

# THE LANTERN

May & June 2023 Issue

## NEXT STEPS FOR LAKESIDE:

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER PASTOR CHRIS' RETIREMENT?

When Pastor Chris Geline informed us in February of his decision to leave Lakeside to pursue a new calling, we began a new journey – to find new pastoral leadership.

Some concerned members and friends have asked what will happen next. This is an attempt to answer that question by summarizing, very generally, the **Call Process**.

Following Pastor Chris's departure, Lakeside will be served, temporarily, by "Pulpit Supply." This is a group of ordained Presbyterian ministers, or other qualified persons, who are listed with the Presbytery as available to churches to preach, moderate session meetings and provide other services on a temporary basis. This could continue for a period of weeks or possibly a few months. This is arranged by Presbytery which will work with Lakeside's Session through Presbytery's Committee on Ministry ("COM") and its liaison, an ordained minister who will serve in an advisory role to Session.

During this temporary period, with the Presbytery's approval, the congregation will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee ("PNC") of approximately a half-dozen members of the church.

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This committee will be responsible, working closely with the Presbytery liaison from COM, for identifying, and proposing for vote of the congregation, candidates for installed, or in some cases, temporary pastoral relationships.

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 Presbytery and the church.

Another important task of the PNC is to complete the Ministry Information Form (“MIF”) and present it to Session and Presbytery for approval.

Likewise, the PNC members will receive, read, and evaluate Personal Information Forms (“PIFs”) of pastoral candidates. They will acquaint themselves with the applicants, narrow the field, and interview the “short list” of candidates. The PNC will negotiate the terms of call and other appropriate issues, and report regularly to the congregation on the pastoral search process.

The congregation has a number of important responsibilities. These include: electing the PNC and praying for it; electing the new pastor nominated by the PNC; approving the terms of call; and welcoming the new pastor as the ministry begins.



The call process could last between one to two years, possibly more. A reasonable estimate would include three months of initial pulpit supply; six to eighteen months of service by an interim pastor; and three to six months of completion of the call to a “permanent” called pastor.

For those interested in a more detailed description of the call process, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has many resources. One of the best is “On Calling a Pastor,” prepared by the Church Leadership Connection, and published in March, 2015. It can be accessed online by searching Google for On Calling a Pastor – Presbyterian Church (USA) and following the links. (The manual is 51 pages in length.)

Every effort will be made to keep the congregation informed of progress as it happens. Please keep Session and PNC in your prayers that their efforts will result in a new pastor who can help revitalize Lakeside and lead our church in new pathways consistent with our Mission.

**Karl Morthole**  
**Chair of Personnel**

# WORSHIPPING THROUGH MUSIC, ART, & DRAMA



**Fifth Sunday of Easter : May 7 (11 am)**

Don Scott Carpenter, preaching

**Sixth Sunday of Easter : May 14 (11 am)**

Communion † Ben Lins, preaching

**Ascension Sunday: May 21 (11 am)**

Sharon Huey, preaching

**Pentecost: May 28 (11 am)**

Procession † Ben Lins, preaching

**Trinity Sunday: June 4 (11 am)**

Graduation Celebration

Lakeside is open and worshipping God each and every week. We want, we need, to see you in church as we experience our journey together. Your church family is here for you!

Our handbells have finished for the spring, but our Chancel Choir will remain in worship through June 4. We will have a cantor leading worship throughout the summer, and we will begin our Summer Hymn Sing on June 11; so, arrive early to make sure we are singing your favorite hymn from our hymnal. Summer Choir begins the first Sunday in August, so if you've been thinking about joining us, now is the time!

I look forward to seeing you in church!

**Don Scott Carpenter**

**Organist/Director of Music, Worship, and Arts**

# LAKESIDE HAPPENINGS

## OUR DAILY BREAD:

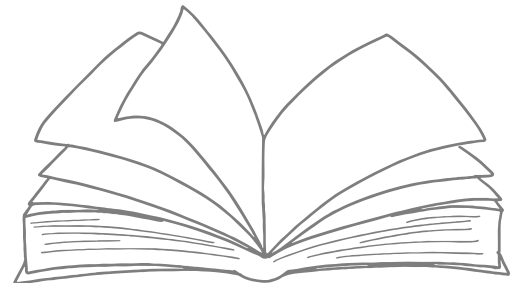
**Our Daily Bread** for May, June, and July will be available in the Narthex for pick-up beginning in early May. Please pick up a copy for yourself, family, and friends when you leave worship. If you would like one mailed to you, please email your request to Elise Mills at [elise@lpcsf.org](mailto:elise@lpcsf.org) or call the office at 415-564-8833 ext.. You can also order one online at <https://odb.org>.



