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From the Pastor's Desk...

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24, 25

You may be wondering why I would refer to this Scripture when two of the most festive months of the year are coming? I have seen how disconnected we have become as a church family over the past 19 months due to COVID19. I have seen how isolated many of us have become. I have seen how difficult it has been to serve the Lord with all the restrictions placed on so many of us.

God's Word has something to say to us this holiday season about the importance of reconnecting with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you think that the Pandemic has slowed God down at all? No way! If anything the pandemic has provided more opportunities for the church to be light in the midst of darkness. How? I read an article by Rick Warren where he reminds us that "when people are hurting, they often turn to the Lord, and want to get connected to God and others. They're hungry for spiritual, relational, and emotional connection." Whether you know it or not, that is Lakeside Presbyterian Church.

The next two months will provide wonderful opportunities to reconnect with the body of Christ. Thanksgiving and Christmas invite us to celebrate all that God has done for us and to hear about the work God has been doing in us. What a great time to reconnect.

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Rick Warren goes on in this article and tell us why it's important to connect right now:

1. We're created for connections.

This is why loneliness is so painful. Right from the start, God said it wasn't good for us to be alone. The church is to connect people to God and to other people. We're to teach them how to love God with all their heart and how to love their neighbors. We need a spiritual family because we are made for relationships.

2. Love is the ultimate connection.

The number one secret to church health isn't marketing, advertising, or some fad. It's love. If your church genuinely loves unbelievers, you'll see many people come through your church doors.

3. Connections give our lives purpose.

When we're connected to others, we can fulfill God's purposes for our lives. Just like a disconnected toaster has no warmth and a disconnected TV has no picture, the same thing happens when we're disconnected from God and our church community. Without connections, life would have no warmth, beauty, or direction.

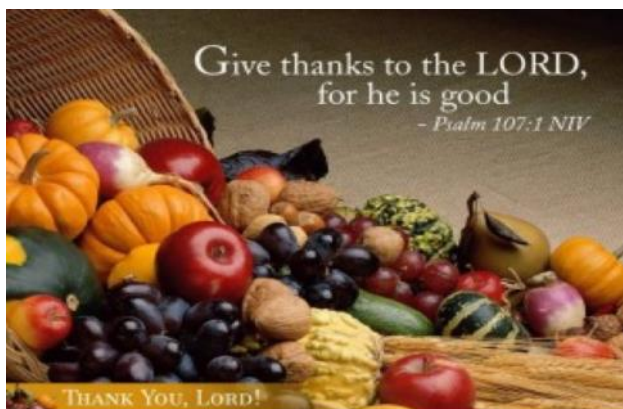
4. Connections make us more productive.

Your life will largely be determined by the quality of your personal connections. The better connected you are to God and to other people, the greater impact you will have on your church and your community.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas season let's all recommit ourselves to learning how to reconnect with each other. Jesus came into the world to teach us how to connect with God and with each other, because he knows that we are better together!

Connecting with Jesus,

Pastor Chris



WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA



All Saints' † Christ the King † Advent † Christmas

November and December, more than any other two months of the year, represent endings and beginnings. In the liturgical year, November 1 is set aside as "All Saints'" Day—the day that the church honors the dearly departed in the faith. At LPC, during the first Sunday following November 1, we honor those who have died over the course of the last twelve months. This year, at the tolling of the bell during communion, we honor and remember **Mimi Johnson** and **Teuila Tuiasosopo Sanders**.

November 21, is the last Sunday in the Christian calendar. On this day we celebrate Christ as King and ruler of all. It also happens to be the Sunday before Thanksgiving so LPC has the tradition of worshipping in celebration of Christ and in thanksgiving for the world that God has given us.

"Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'"

And then we begin again! You can see from the image above that with **Advent**, we wait in expectation of the birth of our Savior, but that is only the first step in our journey to the cross. For the next 20 weeks, we wait in expectation; we celebrate in joy of the newborn child; we experience the arrival of the Magi; we remember our baptism; we are transformed; we are reminded that we are dust; we marvel in the triumphal entry; we gather around Christ's table; we sit and pray at the foot of the cross; and we finally witness the joy of the resurrection. **Advent is the beginning of an amazing journey for all Christians** and you are invited to join us in-person or online for every minute of it. In addition to our **Chancel Choir** leading us in weekly Sunday services at 11 a.m., we also have the following:

November 14: Jubilation Ringers
December 12: Jubilation Ringers with flute and piano
December 19: "Lessons and Carols"

Finally, join all of us on **Friday evening December 24, 9 p.m.** for our in-person **Christmas Eve Candlelight** service in the sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of the Savior. The service will also be streamed on YouTube and Facebook Live.

