



The Pastor's Ponderings . . .

November 2019

"And Now, in the Lipton Spotlight....!"

Back on October 14th, a film crew from the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) – our national administrator of benefits – spent several hours at Lower Brandywine. And – while here – they interviewed Pastor Emma, Elder Cindy Faulkner, and me on a variety of subjects.

Of particular interest to the Board of Pensions was Pastor Emma's application to participate in their relatively-new Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations Program, designed to assist younger pastors in a variety of ways during their early years in ministry.

Also of considerable interest was Lower Brandywine's adoption of a co-pastor model to effect a smooth transition in pastoral leadership – rather than in the more typical, on-going way, as is most often the case in the calling of clergy couples. Here, I would not be surprised if they were to check in with us again in the future.

Filming took place in the Sanctuary, in Pastor Emma's office, and outside -- in front of the church building. And – we were told – segments may ultimately be used in as many as three audio-visual presentations. So, don't be surprised if you happen to see us in one General Assembly communication or another; in the "Lipton Spotlight," if you will.

These are exciting times at Lower Brandywine -- as we anticipate our 300th Anniversary, and as our dynamic co-pastor model paves the way into our future as a church. Indeed, we may even be paving the way on a much larger scale than we ever imagined!

For these – and all of our blessings – thanks be to God!

Pastor Dave

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER Year C

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26)—November 3

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4

Psalm 119:137–144

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

Luke 19:1–10

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27)—November 10

Haggai 1:15b–2:9

Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

Luke 20:27–38

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)—November 17

Isaiah 65:17–25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Luke 21:5–19

Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 24

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Luke 1:68–79

Colossians 1:11–20

Luke 23:33–43



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/3	Akin	Odutola
11/4	Barbara	Heckman
11/7	Sandra	Borror
11/7	Joan	Kenton
11/8	Katherine	Murphy
11/10	Padraig	Kennedy
11/12	Carl	DeMartino
11/14	Martin	Beech
11/14	Joan	Wysham
11/14	Joseph	DiNatale
11/15	Robert	Hartman
11/16	Francine	Craven
11/17	Thomas	McGraw
11/22	Beverley	Jones
11/23	John	Hileman
11/23	Carlee	Bennett
11/24	Joshua	Csuy
11/25	Jay	Headley
11/30	Don	Coats

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/16	Susan Latimer & Ralph Schwendeman
11/17	William & Christa Kaiser





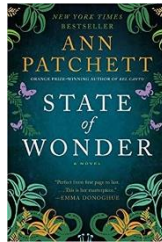
Brown Bag Bible Study (Pastor Dave)

Studying: The Book of Acts

Brown Bag Bible Study meets **Thursdays at 11:30 AM**. We begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m., which may be truly “brown bagged” or ordered from our wonderful caterer, Betsy Coons. Indeed, many of us have a standing order with Betsy – to enjoy her specialty of the day!

Book Club (Susan Latimer)

Our November meeting will be **Monday, November 4 at 5:30 PM** at Station 52 in Mendenhall. Our book is State of Wonder by Ann Patchett. See you there!



Sunday Morning Bible Study (Dave Robertson)

We meet **Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM** in the Teen & Tween Room. All are welcome!

Sunday Morning Topical Study (Don Coats)

The Adult Topical Class meets **Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM** in the Social Hall. This summer we read Richard Rohr’s book Falling Upward; A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life and discussed as a group how our own spiritual paths have evolved in steps and stages of “God seeking” through our lives.

We are finishing up our viewing of a set of interviews with Huston Smith; scholar, theologian and author of The World’s Religions. The next study will be an old “classic” by William James, The Varieties of Religious Experience.

Those interested in either of these subjects may contact Don Coats at doncoats@verizon.net or just show up at 9:00 on Sunday and join the fun. All are welcome!

Sunday School for Grades K – 5 (Barbara Sypher)

Meets every Sunday *except* Communion Sunday at **9:15 AM** in rooms 4 & 5.

LIFT for Grades 6-12 (Pastor Emma with Becky and Sean Kennedy)

Living in Faith Together



We meet most Sundays at **5:00 PM**. A detailed calendar is available. You **DO NOT** have to be a member of LBPC to participate. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Women’s Group (Joan Wysham)

Meets the **second Tuesday** of the month at **Noon**. The November meeting is **Tuesday, November 12**.

