

THE LANTERN

September & October 2023 Issue

WHERE DO WE STAND IN THE PASTOR SEARCH?

It has been just over four months since Pastor Chris Gelini left Lakeside to pursue a new calling.

During that time, we have been on a journey to find new pastoral leadership. So far the Session has, through its Personnel Committee (consisting of Gail Hemenway, Margaret Elam, Karl Morthole, Chair, and Beth Phipps), arranged for staff supervision, for “Pulpit Supply” pastors and members of the congregation to preach on Sundays (thanks to Margaret, especially, for tremendous effort), for ordained ministers to moderate meetings of the Session once per month or more often, and for identifying and interviewing a number of qualified persons to serve as an Interim Pastor.

With help from the Presbytery of San Francisco’s Committee on Ministry (“COM”) and its liaison, Rev. Deb McGuire as well as Rev. Inho Kim, we have been introduced to several good candidates.

One candidate for Interim Pastor has made a very strong, favorable impression on all members of the Personnel Committee. This candidate is very interested in Lakeside and would be available to begin sometime in the next several weeks. The process is now underway to finalize agreement on terms of call – salary, benefits, housing and the like – with the hope of the candidate, after approval by the Presbytery and the Session, joining Lakeside in mid- to late-September.

Ordinarily Interim Pastors serve from one to two years, or possibly more. Our last two Interims, Rev. Robin Crawford and Rev. Kent Winters-Hazelton, each served for somewhat more than two years.

In fact, Rev. Chris Gelini also served as Interim Pastor at the outset for two years before it was agreed by Lakeside, Presbytery and Pastor Chris, for him to become Designated Pastor for almost eight years.

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During the time of the Interim Pastorate, with the Presbytery's approval, the congregation will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee ("PNC") of approximately a half-dozen members of the church. The PNC will be responsible, working closely with the Presbytery liaison from COM, for identifying, proposing for vote of the congregation, and calling a candidate to an installed pastorship.

Concurrently with search activities, the church will engage in a process of discernment – of where it is, where it is going, what is its community; and what is its ministry and mission. This is often referred to as a "Mission Study". It is usually prepared by another committee of Session or by the PNC. The precise nature of, and need for, the discernment process will be determined by consultation between the Interim Pastor, the Presbytery, and the church.

Please pray for the work of the Session, its Personnel Committee, the Presbytery, and the candidate to complete the work of finding an Interim Pastor.

Karl Morthole
Chair of Personnel

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

The Celebration committee is planning three special events for the fall quarter:

The first is our annual welcome back to the beginning of a wonderful new year to be held on **September 10** after the church service. This will be Italian themed, and I am requesting attendees to contribute by bringing a dessert of your choice.

Next will be a **World's Faire celebration**. This will happen on **October 15** (I know it is not World Communion Sunday, but we should always celebrate each other). For this celebration I am requesting participants to bring a dish that celebrates their heritage that will feed 10-12 or more. This should be exciting as we celebrate our brothers and sisters from around the world.

Lastly will be our annual **Thanksgiving potluck on November 19**. Watch for more information on this event in the next issue of the lantern.

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

For questions and/or suggestions for another event please contact Beth Phipps at arobicmadness@aol.com

Beth Phipps
Celebration Committee



PARTICIPATE IN BOOK CLUB

We have a new book list. You will find it posted on the bulletin board outside of the front office.

The **September 5** book is **The Last Thing He Told Me**, a novel by Laura Dave. This is both a thriller and a mystery. It has been made into a mini-series starring Jennifer Garner that is now available on Apple TV. The novel is also on the San Francisco Chronicle's bestseller list, and we look forward to reading it. Marvelle will lead the discussion.

Hedge: A Novel by Jane Delury. There are only 4 copies at the San Francisco Public Library so please reserve early. It is available on the library site "Link+" that allows member libraries to share books. Please allow extra time for the book to arrive. **Hedge** is also available as an eBook on Hoopla.

Books on the list are suggested by our members, and we try to list books that are available at the public libraries.

We continue to meet on Zoom. Although we miss meeting in person, Zoom makes it possible for two of our members who recently moved to continue to meet with us.

