** The effects of this pandemic will fall most heavily – as is the case with virtually all disasters and crises – on those who are most vulnerable. The homeless, the poor, the refugees, those who have very little in the way of a safety net or support network. This crisis will fall very heavily on them, and it is up to those of us who have resources to marshal those resources and to advocate for their deployment in ways that bring help and relief to those who will need it the most.

**Notice the small blessings.** In the midst of the great challenges we are facing, we can set an intention for ourselves to keep our hearts and minds, our eyes and ears, open to notice the small acts of kindness, the moments of tender mercy, and the glimpses of beauty that will cross our path. *These blessings will happen because the universe is like that.* But it is also possible to miss them entirely, especially if our minds are clouded with too much resentment or cynicism or fear.

**Trust in God for guidance.** God never promised us a smooth ride. The road of life is often bumpy. That is the reality of life. But God does promise to be with us every step of the way, “to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20). God promises to guide us, all along the way, if we will listen for God's leading.

If the church can help or support you in any way during this time, do not hesitate to reach out. If you know of someone in special need – whether that need is related to the coronavirus pandemic or not – do not hesitate to reach out. We will get through this. **Together.**



## HOSTING A ZOOM CHURCH MEETING

During this time of the coronavirus pandemic, many normal church operations have changed. Chiefly, we are not gathering for in-person worship. Another change is that we are no longer gathering for in-person classes, meetings, or small group gatherings. By this time, many of you may have already participated in a videoconference version of one of these. Sunday school classes, Confirmation classes, Session meetings, ChristCare group gatherings, Ministry Group meetings and more have already been taking place via the Zoom videoconference platform.

The church has purchased the licenses for up to four simultaneous church gatherings on the Zoom platform. We now have “four Zooms.” If you are interested in taking advantage of this platform for your church-related class, meeting, or group, you may reach out to Sandy Albrecht ([salbrecht@lewinsville.org](mailto:salbrecht@lewinsville.org)). Previously, it was common for a group leader to reach out to Sandy to schedule a meeting, and she would assign that leader a “room.” Now she will assign you a “Zoom,” and she will give you the necessary instructions for hosting a group.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to reach out to Sandy or to Pastor Scott



# CHALLENGE



## Easter - Style



### INTRODUCING:

### MINI-MESS: BRINGING THE MESS HOME

While we are under a "shelter-in-place" order (March-May) and can not come together for our regular Messy Church activities and fellowship, we have developed a weekly email publication to help keep some of the focus on the season and celebration of the church year...and give bored kids and frustrated Moms and Dads some fun and "Christian Educational" activities to do together at home.

The *Mini-Mess* publications will include links to film clips for Bible stories and songs, activity suggestions with directions and prayer activities for children & families.

- ◆ Watch for it in your inbox or you can access the *Mini-Mess* on the Lewinsville website.
- ◆ More ideas and Easter fun can also be found in the monthly *Kid's Stuff*.

### HOLY WEEK EDITION



### WHAT:

A MINUTE-2-WIN-IT EASTER CHALLENGE

PLAY THE EASTER MINUTE-2-WIN-IT GAMES IN FAMILY TEAMS

### WHO:

MESSY CHURCH KIDS, YOUTH AND PARENTS

### WHEN:

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 BEGINNING AT 4:00 P.M.

### WHERE:

THROUGH YOUR COMPUTER OR IPHONE-ON ZOOM

GATHER YOUR TEAM AND ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE! SIGN UP BY CLICKING THE ZOOM BUTTON ABOVE. A ZOOM INVITATION WITH A LINK TO THE GATHERING WILL BE SENT TO YOUR INBOX. ON THE DAY OF THE CHALLENGE CLICK ON THE LINK TO JOIN THE GAME.

### SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED TO COLLECT FOR THE

### GAMES:

PLASTIC EGGS (AT LEAST 2 DOZEN)

LARGE MARSHMALLOWS

BLINDFOLD

BASKET OR BUCKET

WOODEN YARD STICK



BIRD PEEPS + BUNNY PEEPS

JELLY BEANS

STRAWES + SPOONS

BOWL + PLATES

CANDY COATED MINI EGGS



### CONFIRMATION CLASS

MEETING SUNDAYS

APRIL 19-MAY 17 11 A.M.

