

LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LAKESIDE LANTERN



Sharing the
Grace of
God
In our 64th
Year!

FEBRUARY
2023

Greetings everyone,

As I am fast approaching one year at Lakeside UMC, I would like to reflect on a few things during my time here in Lake Worth. 1. It rains a lot here! 2. Richard and I have spotted alligators in Lake Osborne! 3. Ministry wise, we are looking to grow the children, youth, and young adult ministry. On January 19, 2023, Richard and I welcomed our third granddaughter into God's world, "Trinity Nadine Thompson." The proud parents are Jerrod Thompson and Mary Hill.

I have Spiritual Gifts Surveys which have been distributed to the leaders at Lakeside. We want to ensure everyone in the congregation gets a Spiritual Gifts Survey as well. Please call or email the office to let our office assistant, Julie, know that you would like a survey, and we will ensure you receive one at the following worship service.

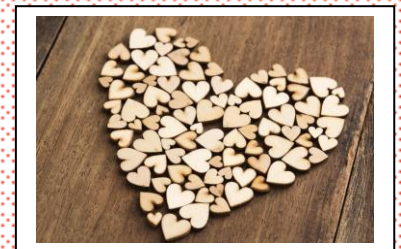
Gene Wilkes from Lifeway Christian Resources describes a spiritual gift as, "an expression of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers which empowers them to serve the body of Christ, the church." Luke 10:2 (NIV) "He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Let's get busy Lakeside tapping into each person's spiritual gifts and doing the work of ministry!

The Lenten season is fast approaching. On Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, we will have our Lent Bible Study 12:00-1:00 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM, with imposition of the ashes to follow on Ash Wednesday. The Lent Bible study dates are: (2023) February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 and March 29, 2023. Please join us from 12:00-1:00 PM or 6:30-7:30 PM as we explore Jesus' seven last words through the book, "Seven Words, Listening to Christ from the Cross", by Susan Robb.

Blessings and Peace,

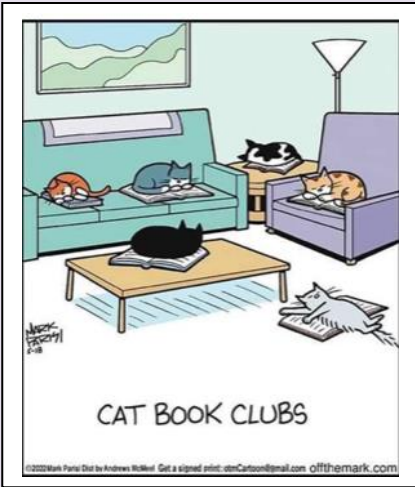
God's Servant,

Pastor Debra



HAPPY
VALENTINES
DAY!

BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS 2023



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!

(And if you would like to attend in your pajamas, please contact the office to hook you up with the Zoom live event.)

- 2/20/23 – “The Henna Artist” by Alka Joshi, Janice Hatt, Host
- 3/20/23 – “Violeta” 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 McMurchy, 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”



“DOWLL”



“D”ining
 “O”ut
 “W”ith
 “T”he
 “L”adies



WHAT: LADIES’
 DINNER
 WHEN: FEBRUARY 20
 AT 6:00PM
 WHERE: ROSALITA’S
 TEX-MEX GRILL,
 NW CORNER LANTANA
 & CONGRESS

(Call Teresa Wilhelm at (561) 317-2808 for more info AND to secure your seat. Call her by noon on the 19th)

INSPIRATION CORNER: "Hope"

"I had hope, faith, courage, aspiration, and most of all determination to accomplish something in life... I resolved to make a mark for myself." Thomas Dorsey

Thomas Dorsey, known as the "father of gospel music" is best known for "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" though he composed more than 400 songs. The son of a Baptist preacher and a church organist, he found early success after leaving Atlanta for Chicago. At 21, he suffered a nervous breakdown which left him unable to write, practice, or play. After convalescing back in Atlanta, he ignored his mother's pleas to return to his faith roots and returned to Chicago and started playing the blues.

He suffered a second breakdown and was again unable to play. After recovering this time, he committed himself to "do the Lord's work" but his blend of spiritual lyrics with worldly blues was rejected by churches. In 1932, Dorsey lost his wife and son in childbirth. It was then, overcome by grief, that he penned "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," which he declared, "came direct from God." A few years later, he teamed up with Mahalia Jackson who later said, "Gospel songs are the songs of hope. When you sing gospel, you have a feeling there is a cure for what's wrong."

Dorsey's life and hope is a testimony that no matter the challenges we face, they are not new, and God had promised to see us through. His gospel music, much like a great gospel message, has the power to uplift us and focus our minds and hearts on God's faithfulness.

Then, we can acknowledge our trials, and still give God the glory as we are admonished in Colossians 3:15-17, "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."

As we celebrate Black History Month, may we learn the valuable lessons from our past as we seek God's guidance for the future and are reminded that in spite of our struggles, God is always present, and our hope is in Him.

**NO ONE GUESSED
JANUARY'S
RIDDLE, SO TRY
AGAIN:**

**"IN CALIFORNIA
WHAT DO YOU
HAVE TO OBTAIN
BEFORE YOU CAN
KILL A RAT???"**

**THERE WILL BE 2
WINNERS THIS
MONTH**



**WINNER RECEIVES
BRAGGING RIGHTS
AND A GIFT CARD**

**FEBRUARY'S
RIDDLE**

**WHERE DO
YOU FIND A
COW WITH
NO LEGS?**

FIRST TO LEAVE A MESSAGE OR EMAIL AT THE OFFICE WINS!!!

Ps, you can only win once a year



**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 FEBRUARY 4TH
at 8:00AM for some great
food and fellowship. A few
laughs and meet interesting
fellas.**



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



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 with any questions. A sign up sheet will 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 4th 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, COMING SOON!!! 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, February 5th and 19th from 4 – 6 PM at a staging area in our parking lot.**



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 under the GIVING banner.

If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can mail it to:

Lakeside United Methodist Church
1901 12th Avenue S.
Lake Worth, FL 33461

Guess who won the prize last month? No one ... it's back in the Riddle section so there are 2 chances to win this month!!



“Our Pastor’s Porch”

**“COMING BACK THIS
SPRING”
4PM – 6PM**

**FOOD, FUN and
FELLOWSHIP**



Celebrating PASTOR DEBRA’S birthday, here is her recipe on:

Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

1/2 cup butter (softened)
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger
3 cups Quaker Oats (old fashioned, uncooked)
1 cup raisins

Step 1

Heat oven to 350°F.

Step 2

In large bowl, beat butter and sugars on medium speed of electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Add combined flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger; mix well. Add oats and raisins; mix well.

Step 3

Drop dough by rounded tablespoonful’s onto ungreased cookie sheets.

Step 4

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly covered



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**We have a Place
for You**

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

**Please let us
know**

Happy Birthday!



FEBRUARY **Birthdays**

- 2 Daniel Walsh
- 3 Wanda Laubscher
- 11 Pastor Debra Thompson
- 18 William Kruger
- 21 Janae Harden
- 27 Tom Harden



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

8:30am - 1:30pm

You are always welcome
to call (561) 585-7519

OR email us at

lumc_lw@bellsouth.net

SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED