



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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November 2023

**NOVEMBER WORSHIP**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

**NOVEMBER 5, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Joshua 3:7-17; 4:1-7

*"Memory Markers"*

Rev. Jen Dunfee

**4:00 p.m. All Saints Contemplative Service**

**SERMON SERIES: GRATITUDE**

**NOVEMBER 12, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

**24th Sunday After Pentecost**

Genesis 45

*"Gratitude as Transformation"*

Rev. Layne Brubaker

**LRR Annual Meeting following worship**

**SERMON SERIES: GRATITUDE**

**NOVEMBER 19, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

**25th Sunday After Pentecost**

Psalms 100; Philippians 4:4-7

*"Gratitude as a Foundational Spiritual Discipline"*

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

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

**12:15 p.m. Kenya Presentation in Fellowship Hall**

**SERMON SERIES: GRATITUDE**

**NOVEMBER 26, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

Matthew 6:25-34

*"A Mindset of Gratitude"*

Rev. Jen Dunfee

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**NOVEMBER SERMON**

**SERIES: GRATITUDE**

Every November we celebrate Thanksgiving, a day set aside to celebrate and eat with our friends and family. The food and traditions, sometimes, get in the way of considering all that we have to be grateful for.

Gratitude is not just an emotion but is also a spiritual practice that has the potential to transform how we see the world. When we practice gratitude, we can reduce anxiety and increase joy. When we practice gratitude, we see more clearly God's work in our lives.

This November we will be focusing on Gratitude in worship with a three-week sermon series (November 12-26). In worship we will explore how God is calling each of us to cultivate gratitude in our lives and how keeping God's abundant gifts in view shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have, encouraging a sense of contentment and abundance.



**ALL SAINTS CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE**  
**WITH HARP AND PRAYER STATIONS**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
**4:00-5:00 P.M.**

An afternoon of Remembrance on All Saints Sunday. Listen to the music of hymns from Bach, Faure, and more accompanied by the harp in the sanctuary. (Continued on page 2).

*All Saints' Day*

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

“We need to cultivate an *attitude of gratitude.*”

These words by a mentor of mine during seminary have stuck with me for 25 years. It is so easy in our lives and in our world to get fixated on what is wrong, what we don't like. But there is a great danger of developing 'tunnel vision,' in which we only see what is wrong, and we fail to appreciate all of the things that are blessings in our lives. While it is absolutely true that we must not live in denial and must not ignore the sources of pain and trouble in our lives and in our world, it is simply the case that *cultivating the spiritual discipline of gratitude* will give us a solid ground on which to stand as we address the troubles of our lives.

During the month of November, our culture actually encourages us in this by allocating an entire day for "Thanksgiving." We should not miss how significant it is, that in our greedy, anxious, and self-absorbed world, there still remains enough spiritual insight to devote a day to gratitude. (We may observe, however, that our consumerist society immediately follows this day of gratitude with "Black Friday," devoted entirely to shopping.)

In the church, we know that a single day is not sufficient to devote to gratitude. We can, and must, do this every day. It is like developing any muscle. The more we practice gratitude, the better we become at appreciating the blessings of our lives. If we start intentionally noticing one thing each day for which we are grateful, before long, we will quickly find ourselves noticing blessings *throughout the day.* And that "attitude of gratitude" will change us from the inside-out.

Blessings for your journey,

Pastor Scott



(Continued from front page).

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will host an afternoon of Remembrance on All Saints Sunday, November 5th. A harpist will perform in the sanctuary from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and the music will be amplified into the cemetery.

Feel free to listen to the comforting music inside the sanctuary or with amplification outdoors. You are also invited to walk our Stations of Reflection to remember your lost loved ones.



All Saints Sunday - November 5

On All Saints' Sunday, the church remembers those who have died. Life and death are central aspects of the church's life. We baptize and welcome those who are brought to new life in Christ, we usher those who have died into the fullness of their baptisms, and we stand at the grave and sing 'Alleluia!' for in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, death has lost its sting forever. On All Saints' Sunday, we remember that we are part of a great Communion of Saints, our mothers and fathers in the faith who have come before us. Our morning worship service on All Saints Sunday will include a reading of the names of those members of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church who have died during the past year, as well as an opportunity to remember other loved ones who have died. It is one of those times when the church holds together *our grief* over the loss of our loved ones with *our gratitude* for the grace and love of God, from which nothing can separate us.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE, INC. (LRR) WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWING THE 11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE. AS MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION, ALL PARISHIONERS OF THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

