



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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April 2023

APRIL WORSHIP

APRIL 2, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Matthew 21:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11

"The Humble King"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Walk the "Seven Last Words" Labyrinth

APRIL 6, livestreamed at 7:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

"He Loved Them to the End"

Rev. Layne Brubaker

APRIL 7, 12 noon & livestreamed at 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

John 18:1-19:42

"The Way is Through"

Rev. Jen Dunfee

APRIL 9, livestreamed at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

"Raised With Christ"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Walk the "Way of Light" Labyrinth

APRIL 16, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 20:19-31

"I'm a Doubting Thomas"

Rev. Layne Brubaker

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

APRIL 23, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER-EARTHCARE SUNDAY

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19; Matthew 7:7-14

"Living the Golden Rule"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

APRIL 30, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalms 23; John 10:1-10

"The Sheep Know the Shepherd's Voice"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey



PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 2
11 AM WORSHIP
COMMUNION

THE HUMBLE KING
Matthew 21:1-11;
Philippians 2:5-11

Lewinsville Chancel Choir & Choristers sing portions of Durufle's "Requiem" interwoven throughout the worship service

MAUNDY THURS.
APRIL 6
7:30 PM WORSHIP
COMMUNION

HE LOVED THEM TO THE END
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Lewinsville's Chancel Choir leads an Acapella Worship service featuring Lewinsville's historic 1840 Reed Organ

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 7
12 NOON &
7:30 PM WORSHIP
TENEBRAE

THE WAY IS THROUGH
John 18:1-19:42

Music for violin including Bach's 'Erbarme dich, mein Gott' from his "St. Matthew Passion."

EASTER SUNDAY **APRIL 9**
RAISED WITH CHRIST

Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

SUNRISE-6:30 AM
An outdoor morning worship service held in Lewinsville's Cemetery.

9:00 AM
Traditional worship featuring brass quintet, tympani, bells, & choirs.

11:00 AM
Jazz Service featuring Dixieland Jazz Brass, drums, bells & choirs.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

On April 9, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. What we often say on Easter is that *“Jesus Christ has overcome sin and death, and therefore, we do not need to be afraid, of anyone, or anything, anymore.”*

The core message of Easter – the core message of the gospel – is “Do not fear.” Inside of this core message, there is a promise, and there is a summons.

It seems likely that each one of us has a *core fear*. Underneath our other anxieties, worries, and concerns, there is a *core fear* that drives, compels, and distorts our lives in various ways. Some of us fear failure more than anything. Others fear feeling vulnerable. Others fear being overlooked or dismissed. Others fear being wrong. Others fear being trapped in a difficult or painful situation. Others fear disapproval.

No matter what our fears are, the Resurrection of Jesus promises us that the things we fear will not and cannot destroy us. God’s love is stronger than any of these forces of diminishment.

That is the *promise* of Easter. The things we fear cannot destroy us.

The *summons* of Easter is not to run away from the object of our fear, but in some way, to allow it and learn to expose ourselves to it. In his crucifixion, Jesus allowed the forces of diminishment to come towards him. In so doing, by surrendering to them, Jesus revealed the actual powerlessness of these forces. Though the agents of diminishment (e.g., Pontius Pilate, the religious elites, the frenzied crowds) taunted and bullied him, they were actually unable to destroy him.

Yes, they caused great harm, but the harm they caused was not ultimate. God’s love swallowed up the forces of threat and diminishment.

We are meant to understand, at the deepest levels of our hearts and souls, that God’s love still does that today. We are also meant to hear God’s invitation to trust and embody and follow that promise in our daily lives, in every situation that we face.

What fears are at work in your life today? What would it look like for you to enter into that fear in the grace and love and trust of Jesus?

Blessings for our Easter journeys,
Pastor Scott



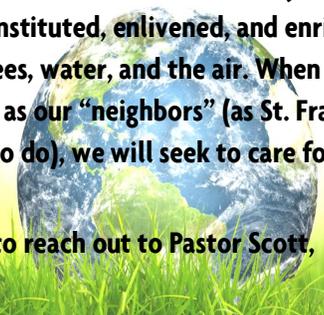
EARTH CARE SUNDAY

APRIL 23

On Sunday, April 23, Lewinsville will mark our commemoration of Earth Day with Earth Care Sunday. We will be joining with Interfaith Power and Light (IPL), a mission partner of Lewinsville, and with other churches, synagogues, and mosques to lift up creation and earth care in our worship services. We do this as a way of affirming that care for the earth is a religious commitment and is part of our responsibility and calling to be stewards of God’s good gifts. It also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the ways that we fall short of God’s call to care for the earth with love.

