



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.



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.)

A season of prayer, fasting, and repentance.



The Season of Lent Continues Through March



Our confirmation class for all students in grades 5-9 continues at 9:30 each Sunday morning. This class will be taught by Rev.

George Waters throughout the month of March. If you have questions about this confirmation class or need more information, please email the church office at 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 who shall demand of you the reason of the hope that is in you.



On Sunday, March 26, missionary and friend, Rev. Leith Fujii, will be with us in our 10:45 a.m. service.

Leith Fujii and his wife, Carol, have served as mission co-workers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to Thailand since 1998.

We will have a meet and greet to give everyone an opportunity to talk with him on that day.

Please make plans to be with us.



Come Meet Us at



All Our Lake Forest
Young Adults
(ages 20-45)
will gather for fun,
food & fellowship
Thursday, March 30
at 6 p.m.



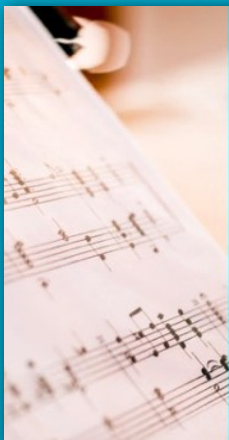
We're having a Fellowship Gathering for all the
LFPC Young Adults
(ages 20 - 45)
on Thursday, March 30,
at 6:00 p.m.
at Yee Haw Brewing Co.,
745 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917.

This event is a chance for our young adults to get to know one another better and does not include children or child care. So please make arrangements for your kids (if you have them) and take a night off for food, fun and fellowship with friends.

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 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 rehearsal schedule:

- Handbell Choir rehearses at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday night. Our Handbell Choir will provide special music in our 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 26.
- Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.
- Planned childcare is now provided for children of our chancel choir members while they rehearse.



*Our
Handbell Choir
will provide our
special music
during our
10:45 a.m.
worship service
on Sunday,
March 26*



*There will be no choir rehearsals
on Wednesday, March 15, during
the Lenten season.*



*Monthly
Financial*
UPDATE

JANUARY 2023	Operating
Giving	20,877.74
Expenses	9,190.06
Surplus (Deficit)	11,687.68
YEAR-TO-DATE 2023	Operating
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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 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!



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 complete the work He has started, bringing our church family His chosen servant leader.

Lake Forest Presbyterian Church Pastor Nominating Committee:

Those serving on our 2022 Nominating Committee:

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

Miriam Broome
Brad Johnson
Pat Farley
Bethany Maples



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 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 - 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.

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 email us in the church office (office@lakeforestpc.org)

There will be no Wednesday night activities on Wednesday, March 15, during Spring Break for Knox County Schools.



March 2 – Gordon King
March 4 – Barbara Rudd
March 10 – Andrew Farley
March 16 – Josh McGill
March 20 – Seth Maples
 Marley Rickard
March 22 – Jess Smith
March 23 – Seth Mell
March 28 – Trevor Ott
March 30 – Tom Allen
 Ben Birdwell
 Megan Talley
March 31 – Sam Jackson

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

A photograph showing hands working at a wooden table. There are several notebooks, pens, and a smartphone on the table. One person is writing in a notebook.

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

The Session Will Meet:
Sunday, March 19
immediately following
our 10:45 a.m. worship service

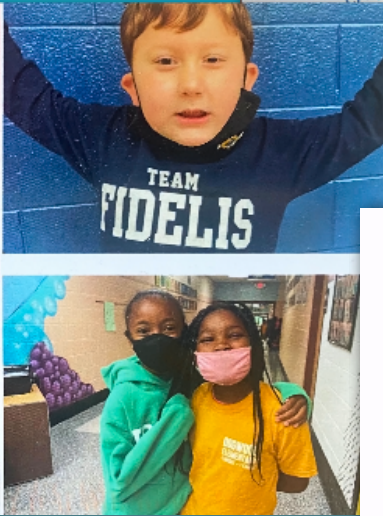
The Elders of the Month
for March are:
Cathy Maples & Lindsay Johnson



Thank You

Dear Faye & the
Lake Forest Congregation,
Thank you so much
for supporting our
music program! Our
ukulele band will
look so snazzy. We
promise to share
cute pictures.
We appreciate you!
Roma Rone, Principal

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Knox, TN 37920



We would like to thank all those who
donated cans during our SOUPER BOWL
Drive for the Fish Pantry. We collected
over 100 cans that were delivered to
the Fish Pantry. We will continue to
take donations through March, so if
you did not get a chance to bring your
soups, there is still time. Let's remember
that one CAN make a difference.

Thank you,
Spiritual Care Committee








Thank You

♥ Dogwood Elementary
- 5th Grade -

Chelsea Smith
Maggie Shanks
Lacey Thompson
Juliette Weaver
Zach Jones

March

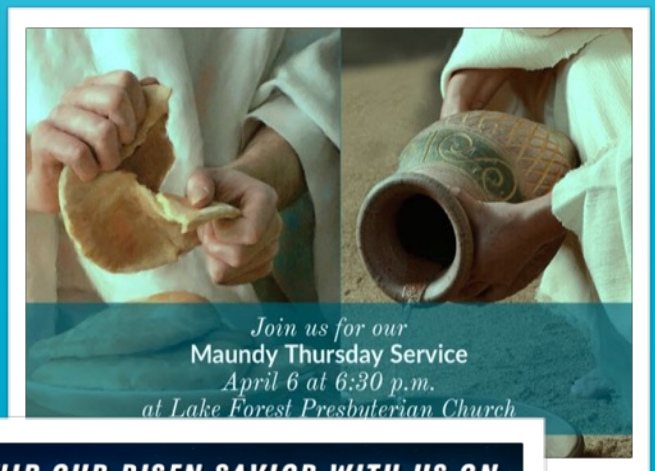
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 p.m. Youth Group No Children's Worship Group 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	3  Game Night 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall	4
5 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Livestream of our 10:45 a.m. service on Facebook 2nd Sunday in Lent	6 Lake Forest Neighborhood Association 7 p.m. 	7 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	8 6:00 p.m. Children's Worship Group No Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
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26 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 Our Handbell Choir will play in our worship service Meet and Greet Rev. Leith Fujii  5th Sunday in Lent	27	28 AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	29 Youth Group & Children's Worship Group TBA 6:00 p.m. Handbell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 LFPC Young Adult (ages 20-45) Gathering 6 p.m. at Yee Haw 	31	April 1 Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 

KNOX COUNTY SPRING BREAK



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 April 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 April FOCUS is:
Tuesday, March 21





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