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THE LEWINSVILLE NEWSLETTER

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Abiding. Pruning. Bearing.

REV. DR. SCOTT RAMSEY, PASTOR

Dear Lewinsville Family,

Jesus is the Vine. We are the branches.

When branches are connected to the vine, when they ‘abide’ in the vine, they bear much fruit.

We want to bear fruit as a congregation.

Our theme for this year (See page 2: “Lewinsville’s Theme for the Year”) is drawn from Jesus’ words to his disciples in John 15: “Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.”

This verse can be applied to our lives as individuals, in our families and friend-networks, in our church, and in our world.

The Lord calls us to dwell in Him, live in and with Him, abide in Him. When we do that, *we can tell a difference in our lives*. We have more energy, more clarity, more vision. Hard things may still happen to us. But we will experience them differently.

In Mark 3, when Jesus is calling his first disciples, we are told that “he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, *to be with him*, and to be sent out.” Before the apostles are sent out – they are to be with him.

When we live our lives with Jesus, we will be better able to see what He wants us to keep in our lives, what He wants us to prune from our lives, what He wants us to do, and our lives will bear fruit.

Blessings for our journey of bearing fruit,
Pastor Scott



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Lewinsville's Theme for the Year

ABIDING. PRUNING. BEARING.: FROM JOHN 15:1-11

As a congregation, we want to bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

"Bearing fruit" is different from being successful, from impressing other people, from making ourselves feel good, from having people like us, and other tempting goals that we might be inclined to aim at.

"Bearing fruit" is something that we do not control ourselves, but it is allowing God to grow something through us. What God is trying to grow through us are things like: community, mercy, faithfulness, compassion, justice, hospitality, trust.

"Bearing fruit" also involves attentive cultivation. Gardeners are well aware that one must prune a vine, in order for it to bear fruit well. That is to say, there are likely things that have accrued to a vine that must be cut off, in order that the vine can grow in a healthy manner.

There are likely things that have accrued to our life as a congregation that are no longer giving life, but to which we may have grown accustomed and comfortable. We may need to prune those things together. But the **pruning is never for the sake of punishing the vine; the pruning is always for the sake of bearing more fruit.**

In John 15:2 Jesus teaches us, *"Every branch that bears fruit my Father prunes so that it will bear more fruit."*

This theme will have much to teach us over the course of the year, and over the course of our lives!



WELCOME TO LEWINSVILLE

We invite you to experience worship, grow in your faith, find a caring community, and serve those in need in our area and the world.

There are many ways to connect with others who may be on the same journey as you.

Attend a Sunday 11 a.m. service. Find your place in one of the ministries, or drop in on a fellowship group. Wherever you are, you are welcome here at Lewinsville.

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CHURCH OFFICE

M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
703-356-7200

Special Services

AND STEWARDSHIP SEASON



DINNER CHURCH: COME HUNGRY. LEAVE FULFILLED

Join us for this monthly worship service held on the second Sunday of each month, welcoming people of all ages to gather in community.

This service offers a unique and casual way to worship God while sharing a meal together. It is an age-inclusive experience, designed to bring everyone—from children to adults—into meaningful worship.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

- **Sept. 28, 2025: Special Guest Pastor and Earth Sunday:** Lewinsville will welcome Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe to the pulpit. Rev. McCabe is Director of Congregational Development and Missions. On this date, Lewinsville will also be lifting up our Earth Care Ministry.
- **October 12, 2025: Anniversary Sunday:** 2025 marks Lewinsville's 179th anniversary with special music by brass and tympani.
- **October 26, 2025: Reformation Sunday:** Celebrate Lewinsville's Scottish heritage with Highland Bagpipes.

STEWARDSHIP 2026: LED BY GRACE ... ABIDING IN THE VINE

OCTOBER 5 – 19, 2025



Our Christian faith constantly draws us in two directions.

We are led by grace into the future and into the world, and we abide in the vine of Christ, from whom we draw all of the necessary strength and hope to live our lives. We are led by grace, and we abide in the vine.

In 2026, we will continue the uplifting worship, enriching Christian education for all ages, mission efforts in the community and world, and meaningful congregational care that have always been hallmarks of Lewinsville. We will welcome the Brookfield Montessori School to our facility. We will be enhancing our communications tools and strategies, strengthening and renewing our small groups, and more!

During this season, we urge you to prayerfully reflect on the priority that Lewinsville plays in your life and the life of your loved ones. We need your support and your investment in the mission of our congregation. We encourage you to consider increasing your financial commitment to Lewinsville so that we as a faith community can continue to serve others.

SPECIAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Dinner Church
Moves to
Second Sundays, 6 p.m.

September 14, 6 p.m.
Dinner Church

October 12, 6 p.m.
Dinner Church

September Special Services

September 28
Earth Care Sunday

September 28, 11 a.m.
Guest Pastor
Rev. Tara Spuhler
McCabe Director of
Congregational
Development and
Missions

September 21, 4 p.m.
Blessing of the Animals

October Special Services

October 19
Anniversary Sunday

October 26
Reformation Sunday

October 5-19
Stewardship Season

Celebrating a New Program Year

JOIN US FOR KICK OFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Lewinsville's program year kicks off on Sunday, September 7. We will be launching ourselves into another year of growing in faith, worship of God, mission in our world, fellowship with each other, and care for the wider community. To celebrate the kickoff, we'll have an ice cream truck (because mission and ministry is SWEET!), outdoor games, and lots of joyful energy. It will be a full day of ushering in the new and reaffirming our faith and fellowship. The full schedule is in the column on the right. Here are some highlights.

GET YOUR PHOTO AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATED

It's time to get your photo taken for the Lewinsville Directory and make sure all your information is up-to-date. Right after the worship service on September 7, head to classrooms 102 A & B, where a friendly volunteer will greet you and another will take your photo. There will be stations where you can get help to make sure your directory information is updated. In addition, the Fellowship Ministry Group will be on hand to tell you more about its work and offer you refreshments.

