



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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March 2023

MARCH WORSHIP

MARCH 5, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

Journey to the Cross Sermon Series

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

"Newness of Life"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

7:00 p.m. Celtic Evensong Contemplative

Worship, Iona-inspired Celtic Evensong with

musician, Jody Marshall on Hammered Dulcimer

Daylight Savings Time/Spring Ahead 1 Hour

MARCH 12, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

Journey to the Cross Sermon Series

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

John 4:1-30, 39-45

"Right Place at the Right Time"

Rev. Jen Dunfee

MARCH 19, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

Journey to the Cross Sermon Series

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

1 Samuel 16:1-14; Ephesians 5:8-14

"Into the Light"

Rev. Layne Brubaker

9:30 a.m. Messy Church in Fellowship Hall

MARCH 26, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

Journey to the Cross Sermon Series

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Luke 6:34-36; 19:1-10

"God and Money"

Dr. Mark Achtemeier

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MARCH 17 6:00-9:00 P.M.

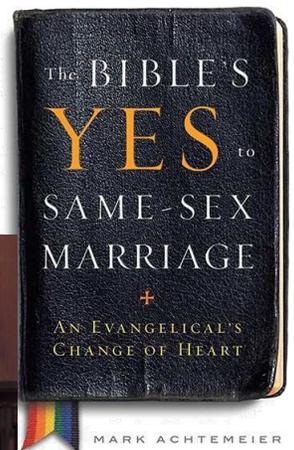
Join us for the March Madness/Chili Cook-Off party, hosted by the Young Adult and Fellowship Ministry Groups. This event is for all ages at Lewinsville on Friday, March 17 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. held on the 2nd floor of the church. There will be prizes for best chili in a wide variety of categories, basketball brackets and inflatable basketball jump-shot. Since it is March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), wear your green for a St. Patrick's day theme.

Sign up to bring your own chili recipe: [CLICK HERE](#)

**GROWING OUR WELCOME AS A CONGREGATION
WITH GUEST PREACHER AND SPEAKER: DR. MARK ACHEMEIER
SUNDAY, MARCH 26 AT 11 A.M. WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 26 AT 4:30 P.M. PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION,
"MARRIAGE IS FOR EVERYONE: A BIBLICAL CASE FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE"**

Over the last year, the Session and pastors have been discussing how Lewinsville can be more welcoming to LGBTQ persons. In this conversation, we want to be faithful followers of Jesus, leaning into our Reformed understanding of what Scripture teaches us to believe and do, and providing a safe and welcoming space for those who have too often been outcast in churches and society.

As part of this, the Session has invited Dr. Mark Achtemeier, a PCUSA writer, minister, and theologian, to preach and speak at Lewinsville on Sunday, March 26.



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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

During the season of Lent, we are on a “Journey to the Cross.”

Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). The Journey to the Cross is the journey of dying to our false, adapted, and small selves, in order to rise to our true, authentic, and large selves in Christ.

As Jesus indicates in the above quotation, this is a daily process. It is not a once-and-for-all activity, but a lifelong journey of letting go of our tight, little grips, walking out of our compulsions towards control/power, safety/security, and esteem/approval. Each one of us, as we grew up, developed various strategies for survival, happiness, and getting by. For some of us, we developed the skill of learning what other people wanted from us, and then giving it to them. For others of us, we developed the skill of forcing our own way in the face of others who wanted something differently. For still others, we developed the skill of keeping our heads down and hiding until any danger passed.

These strategies may have served us well for many years. But at some point, we will likely realize that these survival strategies are also constraining and binding us in different ways. They keep us from fullness of life. They keep us from being who we truly are. They keep us from full engagement with others. They keep us from a full and free relationship with God. We are merely trying to get by.

If we are to flourish as humans, we need to “die” to these constraining, binding methods of adapting to the world. The season of Lent offers us a time to practice doing exactly that: identifying the ways that we try to protect ourselves from the full experience of life, settling for a diminished version of life; acknowledging these ways to God and to others; and then asking God to help us walk away from them into newness of life.

