

LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LAKESIDE LANTERN SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 53RD YEAR

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LAKESIDE THE HAPPENING PLACE TO BE

Advent time has arrived at Lakeside United Methodist Church, we look forward to you joining us as we have lots of rich and meaningful activities for all. We hope that each and every one of you will come for worship on Sunday at 10:00am and throughout the month as we join together in Christian worship and fellowship. Come bring your family and friends for a God enriched experience.

Merry
Christmas

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday afternoons at 4—5:30pm in the library.
Plan to attend and bring your Bible

The first meeting will be on Sunday, November 27th, 2011 at 4pm with studies planned on Sundays, December 4th and 11th to follow.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Christmas Concert:

Sunday, December 18th at 7p.m. "2000 Decembers Ago" Some 2,000 years ago, a shining star marked the dawning of a new hope and the world has never been the same. This musical the perfect way to celebrate our Lord's birth. Reception to follow in the Fellowship hall.

Christmas Eve. Service:

Saturday, December 24th at 7p.m. Come and join us for a candlelight service looking toward the celebration of Christ's Birth on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day:

Sunday, December 25th at 10a.m. Come and Rejoice the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Communion Sunday / 2nd Sunday of Advent / Pot Luck Luncheon (UMM/UMW)
- 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Food Pantry
- Matthew Meals
- 4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas Concert
- Christmas Eve Service
- Christmas Day
- Watch Night

Mission Jar Outreach

How would you like to help sponsor a child for Christmas through CROS Ministries? We will be collecting \$25 gift cards from Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Target. Just buy a \$25 gift card from one of these stores and drop it in the Mission Jar. Or, you can donate any amount of cash in the jar and CROS Ministries will buy the cards. Help a local child have a Merry Christmas. Last day to contribute is Sunday, December 11th.

Thanks for supporting Lakeside's Mission Jar
Lakeside Finance Committee



UMW/UMM Pot Luck Luncheon...Sunday, Dec 4, after Worship Service. Bring your favorite dish to share. Ham & beverages will be provided. Everyone is invited.



Greetings Lakeside Family

As we enter into this most joyous time of the year, we gather together to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As I ponder the season and what God had in mind when He chose the place for the Christ child to be born, I have often wondered why God would have chosen such a place as a stable or barn to be the birthplace of Jesus. What does that say for us? Does it say that no matter where we come from or what circumstance forms our life, we are able to become like Jesus and change our world? The only first hand witnesses to the birth were his parents and the animals of the stable. Growing up in a small town in Missouri surrounded by farms and spending much of my time around livestock and nature, the thought of being born in a barn at that time could have seemed romantic and something that could be very "COOL". But in Jesus' day that was the lowliest place you could have been born. Jesus was born into homelessness and lived most of His life that way. Even today we cannot be certain of the birthplace of Jesus. The site can only be assumed from first century accounts. Yet do we really need to know the exact location of his birth when the true cradle is in our hearts? Whatever mankind can build on that site, man can tear down. But what the Lord gave us there, can never be taken away. So as we go into this Christmas season lets keep in mind that it does not matter where you came from, but more importantly, where you are going.

Nanci and I are looking forward with great anticipation to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with our Lakeside family during this Christmas season. May God richly bless each of you and your families during this most special season.

Merry Christmas

Pastor David and Nanci

PASS THE SALT!



T-shirt Designs



I'm a Salty Servant
at
Lakeside
United Methodist Church
Lake Worth, Florida



The Youth are taking orders for anyone interested in buying a Salty Servant T shirt. They are selling them for \$15 for sizes up to XL and \$17 for extended sizes. The youth are the ones who designed the shirts.

The youth have completed a lot of the repairs, cleaning and painting. They have purchased new curtains to help spruce up the new look. We will be doing a lot of fundraising to help cover the costs of this renovation and to purchase items such as a movie projector and other supplies. If anyone would like to contribute monetarily, please have them contact me via my cell 561-313-7470.

Thank you, Chrissy Harden

From the Music Department

The Chancel Choir will present our Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 18, 2011, at 7pm.

The title is "2000 Decembers Ago." Please plan to attend. We will enjoy a time of fellowship immediately following the program.



Wendell

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

MATTHEW MEALS

Our December Matthew Meals date will be Saturday, December 17th. It's a little earlier due to the Christmas holiday. Lakeside needs your help preparing or serving the food and with clean up. We start cooking around 1:30pm. The meals are served 4-6pm. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Thank you to everyone who helps with this ongoing ministry.

