

**LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LAKESIDE LANTERN**  
**SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 57TH YEAR**

**SEPTEMBER**

Greetings from your Pastor

We have been blessed to be back in our new office space. Yipee!!

As you can see it has been a long process to get us back up and operating in our new offices. I said from the beginning that we would see a blessing from the unfortunate circumstances of the fire on December 23rd. My prayers have been that whoever thought it would be a good idea to burn us out, would turn from the darkness that exists in their life. We can only lift up such a person to the Lord and hope the goodness of others will prevail in their life. In the end we are blessed.

I am very excited to have The Hope Band from Boca Raton with us on Thursday evenings @ 7:00 pm to give us an opportunity to reach out to the folks in our community who may be seeking a new worship experience. We share a time of praise music and fellowship to strengthen our daily walk with the Lord. I encourage you to invite and inform your friends and neighbors of this new worship time here at Lakeside. I am looking forward to how God can use us to reach a new generation of His people.

I am reminded of the Apostle Paul, who calls us to put on the full armor of God, when the day of evil comes, and the world is surely full of it, you may stand your ground. And in the end the blessing will be revealed.

May the peace of our mighty Savior be with you always.  
Blessings, Pastor David

**Lakeside Chancel Choir** will be starting again with practice on Thursday, September 10th at 7 PM in the Library. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! See Wendell Waltman if you have questions.



## SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

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| <p><b>01– Sanctuary Committee<br/>Boy Scouts</b></p> <p><b>02– Keenagers Summer Kraft Kamp<br/>Bible Study</b></p> <p><b>03– Special Music Practice<br/>Praise Gathering</b></p> <p><b>04–</b></p> <p><b>05– Men’s Breakfast Group</b></p> <p><b>06– Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><b>07– LABOR DAY<br/>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>08– Boy Scouts</b></p> <p><b>09– Susanna Wesley Circle<br/>Keenagers Summer Krafting<br/>Kamp<br/>Leadership Council</b></p> <p><b>10– Special Music Practice<br/>Praise Gathering</b></p> <p><b>11–</b></p> <p><b>12–</b></p> <p><b>13– Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Grandparent’s Day Pot Luck</b></p> <p><b>14– UMM<br/>Bookworms</b></p> | <p><b>15– Boy Scouts</b></p> <p><b>16–</b></p> <p><b>17– Praise Gathering/Healing and<br/>Communion<br/>Chancel Choir Practice</b></p> <p><b>18– Food Pantry</b></p> <p><b>19– UMM Garage Sale<br/>UMW District Mission Sampler</b></p> <p><b>20– Seventeenth Sunday after<br/>Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>21– Book Club<br/>UMW Mission Team</b></p> <p><b>22– DOWLL<br/>Boy Scouts</b></p> <p><b>23– Keenagers Summer Kraft Kamp</b></p> <p><b>24– Praise Gathering<br/>Chancel Choir Practice</b></p> <p><b>25–</b></p> <p><b>26– Matthew Meals</b></p> <p><b>27– Eighteenth Sunday after<br/>Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>28– Game Night</b></p> <p><b>29– Boy Scouts</b></p> <p><b>30– Keenagers Summer Kraft Kamp</b></p> |
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Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for a **Praise Gathering** with "The Hope Band"  
 For a time of praise music and fellowship. Come as you are and enjoy a special time of worship.  
 See you there. Peace, Pastor David

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Sheila Meyer
- 8 Ed Ball
- 9 Gary Orrock  
Jim Short
- 10 John VanVleet
- 12 Heather Garrett  
Darlene Church
- 13 Nancy Gettys  
Sherri (Fralick) Fullilove
- 15 Dorothy Breese  
Mary Layman
- 16 Gary Fitzgerald  
Marisela Sanchez
- 19 Violet Simmons
- 21 Frances Smith
- 26 David Helwig  
Keegan Russum
- 28 Jane Kahl
- 29 Matthew Going
- 30 Peter Walters

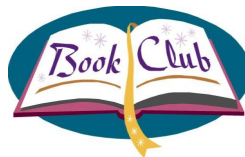
**Healing and Communion Service** - The next Healing and Communion Service will be Thursday, September 17th at 7 PM. We will be including it with our Praise Gathering, which meets on Thursday nights.

