

# THE LANTERN

November & December 2023 Issue

## HELLO! FROM PASTOR PAMELA

Dear friends,

I cannot begin to tell you all how honored I am to be your new interim pastor. Lakeside is a great church. One of the things that impressed me the most was how much you all care for one another. As I mentioned to the Personnel Committee when they interviewed me, I have had my eye on Lakeside Presbyterian Church since 1986. I was in seminary and I had always wondered what it would have been to work at Lakeside. So in June of this year when a colleague of mine had asked if he could submit my name for the interim position, I could not pass up the opportunity. Every day I come to the church I am pinching myself. I am so happy to be here. Everything I had imagined Lakeside to be has exceeded my expectations. Again, this a great church and I really want you all to hear that.

Also, another little fun fact about me is that this past summer I got my security guard card and I've been hired to work fairs and festivals in the city. I love being out in the community and meeting new people and inviting them to Lakeside Presbyterian Church. And another fun fact about me is that I used to be the "Read Aloud Lady" at Borders Bookstore where I led story hour on a weekly basis for eight years. It's so much fun to meet the kids at the Children's Center and sing songs with them. The staff and parents are amazing and they all love knowing that Pastor Pamela is a security guard, too.



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In this season of Thanksgiving, I have gratitude for you all. Thank you for warmly welcoming me into your community. And as we anticipate the upcoming season of Advent and Christmas. We celebrate the JOY of the birth of the Christ child. Let's rejoice together, Lakeside. It's truly a magical time of the year, and I feel blessed to be in this season of life with you all.

With blessings and heartfelt gratitude,  
Pamela

*"I thank my God every time I think of you."  
Philippians 1:3*

**The Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson**  
Interim Pastor

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*Pastor Pamela warmly welcomes anyone considering joining our church to join her upcoming **New Members Class, which takes place on Thursday, November 12, 2023 from 4:00pm-5:00pm over Zoom! Details to come***

## Join Us for the Transgender Day of Love and Hope Friday, November 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm

November is a tender time for the transgender community since this is the month when we remember all those who have been (and there is no easy way to say this) murdered purely for being their authentic selves. It is heartbreaking and we here, at Lakeside, want to show a time of love and hope for our transgender siblings. We will be holding a time of space in the chapel on Friday, November 17 at 7pm. Come join us and invite your friends and let's be in community together.







FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN  
ISAIAH 9:6

**November and December are very busy months in the life of our worshipping congregation. From remembering those Saints who have left this earthly life to the celebration of the birth of our Savior, there are many opportunities to worship together, and you are invited.**

**November 5, 11 a.m.**

Beginning on the first Sunday of the month, the church gathers to remember those Saints who have died since we gathered last year. Lakeside shares a beautiful communion service where we stop and toll a bell in honor of those lives. This year, we're adding a tradition that comes from our hispanic siblings in the honoring of all of our deceased relatives. You are invited to bring a framed image of anyone in your life to church on November 5 and place them on our Table of Remembrance that will be setup in the Narthex with candles and flowers, so that we might all remember and give thanks.

**November 12, 11 a.m.**

Our community gathers for worship to hear and reflect on the gospel narrative of Matthew 25:1-13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." The Chancel Choir will present Fridrich Zipp's setting of "Wake, awake for night is flying."

**November 19, 11 a.m.**

Our own Jubilation Ringers with organ, will present "This is Our Creator's World" by renowned handbell composer Linda McKechnie, and our Chancel Choir will sing "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" as we prepare to give thanks during our annual Thanksgiving luncheon immediately following worship.

**November 26, 11 a.m.**

On the last day of the church year, we celebrate "Christ the King," that day of the church where we honor Christ and remember all that Jesus has done for us. The Chancel Choir will sing Henry Purcell's hauntingly beautiful "O God, Thou Art My God" which concludes with the hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation."

**December 3, 11 a.m.**

On the first Sunday in December, we begin Advent, the season of expectation. This year the Chancel Choir will present a Lessons and Carols for Advent as we read scriptures, sing anthems, and sing hymns which prepare us for the birth of our redemption.

