



Lewinsville

Presbyterian Church

2020 Annual Report

Mission Statement

We are *Claimed* by God in Jesus Christ,
Called to live as a community of faith,
Sent to participate in the unfolding of God's kingdom on earth.

Approved by Session June 12, 2012

Vision Statement

As we approach our 175th year of ministry, the people of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church celebrate the gifts and opportunities given to us. We strive to build on our heritage of Christian discipleship to serve God and all creation.

We strengthen our congregation as we:

- ◇ Worship God in ways that engage the spirit, mind, heart and body.
- ◇ Educate and form disciples in Christian faith.
- ◇ Care for one another with the compassion of Jesus Christ.

We participate in Christ's mission in the world – to redeem and transform all creation – as we:

- ◇ Extend our legacy of care to vulnerable older adults and their families.
- ◇ Reach out to the youth of northern Virginia, ushering them into a healthy, vibrant, productive adulthood.
- ◇ Provide a forum for civil public policy discourse and, as faithful Christians, address social justice issues.
- ◇ Become a recognized Christian presence in the emerging Tysons urban center.

Claimed,
Called,
Sent
by Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the Church.

Approved by Session April 9, 2013

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Welcome to the 2020 Annual Report from the Pastor

"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it"

- 1 Corinthians 12:27

"To love and serve God, by responding to human need"

- Lewinsville's WHY statement

February 7, 2021



Dear friends at Lewinsville,

2020 has been one of the most remarkable years for our entire world. The disruptions of the past year – driven by the COVID-19 pandemic – have been significant, hard, and experienced across the globe. It is most surely the case that the pain of this last year has been experienced by some to a greater degree than others, but everyone has suffered and experienced loss in multiple ways. We will be *processing the losses and changes* of this last year for some time to come, even as we *integrate the learnings* from the last year. We have learned things about our resilience, about our ability to pivot and develop new skills and initiatives, about the life-giving importance of belonging to a community, and about our shared capacity to persevere and thrive in the midst of great difficulty.

2020 was not only a remarkable year for the world, but also for Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Your staff, your Boards, your Ministry Groups, your choirs, your committees, ChristCare groups, and others have been both engines of creativity and sources of comfort and solace during this year. It has been an honor to witness and observe all that has been done in the name of Jesus Christ through this congregation in the last year. I commend this Annual Report to you as a summary of some of the key highlights of the past year.

Below, I want to comment on a few significant aspects of the year past, as well as looking ahead to some significant things in the year to come.

Looking Back at 2020

Broadly speaking, I would divide my comments on 2020 into *disruptions* and *continuities*. One can observe enormous grace and effort flowing into and out of the congregation, through both the disruptive aspects of 2020 and the continuing aspects of the year.

DISRUPTIONS:

The major disruption of 2020 was, of course, *COVID-19*. In the middle of March, we suspended our in-person worship in the sanctuary, with at least some of us expecting it to be a relatively brief suspension. As days turned to weeks, which turned to months, however, we realized that we would need to strengthen the *virtual* aspects of our ministry in a variety of ways. Chief among these has been the Sunday morning worship services, which have been made possible by the legendary, almost incomprehensible, levels of effort and coordination of Roland and Bettie McElroy. Throughout the week, Roland and Bettie have assembled, edited, and designed not only the Sunday morning worship experience (gathering materials from multiple people), but also Monday Messages, Friday Fortissimo's, and more. It is no exaggeration to say that the strength of our ministry during 2020 would not have been possible without the leadership, creativity, experience, wisdom, and work of the McElroy's. Roland and Bettie, thank you all very, very much. Lewinsville also found its way into *outdoor worship*, with monthly outdoor "Sunset Services" in the church parking lot. Initially, some of us wondered if these would feel like worship; we quickly realized that they *absolutely* felt like worship, and that the human connections with each other and with God could be found in a somewhat unlikely location.

The congregation also pivoted – for the most part, with remarkable ease and grace – to meeting via Zoom. This required some changes in our in-meeting behavior (e.g., dealing with awkward periods of silence as well as the times when multiple people would start speaking at the same time!) and offered some new delights (chief among which for me has been getting to see so many people’s pets). In-person pastoral care and visits became much less frequent (happening outside, when they happened) and over-the-phone and care-by-email became more of the norm. The Deacons/Stephen Ministers provided enormously helpful leadership in this area, maintaining connections with the congregation and providing avenues for people to stay in touch. Groups like the Second Saturday Set and ChristCare Groups also became even more meaningful and necessary during this time as ways for the congregation to stay connected during this time of physical isolation and separation.

2020 was also a year of *great political turbulence*, with a deeply divisive election and post-election period. The work of listening across our political divides – holding our own convictions while learning to love and appreciate those who disagree with us – lies in front of us as a congregation, even as it lies in front of us as a society. We live in a time of deep mistrust and hostility, and much work remains to be done. For the church, *following Jesus Christ* will provide us with our ‘north star.’ The kingdom of God is always larger than our own political agendas, and all of us stand before Christ who is both our Judge and our Savior. Returning to Christ, again and again and again, will be the central, necessary part of our path forward.

On a more tangible note of disruption, the *renovation of the church facility* has been making significant progress. While the renovation has moved more slowly than expected, a tremendous amount of work was done during 2020 to prepare the building for the renovation, and now that the contracts have been signed, the work is getting underway. We can expect the work to continue for the next 12-15 months – which will be quite an “adventure,” disruptive in its own way – but leading us to an exciting future. Many, many thanks to Bob Clark and to the members of the Building Renovation Task Force, whose labors have been ENORMOUS and mostly behind-the-scenes. Thanks to their leadership, we are well on our way.

CONTINUITIES:

Throughout the disruptions of 2020, the church staff provided an anchor for us and a source of familiarity and continuity. Pastor Jen Dunfee, Allison Lineberger, John Nothaft, Bob Clark, Sandy Albrecht, Steve Kirkland, Shan Melone, Evan Ayars, and Kylie Johnson continued their excellent, dedicated work in 2020. When Pastor Annamarie left in the spring to accept a call in Michigan, the church was blessed to hire Ben Evans as the interim coordinator of youth ministry. All of the staff have labored this year under difficult and challenging conditions. Because so much of ministry is about building, sustaining, and developing relationships, 2020 was a particularly difficult year, as relationships had to be cultivated without being able to be in-person. All of the staff have learned new skills (many of which will serve us well into the future), and all of the staff are looking forward to our returning in the coming months to in-person ministry.

The historic strengths of Lewinsville – worship, education, mission, generosity, and care for one another – served the church well during 2020. Groups like the Earth Care Team, the Flower Committee, and the Lost Sheep Stitchers continued their tremendous work – introducing new aspects as well as continuing their traditional forms.

Thanks to the commitment and generosity of the congregation, as well as appropriate and faithful stewardship of resources throughout the year, the church realized a meaningful budget surplus at the end of the year. This surplus enabled the church to make some investments in our own infrastructure as well as to make additional gifts to support those in need in our community, as well as to strengthen the presbytery’s ministry during the pandemic.

Looking Forward to 2021

As we move into 2021, I want to call attention to several initiatives that will strengthen our ministry going forward. Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been reviewing Personal Information Forms (PIFs) of applicants for our Associate Pastor position, whose focus will be on youth/young adult ministry and mission/service. We anticipate that search reaching a conclusion during 2021, and look forward to welcoming the new Associate Pastor to our staff.

As already mentioned, the Building Renovation will be taking place throughout 2021, which will involve some disruption to traffic flows and meeting configurations, once we are able to return to in-person ministry in the church building.

In the fall of 2020, the Session voted for Lewinsville to become a Matthew 25 congregation of the PC(USA), with a focus on *dismantling structural racism*. Working to become more actively anti-racist is an essential aspect of discipleship for us during this time. It is work that is intensely personal (as we examine our own lives for ways we have, even unconsciously, adopted beliefs of white superiority and for ways that we can make necessary changes in our own behaviors and practices) and intensely congregational (as we examine our own history as a congregation and ways that we can join with other partners in our community to build the beloved community). I am very excited about this work, and hope that you will be, too.

Concluding Reflections

In 2021, as we make progress in fighting COVID-19 and begin to move into the next chapter of our lives as a world, a country, a community, and congregation, we will continue to keep our eyes on Jesus. He is our Source and he is our Goal. Following him will be our ‘north star’ as we seek to keep our balance in the midst of every turbulence. Following him will also be a source of unimaginable joy, as we continually discover that life is not merely a burden to be endured, but a gift to be received.

It remains a profound joy and blessing to get to serve as your pastor. It is a great, great blessing to get to serve as your pastor, and I am looking forward to 2021. If you have any questions or concerns about the ministry and mission of LPC, please feel free to speak with me. Together, we will discern where God is calling us to go.

Many blessings,

Scott Ramsey



“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

LEWINSVILLE BECOMES A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH. In response to troubling 2020 events and heightened concerns over racism in the country, our pastors reached out to the Lewinsville Congregation with a call “to explore how our congregation can be more actively anti-racist, to challenge our own biases as individuals and as a congregation, and to partner with those working to end social injustice.” (Pastors’ congregational letter of June 18, 2020.)

In response, the Lewinsville Session in August 2020 formed a Task Force of active ruling elder members and at-large members of the congregation that prepared a Matthew 25 Initiative “Framework for Action” and a “Draft 2021 Action Plan” to guide church efforts at helping dismantle structural racism in our community.

As a first step, in October 2020 Lewinsville joined 669 other Presbyterian congregations to become a PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church. (*Note: PC(USA) has identified three areas among which Matthew 25 churches may select to focus their energies: Building Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism, Eradicating Systemic Poverty.*) M-25 Certification opens to Lewinsville a rich reservoir of PC(USA) study materials and references, and offers opportunities to network with other Matthew 25 congregations to assist our Matthew 25 Initiative activities.

Lewinsville’s Matthew 25 initiative has two mutually reinforcing areas of focus: “*Listening and Learning*” aimed at understanding and de-masking of structural racism around us; and “*Engaging and Acting*” together as Lewinsville members to help dismantle barriers to racial equity. Session anticipates engaging Lewinsville’s Christian Education and Mission & Services Ministry Groups which conduct programs and support organizations that can become contributors to achieving Matthew 25 Initiative objectives.

From the Stated Supply Minister for Pastoral Care



The book of Lamentations says: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.” Both this scripture and its location in the bible speak to care ministry at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church over the past year. There has been much to lament together in a year marked by a global pandemic, economic upheaval, political unrest and attacks on democratic institutions, and the light shone upon systemic racial injustice by the killing of George Floyd, among others. In addition to the context of our country, our church has grieved separation from each other as we miss in-person worship, small groups, children and youth activities, bible studies, even our committee work! And then there are the parts of this year that were hard for each of us individually in terms of losses, disappointments, disruptions and challenges. So much lament.

