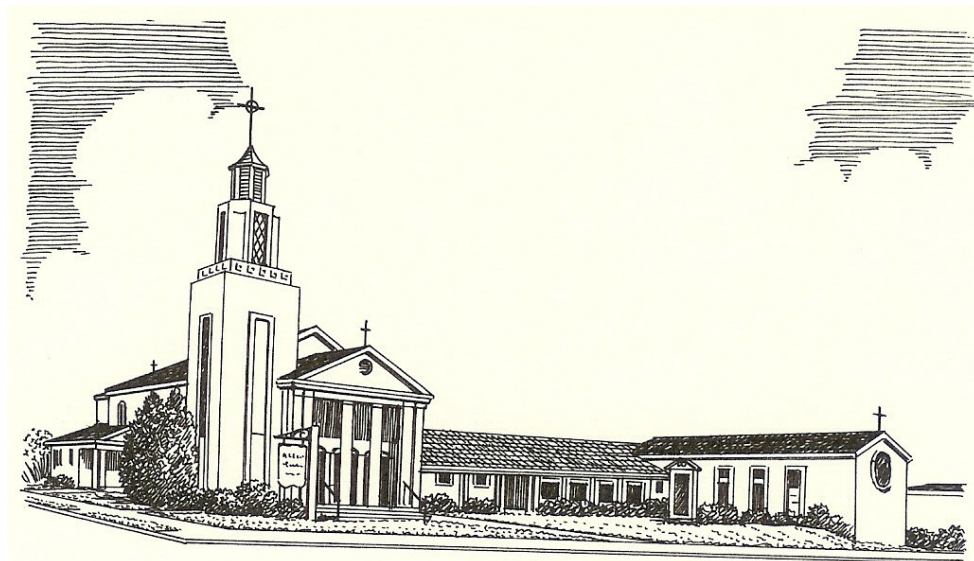


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From the Pastor's Desk...

Over the last 12 months, hope seemed to be an elusive word. It's been approximately 12 months since the first lockdown took place in California. Much has happened since then with many people losing their lives due to COVID19 and many more have contracted the virus. Businesses have closed, schools have been shut down, racism has raised its ugly head, violence has been rampant in parts of the country.

This reminds me of story I read recently.

In 1927, an American submarine collided with a Coast Guard vessel off the coast of Provincetown, Massachusetts, and began to sink. The Coast Guard sent divers to assess the damage and begin a rescue operation. As the divers got close to the sub, they heard a sailor tapping on the hull in Morse Code. He asked, "Is there hope?"

How often over the last 12 months did we feel like the sailor tapping on the hull of the submarine? We couldn't wait for 2020 to end. Then, in 2021, we were told that two vaccines were ready for distribution to millions of people in the U.S. to help fight the virus. "There's light at the end of the tunnel" is a good phrase for what many of us are feeling now. Vaccines from companies like Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson have become synonymous with hope.

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Hope is an important mark of the Christian faith. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we have a hope that cannot be taken from us, the precious gift of eternal life.

I read an article on hope from a newsletter from Rick Warren titled "Hope in 2021." One of the reasons Christians have hope is that no matter the circumstances God is preparing us for eternity.

The article states, "When you really understand this truth, it'll change everything about how you deal with difficulties. God is using everything in your life—the good, the bad, and the ugly—to prepare you for eternity.

Peter describes this so powerfully in 1 Peter 1:6-7, *"So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold"* (NLT).

You will certainly have trials in 2021. You may have a more difficult year than 2020. But 1 Peter 1 reminds us that our trials are temporary. They will pass one day.

In the meantime, these trials will help you grow. They'll test your faith—and strengthen it. You'll be better because of them."

These words from the Apostle Peter and Rick Warren are words I try to live by as a follower of Jesus Christ. They give me hope when all else seems hopeless. It's called living life with an eternal perspective.

So, as we continue through Lent in preparation for Easter Week, let each of us be renewed in faith, hope and love, knowing that Jesus has made a way for us to endure trails on earth in preparation for eternity.

Wayne A. Lamb in his book 100 Meditations on Hope shares this illustration: "In the midst of a storm, a little bird was clinging to the limb of a tree, seemingly calm and unafraid. As the wind tore at the limbs of the tree, the bird continued to look the storm in the face, as if to say, 'Shake me off; I still have wings.'"

"Because of Christ's resurrection, every Christian can look at all experiences, even death, in the face and confidently say, 'Shake me off; I still have wings. I'll live anyway.'"

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Chris



Mission Committee

I am happy to announce that all is going ahead with the LPC Lenten Mission Project!

- The SF-Marin Food Bank will be the recipient of your generosity! Please send a donation as you are able, above what you have pledged, to LPC and note "LENTEN PROJECT". We will collect your gifts and send them as a check to the SF-Marin Food Bank after Easter..

Please read about other ways the Missions Committee supports you and the PCUSA:

- One Great Hour of Sharing - please visit the LPC website for information about OGHOS! You may pick up a "fish box" on March 27 or at LPC prior to that date.
- March 27 - 12:00 noon - plan to drive up to the church on Eucalyptus and pick up a bag of items to guide you through Holy Week. This includes a palm and the "fish box" along with other items.

