



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

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April 2024

APRIL WORSHIP**APRIL 7**, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

John 20:19-31; 21:1-14

"What Do We Do Now?"

Rev. Jen Dunfee

SERMON SERIES: "LAMENT AS AN EASTER ACT OF HOPE"**APRIL 14**, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

1 Samuel 1-18; Psalm 6

"I Have Poured Out My Soul Before the Lord"

Rev. Layne Brubaker

BLOOD DRIVE**SERMON SERIES: "LAMENT AS AN EASTER ACT OF HOPE"****APRIL 21**, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER-EARTH CARE SUNDAY**

Jeremiah 4:19-28; Psalm 98

"Embodied Grief with Hope"

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

9:30 a.m. MESSY CHURCH-"MESSY EASTER"

FIRE DRILL**SERMON SERIES: "LAMENT AS AN EASTER ACT OF HOPE"****APRIL 28**, livestreamed at 11:00 a.m.**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Psalm 85; 1 John 1:1-10

"Facing What is Hard Together"

Rev. Jen Dunfee

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EARTH CARE SUNDAY

April 21, 2024



On Sunday, April 21, Lewinsville will mark our commemoration of Earth Day with Earth Care Sunday. We will once again 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.

This year's Earth Care Worship Service is part of our Easter sermon series, "Lament as an Easter Act of Hope." This series holds up the biblical practice of lament as a practice in which the church engages. Because of our convictions about the power of God, shown most clearly in raising Jesus from the dead, we know that God can make a way where there is no way. God is in the business of tearing things down, but also of building things up (Jeremiah 1:1-10). God brings things to an end, and God does a new thing, sometimes right under our noses. On Earth Care Sunday, we bring to the Lord our varied concerns about the well-being of the earth, concerns for animals, water, air, trees, soil, and human flourishing. We may lament our own sinfulness that has participated in the degradation, and we ask God to create a new heart within us, so that we will cherish the earth rather than living in ways that harm the earth.

SERMON SERIES:**"LAMENT AS AN EASTER ACT OF HOPE"**

During the last three weeks of April, we will have a 3-week sermon series on the biblical practice of lament. Lament is the practice of sharing our grief, our hurt, our complaints with God, in the confidence and hope that God will hear us and that our prayers will make a difference, urging God to bring about a change in our circumstances. (Cont. next page)

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends at Lewinsville,

“Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.”

These Easter words, which have formed the core of the Christian liturgy for many hundreds of years, point to the basic convictions of our faith.

Christ has died. These words point to everything from the forgiveness of our sins, to the non-violent lifestyle of Jesus, to the modeling of an ongoing practice of *surrender*, as opposed to *defensiveness*, as the way for us to live our lives.

Christ is risen. These words point to the conviction that the powers of death cannot stop God, which is why the Christian faith is such a threat to the empires of the world, who want to control reality. The worst that the empires of the world can threaten us with is death: “If you do such-and-such, or if you refuse to go along with such-and-such, we will have you killed.” These death threats seek to intimidate people into compliance and passivity and letting the empire have its way. But the church stands up in the face of the powers of death and says, “We will follow Jesus, even if it costs us our lives.” Death and fear and evil and sin are shown to be weaker than they would like us to believe.

Christ will come again. These words point to the promised reconciliation of all things, the promised consummation of all things, the promised judgment of all things, the promised setting-right of all things. When the New Testament concludes by praying, “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20), it concludes by laying claim to the hope that all things will be restored.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. These words show us the way to love, the way to faith, and the way to hope. Let us hold fast to them, as we move through these coming days!!

Blessings for your Easter journey,
Pastor Scott



Of the 150 psalms in the Bible, more than 1/3 of them are psalms of lament, so that our prayers of grief, hurt, and complaint are fully intended to be part of the life of faith. They are a way of saying that the promises of God – promises of well-being, of shalom, of justice, of wholeness – have not yet been realized. We are urging God to make good on God’s promises.

The church has too often avoided lament, perhaps out of a sense that it is somehow inappropriate to let God know we’re unhappy. “Everything is just fine!” we may feel like we ought to say to God. Moreover, some may think that Easter is a strange season in which to practice lament, because it can feel like it cuts against the grain of the joy of the resurrection.

