

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

**DECEMBER**

Greetings All . . .

'Tis the season! We have our Christmas tree up and all the decorations have been hung with much care and precision. I knew Christmas was near when, on our vacation in early November, we were heralded with Christmas music in the car heading up to the mountains of North Georgia. My wife, aka "holidork" or "Christmas Elf" loves this time of year more than any other.

"But what about Exterior Illumination?" asked the Holidork..... "I can help you with that you know, even if I am only the size of a Christmas Elf!!!"

As you can see the Christmas elf has hacked my newsletter article, but I am going to trick her and leave it in, so the nice people at Lakeside can see what I am up against during the Christmas season. In many ways the holidays can be a less than merry time for a lot of us, those who have sad memories of the past or the absence of a loved one or family far away. The gift of Christ our King is for everyone, as I preached on Christ the King Sunday. It is about the love of God for his people; We must be always be mindful of the true meaning of the Christmas season. That gift is meant to be shared and I encourage you this holiday season to reach out to someone you know that could use a kind word or a tasty treat to brighten their day. Share the love of Christ this Christmas with those who may think they have been forgotten. This time of year can also be a great opportunity for reconciliation with someone you may have grown distant with. What a great chance to reach out and spread the holiday cheer that so many of us might miss.

My prayer for you this Christmas is that you feel the loving embrace of our God and King and share that love with others as we move into a New Year of serving and loving God's people together.



God Bless You and Merry Christmas

Pastor David



**The Chancel Choir**  
**Lakeside United Methodist Church**  
**Presents**  
**"Bethlehem Morning"**  
**December 15, 2013 at 10:00 AM**

**"Bethlehem Morning,"** a Christmas Cantata, tells the miraculous story of Christmas through traditional carols and Christmas favorites, but also reminds us that the story of God's love didn't stop there. 1 John 4:10 says, "This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." Jesus came for us when He was born in Bethlehem, and it was for us He went to Calvary. Join us December 15, 2013, at the 10:00 am service. The Chancel Choir of Lakeside United Methodist Church is working diligently to prepare as they make this cantata meaningful for all.



**Advent Bible Study**— We will begin our Advent Bible Study on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room. The meetings will continue for the following two Wednesday evenings: Dec. 11, and Dec. 18. See Pastor David to obtain your study guide.

**Our nursery needs 2 more high chairs. If your family has one that is no longer needed, please donate it to the church.**



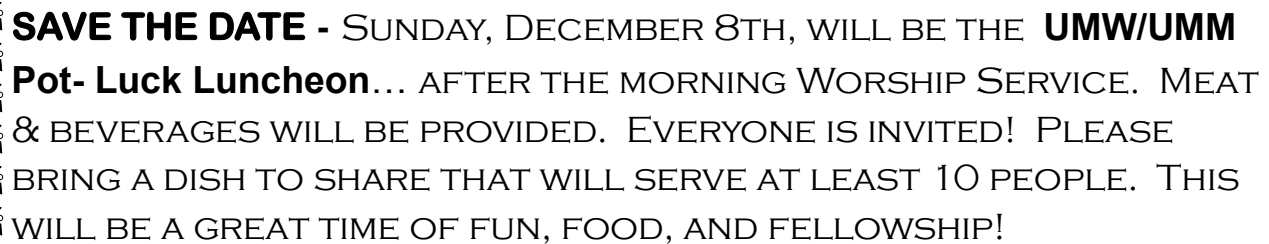
## Connect Cards

Please remember to sign your name on the **Connect Card** every week. If you have changes, please indicate the new information on the card. We want to have your current information for Lakeside's new directory! These cards are also used to document attendance for the church's annual reports and to keep your contact information current. Thank you!



