

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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November 2021

**NOVEMBER WORSHIP**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY/CLIMATE IN THE PULPIT**

Daylight Savings Ends-set clocks back 1 hour  
**NOVEMBER 7, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

24th Sunday After Pentecost

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper, live & virtual**

Genesis 1:26-31; Jeremiah 29:4-7

*"For the Common Good -  
 (aka, The Role of an Ancestor)"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

**9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship at the Pavilion**

**4:00 p.m. All Saints Day Remembrance**

**DEACON/STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 14, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Psalms 16; 1 Samuel 2:1-10

*"None Like the Lord"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

**9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship at the Pavilion**

**4:00 p.m. Rev. Layne Brubaker Installation**

**NOVEMBER 21, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

Daniel 7:1-14; Revelation 1:4b-8

*"Apocalypse Now"*

Rev. Layne Brubaker

**Messy Church at the Pavilion, 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

**NOVEMBER 28, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

*"Those Days and That Time"*

Rev. Jen Dunfee

**9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship at the Pavilion**

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**CLIMATE**  
 IN THE PULPIT

*All Saints Sunday*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

On Sunday, November 7, Lewinsville will observe two different – but related – themes. We will celebrate All Saints Sunday, in which we will remember and give thanks for those who have died and are part of the Great Communion of Saints. We will also celebrate Climate in the Pulpit Sunday, in which we will join with other churches, synagogues, and mosques to lift up the importance of caring for God's creation as a part of our religious life and responsibility. On the day when we will be remembering our ancestors in the faith who have gone before us, we will claim the mantle of responsibility for being good ancestors for those who will follow us, mindful that our actions today to care for the earth will have an impact for generations to come. In the same way, if we fail to act for the good of the earth, that will also have an impact on our children and grandchildren. The theme of this year's Climate in the Pulpit Sunday – which is sponsored by our partners at Virginia Interfaith Power and Light – is *"For the Common Good: Honoring the Kinship of Our Neighbors and All Creation."*



If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott.

**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. LAYNE BRUBAKER**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Mark your calendars for this important event, as the National Capital Presbytery installs Rev. Layne Brubaker as the Associate Pastor for Christian Formation for Lewinsville. There will be a variety of participants in this service, including musicians and other groups from Lewinsville, as well as various persons from across the presbytery. Our preacher for the afternoon will be Rev. Erin Raska, Associate Pastor at Glencoe Union Church in the Chicago area, and a friend and colleague of Layne's. A reception in the Pavilion will follow the service.



## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

In times of great uncertainty, one challenge can be knowing *how to orient oneself*. Where do you focus your attention? How do you know which way you should go? What is your “north star” to guide you, in your thinking, in your actions, in the way you organize your life?

If we unconsciously allow the world to set our north star for us, two ways commonly pop up. One unconscious path is to *be driven by your*

*own desires*. This way has the benefit of being grounded in what you want, identifying and advocating and pursuing your own interests. The challenge is that we may over-emphasize our own interests, at the expense of those around us. A second unconscious path is to be *driven by the desires of others*. This way has the benefit of being attentive to the wishes of other people, taking into consideration what others want. The challenge, however, is that this path can lead to resentment, as one’s own desires are constantly being ignore.

Our faith offers a third way that takes the best of each of these, but puts them in a larger frame. This path - which must be consciously entered into - is the path of *discerning God’s will* for your life. What does God want you to do? For a long, long time, I found the concept of “God’s will” to be an oppressive concept, because I usually heard it being used as a way to explain awful, unexplainable things that had happened *in the past*. People would say, “Well, I guess that was just God’s will.”

However, it has come to be my regular experience that *discerning God’s will* is an extremely practical exercise when applied *in the present*. In any given situation, God has a will for you. And God’s will always takes into account *what would be best for you*, as well as *what would be best for others*. Because God’s frame is the largest possible frame there is, God’s will also takes into account *what would be best for the world*.

Now, it is easy to see how easily we can misunderstand or distort God’s will. Our own agendas and self-interests are constantly at work, so we can easily mistake “our will” for “Thy will.” This is why we need to be part of a Christian community, like a church, where we can check our understanding of God’s will against that of others.

As we become more practiced at discerning God’s will, we will find that we have a grounded and humble confidence, even if others will disagree with us, and even if the things we must do are very difficult. If you would ever like to talk about your experience of trying to discern God’s will in your life, your pastors would love to talk with you about that.