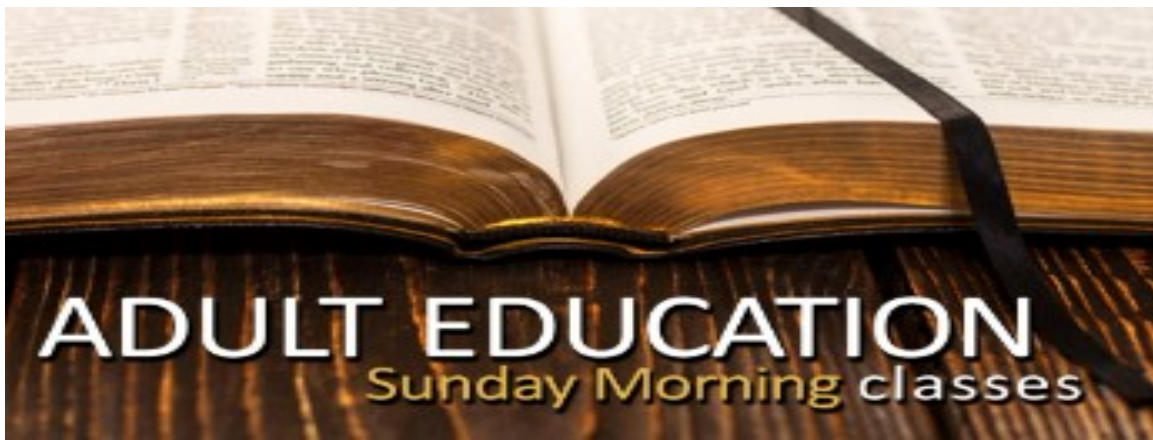
However, it is precisely because of our convictions about the resurrection that we can find the confidence to take our concerns and our hurts to God in prayer. “Do for us what you have done by raising Jesus,” we pray to God. We do this in our individual lives, with our individual concerns; we can give voice to our concerns about the well-being of the earth, as the waters and the air and the soil degrade; and we may give voice to our concerns about public pain, as the fabric of our society frays, as so many live in deep poverty, and as hostility and violence claim so many lives.

We will join with our biblical ancestors in taking our concerns directly to God, praying our way through our hurt, and drawing closer to God in the process.



Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through creative activities and worship. A light brunch will follow.

Join us for this Messy Church as we explore some of the stories of Jesus’ appearances (post resurrection). Through activities in crafts, games and storytelling we will learn about the first people to see Jesus after his resurrection. We will share in a celebration of the resurrection following the activity time and this will be followed by a light brunch in Fellowship Hall. All ages invited!



RELIGION AND STATECRAFT: A FAITH AND PUBLIC POLICY DISCUSSION

LED BY LINTON BROOKS

APRIL 7-28

9:30-10:30 A.M.

ROOM 102A

The Washington area is awash in foreign policy experts and deeply thoughtful religious scholars. Yet within government these two communities never meet. In particular the Department of State is a perfect example of Jefferson's argument that there should be an impenetrable wall between religion and government. At first this seems perfectly logical for a country that values separation of church and state. But it has serious consequences in dealing with the rest of the world. In an increasingly important number of countries, religion and politics have become fused. Examples include Modi's India, being transformed into a Hindu state, many Muslim majority nations, important U.S. allies like Turkey, and many African and South American states where religion still plays a major role in policy. The Obama administration sought to deal with this by establishing a position reporting to the Secretary to advise on religious issues. That position did not survive the administration. The only incumbent has written a book called *Chasing the Devil at Foggy Bottom*. Drawing in part on this book, which participants need neither purchase nor read, this course will review our history of taking religion into account in statecraft in order to wrestle with the question of what the U.S. position on this issue should be.

POETRY, NATURE, AND FAITH

LED BY RACHEL RUSSELL

APRIL 7-28

9:30-10:30 A.M.

ROOM 102B

Scripture and poetry go together for me, and I am eager to share some "pairings." By focusing on "nature," can we find a sense of wonder, even as we may experience a sense of grief and loss? Can we go slow in our readings and together see unexpected aspects of both scripture and poetry? You can come to one class or all the classes. As always when I teach, getting to know each other is very important, so we will start with the "question of the day" (and likely laughter), then read and pray over the scripture and poetry, and think about some questions I have and any questions the class has. Will the poetry enrich the scripture or the other way around? Will going slow bring a sense of openness? Will we find some hope? Or perhaps we will together grapple with loss?