Our webmaster, Don Scott Carpenter has improved and added great information to the LPC website. Please check it out: LakesidePCSF.org. And a page has been added for Prayer Requests; click on the "A Time for Prayer" at the top left of the home page. Your requests remain confidential.

Mask project - we received 4000 surgical type masks at no charge, from the City and are working to get them in to ziploc bags for distribution. PLEASE contact me [hereMargaret@lpcsf.org](mailto:Margaret@lpcsf.org) if you can stuff masks into ziplocs while watching TV.....



Please pray for the ministries at LPC and may God continue to bless you.

Margaret Elam

Celebration Committee



During the last year the pandemic has reminded us how important it is to get together with one another. We have definitely missed the many opportunities that we had to get together with one another to just talk and have fun. Well the wait is over and the Celebration Committee is back, but in a different way. We still cannot physically get together but we can try to either see or hear each other via zoom. We had our first event on February 19th when a group of about 9 people were able to join together to play; not Bingo, but "FAITH" instead of calling out bingo you were required to call out I Have Faith. Everyone seemed to have a good time and several would have continued to play all night if possible.

We have a couple of other events coming up in March and April. On March 19th at 7:00 pm we will be having a late St. Patrick's Day celebration with a rousing game of Irish Trivia (remember to wear Green). On April 4th we will return to our Bundt cake tradition as we enjoy an after Easter service coffee hour with all of us enjoying our favorite Bundt cakes. I am also looking to put together yet another game night later in April but no date has been set for that as of this writing.

If you have not subscribed to the Lakeside calendar I encourage you to do so. It is very easy to do by logging into the church's website and clicking the link subscribe to calendar. All of the Celebration events will be posted here as well as zoom links to join in. Pastor Chris will also be including this link in his weekly LPC letter.

Stay Safe and Healthy and I will see you zooming around!!!
Beth Phipps, Chair



Finance Committee

What a year it has been. I hope that this finds all of you healthy and safe. Although we have not been able to be together, I hope that you have been able to enjoy the services that have been put together remotely. Due to the acquiring of the federal PPP loan and your extreme generosity during the last short fiscal period of July-December 2020 the church was able to end the year with a positive \$3,900.00.

I would also like to take this time to thank all of you who have pledged for the new fiscal year starting in January. It is so much easier to put together a church budget when we have an idea of what the income will be. Your pledges provide this. If you've not pledged, it's still not too late. Your pledge will allow us to validate the estimates we had to make in projecting our income.

Again, thank-you for your support.
Beth Phipps, Chair



Session Highlights

December 2020

- Both our drive-through and Advent Mission Project 2020, were successful.
- Dan Anderson reported that Jerry Lindberg had retired and Swain & Kates Pipe Organs will be taking over the maintenance of our organ.

January 2021

- 4,000 masks will be distributed to the community. They will be placed in Ziplock bags with a flyer about our online services and will have a label on the outside with Lakeside's information.

February 2021

- The Ladies Room is finished and ready for use.
- Although California has authorized churches to reopen, Session decided to hold up on reopening until July 1.
- Scholarships of \$1,200 will be offered to the 5 High School Graduates.
- The new church sign that was ordered back in October, has been installed.

LPCC News:

It has been a year since the pandemic began and the Children's Center continues to see changes, many of which we anticipate will go well through the summer and the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Since the start of January, the Children's Center has been testing its staff weekly through a local lab, and has offered optional monthly testing to students and their families. Such testing has continued to help the school continue to stay healthy and safe. In February, two of the parents, who are scientists, hosted a webinar on the COVID-19 vaccine for the staff and families. Already, 20 of the 23 LPCC staff have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Many of our annual celebrations, such as the Child-Guest dances, the Lunar New Year lion dancers, the Irish dancers, and other events hosted by outside vendors have unfortunately been cancelled indefinitely as the students and staff are still restricted to remaining with their stable cohorts.

Though many of the Lakeside traditions the students, families, and staff look forward to each year have been postponed due to COVID-19, this has not deterred registration for the summer and upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Though we expect to continue to adhere to the small cohort size regulations and see small class sizes, enrollment remains to fill up quickly. The Children's Center is hosting its last school tour on March 19th.

On the safety front, the Children's Center completed its camera installation above the Ladybug classroom and will complete the installation of lights in the play yard by mid-March. In addition, the completion of the wall/door at the top of the staircase will be done around by the end of March.

The Children's Center remains grateful for the continued support and encouragement of the students, families and the Church during these challenging times.



Church News

How to more engage in our Sunday morning live stream service.

Did you know that our Order of Worship can be printed or downloaded to a device from our website each week? By visiting www.lakesidepcsf.org, you can link to the service which will open in a new window. From there you can print or view.

We know that some folks are printing the service out, while others are viewing it on their tablet. In whatever way you follow along, we hope that you are singing the hymns, praying the responses, and meditating on the texts that are included.