Jesus will walk with us throughout this entire process.

Blessings for our shared Lenten journey,

Pastor Scott



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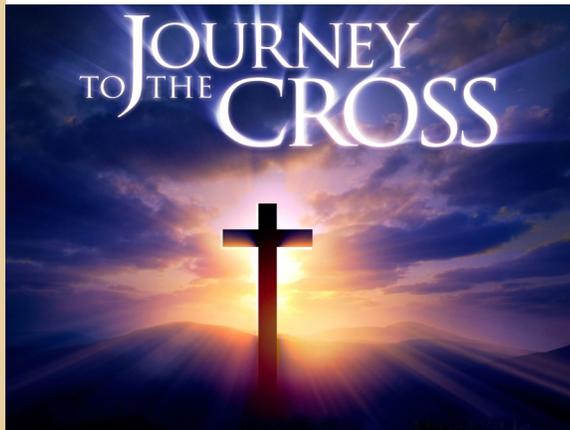
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Dr. Achtemeier will preach during the 11:00 worship service and offer a presentation/discussion at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Dr. Achtemeier taught Theology and Ethics for 15 years on the faculty at Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. After a number of years spent opposing LGBTQ inclusion on the national level of the church, he has more recently played a prominent role in encouraging the PCUSA to become more welcoming and accepting of LGBTQ Christians. He is the author of *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage: An Evangelical's Change of Heart*. After a number of years spent opposing

LGBTQ inclusion on the national level of the church, he has more recently played a prominent role in encouraging the PCUSA to become more welcoming and accepting of LGBTQ Christians.

The congregation is encouraged to attend and participate in both of these activities. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott, Pastor Layne, or Pastor Jen.



LENT SERMON SERIES

Throughout this program year, we are on a “Journey into the Heart of God,” as we sink

ourselves down into God’s heart of grace, power, strength, and love. That “journey” includes several other “journeys.” During Advent, we were on a “Journey to Bethlehem.” During January, we were on a “Journey to Freedom.” During the season of Lent, we are on a “journey to the cross.” With this journey, we draw very close to the center of God’s heart, as the cross reveals God’s merciful heart at its most poignant, most painful, and most loving.

As a visual symbol of this journey, each week of Lent will see the cross in a different place in our building. It will begin the season in the rotunda, from which point it will move to St. Andrews Hall, and then to the narthex. Then it will move into the sanctuary, and finally to the center of the chancel for Good Friday, where we will again nail our sins to the cross, turning them over to Jesus.

During the season of Lent, you are also invited to subscribe to the daily Lenten devotional, prepared by Lewinsville church participants. This devotional is a great gift *to the congregation, from the congregation!*



We are there

... with Presbyterians worldwide who are answering God's call.
This Lenten season, please give what you can.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

RING IN SPRING BELL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, MARCH 4 4:15 P.M. CONCERT

Lewinsville's Chancel Bells will be attending The Virginia Bronze "Ring in Spring" bell Festival on Saturday, March 4 at Herndon United Methodist Church. A public concert featuring many bell choirs will be held at 4:15 p.m.

WOMEN COMPOSERS FOR MARCH

To honor Women's History Month, Lewinsville's Music Ministry will be performing works of female composers throughout the month. As part of Lewinsville's mission, may we continue to Promote and empower and include women.

DURUFLÉ REQUIEM PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2 11:00 A.M.

Lewinsville's Chancel Choir will perform portions Of Maurice Duruflé's "Requiem" for Palm Sunday.



CELTIC EVENSONG CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP SUNDAY, MARCH 5 7:00 P.M.

Lewinsville will host Hammered Dulcimer Musician Jody Marshall for an Iona-inspired Celtic Evensong.



HOLY HAPPY HOUR CELTIC MUSIC WITH FLUTE, FIDDLE, AND FRIENDS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 6:15 P.M.

The Irish Brazilians led by Lisa Greenfield and John Nothaft will perform Celtic music featuring voice, fiddle, flute, and keyboards. The Holy Happy Hour Concert series has partnered with the local wine shop, Vienna Vintner, which will curate wines thematically appropriate for each concert.