Blessings for your journey,  
Pastor Scott



## ALL SAINTS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

### ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 7

4:00-5:00 P.M.

Lewinsville will be hosting an afternoon of All Saints Day Remembrance on November 7th at 4:00 p.m. A string quartet will perform in the sanctuary from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and the music will be amplified into the cemetery.

Feel free to listen to the peaceful and comforting music inside the sanctuary or with amplification outdoors.

Stations of reflection will be posted around the cemetery that you can take part in and remember your lost loved ones. There will be hot cider and refreshments for this indoor/outdoor event.

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: OCTOBER MEETING

With gratitude, Session affirmed an additional contribution of \$250,000 by the Lewinsville Foundation to the Capital Campaign.

Session affirmed a job description for a Director of Communications Ministry proposed by the Personnel Committee and authorized Pastor Scott to appoint a search committee as soon as possible. It is hoped this position can be filled by January 1.

The Session affirmed their continued support of the Afghan Refugee crisis and approved a 3-part discernment event for November and December.

The Session began initial discussion regarding transgender issues and authorized Pastor Scott to form an initial committee to study the church’s welcome of transgender persons.

Finance Committee Chair, Mary Frase, reported that pledge giving was strong in September and unpledged contributions were already 99% of budget. 2022 budget conversations with Ministry Groups have taken place with guidance provided that building use is expected to return by April 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bender, Clerk of Session



**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 21  
9:30-11:00 A.M.  
AT THE PAVILION**

**"KINGS AND PROPHETS"**

*"Choose a king to govern us so we can be like other nations."*

**But did these kings have a heart for God?**

Through activities, storytelling and crafts we will look at the kings and prophets of Israel and see if they led the people to keep the covenant and a heart for God. Join us for Activities, Celebration, and Brunch at the Pavilion.



**ALTERNATIVE OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP for NOVEMBER**

**NOVEMBER 7  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
9:30 A.M. PAVILION WORSHIP  
LED BY REV. DR. SCOTT RAMSEY**

**NOVEMBER 14  
9:30 A.M. PAVILION WORSHIP  
LED BY REV. JEN DUNFEE**

**NOVEMBER 21  
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9:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M.  
MESSY CHURCH AT THE PAVILION  
PASTOR REV. DR. SCOTT RAMSEY**



**NOVEMBER 28  
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
9:30 A.M. PAVILION WORSHIP  
LED BY REV. JEN DUNFEE**



**HOLY HAPPY HOUR  
NOVEMBER 17  
6:15 P.M.**

Lewinsville will be resuming Holy Happy Hour performances November 17 at 6:15 p.m.

Concerts will be held in the Sanctuary and usually run 30 minutes, followed by wine, cheese and fellowship. November Performer TBD.

**ADULT EDUCATION MODULE 2**

**NOVEMBER 7-21**

**LEWINSVILLE'S HISTORY WITH SLAVERY**

**9:30-10:30 A.M. ON ZOOM**

Histories of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church record that several of Lewinsville's founding members, like many American Christians at the time, enslaved other human beings. We have not, however, spent much time reflecting on how our history with slavery has helped shape who we are today, or how a deeper awareness of that history and its continuing effects might inform our work going forward. This class, like many events of our 175th anniversary year, will look forward as well as backward, inviting the Holy Spirit to work among us as we seek to more fully understand our past and present and to discern what God has in store for us in the future.

Class leaders will share information about the people, enslaved and free, associated with Lewinsville's early days, and about the contexts in which they lived, but the primary mode of the class will be discussion and discernment.

- **November 7**, we will explore what we know about the lives of the people enslaved by Lewinsville's founding members and what questions their life stories pose for us.
- **November 14**, we will seek to understand the social, political, theological, and ecological contexts in which Lewinsville's early members lived, and how those contexts may have affected their decisions about how to interact with the system of slavery.
- **November 21**, we will reflect on how we might respond to the information we have encountered in the class. This final session will be shaped in part by discussion in the previous two weeks, and may include, if participants are interested, information about how other individuals and organizations have responded to family and institutional histories that include participation in enslavement.

