

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

JANUARY

Happy New Year

Another year has passed and the love and blessing of being your Pastor continue to humble and amaze me. Your love and support of the ministry we share and how you all have made this first appointment as a Pastor in the United Methodist Church a truly blessed time for Nanci and me. I would like to personally thank everyone who gave to the Staff Christmas offering this year. For your generosity and love for the dedicated staff who works every day to make our impact for the Kingdom of God a blessing to those we serve. It is a great pleasure for me to work with such dedicated servants.

As everyone knows by now, my short involvement with Calvary UMC will be coming to an end in the middle part of January. Calvary will be closing its doors after 101 years of ministry to the Lake Worth community and Palm Beach County. As the congregation that birthed Lakeside UMC our ties to Calvary run deep, and the impact that this sad day brings affects us all. We have been blessed at Lakeside by the presence of some of the Calvary faithful who have come seeking a new church home. I would encourage everyone to welcome these newest family members into our congregation. It has been quite an emotional experience for me to see the impact this occasion in the life of Calvary UMC has had on its members and friends. We never know where God will lead us on our spiritual journey. My prayers and blessings go before all those affected by this unfortunate outcome.

With a New Year now before us, what a great opportunity for each of us to reevaluate our walk with the Lord. I would urge everyone to seek God in new and glorious ways in 2014. Likewise I would encourage each of you to look for ways you can have a positive impact on the world around us. As my message throughout Advent and Christmas noted we are called to be Light in a dark world. I look forward to worshiping and serving our Lord together as we move forward with hope, peace, and the grace of Jesus Christ into a new year.
Happy New Year

Blessings, Pastor David

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to Lakeside UMC. On December 22nd we had twelve new folks join either by Profession of Faith or transfer from other United Methodist Churches. When you see these folks around our campus please introduce yourself and welcome them to our church family. We will continue each month to accommodate those wishing to join, please let me know if you desire to join our ranks.

Prayers and Blessings for our newest members. Pastor David

New Members

Robynne Ryals

Carolann Straubinger

Rosemary Pierre, & daughter Glenisha Browne

Violet & Hilton Jarvis, & granddaughter Jamesha

Mary Ann Giel

David Shute

Carol Fields

Darren Fields

Kenneth Dowrey

KEENAGER MEETING:

We wish to invite everyone age 50+ to our Keenagers meeting. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 2014. Please come and join us for a covered dish lunch and program. Lois Mahoney will be sharing with us about her nursing experiences in Saudi Arabia. Please bring enough to feed 8-10 people and your own table service. Looking forward to getting together again on the 2nd Wednesday from January - April. See you there and invite a friend!

The Advent Bible Study Group will meet to complete their study on Wednesday, January 8th at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



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

The Chancel Choir presented their annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 15, 2013.

It was a beautiful morning of song, specials, and music under the direction of Wendell Waltman. Thank you Wendell and Thank you Choir!

SAVE THIS DATE! FEB. 22, 2014

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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 22, 2014

