

LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAKESIDE LANTERN
SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 55TH YEAR

JANUARY

Happy New Year

We embark on a new year and are looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2013. We have had a very good year at Lakeside with new faces in worship and our Children's Ministry continues to grow and flourish. The sound of children laughing and playing is a welcome sound.

This year, we plan to expand our ministry opportunities for you to become involved in. A new ministry that I am very excited about is Celebrate Recovery. A Christ centered program to help each of us with our "hurts, habits, and hang-ups." A program developed by Pastor John Baker and Rick Warren of Saddleback Church. We will be scheduling organizational meetings in January, if you are interested, give me a call.

In January, we will be doing our annual Stewardship Campaign as well. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to your church. In order to plan and facilitate the mission and ministry at Lakeside, we need to have a commitment from each of you as how to best plan for the upcoming year. Your pledge helps us to prioritize the ministries and operating requirements of the church. Your pledge of support is very important to the ministry of Lakeside UMC.

My prayer for each of us is that we allow God to continue to direct our steps. We are very blessed to have Lakeside UMC as a place to come and experience the love of Jesus Christ. May the New Year bring you much joy and peace.

Blessings, Pastor David



Christian New Year's Resolutions

By Joanna Fuchs

How can I use the New Year
To better serve my Lord?
I'll read my Bible every day,
And be more in accord.

I'll find new ways to serve others;
I'll love my neighbor, too.
I'll focus on "give" instead of "get"
In everything I do.

I'll forgive the people I'm mad at;
Angry feelings I'll discard;
I'll try to love my enemies,
Even though it's hard.

In the new year, I'll lift people up,
Instead of putting them down.
I'll fill my heart with love and joy,
And never wear a frown.

I'll let go of my worries;
I'll put it all in His hands;
I'll repent and try to sin less,
And obey all His commands.

These new year's resolutions
Are difficult, at best,
But there's something I can do each day
That will put my soul at rest:

I'll love my Lord with all my heart,
With all my mind and soul,
And if I do that essential thing,
All the rest will be in control.

New addresses have been received for:

Dorothy Dobbins
806 Springmoor Dr. Rm#143
Raleigh, NC 27615

And

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Kline
1209 Avenue F
Gothenburg, NE 69138-1735
Mary-Anne (Hollingsworth) Kline is
expecting their third child and
Jeremiah is out of the service now.

NURSERY NEWS:

Thank you to everyone that donated items to the Lakeside nursery. We greatly appreciate your help! The nursery is still in need of highchairs. If you have any that you no longer need, please consider donating them to Lakeside's Nursery. Please see Christina Harden for more information.

Our Cradle Roll class is growing! The children, ages 1-4, are no longer coming to church to play. They are actively involved in learning about Jesus! By law, there must be 2 adults present in the Nursery. Thanks to Mr. Lane, we have our first volunteer! The goal is to have 5 assistants that will each help once a month. Are you willing to be a helper with these adorable Cherubs? Contact Chrissy Harden. You will receive such a great blessing from these little darlings!

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER MESSAGE!!!

This is our first newsletter of 2013. We have gone to a computerized newsletter to save money. It will be listed on the church website at www.lakesideumchurch.org each month.

If you would like to receive a notice as to when the church newsletter/church calendar is put on-line each month, please make sure the church office has your current e-mail address.

If you know of someone who does not have a computer and would still like to get a church newsletter/calendar, please let them know they can be given a newsletter in the Narthex or they can arrange to have it mailed by letting the church office know.

If we do not hear from you/them, we will assume that you/they no longer wish to receive the newsletter/calendar.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Lakeside's 2nd Annual Talent Show

– Friday, January 18th at 7p.m. See Christina Harden now to start signing up your wonderful acts. Whatever your talent, we want to see it. Can you sing, dance, recite a poem, play spoons?

Come one, Come all! Come join us for a time of talent, fun and enjoyment. All are welcome!



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.

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 the Church Office for more information.

CONDOLENCES: Our sincere sympathies go out to the Hamilton Family on the Passing of Frank Hamilton on Saturday, December 22nd. Frank was a true warrior for the Lord in his actions and words. He will be greatly missed by his Lakeside Family.



MATTHEW MEALS—

We are blessed each month to be able to serve our community by giving them a hot cooked meal, but we need your help. In December 161 hot meals were served.

Lakeside's next Matthew Meals will be on Saturday, January 26th.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the food, serve the meals, and clean up the kitchen afterwards. Lakeside needs your help with these meals each month. Cooking begins around 1:30pm. The meals are served 4-6pm. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

SINCERE THANKS:

The staff of Lakeside would like you to know how much we appreciate the love offering that you provided for us. We could not do our jobs without the support of our church family.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Pastor David, Carolyn, Luann,
Wendell, Dennis, Gary S.,
Christina, Teresa and Gary F.**

MANY THANKS:

I want to thank all my friends & Lakeside for making my 90th Birthday a grand day. Thank you for the cards, gifts and all the food for the food pantry.

Marie Gerbus and Family

CONDOLENCES: Our Sympathies go out to the family of Don Ledger on his passing on Saturday, December 22nd.

Our thoughts prayers are with them.



Dear Church Family,

Thank You all for the beautiful cards, and kind words to keep me trying!

God Bless each one of you.

Love, Bunny

Keenagers:

2013 has arrived...Keenager's first meeting of the New Year will be Wednesday, 1/9/2013 at 12:00 Noon! Please bring a dish to share with about 10-12 servings. There needs to be enough food to feed everyone! If you can arrive early to help set up, you will be greatly welcomed. A clean-up crew is also needed. If everyone lends a hand, it won't take long!