Leaders: Cathy Saunders, Margaret Lineberger

**REV. LAYNE  
BRUBAKER  
SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION &  
MISSION**



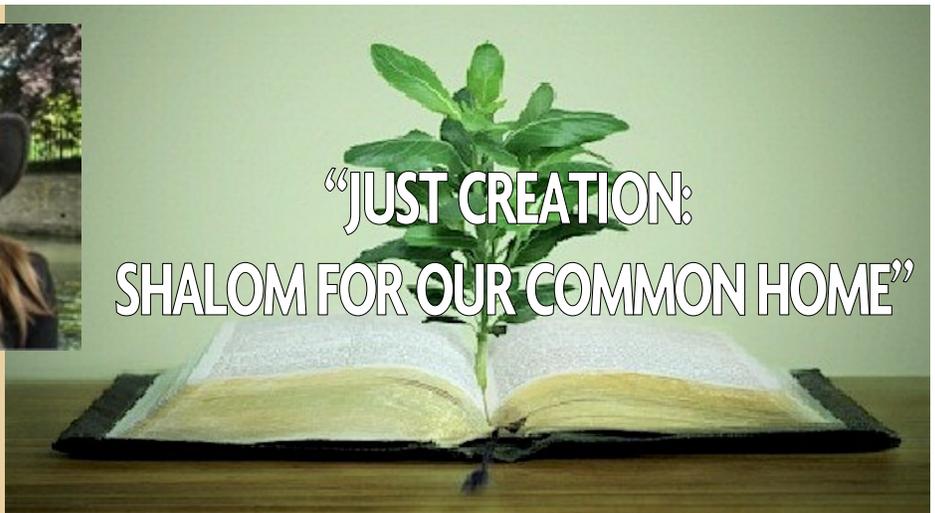
Greetings Lewinsville Family,

It has continued to be a joy and privilege to join the pastoral staff at Lewinsville and begin the work of getting to know this lively congregation. So far, my time with LPC has been full and I continue to be so excited for our future together. On November 14th at 4:00 in afternoon we will be celebrating together my installation service. An installation service is an official act of National Capital Presbytery to formalize my Pastoral Relationship with Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and I am very much looking forward to this service. I, however, am really looking forward to our journey together. In my short time with LPC I already see the fruit of the Holy Spirit coming to bear and I have no doubt that God has brought us together. The Book of Common Worship States about Installation Services:

*Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, elders, and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.*

I am so thankful to be a part of God's work in the world alongside Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

Grace and Peace,  
Layne



**ECOLOGIST, PROFESSOR, AND AUTHOR BILL BROWN  
IN WASHINGTON, DC    NOVEMBER 13    9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
FREE**

*Dr. Bill Brown will explore how Scripture and the Reformed faith call us into new ways of living with and for the earth.*

People of faith seek justice for all creation. We are challenged today to expand our faith to recognize the great injustices in our global environmental crisis. Our speaker has been leading the Reformed community in such an expansion, by bringing Scripture, science, and a living faith to the issues. This session will change your thinking and living and is not to be missed. The event will be live streamed for those wishing to attend virtually. **RSVP required Click [HERE](#).** Cosponsored by the Earth Care Network of National Capital Presbytery.



Bill Brown is the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Dr. Brown has abiding interests in the use of scripture in the life of the church and the world, particularly in the context of ecology and justice. Specific interests include creation theology, faith and science dialogue, the Psalms, and wisdom literature (Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes). He was a founding member of Earth Covenant Ministry, a grass-roots organization of Presbyterian churches in Georgia, and has offered seminars and workshops at Montreat, Ghost Ranch, and scores of churches. He coordinated the Science and Seminaries project at Columbia Theological Seminary, sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science's program in the Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion.

**EVENT SPONSORS:**





Every Sunday 6:15-8:15pm at the Lewinsville Pavilion we will gather for youth fellowship. During our time together we will share a meal, play some games and grow together in discussions about the Bible and faith formation. Please wear a mask to these gatherings.

Rev. Layne Brubaker

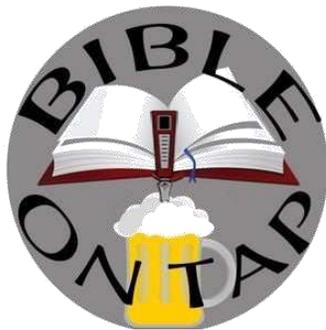
**JOIN OUR GROUPME**



Download GroupMe on any smartphone. Scan this barcode and text Layne. We will add you to the youth group chat and you will receive all the Lewinsville youth group updates!



Join us for Bible on Tap, Monday November 15th at 5:30 at The Perch at Capital One. People have been asking- what do you mean by Young Adult? And truthfully this is a sort of nebulous category that is hard to define. Young Adult is really more of a mindset than it is an age category. If you are interested in going to The Perch for some fun while also discussing The Bible- then you just might be a young adult! Please join us! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Layne.



**JOIN US FOR  
BIBLE ON TAP  
MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15  
5:30 P.M.  
THE PERCH  
AT CAPITAL ONE,  
TYSON'S CORNER**



**20  
YEARS**

*Sandy Albrecht*

Have you ever left the Church office without a smile on your face – probably not if you have been chatting with Sandy.

As long as I've known her, Sandy is always welcoming, very helpful and goes out of her way to accommodate the needs of our members as well as all those others who come to our Church seeking assistance. And she does all these things with her pleasing manner that we now take for granted.

She has been amazing in the way she keeps things going amidst the very difficult conditions during our construction process – the noise and dust has at times been unbearable, but still Sandy manages to print our Sunday bulletins, check email, etc. on a regular basis. One day I even caught her cleaning Scott's desk before he came in as she couldn't see him working in an inch of dust! She supports our Pastors, Session, Music Department, Ministry groups, Committee members and anyone who asks for assistance with grace, and most especially humor! We have even recruited her in the Flower Committee as she conditions flowers when they are delivered on Fridays when a team member is not available!

If you see Sandy, do let her know how much we have appreciated her over the last 20 years, and how much we enjoy her smiling face, wonderful sense of humor and willingness to help us with whatever problem we bring to her.

*Verna Chenault*

**Lewinsville celebrated "Sandy Appreciation Week" in October, celebrating all that she does for us – and has been doing for 20 years! We are so blessed to have her on the church staff.**

**If you have not already sent her a note of appreciation – via email or U.S. mail – we would encourage you to do so!**

## REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRY



The following words from I Peter 4:10 *“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received”* describe the Deacon/Stephen Minister’s role in collecting and disbursing the Deacon Fund.

The Congregation’s support of this fund has been consistently and abundantly generous, and then increased significantly during the pandemic. The Deacon/Stephen Ministers prayerfully consider how to serve the emergency and short-term needs in our congregation and community with the gifts we have received from the good stewards of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

Although there are often overlapping recipients, the Deacon Fund is distinct from the Mission and Service budget, which typically provides a set budget to an organization each year. The Deacon Fund fills in the gaps when those partner organizations have emergency needs, as well as supporting members of the congregation and occasionally individuals in the community with short-term financial needs.

In the past few months, the congregation’s generosity has provided for new fitness equipment for Chesterbrook Residences including a stationary bike, two new defibrillators for Second Story, help for rent, and a donation to BRAWS – bringing resources to aid women’s shelters in their outreach to refugees from Afghanistan. In the next month, we will be helping Westgate Elementary with their supplementary food program for the families identified by the school to be most in need of that support.

The Deacon/Stephen Ministers are grateful to the congregation for their support of the Deacon Fund and for all the ways the Deacon/Stephen Ministers can help the community on behalf of Lewinsville Presbyterian and the love of Jesus Christ.

As the Stephen Leaders are looking to identify the next group of Deacon/Stephen Ministers, I encourage those of you who are interested in supporting the emergency needs of our community to consider serving on the Board.

Pastor Jen

## CARING FOR GOD’S CREATION BY SAVING ENERGY



A home energy assessment, or audit, is perhaps the best way to identify where your home is losing energy and help you prioritize improvements that will increase energy efficiency. You can do an audit yourself, but a qualified professional will likely provide a more comprehensive review, utilizing diagnostic tools unavailable to most of us. The U.S. Department of Energy offers helpful information about professional and DIY energy audits, and how to locate qualified professionals in your area as well as guidance on related topics such as weatherizing, heating/cooling systems, water heating, insulation, and finding leaks: <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/home-energy-assessments>

Whether or not you undertake a full energy assessment, here are some relatively simple actions you can take right away to reduce your energy usage this winter:

- **Seal leaks with weatherstripping or caulk.** Inspect your home for leaks (local public libraries loan thermal imaging camera kits to help with this). Pay attention to junctures between walls and ceilings, around vents and fans, and where dryer vents pass through walls, around doors, window frames and electrical outlets. Check attic hatches and around your heating and cooling equipment.
- **Maintain heating and cooling systems.** Annual HVAC tune-ups by a licensed technician help prevent breakdowns and maximize energy efficiency. Replace air filters as needed.
- **Adjust your thermostat.** A good winter goal is 68 degrees during the day, and lower at night. Install a programmable or smart thermostat to automatically lower the temperature when you are asleep or away. Wear warm clothing and have lap blankets on hand for when you’re inactive.
- **Utilize the sun.** Open curtains and blinds on sunny winter days to capture warmth; close them when it’s dark to insulate against cold night air.
- **Close doors and vents in unused rooms.** Don’t waste energy heating/cooling a room you rarely enter.
- **Appliances and electronics.** When replacing, choose Energy Star certified models to assure efficiency. Unplug items not in use to prevent “phantom” loads.
- **Water temperature.** Set your water heater thermostat at 120 degrees. If you have an older, uninsulated model, install an insulating jacket. Wash your clothes using a cold-water setting.
- **Efficient lighting.** Replace incandescent light bulbs with

LED bulbs. Turn off lights when you are not using them. Install sensors, dimmers, or timers where appropriate.

# Single SENIORS

**FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12  
11:30 A.M.  
AT THE PAVILION**

Single Seniors lunch will be held in the pavilion of the Gardens at the Lewinsville at 11:30 am on Friday, November 12, weather permitting (otherwise via Zoom). Dress warmly and please bring \$5 to cover a simple lunch. A team from the Renovation Task Force will update us about the church renovation/building project. For further information and to RSVP, contact Lois Dokken ([manpadokken@aol.com](mailto:manpadokken@aol.com) / 703 789-0617) or Wendy Maiwurm ([wmaiwurm@gmail.com](mailto:wmaiwurm@gmail.com) / 703 759-6705)



## THE LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE INC. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will take place **November 7** in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. As members of the Corporation, all parishioners of The Lewinsville Presbyterian Church are strongly encouraged to attend. Please come and learn about this major mission project of the church.

## Thank You

A sincere thank you to the Lewinsville family for the care, kindness, love, and prayers that were sent to me during my recent illness. From check-in phone calls to comfort blankets to cards, emails and prayers, the love most certainly helped in my recovery. We thank God for the gift He has given us in you, our church family.

Mike McKeown

# 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  
**BIRMINGHAM GREEN, MANASSAS:** Louise Fox  
**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:** Jane Gardner, Dong Lee, Lurleen Ogle, Lucille Quinn, Mina Sulaiman  
**VINSON HALL, MCLEAN:** Jean and Charlie Mertz  
**THE VIRGINIAN:** Don Robb

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Doug and Alison Bauer—59 years on November 3
- Phillip and Darlene Cooke—51 years on November 7
- Steve and Sara Becker—30 years on November 9
- Clay and Kay Ancell—55 years on November 25

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Leslie Bumgarner on her marriage to Dan Pascucci on October 9 in North Carolina.  
Congratulations to Steve Holzen on his marriage to Hillary Neiman on October 9.  
Congratulations to Alex Hinton on his marriage to Caitlin McCutchan on October 9.  
Congratulations to Liz Gray on her marriage to Michael Cohn on October 16.

## DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of George Wood who died on October 10. A memorial service was held Sunday, October 24, at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Susan Schlegel on the recent death of her mother.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Kathy Porterfield and family on the death of her father, Baxter Wilson, on October 10.



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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS IN THE EARLY HOURS OF SUNDAY, NOV. 7.  
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 6.**



## CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH, AND MORE!

Do you have jewelry you no longer wear, or more Christmas items than you can use? You are invited to donate jewelry and/or gently used Christmas decorative items or small gifts to Chesterbrook for their Bazaar, called **“Christmas, Hanukkah, and More”** on November 19! It is a wonderful opportunity for residents to get to shop, and for us to clean out our closets or attic. Watch for more details. The proceeds from the sale will support the Continuing Care Fund which allows residents who run out of resources to stay at Chesterbrook. Contact Claire Grossi, [cbgrossi@gmail.com](mailto:cbgrossi@gmail.com) or 703-893-6989



## AUDIO-VISUAL team

**LEWINSVILLE'S AUDIO VISUAL TEAM IS EXPANDING! WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN THE TEAM AND WE WILL TRAIN YOU!**

We need people to run the audio system and we also need people to run the video system. You could be involved in either audio or video or both.

This is a great way for adults and high school youth to get involved supporting worship on Sunday mornings! Members of the A/V team get to pick the specific Sunday(s) they work on A/V each month.

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