Yet, in the book of Lamentations we find these words of hope, promising the steadfast love of God that never stops, the hope for new mercy each morning because those mercies will keep coming our way. I have seen so many examples of God’s love shared through creative ways of using Zoom to care and connect and new uses of “older” ways like phone calls and cards by those in care ministry and throughout the congregation to hold each other close. People are connected to each other in weekly prayer lists and online worship and coffee hours and all sorts of “new” things we have tried. The Lewinsville spirit of perseverance has been fully on display.

A full half of my time on staff at Lewinsville has been during the pandemic. I give thanks to God for the guidance of the Spirit as we have adapted our work together and I pray for the continued, steadfast love of God to draw us close and give us hope for all our places of lament.

The Rev. Jennifer Dunfee

SESSION ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2020

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE SUMMARY

Membership:

Active Members 01/01/2020	577
Gains for Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation and Restoration	5
Certificate	4
Total Gains	<u>9</u>
Subtotal	586

Losses For:

Certificate	0
Death	6
All other losses	8
Total Losses	<u>14</u>

Total Active Membership 12/31/2020 572

Female Members 348

Other Participants 72

Total Adherents 644

Age Distribution of Active Members:

25 and under	96
Ages 26 – 45	105
Ages 46 – 55	128
Ages 56 – 64	81
65 and Over	162

Average Attendance 190 (through mid-March 2020)

Messy Church Average Attendance 43 (first Sunday of the month through mid-March 2020)
Average Attendance 20 (September – December 2020)

Affiliate Members: 3

Christian Education Enrollment by Age:

Birth - Age 3	3	Grade 7	9
Age 4	1	Grade 8	3
K	3	Grade 9	4
Grade 1	4	Grade 10	2
Grade 2	6	Grade 11	4
Grade 3	4	Grade 12	4
Grade 4	4	College/Grad School:	35
Grade 5	1	Young Adults	33
Grade 6	7	Youth Advisors:	7
		Teachers: 8 (Youth and Children)	
		Teachers (Adults)	17

Total Church School 157

Budget figures

Potential Giving Units	370	Receipts	
Budgeted Income	1,222,247	Regular contributions	1,212,197
Budgeted Expenses	1,222,235	Investment Income	10,765
		Other Income	10,050

		Expenditures	
Local Program	826,020	Bequests	0
Capital Expend	247,700	Subsidy or Aid	0
Per Capita Apport	24,049	Local Mission	76,973
Theological Fund	0	Investment Expense	0
Capital Building Funds	0	Validated Mission	47,587

Total Baptisms
 Child baptisms – 0
 Adult baptisms – 0

Active Officers
 Session: 7 Men 5 Women 12 Total
 Deacons: 3 Men 9 Women 12 Total

Racial/Ethnic Distribution
 Asian 11
 African 7
 African American 6
 Hispanic 3
 Middle Eastern 6
 White 539

Age Distribution of Members

	Male	Female	Total
25 & under	34	62	96
26-45	34	71	105
46-55	55	73	128
56-65	39	42	81
Over 65	62	100	162

Persons with a Disability

Hearing – 4	Mobility – 20
Sight - 3	Others - 17

Deacons

Class of 2022

Gary Eames
Emily Foster, Vice Moderator
Charlie Mendenhall
Rachel Russell

Class of 2023

Andrew Borene
Sharon Gamble, Secretary
Suzanne Parisi
Roberta Wolfe



Class of 2024 (commencing May 2021)

Diane Alden
Banafshe Aghvami
Jack Hess
Janet Kohlenberger

Stephen Leaders: Karen Siple and Pat Matheson

The Book of Order calls ordained deacons to a ministry of “compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress” (G-2.0201).

The roles of the Deacons/Stephen Ministers at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church include:

- Attend monthly meetings the first Tuesday of most months
- Assist in serving communion
- Collect and allocate Deacon Fund offerings, while building relationships to know of emergency needs in community agencies
- Volunteer as Deacon Callers, offering visitation and/or calls, care, and meals to congregants
- Provide grief books to members of the congregation who have lost a family member during the year following their loss
- Organize outreach to Chesterbrook Residences and The Lewinsville Retirement Residence
- Contact and pray for everyone on the church prayer list
- Provide funeral hospitality
- Act as Duty Deacon as assigned
- Receive training prior to being ordained to serve as Deacons and commissioned to serve as Stephen Ministers
- Provide Christian-based visitation to those experiencing any of life’s difficulties who are in need of a one-on-one caregiver
- Send one Deacon to serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee

Many thanks to all Deacons and Stephen Leaders for providing extended care during the pandemic year and to the outgoing Class of 2021: Banafshe Aghvami, Carolyn Fisk, Libby McConnell, and Sally McKeown, along with retiring Stephen Leader Wendy Maiwurm.

To learn more about the role of the Board of Deacons or to express your interest in becoming a Deacon/Stephen Minister, please contact Jen Dunfee, Stated Supply Pastor for Care Ministries.

Libby McConnell, Moderator

Christian Education-Children, Families and Adults

I. Children & Family Ministry

A. Sunday Morning Education Redesign/Messy Church Reformatted

The first program year of Messy Church (2019-2020) began with great enthusiasm and strong attendance and support. Each gathering for the Celebration Sundays brought a new family to Lewinsville. The youth provided the leadership in the activity centers and the breakfasts were provided by the Lewinsville ChristCare groups.

Messy Church continued to operate strong for the first three months of 2020:

- January theme: Fishing For People, 37 in attendance
- February theme: Messy Parables, 58 in attendance
- March theme: Messy Lent, 42 in attendance



Messy Church was in the middle of their Messy Lent study when the church ceased in person activities. To continue with providing some Christian Education for children and families, a weekly publication: *Mini-Mess: Bringing the Mess Home* was created. Each week these publications were sent to the Messy Church roster and gave families: video clips with the Bible stories/themes, prayer ideas, activities to do as a family and information about the festival or season of the Church year for at home education. The Mini Mess continued the subject and themes planned for the Messy Church program year through May.

With the beginning of the summer and in order to keep in touch and provide some contact with the families and children of the church during the initial shut down, the *Mini Mess* was continued weekly through June and July following the preaching theme: The Patriarchs-Moses. For the 2020-21 program year a redesign of Messy Church was formulated year to keep the momentum going for this new program and to offer Christian Education and contact with the families of the church. As part of the redesign, elements of the regular in person Messy Church celebration were continued. A Messy Church celebration continued to meet once a month but now on the Zoom platform with activities, similar to the in person Messy Church and activities centers or breakout groups which were led by the youth through the Zoom platform. The activity portion of the morning was followed by worship led by one of the ministers.

To support the activities and make it easier for families to be prepared for the Virtual Messy Church celebration, supplies were compiled and sent to the homes of all families on the Messy Church mailing list (compiled from the attendance rolls at the beginning of the Messy Church program). Each month 30 packets were compiled and sent to 30 families with activities they can do at home or use in the activity breakout groups during the Virtual Messy Church Celebrations.

The Messy Church celebration was then followed each week with the *Mini Mess* that followed the theme of the Messy Church celebration for that month and provided continuing activities and lessons for the families.

- September theme: What's In the Bible (for me)? Old Testament, 14 in attendance
- October theme: What's In the Bible (for me)? New Testament, 21 in attendance
- November theme: Blessed to be a Blessing/The Beatitudes, 20 in



attendance

- December theme: Christingle, 22 in attendance

B. Family Fellowship/Outreach

1. WWJD? Annual Meeting Game for children

14 Children and youth joined in a game of “What Would Jesus Do?” This event was held for the children of congregation members who were attending the Annual Meeting. This game is similar to *Scruples* and *Truth or Dare*. The children were given situations that they might encounter in school, playground, at home, etc. and had to decide between 4 choices in answer to the question: What would Jesus do? Those that chose correctly were given tokens and those with the most tokens at the end of play were given prizes.



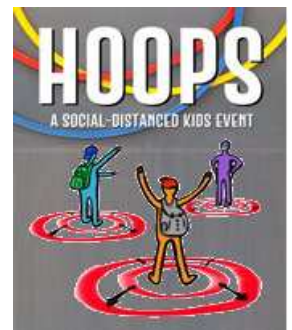
2. Minute-2-Win-It Easter Style

With the ability to “come together” via computer through Zoom, a plan to gather the families with children/youth for computer fellowship and fun was developed. Held a family vs. family game of Minute 2 Win It where they complete challenges in a Minute for points that can be doubled if they can answer questions about the Easter Story. This game was scheduled for the Saturday after Easter using Easter items like plastic

eggs, jellybeans, peeps which the “contestants” gather.

3. Special Family Sermon Stories-Jacob’s Ladder July 19th a Virtual Sermon Stories Session was held involving 9 children with their families. Materials for activities were mailed out ahead of time and became the main part of the lesson that morning. This procedure held elements of the design being considered for the fall Messy Church gatherings during the pandemic. The Sermon Stories event was very successful and gave a good window into how the Messy Church sessions could run in the fall.

4. HOOPS The staff for Music, Puppets, and Youth along with Jen Dunfee met to plan and coordinate the Sunday afternoon rehearsals and activities. A rotation schedule for Puppets and Music with a once a month (2nd Sunday) gathering time for the kids to have some break of Zoom settings was planned. The idea of helping the kids maintain social distance by using a hula hoop was suggested and a program called HOOPS was found through Kidsmin. The schedule was formulated with Sunday rehearsals alternating between Puppets one week and Music the next and every 2nd Sunday the HOOPS gathering. HOOPS gatherings:



- September 13-Water Games, 20 children and youth attended
- October 18 (moved due to weather)-Pumpkin Decorating, 20 children and youth attended
- November 8-Care Bags for Children’s Center and Lewinsville Retirement Residence/Chesterbrook, 18 children and youth attended.
(The November HOOPS combined with the November Sunset Service for a dual event).
- December 20-Family Christmas Service (another HOOPS & Sunset Service combo), attendance was 50 plus

C. Puppet Ministry



When the pandemic shut down happened, The Lewinsville Puppeteers were practicing the puppet performance scheduled for the May Flower Mart at the Washington Cathedral. Due to the pandemic the Flower Mart was canceled. To keep the puppeteers engaged in puppetry 18 Zoom puppets were created and sent to each puppeteer. In early May, these puppets were used for our first trial in recording two Zoom puppet performances that were used as part of the children's message in the online

worship recording. Later, these puppets were "costumed" and used for puppet presentations during the Virtual Messy Church sessions:

November-"Turn It Around"-The Bee-Attitudes (puppets costumed as bees)

December-"Bethlehemian Rhapsody"- (puppets costumed as the Nativity characters)

The Puppeteers ended the year with the presentation of the Christmas story using the life-sized puppets created last year. This was done as the HOOPS/Sunset Service: Family Christmas Service held outside in the church parking lot.



