

# LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LAKESIDE LANTERN



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

**August  
2023**

Greetings everyone,

Now that Richard and I have surpassed the one year mark of arriving in Lake Worth, I ask the question, "What's next?" Maybe everyone reading this newsletter near and far can help to answer the question... "What's next?" I can partially answer that question by noting ministry is coming back alive at Lakeside! The prophet Isaiah wrote: "but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV) Of course, we do not want to get rid of the old and come in with all new events; however, we do want to begin stretching our wings and as the prophet Isaiah said, "Mount up with wings like eagles!!!"

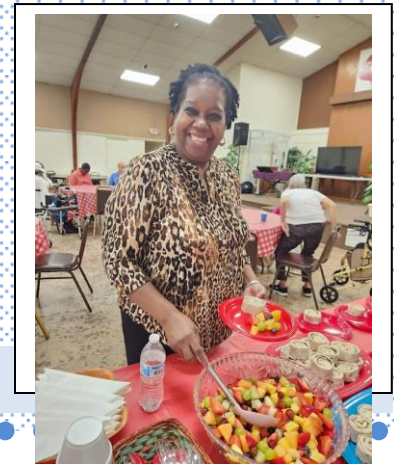
On June 28, 2023, we held a strategic planning meeting to calendar our events for the next six months. I am pleased to note the focus of the majority events were out-reach rather than in-reach. We are making an impact on our surrounding community with mission focused projects for surrounding schools, forgotten soldiers, and pregnant women, just to name a few. Let's "mount up with wings like eagles" and continue making a difference in our world, individually and corporally. Let's also "mount up with wings like eagles" and explore new avenues of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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

I love being your pastor!

Pastor Debra

PS: Frieda (the duck) had her eggs and she hasn't been seen. Out doing her mothering. We understand that she might be back next year.



**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.)

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

9/18/23 – “Wolf Hall” by Hilary Mantel, Terry Browning, host

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: August 21, 2023  
6:00PM**

**WHERE: Olive Garden**  
5801 Lake Worth Road  
Lake Worth FL 33463  
(NW corner of LW Rd and  
South 57th Ave)

**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 20th)**



School days, school days, dear old Golden Rule days!



How many of you remember beginning your school day with the Pledge of Allegiance, the song "America", and perhaps a prayer? Fond memories!

Did you know the words "under God" were added to the Pledge by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954? At the signing of this Act, President Eisenhower said, "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our Nation and our people to the Almighty."

Here's another interesting tidbit: While as President, Thomas Jefferson also served as the Superintendent of Public Schools for Washington, DC. He required that the Bible be read by all grades in every classroom in those district schools. The Bible was the actual textbook!

Here is one prayer that was often recited in schools. Let's pray it for our children as they begin this new school year. "Almighty God, we acknowledge dependence upon Thee and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country. Amen"

# C.R.O.S.

## Food Pantry Dates

**First, Third, & Fifth Thursdays**

**August 3, 17, & 31 = 4:00-6:00 pm**

**Lakeside's Parking Lot**

### RIDDLE from JULY

**Where do you take  
a sick boat?**

**ANSWER:**

**To the Dock-tor**



### August's

### RIDDLE

**Why did the pig  
STOP  
sunbathing?**

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



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**ALL MEN WELCOME!**

**MEET US AT FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOR A FRESH COOKED  
BREAKFAST! August 5th at  
8:00AM for some great food,  
fellowship, and a few laughs!  
(Cooks please come  
around 6:30 AM)  
See you there!!**



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

### August 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.

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## CONNECT CARDS

Why do we use Connect Cards?

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

**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.**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

## ***LAKESIDE'S CARD MINISTRY***

Over 85 cards have been sent to our Lakeside family members so far in 2023! That includes those with an illness, an accident, a surgery, a family death, or simply loneliness.

Also included are those confined to rehab centers, nursing facilities, or their homes.

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

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.

**Our most requested program is back...**

**"MATTHEW MEALS!!!"**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 restarted 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, hot, take-home meal 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.

