

**LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LAKESIDE LANTERN**  
**SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 59TH YEAR**

# DECEMBER

## SEASON OF THANKS AND GIVING

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

by Nancy Brummett

I said a Christmas Prayer for you  
because the season's near.

I didn't ask for riches  
but for gifts so much more dear.

I asked for joyful gatherings  
with your family all around,  
and for carols to inspire you  
with their old familiar sound.

I asked for quiet moments  
in your heart on Christmas morn,  
for a special time to celebrate  
the Savior who was born.

I asked for friends to  
send their best that you  
might know they care...

I asked for peace & love &  
hope; and I know  
God heard my prayer.



I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and messages I received for Pastor Appreciation Day. I am renewed by your love and thoughtfulness. Nanci and I are blessed to be a part of Lakeside and look forward to serving God together with you all. Blessings, Pastor David



**SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD** 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 FELLOWSHIP!

Thank you to everyone for their prayers for all of us while we went on this journey for a medical miracle. Surgery was successful and the healing has begun. Thanks to God for His love and His mercy.

Anna & Craig Spear  
 Robynne & Mike Ryals  
 Barbara & George Russum

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.

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

This committee uses memorial funds for the enhancement of the worship service or for the beautification of the sanctuary & church property. Funds received as memorials are placed as designated or undesignated categories as specified by the family or donor. We urge you to consider a gift to the Memorials Committee when you are honoring or remembering loved ones. Call the Church Office for more information.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT LAKESIDE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

**MORNING SERVICE 10 AM**

**AND**

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7 PM**

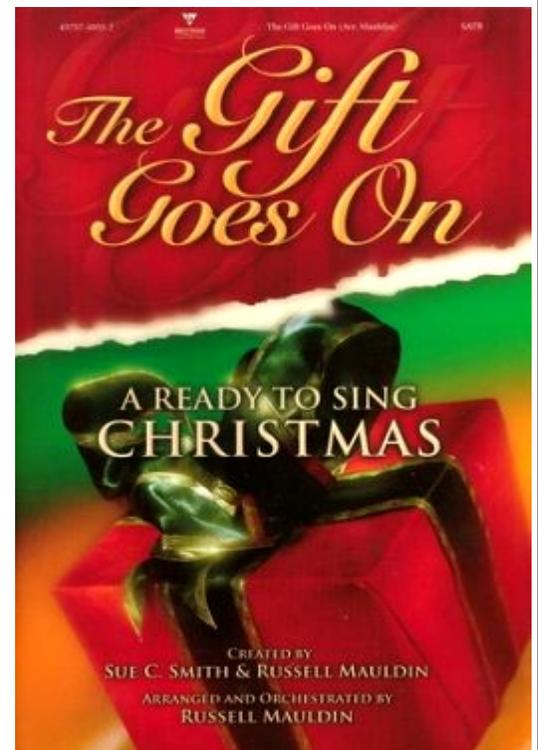


The Music Department  
of  
Lakeside United Methodist Church  
Presents

# *“The Gift Goes On”*

Sunday, December 17, 2017  
at the 10:00am service.

Once upon a silent night, God gave a priceless Gift in the form of a Baby! Over two thousand years later, He invites you to join the heavenly chorus and celebrate this Christmas because **The Gift Goes On** still today!



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 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S.,

Lake Worth, FL 33461

**The last date to contribute is December 17th.**

## **FAITHFUL**

### **CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF JOSEPH**

**By Adam Hamilton**

He started his journey as an unknown carpenter, but Joseph became the earthly father of Jesus. For his part in the nativity story, he faced a situation much like our own--encountering life circumstances he didn't choose or understand. In *Faithful*, Hamilton encourages readers to follow Joseph's example during this Advent and Christmas season, and exchange doubt for courage as we learn to accept and glorify God's will.

**Our Advent Study-- Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20 at 7 PM.**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN****A supportive community of women****Providing opportunities to grow spiritually****Bible Studies Reading program****Leadership development****Prayer groups****Retreats****All funds raised go to support missions.**

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

Bookworms meets the first Monday, September—May at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Meetings usually include a book report, brief business meeting and refreshments. Contact Shirley Turner (319-1354).

Susanna Wesley Circle meets the first Wednesday, September—April at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Meetings usually include a current mission study, brief business meeting and refreshments. Contact Peggy Morphesis (547-7711).

During the year we attend district meetings as well as our own annual mission study in January, Conference retreat in February, Call to Prayer in April, banquet in March, breakfast in October, holiday bazaar in November. We sponsor Blanket Sunday in February and will sponsor a Hunger Awareness Meal on Ash Wednesday. In October we will sponsor the Children's Sabbath to highlight the needs of children everywhere.

Let us know what you are interested in.