Adult Ministry

A. Sunday Morning Education

Module 3 (Jan 5-26): *Religion & Nationalism Since the Protestant Reformation/ Bruce Douglass; Can Music Save Your Mortal Soul?-A Survey of Rock as Religion/the Gunthers and the Parisi*

Mini Module (Feb 9-16): *Exploring Christian Poetry/Rachel Russell; Why Do Christians Believe That? Part 1/Linton Brooks.*

Module 4 (March 1-22): *Lord Teach Us To Pray/Rev. Dan Thomas; Christian Simplicity/Lent 4.5, an Earth Care themed class/Rev. Jen Dunfee and Andrew Sharp; Why Do Christians Believe That? Part 2/Linton Brooks.*

***With the Session's decision to stop all "In Person" activities at Lewinsville, the Adult Sunday morning classes had a brief halt to operations and a quick change was made to the Adult Education schedule. The *Christian Simplicity* class was held March 15 by way of a phone conference and then both classes (*Christian Simplicity & Why Do Christians Believe That?*) completed the month using Zoom and emailing invites to their class rosters.

Palm Sunday: two unscheduled classes were offered that morning, *The Triumphal Entry* and a final session of *Christian Simplicity*.

***The classes for Module 5 were changed due to the change in presentation format (Zoom).

Module 5 (April 19-May 17) on Zoom: *The Easter Study/members of the Adult Education Group; The Bible Project/Church at Home Bible Study and Discussion/Allison & Meggie Lineberger*

***The program year was scheduled to end May 17th but Adult Ed participation was also functioning as a means of keeping the congregation connected and so a decision to extend the program year to include the last two Sundays in May was made. These two classes would pick up the Easter Story with the study of the *Ascension/Great Commission* on May 24 led by Rev. Dan Thomas and the study of *Pentecost* on May 31st led by Linton Brooks.

June (on Zoom): *The Acts of the Apostles (Bible Project Luke-Acts Series)*/members of the Adult Education Committee.

***In response to events of the summer (Black Lives Matter marches & protests), Adult Education offered a class in July to explore the issues of racism & white supremacy for a response from a faith perspective.

July (on Zoom): *Talking About Race in 2020 from a Faith Perspective*/Adult Education Committee & Pastors



FALL 2020

***The church continued with no in-person activities. All education was presented in the Zoom platform.

Module 1 (Sept 20-Oct 18): *Lewinsville Forum*/Linton Brooks & David Morrison; *Family Class/Walk Through the Bible*/Allison Lineberger & Dan Thomas

Reformation Sunday (Oct 25): *A Reformed Vision for the Whole Church*/Larry Golemon of the Reformed Institute

Module 2 (Nov 1-22): *New Testament 101*/Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Advent Module (Nov 29-Dec 13): *An Eye To Those Who Waited*/Dan Thomas & John Nothhaft; *Faithful Citizenship*/Linton Brooks

Special Christmas Session (Dec 20): *Mary in Both Traditions-Islam & Christianity*/Matthew Taylor



Recording Zoom Sessions: Questions and issues for recording Zoom classes explored and discussed through Adult Ed. Weighing the requests for recordings and a concern for the privacy issue, criteria was adopted for any recording of the Zoom classes in the future:

- The leaders/speakers associated with a class are the primary judges of whether a class is appropriate for recording. They hold veto power over recording a class series or session.
- Classes that consist mostly of presentation with some Q&A are more appropriate for recording than those that consist primarily of discussion.
- Regardless of the proportion of presentation and discussion/Q&A, we will not record classes which invite participants to share opinions on potentially-sensitive political or policy questions, or to share personal experiences.
- We will always let participants know if a class is going to be recorded in the class write ups & orally before the class starts.

The recordings will be made available on the Lewinsville website and YouTube channel.

B. Salzman Lecture



January 19th the 19th Annual Salzman Lecture was held. 41 individuals attend the lecture: "*The #METOO Reckoning: Facing the Church's Complicity in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct*" given by Rev. Ruth Everhart.

C. Lenten Study Canceled for 2020

At the beginning of March, when concerns about the Covid-19 virus became known, we reached out to Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi to see what his comfort level would be in continuing with plans to hold the Lenten Study. Dr. Orlandi expressed concern about continuing with the plan to come at this time, but offered to reschedule for a future date. We decided to cancel the event last year.



D. Clearing Heritage Hall for Renovation

A major event during the summer of 2020 was the clearing of Heritage Hall ahead of the Church Renovation. All rooms were to be cleared of books, CE supplies and equipment. Materials were divided into those that would be kept on site for use in programs operating during the renovation and those that would go into storage (which would limit their access). The on site materials for Messy Church and similar programs for children and families were stored on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Other storage areas were designated around Fellowship Hall for supplies and equipment for other Lewinsville programs. The building was cleared by mid July with the help of members of the Christian Education Committee and the Building Task Force.

Faith and Public Policy Group -- examines economic, social, and spiritual implications of significant issues facing our local and global community in a non-partisan and fact-based manner, enabling the congregation and the community to engage public policy matters and social justice issues as faithful Christians by providing a forum for open and respectful discourse.

Like many ministry groups, we had to rethink our 2020 plans in light of pandemic conditions. We postponed a program featuring Erin McKenney of Just Neighbors, a nonprofit that offers legal services to the local immigrant community, originally scheduled for March. Our first virtual program took place in June, and addressed the pandemic directly, bringing together local elected officials and nonprofit representatives to discuss “COVID-19: Exploring Community Needs & Responses.”

In September, we offered another virtual program designed to help participants understand a key measure on the Nov. 2020 ballot, the Virginia Redistricting Amendment. Speakers from a variety of political perspectives explained what they saw as the pros and cons of the proposed amendment.

Beginning in November 2020 Lewinsville took part in the “With Malice Toward None,” a program created by Braver Angels, with whom we have partnered before. The program is designed to foster civil dialogue and increase understanding across political divides in the context of an especially contentious presidential election season. Initial, separate gatherings for those who supported the Trump/Pence ticket and those who supported the Biden/Harris ticket, facilitated by pastor Scott Ramsey, took place in December 2020. As of the writing of this report (mid-late January 2021), the committee is considering whether proceeding in the near future to the next step of the process as designed – a joint gathering of both groups – is the best choice for Lewinsville, or whether other approaches, including one-on-one meetings, an in-person gathering once that is possible, and/or returning to more issue-focused programming would better serve the congregation’s needs at this time.

We are also working on programming for Spring 2021 and beyond, including rescheduling the program featuring Erin McKenney and exploring ways Faith and Public policy programming can play a role in the Matthew 25 initiative.

Youth Ministry

While we all were forced to adapt with the to a new way of life amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Youth Ministry at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church has remained a vital part of our community. In March, Lewinsville said goodbye to our Youth Director and Pastor, Annamarie Groenenboom, as she received a call from another church, and welcomed an Interim Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Ben Evans, in June. Despite this transition and an unprecedented global pandemic, many of the regularly attending Youth and Families have continued to be a part of our virtual programming.

In the spring, we began a Confirmation Class using the *Big God, Big Questions* curriculum. The class was moved to meeting virtually after March and the church had to close its doors. This class confirmed three youth to our congregation (Leah Sexton, Brett Kohler, and Andrew French). Youth also participated in leading our Youth Sunday in May. Many youth prepared songs, read scripture, and said prayers. A few of our graduating seniors prepared the message for the service. We collected the videos of these different parts of the service, edited it together, and posted it on our website for our Congregation to view. Of all the virtual services we've put together during this pandemic, Youth Sunday continues to be our most viewed service.



In June, we welcomed Ben Evans as the Interim Coordinator of Youth Ministry. He quickly began leading the youth through virtual youth Fellowship on Sunday evenings, and worked to find new ways to bring people together in a safe way and connect. In July, youth and their families came to an outdoor group games event where we could remain socially distanced while still having some fun together. The youth also met for a Nature Hike in August, which was focused on prayer and appreciating God's creation.



These summer outdoor events were such a success that we began to plan once a month outdoor events for the youth, children, and families to get together, share in community, and grow in their faith. We titled these events HOOPS since we used Holla Hoops to help keep the children socially distanced while outside. These images are from our November HOOPS event, which had a focus on mission. Attendees helped put together care packages to a few groups in our community. Some of them older adults who are finding it hard to stay

connected during this pandemic, the other for low-income families connected to the McLean/Falls Church Children's Center.

In Youth Fellowship on Sunday evenings, the youth have discussed a range of topics designed to help them grow in their faith and as a person. We explored Mindfulness, Meditation, Prayer, and other spiritual practices to give the youth tools of ways to check-in with their mental, physical, and spiritual health (something that has been desperately needed during this pandemic and long periods of isolation). We then spent several weeks discussing spiritual gifts and ways to further your own self-discovery. These lessons were aimed at helping our youth begin to understand more about who they are as a unique child of God and how they can use their gifts towards building God's Kingdom on earth. When we're not having deep discussions about faith, we've been creative in finding ways to continue fun church traditions. Instead of our normal Trunk-or-Treat this year, the youth hosted a churchwide Halloween Party over Zoom. The event was very well attended with over thirty youth and families logging on to get together, share customs and pumpkin carvings, and be in community. Our annual Christmas party shared a similar theme.

Looking ahead, we will continue doing virtual Youth Ministry until we know it is safe to meet together in person more regularly. We will be starting another Confirmation class this Spring, and while many of our plans for the Summer are still up in the air, we plan to at least participate in virtual youth conferences offered by Montreat and Massanetta Springs.



College Ministry

The College Ministry at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church engages students in undergraduate programs and graduate programs across the world. They are an intelligent and gifted group who study English to political science to math at colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the globe. The College Ministry is an important part of Lewinsville and engages college and graduate students throughout the year.

The college students enjoy the Spring and Fall care packages that are sent by Lewinsville. This past spring, Lewinsville sent Easter care packages to students made by the Lewinsville Young Adult group. This past fall, the members of Lewinsville sent over 30 care packages to students in the U.S. Members of the congregation enjoyed filling the boxes with goodies, decorations, and notes of encouragement. The college care packages are an important part of the College Ministry and offer an opportunity to show support, love, and commitment to our college students. The care packages do not go unappreciated, and many of the college students stated that receiving the care packages lifted their spirits and helped them finish the semester strong.

