

LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LAKESIDE LANTERN

SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 54TH YEAR

H A P P Y E A S T E R !

Greetings from your Pastor

It has been a very special time in the life of our Church as we have had the opportunity to welcome 8 new members into our congregation. I would encourage you to introduce yourself to these newest brothers and sisters in Christ and make them feel welcome.

We have had a great time with our Youth Ministry and we have seen some new faces showing up for Sunday afternoon "Youth Group". Please continue to pray for this ministry as we reach out to the young people in our community. We are looking for some motivated folks who would like to help out with food and snacks for Sunday Youth. See Christina Harden to offer assistance with this much appreciated help.

I would like to invite the men of the church to join us for a time of Fellowship and motivation as we kick off our Men's Breakfast Group which will be the first Saturday of each month. We will be meeting at the IHOP at the corner of Hypoluxo Rd. and US 1 (Federal Hwy). April 7 @ 8:00 am. See Chris Boer or myself for more information.

As we ponder and celebrate this Easter season let us continue to focus on what Jesus has done for us. His love for us is immeasurable. We must, as His people, let Jesus into our heart and not just our head. All our Savior asks of us is that we "come as we are!" After all, isn't that what the Gospel is all about?--Isn't that the message that Jesus Christ preached? Come as you are!!

There is no doubt that religion (the church) will clean you up...it will make you look real good—but that's only head knowledge...

If a person is to be saved, their heart has to be changed—and that only comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

I pray this Easter season will find you putting your trust and love of Jesus Christ deep within your heart, you will be changed forever.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor David

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As we struggle with the current state of the economy, we are sadly aware that many churches are having financial difficulties.

We would like you to know that, here at Lakeside in 2011, we were able to meet all our obligations including Connectional Giving and many forms of Outreach.

It was only possible to accomplish this with the financial dedication of our congregation. We pray that this will continue in the future as we strive to do God's work.

Blessings to you all, The Committee on Finance

NEW WEBSITE

Lakeside has a new web site at www.lakesideumchurch.org. You have to put the website address at the top of your email page as it doesn't work if you try to google it. You can access our newsletters, calendar and Boy Scout Troop information at this time. We are adding new items all the time as we learn more about how it works. Please check it out. Bill Taylor has done a wonderful job putting it together for us. Thank you Bill!



*The youth will provide
carnations to put on the
floral cross for a donation on Easter*

LENTEN AND EASTER OFFERINGS

The following are the Lenten and Easter offering recipients. Please pray for God's direction as you give generously.

Lenten Offering – C.R.O.S. Ministries

Holy Thursday – Florida Annual Conference Offering

Easter Sunrise – Lakeside Matthew Meals

Easter Worship – Lakeside's General Budget

Non-Lilies – Lakeside Food Pantry, Lakeside Memorials, and Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Feinstein Challenge! CROS Ministries is again participating in the annual Feinstein Challenge. During the month of April, cash donations will be matched by the Feinstein Foundation. Your checks should be made payable to "Lakeside UMC" with "Feinstein Matching Funds" on the memo line.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest members to the Lakeside family. On March 4th, we celebrated the joining of 8 new members to our congregation. I would encourage you to make their acquaintance and welcome them into our church.

Our new members are:

Jessica Delgado and her three children, Alexia, Jessenia, James

Jessenia and James were also baptized on March 4th.

William Carpenter

Susan Haug

Joanne Grimm

Susan Sylvester (Transfer from UMC of the Palm Beaches)

We are blessed to have them with us and I am looking forward to this new opportunity to share the love of Jesus with all of you.

Welcome on behalf of Lakeside UMC and your Pastor

Blessings, Pastor David

BLANKET SUNDAY REPORT

Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 35 denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance around the world. Through the Blankets+ program, Church World Service can respond to disasters and to assist communities here and around the world with the tools they need to rebuild their lives. Your generous response to the Blanket + presentation on February 19th resulted in an offering of \$1,171 - the most every received at Lakeside!

Thank you!

Our Matthew Meals will be on Saturday, April 28th. We use volunteers to prepare the meals, serve them and do the clean up of the kitchen afterwards. Lakeside needs your help with these meals coming up through out the year. We start cooking around 1:30pm. The meals are served 4 –6pm. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

The Wednesday Night Dinners are going great! We have had a nice turnout with much fun and fellowship. We are in the middle of our 14 week Study Series, Ashes... To Fire, which began Feb. 29th and is continuing through May 27th (Pentecost). It is a journey of intentional, intensive fellowship with Jesus.

Guidance through worship, personal Bible study, and daily reflections are included. Whether you stay for the Bible Study or just come for dinner, we hope you will join us on Wednesday Night for a time of fellowship with your Christian brother and sisters. Everyone is Welcome!

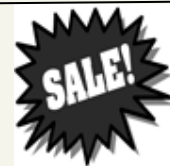
YOUTH AND CHILDREN

The Lakeside Youth Group is meeting regularly in the youth room every Sunday 4pm –6pm. We have begun the 14 week Lenten study “Ashes to Fire” with Pastor David and Nanci Branson. Children, ages 5-12, are meeting on Sunday nights to do the Lenten study with Christina and Jane Harden. We need volunteers who are willing to help with children and youth activities to PLEASE call Christina Harden at 313-7470.

The Lakeside United Methodist Church Memorials Committee uses memorial funds for the enhancement of the worship service or for the beautification of the sanctuary & church property. Funds received as memorials are placed as designated or undesignated categories as specified by the family or donor. We urge you to consider a gift to the Memorials Committee when you are honoring or remembering loved ones. Call Frank Hamilton, Chairman, or the Church Office for more information.

CROS— April is one of Lakeside’s assigned months to collect non - perishable food items for the CROS Food Pantries. Again, this year, we will equally divide collections between CROS & Lakeside’s Food Pantries. You will be receiving a paper grocery bag, with a list of suggested items attached. Please return your donations to the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall during the month of April.

This year's egg hunt will deplete our supplies. Please be on the lookout for after Easter clearance items that can be used for next year. We are looking for plastic eggs and small toys that can be used as egg fillers. No candy please. You can give the items to Christina Harden or the youth to be put away in storage.



Father's Day

Saturday, June 16th, 2012
6:00pm-8:00pm Tickets \$8.00
Tickets available 5/27/2012



Mission Jar Outreach

Our Mission Emphasis supports First Care Family Resources for the months of April, May, & June. First Care Family Resources offers practical, compassionate ways to remove the barriers that cause women to choose abortion and provides the opportunity for every woman to make positive choices for herself and for her unborn children. For women who choose to parent, First Care provides pregnancy support through medical referrals and parenting classes. They also provide information on adoption for clients who want to carry their child, but aren't ready to parent.

Items especially needed have to do with newborns such as: diapers, wipes, and any other items you might give if you were to attend a baby shower for a friend. Of course, you can make a monetary contribution which will be used to support the cause.

Thank you, The Finance Committee.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be having our annual community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 11am to 1pm. We will have crafts, games, food, and of course lots of eggs to find! Anybody interested in volunteering to help PLEASE call me!!!! 313-7470 Thank you, Christina

FOOD PANTRY The next date for the Food Pantry will be Friday, April 20th. The Food Pantry will be open 10am to 12:30pm. We gave out 41bags of food last month. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry.

IN THE MAIL: We have received many thank you's in the last two months, too many to publish all of them. United Methodist Communications thanks you for generous gifts you sent for Human Relations Day. UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, thanks you for your gifts that go such a long way to bring healing and hope to people in need. Church World Service thanks you for generous contributions during the Blanket+ Program. The Florida United Methodist Children's Home thanks you so much for your congregation's generous gifts, which will make a huge difference in the lives of the children here in residence. Thank you's also came in from C.R.O.S. Ministries to thank Lakeside for their donations from Souper Bowl Sunday and for all of our continued support. Lakeside continues to go above and beyond whenever they are needed. Praise the Lord!!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

March Pancake Breakfast: Thanks to everyone who helped with the breakfast. We had a great turnout and it was delicious as always.

YARD SALE ITEMS

United Methodist Men will be having their famous indoor yard sale on Saturday, April 21st. It is not too early to start checking those closets for items to donate. Clothes, Furniture, Books, TV's, Electronics, Housewares, you name it they can use it. We have plenty of room in the garage and UMM closet to store things. If you have items to be picked up or items to bring to the Church, call Chris Boer at 721—5992 or Frank Hamilton at 588—0941. **SAVE THE DATE AND FIND YOUR BARGAIN!**

Donations needed: Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please make sure it is small enough to fit in a plastic egg, something that won't melt (please no chocolate), and individually wrapped. Monetary donations can be given if you are unable to shop yourself. Give to Christina or Jane Harden or any of the youth.

NEW IN THE UMM: You are invited to a time of fellowship and breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. The Men's Breakfast Group are meeting at the IHOP at the corner of Hypoluxo Rd. and US 1 (Federal Hwy). April 7 @ 8:00 am. Please come and join in. Invite a friend to come along.

HELP NEEDED

After Service Fellowship Time— All of us enjoy the fellowship time after the morning worship services with food items. We are needing help with expenses and clean up. If you are willing to help in either way, please get in touch with Chris Boer, or we have to return to cookies and coffee.



TALENT SHOW

The youth are searching for talent to be in their show. See Christina Harden or sign up in the fellowship hall after church.

UMW NEWS

Tuesdays, 10:30am
Intercessory Prayer
Circle, Library

Monday, April 2nd,
7:00pm Bookworms,
FH

Wednesday,
April 4th, 10:00am
Susanna Wesley,
Library

Saturday, April 7th,
10 AM, Call to
Prayer/Self Denial
Library

Monday, April 16th,
7:00pm
UMW Executive
Committee,
Library

**MOTHER'S DAY
TEA**
Saturday, May 12,
2012
11:00am-1:00pm
TICKETS \$7.00
Tickets available
4/22/2012

Keenager's Adult Summer Camp

At the March meeting of Lakeside's Keenagers, the members voted to sponsor an Adult Summer Camp beginning Wednesday, May 9, 2012. Keenager's Adult Summer Camp (KASC) will be open the second Wednesday of each month, May - October. The hours will be Noon to 2:00 pm. All campers should bring their own bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. This summer camp is open to ALL adults, no matter their ages. Visitors and guests are encouraged to attend!

KASC Camp Director: Teresa Wilhelm 561-317-2808

KASC Office Manager: Sandy Bias 561-313-7194

KASC Arts & Crafts Coach: Rosalie Goolsby 561-358-8646

A typical KASC day will consist of lunch at noon, followed by Bingo & other games, crafts, and conversation! Bring you favorite table games and decks of cards. The completed crafts will be donated to the UMW for their Holiday Bazaar.

We hope all of Lakeside's summer adult residents will join KASC. It will be a fantastic time of food, fellowship, & fun! Feel free to contact the KASC leaders for more information.

Please mark these KASC dates on your calendars;

May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10

KEENAGERS– will meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 12 noon. They will have a pot luck luncheon. Please bring your own table service and enough food to feed yourself and at least 8 more people. Beverages will be provided. If you

invite guests to come please bring table service for them also. Our Hostesses for April are Maryann Davis, Anne McCartney and Tess Hartle. We could use some help with clean up as no one signed up to help this month.

The program to be announced soon. In March, we had around 40 people at Keenagers. We want to thank Sisters Chris and Jean for speaking to us about The Servants of the Great I Am. What a wealth of information they were.

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.

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.

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**We have a Place for
You!**

Sunday Small groups

**8:45 AM
Sunday worship
10:00 AM**

If you are receiving this newsletter in error,
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April Birthdays

- 6 Charlotte Holloway,
7 Rick McManus,
Marlene Simmons,
Wendy Wolfe
13 Lori Kimmey
18 Jane Aalto
23 Lena Fitzgerald
24 Michael DelGrosso
27 Grace Jennings
28 Kathy Chandler

COMING SOON!!

Lakeside Talent Show-
Friday, April 27th at 7
p.m. Do you sing, dance,
play spoons? Whatever
your talent might be
come and share it with
your Lakeside friends. A
good time will be had by
all whether you perform
or watch.

Mother's Day Tea-
May 12th, 11a.m.- 1p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall. All women are
invited whether a mother or not.
Whether by birth or just by love we
all care about our mothers.
Maybe your mother is too far away
to come, why not ask another
woman from the church who may
not have a daughter here. All are
welcome with or without a mother
or daughter.