

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

DECEMBER

Ancient Christian Symbols as Christmas Ornaments and *Chrismons

Ascension Lutheran Church, Danville, VA, holds the copyright on the word "Chrismons". It was given to them by Mrs. Frances Spencer, who originated the concept and brought it to fruition in that church in 1957.

WHAT'S A CHRISMON?

Chrismons are a type of Christmas Tree decoration used in many churches and often in the homes of Christians. The symbols used represent a variety of biblical and theological concepts that are well known among most believers. Often, if the ornaments on a Christmas tree are comprised mostly of Christian symbols, the tree is known as a "Chrismon Tree." Chrismons are white with gold decorations of beads, ribbon, glitter, etc. It is common, however, to see these ancient Christian designs in other colors than white and gold. These would not be Chrismons, however, but simply Christian symbols -- and there's nothing wrong with that!

THE PURPOSE: A WONDERFUL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROJECT!

Gather your church group together, study what these symbols mean, and make a collection of them as ornaments for your church and hang them on a tree! The idea is to have fellowship and learn, as much as it is to create something beautiful for your church. Our Sunday School children have been learning the meanings of the ornaments for the last two months.



Lakeside United Methodist Church History

Did you know? How many of these do you remember?

April 2002, The church decided to go to one Blended Service which helped with unity and the congregational morale as a whole.

Summer of 2003, an effort was made to begin a ministry to children on Wednesday evenings. Lighthouse Kids was formed.

June 2004, a part-time pastor, Rachel Hollingsworth, was appointed to Lakeside.

Van Ministry, we pick up children and seniors who needed a ride to church.

We provided space for the Outreach Ministries for Jesus, Inc. and the Haitian Evangelical Church to meet and worship.

Lakeside served as a disaster distribution site following Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in September 2004.

In 2005 Matthew Meals, a hot meal program serving to the neighborhood was begun.

Also in 2005, a shoe box ministry to service men was begun; phone cards were sent at Christmas time. The Teddy Bear Ministry continued with stuffed animals going to a battered women's shelter in the Spring and a children's hospital at Christmas.

Lakeside became a Welcoming Congregation in 2006.

October 2007, Lakeside held a Pumpkin Patch for the first time.

Lakeside United Methodist Church celebrated it's 50th Anniversary in 2008.

When our Music Director Bea Ball retired after 30+ years, we were most fortunate to have Wendell Waltman come on board as our Music Director and Organist. Our choir and special music services have been outstanding. Wendell was instrumental in purchasing a beautiful Allen MDS Series 35 organ for our sanctuary. The congregation and community continue to enjoy his and the choir's special musical cantatas as well as other Christian musical programs.

Next month we will bring you more interesting history of Lakeside UMC.

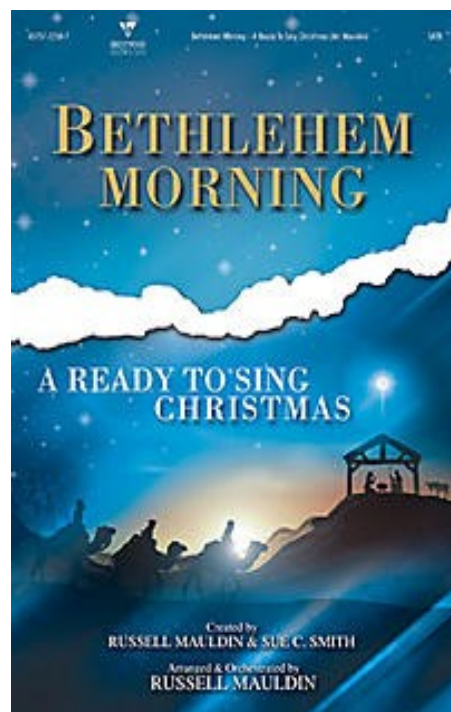
The Music Department
of
Lakeside United Methodist Church
Presents

“Bethlehem Morning”

Sunday, December 18, 2016
at the 10:00am service.

A Christmas musical that tells the miraculous story of Christ’s birth through traditional carols and Christmas favorites.

This cantata shares the powerful message that the Gospel should overflow into all aspects of our lives.



DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

01-Choir Practice
 02-
 03-UMM Breakfast Group
 04-2nd Sunday of Advent
 Holy Communion
 UMM/UMW Church
 Christmas Luncheon
 05-Bookworms
 06-Sanctuary Committee
 Boy Scouts
 07-Susanna Wesley Circle
 Advent Bible Study
 08- Choir Practice
 09- Food Pantry
 10-
 11- 3rd Sunday of Advent

12-
 13- Boy Scouts
 14-Keenagers
 Leadership Council
 Advent Bible Study
 15- Choir Practice
 16-
 17- Matthew Meals
 18-4th Sunday of Advent
 Christmas Cantata
 19-Book Club
 20-Boy Scouts
 21-Healing and Communion
 Advent Bible Study
 22-NO Choir Practice
 23-

24-Christmas Eve Service
 Pre-Service Music
 25-Christmas Day
 Service
 Pre-Service Music
 26-Christmas Holiday
 Church Office Closed
 27-
 28-
 29-NO Choir Practice
 30-
 31-Watch Night /New Year's
 Eve



*May the blessings of God be with you,
 May the Christ child light your way,
 May the Holy Spirit guide you
 to keep you safe each day.*

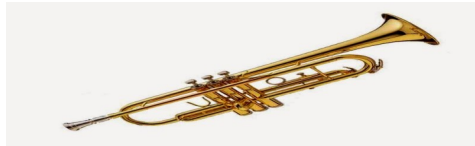


SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
 WILL BE THE **UMW/UMM Pot- Luck Luncheon**
 AFTER THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. MEAT
 & BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED. EVERYONE IS
 INVITED! PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE THAT
 WILL SERVE AT LEAST 8-10 PEOPLE. THIS WILL
 BE A GREAT TIME OF FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOW-
 SHIP!

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

Due to the busy Christmas Season, DOWLLs will NOT meet in December. Next dining out date is January 17, 2017.

Put bow to string and lip to horn And let it be heard, a child is born;
Put lip to horn and stick to drum And make it known, the Christ is come.



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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, Dec. 5– Bookworms circle will have a Christmas party and gift exchange (for those who wish to participate) at their meeting on Monday, Dec. 5.

Wednesday, Dec. 7– Susanna Wesley Circle, Library, 10 am. Contact Chmn Peggy Morphesis (267-3588). Members of the Susanna Wesley Circle please bring a wrapped white elephant item to exchange at our December 7th meeting.

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 12th Ave S.,

Lake Worth, FL 33461

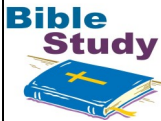
The last date to contribute is December 18th.

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 17th. The Dollar Stores have many things that are very economically priced.

Tai Chi Class— If you would be interested in a Tai Chi Class in January or February please let Nancy Gettys know. (561) 301-6614





THE ADVENT BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, DECEMBER 7TH, 14TH, AND 21ST AT 7 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

UMM MEN

Men's Breakfast Group, will meet on Saturday, December 3rd at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Healing and Communion-

This month we will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.



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 December birthday listed? Please let us know. Happy Birthday!

The choir will be perform at the Christmas Eve Service for any of you available to sing. There will be no choir practice on Thursdays, Dec. 22nd or 29th. There will be no choir on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. There will be special pre-service music on Saturday, Dec. 24th and on Sunday, Dec. 25th.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Pastor Rachel Hollingsworth
- 7 Susan Sylvester
- 8 Judy Jaksch
- 10 Catherine Shelton
- 11 Beverly Josefson Andrew Loor
- 12 Myra Grove
- 16 Glenisha Browne John Meyer
- 18 Ellen Keene Clare Shore
- 18 Tawayna Elder
- 20 Annetta Boer
- 24 Bernice Ohannes
- 27 Teresa Chesnut
- 29 Chris Boer
- 30 Rosalie Frye
- 31 Karen Schneider



Lakeside Chancel Choir will meet on Thursdays at 7 PM. Please contact Wendell if you wish to join them.



Book Club will meet on Monday, December 19th at 12 PM at Sharon Bouyoucas's house, 112 Longfellow Dr., Palm Springs. Contact Sharon Bouyoucas at 968-1892.

