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*Are you familiar with the Japanese organizing and decluttering guru, Marie Kondo? Or hygge (pronounced Hooga)? Both recently became part of our cultural vocabulary and aimed to make us more aware of the home we were creating for ourselves: offering ways to make those homes more comfortable and functional – more what we needed them to be.*

*Hygge is a quality of coziness that engenders a feeling of contentment and well-being. It is a defining characteristic of Danish culture. Warm, clutter free, comfortable. All of that appeals to me, but the clutter free piece is a bit of a stumbling block. There just don't seem to be enough drawers, closets and baskets to contain and organize the stuff of my life.*

*Enter Marie Kondo! Her techniques help us to tidy up our space. As her website says, "Tidying is a powerful tool, but it's not the destination. The true goal of tidying is to clear away clutter so you can live the life you want. When you put your house in order using the KonMari Method™, you have no choice but to listen to your inner voice – because the question of what you want to own is actually the question of how you want to live your life. When you reassess your belongings and organize your home, you set the stage for a huge transformation. This is the magic of tidying!"*

*Friends, this Lent, we'll be exploring the theme of Letting Go together. Letting Go of what keeps our inner lives from being places of comfort and contentment for us. Letting Go of what we are carrying around which no longer serves us, which keeps us from being the person we believe God created us to be. We're going to do a little spiritual tidying up! We'll look at how clinging too tightly to power and not letting go of anger and expectations can keep us from knowing the peace God wants us to experience. We'll hold that negative self-talk we all carry around in our heads and ask, "Do I want to carry this any longer? Does God want me to carry this?"*

*This will be a spiritual quest leading us to arrive at Easter's hope and joy lighter and more at peace with who we are for having done some letting go. I hope to see you each week in Lent as we explore our Lenten discipline of letting go.*

*Peace,*

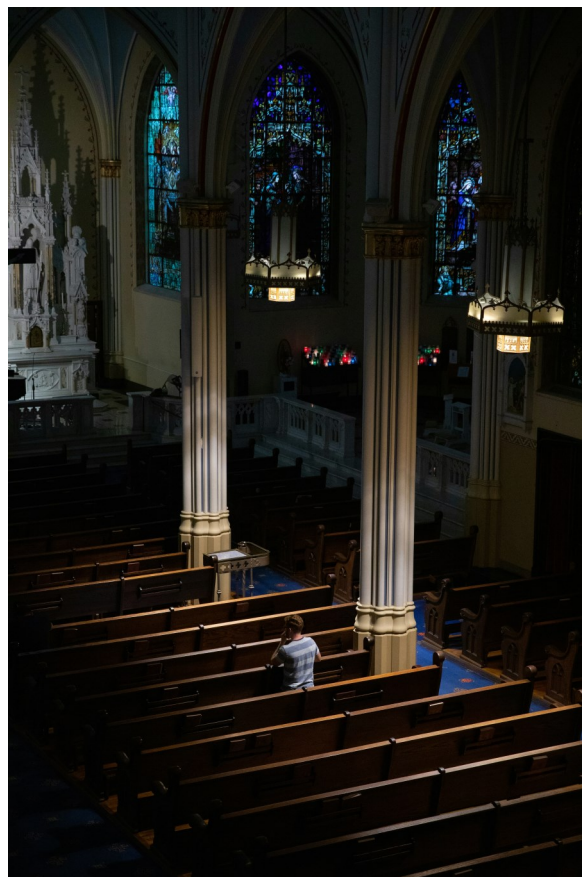
*Pastor Nona*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Please share your joys and concerns with us so that we can support each other in specific prayer requests. *Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.*

We pray for Dave Heckman who has been in the hospital with pneumonia—we pray for his healing.

We pray for Pete Ferrari who recently experienced an infection that required a hospital stay and wish him a speedy recovery.



### 2025 FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>2025 Giving Goal:</b>	<b>\$253,849</b>
<b>2025 Giving YTD:</b>	<b>\$53,958.02</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**March 2, 2025**

- ◇ [Audio/Video link](#)
- ◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)

# LENT BEGINS

# ASH WED NES DAY

LOWER BRANDYWINE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

JOIN US AS WE MARK THE BEGINNING OF  
LENT WITH A WORSHIP SERVICE AT 7:00PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
RECEIVING OF ASHES

*Lent Begins*

# LBPC HAPPENINGS



## Come jump on the ark, junior choristers!

Join us, junior choristers, for an exciting reprise of the musical drama **"100% Chance of Rain"**! This wonderful production, centered around the story of Noah's Ark and crafted by Walter Horsley, is set to take the stage in May. Rehearsals are already underway, reviving a beloved tradition that has graced the Lower Brandywine community at least twice before, in 2016 and around 1992. Many of our current LBPC members fondly recall their youthful participation in these past performances. Now, it's your turn to become a part of this legacy! For any questions or to express your interest, reach out to Marti Coats at 610-388-7613. Embark on this rewarding journey with us—you won't regret it! All aboard!



# SIGN UP TODAY!

## 2nd Annual Choral Festival

### July 12th to July 20th

Last year's Festival was incredible and we raised over \$800 for the Food Bank of Delaware. Don't miss out on the fun this year and register today! You will find the complete festival schedule, repertoire list, and registration information [here](#).

