



The Pastor's Ponderings...

May 2010

“Movin’ Right Along”

It’s somewhat of a standing joke in the Church Office that everything reminds us of a song. And so it is that – as I contemplated my submission for this issue of *The Messenger* – a song came to mind. It is sung by Kermit the Frog and Fozzie Bear in as they set out for California together in Fozzie’s Studebaker in the Muppet Movie:



*“Movin’ right along in search of good times and good news,
With good friends, you can’t lose,
This could become a habit.
Opportunity knocked once, let’s reach out and grab it,
Together we’ll nab it.
We’ll hitch-hike, bus, or yellow cab it.”*

We at Lower Brandywine are truly “movin’ right along” as we pursue the “opportunity...to grab” God’s gracious salvation in Jesus Christ. We are doing it in the company of “good friends,” and “together,” we are doing it in a variety of ways. To name just a few: Participation in worship, community outreach events, Confirmation and Commissioning, the Kennett Run, contributions to the collection of non-perishable foods, and the providing of pastoral care for one another.

As we make sharing the love of God “a habit,” “together we’ll nab it”!

Thanks be to God!

Dave Lovelace



Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church has been successful in executing a contract for purchasing energy for the Church through Affinity Energy Management with a projected savings of \$7,800 (\$2,600 per year) over the course of the three year contract. This price is approximately 34% below Delmarva Power's current default rates for the church! Sincere thanks to Jon Jackson, Property Chair, for his assistance and direction in this effort.

Combine these savings with the 28% savings of more than \$3,600 per year achieved by recasting our insurance policy back in November 2009 with Sovereign Insurance, and the LBPC will SAVE \$6,200 a year or just about 5% of our total operating budget of \$330,000!

Mark your calendars for Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd 10:00 AM Worship when we will welcome our Confirmands as members of LBPC! They have been working diligently to join our church. A reception will follow worship.

We will also be presenting 3rd Grade Bibles on the same day!



55th Annual DFRC Blue-Gold All*Star Football Game Saturday, June 19 – 6 PM

Lower Brandywine member, **Alex Schwendeman**, has been selected to represent The Tatnall School for the Blue in the annual Blue-Gold All*Star game on June 19, 2010 at the University of Delaware Stadium.

This event is a fund raiser for the dfrc organization, which is dedicated to raising funds and consciousness in support of programs that enrich the lives of Delawareans with intellectual disabilities. Alex has been paired with a dfrc buddy and has been participating in Blue-Gold events with her.

Please come out to support Alex and dfrc. Information and tickets can be found at www.blue-gold.org or 302-454-2730. When ordering online please indicate Tatnall as the school to support with your purchase. Or contact proud mom, Susan Latimer at 610-388-0905 email susanlatimer@comcast.net

MONTHLY LECTIONARY READINGS

May 2
(5th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 9
(6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10,
21:22—22:5
John 14:23-29

May 13
(Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 16
(7th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

May 23
(Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 30
(Trinity Sunday)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



- 05/03 Karen Light
Georgia Coats
- 05/04 Owen Coats
- 05/08 Ralph Lord
Sandra Paul
- 05/09 James Carpenter
- 05/10 Kevin Kerrigan, Jr.
- 05/12 Elizabeth Ernst
- 05/13 David Heckman
- 05/13 Joanne Haase
- 05/15 Molly Collins
- 05/16 Linda Natali
Debbie Ventura
- 05/19 Bruce Ringstrom
- 05/20 Shirley McEnnis
- 05/22 Roberta Davis
Emily Coons
- 05/23 Stuart Wysham
- 05/25 Jean Fynsk
- 05/26 Sally Kephart
- 05/27 Marion Lowndes
- 05/30 Robert Wright

May 2
Edward Nass & Deb Ventura

May 13
James & Janice Reid

May 16
John & Karen Light

May 21
Dan & Penny Blanch

May 22
John & Tammy Kerrigan

May 25
Michael Csuy & Linda
Bronson

May 26
James & Mary Carpenter

May 29
Nelson & Evelyn Middleton

Saturday, May 8 8:30 AM

Cost \$2 – for men only

Ladies invited – free!

