



LAKE FOREST FOCUS AUGUST 2022



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



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.

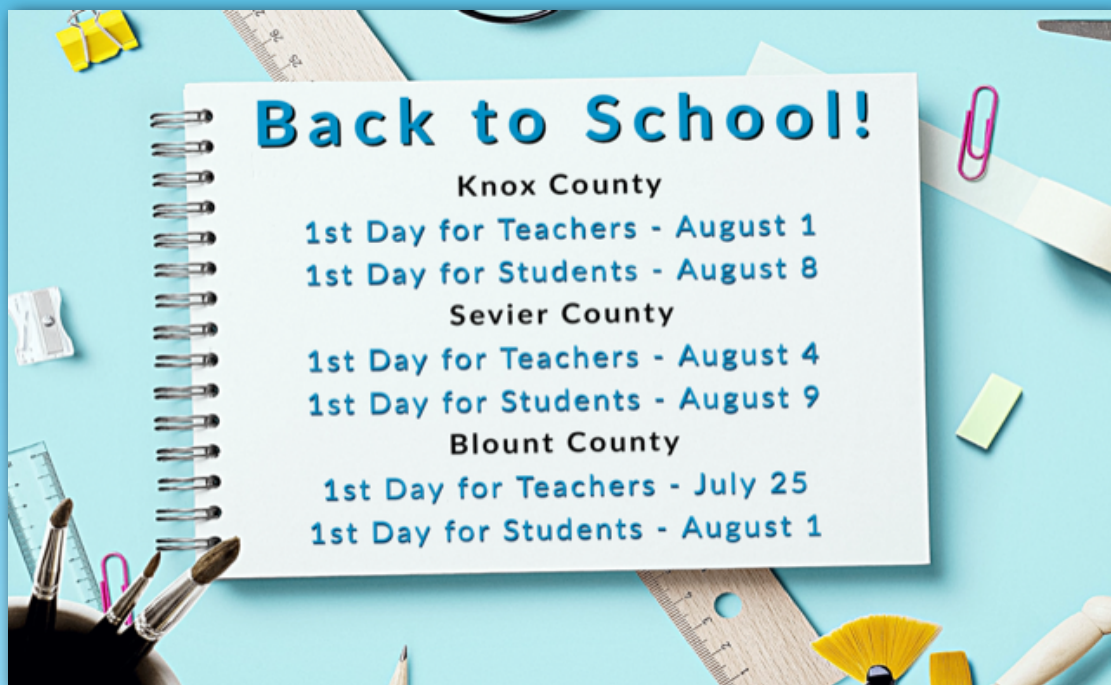
Participating in our live streamed service during
the regular 10:45 a.m. worship time through our Facebook page.

Viewing an archived video of our worship service,
found on our Facebook page.

At this time, wearing masks is optional at our church gatherings

Rev. Wyn Bryant is our interim pastor.

He is in the office each week on either Wednesday or Thursday,
but can be reached at any time on his cell phone
or by email.



Please pray for all our students, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel that this year will be a year of learning, growing, cooperating, and making memories as God puts His loving protection around each school, creating a refuge where every child and adult can thrive to become the very best that they can be.



Our 10:45 a.m. worship service streams live each Sunday morning on the church's Facebook page. If you can't join us in person we invite you to participate with us in worship as our worship service streams online.



In each week's Sunday Worship Email, we send a link to our Facebook page where our live video feed is available. You will also 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)





On Sunday, August 7, at 9:30 a.m. we will close out our Family Camp weekend with a worship service by the water at John Knox Center. We would like to invite our entire congregation to join us. Our waterfront worship service will include baptism as well as a message from our interim pastor, Rev. Wyn Bryant.

We hope as many as are able will make the drive to the beautiful John Knox Center located at 591 West Rockwood Ferry Road in Ten Mile, Tennessee. We also plan to stream our service that morning on our Facebook page so that those who cannot be there in person can enjoy this incredible day with us from home.

There will be no in-person worship service at our church that day.

Please mark your calendars for this worship service and make plans to join us on Sunday, August 7, at the special time of 9:30 a.m. as our church family worships together.



At a meeting of the congregation of Lake Forest Presbyterian Church held on May 15 we selected the following members to serve our church family as our Pastor Nominating Committee:

Stan Boren
Stephanie Carpenter
Michele Galindo
Andy Graf
Mandy Irvin
Seth Maples
Jim Watson

On that day we also selected the following members to serve our church family as our Nominating Committee for 2022:

Miriam Broome
Pat Farley
Brad Johnson
Bethany Maples

Please be much in prayer for these willing servants of God, that He will protect them, guide them with clarity and unity, and that, through them, He will bring our church family His chosen servant leaders who will wisely, lovingly and selflessly serve Him among us.





Our 5th Sunday Offering was collected on Sunday, July 31, to benefit

Family Promise



If you were unable to give on July 31 you can still participate in July's 5th Sunday offering by placing your offering in the offering plate on Sunday or mailing your gift to the church office - 714 Lake Forest Drive. Simply be sure to mark on your check or offering envelope that this offering is for the 5th Sunday Offering for Family Promise. Please prayerfully consider how you can join us in this investment in the lives of our neighbors in need through our gifts to Family Promise.



JUNE 2022		Operating
Giving		10,148.12
Expenses		14,056.22
Surplus (Deficit)		(3,908.10)
YEAR-TO-DATE 2022		Operating
Giving		67,732.51
Expenses		70,485.92
Surplus (Deficit)		(2,753.41)



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.

Summer choir rehearsal schedule:

- Handbell Choir will resume weekly Wednesday night rehearsals on September 7 at 6 p.m. We hope you are having a great summer!
- Chancel Choir has been rehearsing one Wednesday night of each of the months during the summer - The last remaining summer rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. Regular weekly Wednesday night rehearsals for our chancel choir will resume on Wednesday, September 7, at 7 p.m.

Lunch Bunch

We sure have missed our monthly gathering with our Lunch Bunch friends throughout the months of the 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 has not yet scheduled 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



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 youth group's regular Wednesday night gathering is now on break for the summer.

Our weekly in-person Sunday School class for our 5th-8th grade youth is also on hiatus for the summer. Youth Sunday School will resume in the fall.

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 or email the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP GROUP is taking a break for the summer!

In the fall we will begin meeting again on Wednesday nights from 6-7 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.

Our children's Sunday School classes are also on hiatus for the summer months but will return at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings this fall.

If you would like more information on our Children's ministry or have any questions concerning our children's program, you can contact our Christian Education & Discipleship Committee Chairperson - Carol Vinson or email us in the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org



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. During this time 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 church office at office@lakeforestpc.org.



PRESBYTERY
OF EAST TENNESSEE

Join the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of East Tennessee at our

Presbyterian Women Fall Spiritual Retreat John Knox Center on Saturday, October 8, 2022

Nancy Miller Dimmock, the second in three generations of Presbyterian mission co-workers, will speak at the beautiful John Knox Center. Join this presbytery-wide event for lunch and a day-long retreat. We'll hear about Nancy's mission experiences, how missions have changed over the years, and what the Presbyterian Church doing in missions now. Most importantly, we'll talk about how we can be God's caring hands and feet on the ground.

If you are interested in attending this retreat you may contact:

Marcia Fisher,
Liaison for the Presbyterian Women
of the Presbytery of East Tennessee
at PMFishing94@yahoo.com

Or watch your inbox for registration information to come.

Thank You

Dear Lake Forest Family & Friends,

Thank you so much for those who helped provide the wonderful Bereavement meal for our family after Marip's funeral service. Everything was delicious & our family greatly appreciates everyone that helped.

Thanks too for your love, prayers, kind words & support to our family during Marip's passing. Our family sincerely thanks you! With love,
The Allen Family

Dear friends,
Words can't express the deep appreciation I have for your prayers & encouragement. It's been a challenging few months, but my recent tests showed good results to this point. You all had a part in that, I am confident.

You have a wonderful ministry, going to the throne on behalf of people you do not know.

May God bless each of you!

In Christ's love,
Linda Lloyd

Dear Friends of Lake Forest,
My church family always rises to the occasion. I appreciate and am blessed by all the cards and calls that were sent, and especially all the prayers that were lifted. The shoulder recovery is on target thanks to those prayers. I cherish the love and kindness from my Lake Forest Family.
Blessings,
Debbi Potts

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!



August 3 – ANNIE CARDWELL
MANDY IRVIN

August 5 – JACK DUNN

August 6 – SHARON BIRDWELL

August 7 – SHARON WEBB

August 14 - MOLLY MCGILL

August 18 - MADALYNNE MATHIS

August 20 - JEFF GEREN

August 28 - STEPHANIE CARPENTER

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.



One of the key ways we have a chance to serve one another within the Lake Forest church family is by helping each person find their place, whether it be to serve, to help or to grow. When we diligently work together to make sure everyone knows the details of each of the events on the church calendar, we are helping folks fit in by letting each member and every visitor know that they are wanted and welcomed in this place we call our church home.

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

September 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 September 2022 FOCUS is August 24

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	3 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5  <i>Family Camp</i>	6  <i>Family Camp</i>
7 In-person Worship Service on the waterfront at John Knox Center at 9:30 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook <i>Family Camp</i> 	8 <i>Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m.</i> 	9 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook <i>Rally Day</i> 	15	16 <i>The Session Meets at 6:30</i>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	17	18	19	20
21 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook	22	23 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	24 Deadline for the September Lake Forest FOCUS 	25	26	27
28 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook	29	30 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	31			



Coming This Fall

All our Wednesday Night
Activities Resume
Beginning September 7



Children's
Worship Group



Handbell Choir
Rehearsal



Youth Group



Chancel Choir
Rehearsal

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!





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