

THE LANTERN

January & February 2024 Issue

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Lakeside friends,

Each day, I am filled with gratitude for the privilege of serving as your interim pastor during this transitional time. Your community is truly special, and I consider myself blessed to be a part of it. Immersing myself fully in this role, I'm dedicated to supporting the Children's Center staff, contributing to the excellence of the city's premier preschool. Additionally, I've maintained close communication with Pastor Vincent, the new GKI minister, and had the honor of delivering a sermon during the celebration of their 32nd GKI anniversary in San Francisco.

Collaborating with Don Scott, we've worked diligently to curate meaningful Sunday services, including the recent uplifting Christmas celebrations. Our weekly bible studies have become lively gatherings filled with laughter, insight, and community building. While there is much more to share, these are just a few highlights.

As we step into 2024, we embark on a new journey filled with hope and fresh opportunities. As your interim pastor, my role is to guide you in celebrating your past and envisioning your future, ultimately leading to the selection of a new permanent pastor. The pandemic has reshaped the landscape for all churches, and Lakeside is no exception. We find ourselves in exciting new territory, and I foresee great things on the horizon for Lakeside. Your community has tremendous potential, and it brings me immense joy to be with you on this journey.

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To kick off the year, we have planned a Congregational Meeting followed by an All-Church Retreat on Saturday, January 20, from 9 am to noon in the Social Hall.

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During this brief Congregational Meeting, we will elect new elders, officers, the Nominating Committee, and the Mission Study team for the church. Following the meeting, we will transition into an All-Church Retreat. This retreat marks the beginning of a listening campaign, where we will collectively explore and appreciate Lakeside's past while envisioning its future.

If you feel so inclined, please bring some finger foods to share. For those unable to attend, rest assured that there will be more opportunities to share your stories and aspirations for Lakeside's future.

With heartfelt gratitude and blessings,

Pamela

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Interim Pastor

"I thank my God every time I remember you."
Philippians 1:3



We had two very successful Christmas Eve services!



Even Mrs. Claus made an appearance!



Pastor Pamela and the GKI congregation

The following is a list of Session Members along with the committees that they chair. If you have a question, suggestion, concern, or are interested in helping with any of these committees, please feel free to reach out to the Chair:

Class of 2023

Gail Hemenway -- Clerk of Session

Jesse Medlen -- Finance

Jane Sharp -- Christian Education

Beverly Wong -- Christian Education

Class of 2024

Karl Morthole -- Personnel

Judith J. Murio -- Congregational Care

Beth Phipps -- Communications,
Celebration

Class of 2025

Ed Andre -- Building and Grounds

Joel Bruxvoort -- Nominating

Margaret Colfer -- Children's Center

Margaret Elam -- Worship and Arts,
Mission

Cindy Young -- Congregational Care

POTPOURRI: THE COOKBOOK

The Cookbook Committee wishes to offer heartfelt thanks for the participation and assistance of the many people of Lakeside. You sorted through your personal files and contributed a host of recipes to our project. When the flour dust settled, we had more than 300 excellent, mouth-watering recipes. It was a struggle to reduce that number to 200 in order to publish them as [Potpourri: The Cookbook](#).

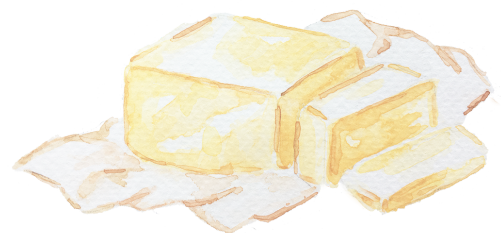
The original purpose of the [Potpourri](#) project was to help out with the costs of maintenance and repair of the church organ. It is satisfying to know that the organ is sounding better already and, given a couple of recent hiccups, it is clear that our efforts were not a minute too soon.

Fortunately, we were able to complete production in time for people to purchase them for holiday giving but there are plenty left for future birthdays, graduations, bridal showers, and weddings. Just check with the front office.

The last cookbook was published in 1978. We thought it would be appropriate to honor some of those earlier contributors by including some of their recipes. Most of those women are now gone, but happily some are still with us and we thank them for their continued service. Times have changed and it is pleasant to note that a number of men have contributed their favorite recipes in the new book. It was truly a community effort.

Again, many thanks for your interest and participation.

