



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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January 2024

JANUARY WORSHIP

JANUARY 7, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12
"The Light Has Come"
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
7:00 p.m. Taizé Contemplative Service
7:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. BLOOD DRIVE
JANUARY 14, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Psalms 111; Mark 1:21-28
"Jesus' Humble Authority"
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
JANUARY 21, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Service of Healing and Wholeness
John 1:35-42
"Seeking Jesus"
Rev. Jen Dunfee
9:30 a.m. Messy Church
12:30 p.m. Lunch at Lost Dog Café
JANUARY 28, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.

4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51
"The Voice"
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

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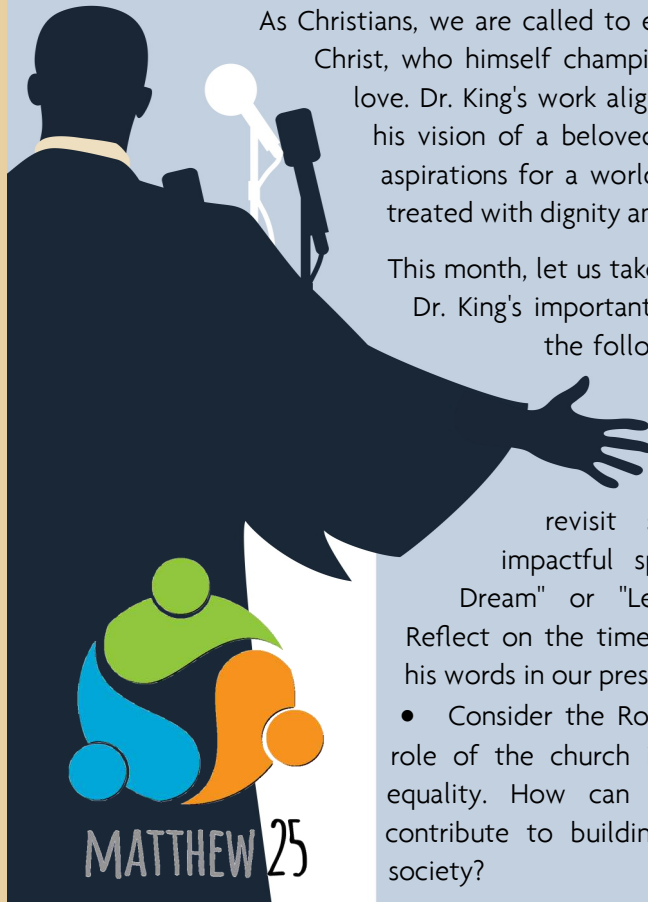
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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR & MATTHEW 25

As a Matthew 25 church, as we enter the month of January, it is not only a time to embrace the new year but also an opportunity to reflect on the profound impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his efforts in the pursuit of justice and equality. Dr. King's legacy continues to inspire and challenge us as we strive to live out our faith in a world that desperately needs the light of love and justice.

In remembering Dr. King, we are reminded of the powerful words he spoke and the actions he took to bring about positive change in the face of adversity. His commitment to nonviolent activism and his unwavering dedication to the principles of justice and equality serve as a beacon for us all.



As Christians, we are called to embody the teachings of Jesus Christ, who himself championed justice, compassion, and love. Dr. King's work aligns with our shared values, and his vision of a beloved community mirrors our own aspirations for a world where all God's children are treated with dignity and respect.

This month, let us take time to remember and honor Dr. King's important work. Consider incorporating the following into your reflections and prayers:

- Reflect on Dr. King's Message: Take a moment to revisit some of Dr. King's most impactful speeches, such as "I Have a Dream" or "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Reflect on the timeless wisdom and relevance of his words in our present context.
- Consider the Role of the Church: Explore the role of the church in advocating for justice and equality. How can we, as a faith community, contribute to building a more just and inclusive society?

