

# LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LAKESIDE LANTERN



**Sharing the  
Grace of  
God  
In our 65<sup>th</sup>  
Year!**

**NOVEMBER  
2023**

Greetings everyone,

It is that time of year again when we look forward to spending special time with our family, friends, relatives, associates and neighbors. While spending time with them, why not invite them to join you in our worship services?

A survey conducted by LifeWay Research found that:

- 48% of church attendees have not personally invited an unchurched person to attend a church service or some other program at their church.
- 33% of people say they've personally invited someone one or two times, and
- 19% say they've done so on three or more occasions in the last six months.

While the efficacy of personal invitations may be changing, it is still worth extending an invitation to someone you think might be interested in attending church. It is important to remember that everyone has different reasons for attending church, and some may be more receptive to an invitation than others.

Here at Lakeside we invite you to bring a guest every Sunday. Richard and I are the products of a church invite in 2004 that led us to both our callings in ministry and our ordinations. Everyone has spiritual gifts and we are all equipped to do kingdom work in whatever capacity God calls us.

**“And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” Acts 2:47, NLT**

This verse speaks to church growth; it does not provide a specific formula or strategy for achieving it. Instead, it emphasizes the importance of faith in Jesus Christ as the foundation for any successful ministry.

As a pastor who witnessed significant church growth at my last appointment, I know that personal invitations are very effective in achieving church growth. It takes all of us to support the ministry and effect church health and vitality.

Let's grow our church, “One Sunday at a time”!!!

I love being your pastor!

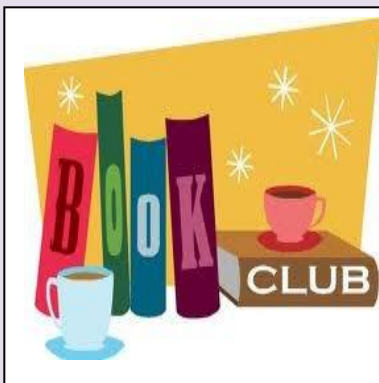
Pastor Debra

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Make plans to join us to celebrate and be thankful for everything God has done this year! Bring your whole family! AND BRING A FRIEND!**

**November 22, 2023 at 7:00**

**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, **AS WE FELLOWSHIP AND DISCUSS NEXT YEAR'S BOOK SELECTIONS! AND WE'LL PICK A PLACE FOR THE PARTY IN DECEMBER!**

(And if you would like to attend in your pajamas, there is a link sent out from Anne to connect you to the live event)

**11/20/23 – Planning Session**

**12/18/23 – "Christmas Party"**



**“DOWLL”**



**We are taking a break for the holidays, however, ... stay tuned for more exciting places to go to fellowship and eat. More scintillating conversations and laughter! Starting again in January of 2024**

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

**Text Teresa Wilhelm at (561) 317-2808 for more info**

Please take some time today to remember and pray for ALL our military veterans, and their families, past, present and future!

**THANK YOU !!**



## ORGAN CONCERT

with music (not hymns)  
from the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 90's



**Gary**



Played by

**King**



on the

Lowrey "**VIRTUAL ORCHESTRA**" Organ

Instruments demonstrated on the Lowrey "Virtual Orchestra" organ to include: Accordion, Clarinet, Guitar, Harmonica, Mariachi Band, Organ, Orchestra String Section, Saxophone, Slide Trombone, Trumpet

Rhythm Styles from the "Big Band" era to include: Ballads, Country Western, Foxtrots, Jazz, Marches, Polkas, Ragtime, Swing, Waltzes

We will be providing lyrics so you'll be able to "Sing-A-Long" with many of the songs !!

Please contact the office to purchase tickets at (561) 585-7519 - All funds will be donated to this church.

**Saturday Afternoon  
November 11, 2023 at 1:00 PM**

Lakeside United Methodist Church  
1801 12th Ave So, Lake Worth, FL 33463  
[WWW.LAKESIDEUMCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.LAKESIDEUMCHURCH.ORG)



### "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)
- MATTHEW MEALS



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WAS LAST WEEK, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> HERE ARE THE NAMES OF THE BELOVED

Helen Branson  
Mary Ann Giel  
Rick McManus  
Marilyn Tilley

Andy Chapman  
Jane Hamilton  
Peggy Morphesis  
David VanVleet

Kenneth Dowery  
Jane Lawson  
Barbara Short

## September Starts Salty Service Season

Matthew 5:13 states, "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot."

One definition for being a faithful "Salty" servant, according to the Bible, is to be a devoted and helpful follower of God, to be humble before God, to be ready to act as God nudges and inspires us, to help meet the needs of other people, and to remember that it is not about money or reward.

Salty Service refers to the projects, efforts, and work people do to make a positive difference in the lives of others for the purposes of Christ, whether or not they will ever become part of the community of faith.

On the back of your Connect Card is a box to mark each week that you have done a "Salty Service" for someone that was not an obligation, but a kind and helpful deed, completed out of the goodness of your heart without any expectation of reward.

Let's all try to do something for someone each week (or more often!) that shows the love of God to a fellow human. Remember to check that box on your Connect Card.