Join us—friend, neighbor, or stranger—on our journey,

Don Scott Carpenter
Organist and Director of Music, Worship, and the Arts

[Advent Wreath](#)

This year, make Advent a special time in your home. Visit our website to find out how to make an Advent wreath, find a PDF to print out of the readings for each weekly lighting, and music to add to your time together.

LAKESIDEPCSF.ORG/ADVENT

Session News

Finance

It is that time of year again when we reflect over the blessings of the past year and prepare for continuing to do God's work going forward. By the grace of God, the first PPP loan that we received to get the Church and the Children's Center through 2020 has been fully forgiven. We are praying for the same outcome for the second PPP loan that was taken out this year. The application for forgiveness should be coming anytime now.

I want to thank everyone for their continued support of Lakeside during a very difficult time. We have been able with all your help to continue to provide our members with worship, Christian Education, Youth Fellowship and even a few gathering events both virtually and in person. As we come off of the summer months there has been a drop in pledges of about \$14,000. We are hoping that the next two months will see this level out again so that Lakeside can continue to move forward as we begin to be able to hold more in person activities. With the loosening of restrictions on June 15th many former renters have returned to reserve their old spots which will help reduce the deficit, which is more good news.

With the PPP loan funding coming to an end we will begin to see the small profit margin that we have experienced throughout the last 10 months start to shrink. To what degree that happens will depend on expenses holding steady and the continued generosity of our congregation.

Thank you for all you do to help keep God's work going.

In God's Love
Beth Phipps



	August		YTD Actual		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	37,407	37,057	428,822	280,526	428,297
Total Expense	35,291	37,743	392,676	340,209	522,370
Net Ordinary Income	2,116	-3,686	36,146	-59,683	-94,073

	September		YTD Actual		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	29,534	35,757	458,357	316,283	428,297
Total Expense	45,171	41,786	437,848	381,995	522,370
Net Ordinary Income	-15,637	-6,029	20,509	-65,712	-94,073

MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Thank you so much for your gifts to the SF Marin Food bank, as part of our Lenten Missions Project. We sent them \$500 from Lakeside Presbyterian Church, thanks to your generosity!

Christmas Mission Projects:

Please check the website <https://www.lakesidepcsf.org/mission> and Pastor Chris' weekly newsletter for information on how you can help.

We will partner with Compass Family Services and La Casa des Madres providing gifts for families in San Francisco who are in great need.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Margaret Elam



Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds has been keeping busy making repairs needed around the church which include:

- ◆ **Repairing the doors leading from the Narthex/Lobby into the Sanctuary so that they open and close properly**
- ◆ **Replacing the door in the Chapel so that it closes securely**
- ◆ **Adding a third step to that doorway for easier entry or exit from the Chapel**
- ◆

New LED Units have been installed in the hallway leading to the offices, Fireside Room and Chapel. These units have a life expectancy of 23 years and use less energy than standard bulbs which means a savings on our electric bill.

There is much yet to do and we thank you for your patience as we continue to care for the House of the Lord.

Bill Tuiasosopo

Lakeside Happenings

Book Club News



The Book Club has returned to our original meeting date on the first Tuesday of the month. The dates for the next two months are November 2nd and December 7th. We will continue to meet on Zoom at 7 pm in the evening until further notice.

The book for the November discussion is The Dutch House by Ann Patchett, and in December, 28 Summers by Elin Hilderbrand. Both books are available in the San Francisco and the San Mateo Public Libraries.

We welcome all to our fellowship. If you would like a copy of our reading list or want to join our group for an occasional meeting, please contact the Church Office or Sandra Tye for more information.

