

LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LAKESIDE LANTERN



**Sharing the
Grace of
God
In our 64th
Year!**

JULY 2023

Greetings everyone,

It has officially been a year since my arrival to Lakeside!

The journey here has been fruitful, fantastic and at times, yes frustrating. However, God has always given me times of hope and encouragement. I am looking forward to seeing all that God has in store for us.

**“but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.**

They will soar on wings like eagles;

they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Ministry is coming back alive here at Lakeside, and we are excited. Please plug into a ministry you sense God is calling you, we need you!

The Florida Annual Conference held June 8-10, 2023 at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida was phenomenal. The theme, “Abounding in Hope” was uplifting and well... full of hope. If you have not attended an Annual Conference before, you should.

Richard and I look forward to the continued journey here at Lakeside.

I love being your pastor!

Pastor Debra



PASTOR'S PORCH DUCKS



Pastor was able to meet up with dear friends at the conference.



Fireworks date back to 1777.

Americans eat an estimated 150 million hot dogs on the Independence Day holiday weekend.



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.)

7/16/23 – “The Story Keeper” by Lisa Wingate, Betty McMurchy, host

8/21/23 – “The Wright Sister” by Richard Maurer, Janet Lane, host

9/18/23 – “to be determined” D’Ette Mathews

10/16/23 – “Palindrome” by Stuart Woods

11/20/23 – Planning Session

12/18/23 – “Christmas Party”



“DOWLL”



“D”ining
“O”ut
“W”ith
“L”akeside
“L”adies



WHAT: LADIES’ DINNER

**WHEN: July 17, 2023
6:00PM**

**WHERE: Atlantis Grill
5805 S. Congress Ave
NW Corner of Lantana & Congress**

WHY: FELLOWSHIP

(Cash is the preferred form of payment.)

(Text Teresa Wilhelm at (561) 317-2808 for more info AND to secure your seat. Call her by noon on Sunday, the 16th)



The Declaration of Independence

The American colonists' breakup with the British Empire in 1776 wasn't a sudden, impetuous act. In the early 1770s, more and more colonists became convinced that Parliament intended to

take away their freedom. It was the British Parliament's method to bring its unruly American subjects to heel. The banding together of the 13 colonies to fight and win a war of independence against the British Crown was the culmination of a series of those events.

The composers of the Declaration of Independence believed in a creator God and believed that God sometimes acted in human history, by God's providence. Few could imagine human life as anything but the pinnacle of a divinely created order. Where else could life have come from, aside from God? If God created people, then God also endowed people with rights, ones which were not justly alienable by any human authority.

The declaration says nothing that we would regard as specifically Christian (such as an affirmation of Jesus as Lord), but it is deeply dependent upon belief in a created order. The writers believed in a powerful, rational, and benevolent Creator, God, who was present and active in human affairs. The document sees our common creation by God as the basis of our equality and rights. Its theological character is precisely what made the declaration the most resounding statement of human equality.

The Declaration of Independence states three basic ideas:

- (1) God made all men equal and gave them the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;
- (2) The main business of government is to protect these rights;
- (3) If a government tries to withhold these rights, the people are free to revolt and to set up a new government.

RIDDLE from JUNE

"What question can you never answer yes to?"

ANSWER:

"ARE YOU ASLEEP YET?"

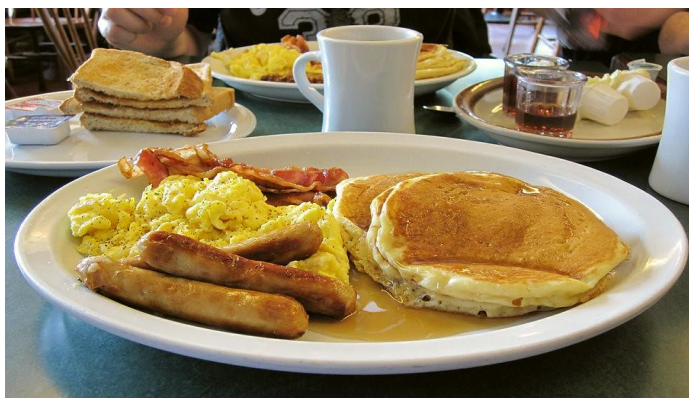


JULY'S RIDDLE

Where do you take a sick boat?

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST



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

CALLING ALL MEN!

**MEET US AT FELLOWSHIP
HALL FOR A FRESH
COOKED BREAKFAST! on
July 1st at 8:00AM for some
great food, fellowship, and
a few laughs!**



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

July 2023 Newsletter:

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 providing fellowship and other events for our members. Do we believe in a bright new future? Can we do something different? What will we do to make it happen? We need to work together to show Love in Action for women, children and youth. How can we move forward and focus on the future? Suggestions and solutions are welcome!

