

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

MARCH

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.

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

— *Matthew 18:3-4, NIV*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH -

Lenten Bible Study continues on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Fellowship hall or live streaming.

CROS Food Pantry on Thursday, March 4th & 18th, 4 - 6 PM

Local Elections on Tuesday, March 9th, 7 AM -7 PM. Run off election if needed Tuesday, March 23rd.

Book Club— Monday, March 15th at noon on Zoom.

A Year of Gratitude

Letter taken from Compassion International, a Compassion Partnership Facilitator from Javier and Emily in our Compassion Guatemala office.

Dear Prayer Partner,

What were your teen years like? Who played an essential role in your life during that time?

During the pandemic, Pastor Samuel was in a tough spot. His heart was for his congregation, but restrictions made it nearly impossible to minister. Pastor Samuel had little experience with technology, a key tool to get the Word of God out.

The Compassion center stepped in and reached out to two teens in the church to provide Pastor Samuel with social media support. **“I’m amazed by how God uses the youths,” Pastor Samuel said. “I used to think, ‘Why are teenagers so into social media?’ But now I see God can use them to spread the love of God. The boys helped to stream programming and send prayer requests so we can pray for the children and their families.”**

We’re grateful for the extraordinary talents and energy that youths have. We’re thankful for people like Pastor Samuel, who appreciate youths for who they are and how they can serve.

This month, will you praise and pray with us for the youths you and I serve? Pray that each of them finds their gifts and talents, pray for adults who see and value them, and pray for opportunities to channel youths’ skills to purposeful goals.

Thank you so much for praying with us,

Javier & Emily

Compassion Guatemala Staff_

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.

For the next 40 days (plus Sundays), Christians around the world will recognize the season of Lent. This is traditionally seen as a time of personal reflection and preparation for Good Friday and Easter. The 40-day period is based on Jesus’ time in the desert, during which he fasted, prayed and was tempted by the devil for 40 days.

Over this Lenten season, we invite you to set aside time each week to pray for and meditate on the lives and circumstances of the estimated 385 million children around the world who live in extreme poverty (less than U.S.\$1.90/day).



Because we know that you're busy and juggling multiple priorities, we've included a set of prayer reminder cards. Put each week's card on your refrigerator, bathroom mirror or car dashboard to remind you to take a few seconds to pray for children in poverty.



Lent Prayer Cards

<p>Week 1</p> <p>May children be valued and respected.</p> <p><i>Matthew 18:3-4, NIV</i></p> 	<p>Week 2</p> <p>Protect children from the effects of poverty.</p> <p><i>Isaiah 58:6, NIV</i></p> 
<p>Week 3</p> <p>Satisfy those who are hungry.</p> <p><i>Matthew 4:1-4, NIV</i></p> 	<p>Week 4</p> <p>May children hear and respond to God's Word.</p> <p><i>John 17:17, NIV</i></p> 
<p>Week 5</p> <p>Protect victims of crises and natural disasters.</p> <p><i>Isaiah 43:2, NIV</i></p> 	<p>Week 6</p> <p>May children continue to hope and dream.</p> <p><i>Psalms 33:20-22, NIV</i></p> 

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.

Nancy Gettys, President

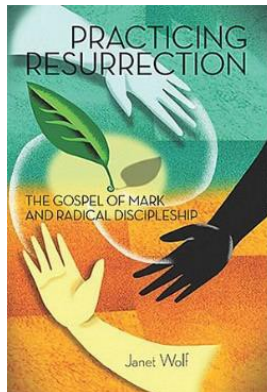
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United Methodist Women

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

Still time to join in- 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

Book Club 2020 Selections

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

Book Club List for 2021.

>> 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

Matthew Meals

Matthew Meals will be on March 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!

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, March 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.