LOL SUNDAYS – LIFE OF LEWINSVILLE

Starting on Kick-Off Sunday, we will be introducing you to the mission and work of the various Ministry Groups and committees in what we are calling Life of Lewinsville Sundays – which makes a joyful acronym LOL Sundays. Each week, a different Ministry Group or committee will host a table after worship where you can learn more about its mission to upbuild our congregation –and how to get involved. Be on the lookout for ways God may be calling you to get involved.

SERMON STORIES FOR CHILDREN DURING THE SERMON

Children are welcome to stay in the Sanctuary during the sermon. After the children's meditation, children ages PK-elementary school also have the option of leaving for Sermon Stories. Pastor Jen or a member of the Sermon Stories team will lead the children to Room 102B. Children attending Sermon Stories will return to the Sanctuary later in the service.

KICK OFF SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Kick Off Sunday Highlights

11 a.m.

Worship Service

Following Worship Outdoors

Games

Ice Cream Truck

Room 102 A & B

Photos

Fellowship Ministry LOL

LOL Sundays Schedule

September 7

Fellowship & Invitation
and Connection

September 14

Christian Education

September 21

Worship

September 28

Earth Care

October 5

Mission & Service

October 12

Choir

October 19

Care Ministries

October 26

Communications

Put Earth Care on Your Back-to-School Checklist

BY SUSAN BARTRAM

Including sustainability considerations in back-to-school shopping decisions and daily school routines are great ways to demonstrate love and respect for God's creation.

Teaching children that even small, daily actions can make a big difference for the environment instills values and habits that will carry into adulthood.

Here are some areas to focus on:

PURCHASING

Before buying anything new, take inventory of what you already have and purchase only what is truly needed. Shop with sustainability in mind (e.g., notebooks made from recycled paper, non-toxic crayons, eco-friendly markers, clothing made from organic cotton or recycled materials). Opt for products with minimal or recyclable packaging to reduce waste.

TRANSPORTATION

Walk or bike, if possible, or ride the bus, if available. When driving is necessary, try to carpool with other families. Avoid excessive engine idling at drop-off/pick-off locations.

PACK A WASTE-FREE LUNCH

Use reusable lunch boxes, containers (including water/drink bottles) and cloth napkins to minimize waste from disposable items. Choose organic and fair-trade snacks to support sustainable farming practices.

SUPPORT SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Advocate for/participate in sustainability initiatives at local schools (e.g., garden/tree planting programs, grounds/stream clean-up projects, composting, waste reduction efforts, solar energy projects) and encourage your child to participate in environmental activities.

[LEARN MORE](#)



WHAT IS AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION?

Lewinsville became a certified Earth Care Congregation in 2019.

Earth Care Congregations commit to the [Earth Care Pledge](#), and every year seek to accomplish a specific number of actions toward caring for God's earth.

Earth Care churches work to make their church buildings, operations, worship services, education and outreach respectful of the glory of God's creation. This concern for preserving and sustaining what our Creator has made is intended to go beyond church operations and extend into the homes and family lives of congregation members.

The ECC program helps churches plan their continued earth care ministry and encourages greater support for this ministry from the whole congregation.



MUSIC MINISTRY

OVERVIEW OF MUSIC AT LEWINSVILLE

MUSIC AT LEWINSVILLE OFFERS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

The fall promises to bring you a vibrant program of worship music and special programming. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to take part. There are choirs for everyone from age six to adult and from beginner to professional singer or musician. **Lewinsville provides a fun and welcoming space where you can explore your interest in music and serve the mission of Lewinsville as well.** For adults, the **Chancel Choir** is a great place to begin. Sing for Sunday Services and events. All skill levels welcome. For **youth and children**, the **Joyful Noise** teaches children ages three through Pre-K the basics of singing, music making and helps them become familiar with sacred music. The Lewinsville Choristers and Bells is for youth in grades three through 12. Children learn repertoire for use in worship services and develop lifelong leadership, music and sacred worship skills.

FALL MUSIC SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

In addition to singing at Sunday services, the Lewinsville Music Ministry will also support special services and events. These include: Holy Happy Hour, and Bachtobertfest. All our events are free and open to the public. Please note, that a free-will offering to support Lewinsville's Music Fund to enable continuation of Lewinsville's musical offerings and mission through music, will be taken at most events. Ample parking is available in our parking lots and along Chain Bridge Road.

CHOIR SCHEDULES

September

- 9/7 - Chancel Choir
- 9/14 - Chancel Choir
- 9/21 - Lewinsville Cantorum
- 9/28 - Lewinsville Choristers

October

- 10/5 - Chancel Choir
- 10/12 - Chancel Choir, Trumpets, Tympani
- 10/19 - Lewinsville Cantorum
- 10/26 - Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Lewinsville Choristers, Highland Bagpipes

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CHOIRS AND SPECIAL EVENTS



J Clark Young Artist Concert



Lewinsville Follies



Salon Series Recital



Bluegrass Sunday



Chancel Choir

Music Special Events Details

HOLY HAPPY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24, 6:15 P.M



The Holy Happy Hour concert series begins the year with a pipe organ duet showcase! Lewinsville's very own John Nothaft will partner with McLean musical colleague Michael Cedrone, for a program featuring musical fantasies for two! Michael Cedrone is director of Music at St. Luke Catholic in McLean, and formerly served as Organist at St. Thomas Cathedral in Arlington, VA. Lewinsville has partnered with the local wine shop, Vienna Vintner, which will curate wines thematically appropriate for this Holy Happy Hour concert.

BACHTOBERFEST: JONATHAN DIMMOCK PERFORMS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 4 P.M.



Lewinsville's own Jonathan Dimmock will perform an all-Bach recital of works from the Clavier-Übung III. A reception will follow the program as well as a 'German-themed' Dinner Church service that evening at 6 p.m. All are welcome to this free program hosted by the Lewinsville Music Fund.

To continue programs such as this there will be the opportunity to make a donation that supports the music program.

ABOUT JONATHAN DIMMOCK

With a personal focus on the healing quality of beauty, Jonathan Dimmock is recognized internationally as a consummate artist, and his musicianship is enjoyed by at least 100,000 people each year.

