



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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May 2022

MAY WORSHIP**MAY 1, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

3rd Sunday of Easter

YOUTH SUNDAY**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Isaiah 43:18-19; Matthew 9:14-17

"God is Doing A New Thing"

Jackie Hager, Emma Staeger, Acadia Sharp

9:30 a.m. Pavilion Worship for families with young children**7:00 p.m. Taizé Worship in the Chapel****MAY 8, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23

"Be A Dorcas"

Rev. Jen Dunfee

MAY 15, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-8; Revelation 21:1-6

"Utter Transformation"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

3:00 p.m. Building Dedication Service & Reception**MAY 22, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

Ascension Sunday-6th Sunday of Easter

Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29

"No More Night"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

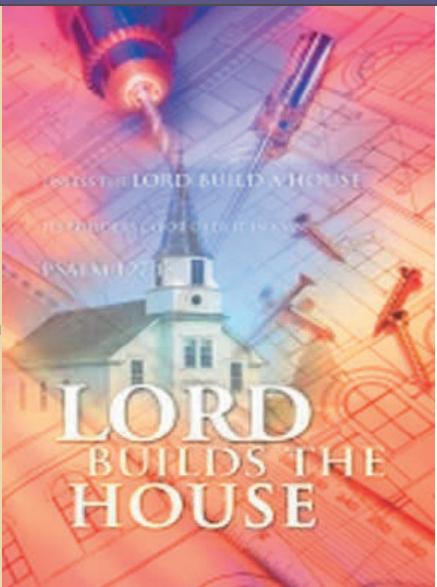
9:30 a.m. Messy Church in Fellowship Hall**MAY 29, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

"Chain Breaker"

Rev. Layne Brubaker



A reception will follow the worship service, hosted by participants in the Summer Mission Project. You're not going to want to miss this!

175th HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCES

Each week throughout the Easter season – from April 24 through Pentecost Sunday on June 5 – we will have a special treat in our Sunday morning worship. Individuals who have joined Lewinsville at different times will be sharing memories from their time in this congregation. We will hear from persons who joined a number of decades ago, from some who grew up in the church, as well as persons who have joined more recently. It will be fascinating to hear how the congregation has changed over the years, as well as how the congregation's identity and purpose has remained consistent through it all. This will be more than a 'trip down memory lane'; it will be an exploration of the congregation's journey with God – a journey which is ongoing now, and unfolding into the future that God is giving us.

YOUTH SUNDAY**MAY 1**

Get Excited! Youth Sunday will be Sunday, May, 1st and the youth are hard at work to make it a fun and memorable worship experience. The theme for the day is "God Is Doing a New Thing!" Youth will be leading every part of the service and the worship service will be infused with their energy and creativity.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

On Sunday, May 15, at 3:00 p.m., we will gather as a community of faith for a Building Dedication Worship Service (see the front page for more information), to dedicate our wonderfully renovated facility to the mission of God in the world. With the completion of our building, I have found myself reflecting on how much energy the Bible spends on the role that buildings (temples, tabernacles, shrines, synagogue, homes) play in the community of faith. There are so many biblical texts about this:

- ◊ “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1)
- ◊ The Lord said to King David, “Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.” (2 Samuel 7:5-6)
- ◊ King Solomon said, “Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, O Lord, much less this house that I have built!” (1 Kings 8:27)
- ◊ “When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, *he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom.*” (Luke 4:16)
- ◊ “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

What is clear from Scripture is that *God does not need a building to live in*. At the same time, it is clear that *God can use buildings of all kinds for God's mission and God's purposes*.

In the coming weeks, months, and years, may we come to understand, in very deep ways, how our wonderfully renovated facility is a *tremendous blessing* and a *powerful responsibility*. It is such a gift to have this facility, from which we will be able to launch a variety of mission initiatives – for children, youth, young adults, middle-age and older adults; for the members and friends of this congregation, as well as for the people of the Fairfax County community, especially those who are in need; for education, worship, fellowship, and mission.

But the building will not do the mission of the church for us. That is up to us, relying on the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, to discern what God is up to in our neighborhood, and how we may join with God in that mission.

Blessings for your journey,
Pastor Scott



INQUIRERS' CLASS APRIL 24-MAY 22

9:30-10:30 A.M.

- ⇒ Are you interested in joining Lewinsville Presbyterian Church?
- ⇒ Do you wonder what it would look like for you to make a formal connection with this congregation?
- ⇒ Are you interested in exploring, with a group of other folks at a similar point in their journeys, what participation in the life of a local congregation might look like?