## Mission Jar

**The Mission Jar Focus for December** will be C.R.O.S. Christmas Gift Cards. We will be collecting \$25 gift cards from Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Target. Just buy a \$25 gift card from one of these stores and drop it in the Mission Jar. You can also donate any amount of cash in the jar and CROS Ministries will buy the cards. Help a local child have a Merry Christmas. Thanks for your support! **Sunday, December 8th, will be the last week to donate.**



**SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, WILL BE THE UMW/UMM Pot- Luck Luncheon...** AFTER THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. MEAT & BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED. EVERYONE IS INVITED! PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE THAT WILL SERVE AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE. THIS WILL BE A GREAT TIME OF FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!

## In the Mail ... From UMCOR

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. Through the compassion and solidarity of faithful friends like you, UMCOR is able to provide comfort to those impacted by disasters like earthquakes and storms, food for the hungry, and healthcare to those that have none. Your gift brings hope to those who need it most. Grace and Peace to all of you.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2014**

**New Member Orientation**

Now is your chance to become a member of Lakeside United Methodist Church! The classes will be held at 1:00 PM in the Youth Room on the following Sundays: December 1st, December 8th, & December 15th. We will welcome the new members on Sunday, December 22nd at our 10:00 service. If you are interested in joining Lakeside United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor David.



**STAFF LOVE OFFERING**



In appreciation for all that our Lakeside church employees do for us, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee has arranged for a love offering for all the church staff. The wooden model church will be placed in the narthex Dec. 1st, Dec. 8th, and Dec. 15th for this love offering. Please make checks payable to Lakeside United Methodist Church. The church staff includes Pastor David Branson, Carolyn Ludwig (administrative assistant), Wendell Waltman (music director), Dennis Simmons (keyboard), Gary Simmons (sound tech), Christina Harden & Teresa Wilhelm (nursery attendants), Luann Call (bookkeeper), and Gary Fitzgerald (custodian). December 15th will be the last date to contribute.



Advent begins on December 1st



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The Altar Flower Calendar for 2014



is in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Sign up for the Sunday of your choice. It is the perfect way to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion!