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

In Mark 1:21-28, Jesus goes into a synagogue in the town of Capernaum to teach. And the text says that “they were astounded at his teaching, for he *taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*” What is remarkable about this verse is that the scribes were actually persons endowed with meaningful authority. They held positions of esteem in the community.

But the text suggests that, when the scribes spoke or taught, they did not teach with genuine authority. This story is drawing a contrast between the *inner authority* with which Jesus teaches and the *external authority* with which the scribes taught.

We will sometimes talk about how it is possible to have all kinds of academic degrees, but not to have much “common sense.” Having lots of intellectual information does not necessary mean that one has *wisdom for living*. It is possible for us to try to impress people with how much we know. But when we are eager to impress others, our efforts will always be delivered in a container of anxiety, about whether we will in fact be impressive.

Living from an inner authority is a very different matter. When one has had a genuine experience of God, one has experienced something that cannot be taken away. Others may question you about your experience, but they cannot take your experience away from you. When we speak from what we truly know, there will be a quiet confidence about us, that does not need to claim too much. We will not need to raise our voice to get our points across, because we will speak with the unshakable confidence of one who speaks from the truth of our own experience.

As we move into 2024, I would encourage you (and I’m going to encourage myself!!) to not try to claim too much for ourselves. Let us speak what we know, and then let us remain quiet. Let us share our viewpoints, and then let us listen to the viewpoints of others. Let us not try to “borrow authority” from someone else – whether from a book we’ve read, or a famous person we know – but to allow our own experience and our own truth speak for itself. Let us trust God’s work in us, and allow that work to bear fruit in our speech and in our lives.

Blessings for your journey,
Pastor Scott



- Engage in Acts of Service: Honor Dr. King's legacy by participating in acts of service and outreach within our community. Consider volunteering with one of our church's many mission partners.
- Educate and Empower: Share resources and educational materials that shed light on the ongoing struggle for justice and equality. Knowledge is a powerful tool for fostering understanding and empathy.
- Commit to Continued Action: Dr. King's work was characterized by persistent, sustained effort. As a church community, commit to ongoing initiatives that promote justice, equality, and love.

Let us remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. not just as a historical figure but as a guidepost for our own journey toward a more just and compassionate world. May his legacy inspire us to live out our faith boldly and to work tirelessly for the transformation of our communities.



Taizé

TAIZÉ CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 7:00 P.M. SANCTUARY

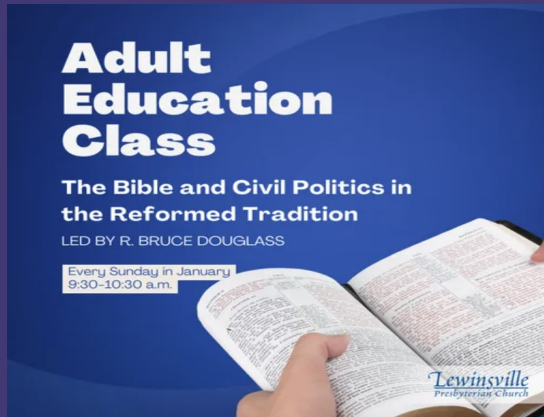
Our contemplative new year of a “Sent from the Heart of God” begins with a Taizé Worship Service on Sunday evening, January 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Taizé worship comes to us from the Taizé Community, a Christian community of prayer, music, and hospitality in France. (You may read more about Taizé at <https://www.taize.fr/en>. On Sunday evening, January 7, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a time of prayer, Scripture, simple songs, and silence. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Scott or John Nothaft.

ADULT EDUCATION-JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28

9:30—10:30 A.M.

THE BIBLE AND CIVIL POLITICS IN THE REFORMED TRADITION



One of the most important consequences of the Protestant Reformation was a new insistence on grounding Christian thought and practice in the Bible. Reformed Protestants were among the strongest proponents of this idea, and it had far reaching effects in many different aspects of their own lives—as well as political developments in the various places they inhabited. The purpose of this series of talks is to explore some aspects of the difference

the turn toward Scripture made in Reformed political thought and practice. When Reformed thinkers turned to the Bible for guidance in dealing with public affairs, where exactly did they look? Why there? Why did they turn to the particular texts they did? How did they interpret those texts? How did their handling of Scripture compare with that of other Christians?