Just Desserts (contact the office for information)

November’s gathering will be on **Friday, November 15 at 7:30 PM** at the home of Pastor Dave and Mimi Lovelace.

Pollinator Garden Club (Don Coats)

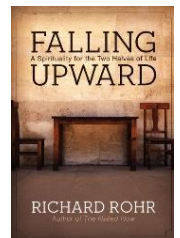
The Pollinator Garden Club is taking a break for a few weeks. Stay tuned for any special meetings that are scheduled for the future.

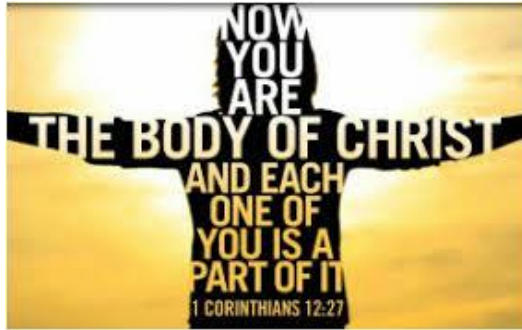
Off season meetings, November to March, will be monthly with invited guest speakers/discussions on native plant beauty and value, beneficial insect study and compromise landscape maintenance creatives. For more information please contact Don Coats at doncoats@verizon.net or 610-388-7613.

Book Study (Sandra Borrer)

Reading: Falling Upward; A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr

Beginning in October, meetings will be held on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month**. This is sure to be a fascinating study! All are welcome!





LBPC Committees

Mission (Shirley Pritchard)

The Mission Committee meets monthly beginning **Wednesday, November 20 at 11:30 AM**. We will share lunch together. Hope to see you there!

300th Outreach (Nancy Day)

A notice will be sent out concerning the next meeting.

300th Anniversary (Ed Nass)

A notice will be sent out concerning the next meeting.

Pastoral Care (Judy Thorpe)

A notice will be sent out concerning the next meeting.

Property & Cemetery (Larry Murphy)

Our committee meets the third Monday of each month. November's meeting is **Monday, November 18 at 6:30 PM**.

Finance and Administration (John Danzeisen)

Our committee meets the third Monday of each month. November's meeting is **Monday, November 18 at 7:00 PM**.

Session

Session meets the fourth Monday of each month. November's regular meeting is **Monday, November 25 at 7:00 PM**.

CONCERT SERIES

Musical Offerings 2019-2020

Sunday, October 27, 3:00 P.M. *
The Copeland String Quartet

Sunday, December 1, 3:00 P.M. *
The Brandywine Harp Orchestra
Ushering in the Advent/Christmas season

Sunday, December 15, 10:00 A.M.
LBPC Choir, Soloists, and String Quartet
Charpentier Midnight Mass

Sunday, February 9, 3 P.M. *
Music Historian Dr. Sterling Murray
Lecture-Concert of Sacred Music of the 18th Century
with LBPC Choir and University Soloists
-In observance of Lower Brandywine's 300th Anniversary year-
Snow date: Sunday, Feb. 16, 3:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 28, 2 P.M. at Kennett High School
Thirteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert
Benefitting Camp Sunshine
Suggested Donation: \$20/adults, \$10/children

Sunday, April 26, 3:00 P.M. *
Dr. Sterling Murray and Instrumental Ensemble
Lecture-Concert of Secular Music of the 18th Century
-In observance of Lower Brandywine's 300th Anniversary year-

*** Suggested donation: \$5.00**

Pecan Alert!! The Women's Group will be selling fancy mammoth halves again this fall. We have ordered 2 cases and they will be available for sale at church beginning on November 10th at both services.



Each bag is 12 oz and will sell for \$10. If you have questions, please call Joanna Kelly at 302-426-8433 or Joan Wysham at 302-234-2158.

November EVENTS



Reminder...LBPC is scheduled to deliver for Meals on Wheels
November 11 - 15.
Mark your calendar!

Thursday, November 21 - 7:00 PM

ROUTE 52: FREEDOM HIGHWAY FROM ENSLAVEMENT TO FREEDOM

Quiet and picturesque, Kennett Pike rolls with the hills right past our Church every day, carrying thousands to their destinations. But once upon a time it carried quite a different burden, as a major thoroughfare for the Underground Railroad. Join us as historian, author and lecturer Christopher Densmore explores the clandestine traffic that Route 52 once bore in the struggle to bring those enslaved in the South to Freedom in the North. Densmore is the retired curator of the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College, and a specialist in Quaker history and the anti-slavery movement.



