

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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November 2020

**NOVEMBER WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP THEME: "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"**

**NOVEMBER 1, service online at 11:00 a.m.**

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

**Virtual Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12

*"A Blessed Life"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

**9:30 a.m. Virtual Messy Church**

**3:00 p.m. All Saints Time of Remembrance & Taizé Worship**

**WORSHIP THEME: "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"**

**NOVEMBER 8, service online at 11:00 a.m.**

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

*"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

**3:30 p.m. HOOPS-A Social-Distance Kids Event**

**3:30 p.m. Sunset Service**

**WORSHIP THEME: "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"**

**NOVEMBER 15, service online at 11:00 a.m.**

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 123:1-4; Matthew 25:14-30

*"What We Do With What God Gives"*

Rev. Jen Dunfee

**WORSHIP THEME: "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"**

**NOVEMBER 22, service online at 11:00 a.m.**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Matthew 25:31-46

*"The King, With Justice"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

**WORSHIP THEME: "GOD'S ACTION"**

**NOVEMBER 29, service online at 11:00 a.m.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

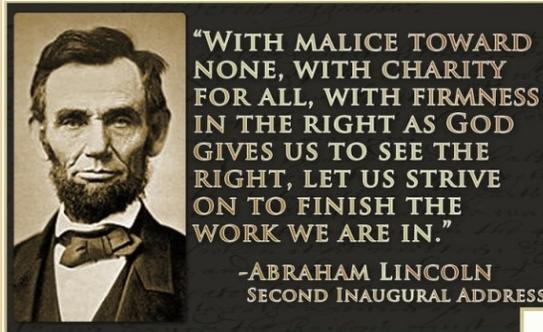
Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37

*"Tear Open the Heavens and Come Down"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

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-ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS

**FAITH & PUBLIC POLICY EVENT:**

***"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE"***

**DELIGHTED/DISTRESSED**

**CONVERSATIONS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Please plan to join us on Saturday, November 21 (exact time to be announced) for one of a pair of post-election gatherings: one for those who are happy with the results (to the extent we know them at that point), and one for those who are unhappy with the results of the election. These gatherings, which will be followed by a joint gathering in December, form one part of Lewinsville's participation in the Braver Angels ["With Malice Toward None"](#) initiative, a project designed to promote dialogue, healing, and a renewed sense of common civic purpose among Americans of varying political orientations in the wake of the 2020 election. Through our engagement with this project, unanimously affirmed by Session at its October meeting, we hope to renew Lewinsville's commitment to being a congregation where people of differing political convictions can feel welcome, and where we can discuss the intersections between faith and policy in a way that respects the variety of ways that Christians seek to live out their faith in the public sphere. We also hope that the gatherings will offer an opportunity to begin the work of discerning God's will for us, individually and collectively, as we move forward into 2021 and beyond.

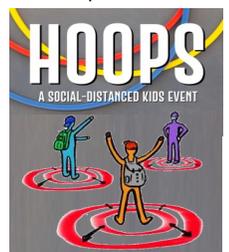


**WORSHIP, MISSION & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY NOVEMBER 8, 3:30 P.M.**

The Sunset Service and HOOPS are combining to provide a Sunday of in-person outdoor worship and fellowship for the whole Lewinsville family on Sunday, November 8 at 3:30 p.m.

The Sunset Service will meet in the small church parking lot and HOOPS will meet at the same time in a designated area near the lower parking area. Parents are invited to drop their children at the Hoops! gathering and then come to the Outdoor Worship service. (Parking will be available in the larger parking lot).

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

Over the course of the coming weeks, we will be moving through the final days of a vigorously, and often bitterly, contested election. Polarization is extremely intense in our society right now, which can make communal life challenging.

While these times are presenting *enormous challenges* to us, it is my belief that there will also be *surprising fruits* from this time. There is an agricultural saying that “all the roots grow deeper when it’s dry.” When the weather is arid and dry, plants must send their roots down deeper into the earth in search of water. Similarly, when our common life is arid and dry, when we have difficulty communicating well across our differences, we may find that we are driven to discover and articulate our deepest convictions. It can be a “back to first principles” kind of time. Here are some of my thoughts about that.