The theme of this year’s Earth Care Worship Service will be “Living the Golden Rule: Do Unto Others.” We will be reflecting on how Jesus’ words in Matthew 7:12 - “In everything, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, for this is the Law and the Prophets” – may be understood to apply, not only to our human neighbors, but also to our other partners in creation. We are invited to consider the ways in which our community is not only constituted, enlivened, and enriched by other humans, but by animals, trees, water, and the air. When we regard these other parts of creation as our “neighbors” (as St. Francis of Assisi might have encouraged us to do), we will seek to care for them in new and good ways.

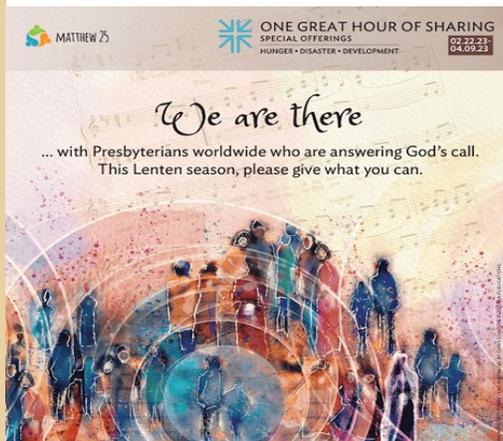
If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott, Pastor Layne, or Pastor Jen.



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.

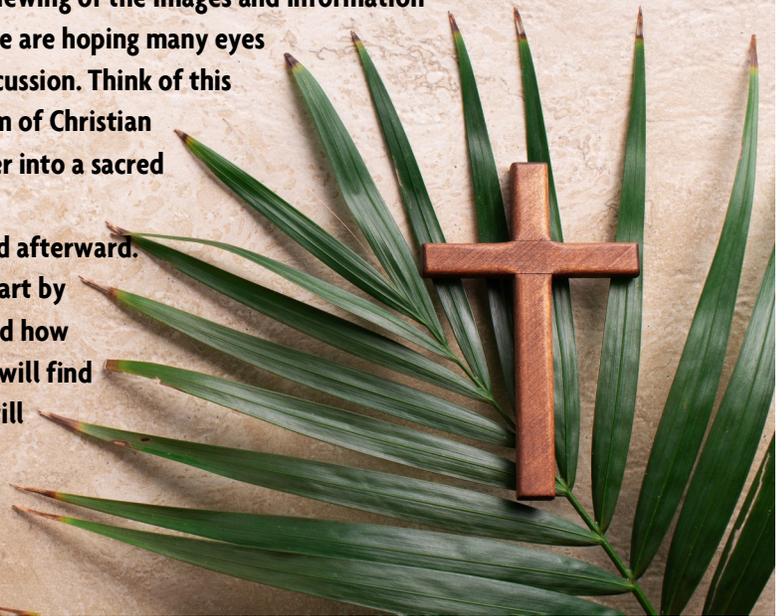


This class will view and discuss the *Passion in Art*, based on the book of the same name by Richard Harries (Ashgate Publishing, 2004). No book needed! To facilitate our shared viewing of the Images and information from the book we will be utilizing the large screen display. We are hoping many eyes 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.

Class Location & Time: 102A 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Class Leader: Rachel Russell & Sharon Gamble



Holy Week Labyrinth Walk



*Experience the seven last
words of Jesus
Fellowship Hall*

Resurrection Labyrinth Walk



*Experience The Stations
of Light
Fellowship Hall*

COME WALK THE LABYRINTH-INTO THE HEART OF GOD

Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. This Easter season we offer two Labyrinth experiences.

The Holy Week Labyrinth (Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday) will offer participants the opportunity to meditate on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.

The Resurrection Labyrinth (Easter Sunday to Friday of that week) will allow participants to experience the Stations of Light or the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament.

Both Labyrinths will be set up in Fellowship Hall and participants can “walk the Labyrinth” at anytime. Our Labyrinth is constructed of canvas so we ask that walkers participate in stocking feet without shoes.



ADULT EDUCATION CLASS 1:



APRIL 16, 23, 30 9:30-10:30 A.M.

This three -week class will look at Spirituality and how it is distinguished from religion. Can Spirituality add to feelings of meaning and purpose as you age? How can life review and reflection help at any age? This will be a thought- provoking class with time for good discussions.

April 16- What is Spirituality and how is it distinguished from religion? How can you help someone who is not finding meaning and purpose in life as they age?

April 23- Dorothy Linthicum, an instructor from Virginia Theological Seminary, will discuss how Spirituality can enrich and deepen the aging process, including in the process of death and dying? How can spiritual practices guide us on our journeys?

April 30- The final week will be a panel discussion of church members who will share their personal views and professional experiences on the topic.

Class Location: Room 102A

Class Leaders: Pastor Scott Ramsey, Dorothy Linthicum from Virginia Theological Seminary and a panel of church members

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS 2:



APRIL 16, 23, 30 9:30-10:30 A.M.