When the college students return home, they have many opportunities to engage with the College Ministry at Lewinsville. Many participate in the choirs at holiday services and attend Youth Fellowship. One of the most treasured parts of the College Ministry is the annual college lunch which

was held this past Advent season at District Taco. The college students enjoyed gathering together for fun fellowship and delicious food.

In January 2020, two college students participated in a Winter Mission Project with Pastor Annamarie Groenenboom. The WMP participants worked with a resident at the Lewinsville Retirement Residence and helped disassemble her old bed frame to make room for a new hospital bed. The participants enjoyed spending time with the resident and hope to get together for more mission work soon.

Looking forward, the College Ministry at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church is planning to continue sending care packages throughout the year. We also plan to host several opportunities for fellowship in the summer and are excited for the Summer Mission Project. The College Ministry is a vital part of Lewinsville's ministry and continues to provide encouragement, support, and spiritual care for many college students.

SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Summer Mission Project team was unable to spend the last week in June working with a Habitat for Humanity affiliate *for the first time in 30 years*. However, we were committed to ensuring that SMP 2020 would still make a significant difference in the lives of others, so we challenged team members to find some way to serve safely in their local community. Creative activities included delivering canned goods to local food pantries, selling homemade baked goods and donating the proceeds to the local Habitat chapter, setting up a free neighborhood lending library, singing outside a retirement home, and making financial donations to local charities in need.

As December approached, it became painfully obvious that our annual Bake Sale was also in jeopardy. Instead of cancelling it altogether, we re-imagined it as a virtual event and offered a limited number of items for sale via an on-line menu. Baked goods were picked up in the church parking lot and we raised almost \$700. We will distribute these donations to our Habitat partners in 2021.

At this writing, it is unclear yet what the future holds for SMP 2021 but we are looking forward to getting back on a worksite when it is safe to do so.

Submitted by Linda Bender

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY GROUP

The Administrative Ministry Group (AMG) is responsible for the overall management of the church's facilities, personnel, finances, and communications, and is composed of the chairs of those committees. The Church Administrator is an ex officio member. The Group was chaired in 2020 by sitting elder Rob Hunter. The Ministry Group is guided by the principles of fiduciary responsibility, stewardship of all resources, management transparency, confidentiality, and accountability. Despite the challenges of 2020, the AMG was able to function smoothly, thanks to the efforts of the chairs and members of the individual committees. Because of the building renovation and the closure for so many months of the church buildings, the work was quite different for many of the committees. Communications in particular stepped up and enabled services and various other events to take place in sterling fashion. The other committees continued their stewardship of the church's physical plant, personnel, and finances successfully; Lewinsville Presbyterian is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and able lay leadership.

The Communications Committee is chaired by Bettie McElroy and includes the following members: Roland McElroy, Bob Johnson, Wendy Maiwurm, Deirdre Ramsey, and Rick Neldon.

The year 2020 was not what anyone expected, so our planned budget expenditures focusing on outreach to the surrounding community were altered to fit the circumstances and to look ahead to future needs.

Here's What Remained the Same:

- Website: The website was updated daily as needed with new events (mainly online events) being added, new signup forms as requested along with signup reports. All subscriptions to various services such as web hosting, domain registration, automatic backups, Flickr for photos, Wufoo for forms and others were continued.
- Creative Services:
 - Outdoor Banners: Five new banners were designed and created as dictated by the times. In 2020, we added a Jazz Worship banner (in February), a Faith & Public Policy Event banner (in February), a banner with the words to Psalm 46:1, banners with the words to Micah 6:8, a banner directing folks to Worship Online @11 with us, and a banner for our Advent and Christmas online services.
 - Mailers: At the direction of Session, we continued the design and creation work for two mailers: one to re-state the words of our Micah 6:8 banner with online events happening in July, and one for Advent and Christmas online 2020.
- Advertising: We continued free advertising in local print media in a very limited way plus advertising in online media also in a limited way.
- Podcasts: We continued to upload the scripture and sermon each week to podcasting outlets.

Here's What Changed for 2020:

- Website: We added a subscription to WordFence, website security software. We believe this has been a critically important addition this year due to a huge increase in "brute force" attacks. In December alone, we were protected from nearly 4,000 attacks to infiltrate or take down our website.
 - In 2020, Google Analytics tells us we had 52,860 unique page views (as opposed to 10,380 in 2019), and our most visited pages were our home page followed by Fortissimo Friday, Monday Messages, and Worship Services. The website has

obviously become an extremely important vehicle for communications with our members and others.

- Our website currently contains 142 pages, 140 videos, and 90 event pages.
- Outreach to our Lewinsville Community: Working with the pastors, we completely redesigned outreach to our congregation to keep everyone connected to Lewinsville. The weekly Thursday Update using our email provider MailChimp became daily emails. With the addition of these daily emails, we were required to purchase a monthly subscription to MailChimp which allowed unlimited emails. The schedule was as follows:
 - Monday: Monday Messages - a video message from one of our Pastors
 - Tuesday: the weekly prayer list
 - Wednesday: how to connect online to our weekly Bible Study group
 - Thursday: the regular Update with worship information and announcements
 - Friday: Fortissimo Friday-a musical video from John Nothhaft and other musicians
 - Saturday: a mission email as needed in the morning and an email on how to connect to virtual Christian Education classes in the afternoon
 - Sunday: how to view our online, virtual service of worship and then connect to virtual coffee hour.
 - Daily: For a while after Lent, we continued the Daily Devotions written by Lewinsville members which came to email inboxes each morning at 5:00 am.
 - Members continued to receive notices of our online newsletter monthly and other notices when needed.
- Outreach to our Lewinsville Community and our larger Community in McLean and beyond: We increased Facebook postings from twice a week to every day, using the Monday Messages and Fortissimo Friday videos for those days, plus additional material of interest all other days.
 - The Communications Chair joined the Presbyterian Communicators group at PCUSA and attended a social media webinar to learn more about how to use social media platforms more effectively. Near the end of the year, new ideas were instituted with our Facebook and Instagram postings as well as our YouTube presence.
 - With increased Facebook postings, we initiated a subscription to Shutterstock for appropriate royalty-free graphics. This resource has been essential for all creative services work we now do.
 - In addition, near the end of the year we stepped up our Instagram postings to twice a week.
 - Worship Services: The biggest and most critical change was moving our worship services online. Without the capability to live stream from our Sanctuary (internet is not available in that building), we began receiving video segments recorded by different folks each week to stitch together into a single service of worship video. There was much to learn about this process, starting with new video editing software and setting up/positioning appropriate recording equipment in the sanctuary for one person to record him or herself. A due date schedule was created for these weekly segments, as well as instructions for each participant on how to make a recording and deliver to Roland McElroy, our video editor. Lay readers and other lay participants were asked to submit video segments as well. Over time, each service became more complex with the addition of voices to hymns and anthems (a challenge to synchronize voices with each other and the accompaniment). The assembling of each service took (and continues to take) approximately 15-25 hours each week, depending on the complexity of the service. The Christmas Eve service took somewhere from

50-75 hours due to the complexity of the music. We initiated a monthly contract with PhoneStreamingLive to make the audio of each service available by phone, for those in our congregation who do not have access to computers. We have approximately 5 to 8 people who listen each week.

- Photography needs in 2020 have not been for events, but for church scenes to be used in worship videos. We have taken many seasonal photos outdoors and interior photos of usual scenes and unexpected scene details. In addition, the weekly flowers in the sanctuary have been photographed and highlighted in each worship video.
- Live Streaming Readiness: We have been hard at work to prepare our sanctuary for live streaming sometime in early 2021. It took a pandemic and the importance of staying at home to convince members that live streaming will be a good addition to Lewinsville. Through our virtual services this year, we have re-connected with members who have moved away and others in our community who are watching anonymously. We have two critical needs to begin live streaming: internet in the sanctuary and sufficient lighting to assure a good picture for the cameras. At this time, we have neither. But in December, we took steps to move forward, using end of year remaining funds from the Communications Committee Budget:
 - We met with a Live Stream Specialist (Jeff Carpenter of Glass River Media), who we found through information from National Capital Presbytery, to assess our equipment needs.
 - Based on his recommendations, we purchased a new computer, sound board, monitor, camera capture devices, cables and accessories for the A/V booth in the sanctuary. Our old equipment was ancient, in tech terms.
 - We initiated an annual subscription to Vimeo as our planned platform for live streaming.
 - We ran a temporary ethernet wire from the server in the church office to the Sanctuary. This will eventually be replaced during building renovations via a conduit in the floor from the office to the sanctuary.
 - We purchased a 3rd camera for the purpose of closeup shots of the chancel area at the encouragement of the Finance Committee, using the New Initiative monies for 2020 which had not been used.
 - We budgeted for Jeff Carpenter to be available every Sunday morning in 2021 from 10:30-12:30 to handle the live stream and to train our current AV team on the new equipment and nuances of live streaming.
 - We researched lighting companies and met with several to receive quotes and plans for additional sanctuary lighting. We contracted with Barbizon Lighting to install new lighting and tie existing lighting into a control board which will be near the A/V booth. (This company has done many lighting installations at various churches in this area, including National Presbyterian Church). All new lights will be white and near the ceiling. At the end of 2020, these lights are on back order and we hope to have them installed in January or February 2021. Once the lights are installed, live streaming can begin in the sanctuary with minimal staff and volunteers being present.

We are hopeful that 2021 will bring us back together at some point in the year!

Report of the Church Administrator – 2020! I think that defines all that is going to be written about this year. We all know it all too well. Unique and abnormal don't do it justice. I do want to report some of the accomplishments of the year and what we are looking to do in 2021.

Facilities – Committee, Vern Gale, Pattie Gunter, Michelle Gottke, John Bowen, Ed Hamer, Ed Sumner, Doug McGuire, Joe Parisi, Steve Kirkland, Bob Clark, Rev. Scott Ramsey, Chair: Rob Hunter.

In addition to the utilities and normal maintenance of the church, we made strides in completing some of the major short-term items that needed to be addressed. This year, projects included:

- New roof on Heritage Hall
- New flat roof on the area over the offices and St. Andrews Hall
- Soffit Repairs around the Flower Room, Bethany Room and hallways

Cemetery – The Cemetery Board, Jan Jacewicz, Adrian Steel, John Bowen, Doug McGuire, Steve Kirkland and Bob Clark embarked on a major overhaul of the cemetery records and grounds thanks to the generous gift of Virginia Stevens.