FOOD PANTRY

The next date for the Food Pantry will be Friday, December 16th. The Food Pantry will be open 10am to 12:30pm.



Pop Tabs: We are still collecting pop tabs from soda cans, soup cans, etc... They are used for the aluminum in them. The McDonald House is the charity that benefits from these. Please give them to Kathy Chandler.



Matthew Meals could use your help with some baked goods, story books and coloring books that tell the Christmas story and small boxes of crayons to hand out with meals on December 17th.

STAFF LOVE OFFERING

In appreciation for all our church employees do for us, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee has arranged for a love offering for all the church staff. The "hanging" model church will be in the narthex Dec. 4, 11, and 18 for this love offering. Please make checks payable to Lakeside United Methodist Church. The church staff includes Pastor David Branson, Carolyn Ludwig (administrative assistant), Wendell Waltman (music director), Dennis Simmons (keyboard), Gary Simmons (sound tech), Christina Harden & Teresa Wilhelm (nursery attendants), Luann Call (bookkeeper), Gary Fitzgerald (custodian).

GARDEN NEWS

A Special "Thank You" to Teresa Athas who has sponsored 2 gardeners this year.

The gardens that have been planted are doing well. We still have plots available.

ALTAR FLOWERS

2012

The 2012 Flower Calendar will be on display in the Narthex starting in December. We request that for each Sunday only one family sign per line. You are always welcome to add an extra display if the Sunday you want is already taken.



KEENAGERS— will meet on Wednesday, December 14th at 12 noon. We will have a pot luck and please bring enough to feed at least 8 people. Please bring your own table service. Beverage will be provided. If you invite guests to come please bring table service

UMW NEWS

Tuesdays, 10:30am
Intercessory Prayer Circle,
Library

Monday, December 5
6:30pm Bookworms,
Anne Fralick's home

Wednesday, December 7
10:00am Susanna Wesley,
Library

Saturday, December 10
UMW SE District Cultural
Meeting-Miramar

RED BIRD MISSION in the
mountains of Kentucky
thanks you.

Lakeside UMW recently
mailed to them 586 BOX
TOPS for education and
LABELS FOR EDUCATION.
They redeem these for
equipment and supplies
which they could not
otherwise afford.

Look on your Campbell
soup labels and holiday
baking supplies. LOOK,
CUT, and BRING IN. Place
in the envelope in the
Narthex or hand to Anne
Fralick.

*O come let us
adore him, O
come us adore
him, O come
let us adore
him, Christ the
Lord.*

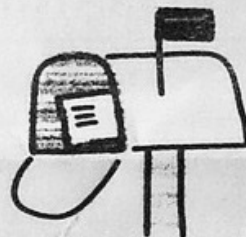
Our condolences go out to the family
of Vern Hakes, who passed away on
10/31/11 in Ohio at the age of 99.



THANK YOU

Dear Lakeside Family,
A Special Thank You to all
of our Lakeside family and
friends for your continued
prayers, cards, and calls for
Don and myself. Don and I
are at his mothers while he
is healing. We appreciate
all of the support you have
given us.

Love and Hugs,
Don and Peggy Morphesis



IN THE MAIL

Dear Friends in Mission:
Thank you for your gener-
ous gift to United Method-
ist Committee on Relief.
100 percent of your contri-
bution will go to Disaster
Response, International,
through The Advance, the
designated giving channel
of The United Methodist
Church.

Because you gave,
UMCOR is able to "Be
There" and Be Hope" on
your behalf. UMCOR
programs provide food for
the hungry, help farmers
grow plentiful and nutri-
tious food and support

people left destitute by
natural disasters and war.
Your gifts go a long way to
bring healing and hope to
people in need. We give
thanks for your generosity.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes
General Treasurer
United Methodist
Committee on Relief
General Board of Global
Ministries

UMYF YOUTH GROUP:

The Lakeside Youth
Group is looking for-
ward to starting up with
some fun activities and
new ways to learn
about Christ. Hope you
will come and bring a
friend

Coming in 2012:
Wednesday night
dinners starting in
January. Start lining
up your family and
friends to come for a
good meal and good
fellowship.



The Advance
Advancing hope in Christ's name

UN-POINSETTIAS: Lakeside will be celebrating the Christmas holidays and loved ones with "Un-poinsettias".

Donations in honor or memory of loved ones will go directly to Lakeside's missions.

This year, the designated missions are:

- *Lakeside Pastor's Fund*
- *Lakeside's Youth Group*
- *Lakeside Food Pantry*

Names of donors and honorees will be printed in the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Bulletins

HISTORIAN

If you have any pictures of Lakeside United Methodist Church or any memorabilia that you would like to donate to be placed in the historical cabinet in the Narthex please drop them off at the Church office or call Frank Hamilton @ 588.0941 Thanks Frank

The Pumpkin Patch had a very good year! Ken Chennell would like to thank everyone who helped with the Patch this year. We thank everyone who made purchases from the Patch as well. We made \$3,824.00 in sales and after we paid for the pumpkins, we were able to send a check to each of our four charities (C.R.O.S., Adopt-A-Family, First Care Family Resources, and Florida United Methodist Children's Home) of \$265.00 each. Thank you!

No Greater Gift -- Cheri Henderson

Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given! Wonderful Counselor! Mighty God! Our Prince of Peace!

On this Christmas Day and for the remainder of my life, is there any greater gift I could receive?

For Who, but You, gives eternal life to me? Who, but You, loves me wholly just for me? Who, but You, heals my soul and sets me free? No one. No one, but You!

And who, but You, always intercedes for me? Who, but You, supplies everything I need? Who, but You, would die solely just for me? No one. No one, but You!

For You are God. You're my Provider. You're my Healer, Comfort, Shelter. You're my Rock and I'm covered by Your hand.

You're my Savior, my Deliverer. You are my dearest friend. For every need I have, You are I AM.

What a Christmas present! What a perfect gift! Thank you, Lord, for being all I need. Help me to remember what this season's all about: there IS no greater gift than You for me!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2011 - LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMPANION CHURCHES: Haitian Church, Sunday, 9:30 am, 5:30 pm; Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, 7:30 pm, Friday, 9:30 PM Outreach Ministries for Jesus, Sunday 12 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 7:30 pm					REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE Prayer Time 8:25 am Small Groups 8:45 am Worship 10 am UMYF Youth Group 4-6 pm	
				1 Chancel Choir 7 PM	2 AA 8:30 PM	3
4 Communion Sunday 2 nd Sunday of Advent Pot-luck luncheon (UMM/UMW)	5 UMM 7 PM Bookworms 6:30 PM Anne Fralick's home	6 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	7 Susanna Wesley Circle 10 AM Trustees 6 PM Staff Parish 7 PM	8 Chancel Choir 7 PM	9 AA 8:30 PM	10 UMW SE Dist. Cultural Meeting-Miramar Outreach Church rehearsal in PM in FH
11 3 rd Sunday of Advent	12	13 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	14 Keenagers 12 noon Council 7 pm	15 Chancel Choir 7 PM	16 Food Pantry 10 - 12:30 PM AA 8:30 PM	17 Matthew Meals 4 - 6 PM
18 4 th Sunday of Advent Christmas Concert 7 PM	19	20 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	21	22 Chancel Choir 7 PM	23 AA 8:30 PM	24 Christmas Eve Service 7 PM Outreach Church rehearsal in PM in FH
25 Christmas Day Regular Sunday Schedule	26 Church Office Closed	27 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM	28	29 Chancel Choir 7 PM	30 AA 8:30 PM	31 Watch Night

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WE HAVE A PLACE FOR You!

Monthly Publication

Sunday Small groups

8:45 AM

Sunday worship

10:00 AM

Happy December Birthday to:

- 6 Pastor Rachel Hollingsworth
- 11 Beverly Josephson
- 12 Myra Grove
Ken Holloway
- 20 Annetta Boer
- 24 Bernice Ohannes
- 27 Teresa Gaydo
- 29 Chris Boer
- 30 Edna Day
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Group Trip

Want to have fun and fellowship? A group of Lakesiders and friends are going to see the musical "The Divorce Party; The Musical" at the Kravis Center. The tickets start at \$25 and the show runs from January 10th to February 19th. If you are interested please see either Jane Harden or Karen Roongrojana. A.S.A.P. The date we are actually going will be announced in the December Sunday bulletin and the January Newsletter. The deadline for ticket purchase and reservations will be announced at that time.

The description of the play reads: "Still reeling from her divorce, Linda is rescued by her three friends who have come to turn her despair into a weekend of hilarity. Using popular songs with clever new lyrics, the ladies sing and dance their way through the wildest divorce party ever. From the producer of the hit off-Broadway hit Menopause, the Musical. It is the ultimate "Girls Night Out, coupled with a healthy dose of comic mayhem and a touch of "naughty".



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
PEACE
GOOD WILL TO ALL