April 7: Psalm 46 and Denise Levertov "*Of Being*"

April 14: Genesis 1 (CEB if you have it, look online) and "*God's Grandeur*," by Gerard Manley Hopkins

April 21: Genesis 2:4b-10 and "*Kneeling*" by R.S. Thomas and "*The Garden of Delight*" by Lucille Clifton, and "*Generations*"

April 28: Genesis 3:1-7 (CEB again) and Denise Levertov "*On the Mystery of the Incarnation*" and John Donne, "*Holy Sonnets: If poisonous minerals, and if that tree*"

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 A.M.

LIBRARY

Anyone can learn the spiritual practice of Biblical Storytelling if they want to! Join us Saturday April 6 at 9am in the Library for information and to find out more about learning by heart, from practice and repetition to gestures to story-chunking. This will be no longer than 1 hour. Thank you, Rachel Russell.



Welcome!

New Member Class



PICTURED RIGHT TO LEFT:

FRONT-Pat Lohr

NEXT ROW- Lloyd & Tracy Mustin,
Larry Stern, Gary Arabak

BACK ROW-Scott Adams, James (Jim) Jones

PAT LOHR is a native Washingtonian and was baptized as an infant at Eastern Presbyterian Church in DC. She attended George Washington University, the Graduate of Banking received an MBA from Marymount University. She spent a long, gratifying career in human resources, but most importantly she and her late husband were blessed with an amazing son, Jeffrey, who along with his family, also resides in McLean.

LLOYD AND TRACY MUSTIN Lloyd and Tracy Mustin have lived in McLean for almost 20 years. Tracy grew up in North Carolina and Lloyd grew up in a Navy family, so he has lived all over the world. Both Tracy and Lloyd served in the US Navy, retiring from the reserves at the rank of Captain. Tracy retired as a Career Senior Executive from the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration. Lloyd built and sold a government services company. He still serves as Chairman of its board. They have three grown children and six grandchildren, all living in the DC area. Between the grandchildren, their community activities, and an aggressive travel schedule, they manage to stay busy! Lloyd and Tracy appreciate the warm welcome they have received at Lewinsville and are very happy to be part of this wonderful church community.

LARRY STERN, born in West Virginia. Graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy. 18 year career with WV State Police/PSC in charge of the motor carrier safety division in WV. Employed by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) as senior management in Washington, DC. CVSA represents law enforcement in all the States, all the provinces and territories in Canada, and the Federal Police in Mexico that has the responsibility for motor carrier safety in their jurisdictions. Worked for the US Department of Energy as a contractor having the responsibility for safety and security of nuclear shipments by truck in the US and training of law enforcement to inspect these shipments. Jim, my spouse and I have 2 children and 4 grandkids and reside in McLean VA.

GARY ARABAK was born in Pawtucket R.I. and grew up in Walpole, MA. He moved to DC and VA in January 1980 and started attending Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in 1985. He married Andrea Merritt in 1986 and has attended ever since. Gary had a 27 year career in commercial real estate for private sector developers, and worked for 15 years for the US Government in commercial real estate. Gary has lived in Reston and Fairfax City in Virginia with his only child, Alexandra Whitcom Arabak, baptized and confirmed at Lewinsville many moons ago; she is the granddaughter of Earl and Janet Merritt, long time members of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.

SCOTT ADAMS is a long time "guest" of Lewinsville, having lived in McLean for over 10 years, attending now and then, and recently deciding to join. Originally from New York and raised in Connecticut, he was born again in Christ as a teen, and raised his three now adult children ages 23-29 in the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. He's looking forward to his upcoming retirement from PwC after a career spanning almost 40 years with the firm, and to calling Lewinsville his new Church home.

JAMES (JIM) JONES, born in West Virginia. Attended The National Railroad Institute at Alanta, GA after graduation and was employed as an agent/operator for Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. Served in the US Army after honorable discharge returned as an agent/operator for Western Maryland Railroad. After retiring from the Railroad, I was employed by the Library of Congress as Human Resources Manager in Washington DC. Larry, my spouse and I reside in McLean VA.

THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM

The Refugee Resettlement Team, after careful consideration and prayerful discernment, have decided to partner once again with Lutheran Social Services to help resettle a new refugee family. We anticipate being matched with our new family in April or May.

This decision reflects our dedication to living out the teachings of Jesus, who instructed us to welcome the stranger with open arms. As followers of Christ, we are called to embody love, compassion, and hospitality towards all people, especially those who are marginalized or displaced.