## PENTECOST BARBEQUE:

Come join the celebration at Lakeside's annual **Pentecost barbeque**. This year's barbeque will be held on **Sunday May 28 immediately following the church service downstairs in the social hall**. Attendees are requested to bring a dessert to share. Look for the sign up flier insert in upcoming bulletins.

**Beth Phipps**  
Celebration Committee



## BOOK CLUB UPDATE:

The book for our **May 2** meeting is **The Sentence** by Louise Erdich. This is a humorous ghost story with a mystery that takes place in a Minneapolis bookstore. The author is known for her novels featuring Native American characters.

The **June 6** book is **The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo** by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Our group continues to meet on Zoom on the **first Tuesday of each month at 7pm**. We welcome all to join us. Please contact Sandra Tye for the Zoom link.

**Sandra Tye**

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE



**The Congregational Care Committee has been hard at work!** We prepared and cleaned-up communion for the first Sunday of each month, plus weekly communion during Lent and also for Maundy Thursday and Easter. Wonderful volunteers have signed-up-for and brought refreshments for coffee hour each week, and Patty Quach and Joel Bruxvoort have stepped-up to take on coffee duty each Sunday. Helen Ong, Barbara Bruxvoort, and more volunteers make sure the monthly Birthday and Anniversary cake is cut and served.

Every week more volunteers step up to help with clean-up and the myriad of small tasks that keep the Fireside Room ready for the next group. Thank you, everyone, and what a great team we make when we work together! We have also been sending cards, making calls, and visiting when members and friends are celebrating or are in need of care. If you or someone you know could use some Lakeside TLC, please let me know at **(650)355-2304**. Please watch the Sunday Grapevine for upcoming social events.

With Pastor Chris leaving us, some of the things we had planned had to be put on hold, but they will be back in the next few weeks. I hope you can join us! I will be approaching members and friends in the next several weeks to ask for another round of volunteers for hosting coffee hour.



It is a very flexible, one-week commitment, and can be done with a partner or by yourself. The church provides beverages, and the coffee hour host(s) provides a snack of their choice for the congregation. There is help available with set-up and clean-up, should you need it. Without our volunteers, there is no food, so please think about how you can help.

Also, if you would like to help, but can't for financial or another reason, you can volunteer to cut and serve the cake on a Birthday Cake Sunday. Our committee provides the cake on those Sundays. Or you can lend a hand at set-up or clean-up. Many hands make light work! If there is something fun that you would like to do with other Lakesiders, let us know about it! Chances are there are others who would enjoy it, too. Put a note in my box in the office or give me a call and let's talk.

**Happy Spring to all!**

**Cindy Young**  
Congregational Care Committee



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Sunday School class meets on Sundays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Youth Room. Children from the ages of 3 and up are welcome to attend.

**We would also like to congratulate our high school seniors for graduating!**

Please contact **Beverly Weber, Jane Sharp, or Ashley Budelli** for any future updates. Thank you!



## THE SESSION

Ed Andre  
Joel Bruxvoort  
Margaret Colfer  
Margaret Elam  
Gail Hemenway  
Jesse Medlen  
Karl Morthole  
Judith J. Murio  
Beth Phipps  
Jane Sharp  
Beverly Wong  
Cindy Young



## BUILDING & GROUNDS

We are happy to report that the windows have been installed successfully in the Children's Center, the Fireside Room, and in some of the LPC offices. New blinds to be installed shortly! Thanks to Margaret Colfer and Sandra Tye for all the coordination and overseeing of this project. Carpet cleaning back in March was also a success, and other building maintenance needs are underway.

**Ed Andre**  
**Building & Grounds**



## WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE

A thank you to all who participated to make the services during Lent and Holy Week so meaningful.

Communion was held every Sunday – a special thanks to those who prepared the elements and served.

A question for you to think about: Why do you come to LPC each week, or watch online?

**Margaret Elam**  
**Worship & Arts Committee**

# MISSIONS REPORT


## Lent Project: Stuffed Animals for Compass Family Services

Thank you for bringing new stuffed animals to church during LENT. 32 were collected and given to Compass Family Services in SF. This is the same Agency we contribute to for the Advent Project.

**Margaret Elam**  
Missions Committee



# FINANCE REPORT

	March		YTD		Annual Budget
	Annual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income</b>	49,504	42,073	203,864	114,353	466,054
<b>Total Expense</b>	47,492	48,890	160,196	137,670	524,114
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	2,012	-6,817	43,668	-23,317	-58,060

## 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](http://LakesidePCSF.org) or mail a check to 201 Eucalyptus Dr., San Francisco, CA 94132



**Thank you!**

# CHILDREN'S CENTER UPDATES

During the months of March and April, the Children's Center was busy with different activities. Dr. Seuss' Birthday, Community Helpers Week, Women's History Month, Holi, Irish Heritage Month, and St. Patrick's Day were celebrated in the month of March. In April, Autism Awareness Month and Easter were celebrated. The families have responded well to the DEI initiatives of the school and are impressed with and deeply appreciate the inclusiveness of Lakeside Presbyterian.