Bible Study will begin again in October.

**Men's Breakfast Group**

Lakeside's men will meet at IHOP (corner of Federal Hwy. and Hypoluxo Rd.) on **Saturday, September 5th** at 8 AM. Come and join us for a great time of fellowship and food.

**United Methodist Men** will meet on September 14th at 7 PM.



**Book Club**  
 will meet the **third Monday** of the month, **September 21st** at **12 PM** in the **Library** Contact **Sharon Bouyoucas (968-1892)**, if you have any questions.

**COMMUNITY**

**REMINDER:**  
**The church public office hours are Monday - Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please plan to conduct your business during these hours.**



Don't see your September birthday listed? Please let us know.

**THINK OF YOUR FELLOW MAN, LEND HIM A HELPING HAND**

### **The Lakeside United Methodist Church Memorials Committee**

Gifts made in honor of a loved one are used to enhance the worship service, or are used for beautification of the sanctuary or other church properties. The donor, or the family, may choose to designate the use of the funds. Please consider remembering a loved one in this manner. Contact Tom Harden for more information.

### **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

After the death of a member of the church family, the Bereavement Committee shows sympathy to, and concern for, the family by providing a simple meal after the funeral service.

The committee volunteers are led by Jean Crawford (561-584-4458) and Betty McMurchy (561-968-9497). If you would like to help this group by providing food, helping with set-up, or assisting with cleaning up, contact the ladies listed above.

While there is no charge for this service, donations to help defray the costs can be made payable to the church, with Caring Committee listed as the notation.

### **LAKESIDE'S GAME NIGHT**

**GAME ON!!**

Join your fellow Lakesiders at Game Night! The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday is September 28, 2015; We play from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Bring a favorite game, your own cool beverage, and a friend! All ages are welcomed at this activity.

### **CARD MINISTRY**

Be a Blessing to Others! It only takes a couple of minutes to sign the weekly cards, but the blessings on the receiver's end last for weeks! Please stop by the "Card Signing Table" and add your name to the list of folks sending greetings to your fellow Lakesiders. Also, thank you for your card and stamp donations. All are appreciated.



**CARE**

**LOVE**

**SHARE**

**D O W L L (Dining Out With Lakeside Ladies) Save the date!**

Our August outing was well-attended! If you missed it, we have another opportunity scheduled! **Save the date!** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is **September 15, 2015**. The ladies are headed to Red Lobster in western Lake Worth. It is located at 6638 Lake Worth Road; Lake Worth, FL 33467. (It is west of Jog Road on the South Side of Lake Worth Road.) Watch your computer and newspaper for money saving coupons!

As usual, if you plan to join us, contact Teresa Wilhelm by email, text, or phone, or you may call Carolyn at the church office. Please reserve your place **by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, 9/15/15**. If you forget to call us, you may still attend the activity, but we cannot promise that you will be sitting with our group.

We're looking forward to seeing all the ladies at **DOWLLs** this month! Why not bring a friend?

Teresa Wilhelm; [wilhelmwellness@gmail.com](mailto:wilhelmwellness@gmail.com); 561-317-2808cell  
Carolyn/Church Office: 561-585-7519 If you wish to carpool, meet at the church @ 4 & we'll carpool at 4:10. Let us know so we don't leave you.

**MATTHEW MEALS MINISTRY**

As Pastor David says, "Be a blessing to others!"

Lakeside blesses our community with a hot, cooked meal on a Saturday at the end of every month. Why not volunteer to help with this ministry?

Food prep begins at 2:00PM. The food is boxed in carry-out containers and given out at 4:00PM. Please prayerfully consider joining in this ministry. There is a place for you to help!

Saturday, September 26th will be the next Matthew Meals distribution.

For more information, see Sally Chennell.

**FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY**

Volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. While the pantry hours are 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, volunteers are needed 9:30AM –12:30PM. For more information, see Sally Chennell. The next date is Friday, September 18th. Distribution of food: 10:00 AM-12:00

CROS has received \$30,000 to be matched by October 1, 2015. Every dollar you give will be matched dollar for dollar. Should you give cash, please mark your envelope "CROS Match". Checks should be made payable to Lakeside UMC with "CROS Match" written on the memo line of your check. For more information, ask Audrea Miller or Betty McMurchy.