**December 10, 11 a.m.**

On the second Sunday in December, Advent II, our Jubilation Ringers with flute present "Comfort, Comfort You My People," a dance like setting of this engaging Advent hymn. The Chancel Choir will sing a beautiful Renaissance motet, "Jerusalem Surge" by Heinrich Isaac.

**December 17, 11 a.m.**

The third Sunday in Advent is where we light the pink candle indicating that the birth of our Savior is getting closer. The Chancel Choir will present Mark Sirrett's "Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes" based on a poem by an unknown author.

**December 24 morning, 11 a.m.**

This year, Advent IV occurs on the morning of December 24 and so we will present a Lessons and Carols for Christmas featuring the beloved story of our sin, through the prophets foretelling of the birth of the Messiah, to the the announcement of the birth of Jesus, with readings, anthems, and carols celebrating the season.

**December 24 evening, 9 p.m.**

And finally, our candlelight Christmas Eve service, which opens with the introit, "Hodie, Christus Natus Est" (Today, Christ is Born.) We process into the church singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" with congregation, choir, brass, timpani, and organ, and our service continues through scriptures, psalm, sermon, and concludes with communion and the lighting of our Christmas Candles.

O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

# LAKE SIDE

## PRESENTS...



### Don Scott Carpenter, Organ November 12, 2023, 4 pm

In celebration of the Sanctuary organ's first 20 years of service to the Lakeside community, Don Scott will present a program celebrating the diverse usage of our organ, including major organ repertoire and great hymns of the church.

Sonata No. 7 - Rheinberger  
Theme and Variations on "Nicaea" - Post  
Prelude on "Resignation" - Wadsworth  
Lobe den Herren - Walcha  
O Mensch beweine deine Sünde groß - Bach

### A Lakeside Christmas Annual Concert, Tea, and Cookie Faire Live Nativity

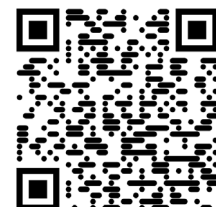
December 17, 2023, 4 pm

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH  
*CANTATA 61 - NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND*

Motets by Byrd, Palestrina, Poulenc, and more.

Favorite Carols of the Season  
Lakeside Camerata  
Lakeside Chamber Choir  
Lakeside Chancel Choir

Don Scott Carpenter, Conductor/Organist



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# LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

The Celebration committee is planning two special events for the remainder of 2023.

Lakeside has many things to be thankful for in 2023. Please join us for our **annual Thanksgiving potluck on November 19 after church**. Turkey, potatoes, gravy, and rolls will once again be provided. We are asking the congregation to provide vegetables and dessert.

I am asking for volunteers to set up for this event on Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 pm. I will also need people in the kitchen on the morning of November 19 to accept the donations of food and make sure that everything is ready when church is over.

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

**On December 17 there will be a reception in the social hall following the Christmas concert.** Set up for this event will be Saturday December 16 at 1:00 pm. There will be coffee, tea, and tea sandwiches. We will also have homemade goodies packaged to sell.

For questions and/or to volunteer, please contact Beth Phipps at [arobicmadness@aol.com](mailto:arobicmadness@aol.com)

**Beth Phipps**  
Celebration Committee



*Photos from a very successful World Communion Potluck that took place on October 8, 2023! Thank you Lakeside Community!*



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We hope to celebrate with you during the upcoming Holiday season!



## The Cookbook is Coming!

This is a fantastic way for you to support the maintenance and repair of our beautiful organ. You can place your order for *Potpourri* on our website right now!

### RAMBLIN' RECIPES

The timing is terrible! At this writing, we don't know for certain when the cookbooks will be delivered. You may be holding one in your hand right now. Or you may be quivering in anticipation. Those who have read the table of contents call it absolutely mouth-watering.

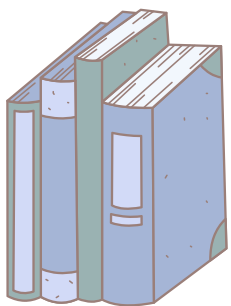
Just to give you a clue, we received 200 recipes including fifteen for Breads, Rolls and Pastries, and fifteen for Vegetables. Nine for Beverages and Miscellaneous. There were twenty-two for Appetizers, thirty-three for Soups and Salads, forty-nine for Meats and Main Dishes, and [drum roll, please] fifty-seven for Cakes, Cookies and Desserts. The people of Lakeside do love their sweets.