Card Ministry

As you sort through you collection of greeting cards, please don't throw your extras away! Bring them to church for our Card Ministry. The cards and envelopes don't match? No problem. Teresa will mix and match them! We will accept cards for all holidays, get well, sympathy, thinking of you, and blank. Thanks for your support of this uplifting ministry. Happy New Year!

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT DINNERS
AND BIBLE STUDY**

We will discontinue our Wednesday Night Pot Luck Dinner for the month of January.

Our January Bible Study—“GRACE” by Max Lucado, will start Wednesday nights beginning on January 16th at 6:30 PM. It would be helpful if you get the book ahead of time and start reading now. Several places have the book on sale . If you are interested in attending please let Pastor David know.

NEW IN THE UMM: The Men’s Breakfast Group is meeting at the IHOP at Hypoluxo Rd. and Federal Hwy. for breakfast. You are invited to this time of Fellowship on Saturday, January 5th @ 8:00 am. Please come and join in. Invite a friend to come along with you!

United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, January 7th at 7 PM in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date - Saturday, January 5, 2013 - Mission Study on "Immigration and the Bible" presented by the United Methodist Women. Guest speakers will include Rev. Marilyn Beecher and Rev. Pam Cahoon. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. See Betty McMurchy or Nancy Gettys for details.

Mission Jar Outreach

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-based approach to recovery that was a response to twelve-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous. It was founded in 1990 by Pastors John Baker and Rick Warren of Saddleback Church, and is aimed at all "hurts, habits, and hang-ups", including but not limited to drug and alcohol addictions, sex addiction, eating disorders, and people who have been sexually abused. The founders felt that Alcoholics Anonymous was too vague in referring to God as a "higher power," and wanted a more specifically Christ-based program. Celebrate Recovery utilizes eight Recovery Principles that are based on the Sermon on the Mount.

UMW NEWS

Intercessory Prayer Circle, Tuesdays, 10:30 AM Library

Bookworms: Monday, 7 PM January 7

Fellowship Hall

Susanna Wesley Circle: WILL NOT meet in January.

Executive Committee: Monday, 7 PM January 21

Library

District Church Membership/Leadership Training:

Saturday, January 19 at the UMC in Boca Raton.

Community Blood Banks will have their van here on **Sunday, January 27th** for our next **Blood Drive.** Hope you will consider giving blood to help others in need.

COUPONS FOR C.R.O.S.

Your response to this activity is amazing! Keep it up! The box is in the Narthex. Ask the Ushers to direct you to it.

All coupons from mailers and newspapers are requested. If you don't have time to cut them apart, we'll do that for you. The Food Pantry recipients are so very grateful!

Thank you for your continued support of the Un-Poinsettia Charities each year. It makes a big difference in what can be done in our Pastor's Fund, Food Pantry and Youth Group Ministries.

Thank you for your donations of baked goods and coloring books during November and December for Matthew meals. They were greatly appreciated.

Jane Harden and Matthew Meals Staff

MEMBERSHIP

Letters were sent June 25, 2012, regarding desire to retain church membership to Barbara Muller, Michael Muller and Fred Tears. To date, we have had no response. A letter was sent 9/12/12 to Brandon Stephenson. To date, we have received no response.

We would like to thank on behalf of CROS Ministries everyone that donated to the Mission Jar Outreach for CROS Christmas. We delivered 46 gift cards worth a total of \$1,150. You all are Amazing! Thank you for brightening so many others Christmas day.

Lakeside Finance Committee

Annual Leadership Training Event on February 2

Trinity UMC in Palm Beach Gardens

Over the last few months areas of the world have been affected by natural disaster. The Florida Conference has actively encouraged local churches to develop a "Disaster Plan".

On Saturday Feb. 2, the Atlantic Central District will offer an Annual Leadership Training Event at Trinity United Methodist Church, Palm Beach Gardens.

One of the training sessions will be "Your Church Disaster Plan - Where to Begin?". In this interactive workshop, you will begin preparing a disaster plan for your church that protects people, property and ministry. You will learn who should be part of the planning process, who and what needs to be protected, "best practices" for doing that and much more. Already have a plan? Bring it with you and use this time to share your experience and update the content.

The church disaster coordinator, members of trustees, finance and others in church leadership would benefit from this workshop. It's especially helpful if two or more from church leadership can participate.

More information to come about other training sessions soon.

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**We have a Place for
You!**

Sunday Small groups

8:45 AM

Sunday worship

10:00 AM

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Bob Boer, Jewel Schattie

5 Lydia Sherwood

11 Teresa Wilhelm

12 Dorothy Dobbins

16 Tara Hamilton

18 Linda Friend

22 Mary Gough

25 Bruce Curtis

27 Teresa Athas

28 John Ashton,

Mykel Haymond

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off the mailing list.**



Did we miss
your birthday?
Please let us
know.

Happy
Birthday!

FOOD PANTRY The next date for the
Food Pantry will be Friday, January 18th.
The Food Pantry will be open 10am to
12:30pm. We gave out 43 bags of food last
month. Thank you for your continued
support of this outreach ministry.



Family Movie Fellowship: We will continue
our monthly adventures to the movies.
Watch the church bulletin and e mail for
details. Remember this is open to all ages
not just children. We go to the Boynton
Cinemark by the Boynton Mall.