Gail D. Hemenway, Cindy Young, & Penny Blumenthal
The Cookbook Committee



WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC & ART

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January

7 Epiphany Sunday

The Magi arrive
Communion

14 Baptism of the Lord

Reaffirmation of our Baptismal
Covenant

21 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Handbell Ensemble

28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February

4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Communion

11 Transfiguration Sunday

Jubilation Ringers
Mardi Gras Luncheon

14 Ash Wednesday

Simple Soup Supper
Imposition of Ashes
Communion

18 First Sunday in Lent

25 Second Sunday in Lent

Handbell Ensemble

March

24 Palm Sunday

28 Maundy Thursday

29 Good Friday

31 Easter Sunday

HOLY WEEK

As we enter a new calendar year, it is the perfect time to stop and reflect on the past twelve months and give thanks to everyone who was a part.

We have an amazingly dedicated group of Worship & Arts folks who spend tireless hours in front of the congregation, but ever so many more behind the scenes. From decorating for Lent and Easter, to keeping the paraments ready, to preparing Communion, to decorating for Advent and Christmas, not to mention cleaning and perfecting our worship space, Lakeside is so fortunate to have these folks in our midst.

THANK YOU!

January finds the Magi arriving in Bethlehem to visit the Christ child, and then we quickly move to remember Christ's baptism, as well as our own. Because of how early Easter is this year, the Sundays after Epiphany are limited, as we gather for **Ash Wednesday on February 14** and begin the penitential season of Lent.

Don Scott Carpenter
Music Director

Come sing the Mozart Requiem with us!



Would you, or someone you know, like to sing the Mozart Requiem with us this March?

Visit

<https://www.lakesidepcsf.org/mozart-2024>

for more information.

Everyone is invited.

IT'S TIME TO PARTY

It is time to party New Orleans style!

The Lakeside Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast is finally returning after a 3-year hiatus on February 11, 2024.

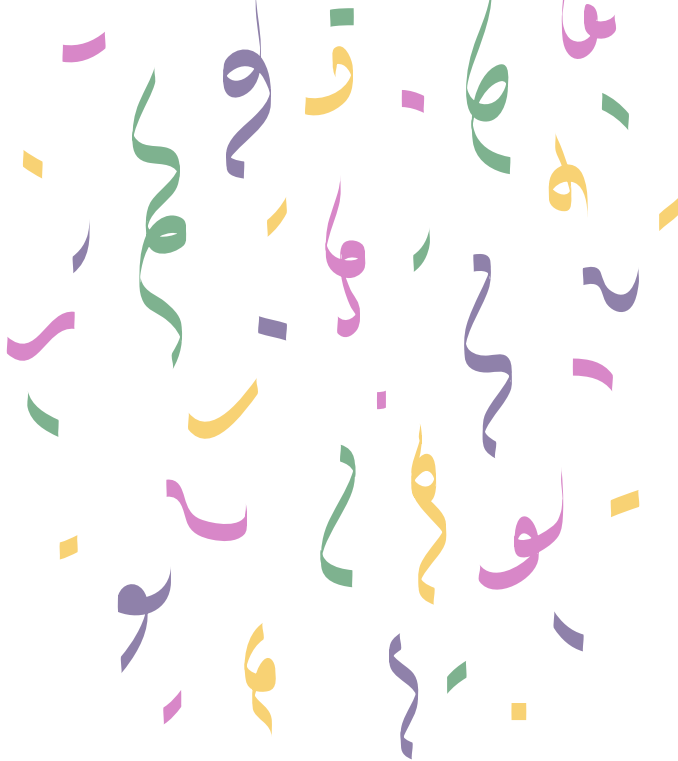
This annual event is sponsored by the Lakeside Music Program with a traditional Pancake Breakfast to kick off the Mardi Gras celebration leading up to Ash Wednesday. As in the past, there will be good food and great entertainment to be enjoyed by all.

Fliers for sign-ups will appear in the Order of Worship several weeks before the scheduled event so keep an eye out for them.

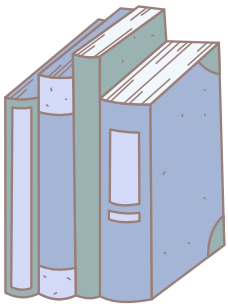
For questions and/or volunteer to help please contact Beth Phipps at arobicmadness@aol.com

Beth Phipps

Celebration Committee



PARTICIPATE IN BOOK CLUB



We were delighted to have our new interim pastor, The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson join us on Zoom last month for discussion on Have You Eaten Yet? Beverly Wong also joined us for the first time.

Our first meeting of the new year will be on January 2, the day after New Year's Day. Jane is leading the discussion on Ann Patchett's latest book, Tom Lake.

The books for February and March are the latest bestsellers. Gail will lead the discussion on Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus on **February 6**. Sandra will be the discussion leader for Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow: A Novel by Gabrielle Zevin.

Both books are available at the San Francisco Public Library and the San Mateo Public Library and on the library website Links+.

We welcome all to our fellowship. Come join us on Zoom for an occasional meeting for a book that you may want to read or have read. For the Zoom link, please contact Sandra Tye or contact Elise in the Church office.

Sandra Tye

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT

We are happy to report that the painting got finished before the rainy season really started. Thanks for all the comments; the painters really did a good job.

The electrical work that had been needing to get done downstairs for a long time has finally been completed. Long overdue work on various door locks has also been completed.

We are still dealing with some leaks due to the latest rain. It will take some time to find and repair them.

We are sure that the New Year will bring on new challenges for the Building and Grounds Committee.

Ed Andre

Building & Grounds Committee

CONGREGATIONAL CARE REPORT

Our committee was very busy last month with all the holiday events and worship services. Thank you so much to all our helpers who made coffee, brought refreshments, helped to set up and clean up, and welcomed our visitors.

We were sad to hear of Joel Allen's passing during the holidays. At this time, her memorial service is pending, and once the time and date are announced, we will need helpers for the reception. Please consider honoring Joel by helping in this way. Our love and condolences go out to her son, Kevin, and her granddaughter, Kayla.

As always, we need volunteers to bring refreshments on Sunday mornings, to help make coffee, and do set-up and clean-up. Please help with this, even if you hosted last Fall. Our congregation is not that big, so we don't have a large "pool" of volunteers. And if you've never been a host, I encourage you to sign up. Many Lakesiders who are single, or aren't sure what to do, sign-up with a friend or two and share the work. I would be happy to talk with you about this and answer any questions you may have.

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Soon a new class of Session members will come “on board,” and there will be new opportunities for everyone to get involved in one or more committees. Congregational Care always needs committee members, so if you’re interested, please let me know. It’s a very friendly group, so if you’re newer to Lakeside, it’s a fun way to get to know new friends.

Do you have an idea for an activity you think others would also enjoy? I’d love to hear about it as our 2024 schedule unfolds!

Happy New Year, everyone!

Cindy Young

Congregational Care Committee



The Weekly Bible Study group contented with their White Elephant surprises this Christmas!

Opportunities for Ministry at Lakeside:

Join the Communications Committee

Upgrades to the existing Sound System were recently completed and our tech people are in the process of relearning some of the system. My goal is to have enough people trained to enable everyone to have a couple of Sundays off a month.

If you have a passion for writing, coming up with creative quips, or posting on social media or ever think of yourself as a camera person or want to learn the fun and interesting profession of streaming and editing it is not to late. Briana has created a training video that will enable us to train people on an ongoing basis.

We hope that you will join this exciting team as we spread the word that God welcomes all and is alive and well on the corner of 19th and Eucalyptus in San Francisco.

To find out more about either of these opportunities, contact Beth Phipps at arobicmadness@aol.com or call 650-678-4123.

Beth Phipps

Communications Committee

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Prayer

Prayer is an essential part of Christian life. We are asking you to join the email prayer request ministry. The requests are kept confidential between the participants and the pastor. Contact me at melamsf@gmail.com if you want to be a part of this. How it works: when a prayer request is received, it is emailed to you. The expectation is that you will pray when you can. Thank you.

Margaret Elam

Worship and Arts Committee

CALLING ALL ACTORS & CREATIVE PEOPLE

Have you ever felt the acting bug or wanted to channel your creative side, like to build things, or have a knack for coming up with great ideas for new productions to be offered at Lakeside? Then here is your opportunity to try your hand at this in a fun and safe environment.

Lakeside is currently looking for men and women of all ages who are up for the challenge of tapping into their creativity. There are many opportunities to help with this creative ministry both on stage and behind the scenes. For more information, please contact Beth Phipps at arobicmadness@aol.com or call at 650-678-4123.

Beth Phipps

Communications Committee



MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

ADVENT MISSION PROJECT

**Thanks to all who participated in the
LPC Advent Mission Project!**

You provided: Comforters for a mother and 4 children; pots, pans, and bake ware; a toaster oven; domino game; many many gift cards, clothes and warm jackets for the kids, a basketball; stuffed animals and other items.

Our Creator knows your hearts and how you've helped those in need. Thank you.

Going into 2024 – I am looking for two people to join me on the Missions Committee.

Who knows what is in store for us as we reach out to our community! Call me at 415-225-2223 or email melamsf@gmail.com if you have any questions about what kind of a commitment is expected (I'm flexible).

Margaret Elam

Missions Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Did you know that when you make a contribution through the links on the church website, the website host charges Lakeside a fee?