## C.R.O.S.

### Food Pantry Dates

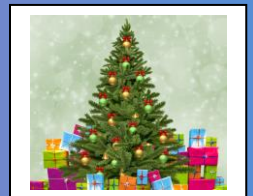
**First & Third & sometimes Fifth Thursdays**

**November 2, 16 & 30 @ 4:00-6:00 pm**

**Lakeside's Parking Lot**



## 2023 LAKESIDE ANGEL TREE



**What is an Angel Tree? It is a way to help make a child feel loved at Christmas!**

**It is easy to do:**

- Choose a card from the tree. It shows either a boy or a girl and the suggested gift.
- Exchange the card with Teresa (card signing table) for specific size and desired color, design, comic characters, etc.
- Purchase the desired gift.
- Give the unwrapped item to Teresa on or before 12/3/23.
- Feel blessed to have helped a child and their family!

The parents have requested practical gifts for their children this year, therefore the items will be as follows: A pair of sneakers; socks & underwear; 2 pair of pajamas; school clothes/uniforms; and/or Grocery gift cards for the family.

Should you prefer to donate via cash or check, give it to Barbara or Teresa. It will be used toward any unclaimed Angel tags not chosen from the tree.

*Thank you for supporting this mission at Lakeside.*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**ALL MEN WELCOME!**

**MEET US AT FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOR A FRESH COOKED  
BREAKFAST! December 2nd 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

### November 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  
Nancygettys13@hotmail.com

## CONNECT CARDS

Why do we use Connect Cards?

- \* Prayer requests
- \* Change of address/phone number
- \* Keep us informed if you need a home visit
- \* Attendance
- \* Messages for the Pastor
- \* Messages for the Church Office
- \* Update our birthday list

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.
- **KEEP PLACING FINANCIAL DONATIONS IN THE MISSION JAR, they will be used to fund needs; and, if there are any additional items needed for the Angel Tree project!**
- 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*

This Ministry sends a card to people from our church that have experienced an illness, an accident, a surgery, a family death, or are simply lonely. It also includes 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. (We only send birthday cards for someone's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. That's when each person signs an individual card and we send them in a package!)

Also, stamps (or cash to purchase stamps) can be donated. **See Teresa Wilhelm for more information.**

## A FUN FELLOWSHIP EVENT FOR ALL



## "Mugs and Muffins"

### **ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS!!**

We'll continue the fun on **January 17, 2024**, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee and a muffin! It is a time to renew old friendships and have fellowship with new ones. You don't have to be a member of Lakeside to join us. We had a great group of people again last month!

**Remember to bring your own mug!**

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



**“MATTHEW MEALS!!!”**

**JOIN THIS FUN AND  
REWARDING ADVENTURE  
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER  
18, 2023, FROM 4-6PM**

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

**This year we started on June 24, and served 150 meals! Just from standing on the corner and enthusiastically waving people down! The story spread throughout the community and we served 175 in July and 190 in August! Even though in August a significant number of our regular volunteers were unable to help! We sincerely need more help. Bring a neighbor or family member (teach your grandchildren the value of community service) with you! We wave people into the parking lot to receive a free, hot, take-home meal for their family.**



**CAN WE COUNT ON  
YOUR HELP??**

**See Jane Harden or Barbara Russum  
for more information.**

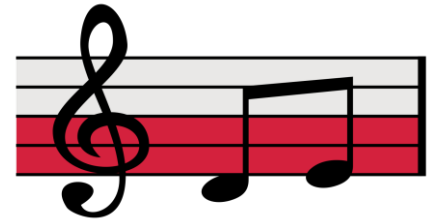
Church and Mission giving – We are again passing the collection plates during Worship Service.  
Electronic giving through PayPal is another way of giving from home. You can click on the giving option on the website at [lakesideumchurch.org](http://lakesideumchurch.org) under the **GIVING** banner.

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**

## AND ON THAT NOTE ...

**Does anyone want to be more helpful at the Church?**



**We could use LEADERS of all kinds. Do you have a specific talent or idea that you have? Send your resume (JUST KIDDING) ... call the office and make an appointment to speak to Pastor.**

**PAY: MORE BLESSINGS THAN YOU CAN COUNT.**

**BENEFITS PACKAGE: IS ETERNAL!**

**WORKING ENVIRONMENT: FRIENDLY AND INVITING**

**HOURS AT YOUR OWN SCHEDULE**

### COMING EVENTS:

**Keenager's** (events for age 50 and up) returns December 13, 2023, with a new format. Information to follow later.

The **Classroom** is completed and ready to rent for events!

Tables and chairs are available and we estimate the capacity at 50-60 depending on the arrangement of the room. (Call the Church for more information)

**ADVENT Bible STUDY!** Every Wednesday (except for Thanksgiving Week) at 12:00-1:00 and 6:30-7:30! Studying the book "Christmas Gifts that Won't Break!"

**Thanksgiving Eve Service; November 22nd at 7:00pm**

**Christmas Eve Service: December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Soapstoning the Bible** coming this winter.



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**We have a Place  
for You!**

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

**Please let us know  
on your Connect  
Card.**

**Happy Birthday!**



## November Birthdays

- 6 Anne Fralick
  - 7 Ina Bechtol,  
Selburn Dacres
  - 8 Rosalie Goolsby
  - 9 Ramona Walsh
  - 12 Anne McCartney
  - 13 Barbara Russum
  - 15 Wendell Waltman
  - 19 Kenneth Friend
  - 30 Karen Roongrojana
- WE ARE THANKFUL  
FOR EACH ONE OF  
YOU**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAKESIDE!!!!**

**65 YEARS YOUNG !!**



### 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)

**RIDDLE: DO DAD'S ALWAYS SNORE????  
Remember bragging rights and a gift card**