VIA ZOOM

### YOUTH ZOOM HANGOUTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 6 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 6 P.M.



## PALM SUNDAY CLASSES

APRIL 5

9:45-10:45 A.M. ON ZOOM



# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## MODULE 6 CLASSES

APRIL 19-MAY 17

9:45-10:45 A.M. ON ZOOM

### THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

LED BY LINTON BROOKS

SUNDAY 9:45-10:45 A.M.

APRIL 5 ON ZOOM



The Triumphal Entry is when Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey while the crowds threw down their cloaks and waved palms; what we know as Palm Sunday. This event is one of the few that is recorded in all four Gospels. Putting all the accounts together it appears that the Triumphal Entry was a significant event not only the people of Jesus' day but to Christians in our own time.

Join this class through the link provided in the "Thursday Mail".

### CHRISTIAN SIMPLICITY

LED BY REV JEN DUNFEE & JOHN CLEWETT

SUNDAY 9:45-10:45 A.M.

APRIL 5 ON ZOOM

This is the final session for the Lenten study on Christian Simplicity which looked at how prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a help to be more intentional in our use of food, water and energy resources.

Join this class through the link provided in the "Thursday Mail".

### Easter Study Pack



### EASTER STUDY

LED BY MEMBERS OF THE  
ADULT EDUCATION GROUP  
SUNDAYS 9:45-10:45 A.M.  
APRIL 19-MAY 17  
ON ZOOM

Acknowledging and celebrating the resurrection of Christ is the most important aspect of our faith. Easter is the longest season of the church year, lasting fifty days until Pentecost (which means fifty in Greek). This five week study allow us to explore the depth of the meaning of the resurrection.

APRIL 19 BIBLICAL ACCOUNTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION PART 1

APRIL 26 BIBLICAL ACCOUNTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION PART 2

MAY 3 FOUR ACCOUNTS OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

MAY 10 DOES GOD DEMAND BLOOD?

MAY 17 THE MEANING OF SALVATION

**REGISTER**

SUBMIT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE THE LINK TO THE CLASS OR JOIN THE CLASS THROUGH THE THURSDAY MAIL

### BIBLE PROJECT-CHURCH AT HOME DISCUSSIONS

LED BY ALLISON & MEGGIE  
LINEBERGER

SUNDAYS 9:45-10:45 A.M.

APRIL 19-MAY 17

ON ZOOM

At a time of crisis we need to engage with Scripture. The Bible Project has provided a means to do just that. The Project has provided a Bible Project film, a short audio message from Rev. Tim Mackie, 3-5 Scripture readings, and 6-8 Discussion questions for a separate theme each week. These materials will be sent to participants for review and "pondering" and we will gather together as a Zoom Group each week to discuss and share our insights with one another.

SUBMIT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE MATERIALS AND LINK TO THE DISCUSSION. MATERIALS CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE BIBLEPROJECT.COM

**REGISTER**



### INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING A ZOOM MEETING:

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT "ATTENDED" A ZOOM MEETING BEFORE, IT IS (RELATIVELY) PAINLESS.

1. Enter the Zoom Meeting by clicking on the link that was provided through an email "invite" or in the Thursday Mail.
2. Follow the on-screen prompts until you get to enter the meeting ID and the password or if you prefer to join the meeting by telephone only, please dial in using the phone number provided and the password.
3. When you log on to the meeting, please enable computer audio on the first screen, then select "start video". Select "Gallery View" (on the top right part of your computer) to see members on screen (a la "Hollywood Squares"). Then mute yourself onscreen until you want to talk, to reduce extraneous noise.

