

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

FEBRUARY

Greetings from your Pastor,

Where has the time gone? It is already February 2014; it seems this year is off to a quick start just as 2013 has slipped by. What **THEY** say is true, the older you get the quicker time seems to fly by.

With the sadness of the closing of Calvary UMC, we have moved into a new season of renewed energy here at Lakeside. It has been a blessing for us to be able to welcome many new faces, and some familiar ones as well, to Lakeside from the Calvary congregation. I just want to say it again that we are blessed to have these new church family members joining in the life and ministry of Lakeside! Be sure to welcome these newest members into our church family.

This month we are starting a 12 week sermon series based on the book by Bishop William H. Willimon "Why Jesus?" We will explore the many facets of a life in Christ that leads us on a road of discovery and spiritual growth as we look at the many different sides of our Savior Jesus Christ. I encourage you to purchase the book and follow the story of how Christ becomes real in each of our lives.

I am looking forward to the many ministry opportunities we will be called into as the body of Christ in this season of our lives. I am encouraging each of you (new folks and regulars alike) to get plugged into a small group or mission. I am always looking for someone to lead a Bible Study or group to expand our service to the community. If you feel led or even slightly nudged by God to be involved in such an endeavor please come talk to me. I will leave you with a scripture that I find to be very powerful in the life of the church and my own faith journey.

Acts 2: 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is our scripture to live by as a church. We are to fulfill the mission of the church in the setting in which we have been placed. God is good and will add to our number those being saved if we are an obedient church. We travel this road together and I am blessed to have you all as my traveling companions. Let's go out and meet Jesus on the road.

Blessings from the road

Pastor David



Please join me in welcoming our newest members to Lakeside UMC. On January 19th we had ten 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

Darlene Church

Beverly Engler

Judy Frishe

Nancy Howard

Audrea Miller

Catherine Shelton

Patricia Thorne

Marilynne Tilley

Daniel and Ramona Walsh

KEENAGER MEETING:

We wish to invite everyone age 50+ to our Keenagers meeting. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Please come and join us for a covered dish lunch. Susan Sylvester will tell us about her adventures on her Mission Trip to Chile. Please bring your own table service and enough food to feed 8-10 people. We're looking forward to getting together on the 2nd Wednesday from January - April. See you there and invite a friend! For more information call Beverly Hartman @ 585-3058.



**THANK
YOU !!**

**The
nursery
staff is
grateful
for the
new high
chair.**

Pledge Cards– Many of you have already returned your Pledge Cards for 2014. Thank You! It's not too late to turn in your Pledge card. If you need a new card, there are a few in the Narthex. Just ask an usher to help you. Fill it out, put it in the envelope, seal it, and return it either in the collection plate or by mail. The Finance Committee



The Book of Matthew recounts Jesus feeding the 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fish. What a miraculous event that must have been. And we have an opportunity to follow that great example of ministry and outreach. Stop Hunger Now is a nonprofit organization that has partnered with the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. All across our conference, congregations are hosting meal packaging events and our event is Saturday, February 22nd at 10 AM.

Have you ever stopped to think what \$1 will buy today? Not much, if you live in our area of the World. If you went to your favorite local grocery store, could you buy enough ingredients to serve a nutritious meal to your whole family for that \$1? How about \$5.....could you feed your whole family a nutritious meal for \$5? Or could you feed 20 people with that \$5? Well guess what?.... You can and you have the opportunity to help families all over the world eat a nutritious meal for \$.25 a meal !

The Stop Hunger Now process can pack 10,000 meals in just one hour so we would like to have a two hour event and pack 20,000 meals. Each meal is "created" and packed in an assembly line fashion with everyone being trained for their specific task. Yes, 20,000 meals sounds like a lot of work but the whole process moves quickly and you will be amazed at how efficient this system is. And you will be doing a worthwhile ministry and outreach program with very little effort by individuals but a mighty effort by our united congregation. We need "all hands on deck" to accomplish our goal and there is something for you to do regardless of your age or physical conditions.

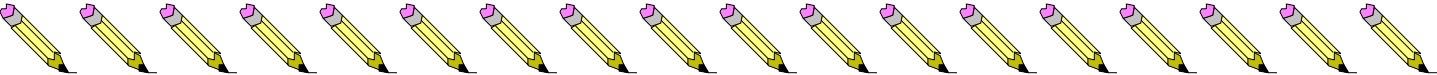
So back to that \$1...that will provide 4 meals and each meal is enough food for four people....so 16 single meals will come from your \$1. If you can't join us for the event, we would ask that you make a donation.....any amount will help and we pray for blessings on your gift. Please " earmark" your donations for "Stop Hunger Now" in the memo line of your check or mark as such on offering envelope.

