SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES: MICAH 6:8
SEPTEMBER 6, service online at 11:00 a.m.
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Virtual Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Exodus 12:1-14; Matthew 18:15-20
“Freedom, Conflict, and Presence”
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
7:00 p.m. Virtual Taizé Service

SEPTEMBER 13, service online at 11:00 a.m.
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 14:19-31; Matthew 18:21-35
“Presence and Forgiveness”
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
12:00 p.m. Festival Sunday Drive Through
4:30 p.m. HOOPS-A Social-Distance Kids Event

2020-21 PROGRAM YEAR STARTS
SEPTEMBER 20, service online at 11:00 a.m.
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 20:1-16
“What God Gives”
Rev. Jen Dunfee
9:30 a.m. Virtual Messy Church

SEPTEMBER 27, service online at 11:00 a.m.
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13
“The Emptiness of Desperation”
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

BEGINNING AT 12:00 NOON IN THE LOWER CHURCH PARKING LOT

Watch the worship video on Sunday, September 13th, then get in your car and come to the church parking lot for a Drive-Thru Festival Sunday Celebration.

The staff will be there to greet you and members of the Congregational Care and Membership Committee will hand out toppings for you to make an Ice Cream Sundae at home that evening.

There will be information to pick up about Christian Education, Music Ministry, Children’s and Youth ministry.

When you get to the church parking lot, follow the directions for the route of the drive-thru. The staff will be in the parking lot from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 7:00 P.M.

Lewinsville Presbyterian will regather for another outdoor worship-like experience September 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the small church parking lot. Participants are asked to park in the larger parking lot and walk up.

The theme for this upcoming Sunset Service is Exodus 14-God’s Presence in Our Lives. Attendees will share in prayers and reflections on the Word, listen to music, and participate in an interactive experience.

Registration is required and can be done through the Lewinsville website. We ask that all wear a mask and keep to social distancing guidelines. Watch the Thursday Mail in September for more detailed information about this service.
FROM THE PASTOR

Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.” — John 9:41

The tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast, and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other... — Luke 18:13-14

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

The world is organized around success, achievement, competition, winning, and being strong. Students are set up along a continuum between getting an A (“a perfect score”) and getting an F (“failure.”) When I was in high school and college, I can remember thinking of other students as falling into one of three groups: those who were cooler than me, those who were less cool than me, and those who were my equal.

Ranking people happens all the time. And it is distressingly easy for that kind of ranking mentality to seep into the church. We can rank people by how moral they are, how spiritual they are, how much they pray, how devoted they are to God/to the church/to the poor, by how frequently they attend church, by how much they give, and on and on and on.

It is so easy to fall into these traps. All of the above are “spiritualities of perfection.” With spiritualities of perfection, the goal is to become more and more perfect — whether by “perfect” we mean smart, cool, spiritual, athletic, or whatever. The goal is to climb whatever ladder of perfection is before us. It is “success-oriented religion.”

Jesus scrambles all of this, and teaches something much more like a “spirituality of imperfection.” Jesus hangs out with, eats with, and heals the wrong people — whether it is with tax collectors and sinners, Roman soldiers, or Gentiles. He consistently teaches a gospel of forgiveness. Rather than triumphing over his enemies, he allows himself to be crucified, among the most humiliating ways to die. Even when he commends perfection — “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect” — what he is commending is to love your enemies who would do you wrong, and to treat the righteous and the unrighteous with the same love (Matt. 5:43-48).

This gospel can be hard to believe, for all of us who have bought into the world’s systems of ranking, achievement, and success. It can be hard for us to imagine that we are not loved and valued for what we can accomplish and achieve. Instead, the gospel starts like the 12-step recovery movement: “We admitted we were powerless over __________ (alcohol, drugs, approval, etc.) — that our lives had become unmanageable.” That’s where it all starts. In our powerlessness, failure, confusion, brokenness, and sin. “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” We are loved, as the imperfect, broken, powerless people that we are.

May you come to know for yourself the spirituality of imperfection — and then share the same with others — the news that you are loved in your brokenness, failures, and powerlessness.

