

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

# **FEBRUARY**

## **Let's Make 2021 an Epic Year of Gratitude and Praise**

The only way through hard times is ... well, through them.

You can't go over, under or around difficult seasons.

You simply plow through, one step at a time.

Last year was hard.

And that didn't go away because the calendar flipped to 2021.

But there is still good in *the* world.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” — Philippians 4:6, NASB

**Lenten Bible Study** information on page 3.

**Celebrate Valentine's Day** safely with your loved ones.

Page 4 has a special invitation for you and yours.

**FEBRUARY** is well known for Valentine's Day and President's Day, Look on page 5 to find out what other interesting things are celebrated in February.

**The United Methodist Women of Atlantic Central District** is having a 2021 virtual Mission Study, look on page 7 for more information.

**Ash Wednesday** information on page 8.

## *A Year of Gratitude*

### *Letter taken from Compassion International, a Compassion Partnership Facilitator in Kenya, Chukulisa Roba*

## **“Our Mission is God’s Mission”**

*I am reminded of the hymn “To God be the glory” as I share my story of gratitude as a testimony of how God can call, equip and facilitate us to do ministry.*

*“Why do you want to join Compassion?” was the last interview question I was asked by one of the panelists on April 24, 2018, at the Compassion Kenya office. I answered, “Because I want to be an active participant in the Great Commission.” That was all I desired to be, even in my place of work.*

*Thankfully, I got the opportunity to work with Compassion Kenya as a PF (Partnership Facilitator), serving with 16 partner churches and over 5,000 children and youth. My two years so far have been amazing. Being a young lady of 25 years and the youngest employee by then, he gave me the grace and favor to serve with pastors, bishops and church leaders effectively. Besides that, I come from a marginalized community where women being in frontline ministry is rare. I thank God that I am counted among the few.*

*I am sincerely grateful to God that I am part of this journey of releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name and for the constant reminder that our mission is God’s mission.*

*I pray that as we journey, we will constantly remember the higher calling that is beyond our line of duty and give ourselves fully to the call to witness to the children and youth entrusted to us.*

*In Christ,*

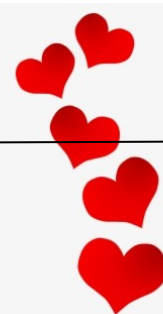
*Chukulisa Roba Halakhe*

*Partnership Facilitator Compassion Kenya*

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

**What are your Praises?**

**What are you Grateful for?**



## Praises

- We praise God for the safe delivery and arrival of a Compassion Tan-zania staff member's baby.
- We praise God that the weather has cleared in Sri Lanka and there are no longer heavy rains and winds.
- We praise God that the seven children in Nicaragua whose families were affected by Hurricane Zeta were supported by the church and are now back in their homes.
- We praise God that 14 children in the Philippines whose homes were damaged by recent flooding received needed support and are now back in their homes.
- We praise God for the donor gift Aura and her family in Guatemala received, which allowed them to move to a safer home. Pray that God would bless the supporter.

## SPREAD A LITTLE LOVE

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**– starting Wednesday, February 24th at 6:30 PM. It will continue on Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. **“Words of Life”**– Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today by Adam Hamilton will be our Lenten Study Text.

**What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today?**

**Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments. These ten ancient “words” were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us– often from ourselves.**

**Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethnics in history.**

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*



**Lakeside  
United Methodist  
Church**

**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 13th**

**4 PM TO 5:30 PM**

*Come over to the church and pick up a prepared dinner for you and anyone you want to put a smile on their face. This is a good way to let your neighbors know you care. The process is simple, just let us know how many meals you need and we will have them ready for you to pick up from 4PM to 5:30PM.*

**CALL THE OFFICE TODAY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**

**561-585-7519**

*Just our way of saying we are thinking of you and want you to know how much we miss each other's company.*

*Let us know if we can do anything for you or your neighbors. We Care!*



**Lakeside Chicken Salad  
Spring Mix Tossed Salad  
Rustic Potato Salad  
Something Sweet for Dessert**

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

## FEBRUARY

Did you know it is also known for these other interesting days? Which ones do you want to be sure not to miss?

**American Heart Month**  
**Black History Month**

**February 1**

National Freedom Day  
Spunky Old Broads Day (All shucks we missed this one!)

**February 2**

Ground Hog Day

**February 3**

Feed the Birds Day

**February 4**

Thank a Mailman Day (Never too late to thank them though.)

**February 5**

National Weatherman's Day

**February 6**

Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day - first Saturday of month

**February 7**

Wave All you Fingers at Your Neighbor Day

**February 8**

Boy Scout Day - celebrates the birthday of scouting  
Clean out Your Computer Day - second Monday of Month. (That could take more than a day.)

**February 9**

National Pizza Day

**February 10**

Umbrella Day

**February 11**

Make a Friend Day

**February 12**

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

**February 13**

Get a Different Name Day

**February 14**

National Organ Donor Day  
Valentine's Day

**February 15**

President's Day - third Monday of month  
Susan B Anthony Day

**February 16**

Do a Grouch a Favor Day

**February 17**

Ash Wednesday - date varies  
Random Acts of Kindness Day

**February 18**

National Battery Day ?

**February 19**

National Chocolate Mint Day

**February 20**

Cherry Pie Day  
Love Your Pet Day

**February 21**

Card Reading Day ?

**February 22**

George Washington's Birthday  
Be Humble Day

**February 23**

Tennis Day

**February 24**

National Tortilla Chip Day

**February 25**

**February 26**

National Pistachio Day - it's a nutty day!