Anyway, God willing and the creek don't rise, all those recipes are thundering toward us just in time for holiday giving. Can you hear those hoofbeats? We'll keep you posted.

Gail Hemenway



# PARTICIPATE IN BOOK CLUB



*Books are keys to wisdom's treasure-  
Books are gates to lands of pleasure-  
Books are paths that upward lead-  
Books are friends,  
Come, let us read.  
--Emilie Poulsson*

We tried something new at our October meeting. I was in Thailand and was able to get on Zoom and have those in San Francisco join me, including those who called in by phone. Ah, the miracles of the modern technological age. Connie led a wonderful discussion on **Hedge, A Novel** by **Jane Delury**. Connie was acquainted with the author when the latter was a teenager.

The book for the **November 7 meeting** is **The Room on Rue Amelie** by **Kristin Harmel**. Liz, who moved to New York to take a position with Fordham University will be the reviewer.

**Have you Eaten yet: Stories from Chinese Restaurants Around the World** by **Cheuk Kwan** is the book for the **December 5 meeting**.

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. You don't have to read the book to join us on Zoom. For the Zoom link, please contact Sandra Tye.

[Sandra Tye](#)

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE REPORT

What wonderful news it was to hear that Pastor Pamela would be joining us in October! And it was a wonderful month of getting to know her and finding new paths for our church, our congregation, and our personal faith journeys.

After six months or so of meeting weekly in a variety of activities to keep our fellowship thriving, the Thursday Morning Bible Study has returned to our focus on Bible Study with Pastor Pamela leading us. As you know if you've been in church on Sunday mornings, she is an excellent and inspiring speaker! If you're available on Thursday mornings, come join us in the Fireside Room from 10 am until about 11:30 for refreshments and a great Bible Study.

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The Thursday Morning Bible Study group also took two “field trips” in October. On October 5, after Pastor Pamela’s wonderful lesson about the Jewish High Holy Days, several of us went to Am Tikvah Synagogue on Brotherhood Way, where we met Rabbi Cheyva and several members of her staff, shared refreshments in their Sukka, and learned so much about their faith as we toured their facility. It was a very special day of building bridges in our neighborhood, made all the more timely and poignant when war broke out in Israel only 2 days later. We had just viewed Am Tikvah’s many torahs, and learned how their congregation would be dancing joyously with them that Saturday, as they ended the high holy days. Yet that was not to be this year, for many Jewish people around the world.



On October 19, instead of meeting in the Fireside Room, the Thursday Morning Bible Study met in Daly City at Jane Sharp’s lovely home, all decorated for Halloween with her huge collection of “good” witches, to learn about what happened to Saul when he consulted with the witch of Endor. Suffice to say, we learned to be patient and allow things to happen in God’s time, rather than our own! Thank you again to Jane for being such a gracious hostess.



Thanks, too, to all of you who have furnished refreshments for coffee hour, helped with communion and making coffee, cleaning-up, and doing all the myriad of tasks that make our church hospitable to members and welcoming to visitors. I am taking volunteers for December and January coffee hours, and may be asking for help with special receptions as needed during the holidays. Please see me if you can help. Thank you!

I also want to thank the congregation for their hospitality, especially in the past month. We have had several visitors join us, and you have been so kind and friendly to our guests, visiting at coffee hour, welcoming them at the passing of the peace, and encouraging them to join in activities with us. It will take all of us reaching out to help our church grow and thrive. We’re off to a great start!

I am also requesting donations of bottled juice, to be used at coffee hour. If you can’t bake or host, perhaps you can bring a bottle of juice and leave it in the upstairs refrigerator, marked “Coffee Hour”. We have several members and guests who don’t drink coffee, and we also want to be welcoming to children. Thanks so much. Wishing all of you a very happy Holiday Season and a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

**Cindy Young**  
**Congregational Care Committee**



# WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Work on repairing the organ continues and we hope it will be completed prior to Don Scott's recital on November 12. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for placing access ports on the chancel floor so cords may be hidden.