SMALL GROUP WITH PASTOR SCOTT DURING LENT:

**“SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE,”
WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING MARCH 1
7:00 – 8:30 P.M.**

Do you have difficulty being assertive about what you think or want? Is it hard for you to express your wishes and desires clearly? If so, you are not alone!

You are invited to join Pastor Scott in a Lenten small group discussion of the book, *Speaking the Truth in Love*, by Dr. Kenneth Haugk of Stephen Ministries. The small group will meet in the chapel on Wednesday evenings, beginning on Wednesday, March 1, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. This small group is part of our year-long “Journey into the Heart of God.” With this book – which is based on Ephesians 4:15, and which is part of the Stephen Ministry resource collection – we will explore the ways that God invites us to become *assertive Christians*. The book invites the reader to live assertively—just as Jesus did. Building on a scriptural understanding of assertive living, the reader learns how to build healthy relationships with others—one to one, in small groups, in task-oriented teams, and in congregations.

This small group will explore God’s invitation to become more assertive – to share our true thoughts with others, to let others know what we want, and thereby to become more honest, more open, and more fully present in our relationships.

If you would be interested in participating in this group, reach out to Pastor Scott to let him know.

NEWS FROM OUR LEWINSVILLE FAMILY

MEMBERS IN INDEPENDENT LIVING, NURSING HOMES & CARE CENTERS:

ASHBY PONDS:

Quinn and Celia Morrison,
Evelyn Jones, Richard Rager
Nancy Kidwell

AVALON HOUSE

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES:

Dee Custer, Nancy Miller

GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH:

Charles and Mary Hutchison

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD:

Joanne Field, Sarah Larson

TTHE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON:

Fran Pearce, Bob and
Beverly Johnson

THE KENSINGTON, FALLS CHURCH :

Ruth Thomas

THE KENSINGTON, RESTON:

Steve Hiemstra, Bert Wolfe
Janie Waldrop,

LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE:

Tirza Edwin, Jane Gardner,
Dong Lee, Lurleen Ogle,
Lucille Quinn,

VINSON HALL, MCLEAN:

Mina Sulaiman

THE VIRGINIAN:

Jean and Charlie Mertz,
Bill Richardson

Don Robb

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Davi and Brian McDonald—20 years on March 8
- Will and Carol Kaffenberger—56 years on March 20
- Ernst and Sara Volgenau—64 years on March 29

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Marian O’Brien on the birth of her great grandson, Lincoln O’Brien Whitener, on December 17.

DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Jean Heim and family on the death of here son-in-law, Jeffrey Kroessler, on February 5. A funeral was held in Sunnyside, NY.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Bob Bastian and family on the death of his first cousin, Tim Berlekamp, on February 12 in Ohio.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Margot Scheffey who died on February 9. A memorial service was held on February 27 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA.

REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRIES



This Lent we are continuing to journey into the heart of God, which includes a deepening of our rootend-ness in God. In both the letter to the Colossians and letter to the Ephesians, the Christian community is reminded of their roots: that we are rooted and built up in Christ (Colossians 2:7) and rooted and grounded in the love of Christ who dwells in our hearts (Ephesians 3:17.) The language is similar and so is the structure: in each case, we are reminded about our roots before being challenged to grow deeper. In Colossians, first know that you are rooted, so that your faith deepens and you overflow with thankfulness. In Ephesians, first know that you are rooted, so that you are ever-more filled with the fullness of God's abundant love. In both verses, we need to be rooted because receiving the abundance of God's love, letting that flow through us and from us, could topple us over if we are not firmly planted. It is that powerful! How do we become firmly planted? The disciplines of Lent are a good start: prayer, letting go, scripture study, service, and mindfulness. Another way to grow our roots is to reach them out to each other and then, like a network of tree roots, connect them together to build strength. We can do this as we study and pray together, as we worship and serve. We can do this when we have plain old fun together, like the upcoming March Madness/Chili Cook-off/St. Patrick's Day extravaganza on March 17th. We can also do this simply by meeting someone new the next time we are at church. These verses feel personal to us, that God is growing our individual roots, but these words were written for a community of people, not just one person. Let us deepen our roots with God and with each other in this season of Lent.