There are 5 components of the cemetery improvement plan:

- Improved grounds maintenance including grass cutting, trimming, debris removal and cleanup. (Contracts reviewed in 2020)
- A study using Ground Penetrating Radar to accurately map the cemetery, which was completed in the fall 2017. We will continue to monitor the cemetery sites on an as-needed basis.
- Straightening of markers and monuments (work began in 2018 and has continued all 2019)
- Major landscaping, sod, leveling and planting new shrubbery to enhance the aesthetics of the site. (work continued in 2019)
- Update and computerize the mapping and record keeping of the cemetery. (to be addressed in 2021)

In 2021 we will continue to work on the following

We have engaged a landscape architect firm that will produce a Master Landscape Plan which has encompassed the current Building Project, the cemetery and the overall church grounds. The landscape architect firm is Moody Graham of Washington D.C. They are experienced with church and cemetery design and we look forward to implementing a comprehensive plan that will provide a landscape overview for today and for years to come.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is chaired by Mary Frase and the members are Janet Gale, church treasurer; Phil Cooke, Session liaison; Liz Stevens, Connie Church and Harriet Neldon. During 2020 the Committee completed the annual review of church finances, oversaw execution of the 2020 budget and prepared a draft 2021 budget for approval by Session. Revenue for 2020 was \$1,222,802, 100% of the budget and expenditures were \$1,180,440, 3% under budget. There was a surplus of \$42,363 for the year, which Session voted to transferred to the Deacons Fund for distribution by the Deacons and the Mission and Service Ministry Group to those in need, particularly those adversely affected by the pandemic.

Personnel

The Personnel Committee is chaired by sitting Elder Clay McConnell, with sitting Elder Bruce Douglass serving as vice Chair. Other Committee members in 2020 included Mike Deese, Lois Dokken, Michelle Gottke, Laura Jones and Dave Smith (the Head of Staff also serves as an ex officio member). This past year proved to be another busy one for the team, with the unexpected challenges for the staff related to serving in a pandemic environment. With the departure in March of Pastor Annamarie Groenenboom, the Rev. Jen Dunfee agreed to expand her role -- and we welcomed Interim Coordinator of Youth Ministry Ben Evans. The nominating committee for a called, full-time Associate Pastor for Christian Formation launched into action, and that team continues its productive work into 2021. Performance evaluations were held with all employees, and both Personnel and Session took extraordinary care to support our wonderful Lewinsville staff during the course of the difficult and stressful year that was 2020. Session approved a 1.6 percent Cost of Living Increase beginning in January 2021 (consistent with Presbytery recommendations) for staff with sufficient tenure. In December, the Personnel Committee recommended (and Session approved) Christmas bonuses. Indeed, Lewinsville continues to be blessed with a great staff to help us carry out our ministry at this time and in this place!

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee, chaired by David Gunter and including Abbey Conley, Linda Bender, David Foster and Tom Waldrop, reported that, as of January 4, 2021, the 2021 pledge campaign (“Together”) has resulted in 163 pledges (compared to 190 last year) totaling \$1,076,764.66 (down \$70,861.82 from last year). The church received 64 increased pledges (average increase of 8.8%), and 11 new pledges. The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to the entire congregation for its commitment to LPC’s mission and ministry.

2020 Building Task Force Report on Status of Renovation of Heritage Hall

The Building Task Force spent most of 2020 slogging through the process of gaining permits, signing contracts, agreeing to costs, debating what stays in the budget and what must be deferred. We always knew the renovation would be a slow, tedious process—but every step was necessary in order to assure the congregation that all major priorities will be included in the final product.

The Covid-19 pandemic hit the country hard in March, and all planned activity for the renovation was slowed. Activity, however, did not cease.

In the spring, outside groups that regularly convene meetings in our facilities found other hosts. Materials from the library, archives room, educational materials and miscellaneous furniture were identified for movement to off campus storage. By July, Heritage Hall was emptied and all content was sent to temporary storage for the duration of the renovation. By the end of summer, all asbestos tiles were removed from all three Heritage Hall floors.

The fourth quarter of the year witnessed the completion of several critically necessary steps. Construction documents were approved by the county in September; Asbestos removal was completed in October; Fairfax County issued a building permit in late November, and finally, a contract with Whitener-Jackson, setting the cost of the project at \$7.433 million, was approved and signed by church trustees as the new year began.

Arrangements for a construction loan (bridge loan) from Chain Bridge Bank have been made by committee members Jim Edmondson and Lori Gray. With construction now underway, John Bowen and Ed Sumner will oversee the day-to-day work with the able assistance of Vern Gale.

Design work continues on the east parking lot. The task force has worked diligently from its inception to incorporate environmental benefits in every phase of the planning, from building design to selecting energy efficient materials and equipment.

Committee Members: Bob Clark, church administrator and coordinator of Building Task Force activities; John Bowen, Ed Sumner, Vernon Gale, Jim Edmondson, Lori Gray, Michelle Gottke, Pattie Gunter, Wendy Maiwurm, Adrian Steel and Roland McElroy

Capital Campaign Committee Report

With the first two years of our three-year capital campaign behind us, the committee is pleased to report that Lewinsville has received more than 77% of the \$4.722 million that was pledged. We are well positioned to reach our goal.

Mission and Service Ministry Group

The Mission and Service Group brings the community together at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church (LPC) to work, understand, and act upon our call to be disciples and apostles of Jesus Christ. The Group helps identify human needs and the skills, gifts, and talents LPC has to address them. This is but one of the ways in which LPC loves and serves God by responding to human need and to relieve the pain and want of others. We serve God by serving each other.

The Mission and Service Group is continually amazed by the generosity of the LPC congregation. Thanks to all of you!

One of the primary duties of the Mission & Service Ministry Group is to faithfully administer and distribute the portion of the church's annual budget dedicated to mission. While at least 10% of the church's operating budget goes to missions, money is only a portion of the congregation's support. LPC shows a lasting and resilient commitment to mission activities navigating COVID-19 challenges and leading food drives for *SHARE*, providing coats to *Christ House*, providing rides for *Shepherd's Center*, and conducting need-based drives for *Second Story*. In addition, the Group serves specific mission partners in the following areas:

Housing

The Housing mission serves and supports the community whose housing is at risk. We work to change systemic issues that initially put housing at risk. In most years, strengthening LPC's connection to these mission partners through hands-on support is an important and fulfilling element of our work. In 2020, this was different and challenging. The pandemic meant our financial support to our partners was even more critical. To augment our support above the planned amounts, the Mission and Service Group added links on the church's web site to encourage and facilitate additional direct donations. The Housing mission partners are:

- *Homestretch*—working to move families from homelessness to independence and stable housing.
- *Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia*—building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.



- *Lewinsville Retirement Residence (LRR)*—providing an environment to improve the lives of elderly persons while contributing to their continued independence.
- *Chesterbrook Residences*—providing assisted living in a community that honors our older adults and provides a nurturing, secure, stimulating, family-like environment that fosters aging with dignity.

We look forward to a time when we can again deliver hands-on support to our housing partners.

Social Services

The Social Services mission provided financial and hands-on volunteer support to *Second Story*, *Falls Church McLean Children's Center*, and *L'Arche of Greater Washington, DC*. The COVID-19 pandemic greatly impacted the face-to-face support that many LPC members provide to these mission partners, but many faithful supporters upped their financial and in-kind in response to a greatly increased demand for services. We put our budgeted funds into the hands of our mission partners as quickly as possible, both for client services and to retain their essential 52 staff. Large in-person events, like the Teddy Bear Run, Boost the Troops collection/mailling, and the Community Thanksgiving were cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. Targeted weekly e-mailings gave us a great new tool to highlight specific mission partner needs to the entire LPC congregation. For non-cash items, we strongly encouraged online shopping and direct shipping to those mission partners, thereby meeting many of their needs in a socially distant and safe way. When the Children's Center was ready to reopen to students, we helped to identify another Fairfax County charity who subsequently provided 400 child-sized facemasks for the pre-K students. In spite of not meeting in-person, volunteers provided periodic meals to the Second Story for Young Mothers home in Fairfax. Christmas gifts of books were provided to the children of those mothers. We also facilitated a direct interaction between SHARE and Second Story Young Mothers to make available some of SHARE's inventory that was suitable for infants. In spite of pandemic restrictions, Shepherd's Center still provided 95% of client-requested rides to medical appointments. Additional volunteers assisted with grocery shopping when clients could not safely do so. They also instituted a program of regular telephone calls to check on clients and maintain a connection to the community. Under the trying circumstance of 2020, our mission partners repeatedly expressed their gratitude for the generous and faithful support of the Lewinsville congregation.

Our support to *Tysons Interfaith*—of which LPC is a founding member—contributed to ecumenical programs that are leading to cooperation with Fairfax County to help lower barriers faced by immigrant and low-income residents in their access to education, housing, health and criminal justice services. In 2020 Mission and Services added *Edu-Futuro* programs to help recently-arrived immigrant youth and their families gain access to primary and secondary education opportunities, and to qualify for college admissions and financial aid. In the fall, *Edu-Futuro's* Executive Director participated in a LPC's online panel and shared experiences of local organizations working to ameliorate the economic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the most vulnerable among us.

National and International Missions

LPC and its congregation provide financial and other support for seven national and international mission partners and activities, including:

1. *Church World Mission*—support of mission activities of the National Capital Presbytery and Presbyterian Church (USA).
2. *Brian and Helen Chapaitis*—ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators; Helen is the daughter of LPC member Frances Grimes.

3. *Andy and Ellen Collins*—ministry with Interserve USA in Chiang Mai, Thailand; Ellen is a niece of LPC members Alan and Liz Stevens.
4. *Frank Dimmock*—ministry with the Outreach Foundation as Africa Mission Specialist; Frank is a nephew of the late LPC member Herb Dimmock.
5. *United Orphanage and Academy, Moi's Bridge, Kenya*—financial and operational support for the orphanage and academy project along with Westminster Presbyterian Church and Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria. The orphanage provides a home for 51 resident children, supports 13 former resident orphans now attending college, and provides an academy (grades K-8) for the resident orphans and children from the local community. Alan Stevens from LPC's Mission and Service Ministry Group serves on the Steering Committee that oversees the orphanage and academy operations.
6. *Holy Lands Christian Ecumenical Foundation*—support for ten Palestinian children to attend Christian schools (tuition, clothing and medical care).
7. *Outreach Foundation*—sustains the work of Sue Kinsler (retired PC(USA) missionary in Korea previously supported by LPC for most of her career) that directly benefits developmentally disabled individuals in North Korea.