We'll delve into official church statements that can help guide our response as Christians and Presbyterians in caring for our planetary home and all the life forms that dwell therein – from Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'* On Care for Our Common Home to important Presbyterian (PCUSA) resolutions about Earth Care.

In the final session of the class, we will consider how these theological and policy statements can inform action at the congregational level. We'll review how Lewinsville is currently fulfilling our Earth Care commitments, learn what other congregations are doing, and brainstorm how we'd like Earth Care at Lewinsville to move forward. All are welcome, whether you can attend one week or all three. We especially hope to see anyone interested in contributing to Lewinsville's Earth Care efforts on April 30.

Class Location: Room 102B & ZOOM

Class Leaders: Organized by Lewinsville Earth Care Team members



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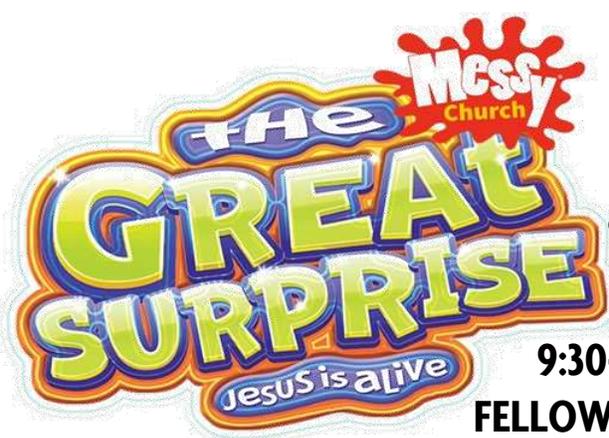
**THE POWER OF LAMENT
FOR THE CHURCH
APRIL 29 9:00 -11:30 A.M.**

The Reformed Institute will hold a teaching and worship event April 29 at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church with Dr. David Gambrell of the Office of Theology and Worship for the PCUSA on The Power of Lament for

the Church, especially in relation to our history with indigenous peoples and their lands. Gambrell will explore Biblical, theological and liturgical forms of lament for the Christian life. Participants will learn the forms of lament in Scripture, church prayers, and hymns. They will also experience worship practices that they can adapt for their own congregations and devotions.

As Mark Charles said, "recovering lament is essential for the church to move forward" on past injuries and misdeeds with marginalized people and the planet. RSVP's are now closed for this event. If you signed up and are looking for the Zoom link, please call Larry at 703-232-5303





**MESSY
CHURCH
& BRUNCH**

APRIL 16

9:30-11:00 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

JESUS IS ALIVE! So now what?? Once the eggs have been found, chocolate consumed, and bonnets put away, it may seem that Easter loses its thrill. But the empty tomb is only the beginning of the story. He didn't go straight up to Heaven afterwards. He was actually on earth for forty days prior to His ascension, and during that time He appeared in various ways to people. This Messy Church focuses on Christ's appearances after resurrection and how disciples and others who witnessed His resurrection, perceived the GREAT SURPRISE!

Join us for activities, crafts, games, and storytelling that recount the many appearances of Christ after His resurrection. Our activities time will be followed by a closing worship and brunch. All ages and stages are invited.

(Children must be accompanied by an adult).



NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Saturday, April 8 Lewinsville's Family Ministry will hold three Easter Egg Hunts. Each hunt will begin in the Pavilion at the Lewinsville with activities & games. The hunts will follow in the garden surrounding the Pavilion. This event is free and open to our neighbors. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Allison Lineberger if you have questions.

HUNT 1

AGES 2-5

9:30-10:15 A.M.

HUNT 2

GRADES 1-3

11:00-11:45 A.M.

HUNT 3

GRADES 4-6

12:30-1:15 P.M.

****VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP RUN THE GAMES AND HIDE THE EGGS. CONTACT ALLISON LINEBERGER IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP. YOUTH-THIS COULD COUNT FOR SERVICE HOURS.**



SUMMER MISSION PROJECT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

DATES FOR THE 2023 SUMMER MISSION PROJECT:

JUNE 24—JULY 1



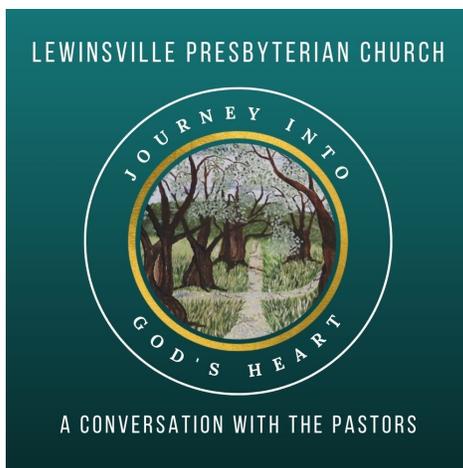
Registration is open and we are excited to be returning to historical Charlottesville, VA where we served in June 2014 and January 2016.