Register Today at <https://tinyurl.com/LBPC-SignUp-25>

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING November 26 - 7:00 PM

Come together to worship and give thanks at this popular Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service featuring the combined choirs of LBPC, St. Joseph on the Brandywine, Green Hill Presbyterian, and this year's host Christ Church Christiana Hundred. The service will be at 505 Buck Road, Wilmington, DE.



Gratitude Sunday is November 17th.

Pledge packets have been mailed outlining our 2020 Asking Budget. Pledge cards may be returned to the Church Office, or by email to Linda Natali at linda.natali@comcast.net.

As always,
your
continued generosity is much appreciated.



2019 - 2020

Pastor Emma has chosen as the curriculum, *Big God, Big Questions: Confirmation for a Growing Faith* created by the PCUSA. It focuses on preparing youth to authentically answer the traditional membership questions:

- *Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?*
- *Who is your Lord and Savior?*
- *Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love?*
- *Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?*

Those interested in attending should RSVP to Pastor Emma at emma.m.horn@gmail.com.

November Meetings:

- 11/03 at 5:00 PM in the Social Hall with LIFT**
- 11/10 at 5:00 PM in the Basement**
- 11/17 at 5:00 PM in the Basement**
- 11/27 at 7:00 PM Christ Church Christiana**

...and on the first Sunday of Advent!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

December 1 - 11:00 AM



LIFT will light the Hope Candle during our first Advent worship service. Afterwards, they'll fire up the griddle for a pancake breakfast fundraiser in support of their Mission Trip next June to bring hope to those in need. How can you help? Just bring a hearty appetite with you to church on December 1, enjoy a delightful breakfast and deliver a healthy (and much appreciated) donation!

H.U.G.S. SERVICE PROJECT

Advent 2019

Last year was so successful, LIFT will again be collecting new, gently used (clean), or hand-made Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks (or Scarves) this year. HUGS! This critical, cold-weather clothing will be collected in the large tote labeled 'HUGS' in the Social Hall. Donations will be accepted through December 31, and items will go to Family Promise and the Seaman's Center in early January. Order your donation from Amazon Smile, and you can have it shipped directly to the church at ATTN: HUGS.





Start Date	Start Time	Subject
11/03/2019	12:00 AM	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / MFM Gratitude Sunday Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan
	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Sunday
	9:00 AM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation
	5:00 PM	LIFT and Confirmation
11/04/2019	5:30 PM	Book Club at Station 52
	7:00 PM	Alateen (Teen & Tween Rm.)
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Sunday School Room 4)
11/05/2019	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Book Study
11/06/2019	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Sunday School Room 4)
	6:30 PM	Handbells
11/07/2019	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Bible Study
11/10/2019		32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / MFM Gratitude Sunday
	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Sunday
	9:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation
11/11/2019	8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels
	7:00 PM	Alateen (Teen & Tween Rm.)
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Sunday School Room 4)
11/12/2019	8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels
	12:00 PM	LBPC Women
	7:00 PM	Centerville Civic Association in Social Hall
11/13/2019	8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Sunday School Room 4)
	6:30 PM	Handbells
11/14/2019	8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels
	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Bible Study
11/15/2019	8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels
	7:30 PM	Just Desserts @ Lovelace
11/17/2019		33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Gratitude Sunday MFM
	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Sunday
	9:00 AM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation

	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation
11/18/2019	6:30 PM	Property Committee
	7:00 PM	Alateen (Teen & Tween Rm.)
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Sunday School Room 4)
	7:00 PM	Finance & Administration
11/19/2019	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Book Study
11/20/2019	11:30 AM	Missions Committee
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Sunday School Room 4)
	6:30 PM	Handbells
11/21/2019	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Presentation: Christopher Densmore Christ the King Sunday/LIFT Reflection/MFM 300th Anniversary Committee
11/24/2019	8:45 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Sunday
	9:00 AM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship: Coffee & Conversation
11/25/2019	7:00 PM	Alateen (Teen & Tween Rm.)
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Sunday School Room 4)
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
	7:00 PM	Finance & Administration Meeting
11/26/2019	7:00 PM	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ Christ Church Christiana Hundred
11/27/2019	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Sunday School Room 4)
	6:30 PM	Handbells
11/30/2019	11:00 AM	Funeral - Pastor Horn



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