

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

**MAY**

April 3, 2022

Dear Lakeside Family and Friends,

Today, with a heavy heart, we announced that Pastor David Branson will be retiring from Lakeside United Methodist Church.

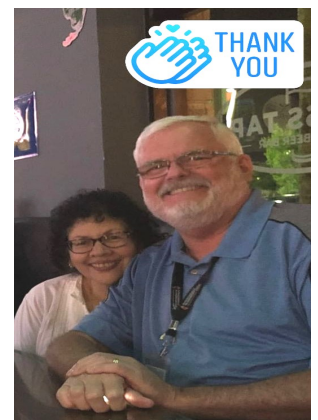
If you missed Lane Laubscher & Bob Going this morning in church, this is what was said.....

I look to scripture as Lane, Robynne and I speak with you this morning. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Acts 20:24 continues, "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." And Finally, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us there is a time for every season.

And so with those changes of season in mind, Pastor David has decided it is time to announce his retirement. He and Nanci have been with us for 11 years and will continue on until the end of June. Announcement Sunday will be May 1st and at that time our new pastor will be announced. Isaiah 52:7 says "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion "Your God reigns!"

We have stood before you in the past and said this verse about Pastor David and his ministry and I still think that it describes the ministry that has been his mission for the past eleven years. Words are not adequate to express the joy, blessing, comfort and support that he and Nanci have provided to this congregation and to the community we serve.

We can only say "Thank you and God Bless You."



Dear Lakeside Friends,  
As of April 29, 2022, I am retiring as Lakeside's Administrative Assistant.

This decision was prayerfully made the end of 2021, after considering the health of my father, my husband, and myself.

Even though my father went to be with the Lord last December, this decision remains. Due to his worsening eyesight, my husband now needs more assistance especially getting to his appointments. My own health is becoming a concern, as well. Now is the time to make a change in my life.

When I accepted this Administrative Assistant position I had no idea how long I would be here. I just let God lead the way.

It has been my privilege to work with two pastors over the years, first Rachel Hollingsworth, and then David Branson. Thanks to both for providing a job in a faith based community with people who were so friendly and helpful.

Little did I know what great relationships would be built while at Lakeside! I am so grateful for the continued support I have received over all of the years here and for the love and prayers you have given me. I want to thank you all for wrapping your arms of love and comfort around me. I hope to remain in contact with many of you. I am looking forward to this next chapter in my life and what God will be guiding me toward.

Please make the person who replaces me feel welcomed. She will need your love and support, as this is a big job for anyone.

May God bless you all.

With Love, Carolyn Ludwig

## NEW CHANGES

### Biography of Julie Ramey

Julie Ramey is our new Administrative Assistant. She moved here a year ago from Arizona to be near family. She comes with experience in serving as an Administrative Assistant to Churches in Arizona for many years. She helps with her Mom's needs and enjoys her granddaughter immensely. She lives nearby, which makes it very convenient.



April 21, 2022

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation to our Good Shepherd Food Pantry. I cannot thank you enough for your sustaining support of this vital ministry. I think all pantries are seeing a continuing increase in people turning to them for help. That certainly is the case with our pantry. We see a wide range of people in need, from single elderly folks to large families of 8 or 9. we try to meet at least some of their needs, with a big of non-perishable food items, plus fresh produce provided by the wonderful gleaners. The items provide some much-needed relief, and they let the recipients know that they matter.

Sincerely, Marilyn Lawrence, Coordinator, Good Shepherd Food Pantry.

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February 4, 2022

Dear Friends:

Thank you or your donation to CROS Ministries. Your investment in our hunger programs means a great deal.

CROS Ministries' mission is to serve the hungry in Palm Beach and Martin Counties through community collaborations we serve the hungry through eight community Food Pantries, seven pantries that are local in community partner buildings and one mobile "pop-up" pantry distributing food in seven different locations; Gleaning, a produce recovery program partnering with local farmers to recover food that would otherwise go to waste and with the help of distribution partners ensures that the produce gets to local meal programs and pantries; The Caring Kitchen, a hot meal program serving and delivering meals in Delray Beach; and CROS Camp, a summer camp program for children from families with low incomes. All services are provided without regard to race, religion, national origin, martial status, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

With Gratitude,, Ruth Mageria, Executive Director, Christians Reaching Out to Society, Inc.

