

LAKE SIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LAKE SIDE LANTERN



**Sharing the
Grace of
God
In our 65th
Year!**

**JANUARY/
FEBRUARY
2024**

Happy New Year Everyone!

January 2024, Reflecting back on 2023 and looking forward to 2024 is challenging as well as exciting!

On one hand we remember things we have left behind in 2023. On the other hand, we try to forget the things we left behind in 2023 and move into the New Year.

Philippians 3:13 reminds us:

“Brothers and sisters, I myself don’t think I’ve reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me” (CEB).

Let’s all “reach out for the things ahead of us.” We are doing exciting things in ministry here at Lakeside. Invite your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to join us.

Richard and I continue to look forward to working with everyone in ministry here at Lakeside and our surrounding community.

I love being your pastor!

Pastor Debra

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,

February is Black History Month, a time for all Americans to celebrate the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an enduring part of our country's history. I personally celebrate and honor the lives and contributions every African American has made throughout history. It is on their shoulders which I stand. Each one of my ancestors contributed to the history of my serving as the first African American female pastor at Lakeside UMC!

Galatians 3:28 reminds us: “There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (NRSVUE).

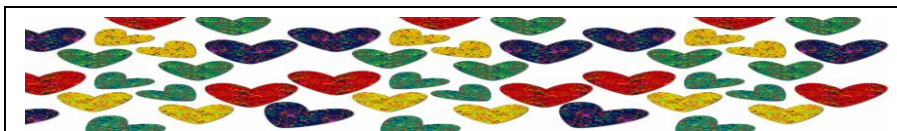
Let’s embrace and honor that we are all one in Christ. Lakeside is in a unique position to be a model for not only the UMC and Cross- Cultural, Cross- Racial appointments, but a model for the world. Not only is the United Methodist Church observing how we are navigating this historic appointment, the world is! Most importantly, God is watching us.

Our Lenten Bible Study begins Wednesday February 21, 2024. Please join us as we look at the lives of some of the people whose lives merged with Jesus’ in the days leading up to his crucifixion. Our Lenten study is: “Why Easter Matters”, by Andy Stanley.

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Blessings,

Pastor Debra



BOOK CLUB 2024

WHAT AN EXCITING TIME TO BEGIN A BRAND NEW YEAR WITH US! We hope YOU are ready to join us this 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! (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)

FEB 19 CECILIA BROADWATER "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

MAR 18 JOYCE WOODING "The Choice" by Nicholas Sparks

APR 15 KAYLYNN KNAPP "Teddy and Booker T."

by Brian Kilmeade

MAY 20 CLARE SHORE "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

JUN 17 JANICE HATT "The Homecoming" by Kate Morton

JUL 15 BETTY MCMURCHY "The Magnolia Palace"

by Fiona Davis

AUG 19 D'ETTE MATHEWS "The Personal Librarian"

by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

SEP 16 ELAINE HARRIS "The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn

OCT 21 ANNE MCCARTNEY "West with Giraffes"

by Lynda Rutledge

NOV 18 CHOICES FOR 2025 PRESENTATIONS

DEC 16 LUNCHEON FOR ALL MEMBERS

PS JANET LANE IS MAKING STEADY PROGRESS



“DOWLL”

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



Due to the early evening darkness during the winter, DOWLLs will be postponed for a couple of months. The ladies feel more comfortable traveling during daylight hours to reach the restaurant.



**THANK YOU LAKESIDE
FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY, in
providing
Gifts for ALL the children
on the ANGEL TREE this
year. The parents were
delighted with the gifts.
Thanks to all who
donated cash! God Bless
You for helping those
families! THANK YOU!**



Get ready to

“SOAPSTONE”

the Bible

S-Scripture; **O**-Occasion; **A**-Application;

P-Prayer; **S**- Self-expression; **T**- TONE

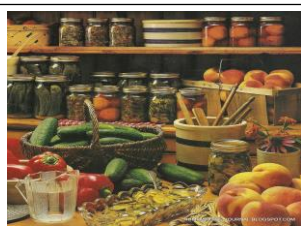
Everyone is welcome to attend; it isn't just for Lakesiders!