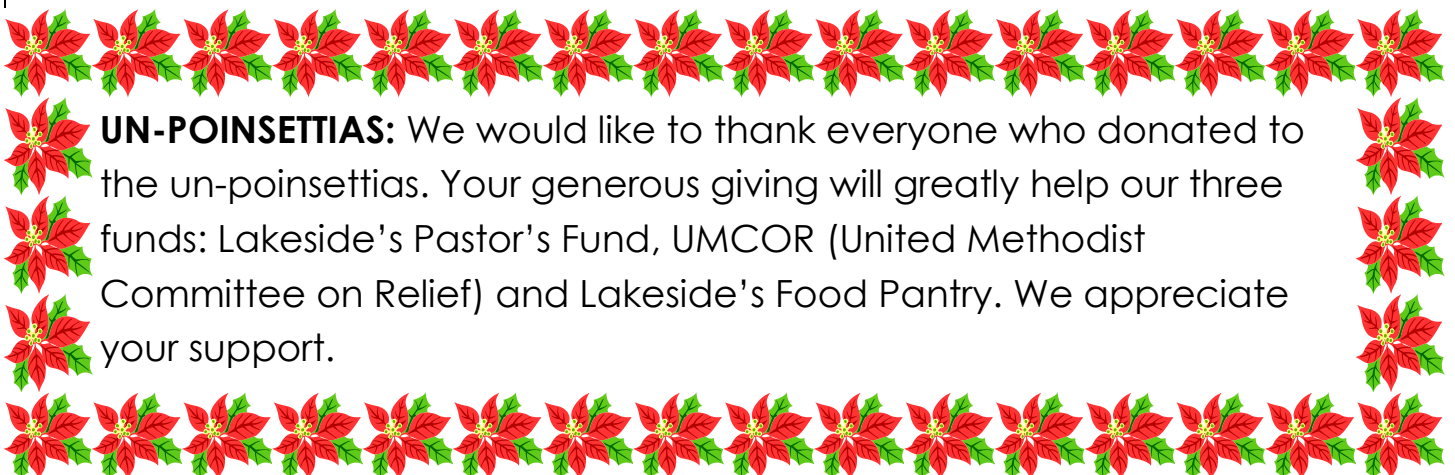
Lakeside's staff is grateful and appreciative for the generous Christmas love gift that this congregation gave to us. Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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.

Mission Jar Focus

Our Mission Jar Focus for January - March will be "Stop Hunger Now." Established in 1998, Stop Hunger Now coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to crisis-burdened areas around the world. This is accomplished through popular community-supported meal packaging programs that often are part of corporate responsibility or volunteer service projects. Stop Hunger Now has been fulfilling its commitment to end hunger across the globe for more than 14 years. We will be bringing more information to you soon about how you can make a difference in this project beside just giving monetarily.



UN-POINSETTIAS: We would like to thank everyone who donated to the un-poinsettias. Your generous giving will greatly help our three funds: Lakeside's Pastor's Fund, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and Lakeside's Food Pantry. We appreciate your support.

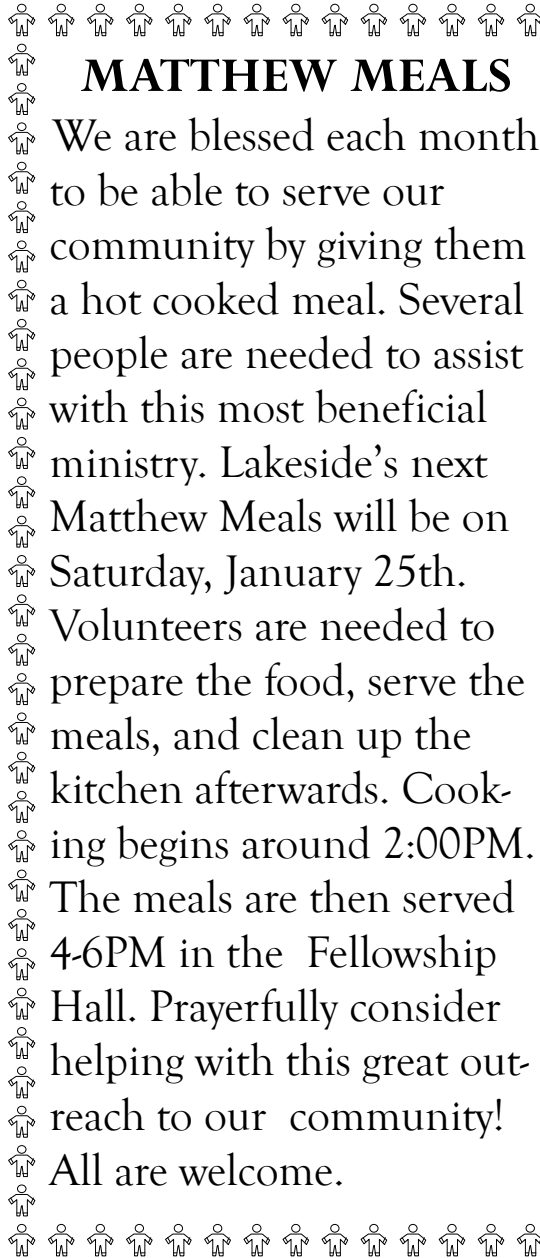
United Methodist Men

The men will meet on Monday, January 6th at 7:00 PM in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast Group

Our men will not meet this month as they are invited to join the women at the UMW Mission Study on Saturday, January 4th.