January 7/Session 1 – Reformed Protestantism: an introduction

January 14/Session 2 – the ethics of resistance and rebellion

January 21/Session 3 – the political ordering of holy commonwealths

January 28/Session 4 – church, state and the treatment of religious minorities

Led by R. Bruce Douglass

Room 102A and recorded on ZOOM

ADULT EDUCATION-JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28

9:30 –10:30 A.M.

THE GIFT OF EMPATHY

The Gift of Empathy: The Christ-centered, compassionate care of Stephen Ministry is grounded on the foundation of Empathy. You might think that listening carefully, deeply and non-judgmentally is a natural gift, either you have it or you don't. But researchers from Stephen Ministry have studied a set of attitudes and skills that can be practiced to give everyone this gift. This course will help people feel the unconditional love of God, who is always-minded and caring towards us, as we practice ways of relating that can help in all our meaningful relationships and even casual interactions with others.

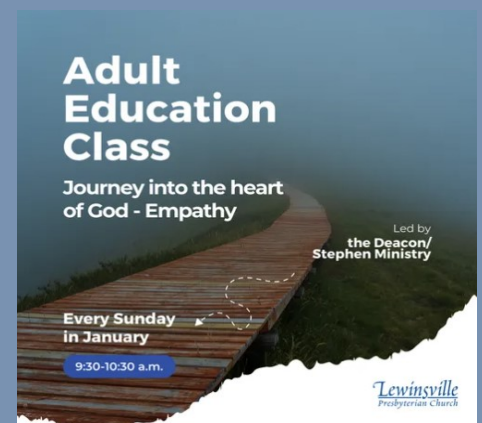
Jan 7: The Power of Empathy (Jen, John Gale)

Jan 14: Obstacles to Empathy

Jan 21: Empathy in Relationships: children, parents, siblings, friends, workplace (Jen, John Gale)

Jan 28: The Spiritual Side of Empathy

Led by Jen Dunfee
& John Gale
Room 102B



FROM THE ADULT ED COMMITTEE:

A reminder of basics – you can go to any class you want, you do not need to sign up in advance, and you can try a different class the next week, or miss a week. However your time and interests align. You are welcome! The classes start at 9:30am and end at 10:30am so plenty of time for coffee and mingling.

If you are interested in teaching a class-let us know! A book study, a bible study, a theological exploration, something concrete like how to make a clay pot or how they would have baked bread back

in Jesus' day. We are open new teachers and new ideas. You don't need to join the committee to lead a class.

We are currently holding classes that are hybrid. In order to keep offering this feature to participants we need help. If you are "techy" and are willing to offer your time and equipment (laptop) to help provide the ZOOM and monitor the chat box during the class sessions for the teacher, we would welcome your help.

Contact Chairs: Rachel Russell or Cathy Saunders to help or for more information or to volunteer.



SENT FROM THE HEART OF GOD



JANUARY 7TH



Discover Your
Star Word

On Sunday January 7, we will have a special experience for members of Lewinsville to contemplate Epiphany. Everyone is invited to walk the lighted labyrinth and discover their 2024 "Star Word." Epiphany, traditionally celebrated on January 6th, marks the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. They followed a star to find God's revelation made real on earth.

As you walk the illuminated labyrinth, its winding path can guide your thoughts towards the significance of Epiphany. The soft glow of the lights will create a tranquil atmosphere, allowing you to connect with the spiritual journey of the Magi and, in turn, your own journey of faith. At the heart of the labyrinth each person will receive a "Star Word" – a word to help guide and inspire your spiritual life throughout the coming year.

