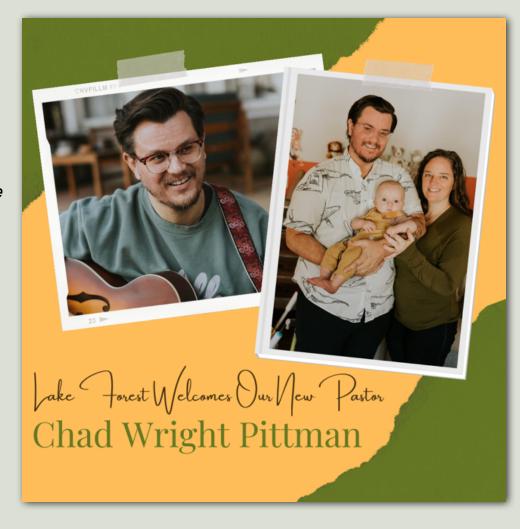


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Dear Lake Forest family,

Lauren, Hopper, and I are so excited to get to know y'all and to begin our new chapter in South Knoxville! I'm honored and grateful for the opportunity to join you in worship, to give thanks to God for the great love revealed to us in Jesus, and to serve along side y'all as we continue to make Lake Forest a sanctuary for all people, an outpost of God's beloved community in the world, and a church that loves God and neighbor above all else. I'm excited to see all the ways that God is moving in the Lake Forest community!

Grace and Peace, Chad Wright Pittman





#### 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.





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.)



























MARCH 2023	Operating
Giving Expenses	16,258.28 13,194.57
Surplus (Deficit)	3,063.71
YEAR-TO-DATE 2023	Operating
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## On Sunday, April 30, we collected our 5th Sunday offering for Leith and Carol Fujii

Leith Fujii and his wife, Carol, were appointed by the PC(USA) as mission co-workers in 1998. Working in partnership with the Church of Christ in Thailand, Carol and Leith see evangelism as a way of being rather than as a "doing" activity, they have said. "What it amounts to is investing in people," Carol says. Leith is an instructor in theology and evangelism at the Bangkok Institute

of Theology (BIT), a flagship school of the Church of Christ in Thailand. The school trains clergy and lay leaders for Christian churches throughout a country where Christians comprise less than one percent of the population. Leith also assists with a program for lay theological training. Carol teaches English to the entering class at BIT and is also involved in outreach ministries with Thai congregations.

Carol and Leith have said their purpose in Thailand is "to fulfill God's kingdom purposes and plans, and to glorify God with all that we are and all that we have been entrusted, and to share his joyous life with others so that they too can know life in its fullness in Christ."

(excerpt reprinted from Betther Together Mission Yearbook at www.pcusa.org)

If you missed this opportunity to give, it's not too late to support the Fujii's vital ministry to the people of Southeast Asia. Please prayerfully consider what you can give and then either drop your gift in the offering plate this Sunday or mail your gift to the church office (714 Lake Forest Drive, Knoxville, TN 37920). Please be sure to write "5th Sunday Offering" in the memo blank on your check or on the outside of your offering envelope.





God has 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 join them in praise and worship, let's do so with grateful hearts for those who lead us into the very presence of God through music.

Weekly choir rehearsal schedule:

- Handbell Choir will rehearse at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights, May 3 and May 10. After playing in our service on Sunday, May 14, our handbell choir will be on summer break. Weekly rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 6.
- Chancel Choir will rehearse on Wednesday nights, May 3 and May 10 at 7:00 p.m. After that we will switch to our summer schedule, rehearsing one Wednesday night a month from June through August. The chancel choir will resume weekly rehearsals on September 6.
- Planned childcare is now provided for children of our chancel choir members while they rehearse.

## Prayers NPRAISES

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 <a href="mailto:office@lakeforestpc.org">office@lakeforestpc.org</a> 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!





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. Our last Wednesday night youth group for the current school year will be Water Night, an end of the school year event for both our Children's Worship Group and our Youth Group on Wednesday night, May 10. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

Our weekly in-person Sunday School class for our 5th-8th grade youth will meet at 9:30 in the educational wing through Sunday, May 21. Our summer camp program will meet each Sunday morning throughout the summer from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This summer program during our Sunday School hour is for all our Lake Forest kids in grades K-12. See the announcement below for details.

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

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.

Our last Wednesday night Children's Worship Group for this school year will be Water Night, an end of the school year event for both our Children's Worship Group and our Youth Group on Wednesday night, May 10. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

Our Sunday School classes for children meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the education wing of our church through Sunday, May 21. We will then take a summer break beginning Memorial Day weekend. Our summer camp program will meet each Sunday morning throughout the summer from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This summer program during our Sunday School hour is for all our Lake Forest kids in grades K-12. See the announcement below for details.

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)









May 1 – Bob Huff

May 10 – Calvin Farley

May 11 – Michelle Galindo

May 12 – Dick Graf Christie Irvin

May 14 – Terry Carpenter

Melissa Johnson

May 17 – Marge Dorsey

May 26 – Sherri Bevis

May 28 – Angela Miller

Myles Talley

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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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.

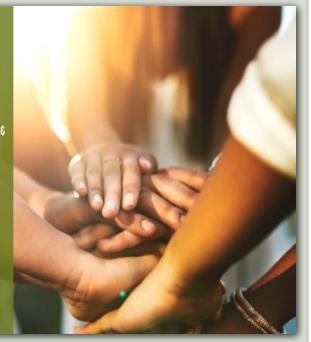






#### Our Committee Chairpeople

BUILDING & GROUNDS
Brad Johnson
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION &
DISCIPLESHIP
Bethany Maples
FINANCE
Josh McGill
PERSONNEL
Josh McGill
SPIRITUAL CARE
Cathy Maples
WORSHIP
Seth Maples



Our Session Meets on the third Sunday of each month immediately following our 10:45 a.m. service in the YAYF classroom.

The Session Will Meet:

Wednesday, May 17

at 6:00 p.m.

Our Elders of the Month for May are:

Bethany Maples and Angie Miller



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 June 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 information to be included in the

June FOCUS

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Tuesday, May 23



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If you would like to volunteer to be a part of making this year's VBS an incredible time for all our boys and girls please let us know by emailing the church office at (office@lakeforestpc.org)





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