Blessings for your journey,
Pastor Scott

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES: “JUSTICE, KINDNESS, WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD”

During the month of September, our sermons will explore the theme “Justice, Kindness, Walk Humbly With Our God.” This three-fold theme comes to us from Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?” For many of us, this is a concise description of the life of faith.

“Justice” refers to our pursuit of what is right, standing up for the poor and the vulnerable, speaking up for those who do not have access to resources and power. “Kindness” refers to the practice of steadfast love, a warm-hearted regard for others that is filled with gentleness and mercy.

“Justice” and “kindness” can be in a certain tension with each other. It is possible to pursue justice, but to do so without kindness. We can act with bitterness and meanness, especially towards those who are acting in unjust ways. It is also possible to pursue kindness, but to neglect justice. We can turn a blind eye to the injustice and cruelty of the world, because we do not want to “rock the boat.” That is where the third term comes in.

“Walking humbly with God” is absolutely crucial, because God is the One who acts with both justice and kindness, who raises up the poor and shows kindness and mercy to all. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of justice and kindness; as citizens of the kingdom of God, that is the path for us, as well.
Ever since February Lewinsville’s Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has been hard at work, following the procedures prescribed in the denominational guidelines. We have been meeting weekly on the Zoom platform under the watchful eye of Paul Dornan, a ruling elder from the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church who serves as the presbytery liaison for this particular search. In July we completed our first major task, which was to provide the text for a document called the Ministry Information Form (MIF). The MIF offers a description of the position we are seeking to fill along with an indication of the sort of person we are looking for, and it is used by the PCUSA’s “Church Leadership Connection” (CLC) to match congregations seeking pastors with appropriate candidates. At a called meeting in August the Session approved the MIF text we submitted to them, and that has been submitted to the CLC folks in Louisville. We are now beginning to undertake the next big task that awaits us, which is to review the applications we will be receiving.

Bruce Douglass

HERITAGE HALL RENOVATION ON TRACK FOR 10-MONTH COMPLETION

In spite of the health crisis we are experiencing, the building task force, through the magic of ZOOM meetings, has kept us on a path to see serious demolition this month.

All furniture, educational materials and important church documents/records have been moved to off-campus storage for the duration of the renovation. Tile flooring has been removed from all three levels. A project manager has been retained to oversee the entire effort.

The new Heritage Hall will be capable of launching a variety of new ministries to serve our community and beyond. Adult program coordinators, for example, may choose to livestream a lecture series to an internet community that has never experienced Lewinsville teaching. Each classroom will be equipped with the technology required.

We are at the half way point in our 36-month capital campaign, and have received more than sixty percent of the total dollars pledged. If you have not made a pledge or contributed a generous gift for this project, there is still time to get onboard. You may make a gift or pledge online from the website, www.lewinsville.org. And if you find yourself slightly behind on your pledge payments today, now is a good time to catch up, if you are able.

“These are exciting times for Lewinsville,” said Pastor Scott Ramsey. “These renovations will equip Lewinsville to pursue our purpose of loving and serving God by responding to human need in fresh, innovative, and faithful ways.”

Watch for regular progress reports in the newsletter and periodic updates in the online Sunday worship services.
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?

If you watched the online recording of the August 9 worship service, the beautiful prelude you enjoyed was created by a 150-year-old reed organ.

But not just any reed organ. It was the first organ in service at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, and was in continuous service for more than thirty years—from around 1870 until the early 1900s. Many have seen it in the chapel where it sat quietly for decades, waiting to be rediscovered. When the church was moving furniture out in preparation for the Heritage hall renovation, John Nothaft sat down and tried it for the first time. He was delighted to discover its “sweet” sound.

Before the purchase of the reed organ after the Civil War, the church was unable to offer instrumental accompaniment to hymns sung by the choir and congregation. The organ was manufactured by Prince and Company of Buffalo, New York. This particular model was sold widely from the 1860s until the late 1880s. The manufacturer proudly claimed it could “play 609 notes.”

Background information on all Lewinsville organs can be found in the church history, Pilgrims and Pioneers Always, available from the church office.