Hunger and Poverty

The pandemic took its toll on our in-person volunteer efforts to combat hunger and poverty, but we found new ways to give service to our partners. In the past, many LPC volunteers have work side-by-side at the *Rise Against Hunger* event. This year, a few hearty souls participated in a virtual 5k fundraiser. While the event was virtual, the participants still had to physically run! While we were saddened that we were not able to cook dinners at *Christ House* due to the pandemic, we donated much needed food items and 34 new winter coats to the homeless and disabled residents. *SHARE* still received their budgeted mission donation from LPC, and we promoted their fundraising activities as well as their new protocol for food donations. LPC congregants have been extraordinary with their generosity this year and have remained devoted to our mission partners throughout this difficult time.



Intergenerational Activities in 2020:

Alternative Gifts—Each year the *Alternative Gifts* project provides additional support for many of our mission partner organizations. Conducted during the four Sundays of Advent, church members and friends choose the mission partners they wish to support and the amount they wish to donate. If donors wish to honor a person with their donation, a beautiful card is provided to the donor for informing the person they wish to honor. Thirty-one families and friends participated in our 2020 *Alternative Gifts* project and donated \$16,665 for nine of our special mission partners.



Westgate Elementary – In 2020, the sixth year of our partnership with *Westgate Elementary*, we continued to support the students, staff, and families of the school. COVID-19 required that we help

in different ways from which we were accustomed. This year, we supported 10 families at Westgate Elementary with grocery gift cards each month. We also helped students who were learning virtually by providing dozens of crayons, notebooks, and water paints.

Off-Budget Mission Dollars in 2020 Totaled \$14,201

Special offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter \$5,659; Pentecost \$2,920; Peacemaking \$1630; Disaster/Emergency Assistance \$1592; Christmas Joy \$2,400; and special appeals.

Mission & Service Ministry Group members: Joe Parisi (Chair), Jack Hess (Hunger & Poverty), Alan Kohler (Housing), David Porterfield (Housing), Ryan Ramsey (Session Representative), Karen Siple (Westgate Elementary School Partnership), Alan Stevens (National & International Missions), Rich Tullos (Social Services), and Rev. Jen Dunfee (Stated Supply Pastor for Care Ministries)

Congregational Care and Membership Ministry Group

The Congregational Care and Membership Ministry Group is dedicated to involving members and friends in the life of the church through nurturing care, companionship, and ministry to one another. The Group reaches out beyond the walls of Lewinsville to invite, bring, and welcome new friends and neighbors into our family of faith. The group facilitates community events that encourage our neighbors to experience the hospitality and fellowship of Lewinsville as we connect people to people and all of us to God. The following groups help us achieve our Mission.

Membership Group

The two principal roles of the Membership Group are to *introduce* potential new members to our church and to *integrate* new members fully into the life of the congregation. Lewinsville started 2020 with 577 members, added 9 new members through confirmation and transfers and lost 14 members due to deaths, departures, and adjustments to our rolls. The result was a drop of 5 members to a total of 572 at the end of the calendar year. A small change considering 2020 was the ‘Year of COVID.’

The pandemic has changed the way we do things but has not closed us down. During the year we reached out to potential new members through a range of Internet-based activities and events on the website www.lewinsville.org, and through support for or participation in properly-distanced community events. Lewinsville’s Internet

presence and our engagement with the community during the Pandemic through a range of social, musical, and related activities including “Holy Happy Hour” and church parking-lot drive-thru “Make your own Ice-Cream Sunday to go” and Fall Halloween events helped raise our visibility in the community as well as engage our regular members in the life of the church.

Despite the suspension of in-person services since the middle of March 2020, Membership helped the pastors complete an Inquirers Class for new and prospective members in April. We continued the celebration, honoring our 25-year, 50-year and Golden (50+ year) members as a part of the online Worship. The Membership Task Force has helped explore options for reaching out to the community. Working with the Communications team; we were able to fund postcard outreach mailings and banners for outside the church.

Congregational Care and Membership also hosted a ‘virtual lunch’ in December, delivering sandwiches and salads to the homes of members who joined the church in 2019 and 2020. The event also included a few CC&M members, the pastors, and representatives from the Building Renovation Task Force who gave a talk about the new building. We wanted to assure our newest members that they are very much a part of our congregation in spite of the pandemic,

and to inform them of what was going on in the life of the church going forward into 2021.

Fellowship and Hospitality

Members and visitors enjoyed coffee, lemonade and conversation during the fellowship hour following the worship services in the early weeks of 2020. When we were no longer able to gather at church as worship services were moved online, we began a new ZOOM “coffee hour on Sept. 24. The link is in the Thursday messages and the Sunday morning reminder posted right before worship. We hope you will join us! The committee also offered refreshments for the Salzman Lecture in January, and the Congregational Annual Meeting and a Faith and Public Policy event in February.



Greeting Cards Greeting Cards Volunteers sent cards to older members celebrating birthdays. We thank Ann Baise and Betty Yurkewitch for sending these cards over the years. Betty has offered to continue. The Deacons send bereavement cards to those who have lost loved ones. If you would like to join us in this ministry, let us know.

Lewinsville Retirement Residence/LPC Connection Through spiritual and social contacts, we have provided activities to build close connections between the LRR residents and the congregation. This was not a normal year—we did not sponsor social groups, men’s and women’s breakfasts, Communion services, Good Samaritan Day and the Annual LRR/LPC luncheon/picnic. CC&M did support the LRR Christmas bags which were delivered to residents in Dec. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the many groups within the church who have provided music, entertainment, and celebrations throughout the year to our friends at LRR.

Nursery, Preschool, & Kindergarten Child Care Young children (infants through six years old) thrived in a stimulating, safe, and enriching environment during both church services each

Sunday that the church was open. Certified childcare workers watched over, read to, and the building, all toys and nursery supplies were sorted and organized; some were donated, some boxed for storage, and some were moved to the new temporary Nursery location in room 25A, played with the children. During the closure of next to the music offices. We look forward to welcoming the children back to a newly renovated Nursery upon completion of the construction, or to 25A when COVID is better and we can resume in person worship and activities.



The Lost Sheep Prayer Shawl Ministry

creates shawls and afghans to bring comfort to our frail and ill members and friends. During 2020, Lost Sheep delivered 68 prayer shawls and lap robes, including 35 to the

Westminster at Lake Ridge Health Center as Christmas gifts for patients and residents. Lost Sheep continued its Pocket Prayer Squares ministry, providing small squares that fit inside a pocket, purse or backpack as a constant reminder of the love and care God

The Blood Drive group worked with INOVA Hospital staff to schedule three blood drives in 2020, two with the INOVA bloodmobile. 81 units of blood products were donated. We thank Roy Siple for his work over the years. Deirdre and Ryan Ramsey have taken over as coordinators of the Blood Drives. We encourage you to donate to this life saving cause.



Flower Delivery has continued throughout the pandemic. Flowers from the arrangements seen on our online services are taken apart by a team of volunteers and delivered to members of our church family who are homebound, hospitalized or in retirement homes unable to receive visitors. special birthdays, anniversaries and to new members.

Small groups are a safe place to connect with one another and with God. They provide wonderful opportunities to develop friendships, praise God, grow closer to Jesus, and encourage service. Lewinsville is blessed with a variety of Small Groups.



The Pandemic has presented challenges, but many groups have continued to meet online. **ChristCare groups** meet to relate the Bible to daily life, worship and pray, provide mutual care and encouragement, and perform community service.

Worship and Educational Groups like Messy Church, Bible Studies, Sunday School and Adult Ed classes, Circles, Choirs and Bells;

Social groups like Second Saturday Set, Adult Club, Single Seniors, Men's Breakfast Group, and Youth Fellowship and **Service groups** like the flower committee, Summer Mission Project, and Lost Sheep Stitchers all help people form connections, and all are invited to join.

Let us know if you are interested in an existing group or if you would like to start a new one.

For more information, please contact one of the Congregational Care and Membership Ministry Group members: Claire Grossi (Chair), Phil Church (Membership Chair), Pastor Jen Dunfee, Karen Flagg, Erik Kloster, Wendy Maiwurm, Jody Ransom, Alison Staeger, and Jim Tenney. The Membership Task Force includes Phil Church, Pam Deese, Claire Grossi, Erik Kloster, Augusta Niday, and Susan and Scott Schlegel.

Older Adult Council



2020 is the eighth year of the Older Adult Council (OAC). OAC reports directly to the Congregational Care and Membership Ministry Group. The purposes of OAC are to communicate, coordinate and advocate for older adult programs and services. We strive to maintain good communications with Lewinsville Retirement Residence and Chesterbrook Residences and have one of our meetings at each of these facilities every year.

Current members are: Pastor Scott Ramsey, Pastor Jen Dunfee, Betty Douglass, Mary Frase, Claire Grossi (Secretary), Alan Stevens, Ray Martin, Tom Waldrop, Cathy Gaugler, Dan Thomas and Wendy Maiwurm (Chair).

Activities during the year:

The council usually publishes a booklet describing all the relevant programs, services and activities. We have not updated the "Older Adult Ministry Booklet" this year, which includes sections on Education, Financial Assistance, Grief and Illness Support, Housing, Publications and Information, Social and Support Opportunities, Transportation, Volunteer Opportunities and Worship. We will update and display this when the church reopens.

We have continued to meet every other month on zoom and have paid particular attention to how Chesterbrook and Lewinsville Retirement Residence are coping with all the changes due to the pandemic. We did meet in person in early March with Vijay Maharajan at Chesterbrook to get a report of how things were going at Chesterbrook. In May we met with Courtney Nuzzo by zoom for an update about LRR including their renovation project.

We had planned to offer another adult education class in 2020 but that was cancelled due to the pandemic. We needed some outside speakers and a panel discussion for this, so it will be better

after the pandemic is over, hopefully later in 2021. Some of our other activities have also been cancelled and we look forward to picking them up again in the near future.



Church members also helped an LRR resident celebrate her 100th birthday during the pandemic

With the assistance of Bettie McElroy, webmaster, we have continued to improve and update information on the Older Adult Ministry page on the LPC website throughout the year (click on “Connect” and drop down).

Worship Ministry Group

The Worship Ministry Group is very appreciative of the many, many contributions that everyone made to the worship experience at Lewinsville in 2020!

Thanks to the creativity, ingenuity, thoughtfulness and efforts of many people, Lewinsville continued to have worship services while avoiding exposure to COVID-19! We are so grateful to Pastor Scott and Pastor Jen, John Nothaft, the many singers and musicians, the many lay readers, the many children puppeteers, the entire Flower Committee, and also to the many individuals and families who participated in services - from simply providing photos to leading short segments of services. All of these many and varied ways of participating in worship contributed to our worship experience; they also served as reminders of our wonderful faith community.

