

LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAKESIDE LANTERN
SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 62ND YEAR

JUNE

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Cat Chennell • Cat is full of passion for everything she believes in, she is extroverted and not afraid to share her testimony. She is creative and she is a fighter.

We are very proud of you, Cat! We ❤️ our seniors!

Trinity Christian Academy



Congratulations Catriona! Lakeside UMC loves you!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Lakeside will recognize graduates in the July newsletter since we are still not having in person worship. If you (or one of your immediate family) are graduating from high school, college, or trade school, please let the church office know no later than June 10th, so they may be recognized. We want to celebrate the accomplishments of each of our graduates! We will need the graduate's name, address, school or institution they are graduating from. Also any honors they are receiving, their parent's or guardian's names and plans for the future.

Lakeside UMC Family and Friends

Let's Share a Meal Together

Father's Day Edition



SATURDAY

June 20th

4:30 PM to 6 PM

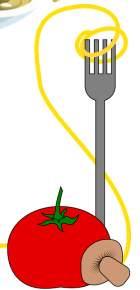
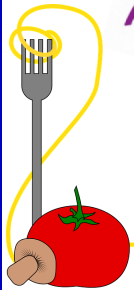
Drive Thru the Parking Lot

OR

Let US bring the fun to you!



Make Today Amazing



Just give us a call at 561-585-7519 or Email us at

lumc_lw@bellsouth.net

MENU

Spaghetti w Meatballs (or Without)

Tossed Salad

Garlic Bread

Chocolate Chip Cookies (Yes, Homemade!).

EVERYONE gets a Famous Robynne and Friends Goody Bag with lots of fun things inside.

Just our way of saying we are all in this together and we are thinking of you today!



Happy Father's Day!



We need to know how many dinners to prepare for so please let us know the number of meals you would like to pick up or have delivered.

We would also like you to invite your friend or neighbor as well...just let us know!



May 21, 2020

Greetings Lakeside and Friends,

As we write this, I am sure that you have seen where the country is slowly being opened up again. The Florida Methodist Conference and all of the pastors in each state are meeting to decide the safest way to proceed. Our Lakeside Church Council will be meeting this week to decide what safety procedures will be needed to be in place before we will feel comfortable having in person church services again. Please have patience with us and pray for us as these are hard decisions. In the meantime we will continue the same practices below that we have been doing. When calling everyone last month to check on them and invite them to our drive by share a meal event, we found out that some of you are not receiving the prayer lists. We will add the prayer list once a month to the newsletter so you can stay informed of those who are ill and in need of your prayers.

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. 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.

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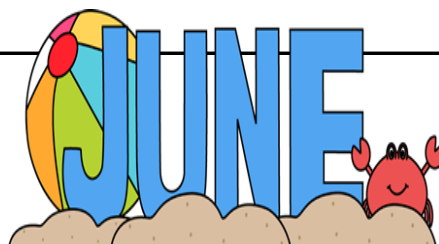
As your Pastor I would also like to encourage you to continue with your giving through your tithes and offerings*. Just because the church activities have been suspended for a hopefully short time; we still don't know how long this could continue. Keeping our campus functional and the mission and ministry 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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Message to our Parishioners:

Pastor David and Carolyn (our Administrative Assistant) are back working in the office daily. Carolyn will be checking the phone messages daily and the church email.

For those that have computers, we will continue to send out 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 request emails, please let us know if you would like your email address added to the church list.

**CONTINUING THE MINISTRY OF GOD IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

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 click on the giving option on our website at lakesideumchurch.org under the GIVING banner

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

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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.

How to stave off the post-pandemic blues

May 20th, 2020

By Rebekah Simon-Peter

“I’m really depressed about everything that is going on,” my long-time friend Lin confided to me. I understood. After all, her state had been in a serious lockdown. Her fiancé was sheltering in place five states away. She was stuck at home where once she was used to being on the go. I thought I knew what she meant. Her next words, though, caught me by surprise. “But things have changed. With this sheltering in place, I feel like I’ve become a human being again. I’m not always hurrying and rushing around. I’m not at work 24/7.” She told me how she’s been sitting down to eat meals with her mother, sister and daughter. And how much she’s enjoyed it. “Now that they’re talking about opening up the state again, I’m depressed. I’m afraid I’m going to lose everything I’ve gained. I think I’ve got the post-pandemic blues.”

Even though the pandemic and its aftereffects will be with us for several years, Lin is not alone in her concerns. For as I’ve noted elsewhere, in addition to the experience of suffering from the pandemic, people have been blessed in unexpected ways.