We will have an extraordinarily interesting speaker this month: Colm Connolly was the prosecutor in the case of Tom Capano, following the death of Capano's mistress. Tom, a member of a very wealthy and influential family in Wilmington, was at that time the Assistant Attorney General of Delaware; therefore, it was a delicate case to prosecute.

Come, hear the story, and have a great breakfast provided by Colm's parents, Felix and Rita Connolly. In honor of Mother's Day, the women of the church are invited to join us.

Please RSVP to the Church Office if you plan to attend.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God From "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan

As Isaac Watts quietly pastored Mark Lane Chapel in London, the growing popularity of his hymns was causing a tempest. "Christian congregations have shut out divinely inspired Psalms," one man complained, "and taken in Watts' flights of fancy." The issue of singing hymns versus Psalms split churches, including the one in Bedford, England, once pastored by John Bunyan.



The controversy ultimately jumped the Atlantic. In May, 1789, Rev. Adam Rankin told the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting in Philadelphia: "I have ridden horseback all the way from my home in Kentucky to ask this body to refuse the great and pernicious error of adopting the use of Isaac Watts' hymns in public worship in preference to the Psalms of David."

We don't know Isaac's immediate reactions.....But in 1712, he suffered a breakdown from which he never fully recovered. He asked his church to discontinue his salary; but they raised it and hired a co-pastorWatts remained as pastor the rest of his life, preaching whenever he could.

A wealthy couple in the church, Sir Thomas and Lady Abney, invited him to spend a week on their estate. Isaac accepted — and lived with them until his death 36 years later. He enjoyed the children in the home, and in 1715, he published *Divine and Moral Songs for Children*. It sold 80,000 copies in a year and has been selling ever since.....One hymn in this volume intended for children, became popular with adults. Entitled, "Praise for Creation and Providence," it said:

*I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

THE PENTECOST OFFERING



This year's Offering theme, "I Will Sing Praises to My God all my Life Long..." from Psalm 146:2 calls on us to share our resources to make a difference in the lives of children, youth, and young adults. The Pentecost Offering will be received on May 23.

The Pentecost Offering supports mission with children at risk, youth, and young adults through the following ministries:

- Congregational ministries on behalf of children at risk (40%)
- General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults (25%)
- Advocacy at the denominational level on behalf of children at risk (10%)
- PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer opportunities (25%)

L.I.F.T. Youth Group is planning a
MULTI-GENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP

Sunday July 11th - Saturday July 17th to Washington D.C. for Adults and Students Middle School
(6th Grade and above) for more information, contact
Lynette Kenton lynettekenton@gmail.com 610-793-2023

WANTED: Notary Public who can assist in notarizing youth permission slips for this summer's mission trip. If you can help, please contact Lynette Kenton lynettekenton@gmail.com THANK YOU!

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM

Wednesday, May 5th is Lower Brandywine's day to provide a meal for approximately 250 individuals who regularly visit Emmanuel Dining Room. The Missions Committee will be serving on that day. In addition, they need help from 10 of Lower Brandywine's great bakers to provide a dessert for 30 people. Donations may include brownies, large cookies, etc. If you can bake a batch of desserts, please call or email the Church Office linda.natali@comcast.net. Desserts need not be extravagant, but they do have to be at the church by 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5th. Please leave your dessert donations in the kitchen with your name and label "EDR."

ATTENTION RUNNING FANS ! A group of LBPC members (Adults, Children and Youth) are planning to participate in the kennett 5K/10K on Saturday, May 15th. Interested folks may contact Barbara Sypher barbaraSypher@live.com or Nancy Day Nancyday@comcast.net for details.

Thanks!

I would like to thank the members and staff of LBC for all the prayers and support that you have given me over the past weeks. As most of you know, I was diagnosed with cancer in the beginning of March. The journey to date has been humbling but the outpouring of love from so many people has helped me through some rough times. Please accept my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the people who have volunteered for the food chain, to Phil for lending me his amp equipment, and especially to LBC for so generously giving me an iPod to help pass the time during my chemo sessions.