As we embark on this journey, we invite all members of our congregation to join us in extending a warm welcome to our new neighbors. There will be many ways for the congregation to help! Be on the look out for a list of donations we will need to set up their apartment.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support and dedication of this congregation as we strive to live out our faith in tangible ways. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have been forced to flee their homes in search of safety and security.

In the words of Hebrews 13:2, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Let us continue to embrace the opportunity to welcome the stranger among us, knowing that in doing so, we are fulfilling the call of Christ to love one another as he has loved us.



SUMMER MISSION PROJECT 2024

**JUNE 23-29
RUTLAND VERMONT**

REGISTER NOW!

**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>

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION
LOCK-IN APRIL 12-13**

All youth are invited to a lock in Friday, April 12 to celebrate the completion of the confirmation program by the Confirmands. The night will be full of playing games, eating snacks, and watching movies in the Youth Center.

**Confirmands arrive at 5:00 p.m.
All other youth arrive at 7:00 p.m.**

**APRIL 12-13
LOCK-IN**

April 12th 7:00pm - April 13th Noon



**YOUNG ADULTS MONDAY, APRIL 15
7:00-9:00 P.M. YOUTH ROOM**

Monday April 15 all Lewinsville Young Adults (folks between the ages of 19-39ish) are welcome to join our Young Adult Small Group. This group will focus on fellowship, faith formation, service, and having fun together!

To be a young adult means you are in a stage of life where you are still trying to figure it all out. This group hopes to be a space for you to process life while you are figuring it all out. We meet in the youth room from 7-9pm



REV. LAYNE BRUBAKER SPIRITUAL FORMATION & MISSION

We just celebrated Easter, where we once again experienced the profound miracle of resurrection that lies at the heart of our faith. The Easter story is one of hope, renewal, and the triumph of life over death. The miracle of resurrection on Easter morning is a reminder that even in our darkest moments, God's love has the power to bring forth new life and transformation. It is my belief that as followers of Christ, we are called to embody the spirit of resurrection in our daily lives, seeking out opportunities for renewal and transformation in both ourselves and the world around us.

Easter resurrection also calls us to bear witness to the power of love and compassion in the world. It is a reminder that even in the face of suffering and injustice, love has the power to overcome hatred and division. As followers of Christ, we are called to be agents of love and reconciliation, working to build a world where all people are treated with dignity and love.

Living out the miracle of Easter resurrection means embracing the hope that comes from knowing that death does not have the final word. Just as Christ conquered death, we are called to live with confidence in the promise of eternal life. This hope gives us strength and courage to face the challenges of life with faith and resilience, knowing that we are held in the embrace of God's everlasting love.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season together as a community, let us remember the miracle of resurrection and the profound impact it has on our lives. May we embody the spirit of Easter in all that we do, bringing hope, renewal, and transformation to ourselves and to the world around us.

Pastor Layne



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE!

Dates: July 28th- August 3rd

Who: Any youth that has completed 7th Grade is encouraged to attend

How: Register at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1chgvMtDh7ccSfxyCZgxnpNo8KaQz7ZL3pYOTdyp5TY8/edit>

Payment: You Can Submit your Payment at this Link:

(Please specify that the payment is for Montreat)

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YN8C/campaign/C-138C2>

Learn More: You can read about the conference at

this link: <https://montreat.org/events/myc-24>



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, Anne Schwartz
Charles and Mary Hutchison
Doug Bauer, Joanne Field,
Sarah Larson, Ray Martin
Bob and Beverly Johnson,
Fran Pearce
Janie Waldrop
Bert Wolfe
Tirza Edwin, Jane Gardner,
Lurleen Ogle, Lucille Quinn,
Mina Sulaiman
Lois Rorex,
Saundra Leslie
Jean and Charlie Mertz,
Don Robb

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES:

GOODWIN HOUSE, FALLS CHURCH:

GREENSPRING, SPRINGFIELD:

THE JEFFERSON, ARLINGTON:

THE KENSINGTON, RESTON:

LARMAX, MCLEAN

LEWINSVILLE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE:

LOUDOUN NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

VINSON HALL, MCLEAN:

THE VIRGINIAN:

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Henry and Brigitte Rais—62 years on April 6
- Corbin and Olivier Rochedreux—5 years on April 6
- Joe and Suzanne Parisi—25 years on April 17
- Dwight and Nina Jasmann—62 years on April 28

Doug McGuire and Mary Baumann cordially invite our Lewinsville family to join us in celebration of our marriage on April 20, 2:00 p.m. at McLean Presbyterian Church, 1029 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA. We will have an opportunity after the service to greet our guests. No gifts please (we're downsizing). There is no reception.