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>



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



Talk about Easter Sunrise Service

As we enter the season of Holy Week and Easter I am getting more and more excited for Easter morning. I am generally described as a night owl and typically find getting up really early in the morning difficult. And yet there are those special mornings that are just so exciting that you have to get up early to experience them.

I remember as a child I would always get up super early before going to Disney world... and nothing was ever more exciting than waking up super early on Christmas morning to wake my parents and get to the Christmas Tree! For me, Easter is similar. Easter is the most exciting morning of the year and I love getting up as early as possible before the sunrise, getting outside somewhere and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the Sun rises and fills the earth with light.

Something about the early morning helps my imagination and soul connect more deeply with all that is happening on that celebratory mornings. For this reason and many more I am very much looking forward to leading a Sunrise Easter service in the cemetery at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday. I hope that you might take the risk to wake up early and witness all that way that creation sings and announces the good news.

That Jesus has risen, he has risen indeed!

Grace and Peace,
Layne

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM

JACK CALHOUN'S REMARKS AT THE MARCH 8-11:00 SERVICE

LEWINSVILLE'S WELCOME FOR THE HAKIMI FAMILY

A minute for mission? That's only "good morning for me!" 4 days ago Augusta and I packed her car with gifts from you the congregation for the Afghan family, Augusta should get a degree in architecture from MIT for getting it all in her car, and in addition assembling four different bags for the two girls, Fatima 11, Amina 5 and two guys, Adib 10 and Omran 8. . The entire family greeted us at the door, kids a bit shy until...the opening of the bags: the living room at first bare, suddenly festooned w/ gifts –cuddles/dolls, stuff animals, racing cars (the boys learned quickly how to back up the cars, then letting them leap forward), puzzles, books, lego blocks and more. Dad Hamid, proudly telling me he drove all sorts of trucks for Raytheon in Afghanistan –semis, 22-wheelers, and more. Zarlash, the mother, taking all in, constant gentle smile, she who can read but not speak English, and, we later learned, is a terrific dressmaker. This only the prelude (!) before the big stuff –furniture, bedding, rugs, kitchenware all to arrive on Saturday.

Only one chair now in the living room, a rocker, which I as gramps sat in, and the littlest one "served me tea. Whoever in the congregation bought her that tea set...genius stroke! She, Amina learned to push the button that makes the pot sing, then pretended to pour tea into my cup, which I of course found absolutely "delicious." The older girl, Fatima, really taken w/ the drawing equipment (again kudos to someone in the congregation for that gift—she couldn't let it go). "Could we perhaps have a drawing from her when we returned," I asked? Translation by dad, and from her a smile

and a nod, yes! Friday, move day she proudly showed us a drawing of a brilliantly colored bird. Through his cell phone, Dad, beaming, showing Augusta and me pictures of his family friends here and back in Afghanistan.

Then two days ago, the big tsunami arrives, all donated by you the church: furniture, bureaus for each of the kids, "squealing over boxes of clothing and blankets," reports Betty. And mattress pads, Ikea kitchen chairs, "table lamps shining brightly, a vase or fresh flowers," adds Betty in her report.

Amazing job Coach or should I say General Betty Douglass for the macro and micro planning, and you the main choreographer, Layne all you embraced, drove, coordinated, you also ensuring critical links to the Lutherans. I, Cro Magnon labor helping to schlep stuff. Kudos to you the congregation: almost everyone of you gave something! Be on the alert for more: bikes, car perhaps, sewing machine for mom. After house comes, the more laborious integration: DMV school registration, jobs, medical work. The amazing RRT team: Phil, Pat, Connie, Betty, Doug, Karen, Augusta, Rob, Harriet, Siobhan, Don, and Layne.

LPC, you have given so generously...the welcome, house furnishings, gifts, on-going work and the love behind the work. There are theological strictures about pride, but zero against JOY. So today I bring you unedited JOY from the family and their gifts to you, namely, beaming smiles of wonderment, amazement and appreciation. I will remember forever the smile from little Amina as she poured me air tea from a singing tea pot, she the gift recipient, now the gift giver.

Great work Lewinsville! Amen.

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
- You can Submit your Payment at this link (Please specify that the payment is for Montreat) <https://secure.myvanco.com/YN8C/campaign/C-138C2>
- You can read about the conference at this link: <https://montreat.org/events/myc-23>
- You can register at this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tbFlpS4X2kdFNj4Vw7-gosCTR7yWMrQDa9BzPSi5GZU/edit>



MINDER 3 FOUNDATION CHARITABLE GIVING AND SOME BASICS

CHARITABLE GIVING AND SOME BASICS

Bad news---taxes are due on April 18 unless you already paid (why?) or have no taxable income not covered by withholding: good news then, and you can still amend or extend. Have you and your tax advisor thought enough about this? For example, how about things like IRAs and lifetime donor trusts?