Walking a labyrinth is an ancient practice that combines movement and meditation. It provides an opportunity to slow down, to reflect, and to open our hearts to divine insights. The labyrinth, with its twists and turns, mirrors the twists and turns of life, and as we navigate it, we find ourselves in a metaphorical journey of faith.

Chapel

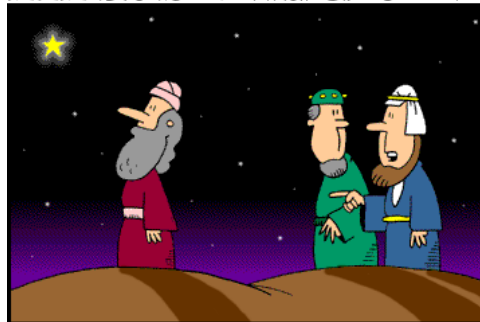
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Thanks to Nadine Fafard (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2001
THAT'S THE BEST ONE-STAR HOTEL THAT
I'VE EVER SEEN



Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Matthew 2:1) 12-16-1998
OH I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT GETTING
LOST ... WISEMAN #1 TOLD ME THAT HE
HAS SOME SORT OF GLOBAL POSITIONING
SYSTEM



12-14-2012
I THINK YOUR LIGHTS MIGHT BE TOO
BRIGHT THIS YEAR

FIRST MESSY CHURCH OF 2024 AND WE'RE GOING FISHING!

There are several stories about Jesus that involve FISH. The miraculous catch of fish when He called the Disciples which He repeated after His resurrection; the feeding of the 5000 when He used two fish and 5 loaves of bread to feed a multitude; and then an odd story where He directed Peter to find the tax money in the mouth of a fish.

Is it any wonder that the symbol for Christians and the first statement of faith was the FISH (IXOYE=Greek for FISH)?

Join us **JANUARY 21 in Fellowship Hall at 9:30-11:00 a.m. for this Messy Church** where we will explore these FISH stories and symbols through crafts, storytelling, games, and more. All ages welcome and invited.

GONE FISHIN' 4 DISCIPLES

Messy Church

**Sunday, January 21
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Learn about the people who followed Jesus

Hear some stories that feature Fish and Jesus

Learn the meaning & reason for the Christian fish symbol



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REFORMED INSTITUTE CONVOCATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 8:30 A.M – 11:00 A.M.

***“Linking Worship, Justice, and Mission”* by Dr. Mark Labberton**

The Reformed Institute (www.reformedinstitute.org) is sponsoring its annual Convocation on Saturday morning, January 28, at National Presbyterian Church. This year’s speaker is Mark Labberton, professor of preaching emeritus and former president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

Dr. Labberton will speaking on *“Linking Worship, Justice, and Mission.”* He is the author of *The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God’s Call to Justice*; *The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor: Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus*; *Called: The Crisis and Promise of Following Jesus Today*, and more.

You may register for this event at www.reformedinstitute.org, and you may read more about it at <https://reformedinstitute.org/event/2024-convocation-with-dr-mark-labberton/>.



INQUIRERS' CLASS

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Sunday afternoon, January 28, 3:00 pm – 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, January 28, 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.



MISSION AND SERVICE DECEMBER REPORT:

Mission and Service had a successful December, Below is a report of all we accomplished as a church community:

- 54 bags of groceries were collected for SHARE on November 19th to help our food insecure neighbors
- 11 Westgate families were “adopted” for the holidays and over 100 presents were delivered to the school on December 11th
- 78 grocery gifts cards were collected to help support even more Westgate families
- The Fair Trade Sale brought a lot of joy to Lewinsville! Ten Thousand Villages’ sales proceeds exceeded last year’s sale and Parasto dazzled us with her knitted goods, English skills, and poise
- We also provided education as to the importance of choosing Fair Trade certified products: We can live our faith by contributing to poverty reduction and uplifting communities in need
- The Falls Church McLean Children's Center staff used our facilities to host their annual end-of-year holiday celebration
- The Alternative Gifts campaign raised over \$15,000 to support many of our mission partners





