



**Lexington
Presbyterian Church**
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We are continuing with our **Summer Worship Schedule** through the month of July. We will have a single **10:00 AM** worship service each Sunday during Summer.

These services will continue **via Zoom**.

If you need help getting access to Zoom, please contact Kimberly in the church office.

Sunday, July 5th -
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Lectionary Readings:
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
Psalm 45: 10-17 or Song of Solomon 2: 8-13;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Preacher: Betty Dax
Leader: Andy Coffey

Sunday, July 19th
Lectionary Readings:
Genesis 28: 10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24;
Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Preacher: Roger Gench
Leader: Mary Dugan

Sunday, July 12th
Lectionary Readings:
Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
Preacher: Bernard Bangle
Leader: John Morman

Sunday, July 26th
Lectionary Readings:
Genesis 29: 15-28; Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b or
Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Preacher: Kelly-Ann Rayle
Leader:



Andy Coffey's new email address is acoffey@lexpres.org

Skip's Home Phone number was listed incorrectly in the FAQ's and should read: [463-9882](tel:463-9882)

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIME has changed to [Sundays from 7:00—8:00PM](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MUSIC AT LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN – ZOOM WORSHIP IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

Greetings, dear friends! In May and June, I shared with you information about John Bell and the Iona Community of Scotland, and about the Taizé Community in France. Church congregations worldwide have come to know the wonderful ministries of these two extraordinary organizations through their music.

I want to talk with you this month about our own music, that is, about our use of music in worship at Lexington Presbyterian. We worship to express our overwhelming gratitude to, and ongoing need for, God. At times in our worship, we break into song because speaking is not enough. Music takes the expression of our thoughts into a new dimension. We struggle for good words to describe this place to which music can take us and our worship: spiritual, meditative, transcendent... And an important part of our singing (and of all our worship) is that it is personal in a corporal, communal way, and we do it – or have always been accustomed to do it - together.

Music at LPC during the pandemic disruption: Churches responded to the pandemic by adopting platforms for virtual, remote worship. Many churches chose to live-stream via FaceBook or YouTube. Other churches, including LexPres, chose the Zoom platform. Either option can be lonely, missing the communal 'vibes' and atmosphere which draw us to corporate worship in the first place. The congregation has no active part of live-streaming; and watching a pandemic service with a handful (at most) of active participants is not the same as watching a video of a service taking place with a large, live congregation. At LexPres, we have welcomed the visual connection with each other through Zoom. The social time of gathering, passing the peace, and 'coffee hour' is real, live interaction. But Zoom is not an easy 'dialogue' platform. Zoom focuses its (and our) attention on each new (and assertive) sound. That's why we can't unmute ourselves for most of our collective speaking and singing in the worship service. My sense is that for many of you, the live shared experience, albeit with limitations, is a valued point of contact and shared community.

Of course, we can't sing together. You know this breaks my heart. I want to encourage you, though, to take part in all the singing that is included in our Zoom worship services. There are still congregational hymns, and a wealth of sung responses. Remember that many of our songs are chosen because they enhance and expand the themes and messages of the day's scriptures and preaching. If you feel uncomfortable singing, even in the safe privacy of your own home, please don't just take a 'time out,' but follow along with the hymns. Singing and/or thinking these words brings us into that special prayer relationship with God, which is such a significant component of corporate worship.

Our rich treasury of hymns can help to sustain us in hard times such as these. If you have a hymnal – any hymnal – at home, recognize it as a valuable devotional resource. Open it at random and read one hymn every day. You'll be brought into deeper communion with Christians over the span of many centuries, whose example we follow and share when we turn to God in song.

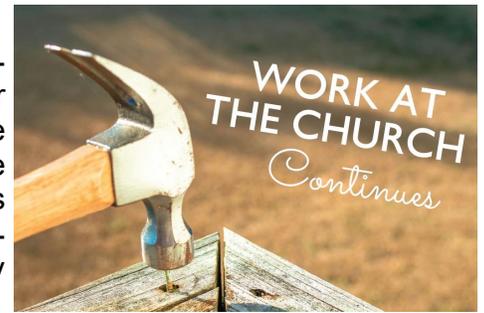
Faithfully, Bill McCorkle



PSALM 30:4, NRSV

From the Property Committee:

We are still at work in our Church. Southern Air just completed repairs to the air conditioning in the sanctuary. Why work on the air conditioning when we are not meeting for Sunday worship? There are several reasons. On Friday mornings, the participants in the Sunday worship service are in the sanctuary for a couple of hours rehearsing for Sunday. Those participating in Sunday morning worship on Zoom working in the sanctuary. Then there is the humidity which effects the pews, floors, woodwork, piano and organ.



- * When we get back into Murray Hall, you will immediately notice the floors. Doug has used some of this time, cleaning and polishing the floors. You can see yourself in them!
- * We are repairing the toggle/dimmer switch for the lights over the organ.
- * The pews must be marked off for social distancing and your Property Committee is ready to go to work with their tape guns.
- * We are working on carpeting the pastors' offices and the lobby area just outside of these offices. Carpet is being explored for the Youth Resource Room.

From the Flower Committee:

We are using [pulpit flowers again](#) since our ministers are preaching from the pulpit. We have two Sundays in July available. July 12 and July 19 are available. If you would like to donate flowers for either date, please contact Skip Hess. My contact information is:
email: william_hessIII@comcast.net or phone me at 784.5472

COOKIES FOR THE COMMUNITY TABLE:

HELLO BAKERS!!! Are you ready to do some baking!?! The Community Table needs 120 individually wrapped cookies (1 per snack bag if cookie is large, 2 per snack bag if cookies are small) for drive thru distribution on Monday July 6. Who is up for baking some CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES (NO NUTS)? Email or call Mary Beth Baker at mbbaker35@yahoo.com or 540-463-9563 if you can provide some baked cookies.

Drop off at directly to The Community Table between 5-5:30 on [Monday July 6](#). Thank you so much!
Mary Beth Baker: mbbaker35@yahoo.com; 540-463-9563 (or respond on the REALM)

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we're using Illustrated Ministry's At-Home/Virtual VBS program where kids and families explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world.

While this At-Home/Virtual VBS is geared toward both preschool-aged children and K-5th graders, it is extremely flexible, adaptable, and fun for the entire family, older siblings included.

It is tailored for easy family use with short readings and reflections, simple activities using basic materials found at home, music and guided movement. All will be supported by brief online gatherings and links to some of the lessons and songs.

[July 13-17](#) - watch for more details and registration invitation, coming soon!



Recipes from Thantastic Thursday Cooking Show

Zucchini Rounds

Ingredients:

Zucchini Garlic Powder Salt & Pepper
Parmesan Cheese * Olive Oil

Directions:

This is super simple! Quantities are up to you. If you like more garlic powder, add more. If you are not crazy about salt, add less.

Wash and slice zucchini into rounds approximately ¼ inch thick. Brush with olive oil. Sprinkle with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Top with grated parmesan cheese.

Bake in a 400 degree oven for 10 minutes. Place under the broiler for a few minutes until tops are golden brown.

*This is unusual but, I have made these rounds with some really good freshly grated parmesan cheese. For the cooking show, I could not find a wedge of good cheese, so I had to buy the pre-grated cheese (Kraft). They really are better with the pre-grated cheese! Skip

Preacher Cookies

Ingredients:

2 Cups Sugar 2 Cups Quick Oatmeal 1 Stick Butter ½ Cup Cocoa*
1 Teaspoon Vanilla ½ Cup Milk 1 Cup Grated Coconut or Nuts

Directions:

Place sugar, butter and milk in a heavy sauce pan. Bring to a boil and boil for 3 minutes stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla, cocoa, oatmeal and coconut/nuts. Stir together quickly and drop by spoonfuls onto a baking sheet. Wait for the cookies to cool about 1 hour.

If you would like, try putting the hot mixture over some ice cream. If you like peanut butter, add a couple of tablespoons. *Hershey's makes a 100% cocoa, extra dark! It is wonderful. Try it. Skip

Chicken Salad

Ingredients:

Cooked Chicken, pulled apart* Mayonnaise Diced Onion
Diced Celery Fresh Lemon Juice Fresh Dill or Dried Dill
Craisins Dijon Mustard Green/Yellow/Red Pepper, diced

Directions:

Pull cook chicken into bit size pieces as large or small as you like. Add diced onion, diced celery, craisins, dill, diced pepper and toss well. Add mayonnaise, Dijon mustard and fresh lemon juice. Mix well. Please make this recipe your own by making additions such as nuts or grapes, or omitting some ingredients such as the diced pepper. *I use the precooked Tyson's Frozen pulled chicken.

Pictures below brought to you from the home kitchen of Bonnie and Paul Humke



Recipes, cont...

Asparagus Spears Bundles

Ingredients:

Fresh Asparagus

1 - Fresh Lemon

2 Tablespoons Dijon Mustard

1 Tablespoons Sugar

1 Teaspoon Honey

4 Tablespoons Olive Oil

1 Red or Yellow Pepper

Kosher Salt

2 Tablespoons White Wine Vinegar

Directions:

Bring approximately 2 quart of salted water to a rapid boil. Trim and rinse asparagus. Place asparagus in boiling water and boil for exactly 6 minutes.

Remove from water and immediately place asparagus in a bowl of ice water. Allow asparagus to cool.

In a small sauce pan, bring about 1 quart of salted water to a boil. Wash the fresh pepper (any color you like). Slice into circles approximately ¼ inch wide. Put into boiling water for 4 minutes. This will make the rings easy to work with when you tie them. Cut circle in one place to make one long ribbon. Lay 5 (more or less) spears on the ribbon and loosely tie them with the pepper ribbon. You may refrigerate them for several hours.

For the sauce, combine all ingredients together and whip together. This sauce can be used as a dip or ladled over the bundles when serving.

July Rafiki Report—The latest News from the Home Office:

Thank you so much for your support, even during a global pandemic! Our Villages are all thriving and working hard to get educational materials and Bible study to all students and staff while schools are shut down and social distancing is being enforced. Here at the home office, in answer to years of requests, we are now making Rafiki's School Curriculum and the school age levels of the Rafiki Bible Studay available to homeschoolers and Christian school sin the USA. Also, the Rafiki Bible Study is being formatted for all age levels as Sunday School lessons for orur African church partners, and for use soon in the USA as well.

Please see the Rafiki Foundation website for information about curriculum:

(<https://www.rafikifoundation.org/our-curriculum>) or Bible Study (<https://www.rafikibiblestudy.org/#/>).



Prayer Requests:

1. Continued support for Metsy, the Ethiopian orphan this church sponsors
2. Good health and safety for all children, staff and missionaries
3. Efficient distribution of food staples for families.

Ways to Give:

- Send check made out to Lexington Presbyterian Church with "Rafiki" in the memo line
- Give to Rafiki online through REALM:
- <https://onrealm.org/lexpres/give/Rafikitext>
- Text "**LexPresVA Rafiki**" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Kevin Squire** from Boy Scout Troop 5, who was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Monday, June 8. Kevin is the son of Laura and Jim Squire, and is a rising senior at RCHS.

Congratulations to **Ainsley Carter**. Ainsley was Valedictorian of her class - 8th grade at Lylburn Downing Middle School (LDMS). She gave a wonderful speech! Ainsley is the daughter of Jessica Willett and Derek Carter.

Congratulations to **James Baker**, who was asked to play solo on sax at the LDMS graduation, and he played "A song for my Father". James is the son of Mary Beth and Mac Baker.

Congratulations to **Ingrid Sukow**, who graduated as Salutatorian of her class at Rockbridge County High School. Ingrid will be a Freshman at Oberlin College, and was also the recipient of an educational grant from Lexington Presbyterian Church. She provided us with this message for our newsletter:

"I would like to thank Campus Ministry for my generous educational grant... I hope to major in biology with a possible double major in psychology, but I want to explore dance and creative writing. I plan to volunteer at the Oasis Animal Shelter in Oberlin and get involved with environmental advocacy groups...."

Ingrid is the daughter of Gretchen and David Sukow.

Claire Moreschi also sent a note of thanks for her educational grant. Claire is returning to the College of Wooster as a junior, "I'm excited to be able to continue my education and personal growth next year (hopefully on campus!) and your generosity helps make that possible."



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Our featured youth member this month is Ellie Baker: Ellie Baker is a rising junior in high school and has been attending Lex Pres since she was a baby. She enjoys the performing arts and plays violin and flute, and does ballet and theatre. She has been playing the violin for 11 years and the flute for 6 years. She has been dancing since preschool and currently does ballet at the Shenandoah Academy of Dance. In her limited free time, Ellie loves photography, board and card games, puzzles, and fashion and costume design. She enjoys helping out with church events when she can and coming to youth group activities.



Ellie, brother James, Father Mac and Mother Mary Beth



Some of Ellie's Photographs

Youth Group News

Local Community Partner to Receive Pentecost Offering

Our Youth Group, with the approval of our Outreach Committee, has voted to provide a portion of the church Pentecost Offering (approximately \$500) to the Fine Arts in Rockbridge program.

**FINE
ARTS
IN ROCKBRIDGE**

Fine Arts In Rockbridge was founded as a non-profit organization in 1971 by a group of Lexington arts supporters led by Charlene Jarrett. Its mission, then and now, is to “provide opportunities for all persons in the Rockbridge area to pursue their interests and develop their talents in the arts through quality educational and performance opportunities.” Among the group’s first—and most lasting—accomplishments were the founding of the Rockbridge Symphony and the creation of the first Summer FAIR children’s arts camp.

Over the years, FAIR also played a significant role in the formation of a number of other local arts groups, including the Rockbridge Ballet, the Rockbridge Choral Society, Rockbridge Modern Dance Ensemble and Footlight Productions.

Thank you to our Youth Group and Outreach Committee for supporting this local organization!



Youth Group Picnic

Save the Date for our Youth Group Picnic
When: Sunday, July 19th, 6:30pm
Where: Jordan’s Point
Who: All Youth and their families

ONLINE Thantastic Thursdays planned events:



Thursday, July 2nd, 7pm—
Flower arranging with Skip

Thursday, July 9th, 7pm—
Game night with Andy

Thursday, July 16th, 7pm—
Cooking class with Skip



JULY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 9:00am Worship Committee Meeting ONLINE 10:00am Children's Story Time ONLINE 4:30pm Administrative Council Meeting	2 2:00pm Koinonia Sunday School Class ONLINE 4:00pm Interim Search Committee Meeting ONLINE 7:00pm Thantastic Thursday - Flower Arranging - ONLINE	3 10:00am Worship Practice for Participants
5 9:30am Coffee Fellowship ONLINE 10:00am Summer Worship ONLINE 7:00pm Youth Group Fellowship ONLINE	6 Cookies for Community Table!	7 10:00am Lectio Divina ONLINE 7:00pm Regular Meeting of the Session ONLINE	8 8:00am Church Staff Meeting ONLINE 9:00am Worship Committee Meeting ONLINE 10:00am Children's Story Time ONLINE 1:00pm Leah Circle ONLINE	9 10 2:00pm Koinonia Sunday School Class ONLINE 4:00pm Interim Search Committee Meeting ONLINE 7:00pm Thantastic Thursday - Game Night - ONLINE	10 10:00am Worship Practice for Participants
12 9:30am Coffee Fellowship ONLINE 10:00am Summer Worship ONLINE 7:00pm Youth Group Fellowship ONLINE	13 10:00am Vacation Bible School ONLINE	14 10:00am Lectio Divina ONLINE 10:00am Vacation Bible School ONLINE 5:00pm Campus Subcommittee Meeting ONLINE	15 8:00am Church Staff Meeting ONLINE 9:00am Worship Committee Meeting ONLINE 10:00am Vacation Bible School ONLINE 4:30pm Outreach Committee Meeting ONLINE 7:00pm Children's Subcommittee Meeting ONLINE	16 10:00am Vacation Bible School ONLINE 2:00pm Koinonia Sunday School Class ONLINE 3:00pm Adult Subcommittee Meeting ONLINE 4:00pm Interim Search Committee Meeting ONLINE 7:00pm Thantastic Thursday - Cooking Class - ONLINE	17 10:00am Worship Practice for Participants
19 9:30am Coffee Fellowship ONLINE 10:00am Summer Worship ONLINE 6:30 Youth Group Picnic at Jordan's Point	20	21 10:00am Lectio Divina ONLINE 12:00pm Communications Committee Meeting ONLINE	22 8:00am Church Staff Meeting ONLINE 9:00am Worship Committee Meeting ONLINE 10:00am Children's Story Time ONLINE 11:00am Congregational Life Committee Meeting ONLINE	23 2:00pm Koinonia Sunday School Class ONLINE 4:00pm Interim Search Committee Meeting ONLINE 7:00pm Thantastic Thursday ONLINE	24 10:00am Worship Practice for Participants
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***Please check REALM & the church website (www.lexpres.org) for updates to this calendar**