There were big changes in this area in 2017. If you had individual or joint charitable deductions in excess of \$12,500 (individual) or \$25,000 (couples) you can deduct up to those amounts even if you also itemize deductions. And if you took the CARES Act approach and deducted up to the itemized limit, you may be able to deduct up to an additional \$400 (\$600 for couples). If you itemize, depending on how complicated you want to get, you can perhaps save more. But by all means talk to your tax advisor, including about latest on charitable deductions.

We can't advise individual taxpayers, and nobody likes to deal with this stuff. But we bet that taxes are likely to be in the news over the next couple of months and ramp up as we go through the next Federal budget crisis. Sometime the rules change in the middle of the year. It might be a good time to force ourselves to think about our estate plans and to consider including the Lewinsville Foundation in your plans." (As part of your legacy).

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SESSION RETREAT

FRIDAY, April 28 – SATURDAY, April 29

Your Session will be having a “stay-at-home” Session Retreat the weekend of April 28-29. We will be meeting at Lewinsville, and the theme of our Retreat will be “From Attendance to Engagement.” As we move into Lewinsville’s future, our goal is to deepen the engagement of the congregation in our mission and ministry, as well as increasing the attendance at church events and activities. It is increasingly clear that, while increasing attendance is an important goal, it is not sufficient. We want to increase the levels of engagement that people have in the life and ministry of the church.

- How would we know that engagement is increasing?
- What would be the signs of increasing engagement?
- What are appropriate “metrics” for assessing engagement?
- Which of those do we want to focus on this year?
- What would we expect to see if people were more engaged in worship?
- What about in our mission and service work?
- What would it look like for adults to be more engaged in the Christian education and faith formation ministries
- What would we expect to see if the prayer life of the congregation were deepening?

Please keep your Ruling Elders and staff in your prayers for this weekend, that it may be a fruitful, productive time, and that the relational bonds that are nurtured will strengthen the leadership of this congregation. If you have any questions about the Session retreat, feel free to speak with Pastor Scott, any member of the staff, or the Session.





MARCH SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Finance Committee Chair, Elder Phil Cooke, reported that revenue and expenses were on track in February. Utility expenses have been a little high (likely due to winter costs in the new building, among other things), and there will be ongoing coordination with the Facilities Committee to keep an eye on that.
2. Session discussed preliminary plans for the April Session retreat. The theme of the retreat will be “moving from attendance to engagement,” as we seek to build on the already high levels of engagement at Lewinsville. Since it would be possible for people to attend services/events at the church, but without becoming deeply engaged, we want to do what we can to motivate/inspire/lead people into greater engagement. We will be discussing questions like, “What would we expect to see if people’s

engagement in the mission/ministry of Lewinsville were to increase? How would we know if people are becoming more engaged?” A key goal will be the integration of newer members into the life of the congregation.

3. As part of our ongoing work to grow our welcome for all people, Session affirmed an inclusive progress pride banner recommendation from the Youth Council/Session Task Force to be displayed on the front corner of the property along with the other banners of the church. Session requested that the banner include an appropriate Scriptural reference and asked the Task Force to prepare a short and long term strategy (for within the congregation and beyond the congregation) to communicate that all are welcome at Lewinsville.
4. Session heard a report from Pastor Scott about the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Montreat Conference Center. Montreat increasingly sees itself as a resource - not only for the Presbyterian church in the Southeastern US - but for the wider Church. Montreat is engaged in a Capital Campaign to build a new lodge for church groups and conference participants, and they may be reaching out to congregations like Lewinsville to participate.

If you ever have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of the pastors or to the clerk of Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bender, Clerk of Session

BLOOD DRIVE

APRIL 30

7:45 AM – 12:15 PM

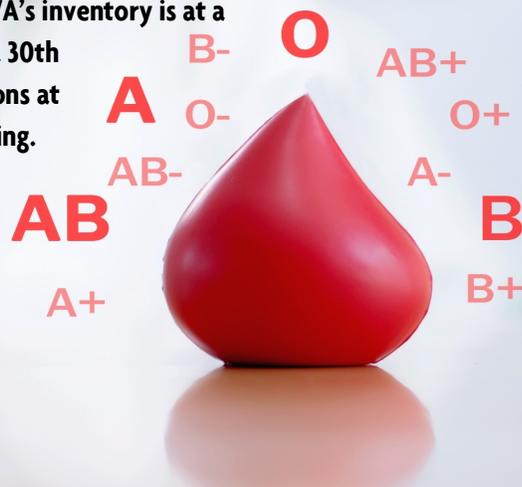
LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL, LOWER LEVEL REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/LPC042023](https://bit.ly/LPC042023)

Just one blood donation can save up to three lives and INOVA’s inventory is at a critical low – please consider donating at Lewinsville’s April 30th blood drive. INOVA Blood Services will be accepting donations at Lewinsville’s Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the building.