As a follow-up to our Sabbath Sermon series, the John Leland Center is hosting a Sabbath Symposium at Parkwood Baptist Church in Annandale on November 4th. The leader is Dr. Carol Bechtel, who wrote last year's Horizon Women's Bible Study on Sabbath. Virtual options available. More information at <https://www.risingdayministries.com/>



3RD ANNUAL  
*Sabbath Symposium*  
FEATURING SPEAKER DR. CAROL BECHTEL  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH  
9:00AM - 11:30AM



**Messy Church**  
The Story of  
**Ruth**  
(& the Royal Family)

**Sunday, November 19**  
**9:30-11:00 a.m.**  
**In Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we explore the fascinating character of Ruth in the Bible! Through games, crafts, storytelling, and song, families will uncover her role in the Family Tree and Royal Line of David and Jesus. All activities will take place in Fellowship Hall, and we'll wrap up with a delightful brunch.

## ADULT EDUCATION

## MODULE 2

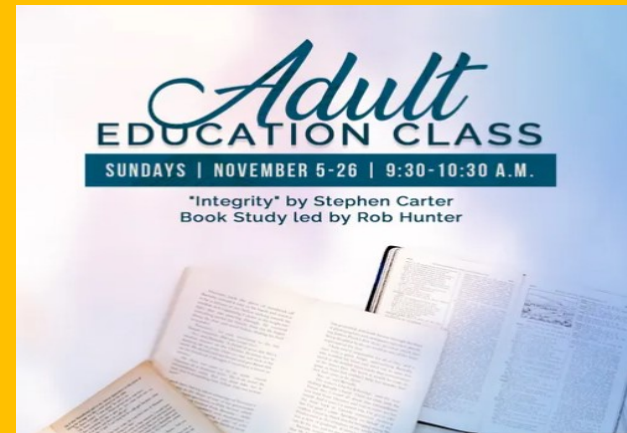


**101**  
**OLD TESTAMENT**  
LED BY REV. DR. SCOTT RAMSEY  
SUNDAYS | NOVEMBER 5-26 | 9:30-10:30 A.M.

How is the Old Testament organized? What kind of spirituality does it foster? What challenges do we encounter when reading it? What's the basic history and chronology of the Old Testament? These questions and more will be explored in this class. As a "101 level" class, no prior knowledge of the Bible or Old Testament is necessary, just a curiosity about the Old Testament. Join our biblical journey in Room 102A and on ZOOM.

## ADULT EDUCATION

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*Adult*  
EDUCATION CLASS  
SUNDAYS | NOVEMBER 5-26 | 9:30-10:30 A.M.  
"Integrity" by Stephen Carter  
Book Study led by Rob Hunter

Integrity is given first place among the virtues by many philosophers, but it is remarkably hard to define. This class will use Stephen Carter's book "Integrity" to guide our discussion of what integrity means. We will begin by looking at the idea of integrity in philosophy, religion, and other fields. It is not necessary to read the book for this class-handouts and an introduction at each class to guide the discussion will be provided.

This class will meet in the Church Library and on ZOOM.



## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT MINISTRY UPDATE

### AFGHAN FAMILY UPDATE

It has been six months since our church began assisting with the resettlement of our second Afghan refugee family—the H Family. The RRT has decided that—rather than moving ahead to support another family—we will continue our support for this family for another six months, until March 31, 2024. This continuing partnership will involve several commitments:

- We will help the family with their apartment rental payments. The father, Hamid, has not been able to secure full-time employment and is, therefore, not able to assume responsibility for supporting his family, which in November will grow to include six children. Over the next six months, the percentage of the rent that we will provide will gradually decrease.
- We have an Employment Committee that will more actively assist Hamid in quickly finding employment. Hamid has been driving part-time for a ride-share service, but his income is not sufficient to meet the family's basic expenses. Our rental payments are contingent upon his securing and maintaining job(s) totaling 40+ hours per week.
- We have a Housing Committee that will work with the family to hopefully find a less expensive apartment which will make it possible for Hamid to cover 100% of the monthly rent.

