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Dear Lake Foresters!

As the leaves begin to turn, we are reminded of the wisdom found in Ecclesiastes, chapter 3. “There is a season for everything, a time for every purpose under heaven.” This fall, we invite you to embrace the beauty of this changing season and join us in the meaningful events we have planned for our church community.

Just as the seasons change, so too do our opportunities to grow, connect, and serve. Whether you are seeking spiritual growth, fellowship, or a chance to make a positive impact on our community, there is a place for you here.

1. **A Time to Gather:** Join us in person for our weekly worship services as we draw near to God and each other in community.
2. **A Time to Learn:** Explore our Sunday School classes or our monthly Theology on Tap! Fall is a wonderful time to deepen your understanding of Scripture and strengthen your spiritual foundation.
3. **A Time to Fellowship:** Enjoy the fun and fellowship at our Fall Festival on October 29th from 5-7pm. This is a great opportunity to meet some new neighbors and friends, and to enjoy games, costumes, food, and fun!
4. **A Time to Serve:** Consider volunteering at the FISH food pantry, or learning more about becoming a mentor through the Amachi program.
5. **A Time to Reflect:** Take some quiet moments to reflect on the changing season and your own spiritual journey. One helpful tool is the D365 app from Passport Ministries. It's available in all the app stores and offers wonderful brief scriptures, reflections, and prayers every day.

May this season of autumn remind us all of the beauty that can be found in each season of our lives. We look forward to sharing this special season with you and growing together in faith and fellowship.

Grace and Peace to you,

-Chad





We Invite You
to Join us as
We Gather for Worship
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.



**Nursery care
is provided during
our in-person
worship service
each Sunday
at 10:45 a.m.**



Our 10:45 a.m. worship service streams live each Sunday morning on the church's Facebook page. If you are unable to 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 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.)



Thirsty for thought-provoking discussions?
Join us for
Theology on Tap
Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m.
Engage in vibrant conversation about faith,
life, and everything in between,
all while enjoying good company
and your beverage of choice.
See you there!



Join us for
Trunk or Treat, Inflatables,
Food, & Loads of Fun!

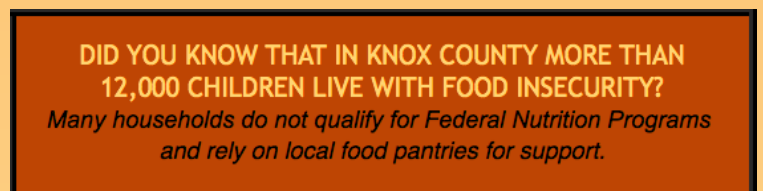
Use this QR code to sign up to
help us make this year's Fall
Festival another awesome event
for the Lake Forest church
family!

If you have any questions about
this year's Fall Festival talk with
Danielle Ritchie or email the
church office at
office@lakeforestpc.org.





Our 5th Sunday Offering on Sunday, October 29, will be collected to benefit FISH Hospitality Pantries



The FISH Hospitality Pantries serve over 8000 people each month at their five facilities located through the city of Knoxville. Inspired by the Biblical mandate to feed the hungry, founder Jim Wright's vision was to ensure that every family in the Knoxville community had enough food. Today, on each Monday and Wednesday, the FISH Hospitality Pantry here in South Knoxville opens its doors to over 200 of our neighbors in need to feed the multitudes.

The purposes of the pantries are:

- To prevent hunger and ensure adequate nutrition
- To be a hospitable, nonjudgmental presence in the community that respects human dignity and privacy
- To be a place where people from all walks of life work together to create a community based on compassion and justice

Please prayerfully consider how God would have you participate as we give to benefit this ministry partner on Sunday, October 29. Please include the words "5th Sunday Offering" on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check to ensure your gift will go to this worthy cause. May our gifts reflect our on-going commitment to partner with the FISH Hospitality Pantries as they continue to serve our neighbors in need.

And if you happen to miss this chance to give Sunday, October 29, you can also mail your 5th Sunday Offering to our church office at 714 Lake Forest Drive, Knoxville, TN 37920 or drop your gift in the offering plate on the following Sunday, November 5.





Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women Saturday, October 28, at John Knox Center



Join other Presbyterian women from the area on Saturday, October 28, at John Knox Center for the annual Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering. Registration (and morning snacks) will begin at 9:30 a.m. and our meeting will begin at 10. The cost for lunch is \$10 per person.



Guest speaker will be Kay Peas. Kay has years of experience speaking at workshops and participating in a variety of leadership and teaching positions in her church and Christian women's groups. Kay will speak to us about FINGERPRINTS—specifically, the fingerprints left on her by the women in her life.

We encourage YOU to bring photos or small memorabilia of the women who left their fingerprints on you! We will display them together and share our memories with each other over lunch.

Following lunch, we will have worship led by the Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff, the newly elected General Presbyter of our Presbytery.

Our mission focus at this gathering will be Sunset Gap, particularly its food distribution program to residents in an area where hunger insecurity is particularly severe. Sunset Gap is always in need of goods for its standard food boxes. We hope you will help out by bringing items for those boxes to the gathering. Audrey Jones, Sunset Gap Director, has suggested the following items:

Macaroni and cheese

Breakfast items

Noodles and spaghetti sauce

(canned sauce works well for distribution
but glass jars are also appreciated)

Canned vegetables

Canned meats

Peanut butter

Also needed are storage bags in sizes of two gallons, gallon, quart and sandwich.

For more information contact:

The Presbytery of East Tennessee

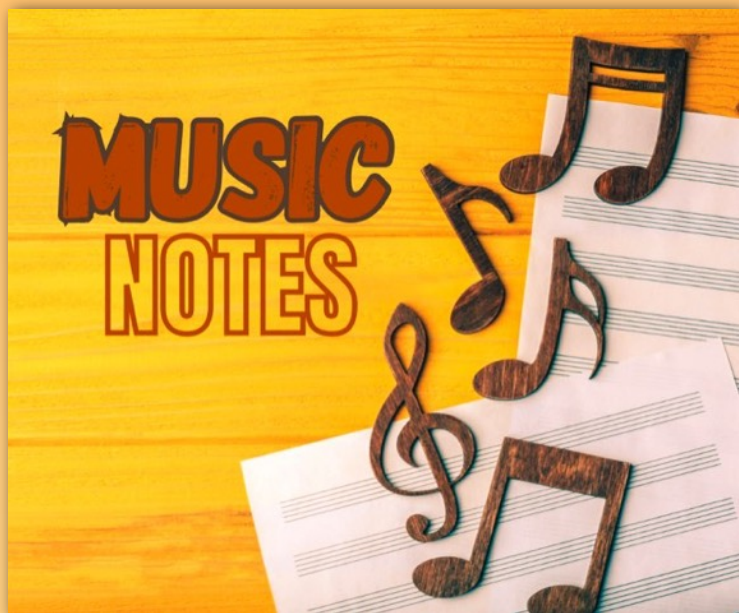
Attn: Presbyterian Women

P.O. Box 31625

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Our Choirs Rehearse Each Wednesday Night

- Handbell choir rehearses at 6 p.m.
- Chancel choir rehearsal follows at 7 p.m.

There will be no choir rehearsals
on Wednesday, October 11,
during Knox County Schools Fall Break.

Planned Childcare is provided during our
chancel choir rehearsal.



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
- Soup
- Stew
- Chili
- Tuna
- Cereal
- Pasta

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.



AUGUST 2023	Operating
Giving	13,340.22
Expenses	17,923.25
Surplus (Deficit)	(4,583.03)
YEAR-TO-DATE 2023	Operating
Giving	118,964.79
Expenses	129,278.77
Surplus (Deficit)	(10,313.98)

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 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.



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.

Our youth Sunday School classes meet each Sunday morning from 9:30 - 10:30.

- 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 is a fantastic way to teach our kids about God and have a blast doing it. We will 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 on Wednesday, October 11, during Fall Break for Knox County Schools.

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 email us in the church office (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!



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.

October 2 – Alec Compton
Lexis Miller
October 6 – Caryn Geren
Lucas Kelley
October 7 – Cindi Buckner
October 11 – Debbi Potts
October 15 – Logan Holly
October 18 – Leslie Cardwell
October 20 – Jackson McGill
October 25 – Emily Allen
October 27 – Lisa Allen
Jonathan Norvell

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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>World Communion Sunday</i> 	2	3 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	4 Handbell Choir 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 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 	9 <i>Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m.</i> 	10 <i>Theology on Tap 6 p.m. Southside Garage</i> 	11 No Wednesday Night Activities Fall Break for Knox County Schools 	12	13 	14
15 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	16	17 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	18 Handbell Choir 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	19	20	21
22 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	23	24 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (YAYF classroom)	25 Handbell Choir 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Planned Childcare for Chancel Choir	26 Deadline for the November FOCUS 	27	28 <i>Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women at John Knox Center</i> 
29 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  5th Sunday Offering  The Session Meets  Fall Festival	30	31 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)				



Each month our Session meets on a Sunday afternoon immediately following our 10:45 a.m. service in the YAYF classroom.

In October the Session will meet:

Sunday, October 29

Our Elders of the Month for October is:

Ben Thomas



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

A wide-angle photograph of a golf course during autumn. In the foreground, a large, calm pond is filled with numerous white waterfowl, possibly geese or swans, resting on the water. The water reflects the surrounding trees and the warm, golden light of the setting or rising sun. The middle ground shows a lush green golf course with a few scattered trees, some of which have turned vibrant orange and yellow. In the background, a dense forest of tall, dark evergreen trees stands against a soft, hazy sky. On the far left, a small, rustic building with a gabled roof is partially visible, nestled among the trees. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic, capturing the beauty of a golf course in the fall.

How can we ever find the words to say enough thank you's to all our church family, because you truly are family. We have felt the love and support offered in all forms, your kind wishes, many sweet cards, meals, snacks, wonderful words of shared stories and remembrances to all who contributed to the perfect celebration of all that was great about Dave. Even though he was an "Eyore" he truly loved Lake Forest and it's family. Your support is felt by myself, Andy, Emma, Mimi, and Memaw and is what has beautifully sustained us on the journey. Thank you all for being the hands and feet of Christ, we love you.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the day approaching.”

Grace
Hayden
Dzajah
AYDEN
Courtlan
Meriah
Cadenn
Alisha
Ms. Weaver
Cintia
Calliope
Lena
Lex
Trinity
Jo-Jo
Zamariah
Zachary
Zamaria
Ariyana

Natalie G Mr. Smith and
Amirah Jayden Mr. Shermake
EMMIT Vanessa Jake
Natalie Darwin Braylan Fatima Tre
Natalie P. cadan Luz Vazquez R.
Joan Joyne Alix
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