

# LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LAKESIDE LANTERN



Sharing the  
Grace of  
God  
In our 64<sup>th</sup>  
Year!

NOVEMBER,  
DECEMBER  
2022

Greetings everyone,

What a continued blessing it is to be here with such wonderful people at Lakeside and the surrounding community!

Like being part of a small group? I am looking to start small groups here at Lakeside to nourish people on their Christian journey. If you would like to be a leader of a small group in an area of interest to you, let's talk about how you can reach and teach others!

Christmas is right around the corner! As Christians, we believe this to be the birthday of Jesus. Let us celebrate and adore the birth of our Lord and Savior in the midst of all we are doing to prepare for the Christmas holiday.

<sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1: 30-33) NRSVUE.

This is good news and the best present we will receive this Christmas!

Be blessed and continue to stay safe!

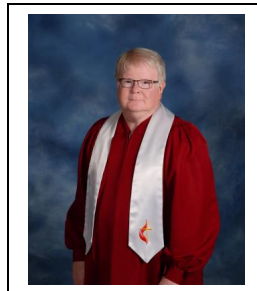
Blessings and Peace,

God's Servant,

Pastor Debra



*Thank you all for the wonderful retirement party, many cards, letters, good wishes and generous love offerings you extended to me on the occasion of my retirement. The memories I hold dear from Lakeside will remain with me for the rest of my days. From the moment David Van Vleet introduced me to the congregation until this day, I have felt God's love showered upon me by the entire congregation. I pray God's blessings remain upon all the members and friends of Lakeside as you continue to make disciples of our Lord and Savior, Christ.*



Wendell Waltman



## "Church Without Walls"

Join us for an exciting new outreach ministry to our community! On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Jan 29), we will have a shorter worship service and then minister to those who are without a physical residence, blessing them with "Manna Bags!" See the list on the right. You have 3 ways to help, 1) bring completed "Bags" or 2) donate items on the list and we'll have a team to put them together, or 3) donate money specifically to "Church without Walls." An additional focus will be to spend time listening and talking with those beloved souls, sharing the "Good News."



### Lakeside United Methodist Church Manna Bags Serving the Homeless

#### Suggested Content Ideas for Manna Bags

- Large zip-lock bag
- bottled water
- toiletries in plastic bottles, like shampoo, bars of soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb
- washcloth
- socks
- plastic utensils: spoon, fork
- napkins or wipes
- Non-perishable food. If in cans, make sure it has a pop top, not one that needs a can opener
- packages of sunflower seeds or nuts
- canned tuna or stew
- peanut butter crackers
- chips
- power bars or granola bars
- apple sauce or other fruit in cups
- juice boxes
- boxes of raisins
- hard candies or mints





**O=OUT  
W=WITH  
L=LAKESIDE  
L=LADIES**

# “DOWLL”

**WHAT: LADIES’ DINNER  
WHEN: DECEMBER 19 @ 6PM  
WHERE: THE HIVE  
2412 FLORAL ROAD  
LAKE WORTH  
WHY: FELLOWSHIP  
WHO’S PAYING: DUTCH TREAT**

**(Call Teresa Wilhelm at (561) 317-2808 for more info AND to secure your seat. Call her by noon on the 18th)**



## BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS - 2023

**Book Club will be LIVE IN PERSON and on ZOOM!!!**

**We hope YOU will be ready to join us on the third Monday of every month at Noon in the LIBRARY! Bring a sack lunch, if you desire, as we discuss the monthly book and have great fellowship!**

**DECEMBER 12 – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – Atlantis Grill & Bar, 5805 Congress Ave., Atlantis, FL RSVP TO Janet Lane by 12/5 (561) 308-7751**

- 1/16/23 – “When You Look Like Us” by Pamela Harris, Karen Columbo, host**
- 2/20/23 – “to be determined” Janice Hatt, Host**
- 3/20/23 – “Vioeta” by Isabel Allende, Cecelia Broadwater, host**
- 4/17/23 – “to be determined” Terry Browning, host**
- 5/15/23 – “After We Were Stolen” by Brooke Beyfuss, Joyce Wooding, host**
- 6/19/23 - “13 ½” by Nevada Barr, Clare Shore, host**
- 7/16/23 – “The Story Keeper” by Lisa Wingate, Betty McMurphy, host**
- 8/21/23 – “The Wright Sister” by Ricahrd Maurer, Janet Lane, host**
- 9/18/23 – “to be determined” D’Ette Mathews**
- 10/16/23 – “Palidrome” by Stuart Woods**
- 11/20/23 – Planning Session**
- 12/18/23 – “Christmas Party”**



