



Spreading Branches

The Newsletter of Lansdale Presbyterian Church

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"I am the Vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me bears much fruit..." John 15:5

January 2022

Spreading New Branches - Pastor Brian Hand

In Mark 4:30-32 Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed. The seed, like the Kingdom, starts small but when planted it grows up and "puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." In other words, as the kingdom grows and puts out its branches, it becomes a blessing to all.

This past October marked 65 years since the seed of LPC had been planted. In those 65 years the LPC family tree has grown and put out branches under the leadership of pastors Jim Ransom, John Clark, and Tom Keane. More than a thousand people have been members of LPC. Many more have been long-time attenders and it is impossible to estimate how many others have received blessings because that seed was planted 65 years ago. Think of all the families touched by Building Blocks Nursery School, those who have received counseling, those attending Food From the Heart and or received Harvest Home donations and other assistance from our Mercy Ministry. To take time to really reflect on this would likely provide enough examples to fill an entire issue of the newsletter. Instead, we'll sum it up this way- consider how many people have been blessed by a word of encouragement or a bit of wisdom that an LPC member picked up in a sermon, Bible study, or Sunday school class...how many people have been prayed for?! By God's grace our branches have spread around the world!

As we move into 2022 we eagerly anticipate new fruitful branches for a new season of ministry at LPC that will extend the Lord's blessings to more people through the spread of the gospel. A significant step in that direction is God's good providence of our fourth Lead Pastor, Chris Kennedy. We look forward to seeing how the Lord will lead us all in new applications of the unchanging Good News.

Pastor Kennedy will officially be installed as Lead Pastor on January 9, 2022 at the conclusion of our worship service. He will then begin preaching through the book of Ephesians starting on January 16th.



New Staff Members Joining the Team in 2022



We are pleased to welcome Chris Kennedy to the LPC team as the new Lead Pastor.

Chris will preach three times a month, lead the execution of the LPC Strategic Plan, increase the outreach of the church to people residing in the Bux/Mont area and oversee the general operations of the Church. Chris is excited to help advance the LPC vision by growing community through preaching and leadership.

Chris will be working out of JJ Zeller's former office (room E12). He can be reached by email at Chris@lansdalepres.org and will soon be added to the LPC office phone directory.



We are pleased to welcome Amber Etherton to the LPC team as the new Bookkeeper/Office Assistant.

Amber will manage the financial books, pay bills, and keep records. She will also provide support to the office and congregation through various administrative duties. Amber is excited to help advance the LPC vision by growing community through keeping the books and supporting the general operations of the church.

Amber will be working in tandem with Sue Hathaway for a little while to train and then work at Sue's former desk. She can be reached by email at amber@lansdalepres.org and will soon be added to the LPC office phone directory.

Welcome, Chris & Amber !

We are proud to have you as part of the LPC Team.



Women's

WINTER BRUNCH

January 22, 2022

10:00AM | LPC cafe

Welcoming
Speaker, Lisa Blattenberger
"Flourishing in the Bleak Midwinter"

Please join us for brunch,
fellowship and fun!

Sign up to attend at
lansdalepres.org/women
before January 16th

Coming Soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LPC WILL BE STREAMING **TWO CONFERENCES!**



February 18-19

FOUR VIDEO LESSONS

Do you want to dream bigger, love better, and experience a deeper relationship with God and your spouse?

Join us as we watch pastor and marriage counselor Dr. Paul David Tripp teach us in his upcoming event, The Marriage of Your Dreams.



March 18-19

FOUR VIDEO LESSONS

Moms and Dads, are you exhausted, discouraged, and frustrated in your parenting? Are you stuck in a daily grind?

Join us as we watch Parenting: It's Not What You Think It Is. Pastor and award-winning author Dr. Paul David Tripp is filled with hope about parenting!

We hope you can join in these relevant lessons and discussions! Invite friends!



NEW Adult Class

BEGINS JANUARY 2!

Discovery Bible Study Method

Teacher: Harold Schepian

Location: Gym

Training you to engage others with inductive Bible study and experiencing it for yourself

MOMS
TOGETHER

Regular Monthly meeting

Monday, January, 10
7:00 PM

Game Night

Friday, January 14
7:00 PM

To encourage,
equip and grow
every mother

to know who she is
as a woman of God
as she serves her family.

Welcoming moms
with children from
birth through
elementary school age.



Thank you from the Kennedys!

This is a very short note to convey a *huge* thank you to the church family in Lansdale Presbyterian from the Kennedy family, for the warm welcome we have received since our arrival in the US. We are so grateful to the Lord for you all! Thank you for the many notes, cards, texts, emails, and letters welcoming us to LPC.

After a long journey from Ireland, it was wonderful to be met by friends from the church and then to arrive at our new home was quite overwhelming! Thank you to the Relocation Committee, for organizing everything in our new accommodation; for cleaning and making the place feel like a home. It is so comfortable. To all who contributed pieces of furniture, crockery, cutlery, and appliances – thank you! (I haven't quite got to the waffle maker yet but give me time!) On that note, thank you for the supplies of food – including local delicacies, treats, and meals.