If any of these books interest our Church community, we invite you to join us. Please contact Sandra Tye or the Church Administrator for the Zoom link.

Sandra Tye



CONGREGATIONAL CARE REPORT

After an active summer, the Congregational Care Committee is looking forward to the start of our program year in the fall and seeing our church friends after vacations and on-line worship.

Sign up for Coffee Hour!

We are seeking coffee-hour volunteers for September through December. Many of you brought refreshments in the Spring and Summer, which were very much appreciated by all. Because we are a small congregation right now, I ask you to consider doing it again. If you haven't had an opportunity to bring refreshments, we would love for your to volunteer! We have committee members and helpers to assist with making coffee and bringing the cream, others can help with clean-up at 1 pm, and, if serving is a challenge for you, we even have friends to assist as needed. But none of this can happen if we don't have the food!

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Please consider signing up as a family, or ask a friend to partner with you. Please see me, Cindy Young, on Sunday mornings to sign-up, or contact Elise in the church office, for questions or to volunteer.

Join Our Committee!

You are also invited to join our committee! You don't have to be a church member, nor an elder, nor even an adult, to be a helper. In addition to helping with coffee hour, we help with receptions for funerals/memorials, send cards, and call those who need some cheer or who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary, assist families suffering from bereavement, connect Lakesiders to people and organizations who can help them as needed, purchase and prepare communion (and clean up afterward), assist other committees with their jobs and events (such as helping with the Homecoming Sunday Luncheon, Bundt Cake Extravaganza, Pride Day, and other celebrations), and, in general, help to show love and hospitality toward our church family, our visitors, and our community. Much of what we do is "behind the scenes", but you'll work with a dedicated group of people, and your work will be important to those whose lives you touch. If that sounds like something you would like to do, please let me know. We'd love to have you!

Thursday Morning Bible Study Fellowship has continued to meet all summer, and we are eagerly waiting to meet a new pastor and learn what direction we will take in the fall. For now, the attendees have spent the summer presenting programs on various topics for each other, getting to better know each other, sharing continental breakfast, and discussing topics (religious and otherwise) of interest to the group. We've worked jigsaw puzzles, played Trivial Pursuit, shared devotionals, studied the topic of Forgiveness, and traveled vicariously to a variety of places. Our group has longtime members, newer members, non-members, and even occasional visitors. Come join us on Thursdays from 10:00 am-11:30 am!

Cindy Young
Congregational Care Committee



WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE REPORT

It was wonderful having the Summer Choir during August, and we look forward to "regular" Choir beginning on September 10. Back to Church Sunday is celebrated on September 10; the Rev. Dr. Pam Anderson will be preaching, and the Celebration Committee will be hosting a lunch after worship. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

Organ repairs began in August and will continue during the Fall.

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Looking ahead:

Mark your calendar for **November 12 @ 4:00 pm** when Don Scott Carpenter will present an organ concert.

Margaret Elam

Worship and Arts Committee



Jubilate Children's Choir Resumes!

Jubilate Children's Choir resumes for the 2023-2024 school year on **Thursday, September 7, 2023 from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm in the Fireside Room**. All children between 5 and 8 years old are invited to join us for singing, music activities, worship, and fellowship fun. No experience or prior ability needed, and the choir is free. Spread the word to your family and friends, because Jubilate is open to the public! Lakeside Sunday School friends and Lakeside Children's Center kindergarteners and graduates are especially encouraged to join.

For further information, please call the church office, or speak with Cindy Young or Don Scott Carpenter. Hope to see you there!

Cindy Young

Did You Know We Have a 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 or call 650-678-4123.

Beth Phipps

Communications Committee

The 2023-24 Lakeside Concert Series



ELGAR AND MOZART

Requiem - Mozart
Serenade for Strings - Elgar
March 3, 2024, 4:00 pm

Lakeside Camerata
Lakeside Chancel Choir
Members Of The Choral
Community Cheryl Cain, Soprano
Kyle Tingzon, Countertenor
Samuel Faustine, Tenor
Andrew Pardini, Bass
Don Scott Carpenter, Conductor



DON SCOTT CARPENTER, ORGAN

November 12, 2023, 4:00 pm

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



A LAKESIDE CHRISTMAS

December 17, 2023, 4:00 pm

Lakeside's annual Christmas concert, carol sing-along, and cookie party featuring the Chancel Choir, Chancel Quartet, and solos. Cantata 61 - Bach Motets by Byrd, Palestrina, Vaughan Williams, and more



HANDBELL FESTIVAL

May 18, 2024, 5:00 pm

Lakeside's annual Handbell Festival returns with Jubilation Ringers and choirs from around the Bay Area.

