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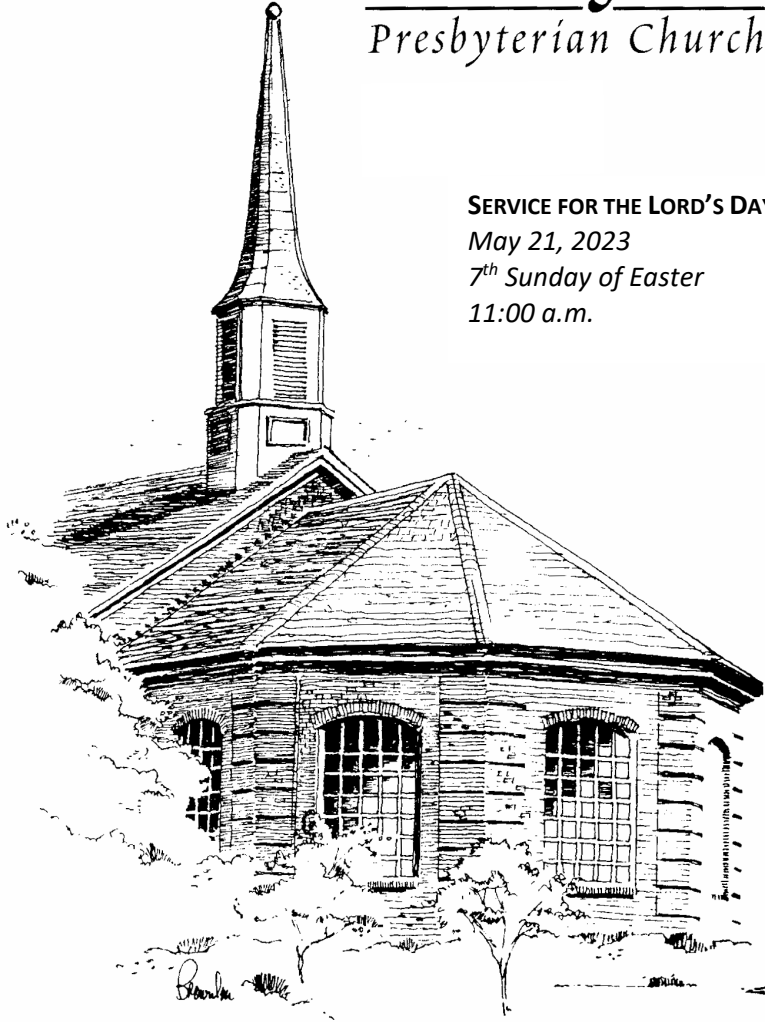
Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.



“JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF GOD”

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

- Psalm 100:1-2

Welcome to Lewinsville! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are *so glad* to have you join us for worship today.

Wherever you have come from, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here at Lewinsville. At Lewinsville, we believe that *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help* and we hope that you experience that love and support from God today. If there is something that has made church hard for you, worrying about noise of kids, mobility or hearing issues, feeling like part of your identity might not be welcome, we hope you will find Christian community here at Lewinsville. Individuals and families - of all different configurations – are loved and affirmed in our congregation.

God's loving grace is poured forth upon all people, from the youngest among us to the oldest. It is for that reason that we are glad to welcome *children of all ages* to worship.

- There are pillows available in the narthex to make the pews more comfortable,
- There are worship bags with activities for young children to use during the worship service.
- Nursery care is available downstairs for our very youngest children.
- Hearing Assistance devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary
- Enlarged print Glory to God hymnals are available from the ushers.

We would love to connect you with the ministries of our congregation in ways that would be meaningful to you – faith formation and Christian education classes and groups for children, youth, and adults; small groups and other fellowship activities to meet with others on the spiritual journey; mission projects and service efforts in our community; providing and receiving care in times of loss or need.

We would love to stay in touch with you - please use the QR code below to share your contact information with us. Welcome!



Welcome Information



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THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 21, 2023

* *If you are able, please stand*

†† *Latecomers seated*

*For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
Psalm 62:1*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*I'll Fly Away
In the Highways*

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ to new life.