REV. LAYNE BRUBAKER SPIRITUAL FORMATION & MISSION

As we move into a new year my heart is filled with anticipation and hope for the possibilities that lie ahead. The year 2024 holds the promise of growth, transformation, and new possibilities especially with the Youth and Young Adults of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

One of the cornerstones of effective ministry with youth and young adults is the cultivation of authentic relationships. It is vital for both ministries for our church to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where Youth and Young Adults feel valued, heard, and loved. Building relationships based on trust and understanding will not only strengthen our community but also pave the way for meaningful spiritual growth. Our Youth and Young Adults are not just the future of our church; they are an integral part of our present. Which is why it is important that we seek opportunities to empower and equip them to take on leadership roles within the congregation. Providing mentorship, leadership training, and platforms for them to share their gifts and talents will not only benefit the individuals involved but also contribute to the overall vitality of our congregation.

The coming year holds the promise of exciting events and retreats tailored specifically for our Youth and Young Adults; Young Adult Retreat, Summer Mission Project, and Montreat Youth Conference provide unique opportunities for fellowship, spiritual reflection, and building lasting connections. I am confident that 2024 will be a wonderful year for all, especially our youth and young adults.

Pastor Layne



**IT'S NOT TOO
LATE TO SIGN
UP!**

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. Folks are welcome to join for the whole weekend or just a portion of the retreat. Reach out to Pastor Layne with any questions:

lbrubaker@lewinsville.org.

Sign up at this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfI3wMYyh2kgr5UoiatUN5v9arqgWM27wftMODY634PCuSfjw/viewform>

SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2024 RUTLAND, VERMONT JUNE 23-29



We are excited to partner with Youth Works who provide Christ-centered mission trips for thousands of teenagers and their adult leaders in communities across the U.S. and beyond. Youth Works connects with organizations already at work serving the needs of people within the community and help these organizations do what they do every day of the year by providing them with volunteers. Partnerships include working with the elderly, children, individuals with special needs, people who are homeless or in transition, or serving through hands-on labor with food banks, community gardens or neighborhood revitalization projects. A priority is placed on relational service ministry opportunities but they also serve behind the scenes through manual labor. Most likely we will experience some of both in Rutland. All youth who have completed the 6th grade by June 22, 2024 are able to attend SMP 2024! COVID-19 vaccinations will be required for all participants and all participants age 18 and over must complete a Criminal Background Check (unless there is one on file with LPC within the last year). **The registration fee for this year's trip is \$300. The fee for each additional family member is \$250.**

Sign up at this link! <https://smp.lewinsville.org/home>





HERSETH FAMILY TRUMPET AND ORGAN CELEBRATION TRUMPETER JOSHUA KAUFFMAN PERFORMS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 6:15 PM.

Lewinsville's very own, Judith Herseith is an organist and also the daughter-in-law to world famous trumpeter Adolph "Bud" Herseith. January's Holy Happy Hour will celebrate the glory of trumpet and organ music and celebrate family ties. Adolph "Bud" Herseith was principal trumpet in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra from 1948 until 2001, and served as principal trumpet emeritus from 2001 until his retirement in 2004.

Lewinsville welcomes Joshua Kauffman, lead trumpet chair of The U.S. Army Blues, the premiere jazz ensemble of The United States Army to perform with Lewinsville's majestic pipe organ. Joshua regularly plays with the National Symphony, is a Yamaha Performing Artist, and an in-demand musician in all musical idioms.



WINTER CORNHOLE LEAGUE 2024

The winter cornhole league will start Monday night, January 8, at 7pm and continue through February 26th. (if the church is closed due to weather there will be no cornhole that evening)

All are welcome, we have had excellent league play this fall and now is the time for all to join in for the winter league. The league plays on Monday nights from 7-8:30 pm. All skill levels are welcome from beginner to experienced players. You do not have to attend every Monday night. It is a "come you when can" league, with singles and doubles play depending on who all is there.