UMW President-Nancy Gettys (622-8309)



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN– DECEMBER MEETINGS

**Bookworms**– will meet on Monday, December 4th at 7 PM, FH.

**Susanna Wesley Circle** - will meet on Wednesday, December 6th at 10 AM, FH.

**UMW Mission Team**- will not meet in December.

## UMM MEN

**Men's Breakfast Group** meets on Saturday, December 2nd at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The men of the church gather for breakfast and fellowship. There is usually a brief discussion of projects to complete for missions, church repairs that the men may be able to assist with, and any men's activities coming up in the future months.

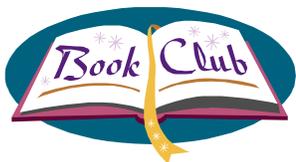
All men are invited to join in, it is not necessary to be member of the church to be part of this gathering. Come, join us and bring a friend!

### The Card Ministry

If you have a family member in the service, contact Teresa Wilhelm. We will have a special card for everyone to sign for your relative.

There will continue to be the "regular" cards for everyone to sign to send to our fellow church members needing some Lakeside Cheer!

Thank you for your faithfulness toward this ministry. You are a Blessing to others!



**Book Club will meet the third Monday of the month,  
December 18th at 12 PM in the Library.  
Contact Sharon Bouyoucas (968-1892),  
if you have any questions.**

**UMW Reminder:** The Red Bird Mission in the Mountains of Kentucky thanks you.

We send them BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION and LABELS FOR EDUCATION. They redeem these for equipment and supplies.

Look for them on the following products: General Mills cereal; Pillsbury refrigerated dairy products; Betty Crocker meals and baking products; Kleenex boxes and Campbell Soup Labels.

So far in 2017, we have mailed in 778 points. There is no Cost to you, just a commitment to look and act. The deposit envelope is by the North door as you enter the Narthex.

**DECEMBER AT A GLANCE**

<b>01–World AIDS Day</b>	<b>14–Choir Practice</b>	<b>30–</b>
<b>02–UMM Breakfast Group</b>	<b>15–</b>	<b>31–1st Sunday after Christmas</b>
<b>Private Baby Shower</b>	<b>16–Matthew Meals</b>	<b>Watch Night</b>
<b>03–First Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>17–3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b>
<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Christmas Cantata</b>	<b>Children's Home Offering</b>
<b>UMW/UMM Church</b>	<b>18–Book Club</b>	
<b>Potluck Luncheon</b>	<b>19–DOWLL</b>	
<b>04–Book Worms</b>	<b>Boy Scouts</b>	
<b>05–Sanctuary Committee</b>	<b>20–Advent Bible Study</b>	
<b>Boy Scouts</b>	<b>Healing and Communion</b>	
<b>06–Susanna Wesley Circle</b>	<b>21–Choir Practice</b>	
<b>Advent Bible Study</b>	<b>22–</b>	
<b>07–Choir Practice</b>	<b>23–</b>	
<b>08–Food Pantry</b>	<b>24–4th Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>09–</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Services</b>	
<b>10–2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>25–Christmas Day</b>	
<b>Compassion International</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
<b>11–</b>	<b>26–Boy Scouts</b>	
<b>12–Boy Scouts</b>	<b>27–</b>	
<b>13–Keenagers</b>	<b>28–Choir Practice</b>	
<b>Advent Bible Study</b>	<b>29–</b>	

**Christmas in Florida**

**PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART AND THE WORLD WILL BE A BETTER PLACE**

**KEENAGER'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Regular Keenagers' Potluck meetings will resume on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Hosts for the December meeting will be your officers.

The Officers for 2017-2018 are as follows:

President: Teresa Wilhelm

Vice-President: Beverly Hartman

Secretary: Nancy Gettys

Treasurer: Marty Hartman

Sunshine: Jean Crawford

**Healing and Communion Service  
on Wednesday, December 20th  
in the Sanctuary.**

**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.

**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. 3rd, 10th, and 17th 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), Gary Simmons (sound tech), Christina Harden & Teresa Wilhelm (Sunday School Teachers and nursery attendants), Luann Call (bookkeeper), and Gary Fitzgerald (custodian). December 17th will be the last date to contribute.



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY**

**December Birthdays**

- 6 Pastor Rachel Hollingsworth
- 8 Judy Jaksch
- 10 Catherine Shelton
- 11 Beverly Josephson
- 16 Glenisha Browne  
John Meyer
- 18 Ellen Keene  
Clare Shore
- 20 Annetta Boer
- 21 Janice Hatt
- 24 Bernice Ohannes
- 27 Teresa Chesnut
- 29 Chris Boer
- 30 Rosalie Frye
- 31 Karen Schneider

Don't see your December birthday listed? Please let us know. Happy Birthday!