We ask for your prayers for this family as they deal with the culture shock of moving to this expensive, fast-paced, complex, and confusing community. Prayers are particularly needed as the mid-November due date approaches for the twins' birth. We are so very grateful for the many financial and tangible gifts that this congregation continues to provide.



## REV. LAYNE BRUBAKER SPIRITUAL FORMATION & MISSION

As the associate Pastor of Christian Formation one of the areas of ministry I'm tasked with caring for is Young Adult Ministry. For a variety of reasons Young Adults can often go unnoticed within our congregation, however Young Adults and Young Adult Ministry are a vital part of the life of our congregation. It is my belief that Young adults, who are at a pivotal juncture in their lives, bring fresh perspectives and vibrant energy to Lewinsville. We are not whole without our Young Adults.

One of the challenges of Young Adult ministry is that Young Adulthood is a time of profound transition. They are often embarking on new careers, relationships, and other life-changing experiences, which means their lives are in constant flux and they are looking for a place to process all that is changing. As a pastor to Young Adults, I hope to offer a supportive space where young adults can explore their spirituality, ask deep questions, and hear that God is with them through it all. Young adults are often looking for a sense of belonging, needing friends and community for the journey. As a pastor to Young Adults I hope to give the group a sense of community where friendships are able to be forged, and support networks created.

As a congregation it is important to realize that Young Adults bring new ideas, talents, and energy to our church. Because of their unique perspective on the world young adults often have new innovative ideas that benefit us all. By engaging this demographic, we ensure that our church remains relevant, dynamic, and adaptive to the ever-changing spiritual needs of our world.

If you are a young adult, know a young adult, or simply want to support this essential ministry please reach out. Our Young Adult group meets every third Monday from 7-9pm. Reach out to me for with any questions!

Layne



*Thanksgiving*  
**FOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 19**

**SHARE FOOD DRIVE**

As we all prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday let us remember our neighbors who experience food scarcity. Bring to church with you non perishable items to donate to SHARE one of our mission partners. During worship you will be invited to bring your donations forward.

**Most needed FOOD items:**

- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Canned corn
- Canned diced tomatoes
- Canned or dried beans (kidney, chickpea, pinto)
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Ramen
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Snacks/bars/crackers (granola bars, etc.)
- Jam/Jelly
- Coffee/Tea



Be Sure to listen to the most recent episode of "Conversations with the Pastors" on this episode Pastor Layne sits down with Alan Stevens and Madison Kloster to hear about their trip to Kenya to work with our Mission Partner The United Orphanage and Academy which is located in Moi's Bridge Kenya. Alan and Madison had a wonderful trip and want the congregation to learn all about how to support this mission. Listen at this link:

<https://www.lewinsville.org/podcast/>

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday November 19th. Following worship there will be a presentation in Fellowship Hall. Madison and Alan will give a presentation (with pictures) along with a light lunch for all who attend.



On November 26, choose an ornament on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. On the Christmas ornament will be gifts to purchase for children at Westgate elementary school.

Thank you so much for supporting this mission partner! All gifts need to be purchased, wrapped, and delivered to the church by Sunday, December 10th.



**Youth Fellowship**  
Every Sunday 6-8pm



## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship is not just another activity; it's a chance to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and have a great time. Here's what our youth can look forward to each Sunday:

- Shared Meals: We believe that sharing a meal is an essential part of building community. Each gathering will begin with a shared meal, offering a time for conversation and connection.
- Spiritual Formation Conversations: Our discussions will focus on matters of faith, spirituality, and how one's faith impacts their daily life. It's a safe space to explore questions, seek guidance, and deepen our understanding of God's love.
- Fun and Fellowship: We know that faith is also about joy and celebration. Our Youth Fellowship will include games, activities, and opportunities to enjoy each other's company, fostering friendships that can help carry our youth through the ups and downs of life.

If you would like to know more or get connected with our Youth at Lewinsville reach out to Pastor Layne at

[Lbrubaker@lewinsville.org](mailto:Lbrubaker@lewinsville.org)



Young Adults from Lewinsville, Immanuel, and Redeemer are invited to a retreat January 12-14, 2024. The retreat will be in Leesburg, VA. Our time together will be focused on getting to know ourselves, one another, and God better. A portion of the retreat will be centered around learning more about the Enneagram. The retreat will begin on Friday evening January 12th at 6:00pm and will end on January 14th at 11am.