HUNGER ACTION MONTH WAS CREATED BY Feeding America, America's leading food bank, as a way to highlight how hunger affects our country and show how different organizations work toward ending hunger in their communities. Feeding South Florida, a member of the Feeding America network, is promoting Hunger Action Month in Palm Beach County all of September. Please consider supporting CROS with your donations of non-perishable food items i.e. peanut butter, canned meat, boxes of macaroni & cheese, pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cans of soup, canned spaghetti & tomato sauce, rice & dried or canned beans. BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE SANCTUARY OR TO FELLOWSHIP HALL.



Join Us! CROS MINISTRIES "END HUNGER WALK" Sunday, October 11 at 3 pm. The WALK starts at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Flagler Drive. It is a 5K (3.1 miles). All funds raised will go to support CROS Ministries' programs.

For more information on CROS Ministries, contact Audrea Miller or Betty McMurchy



**DAILY PRAYERS FOR AN END TO HUNGER** – As a part of the month of September's HUNGER ACTION MONTH FOOD DRIVE, we are including a daily prayer for each day for you to use each week to remind you to bring your food in and think of others especially during this time.

**SUNDAY**- O God, I pray for all those around the world who struggle with hunger and suffer from malnutrition. Grant them strength and courage as they work to create a better life for themselves and their communities. May conflicts cease, crops flourish, and good governance grow. In the name of Jesus, who is the bread of Life for the world. Amen.

**MONDAY** – Heavenly Father, I pray for the one in five children in our country who lives in a family that struggles to get enough to eat. Grant patience and wisdom to parents who work so hard to see that their children have the food they need to grow and learn. Amen.

**TUESDAY** – Lord God, I pray for our President, the members of Congress, and other elected leaders. May they be moved to make ending hunger in our own country and around the world by 2030 a priority for our nation. Grant them clear minds and generous hearts to sustain and improve those programs that provide help and opportunity to so many people. In the name of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Amen.

**WEDNESDAY** – O God, look with compassion on the one in seven Americans who face hunger in this country. Preserve their dignity as they struggle to get enough to eat. May those looking for jobs find new opportunities to earn a living. May those who are unable to work be supported and sustained by their communities. Amen.

**THURSDAY** – I give thanks for my church and all the churches that work together to end hunger. Bless the efforts of those organizations that offer relief in times of emergency as well as those who support long-term development. May our witness to the Gospel of your love and compassion shine ever more brightly. Amen.

**FRIDAY** – O Christ, you gave your life on the cross to overcome evil and injustice. May your abundant love inspire those who volunteer and work in food pantries and other feeding programs in my community. May they offer both kindness and respect to those who depend on the food they provide. Amen.

**SATURDAY** – O God, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ inspire me to rededicate myself to ending hunger in the world you created for us. Grant me boldness and courage as I seek to persuade our nation's leaders to change the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist. I ask you to bless my prayers, my actions, and my giving. Amen.

**Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God,  
at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depths of our hearts.**

**– Mother Teresa**

### Mission Jar Focus

The Mission Jar Focus for Sept. is School Supplies. We start collecting early because that is when we see the sales at our local stores such as Walgreens, CVS, Wal-Mart, Target, Dollar General, etc. We collect and deliver supplies to our local elementary schools (Barton, South Grade, Highland, and North Grade) as well as Lake Worth Middle.

Suggested items are: crayons, markers, scissors, pencils, spiral notebooks, back packs, school glue, hand sanitizer, boxes of tissues, rulers, folders, composition books, paper, etc. Donated cash will be used to purchase supplies for these schools. Thank you for your generous support. We have many needy children in our area.

The Finance Committee



**DID YOU KNOW?** - Interesting facts and little-known tidbits of information make United Methodist Communications' [75-year history](#) intriguing. The agency's building in Nashville is equipped with state-of-the-art production facilities that have welcomed a wide range of talent. From Alex Haley to Loretta Lynn, the agency's for-profit multi-media services company has hosted its fair share of famous faces. To see the timeline of events and read more articles about their history for the 75 years 1940-2015, go to: [www.umcom.org](http://www.umcom.org)

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Circles, Susanna Wesley & Bookworms will resume meeting in September.

