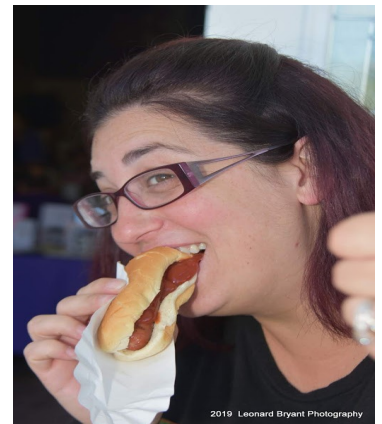


LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAKESIDE LANTERN
SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 60TH YEAR

DECEMBER

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND VENDOR FAIR



The Cancel Choir Presents**“Noel Christ Is Born!”****A Christmas Cantata****Created by Dale Mathews**

Through music and the spoken word, we celebrate the Light that came into darkness – the King of kings who came to meet us where we are – the One who makes all creation sing! Please join us on December 15, 2019 at the 10am service as we celebrate what God has done through the birth of His son.

COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

December 4 - **Advent Bible Study** 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

December 5 - **CROS Food Pantry** 4 –6 PM, end of Fellowship Hall

December 8 - **UMM/UMW Holiday Pot Luck Meal**

Fellowship Hall after Worship Service

December 11 - **Advent Bible Study** 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

December 15 - **Christmas Cantata** 10am Sanctuary

December 19 - **CROS Food Pantry** 4 –6 PM, end of Fellowship Hall

December 18 - **Advent Bible Study** 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

December 21 - **Matthew Meals** 4-6 pm Fellowship Hall

Hot meals given in take home containers to those in need.

December 24 - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

7pm Sanctuary

An evening of singing carols and lighting candles in preparation of our Lord Jesus Christ's Birthday.

December 25– **CHRISTMAS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**

Church Office Closed

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
Arms of Hope Soup Kitchen
UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Names of donors and honorees will be printed in the Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve Bulletins.

Please call the church office (561) 585-7519 or mail your donation and request to:

Lakeside United Methodist Church
1901 12th Ave S.,
Lake Worth, FL 33461

The last date to contribute is December 15th.



SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 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!

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.

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 21st. The Dollar Stores have many things that are very economically priced.



*Peace
on
Earth*

Dear Friends in Mission,

Several Hurricanes have hit the United States and the Caribbean this year. Hurricane Harvey and Irma have devastated Texas, Florida and other areas. As images streamed across our screens, many of us have moved to prayer, giving and action. We're grateful that you are partnering with us through The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Thank you for your gift through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100 percent of your contribution will support UMCOR'S U. S. disaster training and response. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodist to partner with one another in mission ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes-General Treasurer, Global Ministries

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.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY-Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th and 18th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Light of the World By Amy-Jill Levine

In *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificent, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Pastor Rachel Hollingsworth
- 7 Susan Sylvester
- 8 Judy Jaksch
- 10 Catherine Shelton
- 11 Beverly Josephson
- 16 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

JOY TO THE WORLD

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. 1st, 8th, and 15th 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), Destiny (nursery helper), Luann Call (bookkeeper), and Gary Fitzgerald (custodian). December 15th will be the last date to contribute.



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

Dear Lakeside UMC,
Thank you so much for partnering with us for First Care Baby Boomerang. Your church raised \$770.00 for our women's clinics.
Michele Ly-Operations Director
First Care Women's Clinic

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

Due to the Hustle and Bustle of the Season, DOWLLs will NOT meet in December. Watch your newsletter for the January 2020 information.

KEENAGER'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Everyone age 55+ is invited to our next "Keenager" meeting. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Join us for a covered dish pot-luck luncheon.

To insure that we have a variety of foods at our Pot Luck luncheons, the officers implemented a new format. We are suggesting the following guidelines:

Last names A-G: Please bring a main dish

Last names H-M: Please bring a dessert

Last names N-Z: Please bring a vegetable or salad

The names will be rotated each month so everyone will have a chance to prepare and share their favorite dish.

Please bring enough to feed 10-12 people, a serving utensil for your dish, a plate, a beverage cup, and your own table service. (We don't wash dishes at our meetings!!)

