

# LAKE SIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LAKE SIDE LANTERN



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

**MARCH  
2024**

**Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,**

On Sunday March 3, 2024, Leadership Installation service will be held at Lakeside. I will invite the leaders being recognized to come forward. I then present the leaders to the congregation. The words I say to the congregation:

**“Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.”**

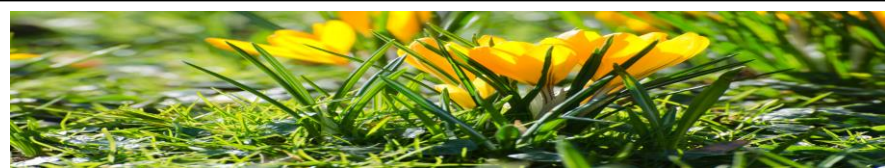
Serving as a leader in the church bears great responsibility. As the leader among leaders, I consider it an honor and privilege to serve in God’s church. Under my leadership, we will not have “figurehead” leaders. This refers to someone who has the formal position of authority but does not exercise their power or fulfill their responsibilities as a leader. If you are interested in serving in ministry or on a leadership team at Lakeside, please schedule a time to meet with me. We will explore your spiritual gifts by completing a “Spiritual Gifts” survey. This will ensure your proper alignment on a ministry, leadership team at Lakeside.

We are in our season of Lent, the journey of preparation for following the way of Jesus. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 and ends on Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024. Please join us in Worship services Sundays, 10:00 am. Also join us on Wednesdays 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm in person for our Lent Bible Study which began on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. We look forward to seeing everyone and their families on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, 10:00 am.

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

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)**

**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**



## EASTER EGG HUNT



**SATURDAY, MARCH 30 @ 11:00AM**  
**DONATIONS NEEDED: Individually wrapped small candies or financial donations. All donations must be turned in before 3/17 so we can prepare the eggs.**  
**VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED.**

## 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!!**



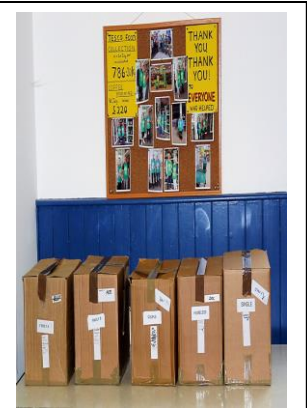
## C.R.O.S. MINISTRIES

### Food Pantry Dates

**First & Third & sometimes Fifth Thursdays**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00-6:00 pm**

**Lakeside's Parking Lot**



CROS Ministries turns 45 this year! I am grateful to a group of like-minded United Methodist Churches that came together in 1978 to form CROS Ministries. They prayerfully looked around them and realized that by working together, they could make a bigger impact assisting in the community's unmet needs. Over the years, CROS has grown to become both ecumenical and interfaith, collaborating and partnering with individuals and groups from different faith communities to fulfill our mission of serving the hungry.

Although there have been many changes during the last 45 years, the goal remains the same – to be a constant presence in the community, offering hope to our neighbors who are hungry. Whether it is a bag of food at a pantry, a hot meal thru the Caring Kitchen, programming for children, or gleaning nutritious fruits and vegetables, CROS continues to serve individuals and families throughout the year. Because of your support, everyone coming in through our doors is reminded that they are not alone in their struggle; that someone cares. Thank you!





## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Although our circles/small groups haven't met for quite a while, the work of United Methodist Women still goes on. Your gift to our local unit supports mission work on many levels, in our local community and around the world. In the past our mission support locally was given to CROS, Adopt-A-Family, ARC, Salvation Army and others. We also gave to the United Methodist Children's Home and Red Bird Mission. Checks for your gift to missions can be made out to United Methodist Woman and given to our Treasurer, Barbara Russum.

