

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

**APRIL**

Greetings from Your Pastor

I hope everyone has not tired of the stories of the Holy Land. As I have expressed to you, it was a trip of a lifetime. I would love to make the journey again. If there are folks who would like to start the early planning process for a possible trip in early 2015 let me know of your interest and I can start researching our options. If we have extra time to prepare and save for this great opportunity to explore the land where Jesus walked, the stress of preparing is greatly diminished.

As I write this I am preparing for Holy Week observances and thinking back to standing in the Garden of Gethsemane and marveling at the stillness and quiet that fills the place to this day. Even in the midst of a city that has people in the hustle and bustle of their hectic daily routines, calmness fills the place.

As Jesus walked from the home of a certain man as the Bible describes him, along with Peter and the two sons of Zebedee. Jesus just needed a place to pray and spend his final hours on earth in talking to his Abba Father. When he had asked Peter and the two brothers to just stand watch as he prayed, they once again did not grasp the importance of his request. Jesus returned to them three times to ask them to just be there for him. Three times they failed him.

I at times feel like Peter and the two brothers, when I feel God has called me to something and I have fallen asleep. I had not realized what He was up to. I suspect we have all experienced that feeling of letting God down. As Nanci and I got to spend a few moments in quiet reflection in the Garden, I was moved by the sense of peace that I felt. When I read the account of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane I get a sense that Jesus was not in a peaceful mood. It tells of Jesus being grieved and agitated. He pleaded with Peter and the others, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain and stay awake with me" He did not want to be left alone. And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed.



My recollection of my mood that day as I sat and prayed for our church, our church family and the ministry here at Lakeside UMC. I get a sense that the agony Jesus felt that night, when he was left alone, when his friends abandoned him, when he had nowhere to turn but back to the Father. Somehow, the agony and torment Jesus experienced that night has been removed from that Holy Place. To be in a place where Jesus spent his last hours on earth in such distress and to feel a sense of calm and peace to me is one of God's miracles. The scene of such deceit and betrayal to our Savior could now be a place of reflection and retreat. My prayer for each of us is that we listen for those pleas from Jesus the Christ. When we are asked to stay awake and be there for someone in need, we would heed the plea. We never know when Jesus will send that plea through someone who crosses our path.

My prayer for each of you is that when our Savior cries out for our hearts, we would be awake to hear it.

Be vigilant for He is coming soon. In the precious love of our Lord Jesus Christ I send you blessings.

In His Love

Pastor David

### **New Study Series**

We will be starting a new Study Series on April 3rd. @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We need a count of folks interested so I can order books for everyone. If you know of someone who may be interested, could you please let them know. There are 2 books we will be using. The cost for both books is \$12.00. Please sign the clipboard in the Narthex of the church or let Carolyn or Pastor David know ASAP.

A Disciple's Path

Deepening Your Relationship With Christ And The Church

A Guide For United Methodists

By Jim Harnish

**Congratulations** to Michael and Evelyn Garrett on the arrival of their first grandchild. DJ was born on March 12th, 2013. He weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. Length was 17 3/4 inches. Mom and baby are doing well.

The Capital Campaign was kicked off on March 8, 2013 for the refurbishment and replacement of Sanctuary Sound and Lighting systems as well as a replacement for the Dishwasher in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Our goal is \$20,000 for this much needed work. To date we have raised \$2100 toward our goal with the generous giving of our faithful congregation. I pray that God would touch each of us to join in on this crucial part of our ministry here at Lakeside UMC to make our worship service the best it can be. We honor God when we strive to give our best for His glory. I pray God's richest blessings upon each of you as you prayerfully consider your gift to this much needed work.

Blessings, Pastor David

### Mission Jar

For the next three months we will collect donations and items for the Adopt-A-Family organization. *Adopt-A-Family is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit, charitable organization established in 1983. They are dedicated to restoring families in crisis to stability and self-sufficiency by providing access to all encompassing services for families and their children.*

Items needed:

Diapers

Diaper wipes

Children's shoes

Children's socks

Children's underwear

Towels

Sheets

Washcloths

Personal Hygiene Products (not trial size, please)

**Many Thanks to my Lakeside family for all of the lovely cards, calls, and prayers during my recent surgery. It's so nice to be remembered when I'm not feeling well and unable to be with you all. I'm grateful that God has blessed with such a wonderful church family and friends.**

**Love, Maryann Davis**

**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. Lakeside's next Matthew Meals will be on Saturday, April 27th. 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.

**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.

**Card Ministry**

Many thanks to the folks that have donated cards to this worthy activity! We also appreciate the donations of stamps and money to purchase stamps!

If you know of someone in our church family that is in the hospital, or in need of a note of encouragement, PLEASE notify Carolyn in the church office! We cannot send a card if we have not been informed.

To the faithful "signers" every week, we all say THANK YOU! Because of you, this card ministry is touching many hearts!

**Thinking ahead-** This year we had over 1000 eggs to fill from the generous donations of those of you who took advantage of the after Easter sales last year. The Youth would like to suggest taking advantage of these savings again this year. Please keep an eye out for plastic eggs and small toys when the prices get marked down. It makes a big difference in helping us for the coming year. Thank you.

**Nursery**

The nursery staff was so excited to receive the "Pack & Play" for the tiny ones! Now all that is needed are 2 high chairs. If your young family members have outgrown the need for highchairs, please donate them to Lakeside's Nursery. Thanks.