Do (or should) Christians have a unique, faith-based perspective on major issues of public policy? At a time of growing partisan tension and rancor and facing a contentious election, we will hold another session of the Lewinsville Forum, our long-running venue for looking at specific public policy issues through the eyes of faith.

At a minimum we will discuss (1) police reform focusing on where things stand in Fairfax County. We will discuss Fairfax County Police statistics that show a 5-to-1 disparity in the use of force against Blacks in the County, other reform issues, and possible solutions, (2) how Christians—especially white Christians—should deal with the legacy of slavery, focusing our discussion on the question of reparations or other means of reconciliation (formal apology, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, non-monetary reparations), (3) legal immigration and whether the recent restrictions on it raise issues for Christians (we will include legal asylum but not issues relating to the southern border or to our attitude toward the millions of undocumented individuals now in the United States, topics we have discussed in the past).

We are still considering which other topics to cover (we have two open Sudays). The facilitators would welcome specific suggestions which can be sent to Linton.brooks@cox.net. The discussions in each week will be self-contained, so participants can attend as many or as few sessions as they wish. All classes will be via Zoom.

The goal of these sessions is not to tell anyone how to vote or to select among alternatives but to see how our faith colors our approach to any alternative. The facilitators have both served in government, one in a senior position in a Democratic Congress and the other in senior positions in the executive branch under Republican Presidents. Their goal will be to force us to confront the implications of our faith, not to evaluate (much less promote) specific partisan solutions.

Leaders:
David Morrison
Linton Brooks
Adrian Steel (Fairfax County police issues)
Due to the coronavirus Pandemic, Lewinsville will not hold in-person Messy Church. So Messy Church is going VIRTUAL and here’s how:

1. A Package containing the supplies for all the crafts and activities for the month will be sent to your home. These supplies will also contain the weekly Mini Mess activities that follow the monthly Messy Church theme.

2. Once a month we will hold a Zoom Messy Church on Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending with a family worship service.

3. The link to the monthly Messy Church Zoom will be sent via email to participants.

4. The Mini Mess publications will be sent weekly via email for parents and children to learn from and enjoy at home.

5. Adult Break-Out Zoom will be held the Sundays following Messy Church to continue the exploration of the theme.

This fall (September–October) we will be offering a special hybrid class that combines Messy Church for children and youth with adult education for parents.

**“WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE (FOR ME)”?**

This class will be a chance for parents and children to come together to learn about the Bible.

- What is it? Why is it so important?
- What is it’s one story? And how do all the other stories fit into the one?
- And most importantly, what does it have to do with me?

Once a month a Messy Church will be held as an introduction to the theme for the Month followed by “break out” sessions guided by Mini Mess activities on the following Sundays.

The once-a-month Messy Church will feature family activities that introduce the Biblical message and a family worship time that will feature storytelling, music and communion.

**September Schedule/Theme:**

- **September 20** Messy Church: “What’s In The Bible (For Me)? Part 1 - Old Testament
- **Sept. 27 & Oct 4** Adult Break-Outs & Mini Mess Exploring the Old Testament

Do we have your address?

Email your address & number of children to alineberger@lewinsville.org
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
BRIGHTVIEW, GREAT FALLS: Elizabeth McKenna
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, Bob and Beverly Johnson
THE KENSINGTON, FALLS CHURCH: Bob Heilen
LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE: Louise Fox, Jane Gardner, Dong Lee, Lurleen Ogle, Lucille Quinn, Mina Sulaiman
VIENNA MANOR, FAIRFAX: Steve Stephenson
VINSON HALL, MCLEAN: Elaine Baker, Jean and Charlie Mertz, Helen Martin
THE VIRGINIAN: Don Robb
WESTMINSTER AT LAKE RIDGE: Lora Watson

ANNIVERSARIES
Congratulations to ALL Lewinsville couples celebrating September wedding anniversaries. The following couples are celebrating a milestone occasion:
♦ Bob and Cathy Gaugler – 55 years on September 4
♦ Dick and Caroline Van Wagoner – 62 years on September 6
♦ Vern and Janet Gale – 54 years on September 10
♦ Rich and Janice Tullos – 51 years on September 14
♦ David and Mary Smith – 35 years on September 21
♦ Bob and Joyce Johnson – 56 years on September 26

BIRTHS
Congratulations to Nancy and Greg Kren on the birth of their son, Levi Joseph Kren, on August 9. The proud grandparents are Kathy and David Porterfield.