At the end of March, the Children's Center held their annual Dance-a-thon to raise funds for new windows. In total, the PVO raised over \$8,000. New windows were installed during Easter break.

The teachers and children continue to do daily devotions from our Devotions for Preschoolers book at Circle Time, say morning prayers, and pray before meals.



*The annual Dance-a-thon, themed "Over the Rainbow" was a huge hit with our families.*

May 8th through May 12th marks Teacher Appreciation Week. We are especially grateful for all of our Children's Center teachers and staff this year. Thank you to Michelle Adelsheim, Herlyn Cresino, Denice Hickey, Vivian Ta, Karen Andre, Michele Riedel, Maritza Bustamante, Vikki Chu, Laura West, Ashley Kwan, Chelsea Chow, Katie McCarthy, Sweelina He, LaPriel Rossi, Jenny Lei, Chrys Yee, Sandra Puccinelli, Pilar Manning, Destynie Carreon, Breanne Banahan, Alma Modena and Jocelin Anguiano for their service, commitment and dedication to the children and families of the school.

The school year wraps up on June 2nd. The Children's Center is planning a graduation ceremony in the Social Hall for the Butterfly and Firefly students.

June 5th marks the first day of summer mini camp. The Children's Center is looking forward to a fun-filled summer!

**Michelle Adelsheim**  
LPCC Director



*Lakeside celebrated its annual Holi event with the children outside, welcoming the start of Spring.*

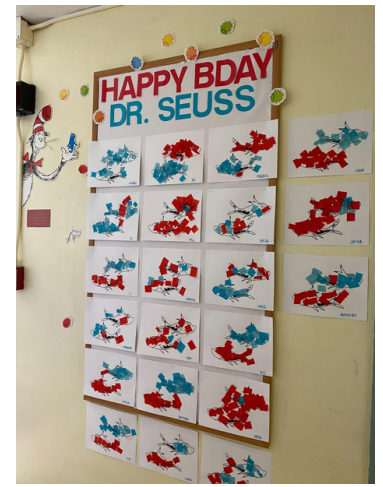




SFPD came by to visit with horses, motorcycles and police cars during Community Helpers Week. Thank you Lakeside parents, SFPD Officers Ryan Jones and Kevin Clifford!



SFFD also came by with their fire engine during Community Helpers Week. Thank you Station 39!



The Caterpillars and Butterflies celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday.



Dr. Erica Brode gave a special presentation on being a doctor during Community Helpers Week.



Lakeside also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a special Irish Dance presentation from Ms. Pilar's son, Tanner, Ms. Katie's daughter, Harper, and their friends.

# 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 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.



*For more information on the Heifer Project, visit [heifer.org](http://heifer.org)*

## May:

### Birthdays

Helen Kashevaroff	May 2
Donna Rae Wickstrom	May 10
Mike Copani	May 18
Philip Sanders	May 28



### Anniversaries

Beverly & George Wong	May 22
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## June:

### Birthdays

Lisa Padian	June 2
Lila Babcock	June 4
Tavita Tuiasosopo	June 4
Chris Rupright	June 6
Marvelle Koenig	June 10
Jeanne Wong	June 10
Joel Allen	June 12
Leanne Harris	June 13
Cathy Hsieh	June 20
Wendy Springer	June 24
Sharon Thomas	June 25
Sandra Tye	June 28
Judi Murio	June 30

### Anniversaries

Kevin & Beth Phipps	June 4
Pastor Chris & Margaret Geline	June 20



# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

## *Through Prayer...*



**Do you have a prayer request? Would you like us to pray for you?**

The online prayer request site is available 24/7 for your prayer needs. The LPC Prayer Group regards it as a privilege to offer prayer requests on your behalf. To request a prayer, visit: [lakesidepcsf.org/prayer](https://lakesidepcsf.org/prayer)

## *...and Through Technical Support*



### **SERVICE LIVESTREAMING:**

We are always looking for people interested in learning the technical streaming side of Lakeside. Ellis Bruxvoort has done a great job of taking over the reins from Briana Phipps, but Ellis will be going off to college this fall, and we need more people trained to stream worship services and concerts on a weekly basis.

### **JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Do you have a passion for writing, coming up with creative quips, or posting on social media. Did you ever think of yourself as a camera person or want to learn the fun and interesting profession of streaming and editing. Then this committee is for you. Come join my exciting team as we spread the word that God 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](mailto:arobicmadness@aol.com) or call 650-678-4123.

**Beth Phipps**

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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.



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