Masks are optional. Please bring a photo I.D. when you come to donate. Please hydrate well before and after donating and refrain from strenuous activity directly after donating. Walk-ins are accepted, appointments highly encouraged. Learn more at:

<https://www.lewinsville.org/events/blood-drive/>



NEWS FROM OUR LEWINSVILLE FAMILY

MEMBERS IN INDEPENDENT LIVING, NURSING HOMES & CARE CENTERS:

ASHBY PONDS:

Quinn and Celia Morrison,
Evelyn Jones, Richard Rager
Dee Custer, Nancy Miller
Charles and Mary Hutchison
Joanne Field, Sarah Larson
Fran Pearce, Bob and
Beverly Johnson

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES:

GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH:

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD:

THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON:

THE KENSINGTON, FALLS CHURCH :

THE KENSINGTON, RESTON:

LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE:

Ruth Thomas
Steve Hiemstra, Bert Wolfe
Janie Waldrop,
Tirza Edwin, Jane Gardner,
Dong Lee, Lurleen Ogle,
Lucille Quinn,
Mina Sulaiman
Jean and Charlie Mertz,
Bill Richardson
Don Robb

VINSON HALL, MCLEAN:

THE VIRGINIAN:

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Henry and Brigitte Rais—61 years on April 6

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Dylan and Lyndsey Smith on the birth of their daughter, Fiona Mercier Smith, on March 7. The proud grandparents are David and Mary Smith.

Congratulations to Richard Neldon and Suzanne Shaffer on the birth of their son, Felix Vermilye Neldon-Shaffer, on March 9. The proud grandparents are Rick and Harriet Neldon.

DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Doug Smith and family on the death of his father, Roy Smith, on February 27.

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Lynn Kidwell and family on the death of his wife, Nancy, on March 1.

SECOND SATURDAY
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Spring into
April
with the Second
Saturday Set

The Second Saturday Set will meet for a social evening of cocktails, buffet dinner and dessert accompanied by laughter, jokes and good conversation on Saturday evening, April 8, at 5 p.m. We are invited guests of *The Jefferson*, 900 North Taylor, Arlington, and our hosts are Jefferson residents Bob and Beverly Johnson, known to us at Lewinsville as the Arlington Johnsons. To be a part of the fun, call or email the Johnsons at 415-717-0742 or beverlysjohnson50@gmail.com



The Second Saturday Set will be celebrating over 50 years of fun, friendship and faith, (53 years to be precise, thanks to Covid) on May 20 at Army Navy Country Club, 3315 Blenheim Blvd. (formerly Old Lee Highway), Fairfax.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW ... DETAILS COMING SOON.

Single
SENIORS

SINGLE SENIORS will be meeting on Friday, April 14, at 11:30 for a light lunch with Pastor Scott, who will be our guest speaker. He'll be filling us in on the details of his sabbatical and how he and Laura were able to coordinate their two sabbaticals, all the coordination involved with being away, where they will be spending their time, and the in's and out's of such an endeavor. Please plan to join us for lunch (\$7) and spend time together with Scott before he departs on his much earned and deserved sabbatical. In order to plan for lunch please let either Lois at 703 789-0617 manpadokken@aol.com or Wendy 703 759-6705 wmaiwurm@gmail.com know if you can make it, not essential but it helps.



A GLIMPSE INTO THE WILD



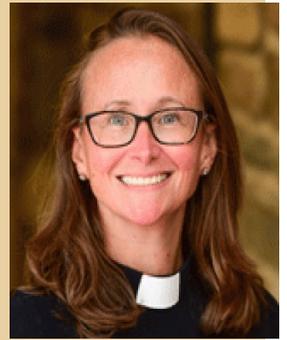
April is a glorious time to explore and enjoy the wonders of God's creation as new life unfolds. Some of the most dramatic stories in nature occur high up in the trees, where birds are nesting and beginning to raise their young. Thanks to modern technology and the dedication of scientists and amateur bird enthusiasts, we can see and understand what's going on through web cams.

Of particular interest locally are two high-definition livestream cameras that are recording activity in and around the nest of a pair of bald eagles in the Dulles Greenway Wetlands near Leesburg. The Eagle Cam can be viewed on the Dulles Greenway's [website](#), which also contains still photos and a moderated chat. It is a great educational resource for young and old. The pair successfully raised one eaglet last year (a second egg did not hatch). Tune in to find out how they are doing after laying three eggs earlier this year. Be captivated by the remarkable skill, determination and resilience of these magnificent birds as they work together to feed, shelter and defend their young. Enjoy this awe-inspiring [video](#) of the first egg hatching.

Bald eagles, long a symbol of national unity and strength, were threatened with extinction in the 1960's by pesticide use (DDT). Major conservation legislation prompted by the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 led to a remarkable recovery. One can't help but feel inspired and hopeful when watching them. We are reminded that humans, when working together wisely, can indeed live in harmony with the rest of God's creation.



REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRIES



In the Gospel of John, Jesus is buried in a garden, "Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid." (John 19:19) When Mary Magdalene weeps by the tomb after discovering that Jesus body was missing, she mistakes Jesus standing next to her for the gardener, "supposing him to be the gardener." (John 20:15) The professor Francis Taylor Gench said in a recent lecture that this was only part a case of mistaken identity, and partly proclaims a truth about what God in Jesus came to do "to work with the soil... with body and flesh, to bring forth new life. God as creator, redeemer, sustainer.... and gardener." In the month where we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and a worship service around themes of Earth Care, it is an important connection between the work of Christ and the work of bringing forth and sustaining life, broadly defined as the health of creation in part and as a whole earth. Lewinsville has been a PCUSA certified Earth Care Congregation since 2019 and hopes to engage the congregation as a whole and as individuals in faith-based creation care. If you would like to further your connection with Earth Care at Lewinsville, there are many ways to do so, from our website: <https://www.lewinsville.org/earth-care-at-lewinsville/>, following the Newsletter updates, attending the upcoming Christian Education module April 16th, 23rd and 30th on Christian Perspectives on Caring for our Common Home joining the Earth Care Team, or participating in an upcoming Book Discussion. These discussions include fiction and nonfiction writings, and this month the group is reading the apocalyptic thriller novel (one of my favorite genres!) Moon of the Crusted Snow by Waubgeshig Rice. Please contact me or Susan Bartram at sjbartram@verizon.net if you would like more information.

Jen



**BELL WORKSHOP
SATURDAY
APRIL 29 2:00-4:00 PM**

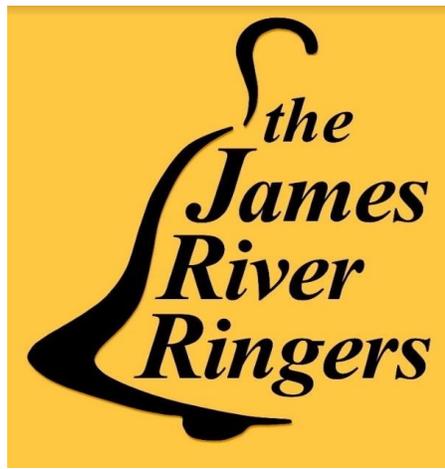
Lewinsville's Chancel Bells and Youth Bells will be working with the James River Ringers on Bell techniques, musicianship, and music skills.

Are you interested in learning to ring? This is a perfect opportunity to learn! Contact John Nothafft for information.

RECENT BELL REFURBISHMENT

Lewinsville's music room set of handbells were refurbished in March by the "traveling Bellmen." During a refurbishment, each bell's 25 separate components are tuned, revoiced, and cleaned and polished. Father-Son duo Mark and Aaron Bond travel the country restoring bells. Read more:

<https://www.dailyherald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?avis=da&date=20171119&category=news&lopecnr=311199962&ref=ar>



**APRIL HOLY HAPPY HOUR
SATURDAY, APRIL 29 5:00 PM**

JAMES RIVER RINGERS

Lewinsville welcomes professional handbell ensemble the James River Ringers, from the Richmond Metropolitan area, for a concert "Celebrating 25 Years, Looking Back, Looking Forward!"

The concert will feature music for Spring and a variety of handbell music for all to enjoy. This special 'Saturday edition' of Holy Happy Hour is at 5:00 pm.

The Holy Happy Hour concert series has partnered with the local wine shop, Vienna Vintner, which will curate wines thematically appropriate for each concert.



"Ring in Spring" Bell Festival

Lewinsville's Chancel Bells recently attended the Virginia Bronze 'Ring in Spring' bell festival on Saturday, March 4 at Herndon United Methodist Church. Lewinsville's bell choirs are looking for more weekly ringers and substitutes. Rehearsals are Thursday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please contact John Nothafft for information.

Children's Music

We had a **BLAST** on Sunday for Bring-a-Friend and Donut Day!!! Keep inviting your friends!

Joyful Noise (PreK - K):
Sundays 9:30am

Jr. Choristers (1st-5th);
Sundays 3:00pm

Contact: Evan Ayars
evan@evanayars.com

Joyful Noise and Jr. Choristers will sing on Easter Sunday, April 9th

Joyful Noise and Jr. Choristers will sing on Mother's Day, May 14th

Music and singing help to build community! Come and join in the fun! We sing, play instruments, and play games

SAVE THE DATE:



LEWINSVILLE PUPPETEERS TO PERFORM AT THE

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL FLOWER MART

(A BENEFIT FOR THE ALL HALLOW'S GUILD/ GROUNDS OF THE CATHEDRAL)

SATURDAY, MAY 6
5 PERFORMANCES IN THE BETHLEHEM CHAPEL OF THE CATHEDRAL

The puppet show is entitled, "Happily Ever After" and features a variety of familiar fairytales that have been given a different "happily ever after" ending:



INVITE A FRIEND/DONUT DAY SUCCESS

Lewinsville recently hosted an 'invite a friend' Youth and Children's afternoon program workshop.

