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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to Noon Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center 619.443.2887

#### **OUR MISSION CONCERNS**

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Sola Scriptura – Sola Gratia- Solo Fide-Solus Christus-Soli Deo Gloria "A Confessing Presbyterian Church"

We wish you a joyous Christmas and New Year.

Share God's Gift to the

world: His Son, Jesus

"Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true

God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent." John 17:3 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal

life. For God did not send His

Son into the world to

condemn the world, but to

John 3:16-17

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save the world through Him." "For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isiah 9:0

There's a place here for you to worship and fellowship with us!

Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center **OPENINGS AVAILABLE** Children's Center Office: 1.619.443.2887



Nurturing children through education and love for over 60 years.

9:30 AM Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Grades 1-6 11:00 AM Adult Sunday Class

Don't miss our Advent Celebration events-More details inside!

PASTOR'S PE Dword from the heart

I can't believe that it has been one year since I become your Interim Pastor! I quess the Session will let me stay for another year until you get your new Pastor.

It is Advent, my favorite time of the year: from the decorations, to the lights, to the most wonderful music. We are going to have a wonderful Advent and Christmas season!

Please don't miss the Choirs' Musical - you are really going to love it! Oh yes, don't miss any Sunday mornings. Worship will touch your soul. Then, cap it all off with coming to Christmas Eve service at 7:00 PM.

My sermon Advent series is titled, "Getting Christmas Right". We are going to talk about the "Why of Christmas", then "The Who In Our Lives", then "The How Do You View Gift Giving?", then "A Christmas You've Longed For". And then the Big Night itself, "Journey to Bethlehem".

Then the Sunday after Christmas is "Keep the Celebration Going". When we finally get to January we will get back to our looking at the Gospel of John.

Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas and we need you all here in church as we worship together.

In His Adventure, Pastor Randy Yenter

> Last Sunday's worship anthem and message can be heard on our website: http://www.lakesidepc.org. Share the word!

#### EAT AND GREET WILL BE HELD DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Our monthly Eat and Greet luncheons continue to draw new friends from our community. People are starting to invite their friends so our growth potential is very exciting. Even though the holidays are a very busy time for most of us, we decided that it was important to keep developing these relationships. We will be providing a very special Eat and Greet on December 29th. We are hoping some of you will contribute some wrapped smaller presents for children which we will put under a Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to have enough gifts so every child will get a gift. Please mark the toys with a tag indicating whether for a girl, boy or either and anything else that would be helpful to know such as age restrictions. We will also be giving out extra door prizes for our quests on that day.

San Diego Youth in Action is a group of approximately 15 middle school and high school students who through exciting presentations use dance, theater, and music to deliver a gospel message to the audience. They have been preparing a special presentation for the Christmas season which they will be performing at our December Eat and Greet. This performance will last approximately thirty minutes and will replace the bingo for December's Eat and Greet.

The first word in the Great Commission is 'Go'. God wants us to go out and spread the Good News. This is a rare opportunity in that we have the people coming to us. Simply by joining us for lunch that day is a great way of sharing God with a world that needs Him. Of course, if you want to help us prepare the food, set up and clean up Fellowship Hall, contact Gary MacDonald, Sheila King, Suzy Smith or Michael McKnight.

#### M.O.M. Christmas Store Sign Up

LCPC will be hosting the MOM Christmas Store on the late afternoon and evening of **Tuesday**. **December 10**. LCPC is responsible for set up, volunteers to help families with shopping, childcare while the parents shop, light refreshments, and clean up. The event will be about 5 hours---3 pm to 8 pm. There will be four crews of people to assist with the Christmas Store: daycare from 5 to 7:15 pm, set up from 3 to 5 pm, assisting the parents with shopping from 4:45 to 7:15 pm, and clean up from 7 to 8 pm. We will need 15 or so volunteers for the event.

Sign-up on the patio December 8. Look for the MOM table on the patio. Carol Vacin will be the contact person.

Please consider helping with this worthy project for our enlisted military families of E-5 and below. You will find the experience rewarding and even fun. Those who helped last year are a testament to the fact.



Support our Children's Center with your Office Depot/Office Max purchases! Our preschool can get 5% back in credit for FREE supplies when you make a purchase of qualifying products and provide our school ID number 70219367 at checkout! This small act can make a huge difference!