Praise God, who sends the Spirit to empower the church's life.

Praise God with trumpet sound, praise God with flute and harp.

Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipes!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

* **HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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CONVERSE

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CALL TO CONFESSION

silence for personal confession

Living God, we confess to you our lack of trust and lack of courage. Although you are the God of Easter hope, too often we feel lost, cynical, and without hope. The world has so much suffering, tragedy, confusion, and darkness, and we can feel like hope is far away from us. We are hesitant to step forth from the shadows of our own fear, in order to claim your promises of resurrection hope.

We confess that we can be part of the problem. Our own insensitivities and prejudices can stand in the way of new life in our world. Our neighbors – both those nearby and those far away – are nailed to crosses of isolation, poverty and oppression. And yet, we fail to reach out, fail to step forward, fail to raise our voices to help.

Forgive us for our sins, wash us clean, and give us new hearts, so that we may speak and act with compassion, honesty, and justice. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

I am Weary, Let Me Rest

*Hold me Father, hold your child, lay my head upon your chest.
Throw your loving arms around me. I am weary let me rest.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *You Are My Sunshine***

**You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,
You make me happy, when skies are gray.
You'll never know, dear, how much I love you;
please don't take my sunshine away. (repeat)**

*** THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Greet those around you, saying "Peace be with you" or "The Peace of Christ"
If you prefer not to shake hands in greeting while passing the Peace of Christ,
you may choose to make eye contact and greet others in another personal way.*

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

*Because today is a Messy Church Sunday, children will return to their seats after
Children's meditation.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE*Acts 1:6-14*

NT p. 118

ANTHEM*Bright Morning Stars*

arr. Jay Althouse

Soloists: Jackie Hager and Emma Staeger

*Bright morning stars are rising. Bright morning stars are rising.**Bright morning stars are rising. Day is breaking in my soul.**Oh where are our dear fathers? Oh where are our dear fathers?**They are in the valley praying. Day is breaking in my soul.**Oh where are our dear mothers? Oh where are our dear mothers?**They are gone to heaven a shout, shouting Day is breaking in my soul.**Bright morning stars are rising. Bright morning stars are rising.**Bright morning stars are rising. Day is breaking in my soul.***SCRIPTURE***John 17:1-11*

NT p. 111

*The Word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God!****ANTHEM***Light of a Clear Blue Morning*

Soloist: Kate Gibson

Words and Music by Dolly Parton

arr. Craig Hella Johnson

*It's been a long dark night And I've been a waitin' for the morning**It's been a long hard fight But I see a brand new day a dawning**I've been looking for the sunshine 'Cause I ain't seen it in so long**Everything's gonna work out fine Everything's gonna be alright**It's gonna be okay.**I can see the light of a clear blue morning. I can see the light of a brand new day**I can see the light of a clear blue morning. Everything's gonna be alright**It's gonna be okay***SERMON***We are Witnesses*

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

* HYMN

Down in the River to Pray

Refrain: As I went down in the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown;
Good Lord, show me the way!

1. Upper voices only

Oh sisters, let's go down. Let's go down, come on down.
Come on sisters let's go down, Down in the river to pray

Refrain

2. Lower voices only

Oh brothers, let's go down. Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, brothers let's go down. Down in the river to pray

Refrain

3. All voices

Oh fathers, let's go down. Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, fathers let's go down. Down in the river to pray.

Refrain

4. All voices

Oh mothers, let's go down. Let's go down, come on down
Oh, mothers let's go down. Down in the river to pray

Refrain

5. All voices

Oh sinners, let's go down. Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sinners let's go down. Down in the river to pray

Refrain

6. All voices

Oh children let's go down. Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, children let's go down. Down in the river to pray

Refrain

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

T H A N K S G I V I N G

INVITATION TO OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

Shenandoah

arr. James Erb

Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you. And hear your rolling river.

*Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you, way, we're bound away
across the wide Missouri.*

I long to see your smiling valley, And hear your rolling river.

