

LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LAKESIDE LANTERN SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 54TH YEAR

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HAPPY NEW YEAR'S!

JANUARY: Winter time in so many places, but here in South Florida we are lucky to get our sweaters out a couples of times each year.

Some of us are the same way with our Bibles and our smiles. With the New Year, let's get them out and share them with each another for a brighter future in 2012.

The time of Epiphany 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.

Epiphany's literal meaning is "manifestation" — an indication of the existence or presence of something, especially of a divine being. It means to show, make known, or reveal. It is the third and final observance of the Christmas Cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany); the other cycle is the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost).

Epiphany is one of the oldest celebrations of the Christian church, even predating Christmas. In the Eastern Church, the main theme for Epiphany Day is the baptism of Jesus; but in the Western Church, we commemorate the visit of the magi. Traditionally, on the first Sunday after Epiphany, we focus on the baptism of Christ; and on the last Sunday after Epiphany, the Transfiguration.

The date of Epiphany Day is fixed as January 6, following the twelve days of Christmas.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Communion Sunday/ New Year's Day/ Epiphany Sunday*
- *Epiphany of the Lord*
- *UMW Unit/ Installation Meeting*
- *Baptism of the Lord/ Dedication of the Church Organ*
- *Human Trafficking Awareness Day*
- *Human Relations Day Offering*
- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day/ Church Office Closed*
- *Week of Prayer of Christian Unity Jan. 18-25*
- *Women's Retreat in Leesburg Jan. 20 – 22/ UMW Dist. Training in PBG.*
- *Food Pantry*
- *Ecumenical Sunday/ Commitment Sunday*
- *Matthew Meals*
- *Children's Home Offering*
- *Primary Election Voting*
- *Atlantic Central District 2012 Leadership Training Event*

Mission Jar Outreach

Mission Jar for January through March is the Servants of the Great I Am. They need T-shirts, socks, sample size toiletries, and food they can put in their backpacks (cheese and crackers, single serve fruit, hard candy, gum, etc.).

Thanks for supporting Lakeside's Mission Jar
Lakeside Finance Committee



Happy New Year!!! Lakeside UMC

What a glorious new year we have to look forward to as we embark on a year of excitement and anticipation for our congregation. With many new ministry opportunities and spiritual growth possibilities we are excited to begin 2012 and see what God has in store for us. We have been praying for many months now as to what God would have us do to reach out and be invitational to our community and friends.

We will begin our Youth Ministry in earnest in January with the completion of our Youth Room renovations and dedication of that space to a new generation of young people, we will strive to give them a fun and life changing environment to seek ways to grow in their faith and strengthen their spiritual journey. Our prayer is that it will give them a firm foundation in the Lord that will carry them throughout their lives. Christina Harden has accepted the position of Youth Coordinator and I look forward to working with Christina in this new ministry opportunity. Give her your full support and encouragement as we all join together in giving our young people a Christ centered environment in which to grow their faith.

Another very important event in the life of our church is our annual Stewardship Campaign in January. As we discern the direction of our church and the ability to plan for programs and activities as well as the operation and maintenance of the Church. It is imperative that we have the support of our church family to plan throughout the year. So, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to Lakeside on January 22, 2012 - Commitment Sunday - to fulfill our Kingdom building call of the Holy Spirit. Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration.

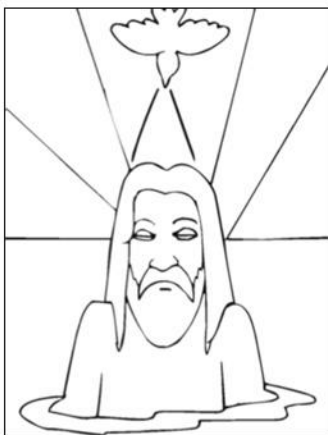
As of January 25, 2012 I will officially be retired from the South Florida Water Management District after 30 years of service. I am so blessed to have this opportunity to serve as your Pastor, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us as a Church and a community of faith. We stand on the threshold of opportunity here at Lakeside, as we honor God and seek His guidance in our mission to the world. Our Heavenly Father will bless us as a church family if we are faithful and obedient to His call on each of our lives. I look forward to what God will do with each of us as we continue to grow and seek Him.

In His Service
Blessings, Pastor David



**We will all be
changed by the
Victory of our
Lord Jesus
Christ
(cf. 1 Cor 15:
51-58)**

**BAPTISM OF THE
LORD/SUNDAY,
JANUARY 8TH** is a day
for reaffirming the
baptismal covenant and
membership vows.



From the Music Department

The Chancel Choir presented their annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 18, 2011, at 7pm.

The title was "2000 Decembers Ago." We had 132 people in attendance. It was a beautiful evening of song, specials, and music under the direction



of Wendell Waltman. We all enjoyed a delicious reception in the fellowship hall after the cantata. Thank you Wendell and Thank you Choir!

***Organ
Dedication on
Sunday,
January 8th***

**ALTAR FLOWERS
2012**

MATTHEW MEALS

Our December Matthew Meals date was on Saturday, December 17th. They were able to serve 150 hot meals with the help of 15 volunteers to prepare the meals, serve them and do the clean up of the kitchen afterwards. Are they Wonderful! They also gave out gifts and candy canes to children that came to brighten their Christmas. We want to thank everyone who donated baked goods, story books, coloring books and crayons for Matthew Meals during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday. Lakeside needs your help preparing or serving the food and with clean up for the meals coming up in the New Year. We start cooking around 1:30pm. The meals are served 4-6pm.

in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

FOOD PANTRY

The next date for the Food Pantry will be Friday, January 20th. The Food Pantry will be open 10am to 12:30pm. We gave out 53 bags of food at our December Pantry and our shelves are bare. Please watch your store ads and pick up a little something extra when you shop to help the food pantry. Thank you.



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.



STAFF LOVE OFFERING

Lakeside's staff is grateful and appreciative for the generous Christmas love gift that this congregation gave to us.
Thank you, Thank you,
THANK YOU!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The 2012 Flower Calendar will be on display in the Narthex starting in January. 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, January 11th 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 for them also. The program will be the children singing from Oakstone Academy and the Holy Smoke Sky Writer.

**C.R.O.S.
MINISTRIES**

Money & gift cards were given to CROS to provide Christmas gifts for 33 children. The Lake Worth Food Pantry will be temporarily located at Calvary United Methodist Church. Thank you.

**Atlantic Central District
2012 Leadership
Training Event**

Saturday, February 4,
2012 - Trinity UMC, Palm
Beach Gardens

**"Inspiring and
Empowering Intentional
Disciples"**

This **FREE** leadership-training event will inspire and equip laity, lay staff, and clergy. The program is provided by your Apportionments District Work Funds. The day includes a wide variety of classes, a light breakfast, lunch, childcare and a wonderful time to grow and connect with other leaders in our district.

INFORMATION: Need more information? Contact Rod Groom at rod.groom@gmail.com or 772-595-5731. (This is NOT a registration address.)

Our condolences go out to the family of Edna Day, who passed away on 12/6/11 and Grace Allman, who passed away on 12/19/2011.



UMW NEWS

Tuesdays, 10:30am
Intercessory Prayer Circle,
Library

Monday, January 2
7:00pm Bookworms, FH

Wednesday, January 4
10:00am Susanna Wesley,
Library

Saturday, January 7
9:30am Fellowship Hall
UMW Unit Meeting

(Election/Installation) Our guest will be Claire Pierre-Louis who will answer our questions about Haiti. Danish & beverage will be served.

Monday, January 16
7:00pm Library
UMW Ex. Committee
RED BIRD MISSION
LOOK, CUT, and BRING IN.
Campbell Soup Labels,
Betty Crocker Squares,
etc... Place in the envelope in the Narthex or hand to Anne Fralick.

MEMBERSHIP

Permanent addresses are needed for James Anderson, Wanda Bell, Beverly Muller & Maribeth Vinson.

Letters were sent March 14, 2011, regarding desire to retain church membership to Mary M. Anderson, Karen Bodwell, Richard Bodwell, Nancy Booth, Kimberly Roma, Byrne Sekema, & David Straight. To date, we have had no response.

THANK YOU

Lakeside would like to send out a heart felt thank you to the ladies of the Women's Lake Worth Golf Association who donated food to our food pantry when it was much needed. Thank you so much ladies for your continued support.

January is Stewardship Month please pray as you consider what you will contribute for the coming year.

January 11, 2008 was observed as **Human Trafficking Awareness Day** by a [concurrent resolution](#) of the U.S. Congress.

But the concern continues daily as people worldwide are coerced into bonded labor, bought and sold in prostitution, exploited in domestic servitude, enslaved in agricultural work and in factories, and captured to serve as child soldiers.

While estimates of the numbers vary widely, the U. S. Government recently reported that 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year; 80 percent of them are female and almost half are minors.

For more information about Human Trafficking Awareness go to www.nccusa.org

UMYF YOUTH GROUP:

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

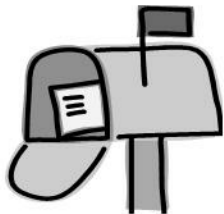
UN-POINSETTIAS: We would like to thank everyone who donated to the un-poinsettias. Your generous giving will greatly help our three funds: Lakeside's Pastor's Fund, Lakeside's Youth Group, and Lakeside's Food Pantry. We appreciate your support.

**A HEARTFELT
THANK YOU**

Dear Lakeside,
Nanci and I would like to thank everyone for their very nice Christmas Cards, gifts and goodies during this Christmas season. Your very generous love offering was greatly appreciated.

God Bless You in the
New Year,
Pastor David & Nanci

The 2012 church Offering envelopes are now available in the church narthex. If you have not yet received yours please see Barbara Russum either before or after the worship service to pick them up. If you do not have church offering envelopes and would like to have some please let Barbara know and she will be glad to see that you get some. If you are unable to get to the church to pick up your envelopes please call the church office and we will mail them out to you. 585-7519



**2012 PRIMARY
ELECTION VOTING
WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY
31ST.**

Coming in 2012:

Wednesday night dinners will start on January 11th. We will be having a covered dish dinner at 6p.m. with devotions starting at 6:30. All are welcome.

IN THE MAIL

Lakeside United Methodist Church has received several thank you's from C.R.O.S. Ministries for the money we donated to them for their ministries from our Pumpkin Patch and from our C.R.O.S. Walk activities. We received a sincere thank you from Adopt-A-Family for the donation we sent for help for families in need. We also received several thank you's from Florida United Methodist Children's Home thanking us for your generous donations in November and December which helped to make the children's Thanksgiving and Christmas more joyful.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY/MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

The verse, I'm gonna' treat everybody right - until I die, from the traditional spiritual "I Will Trust in the Lord" is slowly becoming a worldwide standard for how the human family lives together. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day has become Human Relations Day on the United Methodist Special Days Calendar. This allows us to step back from the historical person, Martin Luther King, Jr., just enough to embrace the sweeping worldwide reforms initiated by Dr. King and others during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. It also calls us to remember two things: that one person can make a tremendous difference and that when we venture forth in the name of God's justice, we will not have to stand alone for very long. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has truly taken his place in history as a drum major for justice, leading a parade of like-minded people on several continents who continue the work begun under his leadership nearly half a century ago.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2012 - LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH					REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE Prayer Time 8:20 am Small Groups 8:45 am Worship 10 am Youth Group 4-6 pm	
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						
1 Holy Communion Regular Sunday Schedule Epiphany Sunday New Year's Day	2 Bookworms 7:00 PM UMM 7 PM Church Office Closed	3 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	4 Susanna Wesley Circle 10 AM Trustees 6 PM	5 Chancel Choir 7 PM	6 Epiphany of the Lord AA 8:30 PM	7 UMW Unit/Installation Meeting 9:30 AM, FH
8 Regular Sunday Schedule Baptism of the Lord	9	10 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day Keenagers 12Noon Church Council 7 PM	12 Chancel Choir 7 PM	13 AA 8:30 PM	14 Outreach Church rehearsal in AM in FH
15 Regular Sunday Schedule Human Relations Day (Offering)	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed	17 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	18 Finance Committee 7 PM ←-----	19 Chancel Choir 7 PM Week of Prayer -----	20 Food Pantry 10 -12 :30 PM AA 8:30 PM Women's -----> for Christian Unity ---	21 UMW Dist. Training - PBG. Retreat in -----> ----- Jan. 18 - 25 -----
22 Regular Sunday Schedule Ecumenical Sunday Commitment Sunday Leesburg Week of ----->	23 Prayer for ----->	24 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Christian Unity -----	25 Staff Parish 7 PM Jan.18-25 -----<	26 Chancel Choir 7 PM	27 AA 8:30 PM	28 Matthew Meals 4-6PM Outreach Church rehearsal in AM in FH
29 Regular Sunday Schedule Children's Home Offering	30	31 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 AM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Election Voting- Youth Rm, 6a.m.- 8p.m.				Feb.4 Atlantic Central District 2012 Leadership Training Events- 8:15am-3:00pm at Trinity UMC- PBG

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**WE HAVE A PLACE FOR
You!**

Monthly Publication

Sunday Small groups

8:45 AM

Sunday worship

10:00 AM

**Happy January
Birthday to:**

- 3 Bob Boer,
Jewel Schattie
12 Dorothy Dobbins
18 Linda Friend
22 Mary Gough
25 Bruce Curtis
27 Teresa Athas
28 John Ashton,
Mykel Haymond



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THEN THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...
And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.
--Howard Thurman