#### **Remember in Your Prayers**

#### Hospitalized: Adrienne Goshen At Home or Shut-ins

Heidi Ball & family, Mary Lou Brown, Meave Hall, Doug Johnson, Pat Leja, Katy Milroy, Charlotte Perkins, Claire Price, Larry & Pam Rega, Pauline Tagney, Diane Tooley, Sandi Wilson, Claire Winius,

#### In Care Facilities

Denise Bock, Betty Hartung, Alice Johnson, Carol Melvin, Joseph Opfer, June Sanders

#### Family & Friends

Mel Bechtel (Gary MacDonald's friend) Meg & Alfredo Belmonte & family (Wendy & Gary MacDonald's family) Karsen Beron (Noble family friend) Fanchon Blackman & Samantha Bodger (Gerie Morrin's friends) Madilynn Chamberlin (Cindy Wheeler's friend) Josh Davalos (Glen Bauer's friend), Yvonne Ferguson (Ed Wilson's sister) Susan Harris (Gary MacDonald's friend) Harry Munyon (Sioux Swart's friend) Harry Munyon (Sioux Swart's brother) Josh Nealy (Garry & Suzy Smith's son) Max Oliver (Gerie Morrin's uncle) Breena Robinson McNeil (Sioux Swart's friend) Geri Yost (Gerie & Frank Morrin's daughter) *"Brothers and sisters, pray for us."* 1 Thessalonians 5:25

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." Romans 8:26

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

#### Also Pray For Those In Harm's Way

Josh Rust (Japan); Ryan Folmsbee; Ben Janes - U.S.S. Higgins; Kenny Sweat –U.S.S Mobile Bay; Matt Kadinger, Alan Sweat, Troy Wilson (San Diego) Brooks Noble, SDPD Eric & Claudia Pulliam (former missionaries, now working in Afghanistan) Our missionaries Persecuted Christians in the Middle East & around the world Christians in war-torn countries



## Children's Center

#### December

As we get closer to a new year we want to thank you for everything you have done for the preschool. We really appreciate the support we receive from the wonderful congregation.

Our Rubio fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the school. I do not have a total to report, but next month I will be sure to let you know how much was raised. We will be having another family fundraiser dinner soon, keep an eye out for details.

We raised \$ 63.40 from Box Tops, thank you for taking the time to clip the coupons.

Thank you to all who ordered See's candy: orders should arrive shortly.

We are looking forward to all the fun events happening this month: We have our annual happy birthday Jesus party and a day we wear Disney attire for Walt Disney's birthday.

**Wednesday, December 4 is our Christmas Program**. We would love to see you there-it will be in the Sanctuary at **6:30 pm**. . The school will be on a break from Monday Dec. 23 – Wednesday January 1, 2020. We will return Thursday January 2, 2020.

The Children's Center staff would like to wish you and your family a very joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

Shawn Santo

Director Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center 619-443-2887





### Church Alarm Security

The church office alarm code system is moving to a new personal code system to support increased security. Beginning January 12, 2020 the current alarm code will no longer work. Each person needing access will need to get a new personal code. If you have an office or sanctuary key please reach out to Bill Hultman after church between now and January 12th. He can set you up with your new code in just a few moments. If you miss him after church feel free to call him to arrange to meet at the office on a different day. Thank you, Gary McDonald Property Committee Chair

#### A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS:

Now that the year is almost over, it is time for us to start our annual report, during which we highlight all the great things that God has done in our church in 2019. This year, in addition to written report, we would like to provide a picture presentation. If you have any pictures that you could contribute, please forward them to Sheila King, Michael McKnight or the office.

Also, did you know that the church now has an Instagram Account where we can post pictures of things going on at the church? For those of us not familiar with Instagram, it is a program that tech savvy people use for communications. It allows pictures to be shared easily and quickly so it is a great opportunity to share our church with other people.



Please contact the Church Office to update our list.

#### DECEMBER

- 2 Jamie Zamora
- 6 Becca Leavitt
- Laura Taylor
- 10 Maribel Cope
- Jenna Meade
- 18 Mike Smith
- 19 Christine Meade
- 21 John Sunkel
- Sioux Swart
- 22 Steven Rich
- Taniele Hylton-Gordon
- 27 Pauline Tagney
- 29 Brean Noble
- 30 Bret Ball
- Kevin King
- 31 -Sandi Wilson

#### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 2 John & Eileen Neumeister
- 5 Norma & Jim Sibbet
- 14- Bob & Marie Hart
- 16 Pam & Larry Rega
- 17 Tom & Roberta Price
- 31 Frank & Gerie Morrin



#### Upcoming Events for Women G.I.F.T Christmas Baskets Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

A wonderful way to celebrate the spirit of Christmas! In December we will have our **annual breakfast at 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall** to make Christmas baskets for our shut-ins and staff. This is always a great time as we celebrate the Christmas season and fill baskets with wonderful goodies. All ladies are invited to help and we hope to see you there.

#### Women's Retreat Weekend -February 28th – March 1st, 2020:

Mark your calendars for our annual Women's Retreat at Pine Valley Bible Conference Center. It will be here before you know it, and you don't want to miss out on a fantastic weekend with the girls! We have already reserved some rooms, and space is limited. Those of you who have attended in the past know that this is an amazing weekend you don't want to miss. Special Conference Speaker is Katie Willis, Bible teacher and International speaker, who will be teaching through passages in 1 John. A \$50.00 deposit will reserve your space. Contact Linda Sunkel for more information.



#### M.O.M. Christmas Store

The Military Outreach Ministries has invited LCPC to host one of its Christmas stores for the junior enlisted military families. We have accepted and will again assist MOM on this project. The event is planned for the late afternoon and evening of **Tuesday, December 10**. The Christmas store is for the two housing units in Lakeside, Woodlake and Eucalyptus Ridge, plus the housing facility in Ramona. Again this year, Sioux Swart and her crew will give horse-drawn wagon rides. MOM will furnish all the gift items and will organize the running of the store.

LCPC will be responsible for set up, volunteers to help families with the shopping, childcare while the parents shop, light refreshments, and clean up. We will need volunteers for 2 to 3 hour shifts. There will be more information in the December Spirette and church bulletins. Please keep **Tuesday, December 10** in mind to consider helping with a worthy project to support our military personnel and their families. If you have helped in the past, you know it is a heart-warming experience and also fun. Carol and Ed Vacin are the contact people for this event.



#### HELPS CENTER HAS SOME BIG NEEDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Although the holidays are upon us the daily operations at the HELPS Center still go on. They are currently running very low on pasta, pasta sauce, and canned fruit. They also need granola bars, snack cups such as fruit or pudding, mac and cheese, canned meals like chili and spaghetti-os, and cans of pork and beans. You can drop off donations for the HELPS Center in the box in the church Narthex.

Holidays bring out a special generosity for helping people in need. Many people have a great desire to make sure that children are taken care of during the holidays and that they are loved even during rough times. The HELPS Center is striving to make sure that every child in Lakeside has something under the tree on Christmas morning. So on **Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**, **Rise City Church is conducting a Christmas Toy distribution.** The Center is asking the local churches to help provide unwrapped toys for children up to age 18. For the older children, gift cards are greatly appreciated. Toys may be dropped off in the HELPS Center box in our Narthex (foyer).

The Center will be closed for a week for Thanksgiving and another week for Christmas to New Years. Our church made a commitment to open the HELPS Center on the fourth Saturday of each month so we can reach out to working families. So we will be open on December 28<sup>th</sup> (the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's). We would love to have a few more people to help when the Center is open on any Saturday.

If you have any questions about the HELPS Center, please contact Joy Wray, Gary MacDonald or Michael McKnight

#### THE HOSPITALIZATION TEAM WILL BE TRAINING AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR:

When anyone from our church family ends up in the hospital, the church wants to be able to offer all the support that we possibly can. We cannot do that until we know that you have gone into the hospital. Please let us know and instruct your friends and family to contact our church office and let us know if something develops.

In addition, we are creating a team of people to make initial hospital visits. Because of the holidays, we will be waiting until after the first of the year to help organize the procedures and train people on best procedures for visits.

Perhaps you have the talents and desire to be on this team. Request for visits must be made know to the church office. Visiting team members will not be asked to make hospital visits randomly or at all hours of the day or night. Our plan is to let members of the team know when someone goes into the hospital, with hopes that the person going on the visit will know the person they are going to visit.

If you want to find out more about the team and/or might be willing to be a member of the team, contact Michael McKnight.

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. John



We will be having a work party on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am. We expect to be finished by Noon.

#### **Projects include:**

- ✓ Tree trimming
- ✓ Sanctuary cleaning
- ✓ Yard work
- ✓ Plumbing
- ✓ Install LED lights equivalent to the current floodlights for preschool parking lot
- ✓ Repair roof of shed outside Room 2
- Elevation check for front area landscaping

Coffee and Doughnuts will be available.

Contact the Church Office or Gary MacDonald for more specific information and/or if you are willing to help.

<u>FYI: At the October 12 work party</u> the Sanctuary was cleaned, a new LED light was installed outside the Choir room, blinds were installed in the Financial Office, and some plumbing as well as some concrete repair was done.

The Stewardship and Property Committee



Annual Reports deadline: January 15, 2020

If you have been the chair of a committee or head of an organization in 2019, please be preparing your annual report. If you need an example of a report, we have some in the church office.

Thank you for your hard work all year long. Because of your dedication and efforts, we can continue to serve in the Lord Jesus' name ministering to LCPC and our community.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS (ALSO KNOWN AS CHRISTMAS ON MAINE STREET) IS December 7<sup>™</sup> Our city of Lakeside continues the tradition the lighting of the Lakeside Christmas tree during the Spirit of Christmas Celebration. The tree is located on the grounds of the Lakeside Historical Society, our former church building. The event goes from 3:30 to 8:30 PM.

We will be encouraging people to take selfie pictures in front of the Nativity Scene that will be at our booth. We will be handing out grab-bags to give to the children who will be at the event. We will have information to pass out, including invitations to our Christmas Concert, which will take place a week after the Spirit of Christmas evetn. This means that we need some volunteers to staff the booth, help us set up and help us clean up after the event. If you would like to be part of this great event to share about our church with members of our community, contact Sheila King.

#### FAMILIES & GROUPS NEEDED TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLES

Once again this year our Advent worship services will begin with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. If your family, or you and a couple of your church friends would like to take part in this, please call the church office and let us know. The dates open are: December 22, and Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 7:00 PM.





Christmas Poinsettias for the Sanctuary If you would like a poinsettia plant placed in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 15. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to LCPC with "Poinsettia Plant" on the memo line. Please allow the poinsettias to adorn the Sanctuary through the Christmas Eve service.

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Christmas Poinsettias

#### Please Print:

Your Name

Number of Poinsettias (x \$10.00 = \$ attached)

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Joy Offering – December 1<sup>st</sup> – 22nd

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. This is an opportunity to honor church leaders that have greatly impacted our lives of faith, walking with us down the path to be more like Jesus.

We will be collecting the offering December during the month of December and dedicating the offering on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# Young At Heart **A Ministry for Senior Citizens** Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church

Our Young at Heart group will be having a **Christmas Tea & White Elephant Exchange** on Friday, December 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm in **Rooms 1 & 2.** Christmas treats will be served

accompanied by the usual beverages, and hot tea, cocoa and apple cider. Please bring a dessert/treat to share. Following our tea we will have a white elephant exchange. A white elephant is any small, often old, item that you have around the house that you want to gift to someone else. Please bring a gift from each person in your party for the exchange. Please sign up on the patio during Fellowship time. Ouestions: Call Gary MacDonald Pam Rega.

#### SCRIP GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

By the time you get this Spirette, we will probably have already placed our last Scrip Gift Card order before Christmas. However, Scrip has a program called Shop Now which offers certain gift cards in a paper format that can be sent by E-mail to us and then printed out on a sheet of paper. This printout can be used the same way that a traditional gift card is used. If you need a last minute gift for someone, contact Michael McKnight

Have you noticed that our Lakeside Children's Choir continues to slowly grow? Did you know that half of the commissions that we make on our gift card sales funds this choir? They can purchase things like costumes for their performances. Thanks to the many faithful Scrip customers, we average around \$100.00 in commissions each month. Thanks to your support and getting the word out, our December order should be our best month ever. Let's make it even bigger with some Shop Now orders.