It is fun, easy, and a good time on a Monday night.

League winners this fall were Jim Tenney & "AirMail Bob", Bob Johnson has advanced to the winners' circle. Anyone can play... Anyone can win...

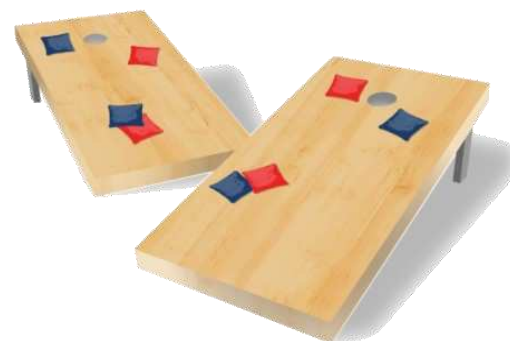
Just come by on Monday January 8th and toss some bags.

In addition to the regular Monday nights, we will have special events at convenient times for groups in the church and hopefully some competition with other churches, those events will be announced separately.

For additional information contact

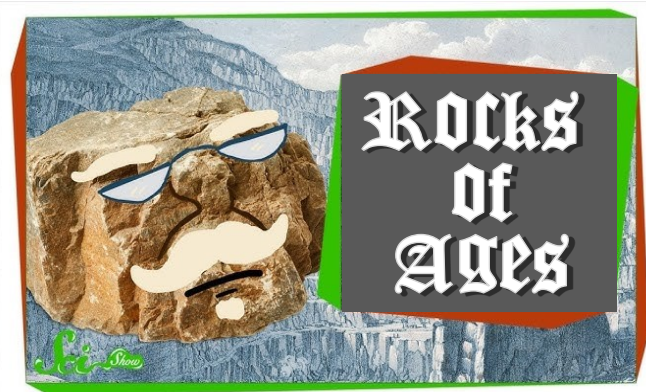
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BLOOD DRIVE, JANUARY 7, 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL LOWER LEVEL

Register for an appointment at: <https://bit.ly/LPC010723> Just one blood donation can save up to three lives. Please consider donating at the January blood drive. INOVA Blood Services will be accepting donations in Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the building. Bring a photo I.D. when you come to donate. Walk-ins are accepted, appointments highly encouraged.



“ROCKS OF AGES” JANUARY GATHERING JANUARY 26 11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Mark your calendars now so you don't forget because you won't want to miss lunch and a fun-filled time with Sally McKeown as she leads us in easy and fun warm up exercises to music, plus two simple country line dances. Bring your sense of humor (as there will be plenty of laughs) and your two left feet. Lunch and conversation will be at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall followed by instruction, participation, or just sitting back and enjoying. It is helpful to know if you will be attending for planning purposes but not essential.

Please let either Wendy Maiwurm at 703 622-1659 wmaiwurm@gmail.com or Lois Dokken at 703 789-0617 manpadokken@aol.com know if you can come. Hope to see many of you the 4th Friday of the month, January 26, at 11:30 a.m.

**JANUARY 21
12:30 PM**

**Lunch after
Church at Lost
Dog Café on
January 21**

**at 12:30 p.m. Lewinsville folks will
gather in the back room for a meal and
casual conversation. All are welcome,
see Pastor Jen if you need Deacon Funds
to cover your costs.**



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
Joanne Field, Sarah Larson,
Ray Martin

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD:

THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON:

Bob and Beverly Johnson,
Fran Pearce

THE KENSINGTON, RESTON:

LARMAX, MCLEAN

Janie Waldrop
Bert Wolfe

LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE:

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 JANUARY wedding anniversaries.

DEATHS

Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of General William Richardson, who died on November 15. General Richardson has been a member of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church since 1987 and served as an Elder on Session. A private family burial service will be held at a future date at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, at 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia 22101.





REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRIES

The Deacon Fund continues to be robustly supported by the congregation. Nearly all donations are anonymous to me and the Deacons, as they are processed through the online giving button of the website. These funds support many people in the congregation and community who face a range of short-term or emergency financial needs.

