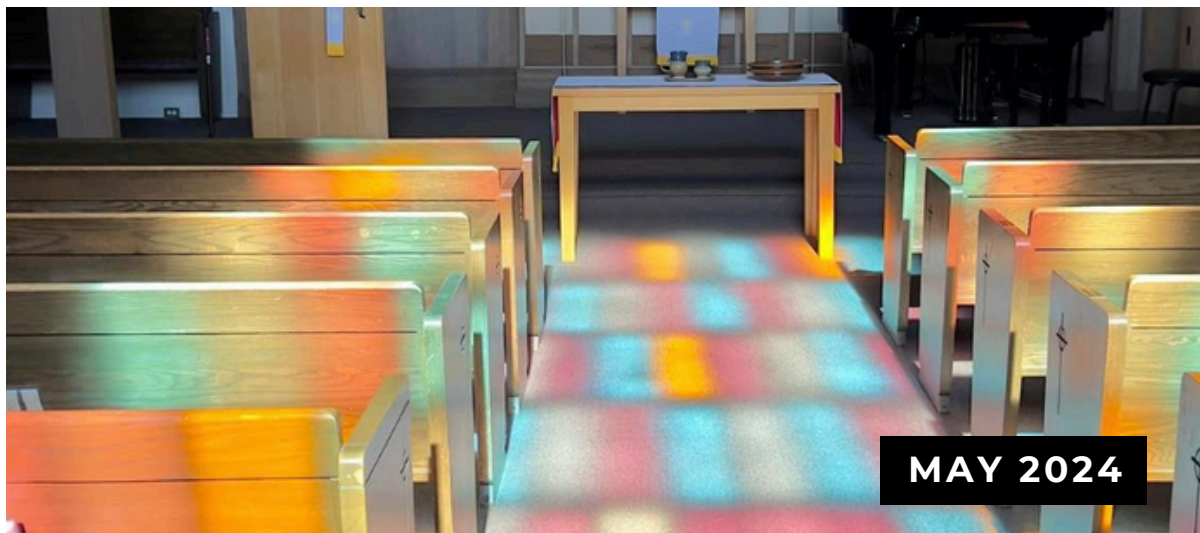


# The Light of Lakewood Presbyterian Church



NEWS, UPDATES, AND  
STORIES FROM LPC



## Summer is coming and it's a great time to be at LPC!

It's been so fun to get to know you all in my first five weeks with LPC. I already adore this church.

I see in you a strong intergenerational offering of church folk who care deeply for each other and for each other's future. I see a group of people who do life together, not just on Sundays, but throughout the week and throughout the years. I see a great church!

Last year, I tried to grow a bouquet garden (a flower garden with flowers that do well with regular cutting) and it's just a pile of dirt this year--I totally failed! But the sun and the whisper of summer renews my hope for a bouquet garden again this summer...

This newsletter includes some of the noticings I've had this month--great community work from you and great opportunities for you to plant new things.

What is sprouting in your life that makes you excited to try new things (or even try things again in a new way) this summer? What do you want to plant again? What do you want to let lie fallow?

I'm honored to walk with you this summer as we plant new things together, and maybe even get to watch them grow.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!  
With much peace,

*Pastor Addie*

### In this month's newsletter you can expect:

An invitation to  
LPC Earth Care  
Team

Letters from  
Session and  
Pastor Heather  
James about  
Feasibility Study

Building repair  
updates

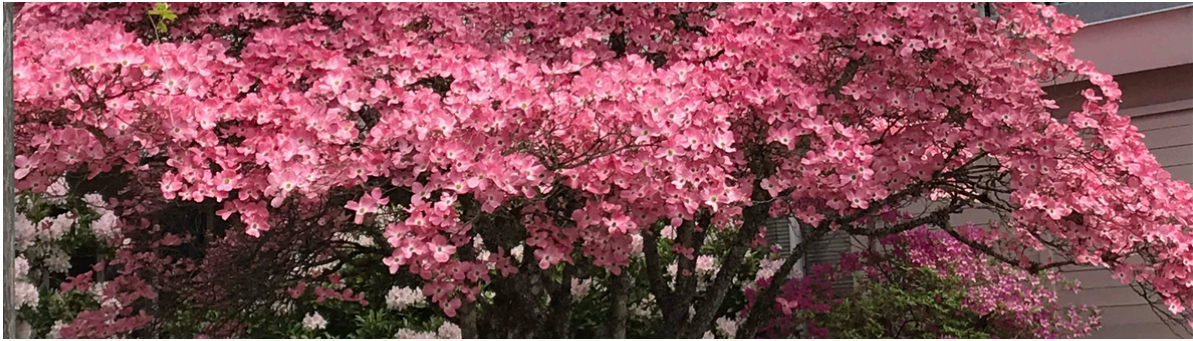
New Nursery  
Attendant,  
and more!



ONLINE GIVING



LPC FACEBOOK



## Join or recommend to a friend: new LPC Earth Care Team!

**“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Frederick Buechner**

We have a beautiful piece of God’s creation in our church grounds. What can we do to preserve it, and how can we use it to help build what God would have us be right here in Lakewood?

LPC is joining with the PC(USA) Presbyterians For Earth Care to form our very own earth care team here in Lakewood. God is calling us to figure out our part in protecting and caring for creation!

The team will include members of the church and the community at large. Our beginning charge is to provide education for both kids and adults on issues related to earth care and the future. Once we all learn more, we’ll work with the congregation in planning things we can do to be part of the solution.

Contact Jennifer Rogiers (jmrogiers@gmail.com or 253-314-2895) or Connie Dunkelberger (connied@harbornet.com or 253-565-7518) if interested. Would you be willing to look for and apply to grants that might help us “green” our building? Contact Jennifer or Connie above.



We began May with a great **Cinco de Uno** event to raise money for camp scholarships. Thanks to all who came out for that event!

**Little Food Pantry** - our Little Food Pantry plays a vital role in supporting the needs of our community. Bring in pantry items to support this work.

For **giving** this quarter the Deacons donated to LASA’s brand new Hygiene Center. This program provides free showers and laundry services to the unhoused.



### Deacons on Duty

**Thank you to Melinda for serving as our Deacon of the Month for April!**

This month (May)  
Barbara Poland  
253-579-5479

Next month (June)  
Tom Callahan

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## A Note from Session about the Feasibility Study...

Session is currently in the process of a Church Feasibility Study, which will conclude in December 2024. The intent and purpose of this study is to assist and determine the best course of action for the future life of our church. Session is working with Rev. Heather James, who was recommended by The Olympia Presbytery as a consultant/facilitator. The process will include analyzing and identifying the dreams, vision, and values of congregation members, analyzing future finances, buildings and grounds, strategic

property usage possibilities, and mission opportunities. The process is guided by hope and possibility--to what and where could God be leading us next? The hope is that Session can discern the information gained from this study and lead our church into an abundant future.

*We invite you to participate in the study by answering community questions each Sunday. Look for an invite to a community-wide neighborhood event in June!*

### Feasibility Questions this Month

Where do you see excitement and energy in the congregation?	What is something happening right now at LPC that you hope will be part of our future as well?
How is LPC good news for the church's neighbors?	How do you experience rest and joy at Lakewood Presbyterian?

## A Letter from Heather James...

It was a joy to meet with the Lakewood Presbyterian Church congregation back in March and hear your stories about your life of faith in community. Your love for one another is evident, and your hope for the church is powerful.

The consulting work I do allows me to come alongside congregations and join them in discerning how God is calling them forward into a hopeful future. Your Session has initiated a feasibility study to gather information that can help with that discernment. And with your newly installed pastor, you have great leadership to guide you as your Session and you, the congregation, consider what might be possible in the next season of your ministry together.

A feasibility study is different from the mission study you participated in during the pastoral search. There are some ways they are similar, but the goal of the feasibility study is to gather data and prayerfully reflect on all the opportunities before you. The study looks at congregational membership and energy, financial realities, the building and grounds, the needs of the neighborhood, and other dynamic factors that are a part of the life of the church.

You will then want to look at the possibilities that emerge from that data and consider ways that God might be calling you to meet this moment for both the nurture of the church and for the sake of the community around you.

This particular feasibility study is building on the work your congregation has already done in the recent mission study and the Facilities Master Plan done in January 2022. The study is also informed by your faithful decision to hire a full time pastor for a period of two years in order to see what grows and blossoms among you. There will be opportunities moving forward to offer your reflections and input about where you see God at work in this season.

Your congregation is in great hands with your capable Session, as well as with Pastor Laura and Pastor Addie. All the decisions about what opportunities you will pursue belong to you, with the leadership of the Session. My hope is that our time of study together will illuminate possibilities and provide support for your congregation as you discern together how God might be calling you in new ways and with new hope in this new season.

With gratitude, Pastor Heather James





## New Nursery Staff!

In April we interviewed Ally Suttles and she has since fit right in at LPC as the new Nursery Attendant. Ally is originally from Tennessee but lives in Lakewood with her little one and partner. She loves kids and brings a wealth of experience working as a CNA in geriatrics, as a children's music teacher, and as a lifelong babysitter. Ally supports our nursery ministry by supervising the nursery assistants and will be with us most Sundays.



## Meal Train for Laura and Family

Want to support Pastor Laura on maternity leave? You can provide a meal to her family by signing up here: [www.mealtrain.com/dn8716](http://www.mealtrain.com/dn8716)



## Building Updates!

Did you know we've been hard at work with building repairs this past month? This month we had a plumbing emergency (oh crap!) and our trusty team got to work on repairs (\$4800) in addition to \$5500 in roof repair. If you're interested in subsidizing some of these costs through personal giving, contact a member of Session.

## Who are we?

**PASTOR** (on leave)  
REV. LAURA NILE TUELL

**SUPPLY PASTOR**  
REV. ADDIE DOMSKE

**NURSERY STAFF**  
ALLY SUTTLES, PARKER WILLIAMSON, KIRI-ANN ZAMBARD

**PIANIST**  
XIAOHUI YANG

**CUSTODIAN**  
ANDREA RITTENHOUSE

**2024 CHURCH LEADERS**  
DEACONS

- RENEA WILLIAMSON
- CHELSEA WILLIAMSON
- MELINDA ROGIERS
- BARBARA POLAND
- TOM CALLAHAN

ELDERS

- BECKY BUESCHER (clerk)
- JENNIFER ROGIERS
- JIM HALL (treasurer)
- CONNIE DUNKLEBERGER
- SUZY FARLEY
- BRAD TOURANGEAU

## Church Calendar

- Thurs, May 9 **Gentle Yoga**
- Sun, May 12 **Worship and Coffee Hour with Rev. Deanna Gemmer of Hagar Community Church**
- Thurs, May 16 **Gentle Yoga**
- Sun, May 19 **Worship and Coffee Hour with Rev. Tammy Stampfli**
- Sun, May 19 **Deacons**
- Thurs, May 23 **Gentle Yoga**
- Sun, May 26 **Worship and Coffee Hour with Rev. Addie**
- Sun, May 26 **Session Study (remotely, no in-person meeting)**
- Thurs, May 30 **Gentle Yoga**

Stay tuned for details on June adult formation class led by Pastor Addie!



Join us for worship, Sundays at 10:30a.