**Suggestions and solutions are welcome!**

Nancy Gettys 561-622-8309  
Nancygettys13@hotmail.com

## TOWN HALL MEETING

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE TOWN HALL MEETING *SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>*, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:00AM SERVICE. WE WILL REVIEW OUR MEMBERSHIP, FINANCES, MISSION OUTREACH AND OTHER TOPICS. THERE WILL BE A TIME FOR YOUR QUESTIONS AND INPUT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DEBRA OR NANCY GETTYS, COUNCIL CHAIR FOR MORE DETAILS.**

**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

### “Mugs and Muffins”

We'll continue the fun on **March 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

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

WEDNESDAY'S  
March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
12:00-1:00PM & 6:30-7:30PM  
IN THE LIBRARY

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**

## “MATTHEW MEALS!!!”

**JOIN THIS FUN AND  
REWARDING ADVENTURE  
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24,  
2024, FROM 4-6PM**

**In February, 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.**



## “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: March 5 and 19 and every other week  
going forward; 12:00pm, in the Library.**

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER INFORMATION

How many of these folks do you recognize? Please let them know we'd love to see them, or at least hear from them. Invite them to come back to church. Let the office know, so the Membership Committee can reach out also. [LUMC\\_FL@bellsouth.net](mailto:LUMC_FL@bellsouth.net) Thanks!

Abdool, David  
 Athas, Heather  
 Batista, Maria  
 Booth, Karen  
 Chennell, Catriona  
 Frye, Rosalie  
 Gonzalez, Linda  
 Grispino, Suzanne  
 Johnson, Jennifer  
 Linderson, Carl  
 Mahoney, Lois  
 Matthews, Robert  
 McCulley, Toya  
 O'Hara, Clarissa

Andrews, David  
 Ahtas, Teresa  
 Blanton, Nicole  
 Branson, Nanci  
 Chennell, Justin  
 Garnett, Michael  
 Goolsby, Rosalie  
 Grispino, Tony  
 Johnson, Judy  
 Loor, Alexis  
 Mandy, Chad  
 Meyer, Shelia  
 Ness, Charles  
 Pierre, Rosemary

Athas, Bill  
 Barnes, Kia  
 Booher, Jerry  
 Brittain, Virginia  
 Chennell, Whitney  
 Garrett, Chante  
 Gough, Mary  
 Howard, Nancy  
 Kimmey, Lori  
 Loor, Andrew  
 Matthews, Judy  
 Morhesis, Chris  
 Novello, Barbara  
 Polson, Heather



I have amazing news to share! Your church raised \$240.22 through the Baby Bottle Boomerang!!! Thank you so much for partnering with us. Our clinics are so very thankful! Your church is helping women to receive a compassionate voice of hope when facing a crisis pregnancy, saving more babies in Palm Beach County. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you again for all of your support and have a blessed day!

BRITTANY PACE, Development Operations Manager

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

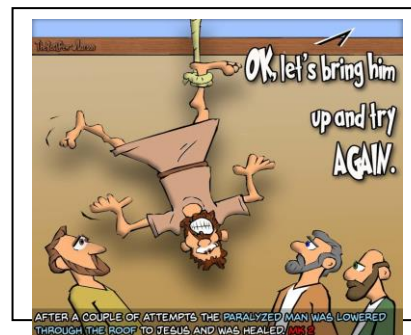
### LAST MONTH'S RIDDLE

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

THEY WERE ALL IN ONE  
 ..... **ACCORD**

### THIS MONTH'S RIDDLE:

WHY DON'T ANTS  
 GET SICK?



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**Debra Thompson,**  
**Pastor**

Newsletter Editor:  
Julie Ramey

**We have a Place  
for You!**

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

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

**Happy Birthday!**



**March Birthdays**

4 Carole Fields  
5 Bob Going  
6 Christina Harden  
11 Catriona Chennell  
12 Richard Thompson  
14 Wendy Hartman  
15 BettyMcMurchy,  
Ena Rutty  
25 Shirley Turner  
28 Michael Garrett



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



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