DEATHS
Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Duane McKenna, who died on July 1. We hold his wife, Betty, and daughter, Kirsten Kenney, and family in prayer. Duane and Betty would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in October. Duane was a member of Lewinsville for 40 years and served on the Board of Deacons. He illustrated bulletin covers on a scripture theme for the Sunday services, and designed the Lewinsville tapestry to commemorate the 150th anniversary Lewinsville of LPC that Betty and others stitched. A number of Duane’s paintings of Lewinsville are displayed at the church. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Hazel (Billie) Hiemstra who died on July 25, and hold her husband, Steve, and family in prayer. Steve and Billie would have celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in September. Billie has been a long-time member of Lewinsville, an active member of Circle 3, and had an organizing role in the Adult Club. She was also on the Board of Directors at Ingleside, a Presbyterian retirement community. An interment service was held on July 28.

We give thanks to God for the promise of resurrection life for Sylvia van Voorthuizen on her death on August 15, and hold her husband, Henk, and sons Peter, Kees, and Johan and family in prayer. Sylvia has been a member of Lewinsville for 45 years and was active in the music program and choir at Lewinsville, along with the ChristCare Seekers group. Henk has asked that people refrain from phone calls at this time, but notes and prayers would be most welcome. Plans are being made for a small, family-oriented service in the coming days.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Rachel Russell and family on the death of her mother, Natalie Russell, on July 3.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Vera Brechbiel and family on the death of her mother, Ruth Brechbiel, on July 23.

The Inquirers Class is designed for you. This fall there will be a class offered on ZOOM during the Christian Education time on Sunday mornings September 20-October 18 and each class lasts 1 hour, beginning at 9:45am.

At the conclusion of the class, participants are given the opportunity to become members of Lewinsville Church. Led by Pastor Scott Ramsey

***You can join the class by calling the church office or by registering online at lewinsville.org
CREATION CARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

“When we take our air, waters and land for granted; when we show a simple lack of respect for nature and our environment, we unmake God’s good creation.” — John Lewis

Mourned as a civil rights icon and the conscience of Congress, Representative John Lewis was also a long-time champion of environmental justice. He introduced “Environmental Justice Act” legislation in 1992, and a similar bill in every subsequent session of Congress.

What exactly is environmental justice? The EPA describes it as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. It will be achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.”

Those living in low-wealth areas, mostly people of color, have shouldered disproportional burdens caused by pollution and climate change. The Sierra Club recently declared that “the fight for environmental justice cannot be separated from the fight for racial justice.” Fortunately, in 2020, Virginia’s General Assembly established the Virginia Council on Environmental Justice (VCEJ) to ensure fair treatment and meaningful participation of all frontline communities when assessing environmental risks and benefits.

In 2019 Rep. Lewis reminded us, “Clean air and clean water are rights, not privileges. We have a right to know what is in the food we eat, what is in the water we drink, and what is in the air we breathe. Each and every one of us must cherish this planet, for it is likely the only home we will ever know.... We have a moral responsibility to lead, and the time to act is now.”

Though it doesn’t feel like back-to-school time from years past, the Lewinsville Youth are excited for the year ahead and committed to keeping this community strong as we all continue to cope with the ways Covid-19 has affected our lives. While many of our gatherings will continue to meet on Zoom, we are also working on hosting a variety of events to keep things interesting, such as the return of Youth Dinners and introducing Saturday morning Coffee and Convos, which will take place once a month (coffee not required to attend). Lastly, starting at our Youth Kick-Off on August 30th, the youth will participate in a Secret Pen-Pal Challenge for the whole fall semester as a way to stay connected and even make new friends while we are apart. We know that it’s been hard to find ways to stay connected, and sometimes it might seem easier to just check out, but we hope that you’ll plan to participate in some of our events this fall as we bare witness to the unfolding of God’s kingdom here at Lewinsville.

