

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

JUNE

RETIREMENT  
BAR-B-QUE



PLEASE JOIN US as we honor  
Pastor David Branson

**WHEN:** Saturday, JUNE 18TH **WHERE:** CHURCH GROUNDS **WHEN:** 4PM—7PM

Over the past 11 yrs, Pastor David, Nanci and family have been part of our family. We will be sad to see them leave as Pastor David begins his retirement. Please come and spend some time with him and his family letting them know just how much they are loved and will be missed!

MENU! PULLED BBQ PORK; PULLED BBQ CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, MAC  
& CHEESE; FRESH SUMMER CORN, AND POTATO SALAD



Dear Lakeside Family:

May 26, 2022



The time has come to say goodbye to a great church family. Nanci and I have been blessed to serve alongside you all for 11 wonderful years. It seems like just yesterday that I came into your midst, very nervous and unsure of what to do first. But you all were filled with grace as we got to know you and began a great ministry together, as we served the people of Lake Worth. We have made many friends and became a part of your families as well. I have been a part of many lives as we baptized new babies, married a few of you and had the honor of being there when loved ones have passed away and celebrating their lives together. We will miss you all and know that we will carry you in our hearts as we explore where our journey goes from here. We love you all and have cherished the time we have been together.



Blessings,

Pastor David and Nanci Branson



**F** = FOREVER WITH HIS FAMILY

**A** = ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU NO MATTER WHAT

**T** = THE ONLY ONE WHO'S THERE

**H** = HE'S MY HERO TILL THE END

**E** = ENCOURAGING IN EVERYTHING I DO

**R** = REALLY THE ONLY ONE...NO ONE CAN BEAT HIM



**Dear Friends in Mission,**

April 21, 2022

Thank you!

Your financial support is enabling **Global Ministries** to fulfill the mission of the Church through evangelism and church growth. And through our financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries.

United Methodist missionaries come from many places and backgrounds, witnessing and serving in dramatically different locals and cultures, engaging in a range of activities and professions as pastors, educators, congregational and leadership developers, regional coordinators for UMCOR, agriculturalists, health coordinators, and doctors.

Thank you for actively partnering with Global Ministries as we move forward in establishing over four hundred new congregations and faith communities in nations around the world. I ask that you pray that others will participate in this exciting movement of the Spirit through evangelism and church growth.

**Roland Fernandes**, General Secretary, supporting Eurasia in Mission Together — Ukraine and Moldova

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**FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME** (established 1908)

Children across the state are enjoying the warm spring weather and are looking forward to summer and a break from school, maybe a fun week at summer camp. Our youth are no exception, but their needs are more than typical. May 29th is **HERE** and we are taking up the Fifth Sunday Offering. Even if you are unable to attend services at church, you can still make a special gift to the Children's Home. (even after 5-29)

Your gift will help children like Angela, one of the teens living on our Enterprise Campus. She has been in our care almost a year after being removed from her home because of abuse and neglect. When she first arrived, Angela was despondent and self-destructive. She was having trouble coping with her emotions that resulted from her trauma and it was taking a toll on her personal and academic well-being.

The therapist for Angela developed a care plan that emphasized the coping skills she needed. With the support of her houseparents and teachers, Angela has shown considerable improvement and has recently stepped down to a less therapeutic program. She is doing well in our cottage for teenage girls and has even gotten her Learner's Permit.

Please help support Angela and many other's like her. There is a special envelope for giving in this week's bulletin or make a note on your check when you donate.

**Thanks for your support!**

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 and safety, but for the health and 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 at: [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.

Blessings and Peace

Pastor David S. Branson

### **Book Club 2022 Selections**

Book Club will be on Zoom again. We hope YOU will be ready to join us on JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

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.

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#### **TOTAL DEPENDENCE OF GOD**

The temptation so often is to cut short or skip our time with the Lord and move on to “getting something practical done.” More and more, I am realizing that if I prioritize truly connecting in my relationship with Jesus, abiding through prayer and the Word, He can accomplish so much more through me. Without that priority in place, I am really moving forward in my own strength, separated from Him, and living in self-dependence, which never turns out well.

So many great persons of faith did amazing things when they were in a close relationship with God, totally depending on Him, but then suffered humiliating defeats when they opted to depend on themselves. Examples such as David with Goliath and then David with Bathsheba, Joshua at Jericho and then at Ai, Peter walking on water and the denying his Lord. They are listed as some of His great people of faith which encourages us when we fail in self-dependence, and it shows us that repentance and reconnection can restore us to!

Excerpted from an article entitled “No Limits” in Ministry Newsletter May, 2022

## 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 get 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 have started. 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.**

## **JULY HEAT IS COMING! LET'S CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM**



## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**THE CROS FOOD PANTRY IS ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup>... AND THIS MONTH ALSO ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY, 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 Thursday, July 7th and 21st 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 out to give already bagged food to people. Because the Pantry is held outside in the parking lot, if it is raining they do not come.**

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**We have a Place for  
You!**

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Don't see your  
June birthday  
listed?

Please let us  
know.

**Happy Birthday!**



**June Birthdays**

- 9 Travis Boer
- 10 Jane Harden
- 13 Steve Bergkamp
- 15 Charles Frye
- 16 Rosemary Pierre
- 18 Luann (Davis) Call  
Jamesha Jarvis  
Joyce Kruger
- 20 Alex Melkonian
- 21 Lane Laubscher  
Siyree St. Louis
- 23 Jill Bergkamp
- 24 Julie Ramey
- 27 Maurice Hartman
- 28 Norma Johnson
- 29 Barbara Short

**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.

***OFFICE HOURS HAVE ADJUSTED SLIGHTLY, OUR ADMIN-  
ISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, JULIE, IS HERE MONDAY - FRI-  
DAY FROM 8:30AM TO 12:30PM***

***You can still email us at lumc\_lw@bellsouth.net***