Hosting in December are your officers: Teresa Wilhelm, Marty & Beverly Hartman, Nancy Gettys, and Jean Crawford.

Please bring your 2020 calendar and be prepared to choose your month to host.

Future meeting dates in 2020: January 8, February 12, March 11, & April 8

UMM MEN

Men's Breakfast Group, will meet on Saturday, December 7th at 8 AM off site.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**December 2-Bookworms 7 PM,
4- Susanna Wesley Circle 10 AM**

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 April 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 Fellowship Hall. Meetings usually include a "response" moment, devotions, brief business meeting & refreshments. Contact Chmn Peggy Morphesis (267-3588).

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation to CROS Ministries.

With your gift, we can provide hot meals at our Caring Kitchens, food from our food pantries to ensure a family has something to eat for the next few days, and other community services.

For 41 years, CROS Ministries has provided food and basic needs assistance to people living in food insecure and low-income households in South Florida. Our mission is to serve the hungry in Palm Beach and martin Counties through community collaborations. We utilize the talents of more than 3,000 volunteers to help families and individuals from falling into the downward spiral of poverty, food insecurity, and in many cases, homelessness. Our services include: seven community pantries; The Caring Kitchen, a hot meal program; summer camp; a weekend food program for children, and gleaning, a food recovery program. All CROS Ministries' services are provided without regard to race, religion, national origin, marital status, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

With gratitude,

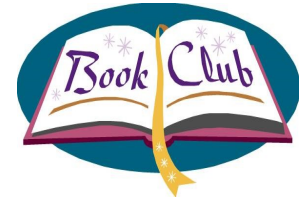
Ruth Mageria

Executive Director of CRMinistries

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

- 01- 1st Sunday of Advent
 - Holy Communion
 - World AIDS Day
 - United Methodist
 - Student's Day (offering)
- 02- Bookworms
 - Lake Osborne Estates Meeting
- 03- Sanctuary Committee
 - Boy Scouts
- 04- Susanna Wesley Circle
 - Advent Bible Study
- 05- CROS Food Pantry
 - Choir Rehearsal
- 06- AA Meeting
- 07- Men's Breakfast Group
- 08- 2nd Sunday of Advent
 - UMW/UMM Pot Luck Luncheon
- 09-
- 10- Boy Scouts
- 11- Keenagers
 - Advent Bible Study
- 12- Choir Rehearsal
- 13- AA Meeting
- 14-
- 15- 3rd Sunday of Advent
 - Christmas Cantata
- 16- Book Club
- 17- DOWLL
 - Boy Scouts

- 18- Advent Bible Study
- 19- CROS Food Pantry
- 20- AA Meeting
- 21- Matthew Meals
- 22- 4th Sunday of Advent
- 23- Lake Osborne Estates Meeting
- 24- Christmas Eve Service
- 25- CHRISTMAS
 - Church office closed
- 26-
- 27- AA Meeting
- 28-
- 29- 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
 - Children's Home Offering
- 30-
- 31-