# 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: Bob Heilen

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

SUNRISE, MCLEAN: Betty Palmer

VIENNA MANOR, VIENNA: Steve Stephenson

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

WESTMINSTER AT LAKE RIDGE: Lora Watson

## ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to ALL Lewinsville couples celebrating APRIL wedding anniversaries. The following couples are celebrating a milestone occasion:

- ◆ Henry and Brigitte Rais - 58 years on April 6
- ◆ Clay and Libby McConnell - 30 years on April 14
- ◆ Dwight and Nina Jasmann - 58 years on April 28

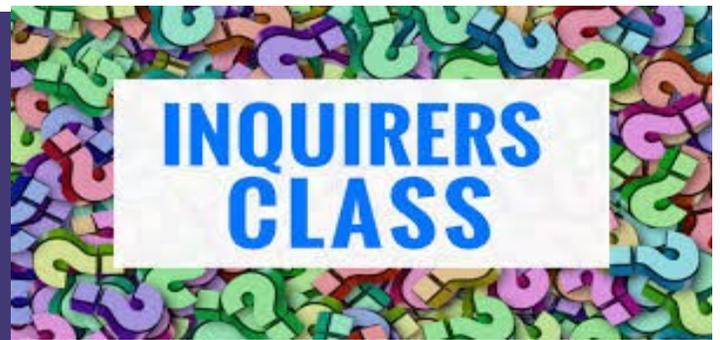
## BIRTHS

Congratulations to Neal and Meghan Tullos on the birth of their daughter, Helena Ann Marie, on March 8. The proud grandparents are Rich and Janice Tullos.

## DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are with Jim Tenney and family on the recent death of his uncle, Charles Tenney.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Doug, Lindsay, and Steven Trout on the death of their father, Doug Trout on February 26.



**LED BY PASTOR SCOTT AND REV. JEN DUNFEE**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 19-MAY 17 9:45-10:45 A.M.**  
**ON ZOOM**

As Lewinsville moves into this new season of mission and ministry, would you be interested in joining Lewinsville Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in exploring, with a group of other folks at a similar point in their journeys, what participation in the life of a local congregation might look like?

If you are, then plan to join us for the next "Inquirers Class", which will begin on Sunday, April 19 via ZOOM. We will meet during the education hour, from 9:45 until 10:45 a.m.

Over the course of the class, we will explore our personal spiritual journeys, talk about the core beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and about the mission and ministry of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church at this point in its life. It is a wonderful opportunity to explore and learn together.

If you have any questions and/or would like to join the class, reach out to Pastor Scott with your email address so that a link to the Zoom Class can be sent to you.



**WATCH YOUR INBOX FOR WEEKLY UPDATES AND INFORMATION FROM THE CHURCH TO HELP US STAY CONNECTED:**

- ◆ MONDAY MESSAGES-THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD
- ◆ TUESDAY PRAYERS
- ◆ WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
- ◆ THURSDAY MAIL & MINI-MESS FOR FAMILIES
- ◆ FRIDAY FORTISSIMO
- ◆ SATURDAY MISSION & SERVICE





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Homestretch is Northern Virginia’s largest transitional housing provider for homeless families with children. Homestretch serves over 100 families with over 300 children each year. Homestretch empowers homeless parents with children to attain permanent housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge, and hope they need to become productive participants in the community. Volunteers from Lewinsville Presbyterian Church (LPC) teach, tutor, and coach families in financial competency, health and wellness practices, nutrition, and parenting skills. Other supporters provide food and transportation. Good Samaritan Day volunteers paint, repair, and beautify Homestretch properties so families can move into fresh homes. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Dave Porterfield at [Porterfield.dave@gmail.com](mailto:Porterfield.dave@gmail.com).

## BUILDING TASK FORCE UPDATE



Disruption and dislocation forced upon our lives by the arrival of the coronavirus has also forced the many groups that have been conducting regular meetings in Heritage Hall to seek earlier than expected moves to alternative venues. Most had already planned to be out of the building by June 1 to accommodate our renovation. Still we regret the inconvenience to all of them.