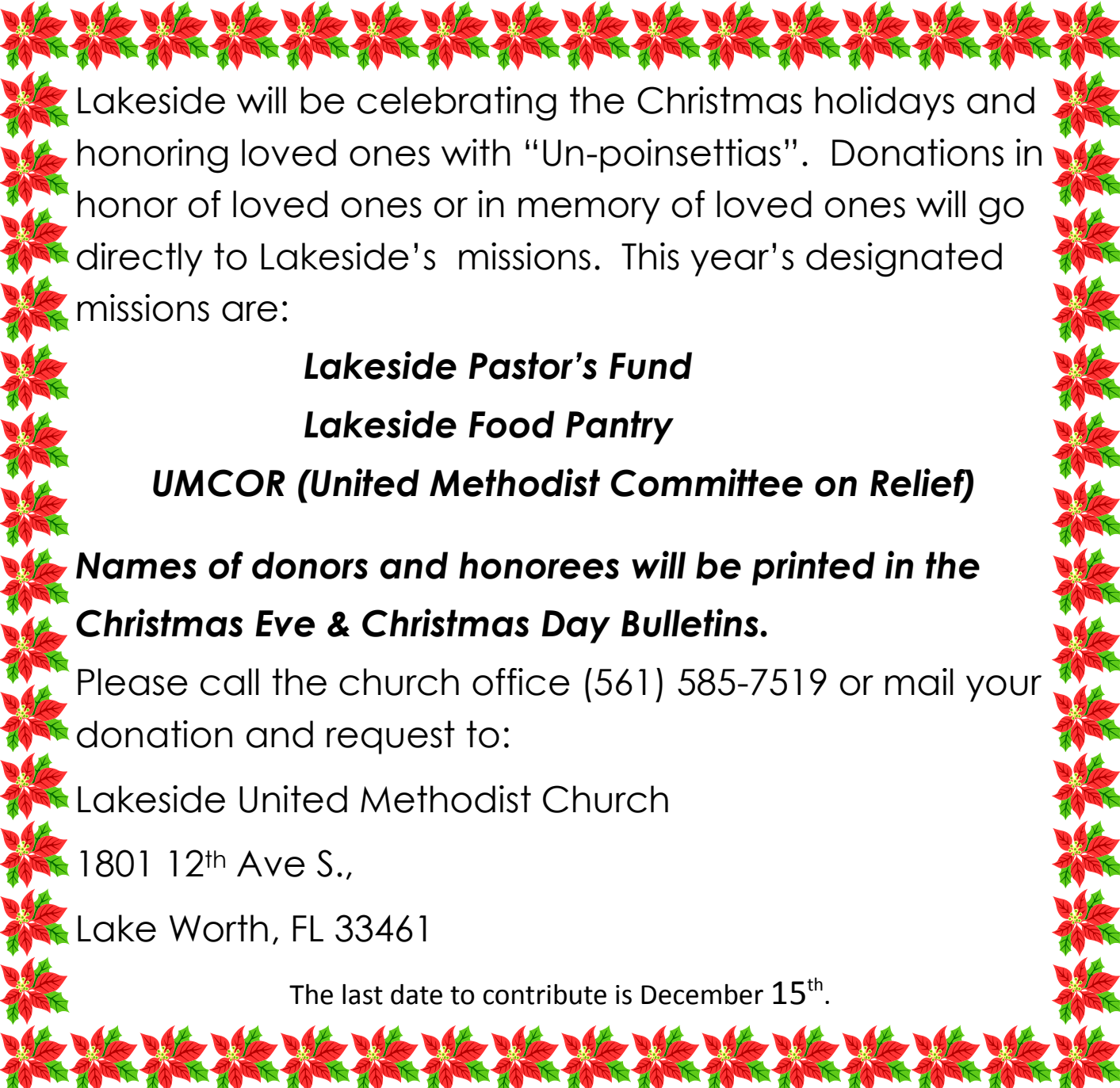


Please only list one family per line. *The cost is \$40 per Sunday.*



The flower arrangements certainly make our church service more lovely each Sunday and it brightens someone's day when they receive the flowers after the service.





Lakeside will be celebrating the Christmas holidays and honoring loved ones with "Un-poinsettias". Donations in honor of loved ones or in memory of loved ones will go directly to Lakeside's missions. This year's designated missions are:

***Lakeside Pastor's Fund***

***Lakeside Food Pantry***

***UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)***

***Names of donors and honorees will be printed in the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Bulletins.***

Please call the church office (561) 585-7519 or mail your donation and request to:

Lakeside United Methodist Church

1801 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S.,

Lake Worth, FL 33461

The last date to contribute is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**KEENAGER MEETING:**

We wish to welcome back everyone age 50+ to our first Keenagers meeting of the season. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 2013. Please come and join us for a covered dish lunch and program. Bring enough to feed 8-10 people and your own table service. Looking forward to getting together again on the 2nd Wednesday from December - April. See you there and invite a friend!