Jen

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

11:30 A.M. ROOM 102A

The monthly Single Seniors luncheon will take place Friday March 10, at 11:30 am with a simple lunch (\$7) in Room 102A. Church Administrator Bob Clark will share reflections on the building renovations and plans for the manse.

For information or to RSVP, contact Lois Dokken

(manpadokken@aol.com / 703 789-0617) or Wendy Maiwurm

(wmaiwurm@gmail.com / 703 759-6705).

Single SENIORS

SECOND SAT UR DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 P.M.

Second Saturday Set is going to the theater on Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons, VA.

The play is: *How the Light Gets In.*

Since we have a group, the tickets

are \$37/person instead of \$47/person. If you are interested in

attending this performance, please contact Scotty Benson at

sabrabenson@gmail.com or call (703) 938-4471 (H) or (703) 717-2309 (C).

For more information on 1st Stage or the play, go to www.1ststage.org.



CORNHOLE 101 AT LEWINSVILLE

Cornhole is a bean bag toss game that is growing by leaps and bounds. At Lewinsville, Bob Clark and Ed Sumner are putting together a cornhole league that will be initially limited to the Lewinsville congregation. The league will be announced in the weeks to come.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Bob Clark at bclark@lewinsville.org





Messy Church Celebration & Brunch Sunday, March 19 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Join us for this new kind of worship for the whole family. Through activities, games and storytelling we will be exploring the events of Holy Week with an emphasis on Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) and the Lord's Supper. Our celebration will include communion and will be followed by fellowship and brunch.

All ages are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for this family worship. (Children must be accompanied by an adult).

This Easter, Lewinsville will be opening up the Easter Egg hunt to the community. We will be holding three hunts on the Saturday before Easter Sunday and we need eggs! Plastic Easter eggs stuffed with candy, toys, and stickers for the children of our church and the community.

Easter Egg Collection Month

During the month of March, we will be collecting donations of pre-stuffed eggs or requesting church groups to hold egg stuffings at their gatherings. Bins for the collections of the Easter Eggs will be located at various locations around the church. If you have any questions contact Allison Lineberger, alineberger@lewinsille.org



MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 30-AUGUST 5

It's time to register for Montreat Youth Conference:

- Any youth that has completed 8th Grade is encouraged to attend
- Dates: July 30th- August 5th
- The Cost of the trip is \$700.00 (If the cost is prohibitive there are confidential scholarships)
- You can read about the conference at this link: <https://montreat.org/events/myc-23>

Reach out the Pastor Layne with any questions.

Sign up at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrpXmgZG7n_zH-hysPcpFDNwe5MBJfzL_uWRRKyjdEAEpUKg/viewform



YOUTH



Youth Fellowship will meet every Sunday of March. We will gather from 6:00-8:00pm in the youth room. We will share a meal, discuss spiritual formation topics, and have fun together!

In February the youth gathered for a Lock In to Debrief the Matt 25 retreat we went on in November- the night was full of fun and little sleep.



YOUNG ADULTS

Monday March 20th all Lewinsville Young Adults (folks between the ages of 19-39ish) are welcome to join our Young Adult Small Group. This group will focus on fellowship, faith formation, service, and having fun together! To be a young adult means you are in a stage of life where you are still trying to figure it all out. This group hopes to be a space for you to process life while you are figuring it all out.