**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.

**What is Gleaning?**

Gleaning is a food recovery strategy that allows produce that is below market grade or unmarketable, but equally nutritious and beneficial to be harvested and distributed to the food insecure of Palm Beach and Martin Counties instead of being plowed back into the soil.

Through gleaning hungry persons get fresh produce that food pantries and soup kitchens could never afford to buy themselves and a more nutritious source of calories.

Operated by CROS Ministries, in partnership with the Palm Beach County Food Bank and other food distribution agencies, gleaning is a traditional way of collecting crops from farmers' fields with one adjustment for the modern world we live in. Since people live apart from where their food is grown gleaning requires volunteers who will bridge the gap between the field and the pantry to bring food to locations where persons in need can receive it. Farmers donate produce they cannot sell to CROS ministries. Volunteers gather the produce. It is taken to the Food Bank for distribution to local agencies with feeding programs for low-income individuals and families and homeless persons. The food is given away free of charge.

**Gleaning – Biblical References**

Gleaning as a practice to combat hunger is thousands of years old. In the Hebrew Scriptures gleaning was already in place at the writing of the Pentateuch (the first five books). The people most likely to be hunger victims during the times of the Hebrew Scriptures times were widows, orphans and people traveling through the land called Sojourners.

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God.” (Leviticus 19:9-10) other references include Deuteronomy 24:19-22 & Ruth 2:2ff.

**For more information about gleaning, please contact Keith at**

**[kcuthll@crosmministries.org](mailto:kcuthll@crosmministries.org) or 561-233-9009 x107.**

## **THINGS TO DO BEFORE GLEANING**

1. Email the gleaning program director to indicate the date you desire to glean. Let them know if you are bringing a group, your family or just yourself. You will receive a reply indicating you are registered for that date. Be sure to include a cell phone # so we can get in touch with you for last minute cancellations.
2. All gleaners need to review Rules and Helpful Hints themselves and with their group.
3. Complete the “Gleaner’s Form” for each gleaner and bring to the gleaning site. Give them to the field supervisor at the gleaning site who is collecting them. You will need a gleaning form every time you come and glean with us.
4. Arrange car pool to the field. (Parking space is often limited).
5. Arrange for water to be brought to the field. Review suggested apparel and hints the day before the gleaning. Be sure to stress with your group/family that there are no absolute guarantees that you will be able to glean on the day that you have chosen. You, like the farmers, are depending on the weather and growing conditions of the season.

CROS Ministries arranges for gleaning dates during the harvest time when it is most likely that there will be produce available for gleaning. Regrettably dry or wet weather may affect the availability and condition of the produce. Rain on the day of or the days immediately preceding the planned gleaning may cause the field to be too wet for vehicles to access the field or even for people by foot. It is a good idea to have one or two rain dates in mind, so we can reschedule if you are unable to glean on the planned date.

### **Gleaning Dates and Locations**

Please understand that all of the locations listed below are tentative. Growing conditions vary year to year, agricultural markets do as well. Listed below are our best estimates based upon previous experience. Locations could open up sooner, later or not at all. We will let you know as soon as we know. Also new growers join us from time to time and that will also create unforeseen opportunities in new locations.

<b>Day of the Week</b>	<b>Calendar Date</b>	<b>Anticipated Locations</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Clewiston/The Glades</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Glades</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Glades</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Glades</b>

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

**Save the date!** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is **December 19, 2017**. This month the ladies are headed to Atlantis Grille located at 5805 S. Congress Avenue, Atlantis, FL 33462, (561) 641-3330 on the SW corner of Lantana and Congress.

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, 12/19/17**. 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; [wilhelmwellness@gmail.com](mailto:wilhelmwellness@gmail.com); 561-317-2808 cell

Carolyn/Church Office: 561-585-7519

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The Altar Flower Calendar for 2018 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.

## A Cup of Christmas Cocoa



- C** is for **CHRIST**, our reason for Christmas!
- O** is for **ORNAMENTS** that decorate our tree and remind us to adorn our hearts and homes with God's love.
- C** is for **CELEBRATE** as we give gifts and remember all God has given us.
- O** is for **OVERJOYED!** Instead of feeling overwhelmed let's choose to be overjoyed with the fact that Christ was born.
- A** reminds us in the **ABUNDANCE** of holiday activities that what we really need is the abundant life Jesus offers through a relationship with Him.

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**We have a Place for  
You!**

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**Sunday Small Groups 8:45 AM**

**Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**

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

## **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, December 16th.

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.

**FOOD PANTRY—** The Pantry will be open 10 AM to 12:00 PM. Our food pantry will be held on the 2nd Friday of the month for December due to the holidays. The next Pantry date will be Friday, December 8th. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry.



### **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 16th. The Dollar Stores have many things that are very economically priced.

**CARING**

**SHARING**