An innovative programmer, he designs and performs weekly programs for the Legion of Honor Museum, where he serves as Principal Organist, illustrating the correlation between art and music. He is also the Organist for the San Francisco Symphony, Music Director at Congregation Sherith Israel, and in constant demand as an organ accompanist.



Jonathan Dimmock

MUSIC MINISTRY FALL HIGHLIGHTS

Choir Rehearsal Start Dates

September 4

Chancel Choir
Rehearsals Thursdays
7:30-9 p.m.

September 7

Joyful Noise
Rehearsals Sundays,
9:30 -10 a.m.

September 7

Lewinsville Chorister
Lewinsville Bells
Rehearsals Sundays,
4:30 -6 p.m.

September 25

Chancel Bells
Rehearsals Thursdays,
2:30-4 p.m.

September Special Music Events Dates

September 24

Holy Happy Hour
6:15 p.m.

October Special Music Event Dates

October 12, 4 p.m.

Bachtoberfest
4 p.m.

October 26

Reformation Sunday
Celebrate Lewinsville's
Scottish heritage with
Highland Bagpipes
11 a.m.

Making Time for Intentional Faith

BY REV. JEN DUNFEE

The theologian James KA Smith talks about how all formation, and therefore Christian formation, is something that happens from an energy outside of ourselves.

Like glaciers carving valleys, water shaping river stones, and hands molding clay on a potter's wheel, we are formed by forces outside of ourselves.



In the life of a Christian, the primary place of formation is worship. The writer Debie Thomas says that worship “makes us. It focuses our attention. It orders our priorities. It teaches us what’s important and what isn’t.”
(*Christian Century*, October 2023)

Christian formation works first from the outside in. In worship, Christian Education classes, small groups, Bible study and reading, prayer and service, we experience a reordering and refocusing us on Jesus. The next step is a transformation from the inside out, so that from what we have experienced outside of ourselves our inner self is reformed, and the shape of our lives more closely resemble that of a follower of Jesus.

A friend of mine once wrote, “Every story is a story about time.” The story of our faith formation is always a story about time. And perhaps place. How much time, in attention and priorities, do we give to the formation forces of Christian faith? How many Sundays in worship, time reading the Bible, talking to our children or family about faith, participating in Christian education classes, mission and service? Nearly everyone I know who wants to be on the Christian journey wishes they had more time for it. Nearly everyone I know doesn’t know how to find more time.

It has been my experience that God does not waste the time we spend getting outside of ourselves. And it has been my paradoxical experience that I often feel the most “myself” when I have spent the most time doing faith-forming things intentionally focused on God, God’s word, God’s creation or with God’s beloved children.

If you are looking for ways to make this year’s story one of a little more time being formed, with the force of a glacier, the creativity of a river, or the gentle handling of a potter’s hands, there are opportunities here at Lewinsville for you.

Blessings,
Pastor Jen

WHAT’S IN STORE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MESSY CHURCH ALL AGES EVENT

Christian Education will “kick-off” at 9:30 a.m. on September 14 with an all-ages exploration of the theme for this year from John 15, that Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches; that we bear fruit as a congregation, and are pruned to bear even more fruit together.

Come explore this scripture in a variety of ways:

- Traditional Bible Study led by Adult Education
- Exploring the metaphor as gardeners
- Creating a video of the scripture
- Contemplative consideration of *abiding*
- Godly Play presentation
- Crafts



ABOUT THE MESSY CHURCH MINISTRY

The “Messy Church” ministry program encourages people to learn about Bible stories together, across all ages. Although Messy Church at Lewinsville tends to engage with children and parents, the ministry vision of this program is one that provides non-family intergenerational fellowship and learning.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

At Lewinsville, children can grow their faith and their love of music on Sundays through worship and special classes for children. At 9:30 a.m., there is Sunday School for ages PK-12th grade. Music for PK-2nd takes place as part of that 9:30-10:30 time. At 4:30 p.m., there are music and bells classes for children grades 3rd-12th. Youth Group, for 6th-12th grade is Sunday evenings from 6 -8 p.m.

There are also special monthly programs for babies and toddlers.



LEWINSVILLE LITTLES

FOR BABIES, TODDLERS AND PARENTS

**Lewinsville
Littles!**
Parent and child time for song,
prayer and stories.



Third Sundays
4 p.m.
Downstairs,
Godly Playroom

"Littles" is monthly Sunday afternoon gathering for a brief time of singing, Bible storytelling, and movement with parent(s) and child/children. We'll begin by singing songs of God's love, then have a story time where we move through a simple Bible story and end with a blessing. It is a Christian twist on a baby/toddler music class. Lewinsville Littles meets on the Third Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Godly Play room on the downstairs level of the church.

MESSY CHURCH

FOR PRE-K-5TH GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES

"Messy Church" is an international ministry that teaches Bible stories through interactive worship and stations. Children in PK-5th grade and their families gather in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for an Opening Worship that introduces the Bible story or theme with music and a short talk. The group then moves to Fellowship Hall in the basement for stations that further explore the story. These stations, led by adult and youth volunteers, include music, movement, games and crafts. Students also practice a song that they have the opportunity to sing at the prelude of the 11 a.m. service later that morning. Messy Church concludes with breakfast for participants and volunteers. Messy Church meets on the third Sunday of each month.



Third Sundays
9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary

FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE

NEW THIS YEAR - CHILD FRIENDLY SERVICE PROJECTS FOR PRE-K -5TH GRADE

1st Peter tells us that "as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's diverse gifts." One of the ways we can help children know they are gifted, and called to serve, is by showing they do not need to be "grown-ups" to be of value in our church community or to serve others. 1st Sunday Service gives kids of all ages opportunities to serve alongside their families, while also learning about the church's mission and community partners. The service begins at 10 a.m. with a short family-led service, followed by 20-30 minutes of service.



First Sundays
10 a.m.
Sanctuary
Pre-K -5th Grades

SUNDAY SCHOOL

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

PK-2nd Grade

9:30- 10 a.m.

Joyful Noise Choir

3rd-5th Grade

9:30- 10:30 a.m.

Bible & Faith Class

Parents to PK-Youth

9:30- 10:30 a.m.

Parent Bible Devotion

Lewinsville Littles!