Please join us and bring a friend to help in this worthwhile cause. Refreshments and sandwiches will be served. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Going or Barbara Russum. More Information can also be obtained at www.stophungernow.org.




Connect Cards

Please remember to at least sign your name on the **Connect Card** every week. If you have any 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!



Rev. Pam Cahoon's Retirement - On Thursday, February 20 at United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, 900 Brandywine Rd, West Palm Beach, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Rev. Pam Cahoon's Retirement as Executive Director of CROS Ministries. Hors d' oeuvres will be at 5:15 pm; dinner & program will be at 6:00 pm.

The cost is \$30 per person, with checks made payable to CROS Ministries. You may also wish to make a donation in Pam's honor. There is limited seating. RSVP by February 6, 2014. Reservations can be sent directly to CROS, 301 1st Avenue South, Lake Worth, FL 33460.



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.

SAVE THE DATE!
FEBRUARY 22,
2014

UMW - A large group of our UMW Ladies traveled to the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg to attend their annual Women's Retreat. It was a great opportunity for "refreshing the soul" through prayer, meditation, and lectures. The ladies say that their journey was pleasant and they each received many blessings!

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.

HELP NEEDED- One of regular volunteers for the Food Pantry is moving away and we could use your help. If you could give a few hours of your time the 3rd Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM to help us it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sally Chennell 641-2185.

Dear Pastor David and my Lakeside family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the love and kindness you have poured out on my family and me this past year. Your cards, words of encouragement and condolences, beautiful flowers, many hugs and prayers concerning my mom and dad are so appreciated. A special thank you for all those who were able to make my dad's memorial service on Jan. 26th. You are such a blessing to me, and I thank God for each one of you.

With His love, Peggy

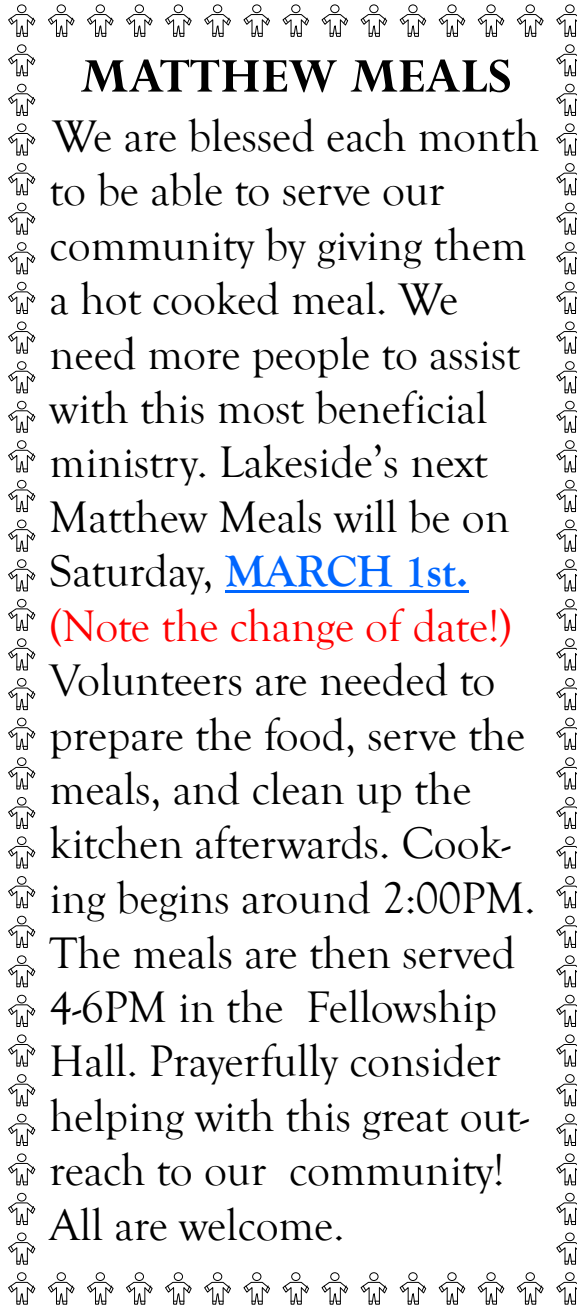
United Methodist Men

The men will meet on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast Group

Our men will meet at 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 1st at the IHOP on the corner of Hypoluxo Road and Dixie Highway.