*I long to see your smiling valley way, we're bound away
across the wide Missouri.*

'Tis seven long years since last I've seen you And hear your rolling river

*'Tis seven long years since last I've seen you way, we're bound away
Across the wide Missouri.*

*Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you And hear your rolling river
Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you way, we're bound away
Across the wide Missouri*

CHORAL RESPONSE

Angel Band

*Oh, bear my longing heart to Him
Who bled and died for me
Whose blood now cleanses from all sin
And gives me victory
Oh, come angel band, come and around me, stand
Oh, bear me away on your snowy wings
To my immortal home
Oh, bear me away on your snowy wings
To my immortal home*

APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF BOB CLARK

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN**

If I Had a Hammer

**If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening all over this land
I'd hammer out danger I'd hammer out a warning
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land**

If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning
I'd ring it in the evening All over this land
I'd ring out danger I'd ring out a warning
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land

If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning
I'd sing it in the evening All over this world
I'd sing out danger I'd sing out a warning
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land

I got a hammer, and I've got a bell
And I've got a song to sing All over this land
It's the hammer of justice It's the bell of freedom
It's the song about love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

*Country Roads (Take Me Home)
Keep on the Sunny Side*

*An Elder or Deacon will be standing beside the pastors on the way out of the sanctuary,
to take notes about any pastoral concerns.*

A note on today's music: Bluegrass music is the synthesis of American southern string band music, blues, English, Irish, and Scottish traditions, and sacred and country music. Settlers of Appalachia used conventional folk instruments of their past to write new songs about their daily life. Bluegrass songs were about issues important to everyday people. Religion was a prominent subject and gospel music figured heavily in the development bluegrass.

Lewinsville welcomes its guest musicians for today's worship service

Patrick McAvinue plays fiddle for the U.S. Navy Country Current. He holds a Bachelor of Music in jazz performance from Towson University. Prior to joining the Navy Band, McAvinue was a Nashville-based session and touring musician. In addition to releasing his own music, he has performed with artists Dailey & Vincent, Lee Greenwood, Trace Adkins, Alison Krauss, The Oak Ridge Boys, Jimmy Fortune, Marty Stuart, Bela Fleck, Del McCoury, Rodrigo Leao and John McCutcheon among others. McAvinue's playing can be heard on numerous film and video game soundtracks, most recently, Sid Meier's Civilization VI. His awards include the 2017 International Bluegrass Music Association's Fiddle Player of the Year and Towson University's 2018 Distinguished Young Alumni Award. In the United States, McAvinue has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and the Grand Ole Opry.

Daniel Stewart plays bass for the U.S. Navy Country Current. He earned a bachelor's degree in mass communication from East Tennessee State University minoring in bluegrass, old time, and country music studies. While in Tennessee he played full time with the Larry Stephenson Band, based in Nashville, Tennessee, and gained much exposure in the bluegrass world. During this time Stewart was a part of many award-winning projects with the International Bluegrass Music Association and the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music for America, including the Recorded Event of the Year award, Album of the Year award, in addition to being twice nominated for Bass Player of the Year. After graduating from East Tennessee State University, Stewart served as an adjunct faculty member of the bluegrass, old time, and country music studies program teaching bass, guitar, banjo and band ensemble courses.

Adalberto Leonardo is a carpenter who can be found practicing one of his three hobbies: art, music and fishing. He is regularly commissioned to create portraits, plays several stringed instruments (in a couple different bands), and has won a fishing tournament or two.

Lewinsville welcomes McLean Highlander music interns

Joshua Wang, a senior at McLean High School will be attending the University of Maryland (UMD) majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He has played violin in the school Philharmonic Orchestra, in the All Virginia State Band & Orchestra (All states) last year, and in the American Youth Symphonic Orchestra (AYSO).

Caleb Wang, also a senior at McLean High School will be attending the University of Virginia majoring in biomedical engineering as well as some music on the side. His primary instrument is the violin and some guitar. In the future, he plans to expand to piano. He is also in the McLean High School Philharmonic Orchestra and the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (AYPO).