4- 4:30 p.m. parent and child time
for song, prayer and bible stories.

September 17
October 19
November 16



Baby to age 3 feet
welcome!



Messy Church

Sept. 21

God's Promise to Jacob

Oct. 19

Moses Shares God's Promise



First Sunday Dates

Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7,
Jan. 4, March 3, May 4

For more information
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Children's Education Schedules

SEPTEMBER

ROOTED
and grounded
IN LOVE
Children's Ministry
@Lewinsville Presbyterian

9/7

NO 9:30

12 KICK-OFF AFTER CHURCH, ICE CREAM & GAMES
4:30 BELLS AND CHOIR BEGIN FOR 2ND GRADE + (REPEAT)

9/14

9:30 ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL STATIONS
11 INTERACTIVE WORSHIP SERVICE
6 DINNER CHURCH AND 4TH - 7TH YOUTH GROUP

9/21

9:30 MESSY CHURCH IN SANCTUARY - JACOB
11 SING PRELUDE SERMON STORIES
4 LEWINSVILLE LITTLES - INFANT TO AGE 3

9/28

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL - PK-6TH, PARENT BREAKOUT
11 SERMON STORIES CHORISTERS SING

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SERMON STORIES DURING THE SERMON

On the second Sunday of the month, children ages PK-elementary school have the option of leaving for Extended Sermon Stories.

Pastor Jen, Evan Ayars, and members of the Sermon Stories team will lead the children to the Music Room and Godly Play Classroom for music and Bible stories. Children can be picked up in Room 102B at the conclusion of the worship service. Children are also always welcome to stay in the Sanctuary.



OCTOBER



Save the Date
Trunk or Treat
October 25
4-6 pm

10/5

9:30 KID & FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT FELLOWSHIP HALL
11 SERMON STORIES
4 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Choir and Bells
repeat 4:30-6

10/12

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL - PK-6TH, PARENT BREAKOUT
11 EXTENDED SERMON STORIES W/ MUSIC
6 DINNER CHURCH AND 4TH - 7TH YOUTH GROUP

10/19

9:30 MESSY CHURCH IN SANCTUARY - MOSES
11 SING PRELUDE SERMON STORIES
4 LEWINSVILLE LITTLES - INFANT TO AGE 3

10/26

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL - PK-6TH, PARENT BREAKOUT
11 SERMON STORIES CHORISTERS SING

Adult Education

This year you will find a variety of opportunities to connect via regular Sunday classes in categories that include studies of the Bible, theology, liturgy and worship arts, and faith practices and lived faith. You will hear from renowned theologians and professors in the Salzman Lecture, Lenten Studies, on Reformation Sunday, and in the "Faith in the World" series.



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER ADULT EDUCATION MODULES

SEP 21 - OCT 12

1st and 2nd Kings

LED BY ROB HUNTER

Explore the history of the Kings of Israel and their relationship to God's covenant promise after David.

 ROOM 102A AND ONLINE

 9:30 AM



Explore how singing is a faith practice that:
grows our faith as well as our voices,
explores theological symbolism,
and deepens our connection to God and each other.

Led by Choir Section Leaders in the Chapel
Sept 21 - Oct 12

ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September

September 7

Kick-Off Sunday

September 14

All Ages Messy Church
CE Event

9:30 a.m.

September - October

Sept. 21-Oct. 12

Bible Study - Kings
with Rob Hunter

9:30 a.m.

Sept. 21-Oct. 12

To Sing is to Pray Twice
Led by Choir
Section Leaders

October

October 19

Panel of church
members on their
Christian experience in a
previous country
9:30 a.m.

October 26

Reformation Sunday
Rev. Dr. Doug Ottati
9:30 a.m.

Special Speakers

September 28

Rev. Dr. LaKeisha Cook
Faith in the World

October 26

Rev. Dr. Doug Ottati
Reformation Sunday

Adult Education Speaker Series

FAITH IN THE WORLD SERIES

REV. DR. LAKEISHA COOK

Sunday Night Talks and Dinner

September 28, 6:30 p.m.

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) is a non-partisan coalition of 25,000 members, which includes 750 houses of worship, 1,000 clergy of all faiths, and people of good will and ten chapters, many partner and affiliate organizations, most of the judiciary leaders in the state, and activists in every House and Senate district in Virginia, all working for a more just society.

On April 1, 2025, Rev. Dr. LaKeisha Cook was appointed as VICPP's new Executive Director. She succeeded Kim Bobo who served in that role for nearly a decade, Cook is the tenth executive director and the first African American to head the 43-year-old nonprofit.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

REV. DR. DOUG OTTATI, GUEST SPEAKER

October 26, 9:30 a.m. and guest preacher at 11 a.m.



Doug Ottati is the Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice at Davidson College. Prior to Davidson, he taught at Union Seminary in Richmond.

His scholarly interests include theology and ethics, as well as the history of theology and ethics in America. He is past president of the Society of Christian Ethics.

His books include *Living Belief: A Short Introduction to Christian Faith*, *A Theology for the Twenty First Century*, *Theology for Liberal*

Presbyterians and Other Endangered Species, and *Hopeful Realism: Reclaiming the Poetry of Theology*.

LOOKING AHEAD



MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR
MORE SPEAKERS AND SERIES

FAITH IN THE WORLD SERIES

Sunday, Nov. 23

Mark Keam

Former Delegate to the Virginia House, first Korean American to serve in General Assembly

SALZMAN LECTURE

January 2026

Reformed Contributions to the Ecological Movement

Dr. Mark Stoll

Environmental Studies and Religious Professor
Texas Tech

LENTEN STUDIES

MARCH 1-3, 2026

Salvation, Redemption, Atonement

Dr. Rick Elgendy

Public Theology and Ethics Professor
Wesley Seminary

ADULT EDUCATION MEMBERS 2025-2026

Rachel Russell, Chair

Sharon Gamble

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Rob Hunter

Debbie Leavens

Karl Sandberg

Cathy Saunders

Connecting Life with the Word

BY RACHEL ANN RUSSELL



The Spirit is moving me to write small “tidbits” of Bible study for the quarterly newsletter, and how that might relate to our world now.