REV. LAYNE BRUBAKER SPIRITUAL FORMATION & MISSION



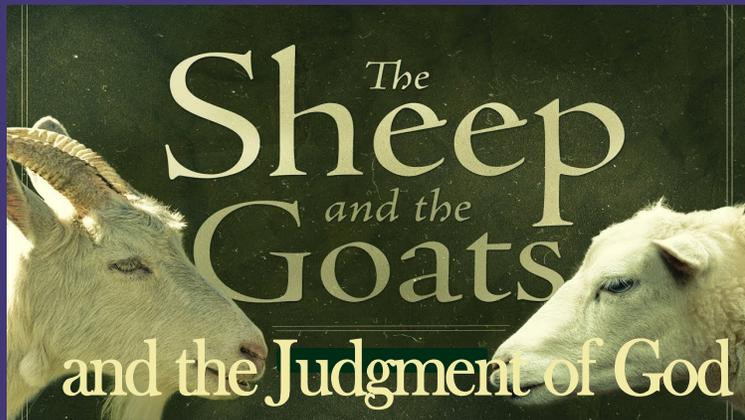
On Sunday February 12th the Refugee Resettlement Team (RRT) led a Sunday School Class in which they presented about the current situation in Afghanistan and then a member of the S-Family (the family our congregation sponsored) gave a presentation about his family's experience of having to suddenly flee from their country. At the opening of the class Betty Douglass, who chairs the RRT, opened the class with a statement about why the RRT feels compelled to continue our work. Betty stated that there are many biblical scholars who have noted that there is not much that the Bible agrees on unilaterally in scripture. Almost any topic in scripture has a counter argument somewhere else in the Bible. But there is one command that is universally agreed upon throughout both the old and new testaments- and that is the command to welcome the stranger. In Matthew 25 Jesus states "I was a stranger and you welcomed me...". In light of this the RRT feels called by God to continue the ministry of welcoming the stranger and helping those in our community who have had to flee violence and devastation. We do this work because we believe that it is the very fabric of our calling as a Christian. Considering this, Lewinsville will be continuing to partner with Lutheran Social Services and host another family. We hope to be connected with our new family within the next month. Going forward there will be many ways for the congregation to be a part of this work. For now, we need help getting ready to furnish their apartment. Thank you for joining the RRT in this important mission- I look forward to seeing all the ways that God shows up in this work.

Grace and Peace,

Layne

ADULT EDUCATION
MARCH 5-26

LENT MODULE
9:30-10:30 A.M.



Matthew 25:31-46

The scriptures are full of references to divine judgment, but it often doesn't get a lot of attention—perhaps because it isn't the most comfortable thing to contemplate. However, most of us who have thought much about what happens after death have probably had a few uneasy moments speculating about it.

This class will be a chance to explore what scripture, and men and women who have wrestled with the question, have to say about judgment. Considering judgment in a Christian context inevitably brings up related questions about such things as grace, an all-loving God, and the afterlife. We'll look at those too. Each week there will be an introductory talk about some facet of the topic, but the real point of the class is for us to explore ideas about it together.

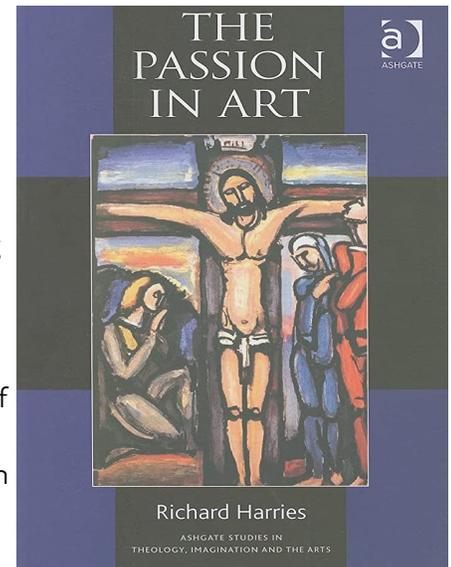
CLASS LEADER: ROB HUNTER
CLASS LOCATION: ROOM 102A

ADULT EDUCATION SPECIAL SESSION
APRIL 2/PALM SUNDAY 9:30-10:30 A.M.

THE PASSION IN ART

On April 2, at 9:30 for Adult Sunday School, Rachel Russell and Sharon Gamble will lead a viewing and discussion of the Passion in Art, based on the book of the same name by Richard Harries (Ashgate Publishing, 2004).