A special word of thanks is needed for Roland McElroy, who wove together countless video segments from so many different sources to create those beautiful videos that we enjoyed each week for the last 9 months of 2020! Another special word of thanks is needed for Bettie McElroy, who creates, manages and maintains the church’s internet presence (i.e. our website, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram), so that we could stay connected through worship and many other facets of church life. Of course, Sandy Albright also deserves a special “thank you” for her work on the bulletins and several other tasks that support worship.

These have been very difficult times and nearly everything we would normally do needed to be rethought. The ways that we did things in the past don’t work well while we are under the shadow of COVID-19.

Since we were not gathering together indoors for worship, the church needed to find other ways to share in the awe and reverence and worship of God. In March 2020, Roland McElroy started publishing complete worship services on the internet from video segments recorded at the church and at people's homes. Worship Ministry Group takes no credit for those wonderful videos. Those videos were entirely the work of Roland and the various worship leaders who appeared in the videos. Every week, the Flower Committee provided fresh beautiful flowers for the video segments created in the sanctuary!

Beginning in July 2020, Lewinsville started worshipping outdoors once a month. The services were shorter than our usual services. During the services we observed the safe social distancing and mask guidelines of the CDC. We avoided hugging, handshakes and touching of any kind. It felt weird, but it also felt so good to see and be near our church friends after such long periods of isolation. By the end of 2020, the Flower Committee extended their reach to provide flowers for outdoor services, too.



The work of the Worship Ministry Group changed significantly in 2020. We have been a group of “doers”, performing such roles throughout the year as: coordinating and planning communion, coordinating Lay Readers, coordinating ushers, coordinating sanctuary cleanup (some might say “tidying”), and coordinating A/V support. Of all those activities, only the coordination of the Lay Readers continued during the months from March through December. Although all those other activities were stripped away, Worship Ministry Group continued to meet monthly for the purpose of discussing new ideas about how we might continue (and maybe improve) worship opportunities at Lewinsville. We functioned as a sounding board for Pastor Scott and sometimes we brought our own suggestions about things we might try that related to worship.

Music continued to be an important part of worship even though we stopped using the sanctuary and other interior spaces at church. Music had an important role in the worship service videos. The complexity of the music segments in those videos increased dramatically during the year. We were in awe of the final product, and that was without knowing what was involved in the creation of those video segments. For those who knew something about how those segments were created, they were astounded! John Nothaft and his gifted singers, Kylie Johnson and her gifted ringers, and Roland McElroy did truly amazing things!

The music program at Lewinsville continued to offer Holy Happy Hour events outdoors. They have enlarged their performance schedule by adding the Fortissimo Friday series, which is online. The Holy Happy Hour event, in particular, is just one way that Lewinsville reaches out to the larger community. The music program has also provided short concerts to Lewinsville Retirement Residence and Chesterbrook Residences.

The members of the Worship Ministry Group are Rob Ransom/Chair, John Baxley, Pat Buss, Cathy Gaugler, Michelle Gottke, Judith Herseth, Bob Johnson, Sally McKeown, John Nothaft, and Pastor Scott Ramsey (an ex-officio member).

Congregational Nominating Committee

The Congregational Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying and calling the officers who will be nominated to serve as leaders of the congregation if elected at the Annual Meeting. These officers are Elders, Deacons/Stephen Minister, members of the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Foundation Board, and members of the Congregational Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee also places in nomination, for election by the Session, the Clerk of Session and the Treasurer. This year was a little different; the full Nominating Committee met by Zoom on four occasions, with a lot of business conducted by email between meetings. In addition, the chair consulted with the senior pastor on several occasions.

The Nominating Committee accepts any and all suggestions from the congregation throughout the year and is grateful for those nominations. Nominations can be made by email, a handwritten note left in the Nominating Committee box in the mailroom, personal contact with a Nominating Committee member, or on the church website (Fall months only.)

Nominated, to be voted on by Session at its February 16, 2021 Meeting

Clerk of Session – Linda Bender, one year term effective May 2021 through April 2022, the second of three possible consecutive terms.

Treasurer – Janet Gale, one year term effective May 2021 through April 2022. This is Janet's second term; no more than three consecutive terms is customary.

Ruling Elders, Class of 2024

John Day, Siobhan Grayson, Nate Jones, Kelly Sexton

Deacons/Stephen Ministers, Class of 2024

Banafshe Aghvami (second term), Diane Alden, Jack Hess, Janet Kohlenberger

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Foundation Board Members, Class of 2024

Leslie Bumgarner, Tonya Deyo, David Foster

Members of the Congregational Nominating Committee, Class of 2023

Scotty Benson, Mike Deese, Jim Edmondson, Emily Foster

THE LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE

Mission

Provide an environment to improve the lives of older adults while contributing to their continued independence.

Background

The Lewinsville Retirement Residence (LRR), an independent senior living facility, was formed as a non-profit corporation in 1975 by Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, and opened in 1980. All active Lewinsville Presbyterian Church (LPC) members are also members of Lewinsville Retirement Residence, Inc., the corporation that owns and operates LRR.



LRR is the largest Mission Project ever undertaken by Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

That mission continues today – in the form of the Church’s ongoing financial support for services not funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) subsidy. The need for affordable housing in northern Virginia has grown every year. There is currently a 5 year wait list for individuals seeking to live at LRR. The Board of Directors are volunteers from the Church. Alan Stevens serves as the liaison to LRR from the Church’s Mission and Service Ministry Group. Here is just a partial list of the ways the Church and its congregation typically support The Lewinsville:

- Financial contributions to The Friends of Lewinsville (FOL) provide meal program subsidies for the most needy residents, as well as emergency medical costs, weekly transportation services, books and periodicals for the library, and various recreational and educational programs
- Driving residents to and from Sunday services
- Annual Luncheon
- Good Samaritan Day – twice each year
- ChristCare group
- New Member teas
- Men’s and Women’s Breakfasts Bimonthly
- Gift Bags at Christmas time
- Church services with communion by LPC pastors
- Multicultural Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Special activities for residents and Church members, such as BINGO Night
- Bible study groups

Financial support by the Church includes quarterly gifts from the Mission and Service Ministry Group and designated United Way/Combined Federal Campaign. Contributions are also from a Deacons Fund offering each year and financial assistance to LRR individuals with special needs. In addition, a special Mother’s Day offering in May and individual pledges and contributions from Church members are given to LRR. Contributions may be made to FOL and the Caring Hands Endowment fund.

Lewinsville Retirement Residence (*continued*)

In July 2019, the LRR Board completed a refinancing. Funds received were used to pay off the existing loan, complete the purchase of the “Peter’s Property” from LPC, and obtain funds for a scheduled renovation. LRR was able to coordinate with the contractor during COVID restrictions to continue progress, without entering individual units. Extensive updates to the LRR campus have included:

- Maintenance and repair of the parking lots and sidewalks
- Replacing the windows, heating and air conditioning units, and balcony railings
- Updating the interiors of the UFAS (Accessible) apartments
- Installing a sprinkler system throughout the building
- Upgrading the security system and providing keyed entrances
- Ordering a covered picnic pavilion structure to be installed on the patio at the Gardens at the Lewinsville

LRR’s resident population continues to become more diverse both ethnically and in terms of age. The Lewinsville’s 161 apartments house approximately 173 residents. The residents come from 24 countries; the top five countries of origin are Korea, United States, Iran, Vietnam, and Peru. 90% of the residents are United States citizens. The residents ages range from 62 to 99; the average age is 78. The Staff and Board of Directors continue to focus on adapting The Lewinsville’s programs and services in response to these trends.

All residents receive a rental subsidy from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Section 8 Housing Program, or from the Fairfax County Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program.

The LRR staff includes 13 full-time plus 7 part-time employees. In addition, the Board of Directors maintains a management contract with Goodwin House Community Services, Inc., an established, respected non-profit senior care organization headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia.

LRR’s strategic planning will focus on long-term capital planning, marketing, community involvement, and establishing an even closer bond between The Lewinsville and the Church. LRR hopes to include Church members, in addition to Board members, on the committees tackling these long-term priorities.

Want to know more?

Visit the LRR website to learn more. Feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors or Staff.

The Board of Directors for 2020-21 are: Pattie Gunter (President); Roy Siple (Vice President); Sara Becker (Secretary); Connie Church (Treasurer); Bill Chenault, James Foster, Erik Kloster, Alan Stevens, and Dan Deyo.

Staff: Courtney Nuzzo, Administrator 703-442-8300

Website: www.thelewinsville.org

Chesterbrook Residences, Inc. (CRI)

Mission

The mission at Chesterbrook Residences is to provide a caring Assisted Living community including many affordable housing units, offering solutions that enable us to serve residents with a range of incomes and for them to remain at the property even if personal resources diminish. Chesterbrook Residences blends a rewarding and vibrant lifestyle with a wide range of services, living options, amenities and convenience.

Quick Facts about CRI

- CRI is a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization. Its Board consists of three (3) directors from each of Temple Rodef Shalom (TRS), Immanuel Presbyterian Church (IPC) and Lewinsville Presbyterian Church (LPC), who are elected on a staggered basis at the Annual Meeting held in November of each year. One director is appointed by National Capital Presbytery (NCP) for a total of 10 Board Members.
- LPC nominations for Director representatives are approved by Session based on recommendation by the Older Adult Council of Lewinsville (OAC).
- It was developed by members of the three congregations and built on land leased from NCP for \$1 per year and financed with VHDA tax exempt bonds, loans/grants from Fairfax County, and \$1.065 million of gifts from TRS, IPC, LPC and the wider community.
- CRI opened its doors to residents November 1, 2007.
- It includes 97 units (85 one bedroom and 12 two bedrooms). Its occupancy rate was 95% or higher from 2008 until the last half of 2017 when it declined due to deaths and move-outs for various reasons, mostly the need for more intensive care than Chesterbrook could provide. Occupancy levels returned to nearly full occupancy (97%) for 2019 but declined in 2020 (88%) due to effects of the pandemic. The industry average for 2020 was 81% which was a historic low.
- CRI is a mixed-income community including 49 affordable units, 6 below market rate units, and 42 units at market rate (these rates are less than the comparable facilities in the for-profit sector).
- From its start the property has been managed by assisted living specialist Coordinated Management Services (CSM).
- A \$1 million Care Fund was established in 2008 to assure continued residency at Chesterbrook for those who could no longer afford to stay at Chesterbrook with Fairfax County providing \$500,000 in matching funds.

