LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAKESIDE LANTERN

SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 54TH YEAR

JULY





Vacation Bible School

FREE

Join us for

Operation Overboard

Ages: Kindergarten through Entering 6th Grade July 9th – July 13th

Dinner will be served @ 5:30 – Program begins @ 6:00 – Dismissal is @ 8:30

Family Fun Day – July 14th (Parent Participation Required)

Children's Presentation during Sunday's Service – July 15th @ 10:00 a.m.

Pre-register at the Church office between 9:00am - Noon (Monday – Friday) Or Call for more information

Enter the Operation Overboard Coloring Contest & WIN a cool prize. (one winner will be picked from each age group) Bring a Friend & Receive a "Treat"



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Happy 4th of July to everyone! As we celebrate the birth of our great country, let us remember also the many blessings that have been granted to us as a nation. What a privilege it is to be able to worship and serve our great God in a free and open society, without fear of persecution or worse. Let's celebrate our nation's birthday with praise and thanksgiving for our King of Kings.

We have an exciting summer schedule as we move into the Dog Days of Summer. We will continue our Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study, with Susan Sylvester leading some of our summer studies. We will be implementing other study and fellowship opportunities during the coming months as well. Stay tuned for more details.

As you read this, our Youth will have returned from their Summer Camp at the newly renovated Barnett Lodge at the Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park FL. I encourage you to inquire about their experiences and what this time at Camp has meant to them. Christina Harden, our Youth Coordinator, continues to develop activities and events to help our young people grow and explore their Walk with the Lord. I encourage each of you to support and assist any way you can to nourish and strengthen the spiritual life of these great young people.

Our Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church held its Annual Conference June 13-16 in Lakeland. I am blessed to report that, as your Pastor, I have received my License to Preach as a Local Pastor. I am now permitted to perform baptism and sacraments as well as perform marriage ceremonies. I pray for God's blessing on our Church as we move forward in ministry here at Lakeside UMC.

We will be continuing our sermon series "Getting To Know Our Brother" as we dig into the Book of James. Through the month of July we will discover how the half brother of Jesus carried the message of Christ to the world.

May God Bless each of you deeply as we minister together to those who need the Word of God the most, and to those who think they need it the least.

MATTHEW MEALS– The volunteers served	The Mission Jar Focus for July-Sept. will be School
200 meals and ran out of food. We are	Supplies. We start collecting early because that is when
blessed each month to be able to serve our	we see the sales at our local stores such as Walgreens,
community in giving them a hot cooked	CVS, Wal-Mart, Target, Dollar General, etc. We collect
meal, but we need your help. <u>Please consider</u>	and deliver supplies to our local elementary schools
prayerfully giving a donation to Matthew	(Barton, South Grade, Highland , and North Grade) as
Meals so we will be able to continue this out-	well as Lake Worth Middle.
i <u>reach in helping to feed our community.</u>	
	Suggested items are: crayons, markers, scissors, pencils,
Saturday, July 28th. Volunteers are needed	spiral notebooks, back packs, school glue, hand
to prepare the food, serve the meals, and	sanitizer, boxes of tissues, rulers, folders, composition
clean up the kitchen afterwards. Lakeside	books, paper, etc. Donated cash will be used to
needs your help with these meals each	purchase supplies for these schools. Thank you for your
month. Cooking begins around 1:30pm. The	generous support. We have many needy children in
meals are served 4-6pm. in the Fellowship	our area. The Finance Committee
Hall. All are welcome.	<u> </u>

Blessings, Pastor David

Lay Delegate Annual Conference Report 2012

It was my privilege to represent Lakeside UMC at the 2012 Florida Annual Conference in Lakeland June 14th to 16th. Pastor David and Nanci Branson, along with Barbara Russum and Nancy Gettys (District Lay Delegates) also attended. This year's conference was entitled, "Being United in Christ". Many of the keynote speakers were from other denominations, but all had the same underlying message....we may be different in some of our doctrines, but we are all united in Christ and we, as individual denominations, should strive to find common ground so we can transform the World by being united in Christ! That belief was made clear on the last day when our conference signed a new covenant with the conference in Haiti. This renewed agreement will further our combined relationships and our ministries.