If you are, then plan to join us for the next “Inquirers’ Class,” which will begin on Sunday, April 24. We will meet during the education hour, from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. The class will gather in-person at Lewinsville, although there can also be the possibility of joining virtually, if you need that. Over the course of the class, we will explore our personal spiritual journeys, talk about the core beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and about the details of life at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. It is a wonderful opportunity to explore and learn together. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott.

Leader: Pastor Scott Ramsey

Location: Church Library

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-APRIL MEETING

Finance Committee Chair, Mary Frase, reported that income and expenses continue to be in line with budget. Building Income is expected to increase as more outside groups return to the new building. Loose Plate Income is also expected to increase based on the number of visitors who attended worship services during Holy Week and the number of persons returning to in-person worship in general.

Session approved modifications to the COMPAS evaluation process for the Pastors to ensure the annual feedback is as useful as possible in evaluating the pastor's duties and for goal setting.

Session approved building coverage for Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5:30-9:30pm.

Session affirmed proposed plans for Pastor Scott's sabbatical in Summer 2023.

Session expressed their thanks to the staff and all volunteers involved in the meaningful services held during Holy Week.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bender, Clerk of Session



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS SUNDAY, MAY 8

On Sunday, May 8, we will have the pleasure of ordaining and installing your new Ruling Elders and Deacons at Lewinsville Presbyterian. Those who have not previously served in these positions will be ordained and installed, which will involve receiving the “laying on of hands.” This is an ancient Christian custom (see Acts 6:5-6) by which a Christian community, by the power of the Holy Spirit, confers authority upon leaders. The image is of an ancient “chain of leadership,” stretching back through time, by which authority is passed on from one generation to another. The significant meaning of this is that Christian leaders *do not authorize themselves*. Any authority that we exercise is given to us by someone else and is given for the well-being of the community.

Please hold your new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons in your prayers.

Ruling Elders, Class of 2025: Karen Hager, Grant Mann, Scott Schlegel, John Walcott.

Deacons/Stephen Ministers, Class of 2025: David Jessee, Leslie Kohler, Virginia McCormick, Rachel Russell (2nd term), and Sue Thomas.



MATTHEW 25

ADULT EDUCATION MODULE 5

APRIL 24-MAY 22

9:30-10:30 A.M.

MATTHEW 25 AND

LEWINSVILLE: *CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION*

In this class, we'll continue the conversation about our denomination's Matthew 25 initiative and how we at Lewinsville can live into our calling as a Matthew 25 congregation.

We'll begin with two weeks of Bible Study.

- ◊ The first week will focus on the themes of Matthew 25 and how they connect to the larger themes of the Bible.
- ◊ The second week will examine how Matthew 25 can be interpreted as a call to address one of the three foci of the Matthew 25 initiative: dismantling structural racism.
- ◊ During the last three weeks of the class, panels of Lewinsville members will reflect on how race has played a role in their professional lives, and what we might learn from those experiences.

Leaders: Dan Thomas, Linton Brooks, Rob Hunter, Cathy Saunders

Location: Room 102A across from the Chapel, First Floor



HEAR THE WIND! SEE THE FIRE!

**JOIN US SUNDAY, MAY 22 AT 9:30 A.M.
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TO EXPLORE THE
“PENTECOST POWER”!**

All ages and stages are invited to this alternate form of worship through the creative hands-on activities of Messy Church. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and share a brunch following our celebration led by Pastor Scott.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR GOOD SAMARITAN DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SERVICE.

There are opportunities for volunteers of all ages and talents.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Complete painting projects at **The Falls Church Homeless Shelter**
- Wash cars, dogs, and your little brother at **Lewinsville Retirement Residence** (LRR), perform landscaping work, and assist residents with small repairs and improvement projects needed in their apartments.
- Assist in the distribution of food & clothing to area residents in need at **SHARE** of McLean (adults only).
- Help with small projects for **FACETS** which may include furniture haul and office organization.



Please bring tool boxes and painting supplies and rakes and clippers and other implements of destruction.

If you are unable to volunteer for the activities at The Homeless Shelter or LRR or Facets or SHARE, please do still join us for coffee and fellowship before we head out to the work sites.

Look for the sign-up link at <http://lewinsville.org>

GOOD SAMARITAN DAY SCHEDULE

- 8:15 AM** Meet in the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church for breakfast (sponsored by Men's Squares).
- 8:45 AM** Head off to work sites.
- 12:30 PM** Return to Lewinsville for lunch and fellowship (a \$10/person contribution is requested)



About our mission partners ...