We welcome our new members this morning:

Craig and Jenny Flemingloss are originally from Michigan, and came to the area fifteen years ago. They've since grown their family with Lydia (5) and Calvin (2-1/2), and moved to McLean. They are excited to have found a church community that is so welcoming. Craig and Jenny join us by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Jeff and Michael Hubona

Eve Jelstrom and Karl Sandberg:

Eve Jelstrom was born in Ft. Lauderdale FL. She attended Simmons College in Boston, majored in Nursing and graduated as a member of Academy (only 3 nursing students inducted). Eve trained in Nurse Anesthesia at Johns Hopkins Hospital and later attended Northwestern University Kellogg Grad School of Mgmt. Eve has enjoyed friends from around the world and reunions reconnecting with old friends. She enjoys gardening and learned lots about baseball and ice hockey from their 18 year old son and his various teams in Northern VA. Eve and Karl's son, Hans Erik, will be heading to college this summer at the University of Kansas studying business.

Karl Sandberg was born in Decatur, IL, and has a Bachelors from Univ. of Minn and Executive MBA from Duke Univ. Karl has lived and studied in Sweden and Argentina in addition to various places in the US. He enjoys cooking, international business, culture and music. Karl and Eve join us by Certificate of Transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, VA.

Lena Paul

Corbin Rochedreux grew up in McLean and her husband, Olivier, is from France. She recently moved back to the area after several years in Chicago and is looking forward to introducing her 6 month old daughter, Anna, to the joy of faith as part of this wonderful community. Corbin joins us by Certificate of Transfer from Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL.

Tim Rugh grew up in Southwestern PA and moved to DC for graduate school. He manages a small association in McLean and hopes to put landing gear down for retirement in another two years. Tim is looking forward to preparing for his next chapter in the company of Lewinsville Presbyterian. Tim joins us by Certificate of Transfer from Falls Church Presbyterian Church.

George and Connie Stewart met on their 1st day of college at Michigan State University and married six (6) years later....they attended there the same time Magic Johnson and the Spartans won the NCAA Championship. George has led a Men's Bible study in his office since 2007. Connie grew up on an island in Lake Erie, where her family spent most of their time sailing. They have four grown kids and love to hang out with their children and their spouses/significant others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21, 2023

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in grateful appreciation of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church by the **Second Saturday Set** who celebrated 50 Plus 3 years last evening.

The red rosebud in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Audrey Christine Ross, daughter of Susan and Jason Ross and sister of James and Caroline Ross, on May 10. The proud grandparents are **Carolyn and Dale Hodges**.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of John Smith IV who died May 15, 2023. John was the son of Marian Houser and the Reverend John Smith III, former co-pastor of Lewinsville.

ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir, Lewinsville Choristers

LAY READER

Carol Kaffenberger

DUTY ELDER

Kelly Sexton

DUTY DEACON

Janet Kohlenberger

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Ed Kenney, Carlos Claros and Haziel Andrade

PENTECOST OFFERING - This special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost Offering will be retained by our congregations and used to support local mission partners. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. You can give at the following link, or use the envelopes in the pew racks:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YN8C/campaign/C-ZAFT>

THE INAUGURAL J FRANKLIN CLARK YOUNG ARTIST CONCERT MAY 24, 6:15PM -

J Franklin Clark retired from Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in 2004 after serving 37 years as Minister of Music. During his tenure at Lewinsville it was said that in his work he emphasized the "minister" more than the "music." To honor his lasting legacy of mentorship and nurturing of many young musicians, Lewinsville will host an annual Young Artists Concert as part of the Holy Happy Hour! Concert Series in his honor.



On Wednesday, May 24 at 6:15 p.m. Irene Castillo, a graduating senior from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, will perform violin works of Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky. Castillo is a senior at Indiana University pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance with Professor Mark Kaplan at the Jacobs School of Music. A recipient of the Premier Young Artist scholarship, she began violin lessons at age four with her mother, Agnes Miranda. Irene previously studied with Jasmine Lin of the Formosa Quartet. She has performed with the National Youth Orchestra of the USA at Carnegie Hall, the Tanglewood Music Festival and throughout Germany and Amsterdam. She has performed as a Soloist at Walt Disney Hall with the Filipino American Symphony Orchestra and at Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center with the Merit School of Music. In addition to her musical studies at IU, Irene is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and she is a research assistant at the Drosophila Genomics Resource Center at Indiana University. Irene performs on a one-hundred-year-old German violin from her late grandfather, UP Chemistry Professor Ben Miranda. The Holy Happy Hour Concert Series has partnered with the local wine shop, Vienna Vintner, which will curate wines thematically appropriate for each concert.

