

Introducing Rev. Hanlim Chae



Good news! Our new Interim Minister has been approved. Rev. Hanlim Chae will be in the pulpit sharing his first sermon with Lafayette Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 14th.

He comes to us from Jupiter, Florida, where he was recently the Parish Associate Pastor of Gardens Presbyterian Church in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Before that he was the Transitional (Interim) Minister of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Palm Beach, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Hanlim was born in South Korea and moved to the United States in 2004. He has been married to his lovely wife, Euna, for 30 years and they have three children. Their oldest daughter, Minji, is working in Atlanta, as a Pilates Instructor. Their second daughter, Min is currently in medical school in Jacksonville. And their son, Suhwan, is graduating from high school this May. So, Euna and Suhwan won't be joining us until after his graduation.

Hanlim is excited about the calling to Lafayette Presbyterian and eagerly seeks to build relationships with the congregation, our Westminster Oaks neighbors, and the FSU student population through UKirk Tallahassee.

Since Rev. Chae's first day with us will be the second Sunday of the month, hopefully many of us will get the chance to greet and welcome him into our Church Family, with our time honored tradition of sharing a great meal!

Wishing everyone great tidings for 2024,
The Interim Pastor Search Committee

From the Pastor

Happy New Year to all. I hope your Christmas has been and continues to be a holy celebration of peace, joy, hope, and gratitude for the incarnation and nativity of Jesus Christ. For Christians, Christmas is not just one evening and the following day. Christmas is a season that begins on Christmas Eve and culminates with the Epiphany of the Lord on January 6th. In modern times, most Protestants, only observe Epiphany on January 6th when it falls on a Sunday. This year, as often happens, January 6th falls between the first and second Sundays after Christmas. In this case the Book of Common Worship provides that Epiphany may be observed the Sunday before January 6th. So we will read and reflect on the story of the gifts of the Magi, on December 31st, probably before most of you are reading this.

The Second Sunday of Christmas falls on January 7th, which will be my last Sunday as your “Bridge Pastor” here at Lafayette Presbyterian Church. As many, hopefully most of you, reading this know, the Interim Pastor Search Committee (IPSC) has nominated Reverend Hanlim Chae to be LPC’s official Interim Pastor beginning Sunday January 14th. The Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) has reviewed his qualifications, met with him and approved the selection. On Christmas Eve morning following worship, the Session completed the final step in the process by voting to approve the nomination. I know everyone will make sure to be in worship on January 14th, to give Rev. Chae a warm welcome. The monthly luncheon following worship is also scheduled for that day.

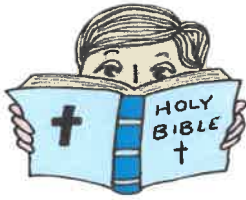
So, this is my last article for the Newsletter. I want you all to know how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve this congregation for the last 4 months. Every Sunday, without exception, the presence of the Holy Spirit has been palpable—in the music, in the prayers, in the way you welcome each other and visitors, and in your support and encouragement of me. The active leaders in the congregation (who I estimate as a majority of you) step up when a job needs to be done, make wise decisions, manage the church’s finances and generally let the pastor concentrate on preparation for Sunday worship and spiritual care. I will let Rev. Chae know he is coming to a high-functioning, generous, and caring congregation.

When Faith announced that the congregation had taken up a special offering for me, I was totally surprised. I don’t know how you did it without me having any inkling of it. I was flabbergasted when I opened the envelope and realized the extent of your generosity. I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart, for all your encouragement and support.

I will miss being your pastor very much, but I am ready to go back to the laid-back life of retirement ☺ You all will remain in my heart and my prayers as you continue through this time of transition. God is calling this congregation to something new. Keep your hearts and minds open to whatever that may be and embrace this time of challenge and renewal.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. Amen.

Mary



Our Thursday Bible Study, led by Jackie Montgomery, meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 1:30, in our Christian Education building. The January meeting dates will be January 4th and 18th. The study for January will cover Acts chapter 3. This study is very casual, open for anyone, and we would be excited to have new members attend.



The January Fellowship luncheon, hosted by the Session, will be on January 14th. The Luncheon will also serve as a welcome for our Interim Pastor, the Rev. Hanlim Chae. Desserts and side dishes are requested to accompany the provided entrée of fried chicken.

Have you seen the envelope in your box that says it is for **Per Capita**? Have you wondered what this is about?

Per Capita is how Presbyterians share equally and responsibly in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (USA).

What is Per Capita?



Per capita is the major source of funding for the Presbytery. It is requested from every congregation and based on total active membership of each church. This year, the Presbytery has asked for support in the amount of \$102.00 per member.

Through per capita, the Presbytery of Florida is able to

- help congregations with pastoral transitions,
- help prepare people for service as ordained ministers,
- provide support in revitalization of existing congregations,
- work to develop new congregations, as needed,
- link local congregations with others in the Presbytery, and
- support various Missions such as Dogwood Acres and U-Kirk.

Who is the Presbytery? **WE** are the Presbytery!

The annual congregational meeting is called to hold a meeting of the corporation, to act on the election of corporate officers and Trustees, to act on the Pastor's Terms of Call, to review the 2023 Annual Report, and to receive the 2024 Budget as information. The meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2024, immediately following worship.

By order of the Session,
Phil Ferguson, Clerk



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Honorary Life Membership Award

PW Celebration of Believers, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Nominations are being sought for the Lafayette Presbyterian Church 2024 Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. This award is conferred upon a woman or man in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. Moderators, leaders, teachers, officers, pastors, and missionaries have been among recipients of this honor.

The recipient of an Honorary Life Membership (HLM) in Presbyterian Women receives an honorary life pin and personalized certificate. Their name is added to the Honorary Life Membership Plaque in the Narthex.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please contact Rita Tucker for a Nomination Form. Nominations are due by January 31st.



SAVE THE DATE!!

9th Annual Women's Retreat
Dogwood Acres, Vernon, Florida

Feb. 23-25, 2024



Dogwood Acres is a lovely spot with comfortable cabins and terrific food. This is a weekend of faith, fun and fellowship that we look forward to every year. Anyone attending comes home truly blessed by the experience. All women of the church are invited to attend and guests are welcome.

The cost is \$146 (\$156 for the Monroe Lodge), which includes lodging and all meals. To register and pay, please see Faith Kinneer or Denise Vandiver. Carpooling is available if needed.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	TIME	PLACE	CONTACT
MORNING CIRCLE	Bible Study & Lunch	2nd Tuesday	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hall	Maree Peacock
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	Bible Study	2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Education Building	Kay Lachat
EVENING CIRCLE	Bible Study & Supper	Last Tuesday	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Denise Pentecost



CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

The Crafts for Missions workshop will meet **January 25TH** at 1:30 in the Christian Education Building. Our continuing focus will switch to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program and the soft knitted hats for Chemo patients for the first part of year. Monthly focus will change with selected projects.

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are ready to get back to work enjoying our projects. We would be excited to have new members join us for projects and fellowship in January.



Coffee and a Cookie Book Club

Please join us for book discussions and plenty of fellowship. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Monday of the Month from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. If you want to join us please contact Denise Vandiver for more details. These are the next books we will be reading.

- **Monday, January 15 ~ The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown**

With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. Soon to be a major motion picture directed by George Clooney – we are planning to watch the movie in January – the date is to be determined.

- **Monday, February 19 ~ Cookie & Me by Mary Jane Ryals**

Written by a local author, this book tells the story of Rayann, who is white and somewhat privileged, and Cookie, who is black and living a marginalized life that Rayann never realized existed until one life-changing summer.

- **Monday, March 18 ~ Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline**

As a young Irish immigrant orphan, Vivian Daly was sent by rail from New York City to an uncertain future a world away. Returning east later in life, Vivian leads a quiet, peaceful existence on the coast of Maine. But in her attic, hidden in trunks, are vestiges of a turbulent past. Seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer knows that a community-service position helping an elderly widow clean out her attic is the only thing keeping her out of juvenile hall. But as Molly helps Vivian sort through her keepsakes and possessions, she discovers that she and Vivian aren't as different as they appear.



The Grace Sunday School class meets at 9:00am each Sunday in the Christian Education Building classroom. They have been enjoying various bible studies. The class is open to anyone and there is room for you! If you would be interested in joining, please contact Doug

Pitts so we can be sure to have enough study books for everyone.

MEET and EAT 2024

The next round of Lafayette's Meet and Eat is starting in January!

Do you like to eat? Do you share a pew during worship with a new member or someone you would like to learn more about? Then Meet and Eat groups are the perfect opportunity to become familiar with your Lafayette family.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship in a small group atmosphere.

Here is how it works: Groups of 7 or 8 (we keep it small to facilitate conversation) meet once a month for dinner or lunch. We try to select a different restaurant each month and to choose ones that are not too noisy. Groups stay together for 4 months so each member/ couple has a chance to select the restaurant. Then, the group members are "shuffled" for the next round so you have the chance to talk with a new group of folks.

There is a lunch group and a dinner group. Based on your preferences and schedules you can join one or both groups!

If you would like to participate, please fill out the purple sheet in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Faith Kinneer.



Flowers for the Sanctuary

We all enjoy the beauty of flowers decorating our sanctuary during the worship service. Please consider choosing a date important in your life, the life of the church, the life of a friend or the life of this country to honor with flowers in the sanctuary.

If you would like for your arrangement to be in the center of the communion table, please keep the height of the arrangement to 18" so that we will also be able to see the cross.

If you would like your arrangement to be larger, we would love to place it on a side table for all to see and appreciate.

Please be sure to send your dedication wording to the church secretary, Lynda Blount, by Wednesday so it can be included in the bulletin. Also, be sure to deliver your arrangement to the church on Sunday morning by 10:15 a.m.

To choose your special date for dedication, please use the Flower Calendar in the church narthex.

*Thank
You*

We want to express our thanks to the congregation for their prayers and concerns during our grandson's recent health scare. We thank God that Leo Donaldson's surgery was a success, and he is back home and doing well. We don't know if it was the airport, the hospital, the waiting rooms, the hotel or the restaurants, but somewhere in between we all caught Covid. We can also thank God that it is a light case and none of us are very sick. And we are also thankful that we were prepared for our Christmas celebration and can now enjoy being snuggled up together in quarantine. It is a beautiful white Christmas up here in North Dakota!

Mike and Aliceann Donaldson

DID YOU KNOW?
BY PHIL FERGUSON



It was during a drought in January, 1986, and the waters of the Sea of Galilee were at the lowest level in recent history. Two brothers, who were fishermen, found something exciting on the northwestern shore of the Sea. They found the remains of an ancient boat in the mud.

Archaeologists were called and the boat was excavated. During an eleven year conservation and preservation process it was determined that the boat was from the period of about 40 BC to 50 AD. Physically the boat is 26 ½ feet long, 7 ½ feet wide and 4 ½ feet deep. The boat is the type that was used for fishing and transportation and would have had a crew of 4 rowers and 1 helmsman. It could hold up to 15 passengers.

The Galilee Boat is currently displayed at the Yigal Allon Museum in Israel. Although the boat has not been directly connected to Jesus or his disciples it is also known as the "Jesus Boat".

What has a bigger impact than a trio of 300-pound linebackers bearing down on a quarterback?

YOU! LPC's impact can change lives when we huddle up to participate in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. Now, more than ever, our community needs our help. The number of families struggling to put good food on their tables continues to grow. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty leading up to the Super Bowl football game on Sunday February 11th. Starting in mid-January we will start collecting cans of soup and monetary donations. You will find the giant soup can in the narthex to place your donations in. To even kick it up a notch this year, our fellowship luncheon falls on Super Bowl Sunday with our meal being homemade soups. The mission committee will be filling you in with more details as we get closer to.... **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.**



January

Calendar Dates

and

Special Days

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship	Sundays	10:30 AM
Grace Sunday School	Sundays	9:15 AM
Chancel Choir	Wednesdays	7:00 PM