Reach out to Pastor Layne with any questions:

[lbrubaker@lewinsville.org](mailto:lbrubaker@lewinsville.org)

Sign up at this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf13wMYyh2kgr5UoiatUN5v9arqqWM27wftMODY634PCuSfjw/viewform>



If you don't recognize the name, Rock of Ages is the name adopted at the first meeting in September of the lunch group for ALL seniors. The next meeting of the group is Friday, November 10, 11:30 a.m. in Rooms 102A and B. The program for the November meeting is Pastor Scott talking about his sabbatical, highs and lows.

Lunch will be provided at no charge, but we need RSVPs so we know how many lunches to order. **Please RSVP to Lois Dokken at 703 789-0617/ [manpadokken@aol.com](mailto:manpadokken@aol.com) or Wendy Maiwurm at 703 622-1659/ [wmaiwurm@gmail.com](mailto:wmaiwurm@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday, November 8. If you forget to RSVP or your plans change, please come anyway, you are always welcome.**

# SECOND SATURDAY SET

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NOVEMBER 11 6:30 PM**

You didn't miss a thing. If you wanted to attend the October meeting of Second Saturday Set, here's your chance to join us for the postponed presentation and pot-luck dinner at the residence of Joyce and Bob Johnson on November 11. You will need to confirm your participation by calling or emailing Bettie McElroy: [bettie@mcelroyassoc.com](mailto:bettie@mcelroyassoc.com).

And be sure to let her know what dish will accompany you.

As part of the 177th anniversary of Lewinsville, we will learn why our Commodore's nephew joined the Confederacy in 1861. We will also hear the voice of our pastor, Rev. C.B. McKee, reading from his 1857 personal diary and explaining why he made careful daily notes on the weather conditions in Northern Virginia. And the whereabouts of the original parsonage will finally be revealed. **Join us.**

## NEWS FROM OUR LEWINSVILLE FAMILY

### MEMBERS IN INDEPENDENT LIVING, NURSING HOMES & CARE CENTERS:

#### ASHBY PONDS:

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

#### CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES:

#### GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH:

Charles and  
Mary Hutchison

#### GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD:

#### THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON:

Joanne Field, Sarah Larson  
Fran Pearce,  
Bob and Beverly Johnson

#### THE KENSINGTON, RESTON:

#### LARMAX, MCLEAN

#### LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE:

Janie Waldrop  
Bert Wolfe  
Tirza Edwin, Jane Gardner,  
Lurleen Ogle,  
Lucille Quinn,  
Mina Sulaiman

#### LOUDOUN NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

#### VINSON HALL, MCLEAN:

Lois Rorex,  
Saundra Leslie  
Jean and Charlie Mertz,  
Bill Richardson  
Don Robb

#### THE VIRGINIAN:

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sue and Dan Thomas—50 Years on November 17

### DEATHS

**Our loving sympathy and prayers are with Ray Martin and family on the death of his daughter, Annette, on October 21.**



### ZOOM DISCUSSION WITH NATIVE AMERICAN COMPOSER JEROD IMPICHCHAACHAAHA' TATE NOVEMBER 16 AT 7:30 PM

Lewinsville's Choir will be singing Taloowa' Chipota (Children's Songs) by Native American Composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, on

Sunday, November 19 during worship. Mr. Tate will join Lewinsville's choir over zoom to educate, contextualize,

and learn about Chickasaw musical tradition, culture, and gain a better understanding of the music for worship.

Taloowa' Chipota is a set of two songs that are reminiscent of traditional stomp dancing and are based on old Chickasaw melodies. Stomp dances begin at dusk and end at dawn. The first movement depicts the emerging sunlight of the morning. The second movement is full of abstracted textures emulating the shell shaking in stomp dances.

Tate is a classical composer, citizen of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, and is dedicated to the development of American Indian classical composition. The Washington Post selected him as one of "22 for '22, and has commissions from numerous major symphonies across the country.

# George Winston Celebration

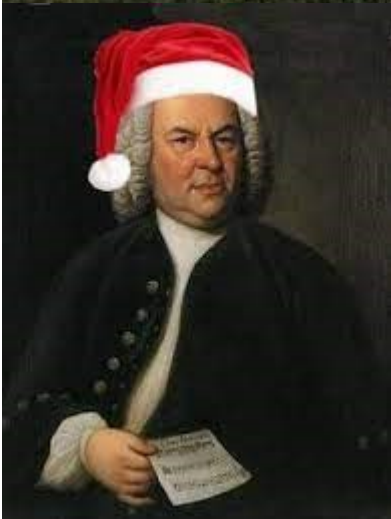
AUTUMN

Nov. 15  
6:15 p.m.

