



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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June 2021

JUNE WORSHIP

JUNE 6, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.
 2nd Sunday After Pentecost
Celebration of the Lord's Supper, live & virtual
 Mark 3:20-35
"In Jesus' Mind"
 Rev. Jen Dunfee
9:30 a.m. Messy Church Celebration
7:00 p.m. Taizé

JUNE 13, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.
 3rd Sunday After Pentecost
 Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
"The One Out Keeping the Sheep"
 Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

JUNE 20, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.
 4th Sunday After Pentecost
 Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 17:32-49
"God's Surprises"
 Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

JUNE 27, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.
 5th Sunday After Pentecost
 Psalm 30; Lamentations 3:22-33
"From Mourning To Dancing"
 Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

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**"AROUND THE WORLD
 IN ONE NIGHT"
 LEWINSVILLE'S FOLLIES
 SUNDAY, JUNE 13 5:00 PM**

Lewinsville's got talent!! Show off your skills and razzle dazzle our congregation with your gifts!
 On Sunday, June 13th at 5:00 pm Lewinsville will be hosting an outdoor Follies talent show-a fun filled evening MC'ed by the famous Cookie and Lennie the Lounge Singer, The theme is "Around the World in One Night" with music and acts centered on places, travel, and locations we have missed during our pandemic quarantine at home. The event will be held at Lewinsville Gardens.

It's not too late to sign up your "act" for the Follies. Please contact John Nothaft at jnothaft@lewinsville.org if you're interested in participating.

LPC CHILDREN AND YOUTH "PAY IT FORWARD"

Thank you to the more than 20 LPC kids and youth who participated in the "Pay It Forward" initiative by directing \$100 of part of the budget surplus to a need in their community. Here is where the kids and youth sent the money:

- \$100 to SHARE, Second Story, Arc, James Madison HS Outreach and Pantry, World Central Kitchen
- Multiple donations of \$100 to Arlington Food Assistance, ChristHouse, Level the Playing Field, and Homestretch.

Thank you to the Lewinsville children, youth and parents who shared the love of Jesus Christ and our church through this program, and thank you to former deacon moderator Libby McConnell for bringing the idea to us.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

Liminal time.

In many different ways, we are living in liminal time. “Liminal” is a term that refers to transitions, ‘passing over a boundary,’ ‘moving across a threshold.’ We can see “liminal time” at Lewinsville in a variety of ways: our building is undergoing a once-in-a-generation renovation. Our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is continuing its work, searching for the person who will lead our Youth, Young Adult, and Mission/Service ministries, in a new configuration of responsibilities for Lewinsville. We are taking thoughtful, appropriate steps out of the various restraints that have been needed during the COVID-19 pandemic. In these ways and more, we are moving from *the-way-it-was to the-way-it-will-be*.

Beyond Lewinsville, religious life in our world is going through a liminal time. Congregational consultant Susan Beaumont describes these transitions in her fascinating book, *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*. Denominational affiliations are changing; the place of churches in local communities is shifting from near the center to closer to the margins; attendance patterns in worship have been changing, even before the pandemic. Strategies that worked reliably for churches in years past no longer produce the same results.

These are all *major changes* for us. What we know from experience is that change brings a variety of things with it: excitement, frustration, grief, new possibility. In times of change, there can be a deep temptation to figure out who is to blame. Anxiety can be high – in ourselves, in our churches, and in the wider society. When we are highly anxious, it is harder to have access to our best thinking.

Liminal time calls for a different approach to church. The new shape of church life is emerging, but it cannot be forced. Space must be made for it to emerge and come forth. We will need to practice patience, experimentation, listening, and prayer. Certitudes and guarantees are hard to come by in liminal time; mistakes and failures are much more likely. The key will be to smile at our mistakes and to learn from them.

It is a *privilege* to be the church during a liminal season. And we will navigate this liminal time together.

Blessings for your journey,

Pastor Scott



MAY SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

The 2021 confirmation class

was examined by Session. Paul Dokken, Henry Foster, Daniel Howell, Manerah Malike, Ginny Ramsey, and Tommy Sharp were unanimously welcomed into membership.

The COVID-19 in-person worship protocols were revised to increase the limit of persons in the pews from 45 to 70, allow singing in pews (with masks on), and return the hymnals and Bibles to the pews.

Elders were assigned to Ministry Groups and/or Committees for the 2021-2022 program year. A complete list can be found on the church [website](#).

Finance Committee Chair, Mary Frase, reported that pledge giving remains strong and expenses are being contained.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bender, Clerk of Session



TAIZÉ WORSHIP JUNE 6 7:00 PM

Lewinsville's choirs will make their debut and help lead our end of the program year Taizé service. The musical leadership will support and inspire in this meditative and restorative worship service.

