

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

**JANUARY**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
HELLO 2021  
A YEAR OF GRATITUDE**

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. *His love endures forever.***

— Psalm 136:1, NIV

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Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado  
Compassion President and CEO

*A Year of Gratitude*  
*Letter taken from the Compassion International CEO*

Dear Prayer Partner,

Have you ever chosen a word or action to focus on for the new year? It's a way to trade a resolution you're likely to break for a word that encourages you to focus throughout the year. I think it's a more grace-filled way to speak your intent for 2021!

A word that I find particularly appropriate for this incredible group of prayer warriors to focus on this year is GRATITUDE. As you know, over the past year hardships fell upon millions of people worldwide in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, and no doubt left many feeling empty and alone. But as we turn the calendar to a new year, with remnants of last year's troubles still lingering, I want to encourage you to find things to be grateful for. And let those praises influence your prayer life.

For 2021, I invited staff from around the world to share words of praise and gratitude with you in this space. Each month you can read their words and be encouraged by their spirit of thanksgiving.

Let this gratitude inspire how you pray. While you pray for the sick, thank God for doctors and medicine. When you pray for the grieving, thank God for being a father who wipes his children's tears. When you pray for Compassion church partners, thank God for their passion for serving children in their communities.


I want you to know how grateful I am for YOU. Your prayers for children and their families truly bring me so much joy. I am excited to join you and our brothers and sisters around the world in claiming gratitude for 2021!

In Christ,



Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado  
President and CEO  
Compassion International

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**These are some praises from people at Compassion International.**

**What are your Praises?**

**What are you Grateful for?**

# Praises!

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- We praise God that the homes of six children in Indonesia that were destroyed by fire are being rebuilt.
- We praise God that the protests in Colombia have ended, and it is now calm in the major cities and no children or families were directly affected.
- We praise God for Faith's recovery and safe return home to Kenya after having a lifesaving operation in India.
- We praise God for the quick recovery of a center director in Rwanda who had COVID-19. Pray that God would continue to rapidly heal those who have COVID-19.
- We praise God for the success of Alla's operation in the Philippines and pray for God's strength and comfort as she continues to recover.



## A Little Something From History

### [The Guiding Light](#)

November 25, 2020 by [Karen Fishman](#)

This blog post was written by Matt Barton, curator of the Recorded Sound Section.

On September 18, 2009, *The Guiding Light* ended a television run that began June 30, 1952, and a broadcast history that began on radio on January 25, 1937. The show's run covered 72 Thanksgivings in all, but as we'll see, the 1945 episode stands out.

The program was the creation of Irna Phillips (1901-1973), who by 1937 was a powerhouse of daytime dramas, already known as "soap operas," a genre she largely created and defined from her somewhat accidental entry into the field of radio writing in Chicago in 1930.

In 1937, she premiered *The Guiding Light*. Phillips made Dr Ruthledge a voice of comfort and reason, a perfect vehicle for her own social beliefs with Five Points as the perfect stage. Dr. Ruthledge's ideals and eloquence were established early in the run when he read Edwin Markham's poem *A Creed* on the first program to great effect. His sermons for key days in the calendar were a fixture of the series and a book of them was published.

Dr. Ruthledge was always a presence, if not a voice in the programs.

The actor Art Peterson joined the Army in early 1944, and so did Dr. John Ruthledge as a chaplain. Dr. Richard Gaylord (John A. Barclay), took his place at the church on February 25, 1944, but was written out of the show a year later. Peterson as Ruthledge would return to the show in April 1946. Taking his place for the duration was the Reverend Dr. Frank Tuttle, an older man than Ruthledge or Gaylord.

Dr. Tuttle struggled with the board of the church who thought he should retire. Four episodes from his tenure survive, the most exceptional being the one that aired on the afternoon of Thursday, November 22, 1945.

This was the first Thanksgiving holiday observed after the end of World War II. Though Dr. Ruthledge was still overseas, it was the perfect opportunity for Phillips to distill the lessons of the war years in the voice of Dr. Tuttle. As the November 22 show opens, Dr. Tuttle is preparing to walk the short distance from his home to the church. He has poured his heart into a Thanksgiving sermon but despairs to his assistant that few will come to church to hear it and his quarrels with the board will continue.

When he reaches the church, it is packed. With great conviction he tells them:

We're all proud of our American way of life. Of our American system of government. Our American way of doing things. We're all more or less conscious that it is the great reservoir from which all our blessings flow. But what will happen to that reservoir, let me ask you, if the springs of faith, effort and self-reliance which nourish it are allowed to dry up? No. We owe a lot to the past, friends, and the wisdom and courage and resourcefulness of our fathers, our grandfathers and forefathers. But in the last analysis, we must find within ourselves the means of our own salvation.