Susanna Wesley will meet Wednesday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Library. For more information, contact Peggy Morphesis at 561-267-3588.

Bookworms will meet Monday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Shirley Turner at 561-586-8223.

District Mission Sampler will be held Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at Okeechobee UMC. For more information, contact Nancy Gettys at 561-301-7655.

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**KEENAGERS SUMMER KRAFT KAMP**

Our crafters will meet from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall on the following Wednesdays: 9/2, 9/9, 9/23, 9/30. (NO Krafting on 9/16/15) You do not have to know how to "craft" to be helpful. You can cut out materials, glue pieces together, baste fabrics, etc. **ALL** items created will be for sale at the annual UMW Bazaar, November 7, 2015. Bring your lunch or eat before you come. **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS PROVIDED.**

(For more information see Shirley Turner, Ruthie Rawson, or Teresa Wilhelm.)

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**MISSIONAL VITAL SIGNS** – Each week we ask you to fill out a connect card in church. Not only does it help as with our attendance records, but it helps us with an overview of how the church is functioning. Below is some information that will help explain why we ask for the information we do, including the Salty Service numbers we ask for each week. We hope you will take the time to read these explanations and if you have any questions feel free to ask us about any of them.

## **Explanation of Missional Vital Signs**

This is a brief overview of the Missional Vital Signs (MVS) for the local church. This information is gathered weekly and reported monthly through electronic means by the local church to the Office of Congregational Vitality.

Every church has a designated person who is the MVS reporter. It is important to remember that numbers are only indicators of the behaviors that produce them. This tool is to discern what works, what does not, what we can do differently, and how can we bring more disciples to Christ.

### **Passionate Worship/AWA**

This number includes any service held weekly as a primary opportunity for worship, including alternative worship services in addition to regular Sunday morning services.

Examples of alternative services are a separate youth worship service as part of youth ministry, a Celebrate Recovery service, and a service held on a week night or Saturday, including a Fresh Expressions type of worship that meets the above criteria.

Children who participate in a children's service may be counted, but not infants. If a group is away together on a mission trip or retreat, those people may also be counted.

Occasional and special services, such as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve and funerals, are not included in these counts.

### **Radical Hospitality/POF & RAF**

Radical hospitality: the total number of persons received into membership measured by "profession of faith" (POF) and "reaffirmation of faith" (RAF).

**POF:** The first public expression of commitment to Christian faith by an individual in which she or he acknowledges commitment to Jesus Christ and pledges to learn to live as one of His disciples. This number includes youth who join the church through the confirmation process. It also includes adults who have never been a member of a congregation who come to faith and choose to live out that faith as part of your congregation.

**RAF:** Reaffirmation of faith indicates "a person who has been baptized at some point in his or her life, has made a profession of faith, and has possibly been a member of a congregation but has not actively been involved for quite some time. These people are renewing their faith as part of your congregation. They are not a transfer from another congregation.

**I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live,  
but it is Christ who lives in me. –Galatians 2: 19b-20a**

## **Explanation of Missional Vital Signs - Continued**

### **Intentional Discipling Small Groups**

This measure is the number of persons involved in intentional discipling small groups. A discipling small group is defined as any group with two or more individuals who meet at least monthly (to be counted the week of meeting), share a commitment to become more like Jesus, read and reflect on scripture, explore what it means to apply God's word to their lives, share honest feedback, and pray for one another. Examples include discipleship study, most Sunday school classes, alpha groups, youth groups, Emmaus reunion groups, Financial Peace, and Celebrate Recovery small groups. Not counted are Scouts, outside groups like AA, choir (unless intentional about the above criteria), or child care for group meetings.

### **Salty Service**

This indicates the number of persons in weekly worship who claim to have joined Jesus in Salty Service to persons outside their congregation for a least one hour during the prior week. Salty Service may include any of the following elements:

1. Hands on mercy ministry alleviating the suffering of others.
2. Justice ministry addressing systems that cause suffering.
3. Earth care as a steward of God's creation.