As you know throwing a large celebration right means lots of planning and preparation that has to be done in advance. As people get ready to celebrate God's gift of Salvation, represented in the form of God's Son Jesus coming to us in human form, it is a great idea to spend time preparing ourselves for this celebration.

This year, **Sunday**, **December 1st is the start of the Advent Season. On that Sunday**, we will have our worship service. There will be **no adult Sunday Class** on Dec. 1st. After the Coffee Fellowship, we encourage you to join us for our quarterly potluck luncheon. After lunch we will go to the sanctuary to sing some wonderful Christmas Carols. After that, we need lots of hands so we can decorate our campus: the sanctuary, Rooms 1 and 2, and the Fellowship Hall. We would like to be festive for our church family, friends, and groups who meet on our campus. The more hands we have for decorating, the better.

# THE JOYFUL NOISE ADULT CHOIR AND THE LAKESIDE CHILDREN'S CHOIR HAVE A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOU: On December 15th, both choirs will be present their annual Christmas Concert.

This extravaganza will start at **3:00 PM** outside by our gazebo with a performance by *Ruth Boudreau and the Juke Box Generation. At 3:30, our Joyful Noise and our Children's Choir* will be doing their Christmas Concert including a beautiful cantata. Afterwards, around 4:30 PM, we will head to the Fellowship Hall for a complimentary gift of a great chili dinner.

Even if you don't think you can sing a note, you are encouraged to be a great part of this concert. First, we need people willing to contribute pots of chili. We will have two large pots where we will be combining all of the pots of meat chili together and then in the other pot, all of the pots of vegetarian chili. For those of you who remember last year, this combining of different pots of chili resulted in great chili.

We also know that many of folks have special Christmas dessert recipes. We are asking for people who would be willing to make and donate some of these for the dinner.

We will also have flyers to help you let our community know about the concert. Please pick some flyers up and invite people to the concert.

Also, we know that there are some of our members who would love to attend the concert, but may need rides. If you could offer rides to and from the concert, please let Michael McKnight know.

If you have any questions about this wonderful afternoon, please feel free to talk to Ron Hilley, Corky Leary, Wendy MacDonald, or Michael McKnight.

# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE JULIAN CHRISTIAN RETREAT?

Many years ago, several members of our congregation saw a need for a place to get away that felt different from the main hustle and bustle of the city of San Diego. They purchased a former WPA site in the Pine Hills area of Julian and founded what is now the Julian Christian Retreat. Many of the Retreat Board members are part of our church family.

The Retreat offers church and other groups a location where they can get away and meet. It offers 5 sleeping cabins with bunks for up to 40 people; a complete commercial style kitchen; a large meeting area complete with gas fireplace; and a recreation room. Groups rent the entire facility for their group at affordable rates for men's, women's, youth, family, or other types of retreats.

Each year, the Retreat Corporation has an annual meeting, which is open to anyone interested in the Retreat. **This year's luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM at Café 67**. Besides being a great time to hear about and to ask question about the Retreat, there will be a slide presentation highlighting things that have happened at the Retreat. If you would like more information about the meeting, please contact Scott Janes or other members of the Retreat Board.



#### THE NEW YEAR IS ALMOST HERE -WANT A GOOD RESOLUTION? JOIN A COMMITTEE:

Session has four committees. The Stewardship and Property Committee oversees the finances of the church and the upkeep of the facilities. The Personnel and Preschool Committee oversees the staff of the church and the operation of our Children's Center. The Spiritual Life Committee oversees the worship services, the music program, and the outreach efforts of our church. The Education and Mission Committee oversees the Nursery, the Adult and the Children's Sunday School program, the VBS, and how our church uses our Missions funds.

Deacons have three committees. The Sanctuary Committee is responsible for decorating the sanctuary, including changing the banners and changing colors for the various seasons. The Congregational Care committee looks at ways to support the members of our church family. The Church and Community committee oversees things like receptions and meals that the church provides.

Every one of the committee would welcome more members. You do not have to be a member of the church to serve on a committee. If you want to know more about the committees, contact any Elder or Deacon or contact the church office. You may try out a committee, but please let the committee chair know in advance that you are coming to check it out.