AUGUST
30th Sunday – Youth Fellowship Fall Kick Off over Zoom 6 pm

SEPTEMBER
6th Sunday – No Youth Fellowship, Labor Day weekend
9th Wednesday – Youth Dinner over Zoom 6:30 pm
13th Sunday – Festival Sunday Drive-thru
4:30 pm -Program area gathering
20th Sunday – Youth Fellowship over Zoom 6 pm
26th Saturday – Coffee and Convos Zoom 9 am
27th Sunday – Youth Fellowship over Zoom 6 pm
I have heard people describe feeling exhausted and weary by the ongoing weight of Covid-19 deaths, illness and the economic impact; the disruption of routine and schedules, particularly among families and in the workplace; the focus on racial inequality that shows how wide a gap exists and how much work is needed to bridge it; and the polarization of our country’s political system. There are so many places for care of neighbors, from the needs of an individual who God places in front of you, to the big picture efforts for God’s justice. As we approach an election season with so much cultural animosity and disregard of people with differing political viewpoints, I offer the following considerations for loving our neighbors at LPC (and with friends, family, in our communities) across the political divide. Jesus lived in the context of the political, social, economic, and cultural world of his day. He was anointed by the Spirit to “bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4) He meant this as a general call to his future disciples in the church across the ages, but also in the specific ways that people in his day experienced poverty, captivity, blindness, and oppression. We are disciples of Jesus in a particular year, and we are called to be Jesus’ disciples in the political, social, economic and cultural contexts that we live. It is not possible to transcend politics in living out the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not align with a particular political party in his day, even though there were religious and political groups he could have represented. Instead, he applied his views of God’s love and justice to each person and situation he encountered. He challenged those in power to reflect on their hypocrisy, exclusionary practices, and creation of unfair systems of wealth and access. (Continued on the next page)
To be a Christian today does not mean aligning with a particular group or political party. Faithful servants of Jesus, living as his disciples, could, and perhaps even should, appear at different places on the political spectrum. No one party is the party of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore we should see variety in how Christians practice their faith in the political world. Christians should strive to explain how their viewpoints on politics, social structures, economics and culture align with the scriptures, the life of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A considerable amount of Paul’s letters address reconciliation within the Body of Christ, due to divisions from religious background, status of gifts and work, practices of worship, who one identifies as a leader, among many, many others. Paul urges reconciliation since divisions with the Body counter the belief that all humans are made in the image of God and that Christ died equally for all. We should take Paul’s words seriously and let nothing create divisions among the body of Christ. Too often in our day, animosity, mistrust and unkindness in thought, word and attitude, are the hallmarks of communication across the political divide. Christians should not make anyone feel inferior, excluded, or judged for their political views. They can, however, ask how that person’s viewpoint on politics, social structures, economics and culture aligns with the scriptures, the life of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As our community emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center’s safe and nurturing programs enable parents to confidently return to their jobs, knowing that their children are in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment.

To learn how you can support the Children’s Center with financial or in-kind donations, look for the Support page on their website; then click Ways to Give. There are many worthy ways to support their mission, be it with a cash donation, sponsoring meals for a week, or other supplies from their Donate Items “wish list”. If you shop online, your donated items can be direct-shipped to the Children’s Center. There also are opportunities to volunteer your time.

For any questions about programs or supporting the Children’s Center, please contact Rich Tullos at tullosmclean@gmail.com.
Presbyterians, Race, and Justice Walk
Saturday Sept. 19 in Alexandria

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 a.m.-noon (gather at 9:45). The Reformed Institute will hold a reflective walk in Old Town Alexandria, VA to sites that mark key moments in the story of Presbyterians, white privilege and black resistance from colonial days to the present. The walk will focus on reflection, inspiration and a challenge to action for racial justice at each of the sites below. Limited to 25 participants. (Masks required, a van is available for those with physical limitations)

Presbyterian cemetery (starting point) where white slaveholders and workers for abolition are buried side by side. We will also pass the Frederick Douglas Cemetery, where many black families are buried.

The Freedom House: now a Museum built on one of the largest holding pens for enslaved peoples, often “owned” by white Presbyterians like Carlyle and Alexander, but with their own stories of resistance and dignity.

Site of Appomattox Statue to dead Confederate soldiers, including white Presbyterians, who fought for the “Lost Cause,” and recently removed by the city after VA law changed.

Bethel Baptist Church: founded by Rev. Clem Robinson, a graduate of Presbyterian Ashmun Institute (PA) for African-Americans, and site of first theological school founded for former slaves during Reconstruction.

Alexandria Academy: first semi-public school for whites in Alexandria, organized and lead by Presbyterians, and supported by George Washington’s scholarships for poorer students. Robert E. Lee was schooled here.

The Progressive Club: Established by black federal workers, denied access to established clubs, in order to strengthen social networks and offer hospitality to professional black families.

Old Presbyterian Meeting House: colonial church founded by city fathers, with prominent slave “owners,” some slavery resisters, and some black congregants in the early days.

Contraband and Freedman’s Cemetery: burial site of black Freedmen who struggled with white supremacy and those who successfully escaped slavery during Reconstruction. Their stories continue to inspire and guide present struggles for racial justice. (Vans will take us here, and back to cars at the Presbyterian Cemetery.)

This walk is dedicated to engaging Reformed history and theology with all its voices, and to serve as a resource for challenging white dominance, lifting up black resistance and furthering racial justice. Leaders: Dr. Kent Myers, Judy Hereth, Dr. Perazia Praylow, Pamela Russell, Dr. Larry Golemon

Register at https://reformedinstitute.org or contact Yvonne McKinney ymckinney@reformedinstitute.org
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 6:15 PM

Lewinsville will resume the Holy Happy Hour Concerts in the Community series this Fall. Due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, the concert will be held OUTDOORS in the small parking lot off Great Falls Street and will be limited to a maximum of 50 people. Masks and social distancing will be required, and you should bring your own lawn chair. There will be no wine and cheese following the event. The concert is “weather permitting!” Please park in our large parking lot off Chain Bridge Road, then walk around the front of the building to the small parking lot. To register: https://www.lewinsville.org/events/holy-happy-hour/

This month we welcome Seán Heely for a return performance. Seán is a U.S National Scottish Fiddle Champion as well as an award-winning Irish Fiddler and a 2019 Artist in Residence at the Strathmore Music Center. Seán will present music of the British Isles.

Come to escape the house, enjoy fantastic music, and wonderful Christian fellowship!

2ND SUNDAY AFTERNOON GATHERINGS

What is Hoops? A social-distanced event for kids that everyone loves (and that’s easy to host!)

How does Hoops work? Set up hula hoops 6ft apart in the church parking lot or Fellowship Hall. Hoops is a social-distanced kids event where parents drop their kids off at the church at 4:30 p.m., then pick the kids up again at 5:30 p.m. Kids enter the event space, find a hula hoop to sit in, and the fun begins! Each month we will have different activities and fun that will safely bring the kids together for Fellowship, Fun and Frolic.

What do kids bring? Themselves, a beach towel to sit on inside their hula hoop and wear a mask.

How long does it last? About an hour. Similar to a carpool line at school, parents drop off in the church parking lot, then parents pick up in the carpool line at 5:30 p.m. Parents never even have to get out of their cars!

How often is Hoops? Hoops is hosted by the Music and Children’s Programs at Lewinsville and involves the children and youth in the music, bell and puppets “choirs” 4:30-5:30 p.m. every 2nd Sunday of the month as a way for participants in these groups to stay connected.

HOOPS IN SEPTEMBER:

SOCIAL DISTANCING WATER GAMES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  4:30-5:30 PM

COME PREPARED TO GET WET! Wear a bathing suit and bring a beach towel or two. We will play a variety of games involving water balloons, and other water toys. To be held in the large Church Parking lot.
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**

Laughter is a windshield wiper.

It won’t stop the rain, but it will keep you going.