WINTER CORNHOLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, PAM DEESE AND JIM TENNEY

SECOND SATURDAY SET WOLF TRAP

Foundation for the Performing Arts

SECOND SATURDAY SET

APRIL 13 AT 6:00 P.M.

WOLF TRAP...THIS SUMMER AND MORE!

Arvind Manocha, President of Wolf Trap, will be the guest of honor at the Second Saturday Set's April gathering, April 13, at 6:00. What's coming up? What's going on at everyone's favorite summer venue? Now's your chance to find out! We'll meet at Janet and Jerry Kohlenberger's home in McLean (1087 Langley Fork Lane) for a potluck dinner. Parking is limited so think Carpool ... valet parking will be available. Call Janet and Jerry (H: 703-847-4388, C: 703-507-1818, or email glkohlen@gmail.com) right away to reserve your seat for this special occasion and tell them what you're bringing for the dinner. Bring your own favorite adult beverage. All are welcome. Casual dress ... and you probably won't have to sit on the lawn!



“ROCKS OF AGES” APRIL 26 11:30 A.M.

Lewinsville's seniors, known as the Rocks of Ages, will meet on Friday, April 26, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 102A for a light lunch for which there will be a suggested donation of \$7 to help cover costs. Following lunch, Alexandria (Alex) Johnson, our new Director of Communications, will tell us about herself, her family and her education. She may mention the places she has worked previously too. Then she will go on to talk about this new full-time position for Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and what her plans are. Please join us so you can get better acquainted with Alex and greet church friends. Please let either Lois Dokken at 703-789-0617 mandokken@aol.com or Wendy Maiwurm at 703-622-1659 wmaiwurm@gmail.com know if you can come.

Hope to see many of you on the 26th.



NEW PIANO FOR THE MUSIC ROOM!

Lewinsville's Music Ministry acquired a recently rebuilt 1919 Mason & Hamlin AA Grand Piano for the Music Room. The new instrument will improve choir rehearsals by supporting each musical ensemble with a richer, in tune, and harmonious sound, better echoing the musicality of the choir. The new choir room piano will enable a practice that echoes sanctuary worship more closely and lead an inspiring and enriching weekly rehearsal for years to come.

The new piano is made possible by the generous support of the Lewinsville Music Fund. Founded in 1987, Lewinsville's Music Fund strives to enhance and strengthen music ministry at Lewinsville through significant instrumental expenses, growth and improvements to the music program, and special music events. We are so thankful for the many gifts given by supporters of Lewinsville's Music Ministry to help further music as a mission of the Church to praise, inspire, and grow the Kingdom of God.



Chancel Choir sings with Trinity Presbyterian Arlington, April 28th and May 5th
Lewinsville will join forces with Trinity Presbyterian Arlington's Chancel Choir to sing a 'Samba Mass' by Bob Chilcott. Lewinsville's choir will sing at Trinity Presbyterian on Sunday, April 28th. Trinity's choir will sing at Lewinsville on Sunday, May 5th.

Samba Mass

LEWINSVILLE & TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN ARLINGTON CHANCEL CHOIRS
SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT TRINITY ARLINGTON

Bob Chilcott



Lewinsville will host the McLean Interfaith Community Choir on Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 pm. There will be weekly rehearsals on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm in April. Please contact John Nothhaft if you'd like to join in this community building event!

MCLEAN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY CHORAL CONCERT
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH AT 7:00 PM

REHEARSALS: SATURDAYS IN APRIL 4:00-5:00 PM
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REV. JEN DUNFEE CARE MINISTRIES



Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, who serves as the Senior Vice President for Moral Injury Programs at Volunteers for America, was the 2013 scholar-in-residence at New York Avenue. She encourages Christians find a theology that allows for a deep love of the earth. In a 2021 Christian Century article, Brock describes the connection between our belief and our ability to act with hope: “Christians have choices. If what we believe about God is at the expense of the rest of humanity or the earth, it is too small, fearful and miserly to make room for much love to enable us to build a future together.”