This project evolved out of a class I took at Wesley Theological Seminary in the process of earning my Master of Arts.

Scripture is a living document, meaning as important as it is to understand the historical context, it is also important – and super fun – to connect scripture to our world. Here’s the first one!

The Bible is made up of every type of literature and writing you can imagine, including romance. In ancient Israel, and likely still in Jesus' time, the setting for a “meet-cute” (or “meet-antagonistic”) would often be around a well. It was one of the places where women might encounter men, and girls might meet boys.

Our modern equivalent in the movies might be “meeting on a train/coffeeshop” – it is set up to be something like random strangers having a joke or spilling water or helping an old lady together (or one of them cuts in line/steals the empty seat and glares are exchanged) and then – poof! He turns out to be the new hire, or she turns out to be the sister of the boss.

This was what wells were back then, the setting of so much romance. And yet, what we find in Scripture is often that the expectation is turned around.

Saul ignores the giggling girls at the well (1 Sam 9:11) except for their information. Abraham sends a servant to find a wife for Isaac (Genesis 24), who finds her at a well.

Jesus, rarely alone and tired and thirsty, is all of those at a well in Samaria, an unfriendly country.

It is a meet antagonistic – except everyone wins the love of God!



INQUIRERS' CLASS Learn About Lewinsville and PCUSA

- Interested in exploring what participation in the life of a local congregation might look like?
- Learn:
 - Core beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
 - Mission and ministry of Lewinsville
- Share with a group of folks on similar journeys as you

One Session
Sunday, October 5, 2025, 3-5:30 p.m.

QUESTIONS: CONTACT
PASTORS SCOTT, LAYNE,
JEN OR PETER

CHILDCARE CAN BE PROVIDED

One Body in Christ

REV. LAYNE B. BRUBAKER

Dear Lewinsville Family,



As I sit down to reflect on this summer, my heart is so full. From roller coasters to international flights, paint bombs to prayer circles, I can honestly say, it's been a whirlwind of mission, ministry, and joy.

And through every twist and turn, I was reminded again and again: I really do have the best job in the world!

This summer took me on some incredible adventures, serving in Charleston, WV with our youth and adults, and later, traveling across the globe to Moi's Bridge, Kenya, to spend time with our mission partners at the United Matunda Academy and Children's Home.

I also had the pure delight of watching our youth scream with laughter on roller coasters at King's Dominion, and go deeper in their faith at Montreat Youth Conference. And I got to walk with them through it all, learning, growing, and laughing alongside them.

At every stop along the way, whether it was over a shared meal, a quiet devotional, a long bus ride, or a chaotic game night, I felt this strong and beautiful thread holding it all together: this congregation. You. Your faithfulness, your curiosity, your compassion, and your willingness to say "yes" to big and small things made all of these experiences possible.

And more than that, it made them holy. One verse that keeps coming to mind is Romans 12:5:

"So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

This summer showed me just how true that is. Whether we were hammering nails in Charleston or sharing stories in Kenya, whether you were on the trip or praying for us from home, every person played a role. We belong to one another, and we move through this world as one Church, rooted in Christ, bound by grace, and sent out in love.

Being your pastor, getting to walk, travel, serve, and celebrate life with you, is a profound gift. I come away from this summer more grateful than ever for the community we are building together. Thank you for the trust, the laughter, the deep conversations, and the joy you bring to this shared journey.

As we look ahead to the fall, my prayer is that the fire we felt this summer continues to burn in all we do. Let's keep showing up for one another, asking the big questions, and saying yes to the adventures God has in store.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Layne

MISSION & SERVICE KENYA MISSION TRIP



SMP 2025



MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE



Reflections on SMP and Kenya Mission Trip

REV. LAYNE B. BRUBAKER



This summer was one for the books. Our church truly became a "Church on Fire"—not just in words, but in action.

Inspired by our summer sermon series following the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys in the book of Acts, we felt the Spirit calling us to move, to go, and to serve. And so we did.

Summer Mission Project: Construction, Food Banks, Clothing

In June, a group of 36 from our congregation, youth and adults together, packed up and headed to Charleston, West Virginia. A first for Summer Mission Project. We arrived ready to help wherever we were needed. That week, we worked on construction sites, lent a hand at a food bank, served meals to people experiencing homelessness, and helped sort donations at local thrift stores. But what stood out the most wasn't the work we did, it was the people we met.

Every conversation, every shared moment, felt like holy ground. We came to serve, but we left deeply moved by the stories, strength, and kindness of the Charleston community. Somehow, in every face, we saw Jesus. The week wasn't just about giving, it was about connecting, learning, and being changed from the inside out. We went to help build and feed and sort, and instead, God built something in us. We came home different.

Kenya Mission Trip: Christ's Love in Action

Then in July, another team of nine adults from our church boarded a plane and headed to Moi's Bridge, Kenya.

There, we spent the week with our mission partners at the United Matunda Academy and Children's Home.

To say it was life-changing feels almost too small. From the moment we arrived, we were welcomed like family.



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KENYA MISSION TRIP



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The Chege family, in particular, poured out their love and hospitality in ways that humbled us. Their generosity was profound, a living, breathing example of Christ's love in action.



One of the most memorable moments of our time in Kenya was seeing the joy on the children's faces as every single resident of the children's home received a brand-new tablet to help with school work and reading.

On top of that, each child was gifted three new pairs of shoes, a simple but meaningful gesture that reminded them (and us) that they are seen, valued, and loved. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Madison Kloster, who traveled with eight full suitcases of books, the Matunda Academy's library now overflows with exciting, enriching reading material for students of all ages to enjoy. His gift will continue to bless the children for years to come.

Our time at Matunda was filled with deep joy. We played with the kids, shared meals, worshipped together, and listened to each other's stories.

We saw the incredible work happening at the Academy and the hope it brings to so many young lives. It's hard to explain what it feels like to be thousands of miles from home and yet feel so connected. But that's the beauty of the body of Christ, unity across oceans and cultures.

