

**LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LAKESIDE LANTERN**  
**SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 58TH YEAR**

**JANUARY**

Happy New Year Friends,

With another year under our belts and the promise and hope of what's to come in 2016 just around the corner, we have much to be thankful for. Many in our church family have suffered the loss of loved ones in 2015 and as we have mourned with them, the hope of what's ahead is at our doorstep. As we remember our trials from this past year, it's necessary now to focus on the goodness and grace of our Lord to unite us for the New Year. My last message of 2015 had us focus on the love Jesus has for us in the uniting of His people. Our God has given us the greatest gift of all, His Son, Jesus Christ.

I am very excited for the coming year; my prayer is that we would continue to be an invitational church and welcome everyone who comes to seek a relationship with Christ. I look forward to sharing in ministry with each of you in the upcoming year as we continue to strive to be The Light in a darkened world. In John 1:6-13 it says, "A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light. The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God."

We have been given our mission; just as John was not the light but came to speak of the light we also have been given the same mandate. Nanci and I are looking forward to serving our gracious God together with you in 2016. We love you all.

In His Service  
Pastor David and Nanci

## JANUARY AT A GLANCE

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| 01- New Year's Day<br>Church Office Closed   | 16- UMW District Leadership Meeting, Pt. St.<br>Lucie UMC                                |
| 02- Men's Breakfast Group  | 17- 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany<br>Human Relations Day Offering                        |
| 03- Epiphany Sunday<br>Holy Communion<br>Youth Group begins  | 18- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day<br>Church Office Closed<br>Book Club<br>UMW Mission Team |
| 04- Bookworms<br>UMM   | 19- DOWLL<br>Boy Scouts  |
| 05- Sanctuary Committee<br>Boy Scouts  | 20- Healing and Communion<br>Bible Study begins  |
| 06- Epiphany of the Lord<br>Susanna Wesley Circle  | 21- Chancel Choir Practice   |
| 07- Chancel Choir Practice   | 22-  |
| 08-  | 23- Matthew Meals  |
| 09- UMW Open House Tea   | 24- 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany<br>Ecumenical Sunday<br>Commitment Sunday              |
| 10- 1st Sunday after the Epiphany<br>Baptism of the Lord<br>Wendy Hartman Retirement Party<br>Pledge Campaign begins | 25- Game Night   |
| 11- Human Trafficking Awareness Day  | 26- Boy Scouts   |
| 12- Boy Scouts   | 27- Bible Study  |
| 13- Keenagers<br>Leadership Council  | 28- Chancel Choir Practice   |
| 14- Ascension of the Lord<br>Chancel Choir Practice  | 29-  |
| 15- Food Pantry  | 30-  |
|  | 31- 4th Sunday after the Epiphany<br>Children's Home Offering                            |

**Learn from yesterday,**

**Live for today,**

**Hope for tomorrow.**

**Albert Einstein**

*Happy  
New  
Year!*

**Look not back on yesterday**

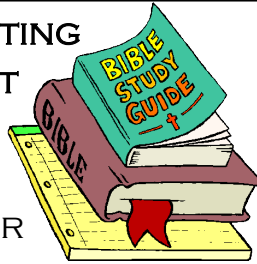
**So full of failure and regret;**

**Look ahead and seek God's way- -**

**All sin confessed you must forget.**

A NEW BIBLE STUDY WILL BE STARTING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH AT 7 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS AND E MAILS FOR MORE INFORMATION SOON.



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Bob Boer
- Ruth Rawson
- 6 Susan Haug
- 11 Teresa Wilhelm
- 12 Kenneth Dowrey
- Joshua Roberts
- 13 Robynne Ryals
- 15 Violet Jarvis
- 18 Linda Friend
- 22 Mary Gough
- 24 Mary Degens
- Terry Browning
- 25 Bruce Curtis
- 27 Teresa Athas
- 28 John Ashton
- Mykel Haymond

**Healing and Communion Service** - The next Healing and Communion Service will be Wednesday, January 20th at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.



**Men's Breakfast Group**

Lakeside's men will meet at the church fellowship hall on **Saturday, January 2nd** at 8 AM. Come and join us for a great time of fellowship and food.

**United Methodist Men** will meet on January 4th at 7 PM in Library.

**UMM News**

**Upcoming in February:**

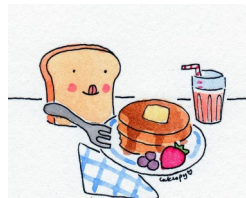
**Saturday Feb 6th, Men's Breakfast, 8 Am, Fellowship Hall**

**Monday Feb.8th, UMM Meeting 7 PM, in the Library**

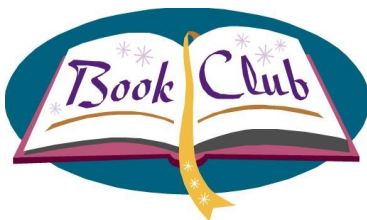
**Sunday Feb, 21st, UMM Worship Sunday Service, Men's Choir**

**That same Sunday after worship,**

**Pancake Breakfast, Donations accepted.**



**JANUARY**



**Book Club** will meet on Friday, January 18th at 12 PM. Contact Janet Lane at 533-7840, if you have any questions.

**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 January birthday listed? Please let us know.



**Matthew 2:1 -12**

Magi from Iraq arrive to offer homage to a new king in Judea and participate in God's sub-version of Herod's plan.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women are invited to attend our United Methodist Women meetings. You do not have to be a member of Lakeside UMC.

**BOOKWORMS CIRCLE** meets the first Monday, September thru May at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Meetings usually include a book report, devotions, brief business meeting & refreshments. Contact Chmn Shirley Turner (586-8223).

**SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE** meets the first Wednesday, September thru April at 10 am in the Library. Meetings usually include a “response” moment, devotions, brief business meeting & refreshments. Contact Chmn Peggy Morphesis (267-3588).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 4– Bookworms Circle, Fellowship Hall, 7 pm. Contact Chmn Shirley Turner (586-8223).

Wednesday, Jan. 6– Susanna Wesley Circle, Library, 10 am. Contact Chmn Peggy Morphesis (267-3588).

Saturday, Jan. 9-UMW Open House Tea, 1130 AM -1:00 PM

Saturday, Jan. 16-UMW District Leadership Day, First UMC in Port St. Lucie.

Monday, Jan. 18– UMW Mission Team, 7 PM in the Library.

**The United Methodist Women invite you to an Open House/Tea on Saturday, January 9, from 11:30 - 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** Join us for an informal time of fellowship and food (assorted tea sandwiches, fruit, sweets and tea). The Nominating Committee will also present the slate of officers for 2016 for election during this meeting. All women are invited to attend!

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Lakeside United Methodist Women

are sponsoring a

#### HAPPINESS RETREAT

**Saturday, February 13th**

**8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Breakfast and Lunch are provided (free of charge)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

More information is coming!



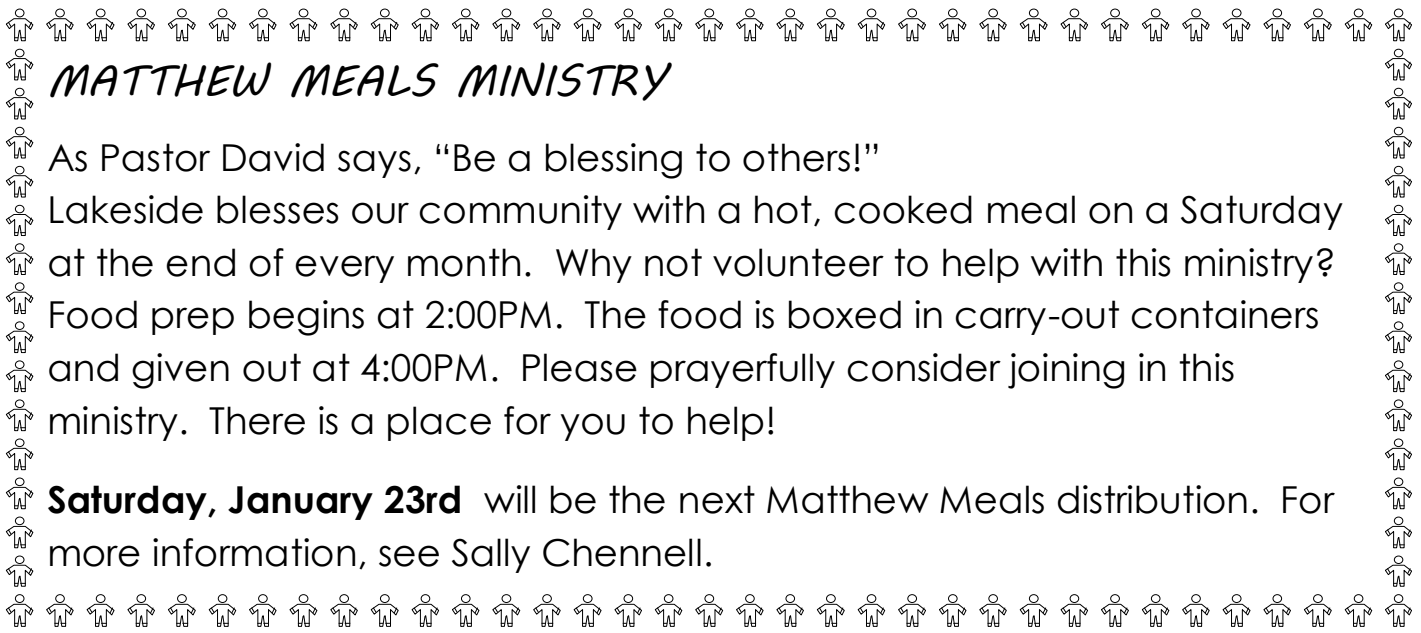
**D O W L L** (Dining Out With Lakeside Ladies)