In Jesus Christ, God became flesh in a human being, which means that *humanness bears holiness*; humanness is a vehicle for God’s holiness. Therefore, all humans possess an inherent dignity, that nothing can take away. A key part of our own growth in faith is to notice whether there are individuals or groups whose dignity we have difficulty respecting.

Two groups of people have routinely been denied dignity: *the poor* and *the enemy*. Down through the ages, it has been all too common for society (often including the church) to scorn and ignore the well-being of the poor. In Matthew 25 Jesus teaches us that when we scorn and ignore the “least of these,” we are actually scorning and ignoring God. Secondly, down through the ages, society (and often the church) has all too often scorned and demonized our enemies, whether we are talking about personal enemies, political enemies, or national enemies. In Matthew 5:44 Jesus teaches us to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

As we move through the next few months, *loving the poor* and *loving our enemies* can be two guiding principles for us. How would your life be different if you sought to put those intentionally into practice?

Blessings for your journey,

Pastor Scott



### WORSHIP THEME FOR NOVEMBER:

### “SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD”

During the month of November, our guiding theme in our worship will be taken from Matthew 6:33, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God.” Much of our attention may be drawn during the coming weeks to the presidential election and the political life of our country. (Though it is surely the case that, here in the DC area, our attention is often drawn to political life!) As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are in the position of having “dual citizenship.” We are citizens of the United States, but we are also citizens of the kingdom of heaven (Phil. 3:20). The early church father Augustine of Hippo referred to these as the “City of God” and the “Earthly City.”

- ◇ How do these citizenships relate to each other?
- ◇ What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom of God?
- ◇ What implications does that citizenship have for our involvement in the ‘earthly city’?
- ◇ What kind of freedom does our citizenship in the kingdom of God give us?

This sermon series will give us an opportunity to reflect on this theme in our lives at this moment.

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND TAIZÉ WORSHIP

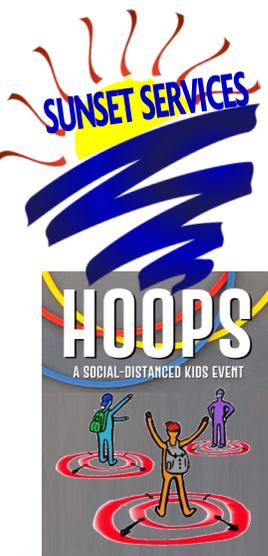
NOVEMBER 1, 3:00 P.M.

On All Saints Sunday afternoon, November 1, from 3:00 – 4:45 pm on the Peters Green, Lewinsville will be offering a special outdoor time of remembrance and worship. This time is intended to provide an opportunity for persons to remember loved ones who have died, and to spend time in quiet contemplation.

The afternoon will unfold in two parts. Persons may stay for the full time, or come and go. From 3:00 – 4:00, there will be some gentle music provided. Individuals will be invited to sit and listen quietly, or to walk around the cemetery. Then from 4:15 - 4:45, there will be a contemplative Taize worship service, a time of prayer, Scripture, silence, and music.

Candles will be provided for any who would like to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one, or you may bring your own. As with previous services, these services are being planned for no more than 50 people, so please sign up online at: [Events/All Saints](#). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott, John Nothaft, or Rob Ransom.





The theme for this upcoming Sunset Service will be *"Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God"*. Attendees will share in prayers and reflections on the Word, listen to music, and participate in an interactive experience. The service will be 35-45 minutes in length. Registration for the Sunset Service is required and can be done through the Lewinsville website. We ask that all wear a mask and keep to social distancing guidelines. "

HOOPS for children, age 3-youth, will be partnering with the McLean, Falls Church Children's Center by putting together care packages for the families in their community. Lewinsville youth and families are invited to sign-up to bring certain items that will go into each bag to our HOOPS event. Look for more information and a sign up list of items to bring.