Prayer Requests



Do you have a prayer request? Need prayer? The online Prayer Site is open 24/7 for your prayer requests. We have received several requests through this site, recently. The LPC Prayer group regards it a privilege to lift up prayer requests to our Creator. How do I find where to request a prayer? Go to: lakesidepcsf.org and click on **This is My Prayer** in the upper left-hand corner.

This n' That

Daylight Savings Time



It is once again time to change our clocks. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7. The good news is we get an extra hour of sleep. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. See you in church!

It is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Change of Address



New Home at UCLA
Ethan Juin-Sian Chang
330 De Neve C2-209
Los Angeles, CA 90024

New York
Jenny and Ling Chang
469A 18th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Livermore
Karen and Daniel Tomczak
1235 Lomas
Livermore, CA 94550

Our Daily Bread

Our Daily bread for December, January and February are now available. If you would like one mailed to you, please email your request to Penny Blumenthal at secretarylpc@lpcsf.org call the office at 415-564-8833 ext. 14 and let her know how many copies you would like. You can also go online at <https://odb.org/> for everyday readings.





Martin de Porres House of Hospitality

On September 22nd, in addition to our usual quart of soup, fruit, bread and eggs, we gave out close to 300 beautifully decorated cupcakes, handmade by our homebound volunteers to celebrate **Martin's 50th Anniversary!**

Each guest was told that these treats were made, with love, especially for them. The majority of them received their bags with their usual level of gratitude for a freshly made meal, unmoved by the landmark they represented. Several of them, however, were clearly astonished to know that a constantly changing parade of volunteers had been serving free food to anyone crossing our threshold for a full 50 years!

Needless to say, there have been a multitude of changes in the course of those year, not the least of which was the move from Bryant Street, in 1986, to our current Potrero location. Though we miss the many beloved volunteers who have moved on in one form or another we are deeply grateful for the continuous arrival of equally beloved new faces and new hands.

This past year and a half, it goes without saying, has been the most consistently challenging and wrought the most drastic changes. Somehow, we have survived it all and in the coming months we will begin to make small adjustments in our operations with the broad goal of safely providing more hospitality for your guest.

It has been your support, whether by making beautifully decorated cupcakes and pies, through financial donations or just by checking up on us, that has allowed our small crew to continue to feed our big Martin's family. The need for our services may grow in the near future as the frequency of evictions increases and the supportive government programs that were in place during the worst of the pandemic are cut back or eliminated. But we are ready.

We will be serving special holiday meals this year, as we did last year, in takeout-only containers. But we will be soliciting your assistance and contributions to truly bring that 50 years of love to each and every guest no matter what the future brings.

Thank you so much,

The pandemic crew



MINISTRY UPDATE FROM ELIANA LAND

THE GOSPEL FOR GEN Z

Empowering the next generation to share their faith on campus



My new work in Gen Z sexuality and more

One of my highlights from this year has been serving with nursing student ministry and evangelism. I met some amazing nurses and nursing students who are on the front lines of the pandemic and fighting to see God around them in their work, life, and relationships. It was a joy to “travel” virtually, joining nursing students around the country as they gathered in small groups for deep conversations—such as the students from Baltimore. Some of the students I met were exploring faith and Jesus for the first time as adults!

OUR STUDENT MINISTRY AND GEN Z SEXUALITY

Many of you know that during my time of focused ministry at San Francisco State University, I worked with many queer (LGBTQ) students. Helping all students across spectrums experience God in their sexuality and gender identity became a passion of mine. In the spring, I started working on a small, diverse team of queer and straight staff in California to grow our theological resources and ministry practices for Gen Z sexuality discipleship and queer student ministry. A big portion of my work now involves developing resources and training students and staff in this important area of our lives and culture. I would love your prayers in this!

Please pray for us as more of our students and ministry head back to campus. I look forward to applying the creativity we used in virtual spaces to our embodied, in-person experiences.

Thank you so much for supporting our ministry over the years, especially in these pandemic times. I

Talitha Talk: She turned TWO! And going to be a big sister. Abe and I are looking forward to becoming a family of four.

Lakeside Children's Center

The Children's Center has settled into the school year, and has not had any further COVID-19 exposure. Much of this success can be attributed to full vaccination and weekly surveillance testing of all Children's Center staff, consistent mask wearing for staff and children, regular cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting throughout the day, and families working in partnership with the school to keep children home when showing any signs of illness. Staff are beginning to get their booster shots as well. The Children's Center is patiently waiting for news for the youngest children to be eligible for the vaccine, which may come in the new calendar year.