Holy  
Happy  
Hour

The celebrated rural folk pianist, George Winston, passed away earlier this year. Known for his Harvest season piano classics, John Nothaft will perform music of George Winston in gratitude for Winston's musical legacy and the Thanksgiving season.

Holy Happy Hour, generally on the Fourth Wednesday of the month, will take place on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:15 pm. The Vienna Vintner has selected four wines to pair with the event.



## JOIN THE CHOIR FOR BAROQUE CHRISTMAS EVE

Lewinsville's Chancel Choir will be performing Johann Sebastian Bach's 'Wachet Auf' Cantata with Baroque Orchestra as a Christmas Eve prelude for our 7:00 pm

service. If you'd like to join the choir for this memorable musical experience, please contact John Nothaft. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 pm. We are especially looking for Sopranos and Tenors - all are welcome!



## BELL CHOIR LOOKING FOR ONE ADDITIONAL BASS RINGER!

The Chancel Bell choir meets on Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 pm.

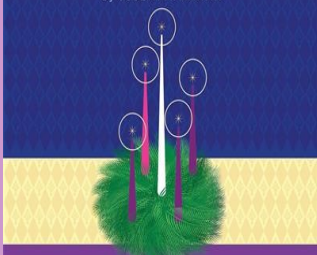
We are looking for an additional ringer to lift the bigger, heavier bells.

Please contact John Nothaft if you are available.

### The Light Before CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATING CANDLES AND CAROLS

By JOSEPH M. MARTIN



## JOIN THE CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICAL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Lewinsville Choristers and Junior Choristers will perform Joseph Martin's 'The Light Before Christmas' for our Family Christmas Eve service at 11:00 am. There are opportunities for singers, ringers, instrumentalists, and narrators.

Please contact Evan Ayars or John Nothaft if your child is interested. Rehearsals are Sundays from 3:00-3:45 pm (grades K-5) and 4:30-6:00 pm (grades 5-12.)





Registration is now open for the Hanging of the Greens Ornament Making Party. Children in grades 1-5 and their families will gather in Fellowship Hall to create a variety of handmade ornaments for their Christmas decorations. To register, please contact Allison Lineberger at [alineberger@lewinsville.org](mailto:alineberger@lewinsville.org). Registration closes on Thursday, November 30.



Families with children ages 2-5 are invited to kick off the Advent/Christmas season at our popular Preschool Angel Breakfast. Families will create Angel crafts, share in a breakfast of star shaped pancakes, play a game of A\*N\*G\*E\*L for prizes and hear the Christmas Story presented by the Lewinsville Puppeteers.

The Angel Breakfast will be held during the Sunday morning Education hour, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children may bring Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa or other adult relative. Registration is now open. Contact Allison Lineberger at [alineberger@lewinsville.org](mailto:alineberger@lewinsville.org) to sign up.



## REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRIES

The writer and theologian Kate Bowler, who was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer in 2015 and is in remission, shared on a twitter thread a blessing for those grieving the death of a loved one, followed by a prayer.

Blessed are you who have learned to make sense of a world that doesn't make sense without them.  
 Blessed are you with grief present still who carry the weight of surviving a loved one, of keeping the memories and sharing the stories.  
 O God, you alone know the whole of it. You know their sufferings, their joys, their winding paths and every movement of their souls.  
 Restore our souls, even as you receive theirs.  
 Welcome them in with the kind of embrace we wish we could give them.

Kate later expanded the twitter thread into a prayer for All Saints Day. <https://katebowler.com/blessings/a-blessing-for-the-day-we-mourn-our-dead-all-saints-day-2/>

November 5th will be All Saints Day worship, where we remember together church members who have died this past year with the ringing of a bell, and where at the table where Jesus tells us to remember, we remember all those we miss and grieve, those whose absence we have grown our lives around. In the afternoon, there will an **Afternoon of Remembrance from 4:00-5:00 p.m.**, with music in the Sanctuary and projected into the cemetery, and opportunities for prayer and remembrance. All are welcome.