Hey Lakesiders! How many of these names do you recognize? If you know any of these amazing people, please let them know we'd love to see, or at least hear from them. Invite them to come back to church. And, let the office know so that we can reach out also. Email Lakeside United Methodist [Church\\_lw@bellsouth.net](mailto:Church_lw@bellsouth.net). Thanks!

Abdool, David  
 Andrews, David  
 Athas, Heather  
 Batista, Maria  
 Booher, Jerry  
 Booth, Karen  
 Brittain, Virginia  
 Chapman, Andy  
 Chennell, Catriona  
 Frye, Rosalie  
 Garnett, Michael  
 Gonzalez, Linda

Goolsby, Rosalie  
 Gough, Mary  
 Grispino, Suzanne  
 Grispino, Tony  
 Howard, Nancy  
 Johnson, Jennifer  
 Johnson, Judy  
 Johnson, Norma  
 Keene, Bonnie  
 Kimmey, Lori  
 Loor, Alexis  
 Loor, Andrew

Mahoney, Lois  
 Mandy, Chad  
 McCulley, Toya  
 Ness, Charles  
 Novello, Barbara  
 O'Hara, Clarissa  
 Pierre, Rosemary  
 Powell, Marjorie  
 Rua, Barbara  
 Rua, Doug  
 Salter, Kyanne  
 Sickel, Laura

Simms, John  
 Straubinger, Carolann  
 Walters, Joyce  
 Walters, Peter  
 Walters, Rebecca  
 Weissbach, Caren  
 Weissbach, Sharon  
 Wiley, Matt  
 Willis, Charles  
 Willis, Heather

## A NEW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR ALL



# “Mugs and Muffins”



Join us once again on **August 23**, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee and a muffin! A time to renew old friendships and have fellowship. You don't have to be a member of Lakeside to join us. We had a great group of 14 people last month!

**But do bring your own mug!**

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 the 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**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OF OUR YOUTH . . .**

**CHANTE' GARRETT** RECEIVED HER DEGREE IN NURSING AND PASSED HER STATE CERTIFICATION. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL AND EVELYN GARRETT.

**MONICA HARDEN** GRADUATED FROM COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL AND PASSED HER STATE CERTIFICATION. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF CHRISTINA HARDEN, AND THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF TOM AND JANE HARDEN.

**WE'VE WATCHED THESE TWO YOUNG LADIES GROW UP IN OUR CHURCH.  
YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IS PROUD OF YOU!**

**WE HONOR OUR FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE OUR SERVICES SO PLEASANT AND COMFORTABLE!**

Our faithful Volunteer Ushers greet you every Sunday morning, *Michael Garrett*, and *Ken Jarvis*. These gentlemen hand out bulletins, and also help our attendees with their walkers. They provide umbrellas during the downpours to and from our cars, and for many more things.

For our new Music Director, *Gary King*, who has livened and elevated our services. And *Tom Romano* who adds his piano stylings to the Worship Service.

*Teresa Hill*, who guides us through the songs and has such a lovely voice.

Our dedicated Worship Leaders who guide us lovingly into our Worship! *Vincent Manna*, *Leone Luis-Pierre* and there is need for more volunteers in this valuable ministry.

Also to *Gary Simmons*, who runs the sound and make sure everyone can hear the Service clearly.

*Donna Harris*, who keeps up with the Power Point slides so we can follow along easily.

*John Breedveld*, who runs the video screen to record the services and provide them to those who can't be with us.

*Teresa Wilhelm*, who does such a masterful job of sending cards out for the Card Ministry and encouraging all of us as we enter the Sanctuary.

**AND**, our newest member, the gracious *Betty McMurchy*, who greets everyone at the door with a warm welcome.

We **THANK YOU** for your continued service to God, Lakeside, and our people!



Matthew 14:18-21: <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**We have a Place  
for You**

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

**Please let us  
know**

**Happy Birthday!**



# August Birthdays

- 9 Gary Simmons
- 25: Evelyn Garrett
- 26: Chuck Blankenship
- 30: Jean Crawford



What do you think were the top concerns of teachers in 1940?

1-Running in the halls; 2-Talking out of turn; 3-Chewing gum

## 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](mailto:lumc_lw@bellsouth.net)

**SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS  
WELCOMED**