**Statistics tell us that  
Breakfast is the most  
important meal of the day!!!**

**CALLING ALL MEN! Meet us at  
Kona Bay, 310 E. Ocean Ave.,  
Lantana Rd. on December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at 8:00AM for some great  
food and fellowship. A few  
laughs and meet interesting  
fellas.**



**HERE IT IS .... What do  
you get when you cross a  
Christmas tree with an  
apple? Email Julie at  
[LUMChurch\\_lw@bellsouth.net](mailto:LUMChurch_lw@bellsouth.net)  
with your guess**

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IS NOW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH. IT IS STILL THE OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. THERE IS A NEW LOGO. THE PURPOSE IS BASICALLY THE SAME. WE STILL HAVE "RESPONSE" MAGAZINE, PROGRAM BOOK, PRAYER CALENDAR AND OTHER RESOURCES.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH IS STILL FOCUSED ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND AS WELL AS PROVIDE FELLOWSHIP, SUPPORT, PRAYER GROUPS, MISSION STUDIES AND OTHER EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OR EVEN ANY CHURCH TO BE A MEMBER. YOU CAN JOIN THE UNIT AT LAKESIDE UMC OR CHECK OUT THE ALL ACCESS ON-LINE GROUP.

IT WILL BE AFTER NEW YEAR'S BEFORE WE CAN HAVE PROGRAMS OR EVENTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BECAUSE OF THE ON-GOING RENOVATIONS.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE COULD LOOK AT OTHER IDEAS – GET TOGETHER FOR LUNCH OR BREAKFAST – GO TO A MOVIE OR MUSEUM – MEET AT SOMEONE'S HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE – WHAT ELSE?

IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS FOR THINGS TO DO LET US KNOW – ME, BETTY MCMURCHY, JANE HARDEN, SHIRLEY TURNER, BARBARA RUSSUM, JEAN CRAWFORD. NANCY GETTYS (561-301-7655) [NANCYGETTYS13@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:NANCYGETTYS13@HOTMAIL.COM)



# Knock! Knock!



Dear Lakeside Family,

**Opportunity is knocking at your door! God has supplied you an opportunity to volunteer, but it's up to you to open the door. Yes, YOU! If you say yes, I will find a spot for you, no matter your limitations. "God does not call the qualified; he qualifies the called." (1 Cor. 2:1-5)**

**As our programming starts returning with fresh ideas, many volunteer opportunities working with children, youth, and families will arise. You can contact me via text or phone call at (561) 313-7470 or email at [hcrissy@bellsouth.net](mailto:hcrissy@bellsouth.net) with any questions. A sign up sheet twill be located in the Narthex. Child protection training and screening will be scheduled at a later date, once we have our volunteers. I am looking forward to working with those that answer the knock.**

**"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Gal. 6:9) Remember the seeds that we plant in the youth today will be the blossoms we see in the future.**

Thank you in advance,

Christina Harden

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month is "YOUTH SUNDAY!" We honor Destiny as she is called to serve during the service! A deep heartfelt thanks to her. Keep ALL our youth in prayer!



AND, it's an honoring Sunday because we are also hosting "Drive-By Parades" to show that we love our Shut-ins!  
Join the fun!

**STAND IN THE GAP FOR THE HUNGRY! CROS MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL FORCE FOR FEEDING THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY! DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN THE TUB ON THE GIFTING TABLE, OR MARK YOUR CHECK'S MEMO LINE WITH "CROS MINISTRIES."**

**next Distribution of Food will be on **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** from 4 – 6 PM at a staging area in our parking lot.**



**BONUS RIDDLE: FIND THE HIDDEN PICTURE OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF THE SONG "THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS."**

## **SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 65:17-25**

### **The Glorious New Creation**

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; <sup>23</sup> Or sudden terror for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

### The Freedom of Holy Gratitude

I thank God every time I remember you in all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.  
Phil. 1:3-5

Research has proven that people who are regularly grateful are more empathetic, forgiving, helpful, and supportive. These attributes certainly fall in line with the teaching of Christ, don't they?