Reflecting on both trips, it's clear that God is doing powerful things not just through us, but in us. Just like Paul was shaped by his journeys and the people he met, we too were transformed. The fire that we read about in Acts (the fire of the Holy Spirit, of mission, of love in action) that fire is alive and burning in our church.

Lewinsville's Mission and Service Ministry Group is grateful for every prayer, every donation, every encouraging word that helped make this summer possible. And now, as we return to our regular routines, we carry with us the stories, the lessons, and the renewed sense of purpose that came from being part of something bigger than ourselves. We were sent out, and now we've come back lit with a deeper understanding of what it means to be the Church. A Church on Fire in Mission.

KENYA MISSION



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-- Rev. Layne B. Brubaker

Lewinsville Youth Reflect on Summer



This summer in youth ministry at Lewinsville was full of energy, laughter, and meaningful moments. We made memories, and grew in our understanding of God's love in big and small ways.

We kicked things off with a bang(literally) by Beating the Bomb at an escape room. Nothing says team bonding quite like racing the clock and getting sprayed with a paint bomb when time runs out! (Let's just say, we were colorful by the end.) From there, we kept the momentum going with a day at King's Dominion, where we rode every roller coaster we could find and embraced the thrill of summer at full speed. There's something about screaming your head off on a coaster and then eating too much Dippin' Dots with your friends that just says youth group joy.

But summer wasn't just about the fun, we also leaned into the heart of our faith. Many of our youth participated in our Summer Mission Project, serving in Charleston, WV, where they helped with everything from food banks to construction projects.

It was a powerful experience of living out our call to love and serve others, and it left a real mark on their hearts.

Later in the summer, a group of our youth traveled to Montreat Youth Conference, an unforgettable week in the mountains where we worshiped, learned, and grew together. Montreat has a way of opening hearts, and this year was no different. The speakers, small groups, music, and mountain views all worked together to remind us that God is present, active, and wildly loving.

All in all, this summer was a beautiful blend of fun and faith. We laughed hard, served well, prayed deeply, and left the season a little closer to God and to one another. And as we head into the fall, we carry all that summer energy and Spirit with us. Lewinsville Youth, we're just getting started!



YOUTH 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE



BEAT THE BOMB



FOOD PANTRY



KINGS DOMINION



Youth Fellowship Kicks Off!

GRADES 6-12 - GET READY FOR SEPTEMBER 7



The new youth program year at Lewinsville is right around the corner, and we couldn't be more excited to jump back into our weekly rhythm of connection, conversation, and community. Whether you're brand new or a familiar face, this year is shaping up to be full of great moments, real talks, and, of course, a lot of fun.

We're officially kicking things off on Sunday, September 7, from 6–8 p.m. It'll be a night to reconnect after summer, welcome new friends, play some classic games, and hear a bit about what to expect this year in youth ministry. It's casual, it's fun, and it's where the year really begins.

From there, Youth Fellowship will meet every Sunday evening from 6–8 p.m. These weekly gatherings are the heart of what we do. Each week we take time to catch our breath from the craziness of life, process whatever the week has thrown at us, and dive into meaningful conversations about faith. We explore questions big and small, laugh a lot, and always make time for games and connection.

New this year, on the second Sunday of each month, we'll begin Youth Fellowship by attending Dinner Church together during the first hour. It's a relaxed, family-style worship and meal experience that brings people of all ages together in community. After Dinner Church wraps up, we'll head up to the youth room for our usual games and hangout time.

All youth from 6th to 12th grade are welcome, no matter your background or where you are in your faith journey. Our hope is that Youth Fellowship can be a place where everyone feels seen, safe, and supported. Whether you're coming for the snacks, the friends, the deep questions, or just a break from school stress, there's a spot for you here.

We can't wait to see you on September 7 and begin another awesome year together. Come as you are and bring a friend!



2025-26 YOUTH CALENDAR

YOUTH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sundays
September 2025

September 7

Kick Off Sunday

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Youth Fellowship

September 14

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Dinner Church

7 p.m. Youth Fellowship

September 21

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Youth Fellowship

September 28

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Youth Sundays October

October 2

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Youth Fellowship

October 9

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Dinner Church

7 p.m. Youth Fellowship

October 16

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Youth Fellowship

October 23

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Youth Fellowship

October 30

11 a.m. Worship

6 p.m. Youth Fellowship



Confirmation Class Begins in October

This fall, we're excited to begin another Confirmation Class at Lewinsville, a special journey for youth (6th grade and up) who are ready to explore their faith in a deeper, more personal way.

Confirmation will begin in October 2025 and run through April 2026. Confirmation is an important chapter in our youth's faith lives.

Confirmation at Lewinsville isn't about having all the answers. It's about asking big questions in a safe, supportive space. That's why we use a curriculum called Big God Big Questions, which encourages students to wrestle with what it means to be a Christian, what they believe about God, and how faith fits into their everyday lives.

No question is off-limits, and no one is expected to have it all figured out.

Each student will be paired with a mentor, a trusted adult from our congregation, who will walk with them through the process, offering encouragement, sharing their own faith experiences, and simply being present as a guide and a friend.

The relationships that grow during Confirmation are often some of the most meaningful parts of the experience.

By the end of the class in the spring, each participant will have the opportunity to decide for themselves if they want to be confirmed and become a full member of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, or if that decision isn't quite right for them at this time.

There's no pressure, just a chance to explore, to grow, and to listen for where God might be calling them.

If your youth hasn't yet been confirmed, we'd love for them to be part of this year's class! It's a chance to ask, wonder, learn, and connect in new and meaningful ways.

Feel free to reach out to Pastor Layne (lbrubaker@lewinsville.org) if you have any questions or if you're ready to sign up.

We're looking forward to a year of discovery, faith, and friendship.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Calendar Highlights

October 12–April 24

October 12

Introduction/Orientation
What is Confirmation?

October 19

How do we know and trust God?

October 26

What is sin and how do we turn from it?

November 2

Who is your Lord?

November 9

Who is your Savior?

November 16

What does it mean to be a Disciple of Jesus?

December 7

Fair Trade Service Project

December 21

Attend Longest Night themed dinner church

January 11

What does it mean to show Christ Love?

January 18

Will you devote yourself to Christ's teachings?