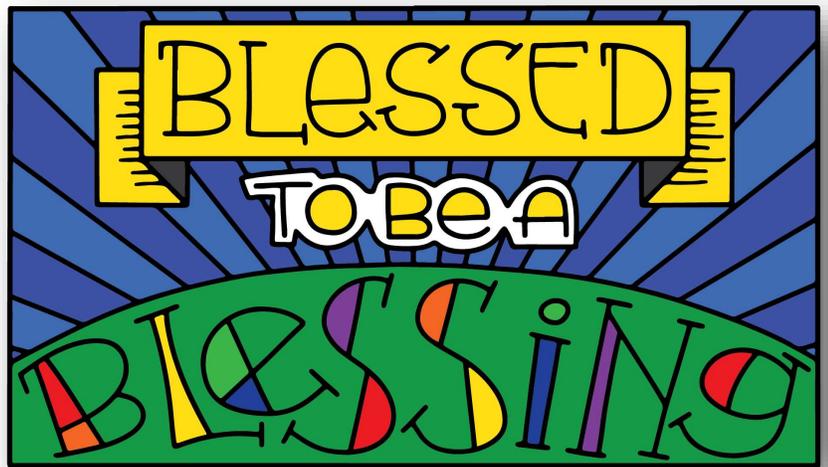
Following our packing of the bags for the Children's Center we will play "Thanksgiving Minute 2 Win It Games". Remember all children and youth must wear a mask and stay within their HOOP for this event.

Watch the Thursday Mail in November for more detailed information about the Sunset Service & the HOOPS event.

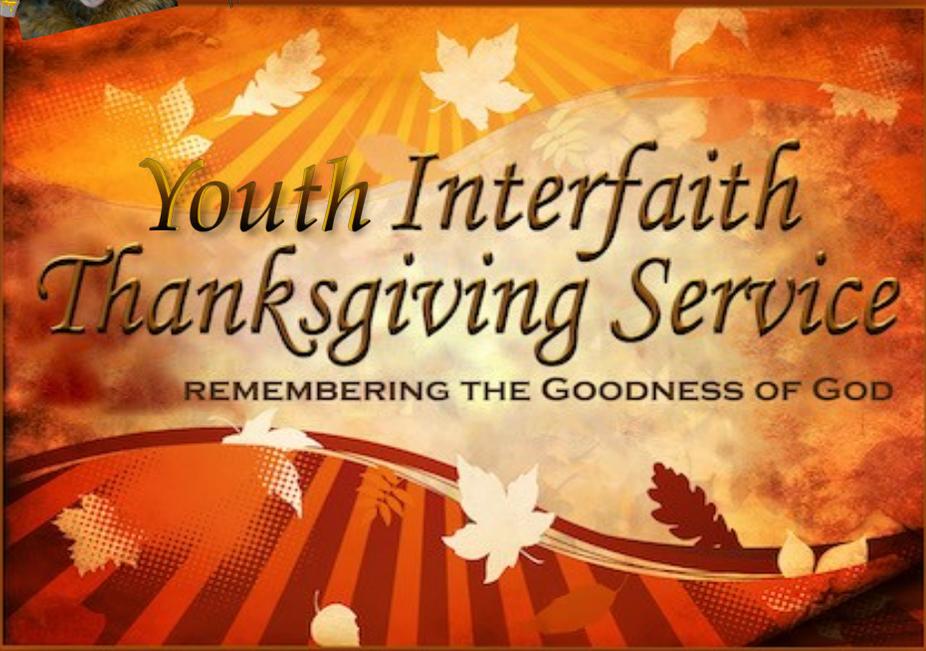


**FAMILY EDUCATION & WORSHIP**

**November 1  
9:30 AM on ZOOM**



FEATURING THE LEWINSVILLE PUPPETEERS WITH "THE CROSS-EYED BEAR AND THE BEE ATTITUDES"



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**LEWINSVILLE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP  
&  
TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM YOUTH  
WILL HOST**

**AN INTERFAITH WORSHIP EVENT**

**Come and share in a time of gratitude  
with our fellow brothers and sisters in  
faith.**

**(more details will be sent out as they become  
available)**



The 2021 Stewardship Campaign has gotten off to a very strong start – TOGETHER!! – and we are profoundly grateful to all of you who have made your pledge commitments for next year already.

If you have not yet made your pledge, you may do so by going to <https://www.lewinsville.org/Stewardship/> and clicking the “**Make Your PLEDGE Online**” button.

Your pledge will make it possible for Lewinsville to continue to respond to human need, during this challenging time in our community and world. Your pledge is a critical way that we are all in this together.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott or Dave Gunter, chair of the Stewardship Committee.



