

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS AT LAKESIDE UMC

August 20, 2017

The LAMB's Basket is our community food pantry sponsored by the churches in the Lakeside and surrounding areas. Donations most needed at this time are: jelly, peanut butter, canned meat/tuna, Lunchables, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, snacks for children's bags, crackers, soup, personal items, dish detergent, toilet paper, cat and dog food, dried pasta, spaghetti sauce, cooking spray, butter, cooking oil, salt and pepper, laundry detergent, egg cartons, and paper and plastic grocery bags. If you are able, please help us to meet these needs. Some of the opportunities available for the volunteers are stocking shelves, picking up food from the various grocery stores, putting food bags together for the families who come seeking assistance, etc.

Cookbooks: Get your cookbooks early! We have ordered more cookbooks. Now is the time to start thinking about purchasing a cookbook to give as a Christmas present. Get 'em while they're hot! Cost is \$10.00. You may contact the church office or Linda Pomfrey to purchase a cookbook.

2017-2018 School Supplies Campaign: It is time to start planning for the 2017-18 School Supplies Campaign. In our continued effort to serve our community, we are again collecting school supplies for children in need at Lakeside Elementary School. Your donations of school supplies help the budgeting efforts of economically challenged parents and other caregivers. The needs continue to grow. Supplies will be purchased with any monetary donations. Please join us in this rewarding project for the 2017-2018 school year. Lists for needed supplies and a box for donations is available beside the church office. Your participation, as in the past, will be greatly appreciated.



Ushers and Greeters Wanted: Are you a hospitable person? Do you like to greet and meet people? Are you willing to commit to giving of your time to help be a greeter or usher for Sunday morning worship? If you can answer yes to these questions, then we have an opportunity for you to serve your church. We are looking for men, women and youth to help greet or usher on Sunday mornings. If you are able to help, please contact Grace Mimbe or Mickey Barlow. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Imagine this backpack filled with food for the children who are out of school this summer. **Imagine** not getting three hot meals a day. **Imagine** a child so hungry he/she is crying because there is no food in the household. **Imagine** on the weekends there is no food to eat. The mission opportunity Cents-Ability where we are collecting our change is the meal program we support to help hungry children.. Did you know if you put aside \$.02 a meal per day for one month you would have saved \$1.80. Multiply that times one hundred people and we as a congregation will have raised \$180 per month and multiply that amount times 12 and we will have raised \$2,160 for hunger. This is not a new program. It originated in 1976 by the Presbyterian Women to involve people to help stop hunger and has expanded throughout the United States. It began as 2-cents-a-Meal; then the name changed to Cents-Ability. Containers are on the Welcome Center. We have designated the 4th Sunday of each month as collection Sunday. There will be a collection container on the Welcome Center.

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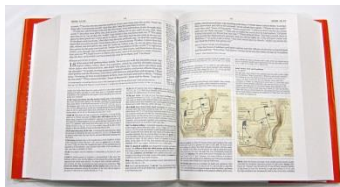
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Photographers Wanted: Do you enjoy taking pictures? Do you have a digital camera? We are looking for someone who would take pictures of anything and everything around the church. If you would be interested in doing this, please contact the church office or Pastor Mark at markrooks@lakesideumc.org.

Volunteers needed at Lakeside Elementary School on Monday, August 28 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. The school floors have been refinished and the teachers need help moving the tables and chairs so the floors will not be scratched. If you are able to give one hour, two hours, three hours or four hours your help will be greatly appreciated. We are looking for prayer warriors to pray for the school teachers and students on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5, at 7:30 – 8:15 AM. Please contact Dina Giese at 221-3050 or the church office if you are able to help with either of these ministry opportunities.

A Call to Community – A Call to Mission: Richmond District Mini-Mission Encounter 2017. A mini-version of the Virginia Conference Mission Encounter will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM, at River Road UMC, 8800 River Road, Richmond, 23229; 804-740-7061. Participants will gain an overview of the Mission Studies. The Mini-Mission Encounter provides an afternoon opportunity for men, women, and youth to learn about partnering in God's global mission and to grow spiritually. If you have a passion for missions, this workshop is for you. Brochures are located on the Welcome Center in the smoke colored file for inserts. The cost is \$5; light refreshments will be served and class materials will be provided.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Beginning in September Pastor Mark will be leading a study on Holy Communion. We will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 10:00 AM and the group will meet in the Tressler Classroom. Our resource will be **This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion** by Gayle Felton. The cost of the book is \$11.00. This study will take about 6-8 weeks depending on the pace of the group. Materials have been ordered. If you would like to participate please contact the office or Pastor Mark at (markrooks@lakesideumc.org) so additional materials can be ordered. Hope you will join us.



Pastor Mark is looking for bread makers to give to our visitors. He would like to have the little loaves to be handed out. If you are able to help with this important ministry, please contact Pastor Mark or the Church Office.