You should hear the little "cherubs" sing for joy about our wonderful Savior! They really "sing out!" And their smiles will warm your heart. Florida Law requires 2 adults to be present when working with pre-school aged children. Please volunteer to assist when one of the teachers is absent. See Chrissy Harden to help out.

**United Methodist Men**

will meet on Monday, April 1st at 7 PM in the Library. Hope to see you there! The UMM have a full year of activities planned for the men's group.

**Men's Breakfast Group**

Saturday, April 6th at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Call to Prayer & Self-Denial**

All women are invited to attend the Call to Prayer & Self-denial program on Saturday, April 13, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A sparse lunch will be served. The offering will be used to meet the needs of women, youth and children. The Call to Prayer is an annual observance of the United Methodist Women. Bernice Ohannes will be the leader.

**The UMM Indoor Yard Sale** is quickly approaching.

Saturday, April 20th, 8AM-1PM is the date to be ready. Go through your closets, attics, garages and bring your things down that are gently used, but no longer necessary for your household. Remember it may be just what someone else is looking for. Call the church office at 585-7519 if you need help getting bigger things picked up and we will connect you with the right people.

**UMW NEWS**

**Intercessory Prayer Circle, Tuesdays, 10:30 AM** Library

**Bookworms: Monday, 7 PM April 1**

Fellowship Hall

**Susanna Wesley Circle: 10 AM Wednesday, April 3**

**Executive Committee: Monday, 7 PM April 15**

Library

**Dear Friends,**

Thank you for your generous contribution to the work of Church World Service-which we appreciate more than ever in these challenging times.

Your compassionate support is helping impoverished communities develop clean, reliable water sources. Teaching poor farmers sustainable ways to create food security. And providing food, water, shelter and other necessities to families struggling to rebuild their lives and livelihoods after natural disasters and civil conflict.

I have been deeply moved by the generosity of people like you, who give hope and opportunity to people in need, here in the U. S. and around the world.

Rev. John L. McCullough  
President and CEO of Church World Service

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

Keep those coupons coming! The ones that are useless to you may be worth "gold" to someone else! Our Food Pantry recipients really appreciate your help in s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g their food stamp dollars.

**FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE |**

Once again, the Feinstein Foundation will divide \$1 million among agencies fighting against hunger including CROS Ministries. From March 1 – April 30, your cash and food donations to CROS will be put toward the challenge count and the more received the bigger the portion of the \$1 million they will receive. Please join by donating to CROS during March and April. Make your check payable to Lakeside UMC; write "Feinstein Challenge" in the memo line of your check.

**Keenagers**

The Keenagers will hold their last Pot Luck lunch and meeting of the season on Wednesday, April 10th. Bring your plate, silverware, and a dish to share. Come to the Fellowship Hall a little before Noon. After the program and meeting, we are asking EVERYONE to lend a hand with the clean-up.

Beginning in May, the Second Annual "Keenager's Adult Summer Camp" will begin! Just like the children's camps, you'll bring a sack lunch at Noon. Juice and dessert will be provided. After lunch, Coach Rosie and Coach Sandi will provide craft projects to be completed over the summer. They will be sold at the UMW's Fall Bazaar in November. Mark you calendars for the Second Wednesday throughout the summer! All adults over 18 (Lakesiders & non-Lakesiders) are invited to join us. See you at camp!

**Save The Date: Mother's Day Tea****Saturday, May 11, 2013****11:00am-1:00pm****\$7.00 for tickets****FOOD DRIVE FOR LAKESIDE & CROS FOOD PANTRIES**

During the month of April, we will be collecting food for both Lakeside & CROS Food Pantries. Brown paper bags will be distributed with a list of suggested food items attached. Return the bags either to the Narthex or Fellowship Hall during the month of April.

CROS is currently in need of the following travel-size toiletry items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, lotions, women's sanitary items. Your donations may be left in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

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**We have a Place for  
You!**

**Sunday Small groups**

**8:45 AM**

**Sunday worship**

**10:00 AM**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

6 Charlotte Holloway,

7 Marlene Simmons,

Wendy Wolfe

13 Lori Kimmey

18 Jane Aalto

23 Lena Fitzgerald

24 Michael DelGrosso

28 Kathy Chandler

**From the desk of the Head Usher**

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of my faithful and dependable ushers that I can always count on month in and month out. It's such a pleasure to work with people that see a need and are willing to step in to help out with no questions asked. Ushering is a Lord Service **"Bringing Christ's love to others through acts of service"**. I am sure many in our congregation have ushered for many years in the past and have moved on from the service of ushering; but maybe the Lord is calling for you to provide this service once again. There is a need for this service here at Lakeside and if you are of able body, and feel the need to be more involve and active in the life of your church, please consider Ushering or Ushering again. In order to have the few ushers we do have to be able to sit more frequently with family, friends and love ones, we are going to limit the number of ushers we have for the Sunday Worship Service from 4 ushers to 2 ushers during the months of April through September.

Michael J Garrett  
Head Usher

**FOOD PANTRY** The next date for the Food Pantry will be Friday, April 19th. The Food Pantry will be open 10am to 12:30 pm. We gave out 42 bags of food last month. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry.



Did we miss your birthday?  
Please let us know.

Happy Birthday!

**First Care Resources**

Walk for Life in John Prince Park

Saturday, April 20th

Registration 9 AM,

Walk Kickoff 10 AM

For pledge sheets and more

Information contact the church office.