The Deacons keep a maximum of \$5,500 in the fund to respond to fluctuating draws each month. When the fund substantially exceeds \$5,500 (due to fewer needs in a given month) the surplus is transferred to the Mission and Service committee. The members of Mission and Service match those funds to short-term or emergency financial needs of community service partners, while the Deacon Fund supports the needs of individuals asking for assistance.

The pastors and deacons become aware of individual needs in a variety of ways: church members are aware of the fund and ask for assistance, the Pastors are aware of financial needs and suggest Deacon Fund support, community members connected to the congregation as visitors in worship or participants in programs ask for assistance, or people make “cold calls” to a variety of congregations.

In each situation, there is follow-up to understand the needs and the how the fund might be able to help. The Deacon Fund pays bills directly, for example to a leasing agency, hotel, or medical facility.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Deacon Fund, allowing the church to quickly support people in a wide range of challenge. The graphic highlights the amazing work your gifts made possible in 2023.

If you find yourself in need of financial support, confidentially reach out to one of the pastors or David Jessee, Deacon Fund Moderator.

DEACON FUND NUMBERS





RESOLVE TO REDUCE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Keep earth care in mind as you make your New Year's resolutions. An internet search of "green New Year's resolutions" will yield many lists of actions you can take to lessen your impact on the environment. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Eat less meat (especially red meat) and dairy. Strategies for cutting back include "Meatless Mondays", "Vegan Before 6", meat on weekends only or at one meal/day.
- Reduce food waste in your home. Plan your meals – and your shopping; buy only what you can use before it spoils, organize your storage to keep track of what you have, and donate any excess.
- Sign up for a [Green Power program](#) (draws from only renewable sources) whether you own your home or rent.
- Get an [energy audit](#) of your home or make your own assessment, and take actions to improve energy efficiency, such as adding insulation and weather stripping for doors and windows.
- When replacing appliances and HVAC invest in energy-efficient models. Go electric to reduce carbon emissions.
- Reduce your carbon footprint by driving less, using public transportation, or carpooling.
- Consider a hybrid or electric vehicle if you are buying a car.
- Repair and reuse items whenever possible to reduce new purchases.
- Reduce single-use plastic waste by using reusable shopping bags, water bottles, coffee cups, straws and cutlery. Take your own 'to-go' containers for restaurant meal leftovers.
- Buy less. Support brands that prioritize sustainability and fair labor practices.
- Plant a garden or support local agriculture by buying produce from farmers' markets.
- Plant native trees, shrubs and perennials to support birds and insects.
- Volunteer your time or donate to a charity that cares for the earth.
- Be mindful of water use, e.g., take shorter showers, install water-efficient faucets and appliances, and use water judiciously on the garden and lawn.

By making and keeping sustainable resolutions, you are contributing to a better world today and protecting our earth for future generations. Your actions will inspire your family and friends to follow your lead.



DECEMBER SESSION MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Finance Committee Chair, Phil Cooke, reported that November revenue was down for the month and is also down year to date. Fortunately, expenses for November were also under budget. December is typically a strong month for contributions so Phil remains cautiously optimistic that the church year will end in a good place.
2. Phil walked Session through a first draft of the 2024 budget based on current pledged income and requested ministry group expenses. Elders were asked to work with their ministry groups and finance committee liaison to identify ways to close the projected gap. Based on those efforts, a second draft will be reviewed at the January Session meeting. A resolution of appreciation was approved for Phil's hard work so far.
3. Session approved a call to the congregation for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 9:30am.
4. Session affirmed Lewinsville's commitment as an Earth Care Congregation and endorsed the application for recertification.
5. Session approved a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to change Jeanne Melone's title from Financial Manager to Human Resources and Finance Manager, based on the recommendations of the Staff Configuration Task Force.

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



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FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Annual

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



9:30 a.m. FELLOWSHIP HALL

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