Relationship-building to ease the emotional or spiritual needs of others.

The person is counted, not the numbers of hours people are serving. Example: If a person is serving in a soup kitchen for at least an hour, he or she is counted as one person who has served.

A person's self-selection will not be as verifiable as the other measures. The goal is to focus on and encourage Salty Service, not gain absolutely accurate numbers. While this may seem to be a difficult data piece, it is crucial to keep discussing, learning, and improving our outreach to others.

### **Extravagant Generosity**

This number is the total amount given to God's church for budgeted operating and capital expenses and missional purposes in addition to or part of the budget. This includes all contributions received by pledged and unpledged giving, loose plate offerings, and funds given for capital debt, building or repairs, or special offerings to ministries beyond the church (UMCH, youth mission trip, Africa University, Habitat for Humanity, Storm Recovery or a sister congregation in Cuba or Angola).

Excluded are interest income, memorial bequeaths, facility use fees, income from child care, adult day care ministries, thrift stores, pumpkin patches and similar fundraisers, as these do not reflect the financial generosity of the congregation.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

Do you know someone that cannot shop or prepare hot meals for themselves? The **Meals On Wheels** organization has now expanded to our Lake Osborne area! **Meals on Wheels** focuses on caring for individuals whose diminished mobility makes it hard to shop for food and prepare meals. Generally, the program serves adults age 60 and over. The program begins via an application and leads to an assessment of the need for meals.

At the core of the **Meals on Wheels** service is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our seniors. Adequate nutrition is necessary for health, functionality and the ability to remain independent.

**Meals on Wheels** ensures that seniors have access to adequate nutrition even when family support, mobility and resources are lacking. For many seniors, the trusted **Meals on Wheels** volunteer who shows up every day with a hot meal and a warm smile is the only person they see or speak with all day. The safety check that accompanies each meal delivery ensures that, in the case of an emergency or problem, medics will be called, families will be notified and our seniors will not be forgotten. Depending on individual circumstances, meals are provided on a sliding fee scale.

There are informational flyers on the Narthex table. Take one for yourself or a friend.

**Happy are those...whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth... who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. -Psalm 146: 5-7**

**Grandparents Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon** – Sunday, September 13th after the morning service. Come One, Come All! No Charge. Meat and Drinks will be provided. Sign up for attendance and dishes to bring. Form will be in your bulletin. Please make sure the dishes are ready to be served. Help is needed to set up the Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 11th in the afternoon and on Sunday to serve and clean up. Contact Ruthie Rawson to volunteer or with questions at 561-628-6200.

**UMM Garage Sale** — Saturday, September 19th from 8 AM to 1 PM. Furniture, Household Items, Clothes. Thanks for your donations.....See you there!!

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**We have a Place for  
You!**

**Sunday Small groups**

**8:45 AM**

**Sunday worship**

**10:00 AM**

Our Administrative Assistant,  
Carolyn will be on vacation  
September 7 -11. Our  
capable volunteers will be in  
the office if you need  
anything while she is gone.

## EXCURSION TO THE HOLY LAND

(in Orlando, FL)

Would you be interested in an all-day weekday trip to visit the **Holy Land Experience** Park in Orlando? A trip is in the works for late October or early November.

As a group, we will leave the church around 6:00 am, ride the chartered bus to Orlando, visit the park 10-6, board the bus and go to dinner, then ride the bus back to the church.

While there you will view dramatic productions (Sermon on the Mount, Passion of the Christ, and others); tour the Scriptorium, experience Holy Communion, observe a baptism, view the Jerusalem Model presentation, Walk the Stations of the Cross, Meditate in the gardens, and visit the other attractions.

Cost (depending on the number of people participating) could be \$125-\$150 per person, not including meals.

Contact Carolyn in the office (561-585-7519) if you might be interested in this "Field Trip." If there is enough interest, we will pursue the specific details.

### COLLECTIBLES

Recycling is the way of the future! The folks at Lakeside UMC want to do their part to help the environment and other groups of people. Here is a list of the things we are asking you to save and take to church:

Box-Tops for Education

Labels for Education

Manufactures' Coupons

Fast Food Coupons

Pop-Top Tabs

Metal Bottle Caps