If you ever need help, please contact Don Scott at dscarpenter@outlook.com



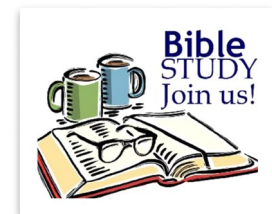
Daylight Savings Time



Time to
Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 14th**. Because you will be losing an hour of sleep, you really don't want to wake up at 2:00 am, so please remember to set your clocks and watches before going to bed on Saturday night. Also a friendly reminder to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Wednesday morning Bible Study continues on **Wednesdays**, at 10:00 am via Zoom. If you would like to join us, please email Pastor Chris and he will send you a Zoom invite.



	December		YTD Actual		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	43,716	32,060	238,732	226,216	226,216
Total Expense	52,171	50,984	235,396	255,203	255,203
Net Ordinary Income	-8,455	-18,924	-3,336	-28,987	-28,987



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Lakeside Book Club stopped meeting when Shelter in Place went into effect in March 2020. Our members missed our fellowship, and we resumed meeting last Fall. We followed COVID guidelines, meeting outdoors twice during daytime to discuss Tara Westover's book Educated, A Memoir and City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert. All our members wore a face mask and were seated socially distanced.

In February, we began meeting on Zoom. Our February book was The Honey Bus, A Memoir of Loss, Courage, and A Girl Saved by Bees by Meredith May. Jane Sharp led the discussion. We welcome new members into our fellowship. We select books that are available in the Public Library and on Amazon. You do not have to read the book to join us. For more information, please contact the Church office for our book list and time and date of our next meeting

March Birthdays

Susan Brissenden-Smith	3/1
Joel Bruxvoort	3/9
Ed Andre	3/15
Patty Quach	3/21
Ruth Hill	3/23
Jaevon St. Clair	3/24
Penny Blumenthal	3/26
Penina Tuiasosopo	3/29

March Anniversaries

Chris & Pam Rupright	3/12
Erica Brode & Adrian Hayes	3/15
Roger & Carol Parks	3/18
Russell & Judith Lindquist	3/21



April Birthdays

Georgenia Latter	4/1
Andrea Thurston	4/4
Sharon Mayo	4/5
Don Scott Carpenter	4/6
Taimane Tuiasosopo	4/16
Inayat Munawar	4/20
Beth Phipps	4/24
Lillian Eng	4/28
John Johnson	4/28

April Anniversaries

Ed & Nancy Andre	4/29
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THE GOSPEL FOR GEN Z

Empowering the next generation to share their faith on campus



I hope even in this painful year, we can recall a few highlights that remind us of the goodness of God moving into our neighborhood. One of mine from fall semester is the training in online evangelism that I led for the new staff interns of Los Angeles. These Gen Z leaders welcomed the Holy Spirit's invitation to look beyond the old boundaries of their ministry in order to offer love and hope in new ways to a hurting world.

THE GOSPEL FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Over the last few months, I have been working with [Nurses Christian Fellowship](#) to develop a ministry tool that serves nursing students in need of self-care. It's no surprise that nursing students (and others in healthcare fields) are looking for more self-care practices and wanting deeper conversations about how they're coping in the pandemic as they prepare for their careers. I equipped student leaders in California, Maryland, and Florida to host online gatherings for their classmates where they practiced self-care exercises together and discussed the connections between nursing, self-care, and Jesus the Ultimate Caregiver.

WHAT PART OF SELF-CARE HAVE YOU PRIORITIZED?



WHAT PART OF SELF-CARE HAVE YOU STRUGGLED WITH?



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” - Jesus



In 2019, I had a traumatic childbirth experience, and in the hospital, I experienced firsthand what it's like when healthcare workers are stressed under the pressure of the system they work in. Somehow in the chaos of 2020, I found myself in nursing student ministry. My hope is that nursing students would experience Jesus healing and empowering them to be the wise leaders and caregivers we desperately need in our healthcare system.



Talitha Talk: She turned ONE! It was weird to celebrate in the hot late summer afternoon with the windows closed and lights on because there was hardly any sunlight due to the wildfires. But we are so thankful to be healthy and to hear many giggles around the home.

Holy Week begins on Sunday, March 28th.
Let us take time during this week to reflect on the
significance of each day.



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UPCOMING NEWS

Corporate worship at LPC is suspended until further notice due to Covid-19.

Please join us on-line for worship at 10 a.m.

www.lakesidepcsf.org

Lakeside Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Chris Gelini, Pastor
The Reverend JD Ward, Parish Associate



We are Lakeside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), an inclusive community of faith striving to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ. Through God's Blessings, we seek to provide an inviting, supportive and challenging atmosphere for worship, education, fellowship and service.

SUNDAY Events

Sunday Worship Service:
10:00 am on-line

Office Hours:

Mon. 8:30am-12:30pm

Tue., Wed. and Thurs. 8:30am-4:00pm

Fri. 8:30am-12:30pm

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