No book needed! We have picked out some images and information from the book and will display the info. Using the large classroom screens. We are hoping many eyes see even more in these images and make connections and discussion. Think of this as -- Visio Divina — “sacred seeing” — which is an ancient form of Christian prayer in



which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into a sacred image, in silence, to see what God might have to say to us. The Passion of Jesus, of course, is the Cross and the before and afterward. Can something so tragic be redeemed or explained or held in art by human hands? How does the art change over the centuries and how does that inform our thinking about the Cross? We hope you will find this a low-key, thoughtful, and beautiful presentation, that will lead us into the heart of Christ's love.

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A CONVERSATION WITH THE PASTORS

Be Sure to Check out our new podcast “Conversations with the Pastors.” Pastors Scott, Layne, and Jen sit down each month to have a conversation around different questions or themes that correspond with the liturgical calendar. These conversation are recorded and shared with you! You can listen at this link:

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EARTHCARE ARTICLE: CARING FOR TREES

Signs of regeneration in the natural world at this time of year delight and inspire us. We are reminded of God's abiding love for all creation, and of our role as God's appointed stewards of creation.

Among the most dramatic sights are trees as they blossom and unfurl their tender new leaves. Trees confer many other benefits, as well: they provide food and shelter for millions of creatures; their shade helps cool our homes, office buildings and public spaces; they reduce noise and air pollution; they improve soil quality and prevent soil erosion; they provide medicines, and materials for tools and buildings. Trees are an important ally in our efforts to curb the impacts of climate change. They remove carbon dioxide from the air and store it in their tissue, serving to offset carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels.

Unfortunately, tree canopy around the world is declining, due in large part to human activity. In the US, urban areas like ours are of particular concern. A [2018 study by the USDA Forest Service](#) reported that "tree cover in urban/community areas of the United States is on the decline at a rate of about 175,000 acres per year, which corresponds to approximately 36 million trees per year." Effective long term, comprehensive solutions are complex, but here are some ways you can help:

- Take care of trees on your property and plant new trees. Be sure to choose native tree species, suited to soil and sun conditions of the selected site. (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/trees/plant-care>)
- Volunteer with organizations that plant trees in the community and/or rescue existing trees from damage by invasive vines (e.g., [Plant NOVA Trees](#), [Fairfax County Invasive Management Area Program](#), [Mclean Tree Foundation](#)).
- Donate money to organizations that plant trees (e.g., [Arbor Day Foundation](#), [National Forest Foundation](#), [One Tree Planted](#)).



BOB CLARK CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

As many of you have heard, Bob Clark – Lewinsville's longtime church administrator – has shared with the Personnel Committee and Session his desire

to retire this spring. His official date of retirement is March 31, 2023. There will be opportunities throughout the spring for the congregation to express its deep appreciation to Bob for the many ways that he has shaped the church. Bob has shaped the church *literally*, through his management of our facility and especially through his coordination work with the Building Renovation. He has also shaped the church *spiritually* through his gracious ways of befriending, loving, supporting, and walking alongside others in the congregation. We are deeply grateful to Bob for his leadership and are blessed to count him as part of the Lewinsville church family.



Beginning in February, Lewinsville has begun using the services of Johnny Flash Productions for the website and social media portions of our communications work. Johnny Flash comes highly recommended to us for the digital support they've provided to other congregations (including National Presbyterian Church in DC). The team at Johnny Flash has been meeting with the staff and others, to develop our processes to maintain an effective digital presence for the church. If you have questions about the website or social media, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott, Pastor Layne, or Deirdre Ramsey, chair of the Communications Committee.

We are working to figure out short- and long-term solutions to handle the other aspects of our communications work, and the staff and Communications Committee are deeply grateful to Bettie McElroy for her invaluable help in these processes.



This is the second of a series of “Monthly Minders” that briefly describe the Church’s Foundation and its what and why.

A critical part of fundraising a building a legacy for any non-profit venture, such as the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Foundation, is planned giving. This is simply the pre-arranging of a gift to the church after life. In 2009, the Church and the Foundation created the **1846 Covenant Society** to strengthen and extend the mission and ministry of the Church for the benefit of future generations. Covenant Society members pledge to make gifts to the Foundation of not less than a specified amount through their estate plans.