The service will be held indoors in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP WITH BELLS JUNE 13 11:00 AM

Lewinsville's Bell Choirs will help lead worship on Sunday, June 13th. The beautiful sound and harmonious ring will inspire! For more information, contact Kylie at kjohnson@lewinsville.org.

WORSHIP AT CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES, INC.

We are pleased to share that we have resumed the monthly communion worship services at Chesterbrook Residences, at their request. These services are a great blessing to all, as a way of sharing together in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. If you have any questions about these, please feel free to contact Rev. Dan Thomas or Pastor Jen.





YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUMMER SCHEDULE

After such a successful Youth Sunday in May, Youth Fellowship will begin to move to a summer schedule. Most of our events will be opportunities for the youth to get together in some outdoor settings.

Our first event will be on June 6th. Be on the lookout for more information about these events, Summer Mission Project opportunities, and more!

FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES:

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
9:30 a.m.
on ZOOM



A prophet is someone who is compelled to give a message to the people from God. But sometimes a prophet needed a little help in giving the right message or in avoiding the consequences of giving a message the people didn't want to hear.

Our last Messy Church of the program year will look at four stories from the Old Testament where God used animals to help a prophet give a message or protect a prophet when an unwanted message was given.

- *Saved by the Donkey*-**Balaam's Donkey**-Numbers
- *God Will Provide*-**Elijah & the Ravens**-1 Kings
- *Just Keep Swimming*-**Jonah & the Whale**-Book of Jonah
- *Lunch for a Lion*-**Daniel in the Lion's Den**-Book of Daniel

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY JUNE 13TH

It's been quite a year! And some folks in our congregation are celebrating a graduation. On June 13th, we'd like to honor all of Lewinsville's Graduates as a part of our service. We want to make sure to include everyone, so if you know anyone from Lewinsville's congregation who is celebrating a graduation, please write Ben Evans to let him know so we can honor them on June 13th (bevans@lewinsville.org).



ADULT EDUCATION

JUNE 6-27

Classes will held 9:30-10:30 a.m. on ZOOM

DAVID: Shepherd, Folk Hero, King, Sinner

Few Old Testament characters have had as much impact on the modern Christian faith as David, the beloved shepherd-king of Israel. And today, his story—the challenges, the adventures, and the highs and lows—still has amazing power to inform and transform our walk with God. But just who was David, king of Israel? Was he good or bad? He is called both a person after God's own heart and a "man of blood."

This one-month study examines important aspects of this key biblical figure. We will look at David as folk hero, family man, and political leader, pulling together the various biblical stories that shed light on David, son of Jesse.

Led by members of the Adult Education Group
Links for the class will be posted weekly in the Thursday Mail.



TRIVIA NIGHT ANNOUNCES THE WINNING TEAMS!

Over 50 people joined us for Trivia Night on Zoom on May 7. The game, sponsored by Congregational Care and Membership and run by Trivia Hub Live, was a lot of fun. The questions ranged from fairly easy to obscure and challenging tidbits of information. The grand prize winners for the evening with 34 points were *The Savants*. Jim and Jane Edmondson, Leslie and Alan Kohler, Jim Tenney, Jen Dunfee, Emily and Susanna Foster, and Adrian Steel. The grand prize was a Saturday afternoon tour of the construction site of our new building, offered by Ed Sumner who is on the building committee. Thank you, ED!

The second place team with 32 points was *"The High Notes,"* with John Nothaft and family, Susan and Scott Bartram, Sally McKeown, and Judy Herseht. They won an opportunity to dedicate the Sunday flowers to a person of their choice. They have decided to remember and honor Sylvia van Voorthuizen, with great thanks for her many years in Lewinsville's Music Ministry and passion for the gift of music and the glory of God.

We had a tie for third place, both teams earning 28 points. The first was the *GKMM Team* of Bob and Michelle Gottke, Carol Kaffenberger, Pat and Mike Matheson, and Wendy, Jim, and Jimmy Maiwurm. The second was *Hammer Time* (The Summer Mission Project team), Siobhan Grayson, Sherri Brothers, Abbey and Scott Conley, and Lizzy Steel. Both teams earned this honor and win a Lewinsville Grocery tote bag. Thank you to all who played along with us!



Single SENIORS

SINGLE SENIORS VIRTUAL LUNCH FRIDAY, JUNE 11 11:30 A.M.

Single Seniors monthly fellowship will take place on ZOOM on Friday, June 11, at 11:30 a.m. In addition to each of us reporting on how we are doing, we will have an update by Church Administrator Bob Clark on the church renovation and construction, and Wendy Maiwurm will report plans for furnishings and finishes. A ZOOM link will be sent out later.





PANDEMIC COFFEE HOUR TO TAKE A SUMMER PAUSE

During this year of the Pandemic, Congregational Care and Membership has hosted a ZOOM coffee hour (bring your own coffee) after the online worship.

We have had a good response and a loyal following. One or both pastors have joined us most weeks. It filled a void when people found it challenging to make or keep up connections. With more people being vaccinated and the beginning of in-person worship, we are taking a pause for the summer and re-evaluating in the fall based on conditions at that time. We are hoping to be able to have an in-person outdoor gathering after worship. Thank you for joining us.



KEL RAPHAEL PIANO RECITAL, JUNE 19 AT 3:00 PM

Kel Raphael, a senior piano student of Libby McConnell will be performing their senior recital at Lewinsville. The promising young artist

will continue their musical studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Kel will be performing music of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Amy Beach, William Bolcom, and Rhapsody in Blue for two pianos, featuring Libby McConnell.

The recital is free and open to the public.



NEWS FROM OUR LEWINSVILLE FAMILY

MEMBERS IN INDEPENDENT LIVING, NURSING HOMES & CARE CENTERS:

ASHBY PONDS: Quinn and Celia Morrison, Evelyn Jones, Richard Rager, Doug McGuire

BRIGHTVIEW, GREAT FALLS: Elizabeth McKenna

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES: Dee Custer, Nancy Miller

THE FALLSTEAD: Margie Roe

THE GARDENS AT FAIR OAKS, CLIFTON: Mary Partridge

GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH: Charles and Mary Hutchison

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD: Joanne Field, Sarah Larson

THE HERMITAGE: Margot Scheffey

THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON: Fran Pearce, Bob and Beverly Johnson

THE KENSINGTON, RESTON: Mary Ann Philipp

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

VIENNA MANOR, FAIRFAX: Steve Stephenson

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

THE VIRGINIAN: Don Robb

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Katie and James Schwabach—5 years on June 4
- Quinn and Celia Morrison—69 years on June 7
- Alan and Leslie Kohler—25 years on June 8
- Bill and Mary Richardson—70 years on June 15
- Earl and Jan Merritt—69 years on June 16
- Scott and Susan Bartram—45 years on June 20
- Jennifer and Hans Davies—15 years on June 24

BIRTHS

Congratulations to **LT and Kate Edwards** on the birth of their son, Camden James Edwards, on March 26.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Amanda Hodges, daughter of Carolyn and Dale Hodges, completed her PhD from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing this May. The focus of her research was improving the self-management of symptoms following a concussion in adolescents.

TO MY LEWINSVILLE FAMILY,

Thank you so very much for all of your love and support during these last months. The prayers, cards, calls, emails, texts, and flowers meant so much! The web of love undergirding all 3 of us was almost palpable. I am overjoyed to join other Cancer Survivors and know that the love and prayers of the Lewinsville Congregation played an important part in that most welcome outcome!

Gratefully,
Judy Herseth

REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRY



In writing to the church in Galatia, Paul encourages the early church to “serve one another humbly in love.” The children and youth of

Lewinsville have demonstrated this spirit of serving and thinking about the needs of others through the “Pay It Forward” initiative as part of our 2020 budget surplus, as seen on the front of the Newsletter. The children and youth were given the opportunity to direct \$100 of the surplus to a need in their neighborhood either by an individual donation or a contribution to an organization. Many parents wrote to tell me about their child’s decision process; how they identified where their hearts were feeling concern for needs they were aware of, and then how the parent and child together identified places where they could help in that specific area.

I also want to continue sharing gratitude for the congregation’s overwhelming, abundant, consistently ongoing support for the Deacon Fund. We have been able to address needs of congregation members, folks who have found us from the community, and many specific needs of partner mission organizations due to your generosity. At our last Deacon/Stephen Ministry meeting, the members shared how identifying places for the funds and responding to current needs, especially from the pandemic, is a great privilege that is taken very seriously, and an exceedingly great joy to be a part of. Over the past four months, the Deacon Fund has spent more than \$12,000 to help with rent, childcare bills, and to assist the following organizations: ASPAN, Miriam’s Kitchen, Edu-Futuro, Westgate Elementary, McLean Cares, Cornerstone, Friends of LRR, and Superbowl of Caring. These organizations are in addition to those that we supported with larger donations with other mission-designated funds from the 2020 surplus. That is a lot of serving another humbly in love.

Jen

WALK FOR HOPECAM TEAM LEWINSVILLE

Team Lewinsville made up of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church members, family and friends met at the church on Saturday, May 1st, to do a walk for Hopecam. Their 5k race this year was a virtual walk.

Hopecam is a nonprofit that helps kids with cancer stay connected while they’re in treatment.

Thanks to all who helped to raise funds for this worthy cause.



FINAL LEG OF THE TRAILBLAZER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The TrailBlazer Capital Campaign is entering the final leg of its race to meet its pledge goal for the Heritage hall renovation project. To date, more than 82 percent of the \$4.773 million pledged has been received. “Already 108 family pledge units have completed 100 percent of their 3-year pledge,” said Roland McElroy, capital campaign chair. “Is yours one of them? The campaign officially ends on the last day of this year.”