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relations as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes, General Secretary, Global Ministries

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Dear Friends:

As the days become longer and the weather is warmer, children everywhere are looking forward to playing outside longer, having cookouts and picnics, and going to the pool. Our children are no different, and your continued support makes it possible for them to enjoy these things as well. All too often though, the children who come into our care need time to heal.

Casey, is one of four children who has shown remarkable progress with your help. Because of an abusive situation, she came to us very withdrawn and untrusting. After a few weeks, her teachers began to see her open up, especially in her art class at Legacy Scholars Academy. The teacher introduced them to Kintsugi, a ceramic art form from Japan. Students would break a ceramic piece into several pieces and then glue it back together. But the cracks in the pottery would not be covered. Instead, they are highlighted in gold. The children came to realize through this project that despite their "cracks," they can still be whole and beautiful.

As Casey came to understand that she could heal and get beyond her traumatic past, she became much more open. She began comforting and helping other children, especially those who were new arrivals to the Children's Home. Casey would sit and talk with them when they were anxious or saddened, and has shown considerable empathy toward others. Casey's progress is only possible through your loving gifts for a happy and healthy life.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Gadd, MNM, CFRE, FL U M Children's Home

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/boosted 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 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.

[www.lakesideumchurch.org](http://www.lakesideumchurch.org) 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 [lumc\\_lw@bellsouth.net](mailto:lumc_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**

Book Club will be on Zoom again. We hope YOU will be ready to join us on MAY 16TH 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.**

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.

#### **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG KICK-OFF ANNOUNCEMENT:**

We are partnering with First Care Women's Clinic by hosting a Baby Bottle Boomerang event. First Care has been helping women facing crises pregnancies to choose life for their unborn babies for 39 years. Last year 246 babies were saved! First Care ministers to women in Palm Beach County at their clinics and through telehealth. They also connect women with community partners, giving them the resources they need to have a healthier, more productive future. Let's support this ministry! Together we can save more babies and forever change the lives of moms in our community!

After the service, please pick-up a bottle from the Narthex table. Fill up the bottle with a check, cash, or coins.

Please return your bottle to the Narthex Table by Sunday, May 22. Thank you!

## 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 re-member 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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**IMPORTANT ROAD CHANGES: Due to construction on the 6th Avenue S. Bridge, there will be lane changes for traffic going East and West. On May 2, the bridge will be closed on Lake Osborne Drive, you will not be able to go through to the church from Lake Worth Road.**

**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](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

## Matthew Meals

**Matthew Meals will be on hold for a while. Our kitchen renovation plans will be starting soon. We regret that we will be discontinuing the Matthew Meals Program until the kitchen is finished. We will announce when it will start up again after everything is complete and inspected.**

**DON'T FORGET  
MOTHER'S DAY**



**NEXT WEEK  
MAY 8TH**

## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**THE CROS FOOD PANTRY IS ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</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 5th and 19th 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  
May birthday  
listed?  
Please let us  
know.  
Happy Birthday!



**May Birthdays**

- 2 Dennis Simmons
- Jerry Booher
- 5 Nancy Hotchkiss
- Nancy Howard
- 6 Jim Brown
- Joyce Blankenship
- 7 Carl Linderson
- 8 Monica Harden
- 9 Marilyn VanVleet
- 11 Chante Garrett
- Beverly Hartman
- Garfield King
- 13 Emma Orrock
- 16 Rebecca Walters
- 24 Bill Athas
- 25 Gloria Redon
- 27 Maria Batista
- 29 Mary Hanna
- Erlinda Gonzalez

**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.

**HAPPINESS CAKE**

- 1 cup of good thoughts
- 1 cup of kind deeds
- 1 cup of consideration for others
- 2 cups of sacrifice
- 2 cups of well beaten faults
- 3 cups of forgiveness

Mix thoroughly. Add tears of joy, sorrow and sympathy. Flavor with love and kindly service. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith. Blend well. Fold in daily life. Bake well, with the warmth of human kindness. Serve with a smile anytime. It will satisfy the hunger of starved souls.