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 under the GIVING banner

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

Lakeside UMC
1901 12th Avenue S.
Lake Worth, FL 33461

PRAYER REQUESTS

Police and Military personnel

Health Care workers and First Responders

COVID-19 deaths and illness

Cancer:

Marilynne Tilley

Elizabeth Merchant

Lane Laubscher

Kathy Chandler at home

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-Manor Care Delray

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

Betty, sister of Emma Orrock in KY

Randel, Brother of Emma Orrock's

Dale Kolessa, waiting on heart transplant

Jeff Blanton, recovery from heart surgery.

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

Jo, sister of Clare Shores, COVID.

Kenny Dowry, hip replacement.

Beverly Josefson-Addington at Wellington Green

Bonnie Byran, cousin of Helen Branson, COVID-19.

Sally, family friend of Elaine Jansak, broken ankle.

Rodney Hunt, brother of Linda Friend, has Parkinson's.

Lisa Parkerson, niece of Jane Harden

Scott Crossman

Hospice Care:

Mary Ann Giel

Death:

Earl Fields, father of Darren Fields



Thank You

Thank you for your generous gift to Arms of Hope Community Inc. We are overjoyed to have your support. Through your donation we have been able to feed more needy families and continue working towards feeding even more families through the year. You have truly made a difference for us and we are extremely grateful!

Again, thank you for your generous donation!

Sincerely,

Patrick Livingston
President
Arms of Hope Community Inc.



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Arms of Hope Community Inc. is a free full service restaurant and a pantry that operates in Lake Worth Beach, Florida. If you have specific questions about how your gift is being used or our organization as whole, please don't hesitate to contact us at (pallivingston@yahoo.com)

Special Offerings throughout the year. Please consider giving to these United Methodist Local and Global Causes.

Special Sundays With Offerings-

Six Special Sundays are observed on dates determined by the General Conference. Offerings support local and global needs.

Human Relations Day is celebrated on the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Offerings collected help ministries improve race relations and recognize the right of all God's children to realize their potential as human beings in relationship with one another.

UMCOR Sunday, formerly "One Great Hour of Sharing," is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent. Offerings collected help fund the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which alleviates human suffering around the world by providing disaster relief and supplies, disaster risk reduction, sustainability and humanitarian development.

Native American Ministries Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of Easter. Offerings collected help ministries that nurture mission with Native American people and provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. Half of the gifts collected stay within each annual conference.

Peace with Justice Sunday is celebrated on the First Sunday after Pentecost. Offerings collected help continue ministries of reconciliation through each annual conference and help United Methodists proclaim the good news to those longing to experience God's peace and justice.

World Communion Sunday is celebrated by a number of US-related Protestant denominations around the world. Offerings collected help fund scholarships; half of the gifts received fund World Communion Sunday Scholarships and the remaining half benefits the Ethnic Scholarship Program and Ethnic In-Service Training Program. On this Sunday, we remember and celebrate our diversity as God's children united by our faith in Jesus.

United Methodist Student Day is celebrated the last Sunday in November. Offerings collected help fund scholarships and loans for United Methodist students. On this Sunday we are called to support United Methodist students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home - we take up an offering on the fifth Sunday of the month.

Women's Fellowship collects for **Church World Service** on **Blanket Sunday** among other charities.

Men's Fellowship collects for funds to send the church children/youth to Church Summer Camp and to support the Church Boy Scout Troop among other charities.

Now that we are so scattered these charities are not being remembered like the usually are. It makes it difficult for them to continue their work for God and those in need.

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**We have a Place for
You!**

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



March Birthdays

- 2 Bea Ball
- 4 Jane Hamilton
Carole Fields
- 5 Bob Going
- 6 Christina Harden
- 8 David Andrews
Bill Taylor
- 10 Christopher Morphesis
Heather Willis
- 11 Catriona Chennell
- 12 Marilynne Tilley
- 13 Peter Alfieri
- 14 Wendy Hartman
Carolyn Ludwig
- 15 Betty McMurphy
Ena Ruffy
- 25 Shirley Turner
- 26 Carol Giles
- 27 Dick Fralick
- 28 Michael Garrett

KEENAGERS:

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



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.