The Lewinsville  
Retirement Residence, Inc.

## THE LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE ANNUAL MEETING **NOVEMBER 15**

The 2020 LRR Annual Meeting will take place November 15, 2020, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

This year’s meeting will take place via Zoom. In order to allow for everyone to be there, we will begin the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

As members of the Corporation, all parishioners of The Lewinsville Presbyterian Church are strongly encouraged to attend. Please come and learn about this major mission project of the church.

*(The Zoom link will be provided through the Thursday Mail).*



Fairfax County has finally issued a building permit to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, giving a green light to our contractor to begin the physical work necessary for our renovation project. The only step remaining is the signing of a contract with Whitener-Jackson, a big step, of course, but likely to take place over the next few days. A final budget number will be plugged into the contract when a BTF subcommittee finishes “value engineering” the project to make sure we, indeed, are getting full value for our dollars in terms of materials and equipment selected.

In next month’s newsletter, you will find a tentative construction schedule outlining major activity anticipated over the next 10 to 12 months.

When the contract with Whitener-Jackson is signed by Lewinsville trustees, the next step will be to order bricks and steel, and begin demolition. ***We are underway!***



To the Lewinsville Church Family,

The work of your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) continues and we are getting the word out about our Associate Pastor position. After the Session approved the APNC’s Mission Information Form (MIF) for Lewinsville, our committee posted the church’s MIF to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) database. The job description for Associate Pastor has also been posted on Lewinsville’s website (<https://www.lewinsville.org/staff-openings/>), on Presbyterian Outlook, and on presbytery’s list of job openings. Through the CLC database, we have been matched to many candidates and we have received some applications through email. Currently, your committee is sifting through these candidates to narrow down the list of candidates to those we believe would best fit Lewinsville’s ministry and needs.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and prayers during our search. If anyone has any questions about our process, please reach out to any of the committee members – Bruce Douglass, Jack Calhoun, Siobhan Grayson, Elaine Guth, Mary Frase, Meggie Lineberger, and Doug Smith.





# 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, CLIFTON:** 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 November wedding anniversaries. The following couples are celebrating a milestone occasion:

- ◆ Alison and Doug Bauer - 58 years on November 3
- ◆ Carolyn and Dale Hodges - 48 years on November 4
- ◆ Connie and Danny Howell - 15 years on November 5
- ◆ Phillip and Darlene Cooke - 50 years on November 7
- ◆ Kay and Clay Ancell - 54 years on November 25

## DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to **Tom Waldrop** and family on the recent death of his youngest sister, Sarah Elizabeth Hamby.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to **Siobhan Grayson** and family on the death of her father, Harold Grayson, on October 11 in Beaufort, S.C.

## BIRTHS

Congratulations to Danielle Alexander and Nick Knodt on the birth of their son, Otto George Alexander-Knodt, October 4. The proud grandparents are **Jean and Richard Knodt**.



### ***An Important Update from Chesterbrook Residences: A Caring Assisted Living Community*** ***October 14, 2020***

Chesterbrook Residences has provided a safe and caring home for older persons of all financial means for nearly 15 years. Though today's global pandemic has brought many changes, our commitment to providing the very best in senior care has not waived. With zero active COVID-19 cases at this time, Chesterbrook Residences remains a smart and safe option for you or someone you love.

As we continue to practice the necessary health and safety precautions, we offer many valuable services and amenities for our residents right here under our roof. We are committed to making sure that our residents' needs are met with licensed nurses and certified nursing assistants available 24 hours a day. We offer many opportunities for residents to stay engaged and active while staying safe. With an on-site dining room and beauty salon, visiting physicians and on-site rehabilitation therapy services, our residents do not have to worry about trips to the doctors or grocery stores, preparing meals, or taking care of a house, especially with the winter months coming up.

We are currently accepting applications for admission and appreciate you sharing our information with your family and friends who may benefit from joining the Chesterbrook Residences Community.

For more information about how we are welcoming new residents or to find out about our respite stay program, we invite you to call Kelly Halteh or Betsy Weixel at **703-531-0781** or visit **[chesterbrookres.org](http://chesterbrookres.org)**.

Many thanks for your continued prayers and special gifts for our residents. Your thoughtfulness brightens their days!

Don't forget to check out our upcoming virtual events at **[chesterbrookres.org/events](http://chesterbrookres.org/events)**, including a conversation with journalist Bob Levey about the golden era at the Washington Post on October 22.



## REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRY



Although this is the November Newsletter, I write this article during Mental Health Awareness Week earlier in October. As I have watched those I love with mental illness struggle even more acutely during Covid-19, and as I find increased challenge in my own mental wellness as the months of Covid stretch on, I wonder how we as the church, even the physically-distanced church, might support each other and our community in mental wellness. The statistics of mental health struggle during Covid-19 mirror what I read on social media and hear from those in a variety of my circles: a marked increase in anxiety and depressive disorders, substance abuse, and suicidal thoughts. The factors are many: isolation and loneliness, with some studies suggesting the two most vulnerable populations for this are adolescents and older adults, lack of routine and usual social interaction and support, general feelings of grief from Covid-19 changes, unpredictable timetable for return to “normal” and feelings of loss of control and hopelessness. The week before things shut down in mid-March, I attended a conference on faith and mental health at Union Seminary in Richmond. The consensus of the participants and presenters was that faith and faith communities are critical in supporting people with mental health, but that mental health struggle was mostly hidden by congregants. Few churches had ways for people to be transparent, talk with each other, and find specific support on this issue. LPC has avenues of support to respond to the mental health challenges of Covid-19, from Stephen Ministers specifically trained to listen to those who struggle, not as a counselor or therapist but as a listening friend-in-Christ who know the importance of referral, to a Deacon/Stephen Minister led Christian Education Course in January, with one topic focusing on Depression in Covid-19, to a possible ChristCare group where those with mental health struggles and those who live with and/or love them explore scriptures together, like the one from church the same week as Mental Health Awareness Week, promising a peace that transcends, and guards our hearts and minds. Lastly, if you relate to that line, that you are seeking a peace that guards your heart and mind, you can also email or call me to talk further. Your pastors, Deacon/Stephen Ministers, and church family are here for you.

In Christ,  
Jen



## Mission SPOTLIGHT

**TYSONS**  **INTERFAITH**  
CONNECTING LEARNING SERVING

Tyson Interfaith (TI) is a coalition of member houses of worship around the Tysons Corner area. As partners in faith, Tysons InterFaith members seek to weave the values of spiritual connection, learning and service into the fabric of the Tysons community. Tysons InterFaith informs Tysons residents and workers at all levels about opportunities for:

- ◇ **Connecting**, by providing information on the religious denominations in the area, and location, website, phone information and hours of worship;
- ◇ **Learning**, by fostering and conducting inter-faith dialogue, spiritual gatherings and other events;
- ◇ **Serving**, coordinating support for Tysons workers and their skills in community service or advocacy initiatives in the Tysons area.

Lewinsville is a founding member of Tysons InterFaith. Membership affords Lewinsville a unique vehicle for informing Tysons residents and workers that we are a welcoming congregation that invites the Tysons community to join us in worship and service. Visit the Tysons InterFaith website at [www.tysoninterfaith.org](http://www.tysoninterfaith.org) for upcoming events.

If you have any questions about Tysons InterFaith or supporting this work, please contact Phil Church at [phil@edu-futuro.org](mailto:phil@edu-futuro.org) or Jack Hess at [hessjack415@gmail.com](mailto:hessjack415@gmail.com).

## Single SENIORS

**VIRTUAL LUNCH**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 11:30 A.M.**

Mark your calendar. Single Seniors will meet virtually for fellowship via Zoom or phone on Friday, November 13, at 11:30 am. We can update each other by reporting on what's happening in our lives. The Zoom link and phone number will be provided before the event. For further information and to obtain instructions on how to join via computer or phone, contact Lois Dokken ([manpadokken@aol.com](mailto:manpadokken@aol.com) /703 789-0617) or Wendy Maiwurm ([wmaiwurm@gmail.com](mailto:wmaiwurm@gmail.com) /703 622-1659).



Because of the pandemic, Good Samaritan Day on Saturday, October 17 was cancelled this year. However, on behalf of the Mission and Service Ministry Group, we would like to recognize the many members of LPC who have shown Christ's love to others during the past months. From shopping each week for an elderly neighbor, to checking on those quarantined at home through caring telephone calls, to donating generously to the Deacons' Fund, local and world missions, and in many other uniquely caring ways, you have offered a helping hand to those needing comfort or support.

Thank you, Lewinsville!



In the countries served by Rise Against Hunger worldwide, children walk about 3 miles to school each day. This journey leads to education AND nutritious Rise Against Hunger meals.

**In honor of the children who inspire us daily, and to continue the programs that support them, are you ready to run (or walk!) the distance they walk to school (5K), or to school and back (10K), to fight hunger? To help us reach 2 million people who are counting on us now more than ever in a time of global crisis, join McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Events anytime between November 5 to November 10 for a virtual 5K/10K run/walk challenge!** The goal for McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Event is 300 participants or \$10,000.

Register at <https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/race-to-school-challenge-mclean-community/e299553>.

For more information contact McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Events at [riseagainsthungermclean@gmail.com](mailto:riseagainsthungermclean@gmail.com)

## ALTERNATIVE GIFTS PROGRAM



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church invites the community to join in the Alternative Gifts program where congregants can make donations to charitable organizations in the name of a loved one or friend in lieu of spending on a physical gift. The Alternative Gifts program begins at the end of November and continues through Advent. An Alternative Gift is a wonderful way to show your appreciation for the special people in your life and provides a tax-deductible gift to support Lewinsville Presbyterian Church mission projects.

Give a gift that gives twice! Instead of a traditional gift, you can give a donation through the Alternative Gifts program to provide financial support in the name of the honoree to Homestretch, the Friends of The Lewinsville (meal support program), the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center, United Orphanage and Academy in Kenya, SHARE, Second Story, and other Lewinsville Presbyterian Church mission projects.

Beautiful cards are available to let the honoree know that an Alternative Gift has been given in their name. For more information on these Lewinsville mission partners and the Alternative Gifts program, please contact Alan Stevens at [avslc11@verizon.net](mailto:avslc11@verizon.net).



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BACK  
1 HOUR**

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Adult Education Module 2  
November 1-22, 9:45 A.M.

## NEW TESTAMENT 101: THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND Led by Pastor Scott

This class is designed as an introduction to the New Testament. No prior knowledge or expertise is needed to participate! Just bring a desire to explore this collection of texts and their central importance for Christian faith. We'll explore the arrangement of the New Testament, its history and chronology, as well as the central theme that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. We'll consider New Testament spirituality, the relationship between the church and the empire, and the way the early church worked through the difficult relationship between Jews and Gentiles – all of which have fascinating implications for us today.

This class is Part 2 in the four-year cycle of Old Testament 101, New Testament 101, Christian Beliefs 101, and Christian Spirituality 101. **Come and join us!!**



## SHORT COURSE ON BIBLICAL JUSTICE AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21

Do you wonder about Biblical visions of justice and how our lives can be shaped by them? Does your church talk about and act upon economic justice enough?

This short course explores the Presbyterian scholar Michael Barram's *Missional Economics: Biblical Justice and Christian Formation*.

This is a LIVE ZOOM event on Saturdays, Nov. 7, 14, and 21 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. The author will lead one session, and two notable Church leaders will lead us in the others. This timely event is co-sponsored by the Justice Formation Fellowship, a group of Multi-Cultural, White, and Black congregations who stand with the Institute for Justice Formation, John Leland Center for Theological

Studies. Join us for this ecumenical and multi-cultural conversation of key Biblical texts on justice and economics, and their implications for our communities. There will be time for Q & A at each of our sessions. And with Zoom, there is NO SPACE LIMIT, so please invite your church brothers and sisters. NO FEE during these stressful times. Register here: <https://reformedinstitute.org/events/>



Grants to members of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church who are presently in college are eligible to apply for a scholarship of \$2,000 from the Jeffrey A. Knoerr Memorial Education Fund, established by the generosity of Donna and the late Don Knoerr in memory of their son Jeffrey. A subcommittee of the Youth Ministry Committee is overseeing the grant program and the application process. Applications must be received by November 15. Grant awards will be made before the end of the year. **To request an application form or for more information, please contact Ben Evans at [bevans@lewinsville.org](mailto:bevans@lewinsville.org).**