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# Longwood Presbyterian Church

## Newsletter

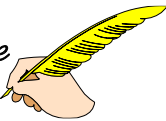
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*From the  
Pastor*



*[Jesus said] I  
give you a new  
commandment,  
that you love one  
another. Just as I*

*have loved you, you also should love one  
another. 35By this everyone will know  
that you are my disciples, if you have love  
for one another.” John 13: 34-35*

Several decades ago, I found myself on crutches, living in a small house with steep stairs. I had to rely on neighbors and friends to bring groceries. When I could finally drive [with a borrowed car, as mine had a clutch], I still couldn't carry in my groceries. For almost two months, I wasn't able to attend the small church I served part-time as Pastor.

At one point, I was complaining [polite word for it!] to one of my neighbors, an Elder in the congregation. I hated having to rely on everyone to do things for me. His response was to ask, “You spend your time ministering to us. Why can't you let us do the same for you?”

Those weeks changed me – and my understanding of ministry. As we hear Jesus' charge to live out God's love in our lives and our relationships in the “Ecclesia” – the Assembly of Believers – we're reminded that we are all one in Christ [“slave or free, male or female, Jew or Greek”].

Remember how we complained about COVID – and not being able to worship together, hold hands and pray or gather for coffee [and cookies!] afterward? Yes, we've had to make changes, and we can't all be in the Sanctuary. But the parking lot broadcast continues, even though it's easier to sit home with our slippers on and watch someone else's service on the TV. The fellowship matters! The words of the hymn are true: “They'll know we are Christians by our love!”

That is the gift we have to share with the world,



where there is so much fear and anger: That God's love is steadfast. That God's love changes lives.

### Pastor Search Committee

Longwood and Covenant Marshall PNC members continue to meet and search for a new pastor. We have been meeting weekly to review information forms from candidates, plus we are re-entering our data on a new website with CLC2 (the new Church Leadership Connection website). We continue to enjoy and appreciate Rev. Phil Olson, our interim pastor. Come and worship with us! Everyone is welcome!

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

We continue to pray for our friends and family members, who have health concerns. We especially pray for:

- Jeff Barnes
- Charles and Barb Lawrence
- Dennis Brown
- Christopher Moore
- Kathy Greer
- Jan Pummill

And we'd like to share our joys for:

- Becky Barnes, who has retired from Dresden School District. (More on this, later.) Congratulations Becky!
- Judy Moore was blessed by another great-granddaughter since the last newsletter. Her name is Caroline Elizabeth King, born on March 8, 2023, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz., 19" long. Her proud parents are Raelynn (Moore) & Jake King. We have seen pictures of both baby girls and they are beautiful. Congratulations to the family and welcome to the little ones.

## PRESBYTERY WOMEN

PW last met on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023. We are delighted that Barbara Weber has joined us at PW and even offered to teach the next Bible Study, welcome Barbara. We discussed the Family Fun Day that is planned for Sunday, July 2. We are inviting everyone to join us for Sunday Worship at 9 am to be followed by games for all ages. We had some pretty exciting sack races last year. Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served & everyone is welcome. If you can't make worship drop by for lunch and good fellowship. We are hoping to dedicate our new shelter that day as well.

We also discussed the date of our Annual Ice Cream Supper which will be held on Saturday, July 15 from 4-7 pm (????). Hoping everyone will come for homemade ice cream and pies, etc.

We received a nice thank you from our donations to Open Door and also voted to send a \$250 donation to Presbyterian Children's Homes.

Our next meeting will be on June 14th at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be on Lesson Five in our Bible Study, "Sabbath & Servitude". --Sharon

## FAMILY FUN-FEST AT LPC

Mark your calendars for the afternoon of July 2. Longwood will be hosting an afternoon of entertainment. We welcome everyone to worship with us in the morning at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will include hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and probably "a few" desserts. In the afternoon, we will have a whole host of kid's games, and maybe a few adults mixed into the contests. No fireworks, please, but come and bring your lawn chairs, and be prepared to be entertained.

Shortly after lunch, we will recognize Robbie Ramey and his crew for their contribution to the new shelter (all the excavation and labor donated!). Following this, we will dedicate our new shelter by placing a plaque honoring "all the Saints who have gone before us."

Hope to see you there!

## ICE CREAM SUPPER AT LPC

July 15<sup>th</sup> is the date of this year's Ice Cream Supper. Time is 4:00 to ?? (when we run out of ice cream, or 7:00—whichever comes first). Hope to see you there.

## Projects at Longwood PC

Repairs to building siding and garage roof will be taking place during the summer months. If you would like to volunteer some of your time, please get in touch with Sam Barnes or JR Greer (building maintenance committee).

## Sunday school activities

(Repeat): Sunday school has a couple more weeks learning details on how the Old and New Testaments both speak about the birth of Jesus. Next, we will dive into each book of the New Testament and learn important facts about them.

## Our Kids!

We really enjoy hearing about the many accomplishments of the kids in our church. It is part of our church life and growth to see them grow and learn. Here are some of the latest news about them:

Kole Kenyon attended the National Archery contest in Kentucky and shot his personal highest score. Out of 2500 boys he was in the top 10% for bullseye and top 25% in 3D. As a school team, the were in the top 20% for both bullseye and 3D (47/253 and 29/148, respectively).

Zane Kenyon took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in his first swim meet for relay and 2<sup>nd</sup> in breaststroke. He was also awarded the citizenship award for his 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, a huge honor.

Olivia Barnes ended the school year on the A-honor roll. She also received a presidential letter for academics, and recognition for completing the 40-book challenge.

Emma Barnes won the "First class friend" award.

Maddie Barnes finished in the top three of the students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the Skyline Elementary Multiplication Bee. Both she and brother Jackson finished the school year with straight A's and are excelling at softball and baseball this summer.

Christian Barnes received a total of four awards at the end of his school year. He received 1.) the "Eagle Award" for paying attention to details, 2.) outstanding academic student for his class, 3.) Most AR books read for his class, and 4.) 25-point book club for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

## EDITORS' APOLOGIES TO ALL!

We apologize for not getting newsletters out for several months, but there's lots going on. We so much appreciate any input from others who either help put the newsletters together, or new editors to take on this challenge.