Pictures of progress being made are posted weekly on Lewinsville’s Facebook page. Look for these “TrailBlazer Tuesday” postings to keep up to date. At this point on the calendar, the contractor is slightly ahead of schedule. If you are behind on your pledge



commitment, you are encouraged to bring your pledge up to date before you go on vacation.



SUMMER MISSION PROJECT 2021 "FACETS"

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 & SATURDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

Due to the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, a week long Summer Mission Project (SMP) is unfortunately not possible again this year. However, we're pleased to announce that we've partnered with an organization called Facets to serve the local community at each end of our "normal" SMP week!

On Saturday, June 19 and again on Saturday, June 26, we'll be working at two of Facets' group homes from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Projects will include painting, minor home repairs, yard work, etc. Tasks will be both indoors and outdoors so these will be rain-or-shine events. You'll need to bring a bag lunch. Water and a cooler will be provided. As the dates get closer, we'll provide additional details on the exact tasks to be done and what, if any, tools would be helpful to bring. Transportation details will also be confirmed as the dates get closer, i.e. carpools being arranged, or directions so you can meet us there.

If you've never participated in SMP or haven't been in awhile, this is a great time to jump (back) in! Sign up for whichever Saturday suits your schedule the best, or both! A minimum of 12 participants each Saturday is required by Facets and no more than 20 participants will allow us to work within COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. COVID-19 vaccines are not required, but recommended. Current protocols will be followed in terms of masks, etc. There is no fee to participate, but you will be asked to attend a brief orientation (via Zoom-date/time TBD) conducted by Facets and to complete their volunteer form (provided later). All participants must be at least 14 years of age.

We are also planning an SMP picnic for the evening of Saturday, June 26 (location TBD). ALL are welcome to attend the picnic even if you are not able to participate in either of the work days! Registration for the picnic is required to ensure we keep within church COVID-19 policy in terms of crowd size, social distancing guidelines, etc. and to plan food appropriately.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bender at llbender1@gmail.com or 703-255-5283. We look forward to seeing you on the worksite this summer!

THE ROTUNDA TAKES SHAPE



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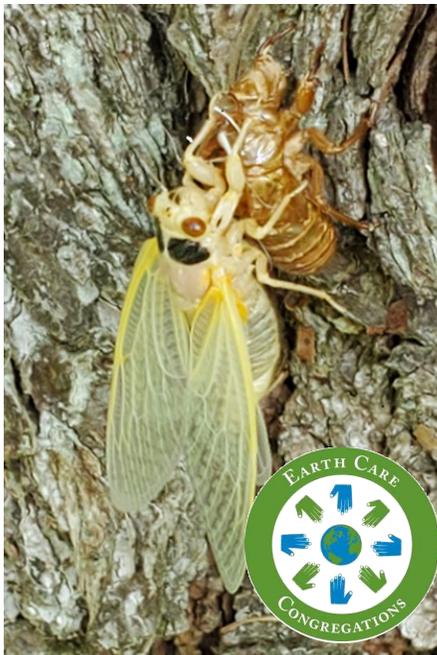
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ALL CREATURES GREAT, SMALL, AND NOISY!

The highly anticipated Brood X cicadas have emerged after 17 years underground and they are... everywhere! We have been well prepared by an

abundance of articles and news features in recent weeks. Our own “Kid’s Stuff” (May edition) included quick facts, book suggestions and a fun video to engage our children, as well, in this natural phenomenon.

We are fully armed with facts and science. We know not to fear these strange insects, that do not sting, bite, or harm food crops. We know not to use pesticides to deter

them: such treatment is unnecessary, does not work and harms other animals in the attempt. We know they will disappear for another 17 years about 6 weeks after emerging.

But how often do we take time to contemplate these periodic visitors as a reminder of the mystery and power of God’s creation? The complexity and diversity of the creatures God declared good is truly astounding. We can marvel at the way huge hordes of cicadas emerge precisely on schedule, defying our attempts at understanding the how and the why. We can celebrate their connection to other parts of creation through the food bonanza they provide to many animal species. All those unsightly shells? Think of them as free fertilizer! Holes in your yard? Helpful soil aeration! The chorus we humans consider “noise” is actually a complicated communication filled with nuance and meaning to the cicada community.

One can surely sense the presence of a great Creator in this elaborate system. Perhaps if we think of the insistent cicada choir as an example of “creeping things” praising God as mentioned in Psalms 148:10 (KJV) the din won’t seem quite so annoying.

To learn more about cicadas and how you can help scientists track the presence and well-being of Brood X, download the free Cicada Safari app to your smart phone and report your cicada sightings. <https://cicadasafari.org/>