LRR PICNIC & GOOD SAMARITAN DAY - Please join us on **Sunday, June 4th** following the Youth-led worship service for food, fellowship, and fun! Enjoy an indoor picnic lunch with our neighbors at the Lewinsville Retirement Residence and participate in numerous service opportunities for all ages and abilities. Bring the whole family!!

Volunteer projects include the preparation of coffee packets for distribution at Miriam's Kitchen and creation of art supply packages which will be sent home with students we support at Westgate Elementary School to enjoy throughout the summer. You can also spread joy to LRR residents by helping wash cars or delivering a special treat to each apartment!

Not able to stay after church on Sunday? No problem, you can still participate in the Good Samaritan Day mission by bringing donations for SHARE and the LRR Store or baking a homemade dessert to be served at lunch. A complete list of needed items will be provided soon. In the meantime, sign up now at www.lewinsville.org/events/lrr-picnic-and-good-samaritan-day/. If you are willing to help with the luncheon, please contact Claire Grossi at cbgrossi@gmail.com. If you have questions or wish to learn more about our service options, please contact Pastor Layne at lbrubaker@lewinsville.org.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS – In June, we want to recognize all those from our congregation who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. If you or someone in your family is graduating, please send that person's name to Sandy Albrecht in the church office at salbrecht@lewinsville.org. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! SECOND SATURDAY SET JUNE EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AT MEADOWLARK PARK JUNE 10 -

Commune with nature; visit the new Volgeneau Conservatory, given by our own LPC members, Ernst and Sara Volgenau; see beautiful plants and ponds along the garden paths; and enjoy a bring-your-own picnic on the lawn.

WHERE: Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna, VA

WHEN: Saturday, June 10 from 5-7 pm

CO-HOSTS: Liz Bowen, Toni Harrington and Ed Sumner, Karen and Roy Siple

Please call or email Liz Bowen for details and to RSVP.

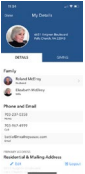
WELCOMING THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY - In the fall of 2021, the Session began a reflection process regarding our congregational welcome to the LGBTQ Community, so that LGBTQ persons in the community will know we are a safe congregation and as a joyful and gentle witness to our community. In addition, encouraged by the youth of our congregation, and mindful of Lewinsville's long history of being a welcoming congregation for LGBTQ persons, a recent congregational gathering discussed our church's welcome and a request from the youth of our congregation to create a welcome banner. The Session has approved the below design for a banner for display within our overall set of banners on the church's property. The below design includes the Progress Pride symbol, which seeks to convey **welcome to all persons**.



The **rainbow colors** in the middle of the banner express a welcome to gay and lesbian persons. The “wedge” design on the left of the banner includes a variety of colors: the **white triangle** conveys a welcome to those who are White. The **brown and black stripes** convey a welcome to persons of color. The **pink and blue stripes** convey a welcome to transgender persons.

As a congregation, we want to engage this important topic in ways that are grounded in faith and scripture, inclusive, thoughtful, patient, and clear. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about this, please feel free to speak with Pastor Scott, Pastor Layne, Pastor Jen, or any member of Session.

THE LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE NEEDS ART SUPPLIES DONATIONS – LRR is currently collecting: Acrylic Paint, Watercolor Paint, Paint Brushes, Canvases, and any other art supplies you may have. Please drop donations off at the LRR front desk.



Online Photo Directory: Want access? Send a request to Bettie McElroy (bettie@mcelroyassoc.com). To access the directory, click on **My Lewinsville** on the main menu upload the app to your cell and have it always at hand! And remember, if your photo isn't in the directory, we need it! Instructions for taking and sending your photos are [HERE](#)

SUMMER MISSION PROJECT REGISTRATION IS OPEN! THIS SUMMER, 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.

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