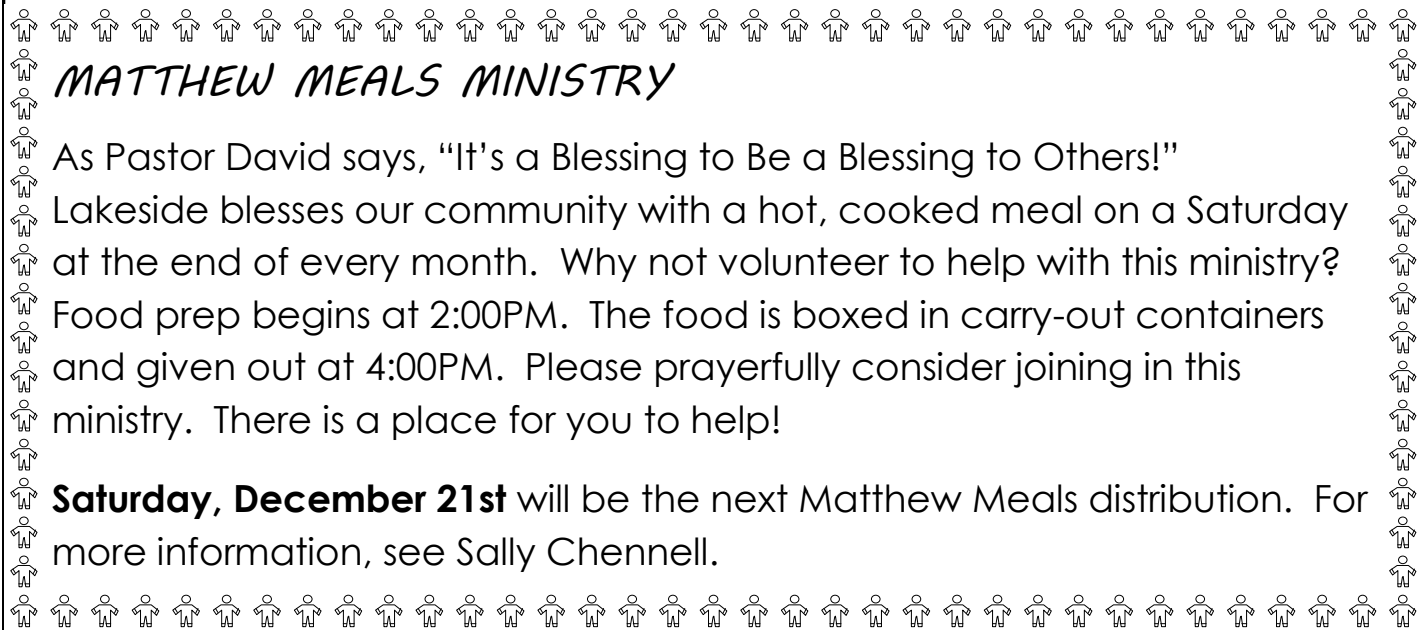


Book Club will meet on Monday, December 16th at 12 PM in Atlantis Grill. Contact Anne McCartney for information.



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

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 MINISTRY

As Pastor David says, "It's a Blessing to 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 21st will be the next Matthew Meals distribution. For more information, see Sally Chennell.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

THE CROS FOOD PANTRY IS ON THE 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE FOOD PANTRY WILL NOT BE ON FRIDAYS ANYMORE. Remember all you need to bring is a picture ID and something with your current address on it. **The next Food Pantries will be on Thursdays, December 5th and 19th from 4 – 6 PM We will be partnering with CROS Ministries, who will be bringing the food to pass out from their truck. We will still need people to help out on those days.**

Pastor David and Lakeside UMC,

Thank you so much for the donation of \$340.00 from your Pumpkin Patch sales. We are so grateful that you thought of us & for your support & generosity. We are so blessed!

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

Michele Ly- Operations Director
First Care Women's Clinic

CARING FOR OTHERS

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**We have a Place for
You!**

Sunday Small Groups 8:45 AM

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM



**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.

Dear Friends,

It's the time of year when we all tend to look at our many blessings and consider all the things for which we are thankful. We remind our children at home how blessed they are, and we even share messages on Facebook about being thankful. The children here at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home have much to be thankful for because of your support. In many cases, they are simply thankful to be out of the traumatic environment from they had to be removed. Daniel's one of those children who had to be removed from his home, and has flourished here at the Children's Home.

Daniel grew up in an abusive environment. When he was 12 years old, he watched his mother nearly die from a drug overdose. Without a father in the picture, Daniel was sent to live with his grandmother while his mother tried to get over her addiction. soon he learned that his grandmother was an alcoholic. While his home environment changed, it didn't improve.

His home environment led to poor academic performance, and Daniel soon fell behind in school. He started to blame himself for his situation, thinking that he must be the reason for the actions of his mother and grandmother. School suspensions followed, and so did confrontations with law enforcement. Eventually, Daniel had to be removed from that environment and come to the Children's Home.

Once Daniel started receiving the specialized therapy and support that he needed, he began to see that it wasn't his fault. He learned to accept responsibility for his own actions, and to believe in himself. Now his grades are improving, and he is on track to graduate from high school. Your support provides skilled counseling for children like Daniel, as well as their education, spiritual guidance, and other necessities for a happy and healthy life.

From our children and staff, thank you for your continued love, support, and prayers.

Sincerely, Elisabeth Gadd

Chief Development Officer

Florida United Methodist Children's Home