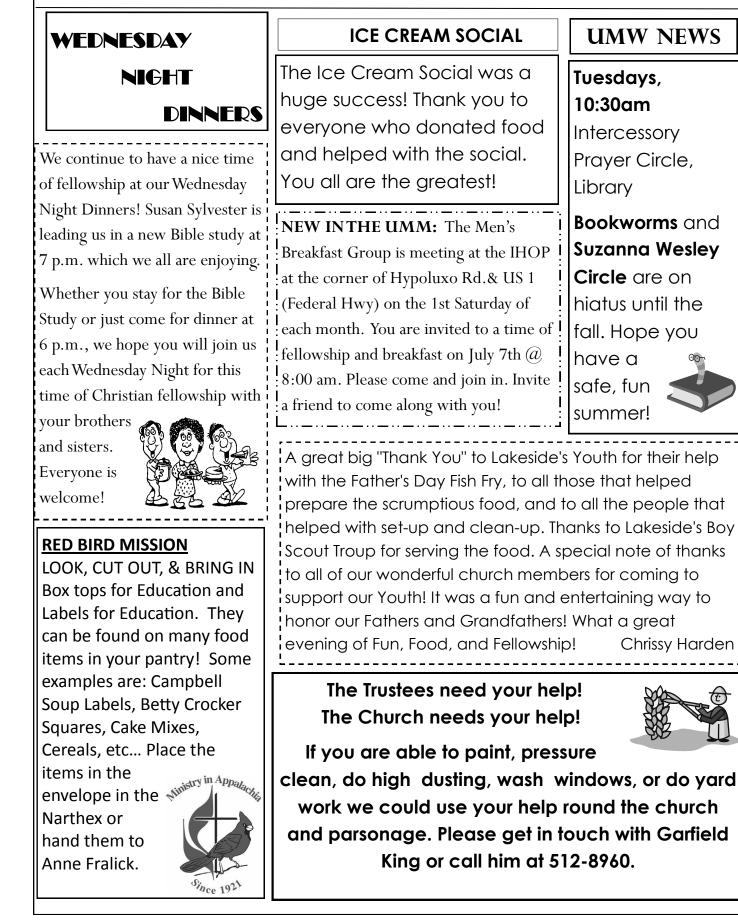
This conference was unlike others from previous years in that difficult issues and realities were discussed. If we are to move forward, we must first look at tough issues and address them. Something that was said a number of times in a variety of different ways was "We do not attract what we want....we attract what we are" and if we "keep on doing what we are doing, we will keep getting what we are getting". BOTH of these statements can be seen in EITHER a positive <u>or</u> negative prospective. It is up to us, as members of Lakeside UMC, to make both of those statements positive and proud. Statistically, 1,500 people a week leave our denomination. "Why?" cannot be answered concisely, but it is a sobering statistic. On the flip side, even though our membership numbers were down, our weekly average attendance increased; evidently those who are members are attending more regularly. Approximately 81% of local churches paid 100% of their apportionments. Lakeside UMC was part of that group and I bring a big "Thank You" from the Treasurer for our connectional giving to the Conference.

The highlight of the conference was Friday evening's Ordination, Licensing and Commissioning service. This service was especially meaningful because Pastor David was licensed as a local Pastor. Pastor David was among almost 50 individuals who have started this new path in their life's journey and we are so blessed to be part of his journey.

So, in conclusion, this year's annual conference was not heavy with resolutions or new policies. Rather, it was a time to reflect on our conference and how we can be "United in Christ" with both ourselves and also with other denominations. As Dr. Michael Kinnamon said in his keynote address, " Christian unity is not an option. It is a gift to be received and expressed. Everyone who has communion with Jesus Christ has communion with everyone else who has communion with Jesus Christ. The church is called to be a demonstration project of what God intends for all creation!"

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent Lakeside UMC as your Lay Member delegate. In Christ, Bob Going

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Happy Graduation!

Congratulations to the following Graduate! May God continue to guide you as you begin a new chapter in your life!

Matt Hartman graduated from Florida State University in April with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He graduated with honors and is now working in Kentucky at a Reebar manufacturing plant in the administration section. He found an apartment and is adjusting to his new surroundings and seems to like it so far. Matt is the grandson of Marty and Beverly Hartman.

KEENAGER'S ADULT SUMMER CAMP

KASC is in full swing this Summer!

The Keenager's Adult Summer Camp (KASC) had it's second session in June. Coach Rosalie and Office Manager Sandi kept us busy with crafty activities! We had 2 visitors. A good time was had by all that attended!

Our next KASC is Wednesday, July 11th at Noon! Campers should bring their own bag lunch. Cold drinks and a dessert will be provided. Remember...this summer camp is open to ALL adults, no matter their ages. Visitors and guests are encouraged to attend! Come and check out the FUN!

Camp Schedule: Lunch at noon, followed by games, crafts, and conversation! Bring you favorite table games and decks of cards. We hope <u>all</u> of Lakeside's summer adult residents will join KASC. It has become a fantastic time of food, fellowship, & fun! If you are working on a project at home and you need some help, bring it to the next KASC. We'll give you a hand!

KASC will continue to be open the second Wednesday of each month. Please mark the following dates on your calendars: July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10.

Call the KASC leaders for more information: KASC Camp Director: Teresa Wilhelm 561-317-2808 KASC Office Manager: Sandi Bias 561-313-7194 KASC Arts & Crafts Coach: Rosalie Goolsby 561-358-8646 Looking forward to seeing all of you at camp in July!





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JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>July Birthdays</u>

- 2 Faye Cain
- 4 Ruth Smith
- 13 Bunny Carr,

Dorothy Lione,

David VanVleet

- 16 Destiny Harden
- 18 Beverly Knapp Ladelia Becraft
- 19 Byrne Sekema
- 23 Sally Chennell Brandon King
- 24 Max Moretz
- 25 Brandon Call, Justin Dunmire

26 Seth Hagen

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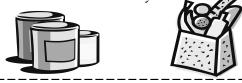
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Sunday Small groups 8:45 AM Sunday worship 10:00 AM



Did we miss your birthday? Please let us know and Happy Birthday! **FOOD PANTRY** The next date for the Food Pantry will be Friday, July 20th. The Food Pantry will be open 10am to 12:30pm. We gave out 35 bags of food last month. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry.



CROS-The Lake Worth Food Pantry has moved to Adopt-A-Family located at 1712 2nd Ave North, Lake Worth (one block north of the roundabout on Lake Worth Road & just west of North A Street). The Pantry is open Monday thru Thursday 11 am to 2 pm.