Host: KayLynn Knapp

Next class: February 20, March 5 and 19 and every
other week going forward; 12:00pm, In the Library

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Over the past few years it has been increasingly difficult to get people to serve on committees and in leadership positions. Part of the problem is our current membership and attendance numbers. After discussing this with church leaders and the district office, a new simplified council was approved at a charge conference on December 14 and became effective on January 1, 2024. This new leadership team **is based** on the One Board model of leadership is effective January 1, 2024 until the next Charge Conference for Lakeside which will be Fall 2024. This moves the work of the finance committee, board of trustees, staff parish committee and church council into one committee. The council will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the library. Meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend but only elected council members can vote. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gettys, Lay Leader or Pastor Debra.



C.R.O.S. MINISTRIES

Food Pantry Dates

First & Third & sometimes Fifth Thursdays

February 15 and 29; March 7 and 21 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Lakeside's Parking Lot

MEN'S BREAKFAST

ALL MEN WELCOME!

MEET US AT FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A FRESH COOKED BREAKFAST! MARCH 2ND at 8:00AM for some great food, fellowship, and a few laughs!

Richard Thompson brings great conversation around Biblical Truths (Cooks please come around 6:30 AM)

See you there!!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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?

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| * 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

“Mugs and Muffins”

We'll continue the fun on **February 27, 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.

Remember to bring your own mug!

CONTACT NANCY GETTYS FOR MORE INFORMATION (561-301-7655)
NANCYGETTYS13@HOTMAIL.COM

Our most requested program is back...

“MATTHEW MEALS!!!”

**JOIN THIS FUN AND
REWARDING ADVENTURE
ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY
24, 2024, 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.**

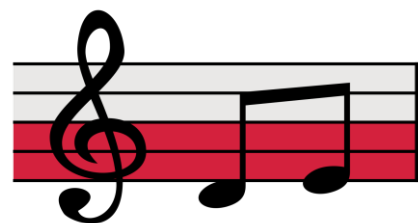
Church and Mission giving – We are again passing the collection plates during Worship Service. Electronic giving through PayPal is another way of giving from home. You can click on the giving option on the website at lakesideumchurch.org under the **GIVING** banner.

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**

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

JOKES OF THE MONTH



Don't let
worry get
you down!
Remember,
Moses
started
out as a
**BASKET
CASE!**



**WHAT KIND OF CAR
DID THE DISCIPLES
DRIVE ON THEIR ROAD
TRIP????**

**FIRST ONE TO ANSWER
GETS A PRIZE!**

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**We have a Place
for You!**

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

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

Happy Birthday!



January/February Birthdays

1/3 Ruth Rawson
1/11 Teresa Wilhelm
1/13 Robynne Ryals
1/18 Linda Friend
1/24 Mary Degens, Terry
Browning
1/30 Shirley King

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

8:00am - 3:00pm

You are always welcome

to call (561) 585-7519

OR email us at

lumc_lw@bellsouth.net



**COME AND WORSHIP
WITH US
ON SUNDAY'S AT
10:00AM**

EVER HAVE A
QUESTION ABOUT
EASTER?
OR WHAT LENTEN
MEANS?

GET INTERESTING
ANSWERS
FROM THE
NEW BIBLE STUDY
BOOK

“WHY EASTER
MATTERS?”

By Andy Stanley

STARTING ON
WEDNESDAY'S
FEBRUARY 21ST 2024
12:00-1:00PM AND 6:30-
7:30PM
IN THE LIBRARY

LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IS HONORED TO PRESENT:

“SWEETHEART SING-A-LONG”
“*Love Surrounded by Stained Glass*”

BY OUR ORGANIST GARY KING, with DON SLOAN, Song
Leader, and special pieces by TOM ROMANO, Pianist.

FEBRUARY 17, 2024 AT 1:00pm \$10 at the door