Our American way of life will work only as long as you and I make it work. The blessings we enjoy will continue only as long as we appreciate their value, and prove worthy of them.

And now, just one other thought. You know our ancestors at Plymouth who started this Thanksgiving Day custom took an oath when they set out to conquer the wilderness, to cling together as brothers whatever fortune might bring. The community spirit was very strong among them, and among all the other pioneers who opened up and settled this country. And that bond of brotherhood endures today and *must* endure tomorrow. It was the source of our greatest strength during the war. And now that peace has come, it must continue to serve us and be our mainstay for the future. We cannot live as hermits, friends, each going his way apart. We cannot live for ourselves alone, forsaking the common good.

My neighbor and I are in league together. Whatever affects him must affect in the end affect me, be it good or bad. His needs, his welfare, his success or failure are mine, and mine are his. We shall stand or fall together. Our country shall prosper or sicken depending on our mutual sympathy and good will.

For believe me, it is so: the brotherhood of man is not an idle dream, but the only practical hope and certain safeguard of our community, our nation and the world.

Reverend Tuttle then returns to the Edwin Markham poem that defined the outlook of Irna Phillips and her "Dr. Ruthledge" when the show premiered, "As my good friend Dr. Ruthledge of Five Points used to say,"

There is a destiny that makes us brothers; none goes his way alone;

All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own.

## **Book Club 2020 Selections**

January Book Club will be on Zoom again. We hope YOU will be ready to join us on JANUARY 18th at Noon.

### **Book Club List for 2021.**

- >> JANUARY: Karen Columbo - The Hot Zone by Richard Preston
- >> FEBRUARY: Cecilia Broadwater (They are in transit to Sunny Florida. Name of book TBA soon)
- >> MARCH: Joyce Wooding - The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
- >> APRIL: Janet Lane - The Book of The Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate.
- >> MAY: Janice Hatt - The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd
- >> JUNE: Helen Gilmore - Legendary Locals of West Palm Beach Florida by Janet DeVries and Ginger Peterson
- >> JULY: Clare Shore - Title to be forthcoming
- >> AUGUST: D'Ette Matthews - Finding Dorothy by Ely Letts
- >> SEPTEMBER: Betty McMurchy - The Oysterville Sewing Circle by Susan Wiggs.
- >> OCTOBER: Anne McCartney - Tilly and the Crazy Eights by Monique Gray Smith.
- >> NOVEMBER: Planning Session for 2022 selections
- >> DECEMBER: Holiday Luncheon

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

## **THANK YOU**

### **STAFF LOVE OFFERING**

The Church Staff would like to thank the church for their generosity in our staff love offerings. We all enjoy working here at Lakeside UMC and appreciate your continued support of all of us.

Happy New Year Lakeside Family and Friends,

I hope you all are safe and well.

We have devised a plan to allow us to join together with in person worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

We are observing facial covering and sanitizing guidelines from the CDC and the UM Conference. We will be seating with social distancing in mind in designated seats that you will be escorted to by an usher. If you live in the same household with someone you will be able to be seated together, otherwise a minimum of 20 ft. distance will be maintained. An usher will be taking your temperature as you enter the sanctuary. These regulations may seem un-reasonable to you but I am taking the utmost caution in protecting people that I love, and that's YOU! If for some reason we run into difficulty maintaining these protocols we will suspend the services until it is deemed safe to gather. I am looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in worship even if it is behind a mask. I love you all and want us to be safe and together again in God's House.

On Sunday morning we will be live streaming the service on our website. [www.lakesideumchurch.org](http://www.lakesideumchurch.org) and on youtube.

We will also 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). Carolyn is back working in the office.

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. I 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 I 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

## United Methodist Women News

There have been so many changes in our lives during the past few months that sometimes fear, frustration and anxiety can creep in on us. We need to remember Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Find a quiet place to pause and listen for God's voice (from the Upper Room).

The Bookworms Circle and Susanna Wesley Circles won't meet until whenever we can resume meeting at the church. Members will be notified of the next meeting and the meeting schedule will be discussed at that time. The book club that meets at Lakeside has had several zoom meeting for their book reviews. We do not plan to issue a new yearbook now so please use the current one for phone numbers.

Barbara, our Treasurer, has sent our pledge money to the district. Payment of our district pledge is one of the requirements for the Mission Today award. Our pledges also support many local and national projects. Even though the district payment has been made please consider completing your pledge for this year if you haven't done so. You might also consider giving an amount equal to the cost of a ticket to our luncheon that we were unable to hold this year. Make checks payable to United Methodist Women. They can be sent to the church (1901 12 Ave. South, Lake Worth FL 33461) attention Barbara Russum/UMW.

