

# Lake Forest FOCUS

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*Let's Begin this New Year with  
Worship*

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.*

WE WISH YOU A  
**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

**2023**



*Nursery care  
is provided  
during our  
in-person  
worship  
service*





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.)*



And we're all invited to celebrate with  
**Sam & Hayley Jackson**  
as they await the birth of  
**Carter and Christopher.**

There will be a baby shower to help them get everything ready for their arrival on Sunday, January 22, immediately following our morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

*(We'll provide gift registry information as we get closer to the date of the shower.)*



## Our 5th Sunday Offering for UKIRK

On Sunday, January 29, our 5th Sunday Offering will be collected to benefit UKIRK at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to help this ministry partner provide a safe and happy place for college students to gather, learn and grow.



<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>	<b>Operating</b>
Giving	25,217.23
Expenses	10,614.84
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>14,602.39</b>
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE 2022</b>	<b>Operating</b>
Giving	144,511.52
Expenses	133,330.99
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>11,180.53</b>





*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.*



Lake Forest Presbyterian Church  
Pastor Nominating Committee:

Stan Boren  
Stephanie Carpenter  
Michele Galindo

Andy Graf  
Mandy Irvin  
Seth Maples  
Jim Watson

Those serving on our  
2022 Nominating Committee:

Miriam Broome     Brad Johnson  
Pat Farley         Bethany Maples



Our Committee  
*Chairpeople*

**Building & Grounds - Brad Johnson**  
**Christian Education & Discipleship**  
**- Carol Vinson**  
**Finance - Josh McGill**  
**Spiritual Care - Debbi Potts**  
**Worship - Brad Johnson**

The Session Will Meet  
Sunday, January 15  
immediately following  
our 10:45 a.m.  
worship service  
in the YAYF classroom

The Elder of the Month  
for January is  
Andy Graf



*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 begin 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 rehearse during the month of January. Their weekly rehearsals will resume at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.
- Our chancel choir will not rehearse on Wednesday night, January 4. We will resume our Wednesday rehearsals on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. and continue rehearsing throughout the month of January each Wednesday night at 6:30. On Wednesday, February 1 we will return to our regular Wednesday night rehearsal time of 7:00 p.m.

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





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.

There will be no Youth Group or other Wednesday night activities on January 4. Our youth group will resume their regularly scheduled meetings on Wednesday, January 18.

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)



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.

There will be no Children's Worship Group or other Wednesday night activities on December 21, December 28 and January 4.

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))





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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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).





Our Children's Worship Group and Youth Group Christmas Party was so much fun. These smiling faces say it all! Lake Forest is a happy place for our kids and youth on Wednesday nights. If your children or youth aren't a part of our Wednesday night activities, January is a great time for them to join in.



January 3 – ABBY MCGILL  
 January 6 – EMILY FEE  
 January 7 – ULANA HOLLY  
 January 22 – PENNY MAPLES

January 26 – CATHY MAPLES  
 January 29 – KATHY JONES  
 January 31 – TODD BOREN  
 FAYE SELF

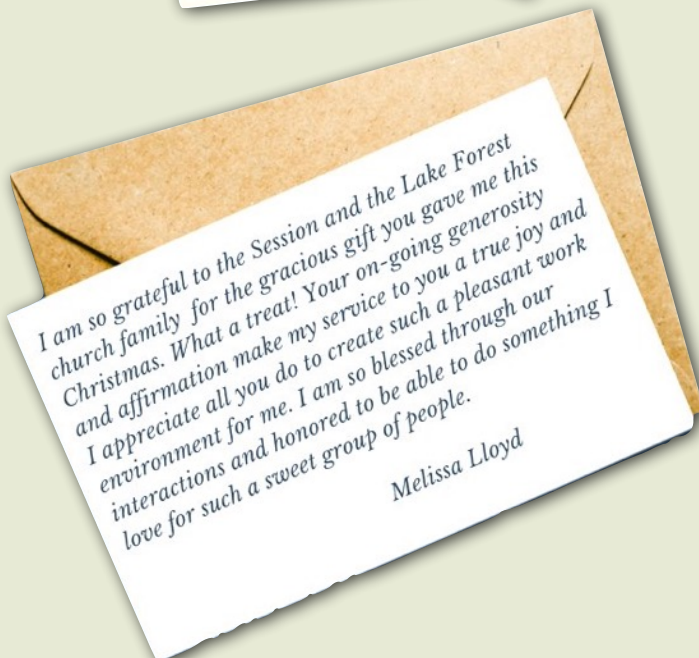
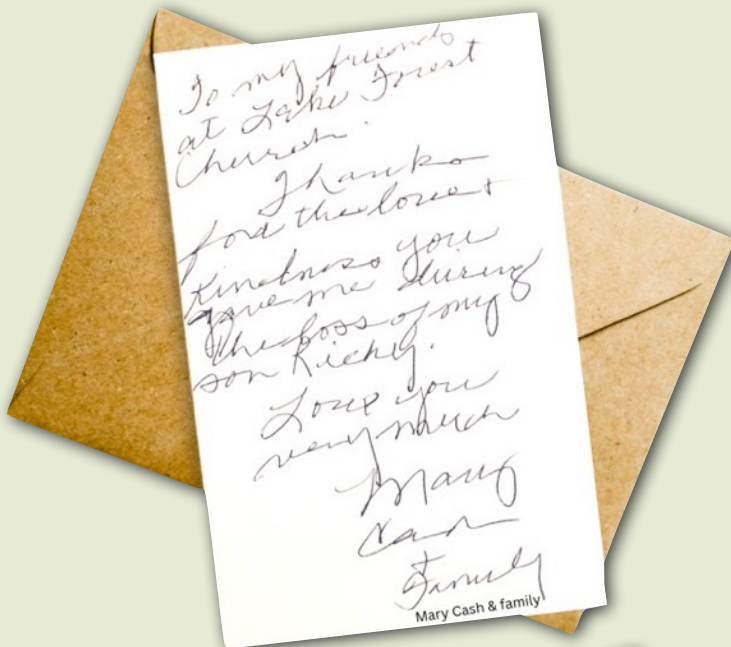
*Did we miss wishing a "Happy Birthday" to someone who is a part of our church family? If so, please help us keep our birthday list up-to-date by emailing us at [office@lakeforestpc.org](mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org).*



# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.</i> In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook Happy New Year! 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>4</b>  No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.</i> 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>9</b> <i>Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m</i> 	<b>10</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>11</b> 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group <b>No Youth Group</b> <b>No Handbell choir rehearsal</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.</i> In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook The Session  meets after the worship service in the YAYF classroom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>18</b> 6:00 p.m. Youth Group <b>No Children's Worship Group</b> <b>No Handbell choir rehearsal</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.</i> In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook  <i>Baby Shower for Sam &amp; Hayley Jackson</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Deadline for February FOCUS</i> 	<b>24</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	<b>25</b> 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group <b>No Youth Group</b> <b>No Handbell choir rehearsal</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.</i> In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook <i>5th Sunday Offering to benefit</i> 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)				









# 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!*



**Don't Miss the Deadline!!!!**  
Please submit any information  
you would like to include in  
the  
**February 2023**  
**Lake Forest FOCUS**  
by Tuesday, January 23

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)





# **CROCK POT Luck Lunch**

Sunday, February 12,  
immediately  
following  
our 10:45 a.m.  
worship service  
in the Fellowship Hall







# LAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME JANUARY...  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



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