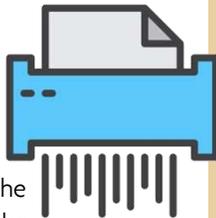
There are currently approximately 45 members (computed as family units) of the Society. Naturally, we are always saddened by the loss of several members over the past year, but we also have gained several new members, and that number has been growing in recent years.

Gifts from the 1846 Covenant Society are made in one of two ways: either to the Endowment Fund (which are undesignated for general use of the Church, mostly for long-term facility needs) or, to one or more memorial or other designated funds for specified needs (such as the Cemetery, Maintenance, Music, etc). Although restricted in use, the memorial funds are managed by the Foundation on behalf of the Church, separate from the Endowment.

With the Endowment’s gift of \$1.75 million to the capital raising effort last year, the Endowment fund is now only \$1.0 million. The total of the other memorial funds now stands at roughly \$1.2 million.

MATERIAL TO BE SHREDDED

Lewinsville has the need to shred documents after the close of the year 2022. As we have in past years, we are making this shredding service available to the congregation. The materials need to be at the church by Monday, **March 6**. The process is you can bring boxed paper to the church any time after Feb. 16 and it will be stored at the church until the March 6 date. The shredding is limited to paper only (staples are acceptable); however, no notebooks, binders, binder clips, plastics, etc. Paper only can be processed through the shredder. This service is intended for your home shredding needs, such as tax documents, confidential of sensitive information, etc. There is no fee for this service; however, if you would like to make a donation to the church, please do so through the electronic donation capabilities on the website, or a check with a notation that it is for the shredding service, directed to Shan Melone in the finance office.



SUMMER MISSION PROJECT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

DATES FOR THE 2023 SUMMER MISSION PROJECT:

JUNE 24—JULY 1



Registration is open and we are excited to be returning to historical Charlottesville, VA where we served in June 2014 and January 2016.

Various service opportunities are being planned for the week to

assist those with housing and food insecurities. Participants must have completed the 8th grade. COVID-19 vaccinations will be required for all participants and all participants age 18 and over must complete a Criminal Background Check (if one hasn't been completed in the past 5 years for a previous trip).

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Layne Brubaker or Linda Bender. As always, confidential financial assistance will be available for anyone who needs it. Layne or Linda can provide specifics.

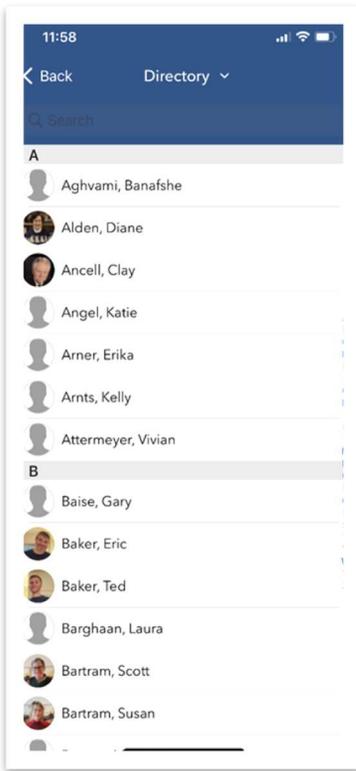
You can register at this link! <https://smp.lewinsville.org/home>



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM

The Refugee Resettlement Team is preparing to sponsor another family with Lutheran Social Services. Our work with the S-Family this past year was incredibly successful and we feel called by God to continue our work of welcoming the stranger by helping refugees resettle in our community. A Big part of this work is setting up the apartment for our new family. We are now collecting items and you can sign up to donate at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545acae29a4f85-refugee1#/> Reach out to Pastor Layne with any questions.





OUR NEW ONLINE DIRECTORY WITH PHOTOS IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Your first step in accessing the directory is to request a login and password from Jeanne (Shan) Melone. Email her at:

jmelone@lewinsville.org.

