

# LAKE SIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LAKE SIDE LANTERN



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

**DECEMBER  
2023**

Greetings everyone,

As we approach Christmas, I would like to share the meaning of Advent from Discipleship Ministries:

“Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays. The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word “adventus,” which means “coming.” The season proclaims the comings of the Christ—whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return is the final victory we anticipate.”

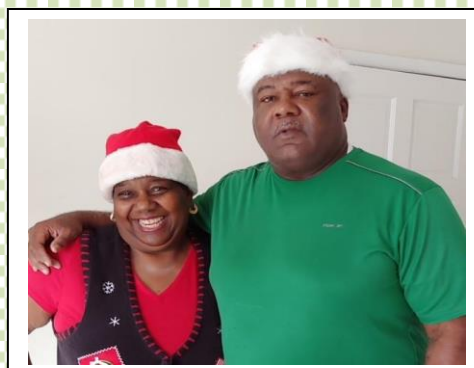
Our Advent Bible Study, “Christmas Gifts That Won’t Break” is coming along great. We offer two times for Bible study, 12:00-1:00 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM. On Wednesday December 20, 2023 at both sessions, we will have a Cookie/Ornament Exchange. Bring a dozen, take a dozen.

All are welcome to join us in the celebration on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon or 6:30 PM in the library, even if you have not attended the Advent Bible Study. Hope to see you there!

Let us not forget that Christmas is a season to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Love came down at Christmas, and that love is Jesus Christ. Spread the love of Jesus Christ this holiday season and every day of the year.

I am praying for everyone to have a blessed Christmas. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Pastor Debra

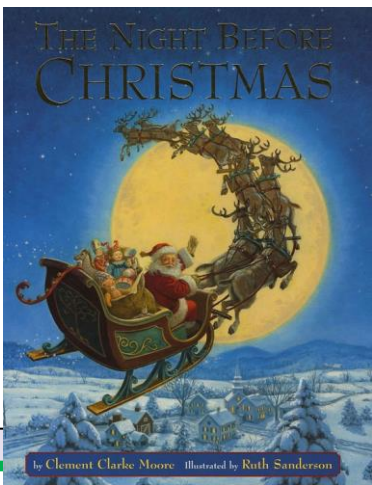


## CHRISTMAS Eve Service

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!

**December 24, 2023 at 7:00PM**

## BOOK CLUB PARTY!!! 2023



COME AND **CELEBRATE** CHRISTMAS WITH US AT OUR BOOK CLUB LUNCHEON, December 18<sup>th</sup> at LANTANA PIZZA starting at noon. We hope YOU will be ready to join us this new year on the third Monday of every month at Noon in the LIBRARY! Bring a sack lunch, **AS WE FELLOWSHIP AND EMBARK ON A NEW SET OF ADVENTURES BEGINNING IN JANUARY.**

(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 via Zoom)

**12/18/23 - "Christmas Party"**

## “DOWLL”



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

**Stay tuned for more exciting places to go to fellowship and eat. More scintillating conversations and laughter! Starting again in January of 2024 - INVITE A FRIEND!!!**

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



## ANGEL TREE AT LAKESIDE 2023

*Thank you for supporting this mission at Lakeside.*





### ***“The Un – Poinsettias Celebration”***

As an alternative to masses of poinsettia plants donated to decorate the church, 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**

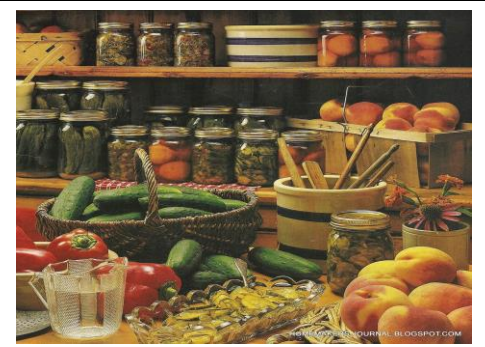
## **C.R.O.S.**

**Food Pantry Dates**

**First & Third & sometimes Fifth Thursdays**

**December 7 & 20 @ 4:00-6:00 pm**

**Lakeside’s Parking Lot**



### ***Salty Service IS IN FULL SWING***

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.

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.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**ALL MEN WELCOME!**

**MEET US AT FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOR A FRESH COOKED  
BREAKFAST! JANUARY 6TH 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

### DECEMBER 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                           | * Attendance | * Messages for the Pastor        |
| * Change of address/phone number            |              | * Messages for the Church Office |
| * Keep us informed if you need a home visit |              | * 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.

# A FUN FELLOWSHIP EVENT FOR ALL

**THIS EVENT WAS DEMANDED NOT TO TAKE A  
BREAK!!!**

**“Mugs and Muffins”**

**ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS WITH A MUG AND A  
MUFFIN OR TWO!!**

We'll continue the fun on **December 27, 2023**, 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.

**Remember to bring your own mug!**

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

**“MATTHEW MEALS!!!”**

**JOIN THIS FUN AND  
REWARDING ADVENTURE  
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER  
16, 2023, FROM 4-6PM**

In November, we served 175 meals ... IN AN HOUR!!!! GOD is truly blessing us and our community. Come and be a part! 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.

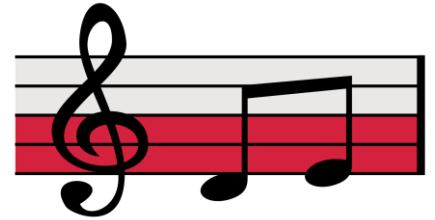
Church and Mission giving – We are again passing the collection plates during Worship Service. Electronic giving through PayPal is another way of giving from home. You can click on the giving option on the website at [lakesideumchurch.org](http://lakesideumchurch.org) under the **GIVING** banner.

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. Come on the 13<sup>th</sup> and be a part of the planning.

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)

**Soapstoning the Bible** study begins on January 9th.

**STAY TUNED!!!!**



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**We have a Place  
for You!**

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

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

**Happy Birthday!**



## **December Birthdays**

11 Beverly Josephson

18 Ellen Keene

19 Janice Hatt

**WE ARE THANKFUL  
FOR EACH ONE OF  
YOU**



## **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**

8:00am - 2:30pm

You are always welcome

to call (561) 585-7519

OR email us at

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