

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

# APRIL

First Message from the Pastor's Desk  
Lakeside UMC  
March 18, 2020

Greetings Friends

As you all well know we find ourselves in uncertain times and certainly have a stressful situation with the COVID19 pandemic for the foreseeable future. I want you to know that your Pastor and Church Family will navigate through this together. At the present time we have been instructed by our Resident Bishop of the Florida Conference, Bishop Kenneth Carter to suspend all church activities including Sunday worship at least 2 weeks; with plans beyond that subject to the existing circumstances. My plan is to have daily devotionals and scripture readings available to you via email and Facebook. If you would like to friend me on Facebook @ Lakeside United Methodist Church (look for the photo of the Sanctuary) that would be an effective way to stay informed about the life of YOUR church.

We will continue to take prayer requests and special needs through the office via phone (561-585-7519) or email [lumc\\_lw@bellsouth.net](mailto:lumc_lw@bellsouth.net). The office hours will be 9 a.m.-noon.

On Sunday mornings I will video a message to be viewed at your convenience on our website.

[www.lakesideumchurch.org](http://www.lakesideumchurch.org)      [www.lakesidemethodistchurch.org](http://www.lakesidemethodistchurch.org)

As your Pastor I would also like to encourage you to continue with your giving through your tithes and offerings\*. Just because the church activities have been suspended for a hopefully short time; we still don't know how long this could continue. Keeping our campus functional and the mission and ministry that we currently support to be maintained; I hope you prayerfully consider supporting the amazing ministry Lakeside UMC is known for. We know that as this situation continues it will have a lasting effect on our community and we want to be the refuge so many will seek. I will update all current information as soon as it is available. My prayers for each of you will be my top priority. I am available for spiritual support or issues we may be able to address through my Cell (561-389-6763 or office 561-585-7519). God is firmly in control and I am confident we will weather this storm together and be stronger in our faith for it.

Blessings and Peace

Pastor David S. Branson

\*Tithes and Offering may be sent to

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Lake Worth, FL 33461

**LOOK AT THE NEXT PAGE FOR NEW UPDATES**

**Message to our Parishioners:**

Pastor David and Carolyn (our Administrative Assistant) are now working from home. Carolyn will be checking the phone messages daily and the church email.

For those that have computers, we will continue to send out a devotions each morning Monday through Friday.

For those of you without computers, that are receiving this by snail mail we will be sending each week's devotions by mail so that you can use one each day. Hopefully they will come in a timely manner.

If you have an email address and have not been receiving our devotions or prayer requests emails, please let us know if you would like your email address added to the church list.

**Church and Mission giving**— Our giving has to be modified to accommodate the new reality of not gathering in person for a few weeks. Electronic giving is the best way to do this. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to do that. You can sign up for this giving option on our website at [lakesideumchurch.org](http://lakesideumchurch.org) under the GIVING banner

If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can mail it to:

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Our Lenten Offerings will go to CROS Ministries.

We apologize to any of you who were signed up for altar flowers during our shelter in place time.

We know that everyone is sheltering in place and some of you may have been fired, furloughed or laid off. Please do not give anything that is going to cause you and your family emotional or financial problems.

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be- Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world.

And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms – sharing 100% of the donated funds with those in need.

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love to our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

Thomas G. Kemper, General Secretary, General Board of Global Ministries

**Did you know we have an artist in our church?**

**He leaves a beautiful sketch on the back of his offering envelope.**

**We wanted to share with you.**



**Our Lenten Bible Study was interrupted by the Coronavirus. Feel free to continue on your own with your books.**

## 2020 Non Lilies

### Non-Lilies for Easter

In lieu of purchasing a lily plant to decorate the Sanctuary, please consider making a donation to one of the three ministries listed. Simply fill out the form below by choosing "in honor of" OR "in memory of", write the name(s) of the individual(s), designate your choice of fund, and attach your donation. You may use more than one form, if needed. The names of the donors and the honorees will be listed online

DONOR NAME

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IN HONOR OF

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IN MEMORY OF

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AMOUNT (will not be printed in the bulletin) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE USED FOR: (circle one)

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

FL UM Children's Home

Lakeside Matthew Meals

## 2020 Census is coming soon

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding:

- Online.
- By phone.
- By mail.

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census.

### **Who Is Required To Respond?**

Everyone living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) is required by law to be counted in the 2020 Census.

### **Why It's Required**

Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important. That's why your response is required by law. If you do not respond, the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to collect your response.

Why is the census so important? The results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive for key public services and how many seats each state gets in Congress. State and local officials also use census counts to draw boundaries for congressional, state legislative, and school districts.

And while you are required by law to participate, the Census Bureau is also required by law to protect your answers. Your responses are used only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau does not disclose any personal information.

### **Spread the Word**

The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's an opportunity to shape the future of your community. Through your social media channels, your voice can make a difference.

For more information go to [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)

**Book Club 2020 Selections**

- Mar. 16: Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover.
- Apt. 20: Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan.
- May 18: This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger.  
Janet Lane
- June 15: (A Susan Fleet mystery)  
Clare Shore
- July 20: Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts.  
D’Ete Matthews
- Aug. 17: Sea Stories by Adm. William McRaven.  
Helen Gilmore
- Sep. 21: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.  
Betty McMurchy
- Oct. 19: Songs of America by Jon Meacham & Tim McGraw.  
Marilynne Tilley
- Nov. 16: Planning. (? Pot-luck?)
- Dec. 14 or 21: Christmas luncheon.

Continue to read while you shelter in place. We will let you know when we are able to meet again.

Don't see your April birthday listed?

Please let us know.



Happy Birthday!

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Hilton Jarvis
- 4 Vincent Manna
- 6 Charlotte Holloway
- 14 Bonnie Keene
- 28 Kathy Chandler
- 30 Mary Lou Brenenstuhl,

**A Special Thank You**

To our favorite group of women!

Thank you so much for your latest gift and for always remembering us!

We pray you all are safe & healthy during this difficult time. We are still feeding at the park at this moment, but that could change by the time you receive this. As we all know things are changing by the hour. It will be a very sad day when we have to stop, even for a season, but God knows best.

Love & prayers to you all,

Sister Chris & Sister Jean

Servants of the Great I Am

**FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY**

**THE CROS FOOD PANTRY IS ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY**

**OF EACH MONTH IN THE AFTERNOON.**

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, April 2nd, 16th, and 30th from 4 – 6 PM We will be partnering with CROS Ministries, who will be bringing the food to pass out from their truck.

At this writing they will still be coming to give out already bagged food to people. We will leave a message on the church answer machine if we find out that they won't be coming.

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**We have a Place for  
You!**

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**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world from emergencies and struggle in the face of challenges, you are standing with them. You are providing relief and hope.

Your contribution provides hope to neighbors near and far, from migrant families facing cold and wet conditions to refugees who have just arrived in the United States to build a new future to guest at home-less shelters. Around the world, your support of this program means vital supplies and support for those in need.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. We thank you!

### **Mission Jar Focus**

**Thank you so much for all of the wonderful donations to Barton Elementary. They are being delivered now so they can use them for the students for the meals they pick up or for after school snacks etc. in the future. You all are always so generous. Thank you again.**

**Thanks for supporting Lakeside's Mission Jar.  
Lakeside Finance Committee**

**Remember to complete your 2020 Census Report. It is important that everyone gets counted. The census is so important that your response is required by law, and your answers are kept completely confidential. If you do not respond, they will need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to your home to collect your answers in person. If you need help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll-free 1-844-330-2020.**