Sincerely,
Jay Middleton



**Lower Brandywine Night at the
Wilmington Blue Rocks**

*Sign up Sheet
located in hallway
by nursery.*

Saturday, July 31, 2010
Game Time: 6:05 PM

Tickets \$10 each/box seats
The sign-up sheet is posted for ticket reservations.
Info? Contact BarbaraSypher@live.com or 302-598-8933
Deadline for reservations & payment is June 26

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MONDAY, July 26 THROUGH FRIDAY, July 30
9 AM — NOON
AT
LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Children ages 5 and older are invited to explore their creativity through a variety of experiences such as storytelling, cooking, crafts and music. Everyone will have a wonderful time learning what they experience and do as a child of God. Please let us know if you are interested by filling out the section below and dropping it in the offering plate, applying online at www.lowerbrandywine.org or contact BarbaraSypher@live.com

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Name(s) of child(ren) _____ Age _____
School Grade just completed

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School Grade just completed

Parent _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone No. _____

Special Instructions/Allergies/etc. _____

Yes, I would like to join the celebration by helping in the following areas:

Crafts _____ Bible Story Telling _____ Music _____ Cooking _____ Other _____
Please specify if possible

Please fax form to 302-658-1861
or mail to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church, 101 Old Kennett Rd., Wilmington DE 19807



Muranderera Association

"Please Take Care of My Children"

A Public Charity under Section 501(c)(3)

19 Taft Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 Tel: (518) 489-2929 Internet: muranderera.org

Dear Friend and Supporter,

Review the following list of needs, select the item(s) you wish to contribute to and make your donation at the level you feel comfortable with helping to buy.

For the new school construction:

- \$_____ Cement, \$30 each
- \$_____ Iron bars, \$20 each
- \$_____ Corrugated iron sheets, \$15 each
- \$_____ Sets of seat & desk for schoolchildren, \$40 the set
- \$_____ Planks/shelves, beams, poles/rods* for building-up, \$5 each
- \$_____ Miscellaneous construction materials, \$2,000
- \$_____ Rent a large truck to transport construction materials from Bujumbura City to the school construction site, \$200 a day
- \$_____ Rent a large truck to transport bricks, sand and gravel from their points of sale/ extraction to the construction site, \$200 a day

For the regular program:

- \$_____ Help defray costs on the regular program, i.e. the distribution of school supplies to the children, \$9,000 a year

\$_____ **TOTAL DONATION**

S. V. P. Return this top portion.

* Hundreds/thousands of these construction materials are needed for building-up. Bikanka rural populations can't afford so much.., for there is no government owned tree planting for timbering neither in the area nor in its surroundings.

Please, make check payable to "Muranderera Project".