In this article I’m going to share three steps to stave off the so-called post-pandemic blues, and one bonus option to boost your immune system as you venture forth.

Even if you’ve been eagerly waiting for restrictions to lift, now that governors are relaxing guidelines, you may miss aspects of sheltering in place. Here are the three steps to stave off the post-pandemic blues.

Consider your unexpected blessings

Sheltering in place may have created unexpected blessings in your life. Start by considering how you may have:

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| Simplified your life | Spent less time working |
| Let unnecessary demands drop from your schedule | Reconnected with your soul |
| Paid more attention to family members or pets | Read |
| Cleaned, organized or de-cluttered | Slept in |
| Cooked and ate meals | Paused |
| Connected to friends | Relaxed |
| Helped the people around you | Started or finished projects |
| Enjoyed your yard, balcony or time in nature | Learned new things |
| Gained a fresh appreciation for life | |

Choose practices you want to continue

Second, note the activities and practices you would like to continue. I have been walking to and from the office each day. It’s been a great way to introduce variety into my life, breathe fresh air and watch winter move into spring. My brother and sister-in-law have been hosting Zoom dinners with friends around the country. My friend, an accomplished harpist, has been livestreaming afternoon concerts from her living room every Sunday.

Create intentional changes

Third, plan ahead now to continue practicing life-giving habits. Pull out your calendar and map in family dinners, garden time, or prayer and meditation. Otherwise, the tide of busyness will pull you back out to sea before you even know it. To withstand the tide takes making conscious choices.

Even so, don’t be surprised by grief, caution and disorientation as you emerge from a more sheltered life.

You have been through some big changes. So has the world around you. The landscape around you may not look or feel like you remember it. Give yourself time to get used to the new normal.

Build your resilience

As you begin to spend more time in the public arena, life will change again. If there were things you enjoyed about sheltering in place, it’s entirely possible to bring some of those gifts with you

As I said before, transitioning from mid- to post-pandemic won’t be a quick or easy process. Especially if you have been on the front lines of care. Be gentle with yourself and the people around you. None of us have been here before. Remember that even in these difficult times you are not alone. Draw upon the comfort of community, the strength of faith, and the guidance of God as you navigate these times.

Book Club 2020 Selections

- June 15: *PAYBACK* (A Susan Fleet mystery)
Clare Shore
- July 20: *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts.
D'Ette 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 June birthday listed? Please let us know.
Happy Birthday!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Phyllis Harrington
9 Travis Boer
10 Jane Harden
16 Rosemary Pierre
18 Luann (Davis) Call,
Joyce Kruger
20 Alex Melkonian
21 Lane Laubscher
27 Maurice Hartman
28 Norma Johnson
29 Barbara Short

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**THE CROS FOOD PANTRY IS ON THE 1ST,
3RD AND 5TH 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, June 4th and 18th 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.



Our Condolences go out to the Chennell Family on the passing of Ken Chennell on April 6, 2020. Our Condolences also go out to the family of Marie Gerbus who passed away on May 21, 2020. Due to the Coronavirus, there will be no services at this time.

Excerpts from "Why Reopening a Church is Different"

By Rev. Alex A. Shanks

Everywhere we turn, people are talking about reopening. Should churches simply follow the same guidelines regarding reopening as other institutions? I believe there are practical principles and theological reasons why reopening our church campuses requires a different kind of thinking. The church shouldn't be looking to sidestep the guidelines. The church shouldn't be simply reacting to what others are doing. The church should be leading the way by modeling a method of safety for others to follow.

As we reopen our buildings, may we seek to be in God's time and not our own. We follow a God of hope and resurrection who knows all about making all things new (Isaiah 43:18). That is where our ultimate faith lies. Remember, the church has never closed. The church remains open, even as we don't physically gather in our building. We do all of this so that we might fully love our neighbors as we love ourselves (Mark 12:31).



Bishop Ken Carter invites you to join him for a Summer in the Scriptures as we journey through the Gospels!

Starting June 1, we'll read a chapter each day, beginning with the book of Matthew. Then, join the "Summer in the Scriptures" Facebook group to share your insights and gain inspiration from others across the Conference.

Connect with us today at facebook.com/groups/GospelSummer for video content, podcasts and daily support for deepening in the mind, heart and life of Jesus.

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WITH BISHOP KEN CARTER



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**We have a Place for
You!**



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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.

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.

Did you figure it out yet? Here is another beautiful picture he drew.

If you guessed Vinnie Manna, then you are correct. Aren't his drawings great!