Whenever we are grieving, we can be comforted by the words of Psalm 56:8 (New Living Translation), directed to the Lord, "You have kept count of all my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your record?" The Lord our God, our refuge and strength, cares and notices, holds our hard memories with us, and points us to the restoration of all that has been lost in the kingdom that is to come.

Pastor Jen





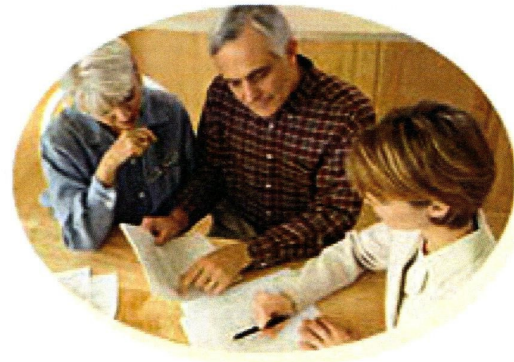
**Chesterbrook Residences University**  
Join us for this free series designed for seniors and their families. The program offers a variety of course topics, from financial planning to health, lifestyle, and recreation.

# Medicare and Open Enrollment

Medicare plans and the open enrollment process may seem complex, but it doesn't have to be intimidating. Learn more about the process and gain valuable information from an expert. There will also be a Q & A session so that you can have your specific questions answered!

**Thursday, November 9**  
**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Presented by Roberta J. Reardon,  
Independent Insurance Broker,  
Health, Life, Dental, Vision, Hospital  
Indemnity & LTC



Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited!  
Please RSVP to **703-531-0781** by November 7.



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## OCTOBER SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Finance Committee Chair, Phil Cooke, reported that September revenue was again under budget but that October revenue was already ahead of schedule; likely a result of the reminder printed on the quarterly pledge statements.

2. Session approved removal of 4 members from the rolls, 2 who requested removal and 2 who had not attended in quite some time and could not be reached via the contact information available. Session also received 4 new members who were part of the September inquirers class.

3. Session was provided an overview of the upcoming nominating process for congregational election of Elders, Deacons/Stephen Ministers, members of the Nominating committee, chairpersons of the various ministry groups and members to serve on the Governing Board of Directors of the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Foundation. The nominating committee seeks to nominate members of the congregation who possess particular qualities and gifts of Christian leadership that will enable them effectively and willingly to share in the governance and ministry of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

4. Session received a report from the Personnel Committee that two search committees were being formed – one to fill the position of Director of Christian Education being vacated by Allison Lineberger in 2024, and one to fill a new position of Director of Communications.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bender, Clerk of Session

## PRESBYTERIANS FOR EARTH CARE WEIGHS IN ON POPE FRANCIS'S *LAUDATE DEUM*



On October 4, 2023, Pope Francis released an 'apostolic exhortation' on the climate crisis titled [\*Laudate Deum\*](#) ("Praise God") as a follow-up to [\*Laudato Si'\*](#) ("Praise Be to You"), his landmark 2015 encyclical on the environment. He addressed his powerful statement "to all people of good will" -- not just to Catholics. He said he was compelled to write it because humankind's response to the ecological concerns he raised in 2015 has been inadequate. He warns with urgency of "increasingly grave consequences" if humanity continues to ignore the threat of climate change. He criticizes "resistance to climate science" asserting that it is "no longer possible to doubt the human – 'anthropic' – origin of climate change". He lamented that the world's poor and most vulnerable are paying the highest price. A short article summarizing *Laudate Deum* can be viewed

[here](#) for those not wishing to read the full document.

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) hosted an informative webinar on October 10 discussing the Biblical underpinnings of *Laudate Deum*, the science behind it, and the moral issues/pathways to solutions it suggests. The webinar featured presentations by Bill Brown, a PC(USA) ordained pastor and noted Biblical scholar; Dr. Mark Eakin, a retired NOAA oceanographer and elder at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church in Kensington, MD; and Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobida, a prominent Lutheran ethicist and educator. Dr. Eakin was a guest presenter at Lewinsville's Adult Education class "Christian Perspectives on Caring for Our Common Home" last April. A recording of the webinar is available on the [PEC website](#) and is well worth watching.



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## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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### Sermon Series: Gratitude November 12-26

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**November 12** LRR Annual Meeting

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**November 26** Christ the King Sunday  
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**Deadline for articles for the December  
Newsletter is NOVEMBER 15.**