LakesidePCSF.org/music

WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA

JOIN US! The Lakeside Worship & Arts ministry is part of the Royal School of Church Music program. Whether you are an adult or a child, or like to sing or ring, we have a place for you. And if you would like to act, we can do that too!

Chancel Choir	Jubilation Ringers	Jubilate Choir	Drama Troupe
Thursdays 6:15-7:15 pm	Thursdays 7:15-8:45 pm	Thursdays 4-5 pm	TBD

The Lakeside Chancel Choir serves at the 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service from September to June, as well as presenting seasonal concerts and special events. Their repertoire includes the great traditional choral music, which spans 600 years.

The Lakeside Handbell Choir participates in worship and at special services throughout the year. They rehearse on Thursdays from 7:15 – 8:45 pm. This is a fun way to be involved in our ministry even if you have little or no training.

The Jubilate Choir shapes young singers' character through music & liturgy, music education, Bible study, and activities. In addition to learning about posture, breathing, tone and range, diction, they also discuss style and interpretation, blending with the choir, music theory, sight-reading, and aural skills.

The Drama Ministry participates in worship and at special services throughout the year. They rehearse as needed and is a fun way to be involved in our ministry even if you have little or no training.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN!

World Flags Hanging in the Nave

Every year on the first Sunday of October, we join with Christians throughout the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Years ago, Lakeside decided to show how wide-reaching the church is, and made it a tradition of honoring our congregation's vast family heritage by displaying the national flag of each represented country—not just for World Communion Sunday—but for the entire month. Many worshippers and visitors during the week may be found glancing around the room, testing themselves in identifying each country.

From the front at the Chancel steps, look all the way around from left to right: United States of America, Assyria, Austria, Belize, Brazil, Canada, People's Republic of China, Denmark, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Philippines, Scotland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Western Samoa, Zimbabwe.

If your family heritage is not represented, please contact Judith Murio at judith.murio@gmail.com, and we will work towards acquiring an additional flag.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Opportunities for Ministry in our Community:

Make it Home

“For those transitioning out of homelessness or aging out of the foster care system, even the simplest of furniture and household goods are unaffordable. Make it Home was created to solve this problem. By providing new and gently used furnishings to those formerly in crisis, Make It Home not only creates a true home for its clients, but also greatly increases their confidence and sense of security.

This agency seeks donations of furniture and other goods in order to partially furnish living spaces. For additional information, or how to donate, go to www.makeithomebayarea.org.

The Director of Strategy for Front Porch’s Home Match program also sent this:



Front Porch Home Match

Front Porch Home Match is a free service that supports mostly older adults with a room to rent in their home or apartment (or an ADU on their property) through the process of connecting and living with a community member seeking affordable housing. Home providers receive the economic benefits of increased rent and the social benefits of companionship and in some cases task exchange while home seekers receive increased access to affordable housing.

The agency is working to expand its pool of home providers. if you want more information, contact Luke R. Barnesmoore at LBarnesmoore@FrontPorch.net or by cell at 415-747-1925.

Looking ahead:

We plan to collect gifts for a family as our Advent Project. More information coming soon.

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 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](#)

Missions Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Despite this being written for the September-October Lantern, the Session won't have had a chance to approve the July financial reports until late August, so this information is only through the end of June 2023. At a congregational meeting early this year, a congregant requested a report of Lakeside's financial status half-way through the year. This report, through June, provides that status.