February 8

Will you devote yourself to the Breaking of Bread?

March 1

Attend McLean Bible Church
9 a.m. service

March 13

Attend Catholic Mass

March 15

Will you devote yourself to The Prayers

March 22

Good Samaritan Day/service project

April 24

Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

Help LRR Celebrate Its Silver Anniversary

BY PATTIE GUNTER

Are you planning to attend the Friends of The Lewisville 50th Anniversary Gala?

The Gala will be held November 1st, from 5-8 pm at the McLean Community Center.



Sponsorships range from as little as \$250 to \$5,000 or more. As we look to the future, your support is more important than ever. We invite you to consider making a donation to help ensure that the Lewinsville Retirement Community continues to thrive for the next 50 years and beyond.

This year marks a major milestone for the Lewinsville Retirement Community—50 years of service, care, and connection in McLean! You have to admit—it is rather extraordinary that our church took the seed of an idea, and a patch of land, and developed it into a thriving campus, providing affordable housing for 188 seniors in McLean.

We hope you will join us. Enjoy a festive evening featuring an appetizer and dessert buffet, wine and beer, live music, and the warmth of old and new friends alike. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a treasured part of our community that has enriched the lives of so many older adults for half a century.

Let's raise a glass to 50 years—and to the decades to come! Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available now. Join us for an evening of joy, gratitude, and giving back.

To learn more, or make a contribution, please visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YN8C/campaign/C-15JW1>

Please contact Pattie Gunter at (703) 405-5332 or gunter.pattie@gmail.com for any questions.

MISSION MINISTRY

August Niday, Chair
Rev. Layne B. Brubaker, Staff Representative
Betty Douglass, Session Representative
Karen Steel, Housing Group
Betty Douglass, Refugee Resettlement

Connie Stewart, Hunger & Poverty
Karen Siple, Social Services
Alan Stevens, National & International

THERE'S A PLACE FOR
YOU

LOVE TO KNIT?

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, called the Lost Sheep Stitchers, creates shawls and lap robes to provide spiritual comfort and warmth wherever there is a need.

CHESTERBROOK RESIDENCES

Three Lewinsville Church members serve on the Board of Directors. Volunteers are needed to play games with the residents, help with crafts, staff the store and sit at the front desk. Lewinsville volunteers offer English lessons to the kitchen and housekeeping staff, and others give secretarial help. You are invited to join as a volunteer working with the residents, helping with one of our activities, and supporting the Fund Raisers.

SMP

Lewinsville's annual Summer Mission Project involves youth and adults, and the organizers. We work closely with Habitat for Humanity and other service organizations to plan each year's hands-on effort.

Participants travel to a remote location each summer during the last week in June to assist with building and repairing houses for those in need.

Refugee Resettlement Update

This year, Lewinsville's Refugee Resettlement Team has continued its support of the M-family from Afghanistan, walking alongside them as they adjust to life in the U.S. From navigating housing and healthcare to helping with education and employment, the journey of resettlement is never easy—but it is made more bearable through the care and connection this congregation provides.

Recently, our team also began supporting a new family from Ukraine, who unexpectedly found themselves in serious financial distress. With little warning, this family—already coping with the trauma of war and displacement—faced new hardships.

Because of your continued generosity, we've been able to offer tangible support and to both of these families. Your gifts and prayers are not just helping with basic needs—they are helping to restore dignity, build trust, and remind these families that they are not alone.

Thank you, Lewinsville, for being the kind of church that shows up in real and meaningful ways. Your generosity allows us to be the hands and feet of Christ for those who are newly resettled in our country and struggling each day to build a new life.

Please keep these families, and the Refugee Resettlement Team, in your prayers as we continue this vital work.

How You Can Help the RRT Families

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church is a Matthew 25 congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA, which means we are called to actively engage the world around us and act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor.

In light of this call the Lewinsville Refugee Resettlement Team (RRT) has been established to support refugees resettling in the Northern Virginia area following difficult or traumatic events abroad.

You can help by donating and supporting the work. Check our website under "Serve."

JOIN THE A/V TEAM

Interested in supporting live stream or video production? You can help with audio or video on Sunday mornings and special events. In addition, there are opportunities to assist in video production. Training will be provided for audio live streaming. Members of the A/V team get to pick the specific Sunday(s) they work on A/V each month. Contact [Rob Ransom](mailto:Rob.Ransom@lewisville.org) (703-965-8145)

FLOWER ARRANGERS

If you like to work with flowers ... or would like to learn, Lewinsville's Flower Committee is looking for you. The Committee members do the beautiful arrangements you see every Sunday. We only have one meeting a year and it includes brunch. Contact Pam Deese at Pamela.deese@arentfox.com or 703-790-9263

SUNDAY GREETERS

As people enter the building at Lewinsville offer a warm welcome, a handshake or a smile to remind folks that this is a place of welcome for all.

More Ways to Connect

SING IN A CHOIR
PREPARE COMMUNION
DRIVE OTHERS TO CHURCH
DELIVER FLOWERS
PREPARE COFFEE HOUR
GET THE SANCTUARY READY
FOR SERVICES

FOR THE FULL LIST:
<https://www.lewinsville.org/volunteer-lewinsville/>

Caring for Each Other

REV. PETER MANNING

Dear Lewinsville Family,

I have come to believe that the only thing we can be sure of is change, and that the thing we all most hate the most is, well, change. After a season of discernment, the Deacon and Stephen Ministries have been separated.

That is a very real change.

It took many years and lots of discussion and prayer with many stakeholders.

It will challenge us to understand what the care ministry at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will look like going forward.

How will we care for each other? What will Deacons do? Will Stephen Ministry finds leaders to reinvigorate the ministry so many have found so meaningful?

In my year with you, I have been deeply moved by the way this congregation cares for each other. And, how you care for others outside our community.

I have a sense that in the coming months and years, our care will become more intimately focused on our own families. We will remember that our marriages and parenthood, as well as caring for aging parents, are in their own way ministries that deserve our deepest attention.

Serving our own families in the name of Christ really matters.