Paul writes in Colossians 3:12-17 to remind us believers,

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone; forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts and whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

May you and those around you find hope during this season of thankfulness. May you dive into holy gratitude and risk being transformed by the Spirit of God.

Peace and Strength, GREG ARNOLD, CEO/GENERAL SECRETARY Men's and Scouting Ministries  
The United Methodist Church.

**Church and Mission giving** – Our giving has to be modified to accommodate the reality that not all of us are able to gather in person to worship. Electronic giving through PayPal is the best way of giving from home. 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 United Methodist Church  
1901 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.  
Lake Worth, FL 33461

## SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED

Guess who won the prize last month! Sherri Fulliove! Congratulations on your gift card to Amazon! This month,

Solve the riddle!!! Email when you find it to win the prize.

# *“Our Pastor’s Porch”*

**December 16, 2022  
4PM – 6PM**

**FOOD, FUN and  
FELLOWSHIP**



**LINDA FRIEND HAS A UNIQUE MINISTRY WHERE SHE PROVIDES FUN FOR KIDS AT THE SATURDAY FLEA MARKET AT THE MOVIE THEATER. IF YOU COULD HELP HER WITH PROVIDING SOME TREATS OR SMALL GAMES OR PRIZES FOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, IT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO PROVIDING SOME “CHEER” TO THOSE KIDS WHO NEED IT. CALL LINDA AT (561) 707-1223**



*“Return of The Un - Poinsettias Celebration*



As an alternative to masses of poinsettia plants donated to decorate the church that may not be treated well, Lakeside is celebrating with “Un-Poinsettias.” Rather than purchasing plants, donations to ministries are given in honor or memory of loved ones. On Christmas Eve, the names of the donors and honorees are listed in the bulletin. Ministries this year are:

- Lakeside's Pastor's Fund
- UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)
- Florida United Methodist Children's Home

To make a donation, check the box of the above ministry you wish to give to; fill out information needed below; write Un-Poinsettia in the memo on your check; and, place it in the offering box.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

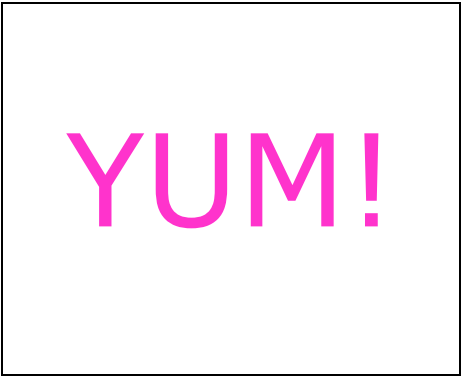
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

The birthday girl’s recipe!

CREAMY POTATO PUFF  
BEVERLY JOSEFSEN

- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 4 c. hot mashed potatoes
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 c. finely chopped onion
- 1 tsp. salt
- Dash of pepper



Combine softened cream cheese and potatoes, mixing until well-blended. Add remaining ingredients. Place in 1-quart casserole. Bake at 350 for about 45 minutes.

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**We have a Place  
for You**

**Don't see your  
December  
birthday listed?**

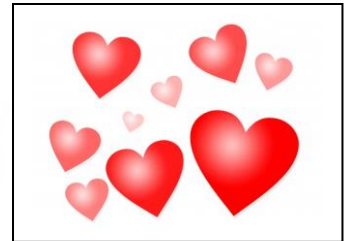
**Please let us  
know**

**Happy Birthday!**



## December Birthdays

11 Beverly Josephson  
18 Ellen Keene  
20 Janice Hatt



### 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.

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**HAPPY, HAPPY BLESSED HOLIDAYS!  
MAY THIS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR  
FILL YOUR LIFE WITH GOD'S LOVE,  
MIRACLES AND COMPASSION!**