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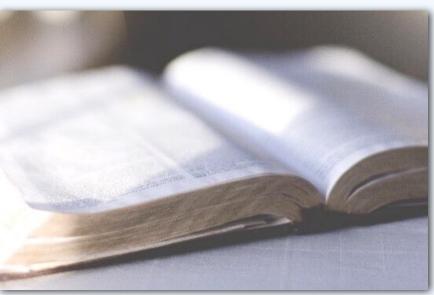






Worship With Us

At Lake Forest Presbyterian Church We Gather for an In-Person Worship Service Each Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m.



As the number of cases of the Covid-19 virus and its variants in our community constantly changes we will continually seek to find the best ways for us to work together to keep our church family safe! At this time, wearing masks is optional at our church gatherings

We understand that some may still not feel comfortable returning to an in-person worship service right now, and we want to say, that is okay. We continue to offer a variety of options for joining in worship with us:

- Participating in person at our 10:45 a.m. worship service.
- **Participating in our live streamed service** during the regular 10:45 a.m. worship time through our Facebook page.
- Viewing an archived video of our worship service, found on our Facebook page.





Our 10:45 a.m. worship service streams live each Sunday morning on the church's Facebook page.



Our 10:45 a.m. worship service is now streaming live each Sunday morning on the church's Facebook page.

In each week's Sunday Worship Email, we send a link to the page where the live video feed is available. You will find a .pdf of the bulletin in the weekly email as well, so that you can fully participate in the liturgy.

If you miss viewing the live service at 10:45 a.m., an archive of the service will be available for viewing at your convenience almost immediately after our 10:45 a.m. service ends on our Facebook page.

(The link to our Facebook page, as well as the audio of each week's sermon and anthem, can be found on our church's website as well)



Our handbell choir will be participating in







A handbell festival at Grace Lutheran Church on Middlebrook Pike on April 1-2.

There will be a free concert, open to the public, of all the participating choirs ringing together on April 2 at 4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran.

Then, our handbell choir will play in our 10:45 a.m. worship service on April 3rd.





Saturday, April 9, at 11:00 a.m.



Would you like to help us make this year's Easter Egg Hunt our best ever? We will collect egg-stuffing items (candies, stickers, small toys) through April 3 so that we can stuff the Easter eggs with goodies the week before the hunt. If you would like to contribute some of these items you can leave those with Angie in the nursery or in the choir room. We will need volunteers to serve in many ways - to lead the Easter story, bring and lead crafts and fun activities, hide eggs, bring and serve the food, and to help with the set up and clean up. We'll also be serving a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall on the day of our Easter Egg Hunt. Please let Lindsay know if you can bring Easter decorations, paper goods, chicken nuggets, chips, juice, water, and other things we can serve for lunch or, if you would be willing to bring materials for a craft and lead that activity on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt.

If you would like to serve in any way or if you have questions about our Easter Egg Hunt, please talk with Lindsay Johnson, email us at **office@lakeforestpc.org** or call the church office at 865-577-2800



The congregation of Graystone Presbyterian Church has extended an invitation to our church family to join them for their Maundy Thursday service, on Thursday, April 14, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 139 Woodlawn Pike, right here in our community.

Please make plans to join us as we worship during Holy Week.





Our upcoming Family Promise Host Week is April 10-17.

We will once again be providing meals to the day center. We currently need someone to prepare and deliver meals to the Family Promise day center on Sunday, April 10 and Saturday, April 16.

At this point everything else is covered.

If you would like to help in any way or have any questions, please contact Lindsay Johnson, email us at office@lakeforestpc.org or call the church office at 865-577-2800

Are You Graduating This Year?



It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is only a few weeks away and that means we are preparing to recognize our graduates. If you know of someone in our church family who will be graduating from high school or college, please let us know by emailing the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org or talking with Debbi Potts.

Please be sure to send us this information by April 17.



Our church family is blessed with exceptional musicians and vocalists who serve us each Sunday, encouraging our hearts, reminding us of the beautiful character of our God, inviting us into the miracle of His presence among us.

April rehearsal schedule:

- **Handbell choir** rehearses each Wednesday night at 6 p.m.
- Chancel choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday night.





Youth Group

Our Youth Group is a Wednesday night program filled with fun, games, music and listening for God's Word. We also look for opportunities throughout the school year to get outside the walls of the church to have fun as a group at some exciting events.

Our last gathering of our youth group for this school year will be on Wednesday night, April 13, at 6 p.m. in the youth room.

We also offer a weekly in-person Sunday School class for our 5th-8th grade youth. This class is taught by Carol Vinson. This class meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning and youth can also join us each Sunday morning via Zoom.

Keep watching your inbox for additional updates on fellowship activities and service projects for our youth in 2022.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be a part of the team that leads our youth on Wednesday nights throughout the school year please talk with Taylor Baker, email us at office@lakeforestpc.org or call the church office at 865-577-2800



Children's Worship Group

meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights of each month from 6-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

In April, Children's Worship Group is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 13, and Wednesday, April 27, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope you will invite your friends to join us for this awesome part of our Wednesday night lineup of activities.

We also offer Sunday School classes for all our children each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

1st through 3rd graders taught by Megan Talley.
4th and 5th graders taught by Michael Kelley.

Both classes meet each Sunday in the Educational wing.

If you would like more information on our Children's ministry or have any questions on our children's program you can talk with our Christian Education & Discipleship Committee Chairperson - Carol Vinson, email us at **office@lakeforestpc.org** or call the church office at 865-577-2800



Would you like to see the stories of the Bible come alive to our Lake Forest kids? Why not consider becoming one member of our rotating team of



Children's Time Speakers?

Children's Time is a moment in our Sunday morning worship service where we teach the truth of God's Word in ways specifically designed to touch the hearts of our children. If you would be open to learning more about leading our Children's Time or participating in training so that you can join the team of volunteers that serve our children in this way, please contact the Lake Forest church office at

office@lakeforestpc.org or 865-577-2800

Prayers PRAISES

Our Lake Forest Church family so often gets to see the love of God flow through our commitment to pray for each other. God has worked in miraculous ways among us and we consider it a joy and privilege to pray for each other and watch to see how God answers our prayers.

If you have a need - if you are facing a healthcare concern or crisis, have experienced the loss of a job, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or are asking God to work in a specific situation in your life that needs His powerful touch, please let us know so that we can pray for you.

You can email us at office@lakeforestpc.org whenever you have a prayer need that you would like to share. We send out a Prayers & Praises email each week on Thursday morning so that we can know how to pray for each other and celebrate what God is doing in our body.

If you know someone who is not currently receiving the Prayers & Praises email and would like to be added to our list, please ask them to let us know by sending their email address to the church office at the email address above.

And don't forget to send us updates of how God has responded to your prayer need or anytime you have something that we can celebrate with you. We want to make sure that we are as attentive to the praises part of our list as we are to each individual prayer need. So be sure to let us know how God has been working in your life by emailing us in the church office as well.

Thanks for being a praying church family!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FRIENDS WITH APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

April 6 – Allyson Compton April 14 – Bethany Maples April 15 – Jennifer McKinney April 19 – Greg Julian April 22 – Pat Farley Roland Julian April 23 - Matt Talley April 28 - Braden Johnson April 29 - Fran Dunn April 30 - Ann Kennedy

Did we miss wishing a "Happy Birthday" to someone who is a part of our church family? If so, please help us keep our birthday list up-to-date by emailing us at office@lakeforestpc.org.

Lunch Bunch



We sure have missed our monthly gathering with our Lunch Bunch friends throughout the months of this pandemic. We're looking forward to a day when we will be able to gather around the table again to share a meal, discover something new, and tell a funny story or two. Even though we haven't been able to have our monthly meal during this uncertain season, our lunch bunch crew, young and old, have been close to our hearts and always in our thoughts and prayers.

With the health and safety of those who meet with us always our guiding principle, the Lunch Bunch is still unable to schedule our next gathering. We're hoping it won't be too much longer until it will be safe for us to have lunch again. Until then, we hope each of you, as well as those you love, are staying safe and happy.

If there is ever any way our church can serve you or pray for you please let us know by calling the church office at 865-577-2800 or sending us an email at office@lakeforestpc.org



Surplus (Deficit)



MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2022	Operating
Giving Expenses	8,530.89 9,226.36
Surplus (Deficit)	(695.47)
YEAR-TO-DATE 2022	Operating
Giving Expenses	18,263.62 18,092.94



Our Committee Chairpeople:

Building & Grounds Brad Johnson Christian Education & Discipleship Carol Vinson Finance Josh McGill Spiritual Care Melinda Watson Worship Seth Maples THE
SESSION
WILL MEET
TUESDAY,
April 19
AT 6:30 p.m.

170.68





Each of us brings a piece of the bigger picture of who the Lake Forest Church Family is...what we value, what we celebrate and the priorities and beliefs that we share. These are the things that unify us as we move forward and remind us of why we choose to gather and grow together. One of the key ways we have a chance to welcome new people and serve one another is by communicating effectively. When we let everyone know the details of what's going on, we invite each member to come and be a part of it.

If you have an announcement about an upcoming event, a volunteer list, a committee meeting date and time, or any other information that needs to be included in the

May 2022 Lake Forest FOCUS

please take a few minutes, as soon as you know the details, to email that information to:

office@lakeforestpc.org

The deadline for the May 2022 FOCUS is

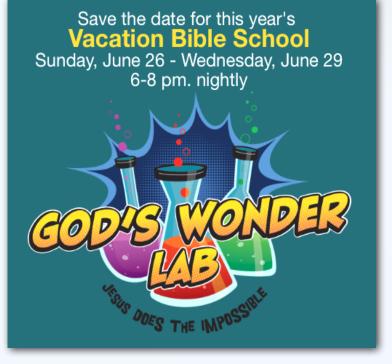
Tuesday, April 26

COMINGSOON



Sign-ups have begun. You can sign up to attend our annual Father-Son Camp in the narthex and if you have any questions about his year's event talk with

Josh McGill or Roland Julian, email us at **office@lakeforestpc.org** or call the church office at 865-577-2800





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