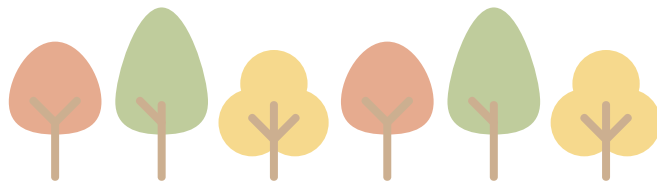
Member giving this year (through June), is about \$7,000 worse than expected. June's \$9,000 giving- shortfall wiped out the good performance from earlier in the year. Unfortunately, income from renting our facilities is down by about \$2,500. All told, our income was about \$12,000 less than we expected. Not good.

As mentioned in the last Lantern, Pastor Chris's departed in April rather than in November, as we had planned. This has resulted in a savings in pastoral expenses which will continue until an interim pastor is in place. A part of that savings is consumed in keeping the pulpit filled. Committee expenses are approximately tracking with the plan, though some expenditures are occurring later than earlier projected. Utility expenses have overrun by \$2,575 so far this year, the biggest culprit being trash pickup.

Reflecting the increased expenses and the lesser income, halfway through the year, we're down over \$43,242 against our plan of being down (only) \$32,421. This is not good. The pastoral expense savings will continue until an interim pastor is in place.

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



	July		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Total Income	33,710	32,987	378,360	272,488	466,054
Total Expense	42,358	37,922	356,048	309,844	524,114
Net Ordinary Income	-8,648	-4,935	22,312	-37,356	-58,060

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT

The painting of the building is now in progress. The area facing the yard has been power-washed and the prep work has been completed. When the painting in the yard area is complete, the painters will move to the front of the building. Hopefully this will start about Aug 28th.



The electrical work in the Social Hall has been completed. We still have some work to be completed in the Children's Center area with regard to a dedicated line for a hot water heater. Lighting in the Chancel area still needs to be addressed.

Ed Andre

Building & Grounds Committee

CHILDREN'S CENTER UPDATES

The Children's Center successfully completed 8 weeks of summer programming on August 4th, with 110 students enrolled. This exceeded our projected enrollment. Additionally, we had four assistants, who helped us in the summer, three of which are former Lakeside students. We are grateful for Hannah Kohmann, Emma O'Driscoll, Keira Lewis, and Anna Ristaino.

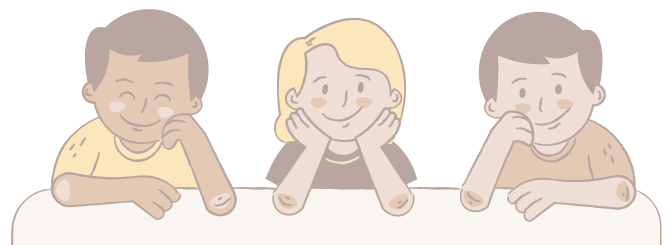
On August 14th, we welcomed 95 students for the 2023-2024 school year. The Children's Center also welcomed two new assistants, Alyssa Rodriguez and Angelica Wolf, both San Francisco State University students. Alyssa will be helping our 2.5 to 3 year olds in the Caterpillar classroom and Angelica will be helping our 3 and 4 year olds in the Ladybug classroom.

New enrichment programs will be starting after Labor Day. In addition to our current programs of ballroom dancing, yoga, gymnastics, Jamaroo, and SF Tots, we are welcoming Zumba, Spanish, and a new martial arts program. Our Lakeside students love our enrichment programs that keep their day full of physical activity.

Family events, such as Back to School Night, class potlucks, and field trips are scheduled for the first few months of the school year. Parent volunteering will resume in October. Needless to say, we are looking forward to a fun-filled school year!

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.

September

Birthdays

- Sept 2 Christopher Padian
- Sept 4 Elaine Padian
- Sept 8 Barbara Bruxvoort
- Sept 15 Jordan Thomas
- Sept 15 Talia Thomas

Anniversaries

- Sept 21 Daniel & Karen Tomczak

October

Birthdays

- Oct 21 Judy Lindquist
- Oct 22 Emily Rupright
- Oct 30 Karen Tomczak

Anniversaries

- Oct 2 Penny & Jerry Blumenthal
- Oct 2 Sam & Helga Fielding
- Oct 4 Samina & Munawar Inayat



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.

Visit LakesidePCSF.org or mail a check to 201 Eucalyptus Dr., San Francisco, CA 94132



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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