The Earth Care Network at Lewinsville Presbyterian suggests ways for us to build a future together, through acts of individual and church-wide service and through study, devotion and prayer. Regular newsletter articles offer the congregation timely tips for seasonal creation care and more sustainable use of resources. And Lewinsville continues to connect what we believe about God to love of the earth in bi-annual worship services: a fall service focused on the changing climate and a spring service close to Earth Day.

This year, the Earth Care service will be on April 21st with a theme of lament and hope. In scripture, children’s time, prayer and music, we will consider before God who we can share our concerns, confess our missteps, and guided by scripture, find hope for enough love to move hearts and hands to widen our individual and communal practices and voice for care of the earth.



APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22, was established in the United States in 1970 to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable practices. It has since grown into a global observance with participation from over 190 countries. As environmental issues have become more critical, Earth Day has evolved into Earth Month, with events occurring throughout April. It is a time for educating ourselves and others about environmental challenges we face, such as pollution (including an explosion in plastic pollution), climate change, deforestation, and loss of biodiversity. Raising awareness is an important step in inspiring people to take action towards restoring balance of all life forms on our planet for now and for future generations.

Various faith traditions have embraced the Earth Day movement. For Christians, Earth Month is a great time to discern our response to the call to be caretakers of God’s creation. Many congregations, including Lewinsville, hold a creation-focused worship service near the time of Earth Day to praise God for the beauty and diversity of all that God has created, and consider how we can be better stewards of what has been entrusted to us.

The theme for Earth Day 2024 is “Plastic vs Planet”. It is focused on reducing plastic production by 60% by 2040. Read about it [here](#). The Presbyterian Church (USA) is offering Christian education materials titled [Plastic Jesus-Real Faith in a Synthetic World](#), “designed to help congregations think more deeply about the ways that plastics impact our lives and God’s creation” and “equip people of faith to take actions to address this epidemic in faithful and practical ways”. Both links include actions individuals can take during Earth Month and beyond to reduce their plastic consumption.

Other popular ways to participate in Earth Month include: [planting trees](#), joining [watershed clean-up events](#), [removing invasive plants from our parks and yards](#), lowering your [carbon footprint](#), and attending local Earth Day events such as this one in [McLean](#).



The Lewinsville
Emergency
Action

FIRE DRILL



MARCH SESSION MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Finance Committee Chair, Phil Cooke, reported that February 2024 income was strong and more than budgeted and expenses continue to be under budget for now.
2. Session approved a request to call a Congregational Meeting (date TBD) to elect an additional Deacon, if the way be clear.
3. Session authorized an expenditure from the Music Fund at the request of the Worship Ministry Group to purchase a new piano for the music room. We will also be trading in two pianos that are no longer wanted as part of the purchase.
4. Session approved changes to the Funeral and Wedding brochures requested by the Worship Ministry Group.
5. Session authorized the Personnel Committee and the Pastor/Head of Staff to form a Search Committee for a Part Time Office Coordinator.
6. Session approved the Cemetery Committee's recommended adjustments to rates related to standard and cremation burials.

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

SESSION/DEACON-STEPHEN MINISTER RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:30-3:00 P.M.

Your Session and Deacons/Stephen Ministers will be having a "stay-at-home" Retreat on Saturday, April 27, from 9:30 – 3:00 p.m.. We will be meeting at Lewinsville, and the theme of our Retreat will be *"The Spiritual Lives of Leaders."*

Our retreat leader will be Rev. Dr. Beth Ford Friend, Senior Lecturer at Virginia Theological Seminary. Dr. Ford Friend will lead us in spiritual practices that can shape both the individual lives of leaders, as well as our corporate life with impact on our decision-making.

How do we make decisions together that are faithful to Jesus Christ, and not simply reflecting the agendas or egos of one particular person or group? What is involved in faithful decision-making? How do we listen for God's voice in our life together as congregational leaders?

Please keep your Ruling Elders, Deacons-Stephen Ministers and staff in your prayers for this retreat, 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.



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BLOOD DRIVE

APRIL 14

FELLOWSHIP HALL

7:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.

Just one blood donation can save up to three lives. Please consider donating at the April 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. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/Lewinsville0414>



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THE LEWINSVILLE PUPPETEERS TO PERFORM FOR THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL'S FLOWER MART SATURDAY, MAY 4

SHOW TIMES: SATURDAY, MAY 4

10:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M.,
AND 3:00 P.M.

PUPPET SHOWS WILL BE HELD INSIDE THE
CATHEDRAL IN BETHLEHEM CHAPEL