We are also grateful to you in the church family, for giving us the space to settle into our new home and acclimatize to a new setting. We are looking forward to reconnecting and making new connections over the next few weeks and months. Please continue to pray for us. After waiting and anticipating the move from Ireland for such a long time, the last few weeks feel rather a whirlwind. But we are grateful that our trust is in Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8).

Year End Giving Statements

The 2021 statements will be available early in January for your review and tax purposes. Please review your statements right away. If you have any questions or find discrepancies, please direct your questions to:

Bob Wunderlich, Treasurer, or
Sue Hathaway, Bookkeeper.

Offering Envelopes are the method the Deacons have for keeping records of your gifts and tithes. Each year you receive a statement for your tax purposes (acceptable by the IRS) from the records kept from your envelope giving.

If you would like envelopes and do not have them, please contact

Sue Hathaway
Sue@lansdalepres.org
(215) 368-1119, ext. 21

If you haven't received your offering envelopes for 2022, check your mailbox in the office (if you currently have one) or the table in the church lobby.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 13, 2022

All Church Lunch following the
10:30 am Worship Service

Congregational meeting following
the lunch

No evening groups or meetings

Watch the Sunday bulletin for details.



Seniors Living in Christ (SLIC) Christmas Lunch

On December 15th, eighteen seniors gathered in the LPC café for their traditional Christmas lunch. It was good to gather together to enjoy a delicious meal, exchange Pollyanna's, and celebrate Frank and Kay Edmondson's 58th wedding anniversary. Al Zeller graciously provided a ham while others shared a tasty dish or dessert. We were pleasantly surprised by a welcomed visit by the Kennedy family. It was very nice to be able to chat with them and appreciated the time they took to visit with us after their long trip from Ireland.

SLIC will not be meeting from January – March. Their season will kick-off in April with their traditional ***“Everybody's Birthday”***. There will be a planning meeting during the break to plan next year's events. All are welcome to attend with ideas to share. Look for an announcement in the bulletin.



Annual Reports 2021

Annual reports for January -
December 2021 are due to Lori
Davis no later than

Friday, January 14, 2022.

This will allow time to print and
have them available to the
congregation the week prior to the
congregational meeting scheduled
for Sunday,
February 13, 2022.

Through the Bible 2022

reading guides are now
available!

Pick one up in the
church lobby.

Winter Weather Alert System

The church has an automated system to contact members and friends about weather related schedule changes. *There are two ways to sign up:*

1. Simply text the word: **snow** to (215) 631-3144. You will receive a link to provide your name, email, and mobile number.
2. Sign up on your connection card - just write the words: Weather Alert and make sure your name, email, and mobile number are on the card. You will automatically receive text and email alerts with the relevant details for any weather-related schedule changes.

Note: If you signed up last year, you do not need to sign up again!

Cancellations

In case of inclement weather and there is question as to whether services will be cancelled or modified, announcements will be sent by text and email, (see above for sign up information) OR you can call the church at #(215) 368-1119 and listen for updates.

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 8:00 am Band Rehearsal (weekly)
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages (weekly)
- New Adult Class begins
10:30 am Worship Service (weekly)
- Dr. Tim Witmer preaching
- Deacons' Report/Offering
5:30 pm Youth Group (weekly)
5:30 pm Small Group resumes (Library)
- 4 7:00 pm Women's Ministry committee
- 5 6:00 am Men's Bible study (weekly)
9:30 am Women's Bible study (weekly)
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (weekly)
- 6 7:00 pm Session meeting
7:00 pm Women's Bible study online (weekly)
- 7 10:30 am Small Group online/in-person (wkly)
- 9 10:30 am Worship Service (weekly)
- Dr. Tim Witmer preaching
- Installation of Rev. Chris Kennedy
5:00 pm Small group resumes (conf. room)
5:30 pm Small group resumes (N. Wales)
- 10 7:00 pm Moms Together
- 14 Annual Reports due to Lori Davis
7:00 pm Moms Together Game Night
- 15 9 am – 2 pm Gym/Commons/Kitchen
(reserved)
- 16 10:30 am Worship Service: Rev. Chris
Kennedy preaching
- 17 7:00 pm Full Board of Deacons' Meeting
- Deacons' Mercy Ministry meeting
- 18 12:00 pm Prayer meeting online
7:00 pm Prayer meeting online and in-person
- 20 7:00 pm Session meeting
- 22 Women's Ministry Brunch at LPC
- 23 10:30 am Worship Service: Rev. Chris
Kennedy preaching
- 25 7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting
- 26 7:00 pm Moms Together Committee mtg.
- 30 10:30 am Worship Service: Rev. Chris
Kennedy preaching