Please save all USED greeting/Christmas 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, January 25th. 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, January 6th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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Susanna Wesley

will not this month. We will resume our meeting in February.

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UMW Executive Committee

will meet on Monday, January 20th 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 \$10,202.00 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!

Donations for December Matthew Meals: We wish to thank everyone who gave baked goods, coloring books, crayons, and toys so that we could give that little extra with our December Matthew meals. It means so much to the families when we add those little extra touches of kindness.

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.

The 2014 church Offering envelopes are now available in the church narthex. If you have not yet received yours please see Barbara Russum either before or after the worship service to pick them up. If you do not have church offering envelopes and would like to have some please let Barbara know and she will be glad to see that you get some. If you are unable to get to the church to pick up your envelopes please call the church office and we will mail them out to you. 585-7519

The 2014 Flower Calendar is on display in the Narthex. We request that for each Sunday only one family sign per line.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Mission jar for CROS Christmas. We were able to give CROS 5 gift cards and a check for \$928.00 You all are the Greatest!!

In the Mail: Dear Lakeside UMC,
I have certainly enjoyed all "Thinking of you" cards these last months!
I'm doing fine as I think about Reuben! He was a quiet but good man! He
did enjoy coming to church and of course, I met many wonderful people.
Thank you for befriending us— much like our Ashton UMC in Ashton, MD. I will
be coming down on Jan.15th. Love to all, Dottie Hett

We have received several thank you letters from CROS Ministries thanking us
for collecting funds through our pumpkin patch, making donations to their
Match Appeal program, and offering donations in honor of Ruth being here
to visit at Lakeside. Rev. Pam Cahoon and Rev. Ruth Mageria are so very
appreciative of what the Lakeside families have done over the years for
CROS Ministries. These donations go such a long way to help with the
different services they provide: six community food pantries, The Caring
Kitchen, a hot meal and social services program, summer camps, an after-
school snack program, a weekend backpack program and a gleaning and
food recovery program. All CROS Ministries services are provided free of
charge without regard to race, religion, national origin, marital status, gen-
der, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

We have received several thank you letters from Mark Nelson, the Vice
President of Development at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.
He thanks us for our generous donations to the children there. The children,
who most have never had what most of us would define as a "normal" child-
hood. That is especially true for the children that are admitted to their
emergency shelter. In most cases those children have been removed from
their biological parents due to safety concerns. It's heart breaking! The only
consolation that Mark has is that the Children's Home is there to help them.
He thanks you from the bottom of his heart, not only for your donation, but
for your prayers and support.

Our condolences go out to the family of
Elenor Wyatt, who passed in December.
Elenor was a former Lakeside member.



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 and

click on the Lifetouch button.

Or sign-up after worship services
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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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Bob Boer
Jewel Schattie
12 Dorothy
Dobbins
18 Linda Friend
22 Mary Gough
25 Bruce Curtis
27 Teresa Athas
28 John Ashton,
Mykel Haymond

Did we miss your birthday?
Please let us know.

Happy Birthday!



**We have a Place for
You!**

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

Atlantic Central District 2014 Leadership Training Event

Saturday, February 1, 2014 - Trinity UMC, Palm Beach Gardens

Keynote Address by Bishop Kenneth Carter

"Becoming A Friend of Jesus"

This **FREE** leadership-training event will inspire and equip laity, lay staff, and clergy. The program is provided by your Apportionments District Work Funds. The day includes a wide variety of classes, a light breakfast, lunch, child-care and a wonderful time to grow and connect with other leaders in our district.

INFORMATION: Available after Jan. 1st at www.acdistrictumc.org then go to the calendar of events. There will be access to the on-line catalog of classes and registration.