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:30 am Wedding: Calla/Pratts (Rev. Breon)
2 5TH SUN OF EASTER God's Family at Table, Children in Worship Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 9:00 am Contemporary Worship/Adult Topical Class/ Adult Bible Study/ Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship Svc/ Adult Discussion/ The Wired Word 11:30 am Fellowship: Coffee and Conversation 5:00 pm L. I. F. T. Meeting 7:00 pm Teen Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00 am Missions Committee Meeting	4 LMN Vacation 3:00 pm - 9:00 am NCP Walk-through	5 LMN Vacation Music Rehearsals 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm LBPC Worship Consort *verify rehearsal with Marilee 7:30 pm Senior Choir	6 LMN Vacation NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	7 LMN Vacation 8:00 pm Hadley Memorial Fund Event: Hugh Sung Visual Recital, Music Seen	8 LMN Vacation 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
9 Mother's Day 6TH SUN OF EASTER LMN Vacation 9:00 am Contemporary Worship/Adult Topical Class/ Adult Bible Study/ Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship Svc/ Adult Discussion/ The Wired Word 11:30 am Fellowship: Coffee and Conversation	10 LMN Vacation	11 LMN Vacation Messenger Deadline	12 Music Rehearsals 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm LBPC Worship Consort *verify rehearsal with Marilee 7:30 pm Senior Choir	13 Ascension Day	14	15 Kennett 5k/10k (Contact Barbara Sypher)
16 7TH SUN OF EASTER 9:00 am Contemporary Worship/Adult Topical Class/ Adult Bible Study/ Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship Svc/ Adult Discussion/ The Wired Word 11:30 am Fellowship: Coffee and Conversation 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Special Session Meeting (Confirmation class) 7:00 pm Teen Choir Rehearsal	17 12:00 pm Women's Group 7:00 pm Finance and Administration Cmte.	18 4:00 pm NCP Stated Presbytery Meeting at LBPC	19 Music Rehearsals 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm LBPC Worship Consort *verify rehearsal with Marilee 7:30 pm Senior Choir	20	21 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal: Fisher/Anderson 6:30 pm Just Desserts Fellowship @ Burkhardts (Potluck Dinner)	22 4:00 pm Wedding: Fisher/Anderson (Rev. Spanjer)
23 Pentecost Pentecost Offering PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY/3rd GRADE BIBLES 8:45 am Adult Topical Class 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Confirmation Reception	24 Meals on Wheels 7:00 pm Stated Session Meeting	25 Meals on Wheels	26 Meals on Wheels Music Rehearsals 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm LBPC Worship Consort *verify rehearsal with Marilee 7:30 pm Senior Choir	27 Meals on Wheels	28 Meals on Wheels	29 3:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal: McGonigal/Jones
30 Trinity Sunday TRINITY SUNDAY 8:45 am Adult Topical Class 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Fellowship: Lemonade & Conversation 3:30 pm Wedding: McGonigal/Jones (DEL)	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Music Rehearsals 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Piano Guild 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm LBPC Worship Consort *verify rehearal with Marilee 7:30 pm Senior Choir	3 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Piano Guild	4 Office Closed on Fridays in Summer 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Piano Guild	5 9:00 am - 5:59 pm Piano Guild
6 10TH SUN ORD TIME 8:45 am Adult Topical Class 10:00 am SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Fellowship: Lemonade & Conversation 5:00 pm L. I. F. T. Meeting 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Piano Guild Student Recital	7 10:00 am Missions Committee Meeting	8 Messenger Deadline	9 Music Rehearsals 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm LBPC Worship Consort *verify rehearal with Marilee 7:30 pm Senior Choir	10	11 Office Closed on Fridays in Summer 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal: Minsker/Potecha	12 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 11:00 am Wedding: Minsker/Potecha (Rev. Pitts)
13 11TH SUN ORD TIME 8:45 am Adult Topical Class 10:00 am SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Fellowship: Lemonade & Conversation 4:00 pm All Music Picnic @ Haldeman's 4PM Games/ 5 PM Dinner	14	15	16 Music Rehearsals 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm LBPC Worship Consort *verify rehearal with Marilee 7:30 pm Senior Choir	17	18 Office Closed on Fridays in Summer	19
20 Father's Day 12TH SUN ORD TIME 8:45 am Adult Topical Class 10:00 am SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Fellowship: Lemonade & Conversation	21 7:00 pm Finance and Administration Cmte.	22	23	24	25 Office Closed on Fridays in Summer	26
27 13TH SUN ORD TIME 8:45 am Adult Topical Class 10:00 am SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Fellowship: Lemonade & Conversation	28 Meals on Wheels 7:00 pm Stated Session Meeting	29 Meals on Wheels	30 Meals on Wheels			



We Need Your Help! Husbands, father and children. Please help make Mother's Day at Lower Brandywine special. Contribute (prepare or purchase) items for the Mother's Day Coffee hour on Sunday, May 9th. To participate, contact David Baldt dwbaldt@comcast.net or Dave Robertson da.robertson@verizon.net

Sunday, May 9th

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

Will be welcoming New Castle County Presbytery for the May Stated Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, May 18th at 4:00 P.M.

We are honored and happy for the opportunity to share God's blessings with our Presbytery family.



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