FACETS serves individuals and families who are homeless, low income, unstably housed, and at-risk of homelessness in Fairfax County. <http://facetscares.org>

Lewinsville Retirement Residence (LRR) is our closest neighbor and provides independent senior living. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church has helped support LRR since 1975. <http://www.thelewinsville.org/>

SHARE of McLean distributes affordable nutritious food and helps needy families in our area in other ways. It provides nearly 13,500 packages of food each month. <https://www.shareofmclean.org>

Falls Church Homeless provides warm beds, meals, and counseling to the homeless during the winter months. www.fcshelter.org



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

Greetings Lewinsville Family,

Just this past week I got to meet with the Youth Worship Service planning committee which is comprised of three of the oldest youth group members. The purpose of our meeting was to plan for the upcoming Youth Sunday (May 1st) and I left that meeting in awe of the youth of this church. Some of our most dedicated members are our youth. Over the past couple of months as I have gotten to know them better I have come to understand that the youth of this congregation love their church family and that Youth Fellowship is an important time where they feel welcomed, loved, and able to grow in their faith. Their faith practices may seem a bit more chaotic than our worship services do on Sunday morning- but the Holy Spirit is certainly at work in our midst. I am thankful for all the ways that this church supports youth ministry and I am excited about the future.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Layne

Single SENIORS

The Single Seniors monthly fellowship will meet in person Friday, May 13 at 11:30 am in the church in Room 102B. Bring your own bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Sarah Larson will explore with us what it means to have a dynamic prayer life, to bring a winning approach to prayers for those in our congregation and others who have requested prayer.

For information or to RSVP, contact Lois Dokken (manpadokken@aol.com / 703 789-0617) or Wendy Maiwurm (wmaiwurm@gmail.com / 703 759-6705)

**FRIDAY, MAY 13
11:30 A.M.
ROOM 102 B**

YOUNG ADULTS

Over the past couple of months the young adults of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church have been regularly meeting and having fun adventures together. We went on a hike around Burke Lake, we began meeting monthly at the church for game nights, and we gathered at Honey Tupelo for a Saturday morning brunch. The group is growing both in numbers and identity. Please keep this new group and growing ministry in your prayers.



YOUTH

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The theme for the day is "*God Is Doing a New Thing!*" Youth will be leading every part of the service and the worship service will be infused with their energy and creativity.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be every Sunday in May. We meet in the youth room from 6:15-8:15. During these meetings we eat together, reflect on our lives, turn to God in prayer, and always have fun. If you have any questions about youth fellowship reach out to Layne (Lbrubaker@lewinsville.org)



Meet Steve Lewis-Lewinsville Youth's New Mascot

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

Elizabeth McKenna

BRIGHTVIEW, GREAT FALLS:

Dee Custer, Nancy Miller

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES:

Charles and Mary Hutchison

GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH:

Joanne Field, Sarah Larson, Ray Martin

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD:

Margot Scheffey

THE HERMITAGE:

Fran Pearce, Bob and Beverly Johnson

THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON:

Steve Hiemstra, Janie Waldrop,

THE KENSINGTON, RESTON:

Bert Wolfe

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 MAY wedding anniversaries.

The following couple is celebrating a milestone occasion:

- Eric and Michelle Stas—30 years on May 23

DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Linda Stephenson and family on the death of her husband, Steve Stephenson, on March 28. Service details will be announced when finalized.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Doug Bauer and family on the death of his wife, Alison Bauer, on April 2.

THANK YOUS

Your gifts given in memory of a beloved member of Lewinsville mean so much to the family of the deceased. Recently, Karen Siple, Memorials Administrator for the Lewinsville Foundation, received this lovely note from Carol Dunlap Scruggs:

Please share with all the Lewinsville Church how much the church and its community has meant to us during this time of bereavement for the loss of our mother, Peggy Dunlap. My sister, Kathy Orkins, shared the letters you sent, and they bring such gladness to our hearts. Mom was so deeply connected to the church; perhaps that's why we feel her loving presence in our lives at this time.

*Love,
Carol Scruggs*

To all our friends at Lewinsville – just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped support me and my family at this time of Steve's passing. All the beautiful cards, calls and words of encouragement are so very much appreciated. Our Lewinsville family never fails to rally around their friends, so no one feels alone. For that I am grateful.

I also wanted to let you know that I have not yet planned a date/time for Steve's service. Most of my family is traveling a good part of April (Spring Break, etc.). When all are home and we're a bit more settled, we will plan his service and Scott will let you know the date.