- Lewinsville's Joyful Noise (age 3-K) choir meets Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 am.

Lewinsville's Sunday afternoon programming include:

- Junior Choristers (grades 1-5) meets 3:00-3:45 p.m.,
- Lewinsville Puppets (grades 1-12) 3:45-4:30 p.m.;
- Lewinsville Choristers and Bells (grades 6-12) 4:30-6:00 and
- Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12) from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



WELCOME!

New Members



SAMANTHA BADLAM & MIKE ZOLANZ, KENLEY, KOLLINS

Are excited to be a part of Lewinsville. Both have lived in the area for some time, and after joining their families in marriage last year, are happy to be settled into their home in McLean with their daughters, Catherine, Anna, Kenley and Kollins.



ALEXA RAIMONDI & MIKE MCCORMICK, PETER, MARY

Alexa was born and raised in DC and has lived here most of her life. Mike has lived in the DC area for the past 20 years, after growing up in New England. Both Mike and Alexa are active runners and have a goal to run 4 half-marathons together this year. Peter loves art and music. Mary loves anything the color pink.

MATT, SALLY AND BABY JOSEPH MOEDRITZER
 Along with their beloved Australian Shepard named "Goose", hail from Missouri-Go Tigers! From Navy Yard to Breckenridge and back now going on two years in McLean, Sally maintains deep roots with her small town Presbyterian Church family, Matt loves to fly fish, and Joseph (not to jinx it) is sleeping 12 hours a night!



NHIAL CHUOL TUT

Nhial was born and raised in Sudan (now South Sudan). In 1992 Nhial became a Christian and was baptized into the Presbyterian Church in Ayod. In 1996 he left Sudan to go to Ethiopia, after being an Evangelist for three years. He walked from village to village, bringing hundreds of his fellow Sudanese to Christ through teaching and spreading the Gospel. In May 1999 Nhial immigrated to the US, from the Dimma United Nations camp, and he has been living in greater Washington, DC since. He is very happy to be part of One Faily of Faith in Christ!



DAVI McDONALD & MAEVE

Davi was born and raised in Tyler, Texas, where she comes to us from First Presbyterian Church, where she has been a member for 33 years. There she met her husband Brian, and they relocated first to DC, then San Antonio, where she and her family were active members at Alamo Heights Presbyterian then overseas to South America and Europe where they attended the church of Scotland in Belgium. Returning back to the US, Davi found Lewinsville Presbyterian in 2022 and became a member in early 2023. She now lives in McLean with here husband Brian and her two youngest children Maggie 17 and Maeve 13, their oldest lives in Texas and will soon graduate from the University of Texas. Davi is looking forward to connecting with her new church family and encouraging her children to do the same.



LAURA & JEFF HUBONA

Joined Lewinsville during January, and will be introduced during an upcoming worship service.



THE HODDER FAMILY

Matt & Brynn Hodder married in 2001 and their children Ally and Garrett attend McLean HS and Longfellow MS, respectively. Matt and Brynn are transferring their membership from First United Methodist, Coppell, Texas. Matt's mother Judy recently relocated to the area, and has been connected with Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls. In his youth, Matt was an active non-member of Lewinsville attending youth group and several Summer Mission Projects.



JOHN GALE & ZARA

John and his wife Maeghan and his daughters Zara and Morgan moved to McLean from Miami, FL in 2021. They all love the community, being outdoors, Virginia, and most

important, helping others. John has recently become a member of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. He has been attending Lewinsville since 2022.

SAVE THE DATE: INQUIRERS' CLASS
APRIL 23 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Are you interested in joining Lewinsville Presbyterian Church? 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?

On Sunday afternoon, April 23, we will be holding a special one-session Inquirers' Class, which will explore our personal spiritual journeys, the core beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the mission and ministry of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Lunch will be provided.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott, Pastor Jen, or Pastor Layne.



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NEW MEMBERS



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YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRESENTATION OF:

LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS FROM EARTH SANGHA NURSERY TUESDAY, APRIL 11 10:00 A.M. CHURCH LIBRARY

Matt Bright, Director of Earth Sangha native plant nursery, will provide insights about growing and landscaping with native plants. Matt will also tell us about Earth Sangha, a non-profit nursery for native plant conservation, propagation, and restoration based in Fairfax County, Virginia. Matt will discuss ecological restoration principles such as planting native plant communities to bring our gardens back to life with our native fauna -- birds, bees, butterflies, fireflies, and other native garden creatures.

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