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. We need more people to assist with this most beneficial ministry. Lakeside's next Matthew Meals will be on Saturday, MARCH 1st. (Note the change of date!) 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 - Meets Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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Susanna Wesley Meets Wednesday, February 5th at 10:00 in the Library.

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UMW Executive Committee Meets Monday, February 17th at 7:00 PM in the library.

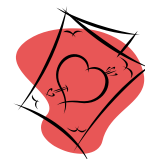
The Capital Campaign was kicked off on March 8, 2013, for the refurbishment and replacement of Sanctuary Sound and Lighting systems as well as a replacement for the Dishwasher in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Our goal is \$20,000 for this much needed work. To date we have raised \$10,732.00 toward our 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 –

A reminder for our seasonal guests and new members . . .

Please stop by the Card-Signing Table after church in the Fellowship Hall each week. (You don't have to personally know the people receiving the cards.) The recipients tell us it is great to see all the names of the people who took time to be a part of the "Greeting"! Thanks for your continued support! Teresa Wilhelm



ADOPT-A-SUNDAY: The coffee fellowship time is open for adoption. We would like to have groups or individuals to adopt a Sunday to take care of the coffee time from set up to serving to clean up. The food and the supplies will be supplied. We need your help!! See Sally Chennell if you would be willing to Adopt-A-Sunday.



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, February 21st. 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 accommodate you. If you are unable to get to the church to pick up your envelopes, call the church office and we will have the box of envelopes mailed to you. Office: 561-585-7519

**Women's Book Club–
third Monday of the
month, February 17th
at 12—1:30 PM in the
Library. Hope you will
come and join us.**

Souper Bowl of Caring

Next Sunday, February 9th: We will also collect the bags of food and money. All donations of canned goods and/or money will go to the Lakeside Food Pantry this year.

THANK YOU- We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers that have been turning out to help with Matthew Meals on the last Saturday of each month. You are the Greatest!!

"The United Methodist Women's Annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, February 8th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Donations can be brought to Fellowship Hall. If you have large items i.e. furniture or appliances, call Michael Garrett (561-723-5058) or Marty Hartman (561-561-585-3058) to schedule pick up. (PLEASE do not leave any donations outside the church office or Fellowship Hall.) Tables will be set-up on Wednesday evening. Merchandise will be set-up on Thursday & Friday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm prior to the Sale on Saturday. Come alone or bring a friend. All are invited, and you do NOT have to be a member of the church to help. If you have questions, contact Betty McMurchy (561-968-9497) or Jane Hamilton (561-310-0309)."

Homegoings:

Our condolences go out to the family of Richard Yinger. He went to be with the Lord on January 9th.

Our condolences go out to the family of John Benn, father of Peggy Morphesis. He went to be with the Lord on January 12th.

Our condolences go out to the family of Harold Walters, Jr., a long time member of Lakeside. He went to be with the Lord on January 15th.

Our condolences go out to the family of Ellen Freeman. She went to be with the Lord on January 20th.

Our condolences go out to the family of Russ Miller. He went to be with the Lord on January 24th.

Our condolences go out to the family of Doris Nusbaum. She went to be with the Lord on January 25th.



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 3 Wanda
Laubscher
- Feb. 4 Megan Call
- Feb. 8 Arlie Taylor
- Feb. 12 Peggy
Morphesis
David Branson
- Feb. 14 Happy
Valentine's Day!
- Feb. 15 Frank Call III
- Feb. 17 Wanda Bell
- Feb. 21 Janae Harden
- Feb. 22 Nicole Blanton
- Feb. 27 Tom Harden
- Feb. 28 Eleanor Dosh
Ruth Dunmire

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

FIRST CARE'S WALK FOR LIFE — kicks off on Saturday, April 5th at John Prince Park from 8:30 AM to 12 PM. If anyone is interested in getting a team together to walk, we have information in the church office. The funds raised by Walkers will help First Care continue to offer the accurate information and appropriate support that provide young parents with real choices and life giving alternatives to abortion.

SAVE THE DATE!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
STARTING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 12TH
CONTINUING THROUGH
WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH
AT 7 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Coming up in February-Sundays:

- 9 Boy Scout Sunday
 - 16 Blanket + Sunday
 - 23 UMM Sunday
- Hope to see you there.