Once you have received your login information, click on **MY LEWINSVILLE** (<https://www.lewinsville.org/my-lewinsville/>) on the main menu of the website. This will take you to information about the directory and how

to access it. You will also be able to download instructions for accessing the directory for the first time on your computer or your mobile phone. In addition, this page provides a link to full instructions on how to take your own photos and how to submit them.

A print-version of the photo directory (using family photos only) will be available in September when the new print directory is published.

If you have any questions about the new directory, please contact [Bettie McElroy](#) or [Claire Grossi](#).

NEW SECURITY MEASURES AT LEWINSVILLE

As of Wednesday, March 1, you will need an entry code to access the building outside of weekdays between 10 am and 2 pm. The Rotunda and Chain Bridge entry doors will be open weekdays between 10 am and 2 pm and on Sunday morning. The exterior doors may be opened at other times, but to ensure access you should request an entry code. The code system is easy and individualized.

Please contact Sandy in the church office at salbrecht@lewinsville.org and she will arrange a code for you.

Existing keys will no longer open the doors at the church after Wednesday March 1, 2023.



FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Finance Committee Chair, Elder Phil Cooke, reported that revenue for January was strong, particularly pre-paid pledges and building use income. Monthly expenses were in line with budget.
2. Session welcomed members of the Youth Council who proposed ways to publicly acknowledge the welcoming congregation of Lewinsville to the LGBTQ community. Session approved their requests to 1) be listed as an affirming congregation on specific LGBTQ websites, 2) host a booth at the Reston Pride Parade on June 3, and 3) work with a smaller group of Session members to recommend options for communicating that all are welcome at Lewinsville, including having an inclusive, welcoming message/banner on the church property.
3. Session liaisons to Ministry Groups were charged with discussing the theme of "Journeying into the Heart of God" with their groups and how their particular work aligns with this theme, and perhaps develop a year-long goal for pursuing this overall goal.
4. Session approved the annual contract for Rev. Jen Dunfee as Supply Pastor for Care Ministries for another year.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bender, Clerk of Session



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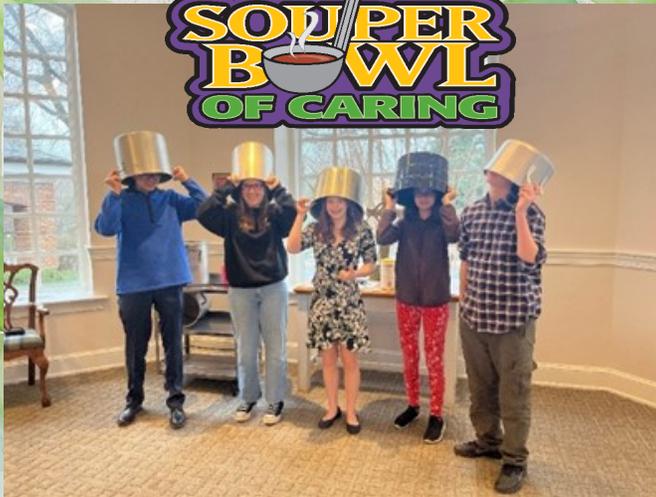
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THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FUNDRAISER. THIS YEAR THE YOUTH CHOSE TO GIVE ALL FUNDS RAISED TO PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO HELP WITH THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN SYRIA AND TURKEY. THE YOUTH RAISED OVER \$2,000.00!

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE MCLEAN HAMLET GARDEN CLUB! COME GROW WITH US!

The McLean Hamlet Garden Club welcomes you! You're invited to attend our March meeting and learn All About Honey Bees! Amy Burk, who keeps beehives in our area, will be speaking on this topic on Tuesday, March 14th, at 10:00 AM in the Library meeting room. You're invited to attend. Come grow with us!

We plan to visit local gardens in April, including the Earth Sangha nursery in Springfield, VA. Would you like to join us? We usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, from September to May. Many of our meetings are held in the church Library where refreshments are provided. Several parishioners are club members. If you're interested, please contact us by email: McLeanHamletGardenClub@gmail.com.