Gifts to missions help us support our local work as well as larger projects near and far through our district pledge. If you would like to support the work of our local unit of United Women in Faith checks can be made out to United Women in Faith (or UMW) and mailed to the church, Attention Barbara Russum (our treasurer) or given to her Sunday morning.

Nancy Gettys 561-622-8309
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Our most requested program is back...

“MATTHEW MEALS!!!”

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

This service to our community was started after a hurricane disrupted power to our city. Having gas appliances, our church began serving hot meals to the neighbors near our church.

A group of faithful volunteers decided to continue this service of a hot meal at the end of every month even after electricity was restored.

We started this on June 24, 2023 and we served almost 100 meals! We stood at the driveway and waved people into the parking lot to receive a free meal or meals for their family.

Now we need **YOU!** Volunteers are needed to help the fourth Saturday of each month.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR HELP??

See Jane Harden or Barbara Russum for more information.

LAKESIDE'S CARD MINISTRY

Over 70 cards have been sent to our Lakeside family members so far in 2023! That includes those with illness, an accident, surgery, loss, and loneliness. Also included are those confined to rehabs, nursing facilities, or their homes.

Thank you to the many faithful "signers" that stop by the table **EVERY** Sunday morning! You are being a blessing to others!

We are thankful to Joyce Blankenship and Barbara Russum for providing those colorful pens. It makes the cards look so beautiful!

If you have extra, un-needed cards stuffed in a closet or a drawer, we can use them for the Card Ministry. Cards that say "**Get Well**," "**Thinking of You**," or that are **blank inside** are useful. Also, stamps (or cash to purchase stamps) can be donated.

See Teresa Wilhelm for more information.

Here at Lakeside United Methodist Church, we feel led to help others. There are many ways you can be a part of "giving" to our community:

- Help prepare/serve Matthew Meals: a hot, take-out meal for the community
- Collect school supplies for our local school children (A list is provided in your weekly bulletin)
- C.R.O.S. collects food to distribute through their food pantry.
- Manna Bags are prepared for 5th Sunday distribution. These consist of toiletries, personal hygiene products, and single-serve, pop-top food items.

All items can be placed in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless You!

CONNECT CARDS

Why do we use Connect Cards?

- Prayer requests
- Messages for the Pastor
- Change of address/phone number
- Messages for the Church Office
- Attendance

If all of your information is the same, simply fill in your name and the date! Thank you for remembering to do this every week.

C.R.O.S.

Food Pantry

Dates

First & Third Thursdays

July 6 & 20
4:00-6:00 pm

Lakeside's
Parking Lot

“Our Pastor’s Porch”

A pleasant afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship was attended by about 20 people!



ANNOUNCING A NEW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR ALL MEMBERS:

“Mugs and Muffins”

Join us on **July 26, 2023** at
10:00 AM in the fellowship hall
for a cup of coffee and a muffin!
A time to renew
Friendships and fellowship.
You don't have to be a member
of Lakeside to join us.

Contact Nancy Gettys for more Information
(561-301-7655) Nancygettys13@hotmail.com



Apportionments for the Methodist Church

Apportionments, or Connectional Giving as they were previously named, are the funds requested by the Annual Conference in each District of the United Methodist Church. It is a portion of the General Budget, which is assigned to each church in the local district. This is considered to be our fair share of the budget to support the outreach of the Conference as well as the local Bishop and District Superintendents.

In the Florida Conference, some of the Apportionments are World Service, Conference Benevolence, Africa University, Interdenominational Cooperation, and Ministerial Education. The amount of our fair share is based on what we spend on ourselves (payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc.), compared to the rest of the churches in the Conference. This amount is then factored into the approved budget for the Florida Conference. Membership and attendance are not included in these calculations.

Since 2007, Lakeside United Methodist Church has been paying 100% of what we are asked to pay. Not all church are able to do this and we recently received a letter from our Bishop, Tom Berlin, thanking us. In the last several years, we have been able to pay this amount with the first check of the year. This is our "Firstfruits".

Thank you, Lakeside, for your continued support; we couldn't do it without you.

Proverbs 3: 9-10 (NIV)

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the Firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim with new wine.

Church and Mission giving – We are again passing the collection plates during Worship Service. Electronic giving through PayPal is another 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.
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**I STAND FOR
OUR FLAG
I KNEEL FOR
THE CROSS**



**PROUD TO BE
AMERICAN
BLESSED TO
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**We have a Place
for You**

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

**Please let us
know**

Happy Birthday!



JULY
Birthdays

- 16 Destiny Harden
- 18 Beverly Knapp
- 23 Sally Chennell,
Donna Harris
- 24 Max Moretz
- 29 Darren Fields
- 31 Judy Johnson

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

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**SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOMED**