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Happy New Year, Lake Forest Family!

I pray this newsletter finds you basking in the afterglow of a restful Christmas celebration and a hopeful New Years Day. I'm so excited, not only for all the joy we'll share together in January, but for all that God has in store for us in 2024.

This year promises to be a special one for our community as we celebrate together Lake Forest's 75th year as a congregation. Lake Forest Presbyterian Church grew out of a ten-month, mid-week prayer group that first met in various homes. In June of 1949, Sunday night services were first held in the basement of Center Drug Store on Chapman Highway. These services were attended by 34 members of the community who became the church's charter members.

God has continually blessed our church over the past 74 and a half years. As the church moves forward, we seek to draw upon the God-given gifts and talents of our members so that we might be the Body of Christ as we grow together and serve our South Knoxville neighbors, the wider East TN community, and the world God so loves.

Please take a few minutes and look over our newsletter, and be sure to take special note of the activities, classes, and service opportunities we have that would be meaningful and enriching to you and your faith in the coming weeks. I'm honored to serve with you, and looking forward to getting to know each of you better in the year to come.

Gratefully,

-Chad



At Lake Forest
Presbyterian Church
We Gather for Worship
each Sunday morning
at 10:45 a.m.

We continue to offer a variety of ways to 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.



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 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.)



Thirsty for thought-provoking discussions?

Join us for

Theology on Tap

Tuesday, January 9, at 6 p.m.

at Redbud Kitchen

906 Sevier Ave, Ste 110.

Engage in vibrant conversation about faith, life, and everything in between, all while enjoying good company and your beverage of choice.

See you there!



Our Choir Performance and Rehearsal Schedules

- Handbell choir will not rehearse during the month of January. Rehearsals for our handbell choir will resume on Wednesday, February 7, at 6 p.m.
- Chancel choir rehearsal will not rehearse on Wednesday, January 3. Chancel choir will rehearse each Wednesday night throughout the rest of January (January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st) at 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday, February 7, chancel choir rehearsal will return to the regular time of 7 p.m.

Planned Childcare is provided during our chancel choir rehearsal.



The Lake Forest Handbell Choir provided special music in our 10:45 a.m. worship service on December 17.



Our Handbell Choir also delighted our community with the sounds of Christmas at the farmSouth store on December 23.



Our children, decked out in their Christmas pajamas, joined our chancel choir for our Lessons & Carols Service during our 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 24.



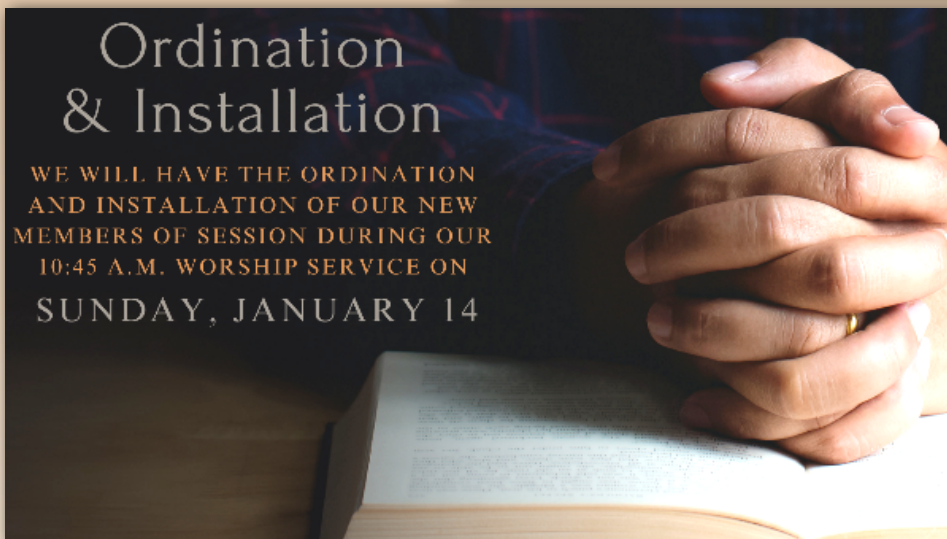
We are currently collecting food items for the FISH Hospitality Pantries. Here are some of the items that are needed at this time:

- Canned fruit
- Stew
- Tuna
- Soup
- Chili
- Cereal
- Pasta

There is also a need for all kinds of toiletries, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, etc. as well as small packages of diapers.

Collection bins are located in the narthex and gallery areas. Please continue to be in prayer for this organization, their volunteers, and the families they serve.

NOVEMBER 2023	Operating
Giving	14,342.78
Expenses	14,831.89
Surplus (Deficit)	(489.11)
YEAR-TO-DATE 2023	Operating
Giving	160,097.52
Disbursements	181,545.05
Surplus (Deficit)	(21,447.53)





Our Youth Group is a Wednesday night program filled with fun, games, music and listening for God's Word. Our youth meet at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of each month throughout the school year. 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.

Youth Sunday School classes meet each Sunday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Middle School students are taught by Taylor Baker and Molly McGill.

High School students meet with Michael Kelley and Penny Babelay.

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





CHILDREN'S WORSHIP GROUP



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 offer Sunday School classes for children in every grade. These classes meet from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in the educational wing of our church.

Pre-K and Kindergarten children
are taught by
Debbi Potts and Karen Talley.
Elementary school-age children
are taught by
Matt and Megan Talley.



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 - Bethany Maples or email us in the church office (office@lakeforestpc.org)



Would you like to hear the stories of
the Bible come alive to our
Lake Forest kids?

Why not consider becoming one
member of a rotating team of
Children's Time Speakers?

Children's Time is a special moment during our Sunday morning worship service. During Children's 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.



& Prayers PRAISES

Our Lake Forest Church family considers 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 by emailing the church office at office@lakeforestpc.org so that we can pray for you.

We send out a Prayers & Praises email each Thursday morning. And don't forget to send us updates as we walk this faith journey together.

Thanks for being a praying church family!



Our Children's
Worship Group
made cards to
brighten the
season for those
who can't
always be with
us in person to
worship.



Our Youth Group
in action serving
dinner to our
Family Promise
families.



January 3 – Abby McGill
January 6 – Emily Fee
January 7 – Ulana Holly
January 11 – Natalie Norvell
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.



Our Committee
Chairpeople
BUILDING & GROUNDS
BRAD JOHNSON
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
& DISCIPLESHIP**
BETHANY MAPLES
FINANCE
JOSH MCGILL
PERSONNEL
JOSH MCGILL
SPIRITUAL CARE
CATHY MAPLES
WORSHIP
SETH MAPLES

The Session Will Meet:

January 15, 2023

immediately following our
10:45 a.m. worship service
in the YAYF classroom.

The Elder of the Month is:

Andy Graf



THANK YOU

Dear Lake Forest Family,

What an unexpected surprise and a great blessing when Christie Irvin brought me the beautiful prayer blanket! I was deeply touched by the symbolism in the blanket and knowing that so many are praying for my vision after a recent retinal hemorrhage in my left eye. After thirty years of serving as your pastor, Lake Forest will always be special to Rela and me. We will also keep the church in our prayers.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

Stewart



Best wishes for the holidays
and the new year as well.

Thank you so
much for giving our
students something extra
special for Christmas!
They were thrilled to
open their stockings.

♥ Dogwood's 5th Grade
Christa Smith Ms. Weaver Team Ms. Mr. Jones
Shemake

And blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole
earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen!

Psalm 72:19

Thank you for your spirit of giving!
Merry Christmas!

Celebrating the
BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR
and wishing you a season
full of joy and peace

Ted & Lauren Mohundro
FISH Pantry Seattle Knoxville



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	3 No Wednesday Night Activities	4	5	6
7 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>Taking Down the Greens immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service</i> <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	8 <i>Lake Forest Neighborhood Association</i> 7 p.m. 	9 <i>Theology on Tap - 6 p.m.</i>  AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	10 Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	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>Ordination and Installation of New Elders</i>	15 <i>Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.</i>	16 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	17 Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	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  The Session will meet in the YAYF classroom immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service	22	23 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	24 Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	25 <i>Deadline for the February FOCUS</i>	26	27
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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 January 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

The deadline for the February Lake Forest FOCUS is **Thursday, January 25**





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HELLO JANUARY!

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