In mid-October, the Children's Center hosted its first on-site pumpkin patch in lieu of the annual pumpkin patch field trip. The parent volunteers, along with Denice Hickey and Karen Andre, did a phenomenal job of creating an inviting and fun pumpkin patch for the children. Their hard work is very much appreciated.

Late in the month of October, the Forest Choir came to sing to the children, and the Children's Center hosted its annual Halloween parade. This is the first year since 2019 that the Halloween parade was back in the play yard. Thank you to the parent volunteers and Karen Andre for putting together this event for the children!

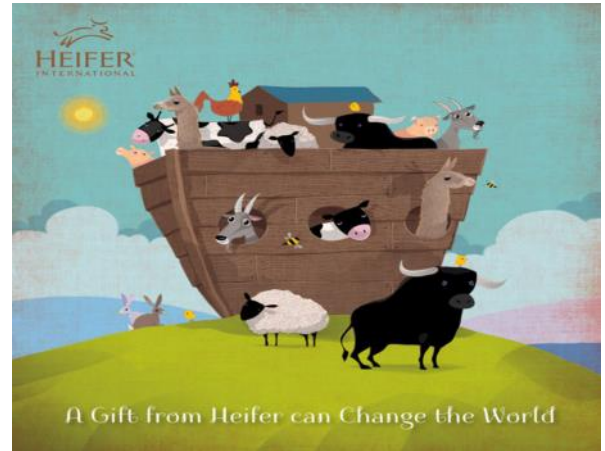
The Children's Center Committee reconvened in October for the first time since March 2020. Capital projects and improvements of the Children's Center will be the focus of this year's Committee. Thank you to Sandra Tye for her continued leadership, as well as the efforts from Ed Andre, Elaine Padian, Pastor Chris, the parent volunteers, Bryan McDonald, and Andrew Tubley.

In addition, the Children's Center is welcoming a new assistant director, Herlyn Cresino, on November 8th. She comes to us from the City of Pacifica Child Care Center with over eight years of early childhood experience. The children and staff are excited to welcome her to our Lakeside Children's Center Community.

November and December are usually busy months at the school, with the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. However, with the on-going pandemic, annual events will be conducted in a safe and healthy manner. The staff expects to host its annual conferences by phone or virtually on Zoom in November. The annual Thanksgiving feast will be held in each classroom as opposed to with the entire school. Santa may be visiting the children outdoors. And the Christmas program will be reimagined to an outdoor Christmas parade. The Children's Center continues to make adjustments to prioritize the health and safety of everyone in the Lakeside Community.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and the Heifer Project

Because of your generous donations in honor of your birthdays and anniversaries, we continue our tradition of donating on the **Fourth Sunday** of each month. We have raised **\$721.00 out of \$5,000.00** towards our sixth Ark comprised of two water buffalos, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. Thank you for your continued support.

**November Birthdays**

Khalil St. Clair	11/4
Russell Lindquist	11/9
Jane Sharp	11/10
Beverly Wong	11/15

December Birthdays

Eugene Thomas	12/1
Julie Tuiasosopo	12/6
Rebekah Gelini	12/10
Sam Fielding	12/11
Cindi Delodovici	12/12
Eleanor Yim	12/13
Anabel Fielding	12/16
Carol Parks	12/18
Samina Inayat	12/19
Shin-Hee Van Lieu	12/19
Emma Parks	12/28
Wan-Lee Cheng	12/28

November Anniversaries

Japheth and Claire Go	11/10
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December Birthdays

Wan-Li & Viki Cheng	12/1
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OR CURRENT RESIDENT



CHURCH HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed on Thursday,
November 11, Thursday, November 25,
Friday, November 26 and Friday, December 24

SUNDAY Events

Chancel Choir Practice: 9:00 am
Adult Bible Study: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am
GKI Worship Service: 4:00 pm

Lakeside Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Chris Geline, Pastor
Don Scott Carpenter, Director of Music, Worship & Arts
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.

Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30am-12:30pm
Tue. 8:30am-3:00pm