**February 27**

Polar Bear Day

**February 28**

National Chili Day

## 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.

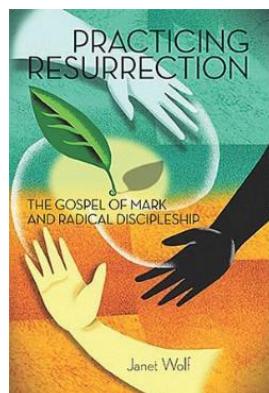
When we do meet to make plans for a new year, we need to consider the following: What can we do to make a difference? How can we improve what we do? Your suggestions and comments would be appreciated.

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United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



## United Methodist Women

### Atlantic Central District 2021 Mission Study – Virtual Zoom

## Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship

**Study: 4 Consecutive Sundays - 1 Hour Virtual Online Sessions**

**February 21, February 28, March 7 and March 14**

**Sundays: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (*Sign in at 2:45 pm*)**

Our facilitator: Linda Parrish, UMW Atlantic Central District President

### ***What does it mean to live a life of radical discipleship today?***

Mark, the earliest of the synoptic Gospels, was written almost forty years after the crucifixion. A time when the early church was struggling, troubled and traumatized. Many of those who had walked with Jesus were now imprisoned or dead. The Jewish-Roman War of 66–70 C.E. ended with a destroyed temple and a fractured and frightened community.

In Mark's day and now, Christians are caught in a world of crisis and confusion, a time of uncertainty and fear. There's a struggle going on and evil appears to be winning: injustice reigns, money and greed measure our living and our dying, divisions deepen and hope is sometimes hard to find. Then and now, part of the crisis is the church's complicity, complacency, and silence in a world where so much has gone wrong.

Then, as now, Christians were asking, what does it mean to be a disciple of this Jesus, crucified and raised? At this Mission study, we'll delve into these questions. Learn how the women in Mark, though often unnamed, are prominent among Jesus' followers.

### **PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lf-ioqzkuE9dQbWXUWqbNIZhth2NPxSiE>

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Mission Study.*

**For more information: email Kim Wendt at [kimwendt.umw@gmail.com](mailto:kimwendt.umw@gmail.com)**

### Book Club 2020 Selections

February Book Club will be on Zoom again. We hope YOU will be ready to join us on FEBRUARY 15th at Noon.

#### Book Club List for 2021.

>> FEBRUARY: Cecilia Broadwater will lead the discussion on Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neal Hurston

>> 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.

**Ash Wednesday**, February 17 this year, is the beginning of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost-cycle of the Christian year. The marking of ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of believers as a reminder of mortality and belonging is how Christians begin the forty-day journey of Lent leading to Easter and ultimately the Day of Pentecost. However, as COVID-19 cases continue to soar, churches are left with the task of re-envisioning these liturgical markers while keeping faithful to their importance and meaning in the community of faith. Therefore, we have decided to have a virtual service.



Dear Lakeside Family and Friends,

I hope you all are safe and well.

We are continuing to allow you to join together for 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

**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 February 27th 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**  
**Elizabeth Merchant**  
**Lane Laubscher**  
**Kathy Chandler**  
**Sarah Rowe**  
**Julie**, Kym Grumsha's sister  
**Virginia Going**  
**Gary Fitzgerald**, kidney cancer

**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 Friend**  
**Carl Linderson**-Meniere's Disease/vertigo  
**Don Morphesis**  
**Vinnie Manna**- hip pain. Michael, son of Vinnie Manna, heart issues.  
**Beverly Engler**  
**Maryann Davis**

**Albert Jordan**

**Brad Swain**- kidney & aortic aneurysm

**Matt Going**

**Mike Ryals**, recovery from skin cancer surgery.

**Lindsey Moretz**, 27 yr. old niece of Max Moretz, lung surgery

**Debby Aliff**-breathing and other health issues.

**Gary Simmons**– back pain

**Wade Martin**, father of Carolyn Ludwig

**Betty**, sister of Emma Orrock in KY

**Dale Kolessa**, waiting on heart transplant

**Jeff Blanton**, recovery from heart surgery.

**Teresa Hill**, knee replacement recovery.

**Robert Dunlevy**, flu, feeling better

**Modesta Morales**, broken hip. Ines Morales' mother in Puerto Rico.

**Jo & Ron**, sister & brother in law of Clare Shores, COVID.

**Kenny Dowry**, hip replacement.

**Hospice Care:**

**Mary Ann Giel**

**Earl Fields and his son Darren**

**Billy**, husband of a friend of Louise Holland

### 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, February 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. 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  
February  
birthday listed?  
Please let us  
know.  
Happy Birthday!



**February Birthdays**

- 2 Daniel Walsh
- 3 Wanda Laubscher
- 4 Megan Call
- 8 Arlie Taylor
- 12 Peggy Morphesis  
David Branson  
Ruby Gilmore
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 Frank Call III
- 18 William Kruger
- 21 Janae Harden
- 22 Nicole Blanton
- 27 Tom Harden  
Frank Call Jr.
- 28 Eleanor Dosh

**KEENAGERS:**

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

**"I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who  
Strengthens Me"- Philippians 4:13.**

Ways to Stay Optimistic

- 1- Start your day with God and in Faith
- 2- Look for God to your situation. God has the answer to your situation.
- 3- Give your problems to God. Every obstacle is an opportunity.
- 4- Eliminate negative people
- 5- Surround yourself with positive people who will help lead you to God.
- 6- Remember God has a plan for you and your future and he is in control.



**The 2021 church Offering envelopes** are available in the church office if you have not already received yours. 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