MONTHLY EVENTS

AKtion Club	1st, 3rd Monday	7:00 PM
Thursday Bible Study	1st, 3rd Thursday	1:30 PM
Circle of Friends	2nd Monday	6:30 PM
Committee Meetings	2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM
Contemporary Book Club	3rd Monday	1:00 PM
Crafts for Missions	4th Thursday	1:30 PM
Morning Circle	2nd Tuesday	10:30 AM
Session Meeting	3rd Tuesday	6:30 PM
Evening Circle	Last Tuesday	6:00 PM

SCOUTS (actual times and dates may vary)

Girl Scouts 4023	1st Sunday	2:00 PM
Pack 10 Meetings	Mondays	6:30 PM
Troop 10 Meetings	1st, 3rd Tues	7:00 PM
Senior Patrol Leaders	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM
Crew 10	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM

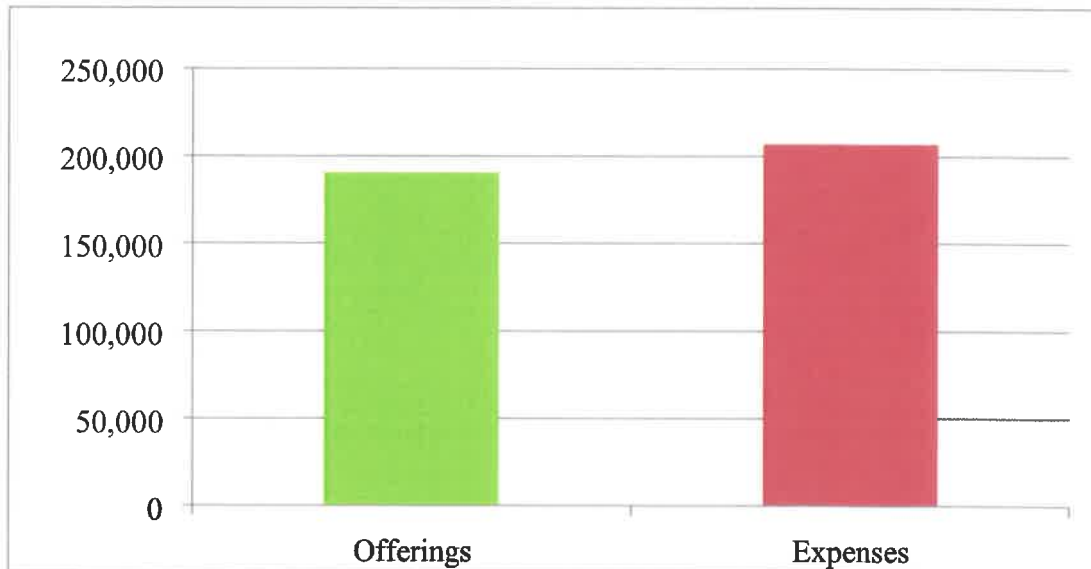
MON 1		New Year's Day—Church Office Closed
THU 4		National Trivia Day
SAT 6		Epiphany/Three Kings Day
SUN 7	10:30 AM	Baptism of the Lord Communion
		Ordination and Installation of Deacons & Elders
MON 8		National Bubble Bath Day
TUE 9		Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
SAT 13		Korean American Day
SUN 14	11:30 AM	Fellowship Luncheon
MON 15		Martin Luther King Holiday
FRI 19		National Popcorn Day
SAT 20		World Religion Day
WED 24		National Compliment Day
SAT 27		International Holocaust Remembrance Day
SUN 28	11:30 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting



Lafayette's Evening Circle hosted a toy drive for the Guardian Ad Litem Foundation for Circuit 2. We received wonderful toys and \$295 in gift cards to donate to this worthwhile cause. Thank you to all who contributed!



NOVEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE	
Actual Offerings Jan-Nov	Actual Expenses Jan-Nov
\$190,597.99	\$207,154.79



Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven;
it comes down from God. James 1:17



Your **Session Members in 2024** are:

Class of 2024: Kay Lachat, Paul Munyon, Rita Tucker

Class of 2025: Randy Burns, Phil Ferguson, Denise Vandiver

Class of 2026: Ned Stacey, Doug Pitts, Faith Kinneer

Your **Deacons in 2024** are:

Class of 2024: Sandy Kuhn, Sara Lou Smith

Class of 2025: Aliceann Donaldson, Peggy Johnson

Class of 2026: Diane Dowling, Sandi Herrington,
John Kinneer, Molly Miller, Nancy Telander



January 2024

January 2024							February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	25	26	27	28	29		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24	2	3	4	5	6
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Day	7:00pm Troop 10 Meeting	7:00pm Choir Practice	1:30pm Thursday Bible Study		Epiphany 10:00am Alanon/Alateen Meetings
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:15am Grace Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Girl Scouts	6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 10 6:30pm Circle of Friends	10:30am Morning Circle 6:30pm Committee Meetings 7:00pm Troop 10 Senior Patrol Leader	7:00pm Choir Practice			10:00am Alanon/Alateen Meetings
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We Lift Up In Prayer ...

Joys and Concerns, 12/31/23

- Please pray for Bob Kennedy, Peggy Johnson's brother he is hospitalized with severe breathing problems.

Joys and Concerns, 12/24/23

- Prayers for Karen Richards and family upon the passing of, Shirley Graham, Karen's Mother. Also traveling mercies for Karen when she returns home.
- Prayers for Kathy Morrison who is dealing with health issues.
- Please pray for Sara Lou Smith's Great-granddaughter, Rachael Bender, who is having serious medical issues.
- Please pray for Christie Smith, Sara Lou's daughter-in-law, who is facing surgery in the near future
- Prayers for Denise Vandiver who is in the hospital.

Joys and Concerns, 12/17/23

- Prayers for Mary Vance who is quarantined at home with Covid.
- Prayers for Jim Ledbetter and Family upon the passing of his wife Rose. The Ledbetters are friends and fellow Kiwanians of the Kinneer/Dickman Family.
- Prayers for Leo Donaldson, 2 year old grandson of Mike & Aliceann Donaldson. Leo is having abdominal surgery on Tuesday, December 19 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Also, traveling mercies for Aliceann who is traveling to Fargo, ND to be with the family. Aliceann will stay for three weeks to take care of Leo because his parents must return to work.
- Prayers for Patti Dickman who has suffered a 2nd degree burn.
- Prayers for Micah Knuth and family who have Covid. Micah is the daughter of Rachel Herman and granddaughter of Randy & Bonnie Burns.

Joys and Concerns, 12/10/23

- Please keep Karen Richards' Mother in your prayers.
- Rob Vandiver came through surgery well. He is now recuperating at home.

Continued Prayers

- ♦ Our Armed Forces around the world
- ♦ Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- ♦ Angela and Jerry White, daughter and son-in-law of Donna Lou Askew
- ♦ Charla Casey's brother, Howell
- ♦ Jon Chapman's daughter, Tiffany
- ♦ LaVerne Gibson
- ♦ Anne Hebrock
- ♦ Jaya Herman
- ♦ Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer (heart transplant)
- ♦ Twila Phillips
- ♦ Christy Stacey's sister-in-law, Charlotte Lehman and her brother Earl Keister.
- ♦ Russell Stovall
- ♦ Barry Fake, brother of Diana Swegman
- ♦ Denny Chevillot, friend of the Telander's
- ♦ Gail Yates
- ♦ Those who have no one to pray for them

*I call on you, my God, for
you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and
hear my prayer.*

Psalm 17:6NIV

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January Ushers

Faith Kinneer

John Kinneer

Denise Vandiver

Substitutes



January Birthdays

1	Rev. Payne	18	Connie Nehlsen
3	Serena Jung	18	Carol Wade
7	Ruth Eng	19	Thomas Pentecost
7	Karen Gunter	24	Jean Brinson
11	Anne Logue	26	Oneida Monroe
14	Georgia Latimer	28	Steven Olson



February articles are due

Friday, January 19

Remember our church in your will.