Last month the ladies met at Outback Steakhouse. Two birthday girls were serenaded by the wait staff! We also sang to our waitress for her birthday!

**Save the date!** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is **January 19, 2016**. This month the ladies are headed to **IHOP** located at 1797 North Congress in the Catalina Shopping Center. It is in front of Marshall's. Watch your paper, or online, for money-saving coupons!

As usual, if you plan to join us, contact Teresa Wilhelm in person, through email, via text, or by phone, OR you may call Carolyn at the church office. Please reserve your place **by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, 1/19/16**. If you forget to call, you may still attend the activity, but we cannot promise that you will be sitting with our group.

Teresa Wilhelm: 561-317-2808; [wilhelmwellness@gmail.com](mailto:wilhelmwellness@gmail.com)  
Carolyn @ the Church Office: 561-585-7519



**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, January 23rd** 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 this 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, January 15th.** Distribution of food: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.



**The Mission Jar Focus for January—March will be :**



## ITEMS NEEDED FOR FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH “WE CARE” PACKAGES

### Travel Sized Items:

Baby Powder	Foot Powder
Toothpaste	Mouthwash
Baby Wipes	Men’s Deodorant
Shampoo	Body Wash
Men’s & Women’s Shaving Cream	

### Miscellaneous Toiletries:

Qtips	Razors
Tampons	Lip Balm
Dental Floss	Bar Soap

### Miscellaneous Items:

Batteries	Socks
Insect Repellent Wipes	

### Letters of Encouragement

### Food Items:

Slim Jims	Beef Jerky
Crackers	Popcorn
Individual Packed Nuts & Dried Fruit	
Individual Packed Drink Mixes	
Breakfast Bars	Snack Bars
Foiled Tuna Packets	Coffee
Microwavable Meals	
(example: Ravioli, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti & Meatballs, etc.)	
Ramen Noodles	Trail Mix

### Games:

Small Puzzle Books

### Packing Supplies:

Clear Packing Tape	Snack Storage Bags
Gallon Storage Bags	

The sole mission of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach is to support service members of the United States Military, who are currently deployed in countries overseas. The volunteers of this organization prepare and ship “We Care” packages on a monthly basis to registered individuals, squadrons, battalions and hospitals. Each “We Care” package includes snacks, hygiene products, comfort items and mostly importantly—letters of encouragement. It is with the hope of inspiring and encouraging each recipient during their separation from loved ones and friends. Forgotten Soldiers Outreach is committed to our servicemen and women in all world theaters, for as long as they are deployed.

Check the narthex table for additional items needed.

**Thanks for supporting Lakeside’s Mission Jar.**

**Lakeside Finance Committee**



**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.

## KEENAGER'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

We wish to welcome everyone age 50+ to our next "Keenager" meeting. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at **11:30am** (new time) on Wednesday, Jan.13, 2016, hosted by Bev Knapp and Ken & Linda Friend. (Two more hosts are needed for the January meeting, please.) Join us for a covered dish luncheon. Bring enough to feed 10-12 people, a plate, a cup, and your own table service.

Our own Bill Taylor will present a slide show of his recent trip to the Holy Land!

We are excited to be getting together again on the 2nd Wednesday through April. Mark your **2016** calendars: February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and April 13<sup>th</sup>. See you there and invite a friend!

For more information call: Beverly/Marty Hartman @ 561-585-3058

Teresa Wilhelm @ 561-317-2808.

### Keenager Crafters

The group of crafters had so much **FUN** over the summer that they've decided to continue year round! Now our snowbirds can join in the fun, too! Meetings will be on the **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>** Wednesdays of each month in Fellowship Hall. Time is between 11:00am and 2:00pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> week is the regular Keenagers Pot-Luck and meeting. (The occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday will be a day off for everyone!)

For more information, see Mary Ann Giel, Shirley Turner, Ruthie Rawson, Audrea Miller, or Teresa Wilhelm.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The Altar Flower Calendar for 2016 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!

*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.

## Did you know Lakeside has a paper recycling program?

There is large recycling container at the south end of the parking lot. It is for paper ONLY! Please put your newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and office paper in the bin. Lakeside receives \$\$ from this program.

### Non-acceptable items are listed below:

Plastic bags

Phone books

Wrapping paper or bows

Wax or plastic covered paper

Cardboard or trash

### PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN THE BIN!

This is an easy way to raise funds for our church. Spread the word! Tell your friends!

For more information, contact Carolyn in the church office: 585-7519



## COLLECTIBLE RECYCLABLES

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:

Newspaper (Put in large metal bin in parking lot near the Church Office)

Box-Tops for Education (give to Anne Fralick)

Labels for Education (give to Anne Fralick)

Restaurant Coupons (give to Teresa Wilhelm)

Pop-Top Tabs (give to Sally Chennell)

Metal Bottle Caps (give to Teresa Wilhelm)

Used Greeting cards (give to Teresa Wilhelm)



**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.

**STAFF LOVE OFFERING**

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**The 2016 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 get them. 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 them. If you are unable to get to the church to pick up your envelopes, please call the church office and we will mail them to you. 585-7519

## 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.

## CARD SIGNING –

We are well into our 5<sup>th</sup> year of Lakeside's Card Ministry! Just think how much joy we have spread in that time!



Donations of Get Well, Thinking of You, and Sympathy cards are always welcomed. (You probably have extras in a drawer somewhere or receive multitudes in the mail.) Stamps and money for stamps are helpful, too!

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 faithful support!

**CARING**

**SHARING**

## LAKESIDE'S GAME NIGHT

The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday is January 25, 2016; Games are played from 6:30PM until around 8:30PM. Bring a favorite game (maybe a new gift?), your own beverage, and a friend or two! Feel free to bring some leftover Christmas treats to share! All ages are welcomed at this activity.

## Gleaning Update

We are coming off one of the strongest gleaning seasons ever. We set new highs in several categories and provided more fresh produce for people in need than we ever have before. My appreciation for our volunteers for all that they have done has never been higher. That is what a strong season can do; the poor are served, appreciation grows and joy is multiplied in community. What will the next gleaning season be like? We will have to wait and see. See you in the fields!

-Keith Cutshall, CROS Gleaning Director



After becoming an "empty nester" of four very active children, my mother suggested I give CROS Ministries Gleaning program a try. From my very first glean, I was hooked and truly felt like a real part of the CROS community. Since joining three years ago, I have met some of the most amazingly generous people, from the farmers who donate their fields to the volunteers picking in those fields and down to the people at the Palm Beach County Food Bank who transport, store, and distribute the fresh produce we've collected. Through the Gleaning program, I feel that I am helping to really make a difference for the food insecure in our county. Volunteering with CROS is not only inspiring, it is also strongly motivating and encouraging.

-Robynne Ryals - CROS Gleaning Field Supervisor

**"Save The Date" for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10,  
Hunger Awareness Dinner.**

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**We have a Place for  
You!**

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

**Choir**

**Lakeside Chancel Choir**  
practices on Thursdays  
at 7 PM in the Library.  
Make a joyful noise unto  
the Lord! See Wendell  
Waltman if you have  
questions.



**2016 Leadership Council for Lakeside United  
Methodist Church**

**Leadership Council Chairman: Bob Going**

**Pastor: David Branson**

**Lay Leader: Michael Garrett**

**Treasurer: Barbara Russum**

**Trustees: Garfield King (Chairman)**

**Anne McCartney**

**Lane Laubscher**

**Staff Parish: Marilynne Tilley (Chairman)**

**Bill Taylor**

**Donna Harris**

**Finance: Ken Chennell (Chairman)**

**Barbara Russum**

**Wendell Waltman**

**Young Adult Leader: Maria Borrelli**

**Communications: Ruthie Rawson**

**Recording Secretary: Nancy Gettys**

**To Mail or Not To Mail? That *IS* the question!**  
Thank you for your response to the above ques-  
tion. Our mailing list has been adjusted accord-  
ingly. Remember . . . those we didn't hear from  
have been removed from the list.

We appreciate your understanding and willing-  
ness to help cut the church's expenses.