Pray for each other. *"Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* Gal. 6:2

[Margaret Elam](#)

Worship and Arts Committee

## Opportunities for Ministry at Lakeside:

### Prayer

Prayer is an essential part of the 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](mailto: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

### Communications Committee

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 too late.

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.

Upgrades to the existing Sound System were recently completed and our tech people are in the process of relearning the system. Briana Phipps has completed trainings with a few more people, but my goal is to have enough people trained to enable everyone to have a couple of Sundays off a month.

To find out more about these opportunities, contact Beth Phipps at [arobicmadness@aol.com](mailto:arobicmadness@aol.com) or call 650-678-4123.

[Beth Phipps](#)

Communications Committee

# MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

## Missions Outward

### ADVENT MISSION PROJECT

This fall we will again partner with Compass Family Services (a non-profit organization) to provide gifts and necessities for a family in San Francisco. Compass Family Services has been operating in SF for over 100 years, helping families secure long-term housing. The organization provides the most comprehensive range of support services designed specifically for those in distress.



Details to follow; please read the Grapevine for information and how to participate! You have been so generous in past years!

### Our Daily Bread

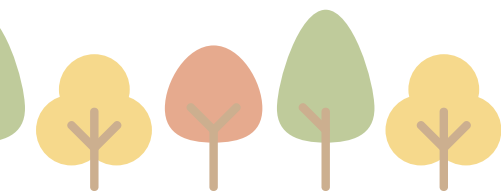
Our Daily Bread for December 2023 through February 2024 will be distributed in late November. Stay tuned!

## Missions Inward

Please continue to greet Rev. Pamela and consider asking her to lunch or dinner or to go for a walk! We appreciate her accepting the Interim position and want to make her feel welcome. LPC is a church that can do that!

[Margaret Elam](#)  
Missions Committee

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



**Total Income**

**Total Expense**

**Net Ordinary Income**

	September		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	102,425	41,723	517,792	347,254	466,054
Total Expense	98,319	48,700	489,377	398,814	524,114
Net Ordinary Income	4,106	-6,977	28,415	-51,569	-58,060

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**Important** – As this is written, we’ve entered **Lakeside’s Stewardship month**. During this month, you will be asked to pledge for 2024 your financial support of our Lakeside Church. Your pledges are important; they let plan our expenditures for the upcoming year.

**Financial Status** - Despite this being written for the November-December Lantern, the Session hasn’t had a chance to approve the September financial reports, so this information is only through the end of August 2023.

Member giving continues to be less than projected, by about \$7,000. 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 \$11,000 less than we expected. Not good.

Pastor Chris’s departure in April has reduced pastoral expenses by -\$18,000. Committee expenses, year-to-date, are slightly higher than planned. Utility expenses have overrun by \$2,900 so far this year, the biggest culprit being trash pickup.

As a result of expenses being more than we planned and income being less, through the end of August, we’re worse off than we expected - down \$50,184, while planning to be down (only) \$44,583. This is not good.

We still expect to overrun this year and your continued generosity as well as a close watch on expenses will minimize that overrun.

**Jesse Medlen**  
**Finance Committee**



**Keep an eye out for letters  
 from LPC for Stewardship  
 Month!**

### FY2024 Budget Preparation Plan

When	Task/Milestone
9/12/2023	<del>Committee approves budget plan</del>
9/17/23	<del>Announce schedule to Session</del>
10/15/23	<del>Issue first Pastoral Letter</del>
10/22/23	<del>Ensure blank pledge cards are on Hand</del>
10/31/23	<del>Issue second Pastoral Letter</del>
<b>10/15-11/12/23</b>	<b>Stewardship Month</b>
<b>11/12/23</b>	<b>Submit pledges (Pledge Sunday)</b>
11/13-12/1/23	Follow-up on missing pledges
11/13-12/1/23	Consolidate pledges
10/13/23	Distribute reports, input forms to committees
11/12/23	Submit LPCC, committee budgets
11/19/23	Decide upon 2024 Grisier expense plan
11/13-12/10/23	Produce draft budget (consolidate inputs)
12/12/23	Approve draft budget
12/13/23	Distribute draft budget to Elders
12/14-12/17/23	Review draft budget
<b>12/17/23</b>	<b>Approve budget</b>
<b>12/18-12/31/23</b>	<b>Load budget</b>

# BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT



*A lot has progressed since the last Lantern issue. The painting has moved forward smoothly and will probably be finished by the end of October. Hurray!*

The odor of gas was detected in early October. The Children's Center wisely called P.G.&E and found that the stove in the downstairs kitchen was leaking gas. They also found that the supply line to one of the furnaces that heats the sanctuary had a small leak. As a result, the stove gas supply was shut off.

Because the leak in at the furnace was so small, it was left on because there was adequate venting taking place. The stove has been repaired and is working fine. After inspection by the furnace technician, it was determined that the line including the supply valve needs to be replaced.

After doing that, the technician found that a motor in the furnace itself was not functioning. He said that he could replace the motor but due to the age of the furnace (30 plus years) and the cost of the motor, more thought should be given to replacing it. The Session approved a cost cap of \$5,000. The cost of the new furnace is just below the cap at \$4,635.

All the lights in the chancel have been replaced. So now the choir and other groups have good lighting for the music.

The electrical work that needs to be done in the Children's Center area has been scheduled for the period between December 18th and the end of the year. This period when the Center is on Christmas break allows the work to be less disruptive to all.

Thats all for now,

**Ed Andre**

**Building & Grounds Committee**



# CHILDREN'S CENTER UPDATES

The Children's Center has settled into the school year. October marked the first month of parent volunteering. Parents have been in the classrooms, supporting the teachers and staff with activities and projects. On October 20, the school went on its annual field trip to Lemos Farm Pumpkin Patch. 96 students and their family members boarded yellow school buses to Half Moon Bay. Thank you to the PVO board and the volunteers for putting together a wonderful event!

Also in October, the Firefly and Butterfly classes hosted its class family potluck. Families gather to share a special recipe and dish with the class during the children's lunch time. At the end of the month, the school hosted its annual Halloween parade in the yard. The children made costumes in the classrooms, paraded around the yard and sang a couple Halloween songs for their family, friends and loved ones. The children were dressed up as baby sharks (Caterpillars), the Three Little Pigs (Ladybugs), Mario and Luigi (Butterflies) and dominoes (Fireflies). Thank you to the PVO board for generously donating the materials and supplies for the children's Halloween costumes.



*Pastor Pamela joined LPCC and LPCC staff to join in on the Halloween spirit!  
Pictured: Pastor Pamela, Michelle, and Heryln*



*Pictured: Pastor Pamela and Michelle*





*Pictured: Pastor Pam and Denice*

November and December are busy months at the school. In November, the classes will host their annual conferences. The Firefly class will also host its annual Open House to discuss the registration and enrollment process for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Ladybug and Caterpillar classes will host their family potluck on Friday, November 3. On Friday, November 17, the classes will come together to put on the annual Thanksgiving Feast. Santa will be coming to town in early December and the annual Christmas program will be held Friday, December 15, with the Caterpillars and Ladybugs performing at 9:00 am and the Butterflies and Fireflies performing at 10:00 am in the Social Hall.

**We are looking forward to wrapping up 2023 on a high note and are excited for the second half of the school year in 2024!**

**Michelle Adelsheim**  
LPCC Director



***The Childrens' Center had a wonderful trip to the pumpkin patch!***

# 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.

## November

### *Birthdays*

Nov 4 Khalil St. Clair  
Nov 10 Jane Sharp  
Nov 15 Beverly Wong

## December

### *Birthdays*

Dec 1 Eugene Thomas  
Dec 2 Jinlu Lei  
Dec 6 Julie Tuiasosopo  
Dec 11 Sam Fielding  
Dec 13 Cindi Delodovici  
Dec 13 Eleanor Yim  
Dec 18 Carol Parks  
Dec 19 Samina Inayat  
Dec 23 Sharon Eaton  
Dec 28 Wan-Lee Cheng

### *Anniversaries*

Dec 1 Wan-Lee & 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 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*