If we begin to see that Jesus is at the center of those relationships. we can see them in new ways. Then, perhaps we will find more joy and meaning in the mundane tasks of getting through life together. We will also be forced to confront the deep needs in our greater community.

People outside our congregation are suffering, and they are coming to our church more frequently asking for help. We are blessed with the resources to often respond with a "yes."

However, I wonder if how we walk with these folks might be part of new and deeper call on our lives.

I had a Christian Ethics professor in seminary who, always asked "How, in fact, shall we live?"

I'd like to modify his question to say "How, in fact, shall we care for each other?" I look forward to seeing how we answer that question.

Peace,
Peter



WAYS YOU CAN
**HELP
OTHERS**

**DONATE TO THE
DEACONS' FUND**

On the first Sunday
of each month, you can
help Lewinsville provide for
others who may need food,
or
other daily living support.

**DEACONS'
FUND**

**PRAY FOR OTHERS;
REQUEST PRAYER**

The power of prayer is
unquestionably one of the
greatest gifts from God.

You can sign up to pray
for others via Lewinsville's
weekly prayer list email.

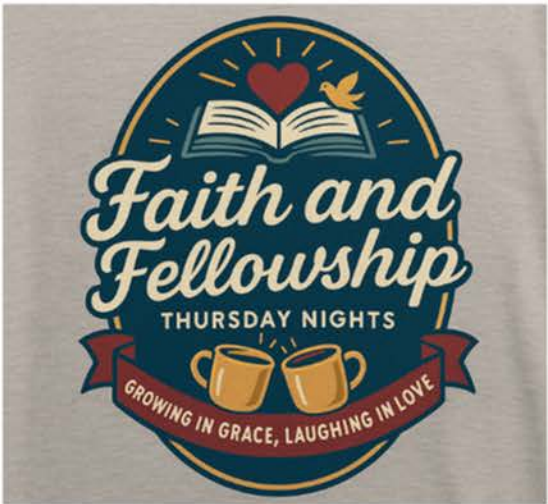
You can also request
prayers for yourself
or others.

**PRAYER
REQUEST**

Fellowship and Small Groups

Small groups are great places to get to know other people and to get to know yourself. Over time, participants build deep connections with one another, with the congregation and with God. Participating in a small group usually moves one beyond “doing church” to “being the church.” We encourage everyone here to participate in at least one of our groups regularly.

NEW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



Faith and Fellowship Small Group Bible Study

Eight week sessions: *Thursdays,*
September 11 -
October 30, 2025, 7-8,
followed by fellowship at a
pub or restaurant - 8:15-9 p.m.

For people ages 50 to 60's or those
with college aged or
young adult children

Read a chapter of the Bible or a Bible
Study book each week. No advance
preparation is needed.

Questions: Pastor Jen
[@jdunfee@lewinsville.org](mailto:jdunfee@lewinsville.org)



THURSDAYS

September 11, 18, 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

A Bible Study over dinner, examining five women of the Bible. Led by different church members each time, this is perfect if you want to learn more about the Bible in a casual setting.

Come to one or all of these self-contained studies. Five Gals is great whether you're a Bible scholar or just starting out. Meets third Mondays from September-January at 6:30 p.m. in room 102A.



MONDAYS

9/22 Miriam
10/20 Ruth

11/17 Esther
12/15 Mary

1/19/26 Mary/Martha

YOUNG ADULTS

If you are between 19 and 39-ish and still trying to figure things out, you could belong in the Young Adult Ministry.

This small group aims to provide a supportive space where you can process and explore life's challenges as you navigate your journey of faith.

Young Adults meet once a month to focus on fellowship, faith formation, service, and having fun together.

FALL 2025 CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 23
7-9 p.m.
Lewinsville Church Youth Room

Tuesday, October 21
7-9 p.m.
Lewinsville Church Youth Room

Tuesday, November 18
7-9 p.m.
Lewinsville Church Youth Room

Tuesday, December 16
Holiday Celebration
7-9 p.m. Location TBD

To learn more, contact
Pastor Peter.

peter@lewinsville.org

Fellowship and Small Groups

2nd SATURDAY SET

Guess the Name of the Tune

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, 6 p.m.

Bob Phillipp's Home
9510 Spinnet Court, Vienna

**"Maestro" John Thomas will play tunes
on piano or a record**

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

OF SHOW AND TV TUNES



Bring an appetizer
or dessert to go
with the pizza that
will be served.

RSVP:
Cathy Gaugler
gauglerr@aol.com

Rocks of Ages

Friday, September 26

11:30 a.m.

Lunch Served

Donation of \$7 requested

Meet Lewinsville's
Communications & Live Stream
Manager, Amelia Townsend

RSVP

William Black

wmjblack@gmail.com

703-448-5614

Wendy Maiwurm

wmaiwurm@gmail.com

571-661-8775

SAVE THE DATE
On Friday, October
24, 2025 at 11:30
a.m. the Rocks of
Ages will host
Lewinsville's
Office Manager
Davi McDonald,
who will
share her story.

VOLUNTEER AT TRUNK OR TREAT

DECORATE A CAR, BRING TREATS, HELP SET UP

Trunk or Treat is an annual event of fall fun that is a blessing and outreach to the children in our community. Lewinsville members and friends work together to provide safe, child-friendly fun by decorating cars, running games, and providing treats and hospitality. Now that the Brookfield school operates from our of the church basement, we have even more children and families to invite to this event.

Each year about 40 volunteers are needed to make Trunk or Treat happen, from those decorating cars, running games, setting up and cleaning up, helping with parking, and bringing in candy and baked goods. It is also a great event for service hours and community partners to participate. Mark your calendars now and look for a sign-up genius to get involved.



OLDER ADULTS COUNCIL

The Older Adult Council (OAC) is a group established by Session to advocate, communicate, and coordinate programs and services for older adults and their care-giving families.

The OAC strengthens the connection between the church and Lewinsville Retirement Residence and Chesterbrook Residences.

The OAC meets every other month and focuses on both church- and community-sponsored programs. Members of the OAC serve on most of the church's programmatic Ministry Groups in order to facilitate the exchange of information about older adult programs and services throughout the congregation.

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Older Adults Booklet

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