*****IMPORTANT- December Food Pantry & Matthew Meals are moved up a week due Christmas Holidays.*****



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, December 17th will be the next Matthew Meals distribution. For more information, see Sally Chennell.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We often hear the comment, "I would like to donate to the Food Pantry, but I don't know what they need!" Here is a list of items that are always needed:

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| Baby Food | Baby Diapers | Baby Wipes |
| Peanut Butter | Jelly | Big Boxes of Cereal |
| Canned Pasta | Rice | Spaghetti |
| Canned Soup | Canned Fruit | <u>CLEAN</u> plastic grocery bags |

Remember "Buy One, Get One" offers are a great way to help without spending a lot of cash!

Put your donations on the stage nearest the Food Pantry closet.

Thank you so very much for your help!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry on the 2nd 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, December 9th.** Distribution of food: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.



The Lakeside Finance Committee would like to thank you for all of your donations throughout the year to our Church Mission Jar Focus and Missions. Your continued support is appreciated in our ministry to the community and others around the world.

JOY TO THE WORLD

CROS NEWS

The CROS Administrative Office has moved.

The new address is:

3677 23rd Ave S # B 101, LW, 33461



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.

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.

CARD SIGNING OUTREACH MINISTRY –

To prepare for the upcoming holiday season, we will be signing cards for the servicemen/servicewomen listed in our bulletin. If you have a close relative in the military, please give us the name and the current address. Thanks!

AWAITING THE ALREADY– AN ADVENT JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPELS by Magrey R. deVega.

Each Gospel, in its own way, leads us on the Advent journey of preparation for Christ's coming. This book takes a tour through the four Gospel narratives that announce Christ's birth or make way for his ministry. Readers will discover what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel, recognizing an invitation from each Gospel writer to prepare for a fresh experience of Christ in the past and the future.

Dates are Wednesday, November 30th, and December 7th, 14th at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall . Please let Pastor David know if you plan to attend so we can have enough books for everyone.

We are looking for 3 people to volunteer 1 time a month to assist the Sunday School teacher during Worship time. The law requires 2, non-related, adults to be in the room when children are being taught.

Please serve the Lord by helping our youngsters learn about our Savior's LOVE!

Contact Teresa Wilhelm (the Card Lady!) @561-317-2808 or email at: wilhelmwellness@gmail.com

Lakeside United Methodist Mission Statement

Sharing the grace of God through: Worship, Sacraments, Fellowship,
Prayer, Study, Service, Witness, and Love.

Vision Statement

Be a welcoming church reaching people with God's love within our
community and beyond.

KEENAGERS**Save the date . . . Wednesday, December 14, 2016!**

Keenagers will reconvene at 11:30 am, on 12-14-16. It is a Pot-Luck dinner. Plan on enough food to serve at least 10-12 people.

Bring your dish to share, a serving utensil (if needed), a plate, a cup/glass, and your own table service. Tea and coffee will be provided. "Feed the Kitty" bowls will be on the table for your monetary donations.

Each man & woman is asked to take a turn hosting a meeting. That involves coming 1/2 hour early to help set up, putting food on the tables, and cleaning after. We need 6 volunteers for each meeting. The dates for this season are:

January 11, 2017

March 8, 2017

February 8, 2017

April 12, 2017

Check your calendar to pick your best date. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during the December meeting.

The hosts for December will be your officers: Teresa Wilhelm, Nancy Gettys, Bev & Marty Hartman, and Anne Fralick.

For more information, contact Teresa @ 561-317-2808

**Never a Christmas morning, Never the old year ends,
But someone thinks of someone, Old days, Old times, Old friends.**

The UMW would like to thank everyone who was involved in our bazaar. If you helped set up, made crafts or baked goods, worked in the kitchen or during the bazaar or cleaned up afterwards – we deeply appreciate your help. Thanks for all you did to make it a success! The money raised from the bazaar will go to support mission work locally and around the world.

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**We have a Place for
You!**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The Altar Flower Calendar for 2017 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.

Sunday Small Groups 8:45 AM

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM



COMMUNITY

CARING

SHARING

SAVE THE DATE!

**Lakeside Mission Study— Saturday, February 4th,
8:30 AM—2:00 PM. Breakfast and Lunch provided.**

Theme: "Earth Justice". Everyone is invited!

Contact Sharon Bouyoucas if you have questions.

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 of the church staff. A marked container will be placed in the narthex Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th 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), Monica Harden (Sunday School Teacher), Gary Simmons (sound tech), Christina Harden & Teresa Wilhelm (nursery attendants), Luann Call (bookkeeper), and Gary Fitzgerald (custodian). December 18th will be the last date to contribute.

