



Lake Forest  
**FOCUS**  
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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 all our church gatherings.*



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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 our 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 service as it is streaming live 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.)*

Nursery care  
is provided  
during our  
in-person  
worship service







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Beginning Sunday, February 5, we are offering an 8-week confirmation class for all students, grades 5-9 at 9:30 each Sunday morning. This class will be taught by Michael Kelley for the first 4 weeks in February and then by Rev. George Waters for the 4 weeks of March. If you have questions about this confirmation class or need more information, please email the church office at [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org) or talk with Michael Kelley or Carol Vinson.

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear..."*  
- 1 Peter 3:15 KJV



**ANNUAL LAKE FOREST**



**Souper Bowl**

Bring Your Favorite Crockpot Creation  
Sunday, February 12  
Immediately following  
our 10:45 a.m. worship service  
And please bring cans of food to  
be donated to the Fish Pantry

**Strike and Spare Western Avenue**  
**February 18 — 5:30 p.m.**

*Let's Go*  
**BOWLING**



**RSVP to Lindsay Johnson**



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*A season of prayer, fasting, and repentance*



*The first Sunday in Lent is February 26*  
*We will observe the Sacrament of Communion*





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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 leader who will wisely, lovingly, and selflessly serve Him among us.

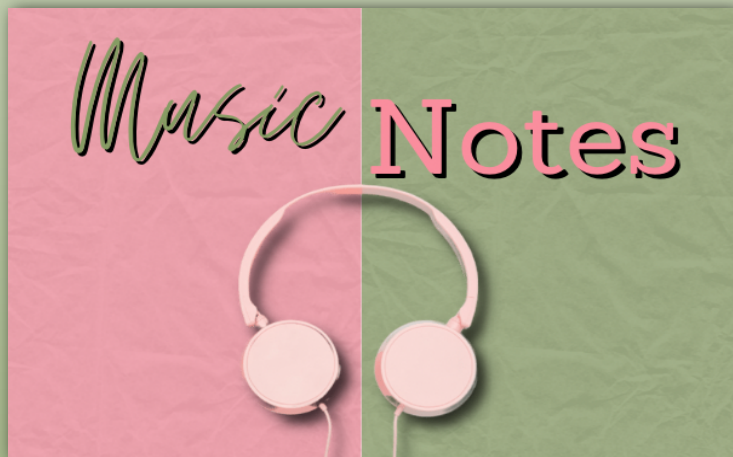


## **Lake Forest Presbyterian Church Pastor Nominating Committee:**

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

## **Those serving on our 2022 Nominating Committee:**

Miriam Broome	Brad Johnson
Pat Farley	Bethany Maples



*Music is an integral element of our worship services at Lake Forest. God has truly blessed us with musicians who provide a rich and vibrant worship experience through every piece that is played or sung in our church. This beautiful array of sacred music is the culmination of the devoted preparation of those who serve our church family with their musical gifts. As we continue in this new year let's do so with grateful hearts for those who lead us into the very presence of God through music.*

### **Weekly rehearsal schedule:**

- Handbell Choir will not resume rehearsals at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday night beginning Wednesday, February 1, 2023.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal will return to their regular schedule on Wednesday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.

*Planned childcare is now provided for children of our chancel choir members while they rehearse.*



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**UTKNOXVILLE**  
**UKIRK**  
Welcome home.  
[www.ukirkutk.org](http://www.ukirkutk.org)

UKirk (meaning "University Church") is a 501(c)(3), not for profit, network of ministries supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are charged with reaching, loving, and teaching college students so they may be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.



On Sunday, January 29, we collected our 5th Sunday Offering to benefit UKIRK at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. If you were not able to give your offering on that day there is still time to contribute to this ministry partner who is working to provide a safe and happy place for college students to gather, learn and grow. You can drop your gift into the offering plate on Sunday or mail your gift to the church office. Just be sure to write "5th Sunday Offering for UKIRK" in the memo blank on your check or on the outside of your offering envelope.



<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	<b>Operating</b>
<b>Giving</b>	25,383.75
<b>Expenses</b>	13,627.91
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>11,755.84</b>
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE 2022</b>	<b>Operating</b>
<b>Giving</b>	169,895.27
<b>Expenses</b>	146,958.90
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>22,936.37</b>

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Birthday Offering for Jesus this Christmas. Thanks to your generosity we collected \$3400 which will go toward funding the on-going ministries of the church.

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](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org)





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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 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of each month throughout the school year from 6-7 p.m. in the youth room.

We also offer a weekly in-person Sunday School class for our 5th-8th grade youth. It is taught by Michael Kelley and Carol Vinson and meets in the educational wing at 9:30 a.m.

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 email the church office at [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org)

Our Children's Worship Group is a fantastic way to teach our kids about God and have a blast doing it. We gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights of each month 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.

We have Sunday School classes for our children that meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the education wing of our church. Here's our line-up of Sunday School classes and teachers who have committed to discipling our children:

PreK- K - Debbi Potts and Karen Talley  
1-3 grade - Matt and Megan Talley  
4-5 grade - Taylor Baker and Molly McGill

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 ([office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org))



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## 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](mailto: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!**



Would you like to hear 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 special 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](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org).

Children's Time Speakers for February:

February 5 - Molly McGill  
February 12 - Lindsay Johnson  
February 19 - Josh McGill  
February 26 - Carol Vinson





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# THANK You



I want to tell you about the magic of wontons. Every Christmas season, we don our best holiday sweaters, boil a pot of oil and make an incredible dinner together of fried wontons. It is a tradition that has been going on for nearly a decade and may seem like just another way for college students to get fried food. And, while that is true, it is a beautiful example of who we are as a community. At a time in the semester when our students are exhausted from papers and exams, they always make time for a meal together. It is around tables that our students find nourishment and community. It is here where they teach one another our traditions, where they are able to let their guards down and be themselves. This is the best example I can give you for this beautiful, messy, grace filled ministry of UKirk.

This year has been full of service, fellowship, community, and joy. Our students have been able to participate in mission trips, host Bible studies and game nights, and have dinner and worship together weekly. All of this is possible because of donors like you. Thank you for continuing to believe in this ministry with college students and for supporting us through your prayers and donations.

So, whatever meals you share this season, may you be blessed and filled with grace.

Happy Holidays  
from all of us at UKirk UTK

## UKIRK BY NUMBERS

- 10** churches participated in a meal for our students
- 21** students going to the college conference at Montreat
- 50** pounds of Vienna Coffee consumed at our coffee shop
- 37** football parking spaces sold for an amazing season
- 16** loaves of communion bread for our weekly worship service

**100% Full Hearts**



Dear Lake Forest family,  
If only you knew how much your gift of a soft, comforting prayer blanket has lightened my heart!!!

The deaths of both my cat & my dog so close together, combined with my diagnosis of Alzheimer's certainly threw me into a dark place... But knowing that my church family cares gives me GREAT HOPE!!! In His Love,  
Cathie Boren

Lindsay,

Thank you for your support of our students here at Dogwood. We are so grateful for your partnership. Let's get together in the new year to get to know each other and discuss new possibilities for collaboration! Wishing you and the Lake Forest Presbyterian Church community a happy + safe holiday season!

♥ Hannah Lozano







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February 5 - Marty Irvin

February 6 - Bob Dorsey

February 10 - Linda Julian

February 16 – Indigo Hall

February 20 – Morgan Mell

February 25 – Billie Spires

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](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org).



The Session Will Meet:

Sunday, February 19  
immediately following  
our 10:45 a.m. worship service  
in the YAYF classroom.

The Elder of the Month for  
February is:

Brad Johnson





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:00 p.m. Youth Group <b>No Children's Worship Group</b> 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 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>Baptism of the Lord</i>	<b>6</b> Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m. 	<b>7</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>8</b> 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group <b>No Youth Group</b> 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 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>Souper Bowl Lunch</i> 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>15</b> 6:00 p.m. Youth Group <b>No Children's Worship Group</b> 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> 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>The Session</i> immediately following our 10:45 a.m. worship service <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>22</b>  <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group <b>No Youth Group</b> 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> <i>Deadline for March FOCUS</i> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 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>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)				



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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 February 2023 issue of the Lake Forest FOCUS, please take a few minutes, as soon as you know the details, to email that information to: [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org)

The deadline for information to be included in the  
**March FOCUS is Thursday,  
February 23**



The Lenten Season continues through the month of March as we prepare our hearts in remembrance of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ







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