2020 in Review for CRI

- The COVID pandemic overshadowed everything else in 2020.
- A number of Chesterbrook residents and staff contracted COVID and a few died during the spring.
- Very stringent measures were taken to ensure the safety of residents and staff, involving cleaning procedures, use of protective clothing by staff, wearing of masks, and curtailing activities and visitations, both among residents and between residents and outsiders, including their families.

Chesterbrook Residences, Inc. (CRI) *(continued)*

- All of these steps were monitored by the Fairfax County Health Department, which has been very complimentary about the steps Chesterbrook has taken. That there were only a few isolated cases and no deaths in the summer and fall is a testament to the effectiveness of these measures. At the end of the year, the dining room was open on a limited basis, some activities had resumed and limited scheduled family visits were possible (but not in a resident's apartment). Residents are encouraged to remain within the facility, and must quarantine for 14 days if they leave Chesterbrook for any reason other than medical visits.
- The staff has been phenomenal during this period, not only their scrupulous efforts to combat the pandemic but in the creative ways in which they have come up with activities and events to combat the isolation residents are experiencing.
- For example, Chesterbrook's 13th anniversary was celebrated in November with a series of activities and food for the residents over several days, but without the participation of outsiders, including their families and members of the three congregations.
- Although volunteering has not been possible since March the three congregations have been supportive in other ways, such as sending cards and small gifts to residents. A group of Lewinsville members went to Chesterbrook during the summer and walked around the building, waving to residents and holding signs of encouragement and support. The Deacons Fund paid for a nice meal from an outside vendor for all the staff and residents. Care packages were sent to residents at Christmas time.
- Occupancy was a challenge in 2020. Between deaths and the inability for a couple of months to accept new residents, occupancy fell considerably. It has begun slowly to build back up again, but remains low, in part because of concerns about moving to a senior living facility as long as the pandemic is still raging.
- The lower occupancy levels and higher costs due to COVID had financial consequences. Chesterbrook received assistance, in the form of both grants and loans, to offset some of the increased costs and lost income. With postponement/deferrals of some expenditures and the outside assistance, Chesterbrook essentially broke even for the year.
- Chesterbrook did receive an *unqualified (which is excellent!)* auditor's opinion for its 2019 financial statements.
- The property's financial reserves continue to be very healthy, and increased during 2020 due to growth in its invested funds. The Care Fund was \$ 2.4 million and the General Reserve \$3.6 million at the end of 2020.
- Residents: 81% women, average age of 85; 19% men, average age of 82. A majority of the residents are from outside the local geographic area with many of them having family in this area.
- Members of LPC were only able to volunteer at CRI through early March and the monthly communion service has been suspended since then.
- Even during the pandemic, the transitional counseling for new residents and their families, intended to ease the transition into Chesterbrook, continued on a virtual basis. This is support service that is unique to Chesterbrook and is provided through a contract with Jewish Social Services.
- On January 1, 2021, Scott Bartram succeeded Mary Frase as President of the CRI Board.

Chesterbrook Residences, Inc. (CRI) *(continued)*

- Lewinsville's Older Adult Council brought the leadership of four local non-profit senior housing communities, LRR, Chesterbrook, Vinson Hall, and The Fallstead, together to explore how the four communities might cooperate and support one another in improving services to their residents and the larger community. Leaders of the four communities met a few times in 2018 and early 2019 to discuss possibilities for cooperation and joint efforts among them. They have not met since early 2020 but hope to resume such meetings in 2021.
- Chesterbrook continues to be recognized as a top assisted living community in Northern Virginia. Chesterbrook stands apart from other assisted living communities due to its strong connection with its three faith communities, its vibrant volunteer program, and its community service and social activities.

Looking Ahead

- COVID has presented many challenges to Chesterbrook. The Board of Directors is currently revising its Strategic Plan in light of those challenges and how we might act and think differently going forward in a future unalterably changed by COVID.
- The quality of life at Chesterbrook Residences is greatly enhanced by the service and love of volunteers. Please contact Claire Grossi (LPC Chesterbrook Volunteer Coordinator) at cbgrossi@gmail.com for information and volunteer opportunities once such activities are allowed again.
- We welcome anyone in the congregation who is interested in serving on the CRI Board or Board committees (Finance, Operations, Resident Services and Community Outreach) to contact one of the LPC Directors listed below for information.
- Please keep Chesterbrook Residences in mind for referrals of friends and family members looking for high quality assisted living in a caring community.

Submitted by 2020 Lewisville Presbyterian Church representatives on the Chesterbrook Board of Directors Scott Bartram, Jim Edmondson and Mary Frase.

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Foundation

The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code functioning pursuant to the terms of a Declaration of Trust (Trust) created in 1985. It is charged with supporting Lewinsville Presbyterian Church (Church) by providing funds for major programs, charitable purposes, and additions to property that normally fall outside the general operating budget. The principal of the Endowment Fund is not ordinarily invaded per the terms of the Trust. Donations and bequests made directly to the Foundation have the same tax benefits as if they were made to the Church. Since its inception, cash donations as well as planned giving to the Foundation, through wills, trusts, property, securities and insurance policies, have been encouraged. One important way is through the 1846 Covenant Society. See its detailed Report below.

The Foundation processes and manages all memorial gifts made to the Church in its Memorials Fund. Relationship agreements (Memoranda of Understanding, or “MOUs”) are in effect between the Foundation and the Church's Administrative Ministry Group, relative to the Church's Administrative Fund, Maintenance Reserve Fund and the Cemetery Fund, as well as with the Church's Worship Ministry Group for the Music Fund. These MOUs authorize the Foundation Governing Board to invest the monies available to those Ministry Groups. These Funds are maintained in separate accounts and are administered in a manner consistent with the needs and at the direction of each of the respective Ministry Groups. Where no direction is given, the Foundation adheres to the same investment standards as required of its Endowment Fund. In addition, the Foundation also manages and invests monies from other Church groups, e.g., the Salzman Speaker Fund, Knoerr Education Fund, Sally Carter Fund and the Betty Marshall Fund. In December 2018 the Foundation created the LPC Capital Campaign Fund and in June 2019 entered into a MOU with the LPC Capital Campaign Committee to manage and invest for the Church most of the monies received for the Campaign, which are invested conservatively. In 2019 the Foundation pledged a total of \$1,500,000 for the LPC Capital Building Campaign.

The Foundation's nine-member Governing Board is elected by and from the congregation. It utilizes an outside investment consultant to guide investment decisions and reports periodically to Session.

The current members of the Foundation Governing Board are:

Jim Maiwurm, Chair
Roy Mitchell, Vice Chair
Jerry Kohlenberger, Treasurer
Jane Edmondson, Secretary
Robert Johnson

Karen Siple, Memorials Administrator
& 1846 Covenant Society Recorder
Bettie McElroy
Lori Gray

The Foundation Governing Board wishes to express special thanks to Paul Phillips, who stepped down as Chair during 2020 after years of extraordinary service, and Roy Mitchell, Jerry Kohlenberger and Karen Siple, all of whom stepped up during 2020 in Paul's absence, provided exemplary leadership and assured smooth transitions.

Submitted by Jim Maiwurm, Chair; Karen Siple, Memorial Administrator & 1846 Covenant Society Recorder; and Jerry Kohlenberger, Treasurer

**Memorials Dedication
November 2019-November 2020**

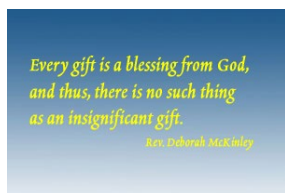
The following memorial gifts are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving and faithful remembrance of those who have joined the Communion of Saints.

Cynthia Nunez Rohlfs	Permanent Endowment Fund
Alice Johnston	Children's Christian Education
Michael Werner	Permanent Endowment Fund (1846 Covenant Society Member)
Betty Palmer	Music Fund (1846 Covenant Society Member)
Billie Hiemstra	Flower Fund
Duane McKenna	Cemetery Fund
Richard Von Burg	Memorial Fund

Special Gifts and Bequests

Music Fund	Helen Martin
Music Fund	J. Clark (Estate Settlement)

1846 Covenant Society



The 1846 Covenant Society, established in 2009 by The Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Foundation, has one goal: build a spiritual legacy that will strengthen and extend the mission and ministry of Lewinsville Church for the benefit of future generations. To that end, all gifts and bequests to the Foundation are directed to the Endowment Fund. Members of the congregation and friends who notify the Foundation that they have included the Church and/or its Foundation in their estate planning automatically become members of The 1846 Covenant Society. The Governing Board gratefully acknowledges and expresses its appreciation to members of The 1846 Covenant Society.

In 2018 the Foundation created a new 1846 Covenant Society Brochure and enrollment card, which are available in the Reading Rack outside the Church Office.

For more information about The 1846 Covenant Society and how to participate go to the website at <http://www.lewinsville.org/1846-covenant-society/>

Current members of The 1846 Covenant Society as of December 2020:

Anonymous Donor	Michael & Barbara Gibby	Roy Mitchell
Anonymous Donor	Bob & Michelle Gottke	Marian O'Brien
Clay & Kay Ancell	Jerry & Harriet Hopkins	Jack & Susan Pearl
Linda Bender	Robert Hunter	Robert & Mary Ann Philipp
Kristina Chereton	Charles & Mary Hutchison	Paul & Rosalind Phillips
Phil & Connie Church	Robert & Joyce Johnson	Gary & Barbara Pinder
John & Ionela Day	Carol Kaffenberger	Ruth Powers
Michael Deese	Kenneth & Anne Krieg	Ruth Riggins
Lois Dokken	Wendy and Jim Maiwurm	Scott & Susan Schlegel
Bruce & Betty Douglass	Helen Martin	Adrian & Karen Steel
Patsy Duke	Patricia McDonnell	Alan & Liz Stevens
Jim and Jane Edmondson	Roland & Bettie McElroy	John & Ruth Thomas
Richard & Linda Eichhorn	Doug McGuire	Tom & Jane Waldrop
Vern & Janet Gale	Elizabeth McKenna	
Robert & Catherine Gaugler	Charlie & Reese Mendenhall	

Submitted by: Jim Maiwurm, Chair; Karen Siple, Memorials Administrator & 1846 Covenant Society Recorder; and Jerry Kohlenberger, Treasurer

IN REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING
OF CHURCH MEMBERS
2020 DEATHS

Betty Palmer	April 10, 2020
Bob Alden	June 7, 2020
Duane McKenna	July 1, 2020
Hazel (Billie) Hiemstra	July 25, 2020
Sylvia von Voorthuizen	August 15, 2020
Robert Heilen	December 24, 2020

*“O blest communion fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.”*