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

## **JANUARY**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR! HELLO 2022

#### Special Sundays of 2022

Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked and support designated ministries.

On these Sundays, we empower our congregations to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change.

These offerings help offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

January 16: Human Relations Day

March 27: UMCOR Sunday

May 1: Native American Ministries Sunday

June 12: Peace with Justice Sunday

October 2: World Communion Sunday

November 27: United Methodist Student's Day

Support Special Sunday's by giving <u>ONLINE</u> or by mailing checks to: GCFA, P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203.

### **HUMAN RELATIONS DAY, January 16th**

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

—1 Corinthians 12:7, NRSV

On Human Relations Day, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Our gifts work together for the common good, building community and sharing God's love.

#### **HOW TO GIVE:**

Write a check to your local church and write "Human Relations Day offering" in the memo line.

To give online or set up monthly giving, go to UMC.org/SSGive.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Together, God's church can be a beacon to navigate the ongoing global trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact of a tumultuous political climate in the US and the anxiety of a looming denominational separation.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of extending healing and hope that can guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's people to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world. United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.

We know how systemic inequality affects the most vulnerable people. When neighbors experience poverty and live in communities that have less access to resources, as a denomination, our gifts on Human Relations Day work together to empower faith -based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with atrisk teens.

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Thank you for partnering your spiritual and financial gifts to build up what the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called "the beloved community."

These testimonies reflect how partnering with the Spirit through our Human Relations Day offering brings together gifts that work for the common good:

"A lot of people say where God has brought them from. God dug me out of the mud. Coming to Better Community Development's Hoover Treatment Center changed my life." — SANDRA DAVIS

"The Human Relations Day [offering] allows our ministry to thrive in places that we would not otherwise be available to impact." — STEVELYN LEVIGNE, COMMUNITY DIRECTOR FOR THE UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPER'S PROGRAM

"It's a community effort. You have to not just reach the child, you have to reach the entire family and the entire community, because it takes everybody... If a piece of the puzzle is missing, then the puzzle is incomplete." — PAMELA BUTLER, SENIOR MANAGER FOR THE HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HUMBLE TX HEAD START PROGRAM

#### 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 6th and 20th 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.

Happy New Year Lakeside Family and Friends,

We hope you all are safe and well.

As you know there are several variants of the COVID-19 virus presenting themselves all over the country. Even though some of them are not as harmful to us, they do spread more easily. Those who have been vaccinated/boostered are able to catch these viruses just as easy as those who are not vaccinated. Please follow the guidelines that we have been asked to follow from the beginning of all of this. Wash your hands frequently, wear a mask in crowded areas, social distance yourself whenever possible, not just for your health & safety, but for the health & safety of those around you.

We are still having 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 want to see smiling faces in worship even if it is behind a mask. We 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.

<u>www.lakesideumchurch.org</u> and on youtube for those of you who do not feel comfortable meeting in person.

We will take prayer requests and special needs through the office via phone (561-585-7519) or email lume lw@bellsouth.net.

We encourage you to continue with your giving through your tithes and offerings. Keeping our campus functional and the mission and ministry that we currently support to be maintained; We hope you prayerfully consider supporting the amazing ministry Lakeside UMC is known for. As this situation continues it will have a lasting effect on our community and we want to be the refuge so many will seek.

God is firmly in control and we are confident we will weather this storm together and be stronger in our faith for it.

#### **Book Club 2022 Selections**

January Book Club will be on Zoom again. We hope YOU will be ready to join us on JANUARY 17th at Noon.

Here we go again ... COVID-19 concerns.

We thought it would be safe to meet together at Lakeside in the library. Some are having reservations about that and want to Zoom again this month.

Please watch your emails for our final decision. If you do not have email then call the church office if you are not sure where we are meeting as we get closer to the date.

#### **Book Club List for 2022.**

JANUARY 17: Still Life by Louise Penny. Karyn Columbo, leader.

FEBRUARY 21: The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel. Janice Hatt, leader.

MARCH 21: Greater Journey: Americans in Paris by David McCullough. Helen Gilmore, leader

APRIL 18: Defending Jacob by William Landay. Joyce Gooding, leader

MAY 16: That Summer by Jennifer Weiner. Cecilia Broadwater, leader.

JUNE 20: A Psalm for the Wild- Built by Becky Chambers. Clare Shore, leader.

JULY 18: On the Rez by Ian Frazier. Janet Lane, leader.

AUGUST 15: Eternal by Lisa Scottoline. Betty McMurchy, leader.

SEPTEMBER 19: Title not chosen yet. D'ette Mathews, leader.

OCTOBER 17: Hornet Flight by Ken Follett. Anne McCartney, leader.

NOVEMBER 21: selection of books for 2023

DECEMBER 19(?): Christmas Luncheon. Location to be determined closer to the event.

The 2022 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

#### **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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Church and Mission giving— Our giving has to be modified to accommodate the reality that not all of us are comfortable gathering in person to worship right now. Electronic giving through PayPal is the best way of giving from home. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to think about it. 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 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.
Lake Worth, FL 33461

#### SHOWING GOD'S LOVE IN COMMUNITY

#### **Matthew Meals**

Matthew Meals will be on Saturday, January 29th this month from 4 - 6 PM.

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 Bob Going 561-951-4533 or Robynne Ryals 561-719-5464.

Good Meals



and Good Helpers



#### **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.

#### **Un-Poinsettia Honors**

## **Un-Poinsettia Honors for Lakeside Matthew Meals**

Given by Geri Spyker
In Memory of my Mom, Eva
Spallinger & my Sister & Brother,
my Daughter Kathy & her Husband
Dennis

Un-Poinsettia Honors for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Given by Marty & Beverly Hartman In Honor of Staff of LUMC Given by Barbara Russum & Robynne Ryals In Memory of Vivian Russum, Gena McDonald, & Glen Russum

Given by Barbara Russum In Memory of George Russum

Given by Max & Timmie Moretz In Memory of Loved Ones Un-Poinsettia Honors for Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Given by Shirley Call Bates In Memory of Lon Bates Given by Geri Spyker In Honor of my Children & Grandchildren & Our Pastor

| Given by Ruthe Rawson | In Memory of my Mother, | Norma Kysilka, & my | Sister Norine Kysilka Polasko Given by Barbara Russum In Honor of my Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Lakeside would like to thank everyone who donated to the "Un-poinsettias". Each of the charities that your money went to *Lakeside Matthew Meals, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and Florida United Methodist Children's Home* are extremely grateful for your generosity.

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We have a Place for You!

meeting until further notice.

**KEENAGERS:** 

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

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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

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Due to COVID 19, KEENAGERS will not be



#### 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.

#### **Breakfast Fellowship**

You are invited to join the Breakfast Fellowship Group that meets on Wednesday mornings at 8 am at the Kona Bay Café located at

310 E Ocean Ave, Lantana, FL 33462

A time of food, friends and fellowship.