As of this writing our architect and general contractor are working closely with Fairfax County to gain approval of final permits. Securing the various permits required for this ambitious project has been a time consuming but necessary exercise.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has pushed our timetable for a groundbreaking and initial construction into June—perhaps longer. Details will be announced in the May newsletter.

Funds contributed by members for the renovation project have been invested by the Foundation in short term CDs that are fully insured. That should bring some comfort to those who have made generous contributions to this highly anticipated project.



## FROM THE SMP PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Our participants are top of mind and particularly their health and safety. We are taking the recommendations from public health officials in

the state very seriously and carefully considering them as we plan ahead. Given the speed with which circumstances are changing and because we are still three months away, SMP remains scheduled for June 21 -27. We will be monitoring the situation closely and will be making decisions regarding how to move forward as events unfold. We encourage everyone who is interested to sign up but please do not send payment until we can confirm plans one way or the other.

Registration for the Summer Mission Project 2020 is now open! We will be returning to Staunton, Virginia (approx. 3 hours from McLean) to work with Habitat for Humanity Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro.

Sign up via the SMP website (<http://smp.lewinsville.org/home>) or contact Linda Bender ([llbender1@gmail.com](mailto:llbender1@gmail.com)) with questions.



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

In Isaiah 58, the author is addressing a people who have returned to Jerusalem, where the Temple—God’s house—was in shambles. I imagine it was a heartbreaking scene. And in that rubble, the prophet challenges the people not to rebuild the building or to restore their religious rituals, but to care for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable—the prophet called the people to become the house of God. We are called to become, as Isaiah promised long ago, “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in”.

Together, we become the household of God.

During this time of crisis, with the COVID-19 pandemic threatening, we are reminded that the most vulnerable in our midst suffer first, most and longest. One Great Hour of Sharing has, for over 70 years, supported the most vulnerable among us. Because of our support, the Church is able to deepen its commitment to serve. In the days ahead, staff of **Self-Development of People, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** will be working with presbyteries to identify and support essential congregational ministries, especially in anti-poverty work. The Church’s response to the present crisis will begin with the most at-risk communities across the country and around the world, as well as those facing spikes of racism in response to this disease.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional, or spiritual—and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat.

During these uncertain times, we depend on our church, faith, family and God’s grace to see us through. **You may make your gift in several ways: (1) if you go to the “Give Online” page of [www.lewinsville.org](http://www.lewinsville.org), you can indicate a gift to go towards One Great Hour of Sharing; (2) you may initiate an electronic funds transfer (EFT) or (3) you may send a check to the church office, made out to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, annotated, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).** Many thanks for your generous giving and support that will provide lifesaving assistance to so many suffering here at home and throughout the world during this tragic time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Pastor Scott, Pastor Jen, or Joe Parisi, chair of Mission/Service.

### Let us pray:

*Draw all people together, gracious God, and make us your house. Let our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing create a home and a wholeness for people in need, especially those suffering from the impacts of the current crisis, so that the whole human family will know your love. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE FOR WORSHIP IN MAY

### MAY 3, service online at 11:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter

#### Virtual Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

### MAY 10, service online at 11:00 a.m.

#### MOTHERS’ DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;

John 14:1-14

### MAY 17, service online at 11:00 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22;

John 14:15-21

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

#### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or 93; Ephesians 1:15-23;

Luke 24:44-53

### MAY 24, service online at 11:00 a.m.

#### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

### MAY 31, service online at 11:00 a.m.

#### DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm

104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or

Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

*Watch the Thursday Mail for updates on Sermon Titles and Themes for the Worship Services in May.*





# Christ House

**Christ House** provides health care to sick, homeless persons in the District of Columbia and assists them in addressing critical issues to help break the cycle of homelessness. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church volunteers have bought and served dinner at Christ House for over 20 years! While Christ House has temporarily suspended volunteer activities and prepared food donations during the coronavirus crisis, they are in urgent need of non-perishable food items, including: whole wheat sliced bread, canned green beans, canned baked beans, canned pinto beans, canned black eyed peas, ketchup, mayo, ground coffee, soy sauce, and olive oil.