If you decide to bypass the website and contribute directly through PayPal, PayPal also charges Lakeside a fee. Your contributions made with cash or checks go further since we don't have to pay these fees. Your contributions are critical to Lakeside; please help us minimize cost.

Financial Status - Despite this being written for the January-February Lantern, because of the timing, the November financial reports aren't yet approved; this information is only through the end of October 2023.

Member giving continues to be less than projected, by about \$13,000, through the end of October. This is important because we must withdraw money from our limited reserves if our income is insufficient to meet our obligations. Unfortunately, income from renting our facilities is down by about \$4,000. All told, our income was about \$16,000 less than we expected. Not good.

Committee expenses, year-to-date, are slightly higher than planned. Utility expenses have overrun by almost \$4,000 so far this year, the biggest culprit being trash pickup.

As a result of expenses being up and income being down, through the end of October, we're worse off than we expected - down -60.6k, while planning to be down (only) -\$56.4k, continuing the unfavorable trend.

Your continued generosity as well as a close watch on expenses will minimize our overrun.

Jesse Medlen

Finance Committee



	November		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	106,733	35,148	659,062	418,584	466,054
Total Expense	107,307	39,562	629,156	479,361	524,114
Net Ordinary Income	-574	-4,414	29,906	-60,777	-58,060

CHILDREN'S CENTER UPDATES



Santa paid a special visit to all the Lakeside children on Friday, December 8

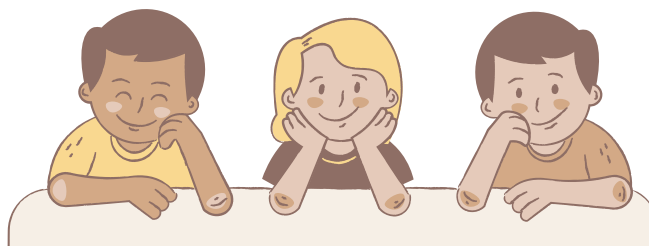
Happy 2024! The Children's Center has so much to look forward to in the new year. Pajama Day will be held on Friday, January 12. Thursday, January 25 is the 100th Day of School. The following week, Thursday, February 1, marks the first day of Black History Month. Wednesday, February 7 is the Caterpillar/Ladybug Family Movie Night. The children and staff will be ringing in the Year of the Dragon on Lunar New Year, Friday, February 9. Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 14.

The PVO hopes to install the new water filling stations in the new year as well. These water filling stations will help our children refill their water bottles throughout the day.

The winter enrichment programs are well underway. The Children's Center currently offers yoga, Spanish, gymnastics, SF Tots basketball, and Zumba. The school hopes to expand and add more enrichment activities in the new year.

The 2024-2025 school year registration is underway for the preschool and pre-K classes. Vivian Ta, the school's enrollment coordinator, wrapped up the 2024-2025 TK registration in December. Summer 2024 registration begins in February. School tours are held every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

Michelle Adelsheim
LPCC Director



CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES WITH US

At LPC, we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries by supporting the Heifer Project. We encourage you to donate to this project in celebration of your special day. In honor of your special event, we encourage you to donate to the fund by feeding the heifer which stands ready in the Narthex on the third Sunday of every month. Have you noticed that his spots are global?

For every \$5000 LPC raises, we donate 1 "Ark" to be used in a myriad of ways. An Ark includes two water buffalo, two cows, two sheep, and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits, and more.

January

Birthdays

- Jan 13 Ethan Chang
- Jan 13 Kathleen Wong
- Jan 18 Chuck Neighbor
- Jan 25 Elizabeth Woo
- Jan 26 Benjamin Bruxvoort



February

Birthdays

- Feb 1 Rudy Smith
- Feb 1 Bill Tuiasosopo
- Feb 7 Ellis Bruxvoort
- Feb 7 Brian Colfer
- Feb 8 Nancy Andre
- Feb 8 Claire Go
- Feb 10 Nicole Jolly
- Feb 19 David Rupright
- Feb 23 Viki Cheng

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The Session, Staff, and Members are grateful for your generosity. To make an offering to LPC, please place it in the offering place in the Narthex.

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Thank you!

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LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lakeside Presbyterian Church is a missional church rooted in loving God, loving our neighbors, and living our lives in a manner befitting the Lord. We celebrate our faith through worship, education, mission, and outreach. We are committed to bringing all the warmth, beauty, and God's presence at 19th and Eucalyptus directly to you! We invite you to interact with us in new ways, and we hope you find a measure of comfort and God's grace in our time together. Everyone is welcome here.



An inclusive house of prayer for all people celebrating God's amazing love