**SAVE  
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FEB. 22,  
2014**

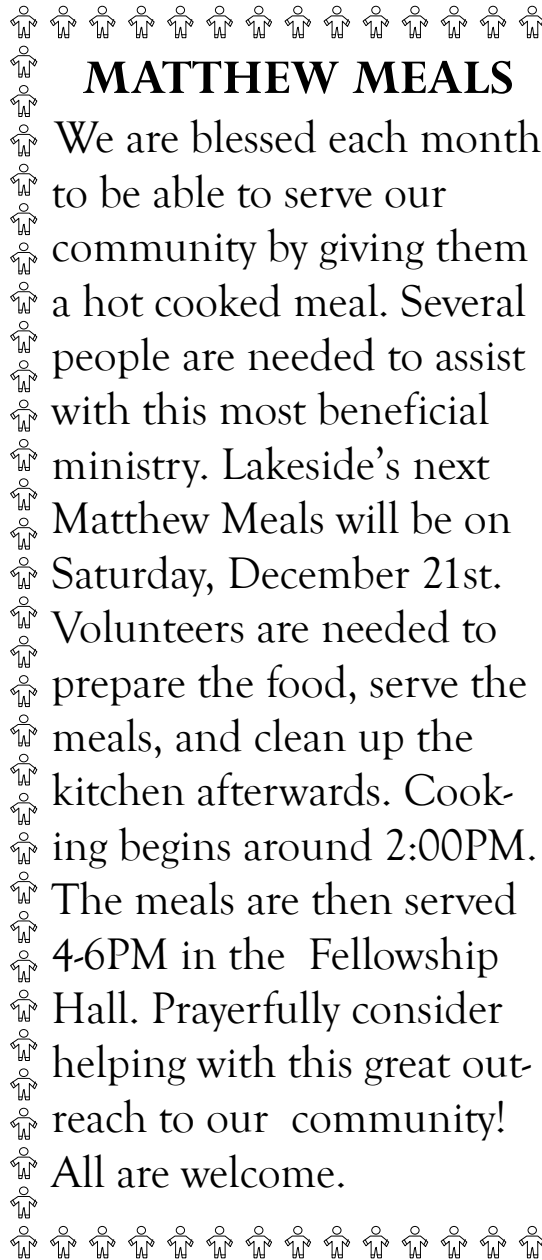
**United Methodist Men**

The men will meet on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Library. Hope to see you there!

**Men's Breakfast Group**

Our men will meet on Saturday, December 7th at 8:00 AM at IHOP on the corner of Hypoluxo Rd. and Federal Hwy.

Please save all USED greeting cards to be used for a Bazaar craft project. (Writing on the back of the pictures is OK.) Give them to Teresa at the Card-Signing table.



**MATTHEW MEALS**

We are blessed each month to be able to serve our community by giving them a hot cooked meal. Several people are needed to assist with this most beneficial ministry. Lakeside's next Matthew Meals will be on Saturday, December 21st. Volunteers are needed to prepare the food, serve the meals, and clean up the kitchen afterwards. Cooking begins around 2:00PM. The meals are then served 4-6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Prayerfully consider helping with this great outreach to our community! All are welcome.

**UMW NEWS**

**Bookworms -**

Will meet on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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**Susanna Wesley**

Meets on Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 AM in the library.

**UMW Executive Committee**

will meet on Monday, December 16th at 7:00 PM in the library.

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 \$9,137.00 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 and activities the best they 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

## CARD SIGNING –



Thanks to all the great people that signed a card for someone in the Military. We mailed 102 cards to the organization that distributes the cards! It will definitely brighten each recipient's day! Please continue to stop by the Card-Signing Table each week. We have many folks in our Lakeside Family that appreciate receiving the cards signed by so many friends. Thanks for your continued support!

## KASC

We are looking way ahead for Keenager's Summer Camp 2014! Please save all USED greeting cards: birthday, Christmas, get well, and all other occasions. There can be writing on them. Instead of throwing them in the garbage, bundle the cards and put them in the box in the Narthex or give the used cards to Teresa Wilhelm at the Card Signing Table. They will be used for a craft project next summer!

**FOOD PANTRY**– Change of time for 2014! The Pantry will now be open 10 AM to 12:00 PM (instead of 12:30 PM). Our food pantry continues to be held on the 3rd Friday of the month. The next Pantry date will be Friday, January 17th. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry. We want to thank everyone who donated food during the October and November Food Drives. It really makes a difference. We would also like to thank Larry Kuntzman, Don Morphesis, Sally Chennell, Bernie Eperson, and Ken Chennell for all the hard work they do each month to keep the Food Pantry running!

**UMW Mission study** - Mark your calendars for Lakeside's next annual Mission Study "The Call". Everyone is invited to attend on Saturday morning, January 4, 2014, in the Fellowship Hall. Come at 8:30 for a Continental Breakfast; Lunch will also be provided. Dismissal is planned for 2:00. Advanced arrangements must be made if you require child care. Contact Betty McMurchy for more information.



# LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## PLEASE JOIN US THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, & DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> (SUNDAYS)

1:00 PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IN THE YOUTH ROOM

DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, & DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAYS)

7:00 PM ADVENT STUDY IN THE YOUTH ROOM

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, SUNDAY

UMW/UMM POT-LUCK LUNCHEON AFTER MORNING SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, SUNDAY

10:00 AM CHOIR CANTATA

DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> (TUESDAY)

7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

**Donations for December Matthew Meals:** In December, instead of the usual dessert, we would like to ask for donations of Christmas cookies, breads, etc... that could be given with the meals for the dessert portion to make the dinner more "holiday festive." Also, we would like some coloring books, crayons and small toys to give to the children at the Matthew Meals pick up on Saturday, December 21st. The Dollar Stores have many things that are very economically priced.

**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 in 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 Tom Harden, Chairman, or the Church Office, for more information.



# Church Directory



# Photograph Sign-Up

## Our Church Photography Dates-

Thursday, January 16th from 2pm-8pm

Friday, January 17th from 2pm-8pm

Saturday, January 18th from 10am-5pm

### **HOW DO I REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT?**

Simply go to our church website,  
[www.lakesideumchurch.org](http://www.lakesideumchurch.org) and

click on the Lifetouch button.

Or sign-up after worship services starting Dec.8.  
First come, first choice of appointment.

### **YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PERSONALLY!**

*Lifetouch encourages you to bring to your portrait session something that says who you are.*

*Perhaps a hat..pin..scarf..choir robe.. musical instrument..Bible..sports gear.. whatever it is that's important to you!*



**FEED THE NEED-** Sign up for having your picture taken and receive a bag to bring canned goods on the day of your portrait sitting. If you bring canned goods you will receive a certificate for \$5.00 off of any pictures that you purchase. Only one \$5.00 deal per family. The food donated will go directly to our food pantry at Lakeside. Lifetouch supports our giving back to the community efforts.

### **Don't Forget...**

#### **To Bring Your Pet!**

Do you have that special pet at home? We want to encourage you to bring it with you for your portrait session! (Well behaved, of course)



### **BRING A FRIEND!**

*Lifetouch will be happy to provide a complimentary 8x10 to anyone with an appointment...so invite a friend, relative, co-worker, etc. They get a free family portrait and they visit the church, too!*

***This is an opportunity for you and your family to purchase professional portraits taken here for your comfort and convenience. Lifetouch accepts checks, cash and all major credit cards. Don't forget to come prepared to take advantage of this great opportunity!***

**YOU'RE PART OF THE FAMILY!**

**IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!**

**SIGN UP NOW TO BE PART OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY AND RECEIVE YOUR COMPLIMENTARY PORTRAIT AND FREE DIRECTORY!**



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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Pastor Rachel Hollingsworth
- 7 Susan Sylvester
- 11 Beverly Josephson
- 12 Myra Grove  
Ken Holloway
- 18 Ellen Keene
- 20 Annetta Boer
- 24 Bernice Ohannes
- 27 Teresa Gaydo
- 29 Chris Boer
- 30 Rosalie Frye

Did we miss your birthday?  
Please let us know.

Happy Birthday!

### A Christmas Season Blessing

During the coming Christmas season, may you be blessed

With the spirit of the season,  
which is peace,

The gladness of the season,  
which is hope,

And the heart of the season,  
which is love.



**We have a Place for  
You!**

**Sunday Small groups**

**8:45 AM**

**Sunday worship**

**10:00 AM**

## The Trinity snowman

When you see a snowman

Three snowballs round.

He is reminding you

That in God, Three in One are found.

The bottom reminds us of God the Father

Our strong rock and foundation

The Creator of all living things

People, tribes and nations.

The middle shows us God the Son

With His arms spread open wide

Who died on the cross for each of us

Our sins Jesus' Blood did hide.

The head reminds us of God the Holy Spirit

Who is our counselor and friend

He speaks to our hearts and minds

Transforming us in the likeness of Him.

So when you see a snowman

In the midst of all the wintertime fun

Listen carefully and he'll tell you,

"Remember God is Three in One"