JOIN US FOR THE **SECOND ANNUAL**

# Lower Brandywine Choral Festival

**JULY 12-20, 2025**  
**LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Final Concert to benefit Food Bank of Delaware*

**ZOE YOST, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

**PARTICIPANT FEE: \$55**  
 NEED-BASED FEE WAIVERS AVAILABLE

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2025**

Music by KIM ANDRÉ ARNESEN, REENA ESMAIL,  
 SHULAMIT RAN, GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA  
 PALESTRINA, MOSES HOGAN, and more!

Spend a week in  
 the exploration of  
 choral music!

**AGES 18 - 118**  
 PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 WILL BE CONSIDERED  
 INDIVIDUALLY VIA INTERVIEW  
**ALL LEVELS WELCOME**

Rehearsal Dates:  
 7/12: 3-6pm  
 7/13: 3-6pm  
 7/15: 7-9pm  
 7/16: 7-9pm  
 7/17: 7-9pm  
 7/18: 7-9pm  
 7/19: 3-6pm  
 7/20: 1-2:30pm

**Final Concert July 20 at 4pm**

Limited to 40 participants--reserve  
 your slot now:  
<https://forms.gle/TjQVsoYsn8q74TgDA>

Interested in sponsoring a participant's scholarship?  
 Contact [zoeyostvcw@gmail.com](mailto:zoeyostvcw@gmail.com).

# MARCH CELEBRATIONS

A graphic for March Birthdays featuring a dark blue background. On the left, there are several shiny balloons in purple, gold, and blue, with gold streamers. Below the balloons are three wrapped gifts in blue and gold. The text is on the right side of the graphic.

## March Birthday's

- Mary Kennedy - Mar 03
- Brenda Boucher - Mar 12
- Richard Reese - Mar 12
- Thomas Craven - Mar 13
- Joshua Boucher - Mar 17
- Madelyn Underwood - Mar 18
- Karan Hamel - Mar 20
- Stephen Salle - Mar 23
- Cooper Coats - Mar 24
- Mauricette Benzing - Mar 25
- Emily Underwood - Mar 26
- Zoe Yost - Mar 26
- Enzo Natali - Mar 27
- Marilee Calabrese - Mar 28
- Joyce Murphy - Mar 29
- Donna Beech - Mar 30

A graphic for March Anniversary's featuring a light teal background. The title is written in a cursive font. The names and dates are listed below. The graphic is decorated with baby's breath flowers in the corners.

## March Anniversary's

- Tristan and Savanna Graham - 3/12
- Dan and Carla Major - 3/20
- Enzo and Linda Natali - 3/20

# CALENDAR

Date	Start Time	Event Name
Saturday, March 1, 2025	All-day	NCP Bay Retreat
	8:00am	Women AA Group
	1:00pm	Olson Visitation
Saturday, March 1, 2025	2:00pm	Olson Memorial
<b>Sunday, March 2, 2025</b>		<b>Transfiguration of the Lord/Communion</b>
	9:00am	Adult Topical Study
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship
	11:00am	Fellowship
	11:20am	Headstone Presentation
Monday, March 3, 2025		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00pm	Alanon
		Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 4, 2025	11:00am	Rohr Group via Zoom
Wednesday, March 5, 2025		Ash Wednesday
	12:00pm	Alanon
	6:30pm	Jr. Choir Rehearsal
	6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
	7:30pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 8, 2025	8:00am	Women's AA Group
<b>Sunday, March 9, 2025</b>		<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>
	9:00am	Adult Topical Study
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship
	10:15am	Children's Church School
	11:00am	Fellowship
Monday, March 10, 2025		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	2:15pm	LBPC Volunteers @ The Garage
	7:00pm	Alanon
		Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 12, 2025	10:00am	Staff Meeting
	12:00pm	Alanon
	5:45pm	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30pm	Jr. Choir Rehearsal
	6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 15, 2025	8:00am	Women's AA Group
<b>Sunday, March 16, 2025</b>		<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>
	9:00am	Adult Topical Study
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship
	10:15am	Children's Church School
	11:00am	Fellowship
Monday, March 17, 2025		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00pm	F&A/Resources Meeting
		Alanon
		Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 18, 2025	11:00am	Rohr Group via Zoom
Wednesday, March 19, 2025	12:00pm	Alanon
	5:45pm	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30pm	Jr. Choir Rehearsal
	6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 22, 2025	8:00am	Women's AA Group
<b>Sunday, March 23, 2025</b>		<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>
	9:00am	Adult Topical Study
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship
	10:15am	Children's Church School
	11:00am	Fellowship
Monday, March 24, 2025		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00pm	Alanon
		Session Meeting
		Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 26, 2025	12:00pm	Alanon
	5:45pm	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30pm	Jr. Choir Rehearsal
	6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 29, 2025	8:00am	Women's AA Group
<b>Sunday, March 30, 2025</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>
	9:00am	Adult Topical Study
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship
	10:15am	Children's Church School
	11:00am	Fellowship
Monday, March 31, 2025		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00pm	Alanon
		Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert Rehearsal





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