Linda Stephenson

REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRY

I hope everyone in the Lewinsville Community has the date of our Inaugural 5K and 1 mile run/walk - **June 5th** - on your calendar! Here is a list of hopes for hosting this race:

- Be a gathering hub on a Sunday morning for a healthy, fun, community event.
- Raise money to help Ukrainian refugees.
- Highlight our church's commitment to mission near and far and to be good community partners who care about our neighbors
- Connect our church more fully to the local McLean Community, the local running community, and community partners that will be on site day-of to mark the course
- Bring the church together in a common effort of outreach and fun

I would like to encourage everyone who receives this Newsletter to participate in one of the following ways. Read this list and see which boxes you can check!

- Register to run or walk
- Have your workplace Sponsor the race
- Ask a McLean business to be a Sponsor
- Invite a neighbor/family/friend to run or walk
- Forward the link to a child's team, a book club, an email group
- Pick up a flyer and put one up in a McLean business
- Donate to the Ukrainian Refugee effort
- Sign-up to help on the race course, handing out water
- Sign-up to help before or after the race on the morning of
- Cheer runners/walkers on while they race

More information and sign-ups are here:

<https://www.lewinsville.org/events/race/>

Thank you for your next step in helping with the 5K!

Pastor Jen



LOST SHEEP PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



**WE REACH OUT WITH LOVE, BLESSINGS AND COMFORT IN TIMES OF NEED
AND JOY!**

The Lost Sheep Prayer Shawl Ministry provides the opportunity for knitters and crocheters of all skill levels to create shawls and lap robes to provide spiritual comfort and warmth wherever there is a need.

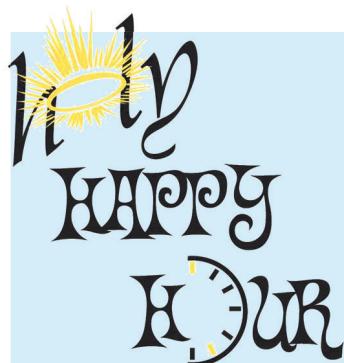
We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in Room 102A between 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Knitters of all skill levels are welcome. If you are a beginner or need help getting started, our pool of talented knitters are there to help! Please come, for as long as you are able, to enjoy this time of mission, fellowship and learning. Drop-ins are most welcome! Those who cannot attend meetings are welcome and encouraged to be part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Just let us know you are out there!

In addition to our members and friends, Lost Sheep are especially happy to friend your friends who may benefit from this ministry of love and care. Please let us know when we can be of help as you support your family member or friend.

Points of contact:

Carol Kaffenberger (ckaffenb@gmail.com/703-407-6311) and Janet Jacewicz (jcjacewicz@gmail.com/703-231-3973)



HOLY HAPPY HOUR! MAY 18 6:15 PM

Lewinsville welcomes rising star pipe organist Luke Brennan to perform. Luke is a Northern Virginia Native and pursuing his Bachelor of Music (BM) in organ performance as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics at the University of Rochester. He is also a winner of the 2019 American Guild of Organists' RCYO Potomac Chapter and Mid-Atlantic Regional Competitions.



DEDICATION CHOIR

MAY 15

Lewisville's Music Ministry is looking for extra singers for our Dedication service on May 15 at 3:00 pm. Please contact jnothaft@lewinsville.org if you'd like to join the choir for the celebratory service.



CARILLON INSTALLATION

Lewinsville will be updating our Carillon System. In early May, the Verdin Company based out of Cincinnati, OH, which recently celebrated its 175th year anniversary, will install the new system.

Jack and Susan Pearl gifted Lewinsville the Carillon in honor of their son, Michael.

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LEWINSVILLE LEADING THE WAY

We've all seen alarming images of huge "garbage patches" that have accumulated in our oceans as a result of the world's increasing reliance on plastic goods. It is estimated that by 2050 there could be as much plastic as fish in the ocean if we continue on our present trajectory. Single use plastic water bottles are a big part of the problem. In the United States alone annual sales exceed 70 billion bottles. Despite efforts to promote recycling, many bottles end up as litter that eventually reaches our waterways and oceans. Or they may be sent to a landfill where they will leach dangerous chemicals as they decompose, or to an incinerator that releases toxic fumes. The manufacture and distribution of those bottles have negative environmental impacts as well.

While bottled water may be necessary in some circumstances, there is no need to routinely purchase single use water bottles in areas like ours where the water supply is reliable and of high quality.

Lewinsville is making it easy to kick the single use water bottle habit. Our new energy efficient, refrigerated and filtered drinking fountains include water bottle filling stations that offer a quick and convenient way to fill up a reusable water bottle. We can all help the earth by making use of this feature when at the church and continuing the practice elsewhere. Take your reusable bottle wherever you go. Drink tap water at home. If you have concerns about impurities in your tap water, use a water filter pitcher or install a faucet filter system.

Ditching single use water bottles is a simple, painless way to show respect for God's creation!