If you are grocery shopping in the next few days and able to pick up some of these items, LPC will have donation boxes outside the (side) church entrance during the following days/times:

**Friday, April 3, 2020 12noon-2pm**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020 9am-11am**

Please observe the recommended coronavirus precautions regarding social distancing when making your donation. If another person is at the donation box, please wait in your car until they return to their car before placing your donation in the boxes. Volunteers will remove the filled boxes at the end of each donation time and deliver the items to Christ House on Saturday afternoon. If you would like to help but cannot make a food donation, please consider donating via the Christ House web site at:

<https://christhouse.org/donate/ways-give/>

Thank you very much for your support of our mission partners..

## CARE MINISTRY WHILE BEING APART



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The ministry of the Deacon and Stephen Ministers is based on the presence of Jesus, that we can be stewards of the love of Christ through our presence in visits at homes, hospitals, living and rehabilitation centers, through meal and flower delivery, through one-on-one Stephen Minister conversations of listening and care. We also provide care as a church through bringing Extended Communion to those unable to attend worship (in March, we had the largest number of communion receivers yet, at 14!) Many of the ways we best care for each other at LPC involve being together, bringing gifts of bread and cup, or actual bread and flowers, showing up when someone has a medical event, holding hands or shoulders while sharing a prayer. What does Care Ministry look like when we are apart? How do we continue to share the presence and love of Jesus Christ without being together?

The good news is that people at LPC got right to work being creative in answering these questions. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church is excellent at caring for each in regular seasons, and no surprise, is exceptional in a season of great challenge. As I have been in contact with members of the congregation through email, Zoom, phone and meetings, I have heard so many stories of people checking in on each other, offering help, sending prayers and notes of encouragement, or simply sending videos and posts to make each other laugh. We will continue to offer these moments of care and connection formally – as extended communion teams reach out to those they are unable to visit, Deacons/Stephen Ministers make calls to the congregation and write notes to our members in living facilities, and we update and share weekly prayer lists. We will also continue to find those connections informally, through checking in on each other and on those the Spirit brings to mind, and by sharing moments of joy and laughter in the midst of all that is challenging. Please stay connected to the church by making sure we have the best ways to reach you: cell phones for text/calls and email addresses, and keep sharing your prayer concerns and updates on you and your families. We continue to send the presence of Jesus Christ to you just as before, in these new ways.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jen



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## CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION IN OUR YARDS

As stewards of God's creation, we are called to take care of the

world around us and all the living things in it. We can improve the environment and benefit wildlife by what we do in our own yards, such as planting native plants. As the name implies, native plants are ones that evolved in the local environment, meaning that the plants are adapted to local conditions – soil, water, and temperature, and that local wildlife – insects, animals and birds, co-evolved with them. Because native plants are accustomed to local conditions, once established they require less maintenance than non-native plants. They are more tolerant of local conditions and require less watering and no use of fertilizer and pesticides, meaning cost savings and less runoff of toxic materials into the local watershed and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. They also provide habitat and food for native wildlife.

Non-native plants have relatively little value to wildlife as they do not recognize such plants as food. You will see far fewer insects on non-native flowers and plants than on native ones. It's not a bad thing if insects/caterpillars are eating your plants. Remember that insects are both important pollinators and a step in the food web. Without insects/caterpillars, bird populations would be severely threatened as many birds feed only caterpillars and insects to their young. Recent research (<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/news/new-smithsonian-study-links-declines-suburban-backyard-birds-presence-nonnative-plants>) on Carolina chickadees in the DC area found that maintenance of their population depended on having at least 70% native plants in the vicinity of their nests because few caterpillars were found on non-native plants while they abounded on native ones. For more information about plants native to Northern Virginia, see their beauty and diversity and which plants are suitable for different settings (sun/shade, wet/dry), consult the websites of Plant NOVA Natives (<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/>) and Audubon at Home (<https://www.audubonva.org/audubon-at-home>), which also list local native plant sales and native plant nurseries.