When we do meet to make plans for a new year, we need to consider the following: What can we do to make a difference? How can we improve what we do? Your suggestions and comments would be appreciated.

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United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



**Church and Mission giving**– Our giving has to be modified to accommodate the new reality of not gathering in person. Electronic giving through PayPal 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](http://lakesideumchurch.org) under the GIVING banner

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

Lakeside UMC  
1901 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.  
Lake Worth, FL 33461

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.

## SHOWING GOD'S LOVE IN COMMUNITY

### Matthew Meals

Matthew Meals will be on January 23rd this month.

We will follow the most recent CDC regulations for the preparing of the food and providing the food to the public. Due to the new social distancing concept, if people are interested in helping, please reach out to Pastor David 585-7519 or Jane Harden 586-3015. We are keeping a very, very limited number of people to help and they will be keeping a list of who is doing what!

### 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.

## Lakeside Prayer List

**Police and Military personnel**  
**Health Care workers and First Responders**  
**COVID-19 deaths and illness**

**Cancer:**

**Marilynne Tilley**  
**Sandy Scoville**  
**Elizabeth Merchant**  
**Lane Laubscher**  
**Kathy Chandler**  
**Sarah Rowe**  
**Lisa Adorno**  
**Julie, Kym Grumsha's sister**  
**Hilton Jarvis**  
**Jim Aliff**

**Other Health:**

**Sharri Tarazon**, daughter of Chuck Blankenship, heart issues.  
**Helen Branson**– health issues  
**Wanda Laubscher**- Lupus.  
**Sally Chennell**- health issues.  
**Selburn & Joan Dacres**  
**Ken, Robbie & Shawn Friend**  
**Carl Linderson**-Meniere's Disease/vertigo  
**Don Morphesis & Peggy Morphesis**  
**Vinnie Manna**- hip pain.  
**Beverly Engler**—broken knee surgery recovery  
**Maryann Davis**  
**Earl Fields and his son Darren**  
**Albert Jordan**  
**Brad Swain**- kidney & aortic aneurysm  
**Matt Going & his three friends**-car accident

**Lindsey Moretz**, 27 yr. old niece of Max Moretz, lung surgery  
**Gary Fitzgerald**-Kidney Surgery on Jan. 6th  
**Debby Aliff**-breathing and other health issues.  
**Terry Stillwell**– stroke.  
**Gary Simmons**– back pain  
**Wade Martin**, father of Carolyn Ludwig  
**Betty**, sister of Emma Orrock in KY  
**Dale Kolessa**, waiting on heart transplant  
**Philip Merkel**, friend of Betty McMurchy  
**Larry & Alexia Freedman**, friends of the Friend family, tested positive for COVID  
**Jay Hernandez** , car accident  
**Craig Spear**, son in law of the Russums, cellulitis  
**Ellen Miller and her daughter.**  
**Chris, son of Louise Holland**, broken ankle  
**Billy, husband of a friend of Louise Holland** going into Hospice Care

**Hospice Care: Mary Ann Giel**

**Recent Deaths:**

**Les Fenstermaker**  
**Glenna (Bunny) Carr**  
**Mac and Mary Jane McKinnon**  
**Joyce Brown**-sister of Wendell Waltman  
**David Friend**- uncle of Linda Friend

## 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, January 7th and 21st 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. Because the Pantry is held outside on the porch if it is raining they do not come.**

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**We have a Place for  
You!**

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



**January Birthdays**

- 3 Ruth Rawson
- 11 Teresa Wilhelm
- 12 Kenneth Dowrey
- 13 Robynne Ryals,  
Gryphon Spino
- 18 Linda Friend  
Sheryl Melkonian
- 19 Marjorie Powell
- 22 Mary Gough
- 24 Mary Degens  
Terry Browning
- 25 Bruce Curtis
- 27 Teresa Athas
- 28 Mykel Haymond
- 30 Shirley King

**KEENAGERS:**

Due to COVID 19, KEENAGERS will not be meeting until further notice.



**Thank you from Matthew Meals:** Thank you to everyone who provided baked goods and toys, etc. for the December Matthew Meals. It really helps to make them special for the children and their families.

**The 2021 church Offering envelopes** are now available in the church office. If you do not have church offering envelopes and would like to have some, please let Carolyn in the office know and she will be glad to see that you get some. If you are unable to get to the church to pick up your envelopes, please call the church office and we will mail them to you. 585-7519