# LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAKESIDE LANTERN

SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR 62ND YEAR

### **JUNE**



# WELCOME BACK PASTOR DAVID WE HAVE MISSED YOU!



Thank you to all the Pastors and guest speakers who filled in while Pastor David was on leave.

Bruce Kitson, Church Health Advocate

Rev. Dionne Hammond, Atlantic Central District

Superintendent

**Carl Sexton,** Missionary with ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism Inc.)

#### Lakeside UMC changes in CDC guidelines

If a member/guest is seated in the Sanctuary, they are welcome to remove their mask only if they have been fully vaccinated. However, when moving thru Sanctuary or any other buildings, masks will still be worn.

Be mindful of others & continue to social distance.

# Letter from the Bishop about new CDC guidelines

Updated COVID-19 Guidance

Dear Clergy and Laity of the Florida Conference:

We continue to pray for those impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

<u>Yesterday the CDC issued new guidance regarding masks for those</u> who have been fully vaccinated.

In response, we believe it is appropriate for local churches to follow this guidance and make mask wearing optional for those who have been fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated is defined as being two weeks after the last dose of the vaccine. This decision should be made by your team of shared leadership. It is very appropriate for some churches to continue to require masks for everyone knowing that some persons are not able to be vaccinated. We do encourage continuing to maintain social distance of six feet in between different households. CDC guidance also indicates that fully vaccinated persons can sing in a choral group. We encourage persons to be vaccinated and respect the fact that some cannot be vaccinated because they are immune compromised. Making masks optional requires trust. Churches should consider providing caution zones where people who want to wear masks can do so.

The Peace of the Lord,
Bishop Carter and the Appointive Cabinet

#### 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.

#### **GOD IS LOVE!**

Learning about God's attributes isn't just for children. Even the most basic grasp of God's characteristics provides comfort in hard times and compels us to love and serve those in need.

More than anything, the Bible makes it clear that "God is love" (1 John 4:8). He isn't just loving, but he is the very definition of love. He loves us because he created us. His affection is unconditional. He both generates and demonstrates love — and that love endures forever (Psalm 100:5).

#### God Is Always Present

Jesus said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Paul wrote that God's Spirit lives in us (1 Corinthians 3:16). In the Psalms, David proclaimed it impossible to escape God's presence (Psalm 139). In other words, the Creator is not bound by his creation. He is fully present wherever we go, and his Spirit even lives inside us. As Hebrews 4:13 says, "nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight."

Knowing this means so much for believers, especially those facing difficulties.

#### A Year of Gratitude

# Letter taken from Compassion International, a Compassion Partnership Facilitator from Davinsky, a program support specialist for Compassion Guatemala. I hope you feel encouraged by her words.

Dear Prayer Partner,

Greetings from Guatemala! I want to share a story of gratitude with you today.

In March 2020, many Compassion activities were paused due to COVID-19. The program registration process was going to be suspended for about 1,000 children.

However, God moved a donor to help provide food security for those 1,000 children for several months. And the same situation happened in many other countries. The Lord provided and continues providing!

It's exciting to see how God works globally. He uses people from around the world to positively impact the lives of children in faraway places, like Guatemala. None of the people involved in this process know these children, but God does!

Thanks be to God for protecting the vulnerable, for using people who live thousands of miles apart and for Compassion's response in the middle of the pandemic.

I encourage you to take time this month to pray for these 1,000 children who are known by God!

Blessings,

Davinsky

Compassion Guatemala\_

#### **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 561-622-8309 Nancygettys13@hotmail.com



#### **Book Club 2021 Selections**

June Book Club will be on Zoom again. We hope YOU will be ready to join us on JUNE 21st at Noon.

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

- >> 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.





#### **Matthew Meals**

Matthew Meals will be on June 26th from 4—6 pm. We could use some more volunteers to help as folks take time for vacations, etc. Call the church office if you will be able to help out.

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 num-

#### 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, May 3rd & 17th 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

ilf 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

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pastor David

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

Gary Fitzgerald

Denise, stage 4 cancer, daughter of Sister

Chris of The Great I Am.

Praying Always

Other Health:

Beverly Knapp

George Russum

June Palma

David VanVleet

Frank Call

| Jeffrey Roberts

Helen Branson- health issues

Wanda Laubscher- Lupus.

**Selburn & Joan Dacres** 

Carl Linderson-Meniere's Disease/vertigo

**Don & Peggy Morphesis** 

Vinnie Manna- hip pain.

**Beverly Engler-Manor Care Delray** 

| Maryann Davis

Albert Jordan

Brad Swain- kidney & aortic aneurysm

Lindsey Moretz, 27 yr. old niece of Max

Moretz, lung surgery

**Debby Aliff**-breathing and other health

issues.

Marcia, Nanci Branson's supervisor Debby, friend of Barbara Russum Chrissy, Destiny, Monica & Janae Harden Kenny Dowry Kym Grumsha Kate Dugan, our mail lady

**Beverly Josefson** 

**Hospice Care: Mary Ann Giel** 

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### We have a Place for You!

Don't see your June birthday listed? Please let us know.



Happy Birthday!

#### June Birthdays

9 Travis Boer

10 Jane Harden

18 Luann (Davis) Call,

Joyce Kruger

20 Alex Melkonian

121 Lane Laubscher

. I 27 Maurice Hartman

129 Barbara Short

#### **KEENAGERS:**

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





School's Out as of Friday, June 18th. Be Safe, and Watch out for Children.

#### 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.