

# Messenger

Lakeside United Methodist Church

**December 2017**

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**A**lways faithful  
**N**urturing  
**D**iscipleship  
**S**ervice



*We envision Lakeside United Methodist Church to be God's **HANDS** in our community and beyond: **Hospitable, Always faithful, Nurturing, Discipleship, Service.***

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## *From the Pastor*

### **Christ is Coming!**

Where has the year gone?! It seems as if it was just yesterday that I was beginning at Lakeside UMC. November and Thanksgiving have passed, December and Advent are here, soon it will be Christmas. Then not to long afterwards New Years and 2018 will be upon us. It seems as if we are constantly anticipating the coming of the next event on the calendar. How appropriate that Advent is the season of anticipation as we wait with high expectation on the **comings** of Christ.

Please take notice that 'coming' is plural.

Advent is the season when we wait expectantly on the coming of Christ. For many they would point to the birth of the Christ-child as THE coming of Christ. And in one sense that is correct. However, Advent is about remembering and celebrating all of the comings of Christ.

In the birth of the Christ-child we remember and celebrate that God has revealed to us the full extent of His love for us by coming into the world in the form of a helpless child to save us. This coming reminds us that God is with us. God faces the brokenness of the world not far off from heaven but right by our side. God walks with us through the dark valleys—He comes to us as Emmanuel—God with us. This represents the first *coming* of Christ.

However, this first coming of Christ is a past event. Christ was born into the world over 2000 years ago, lived in the flesh, was crucified, died, resurrected and ascended into heaven. But before He left Christ promised to be with us always in the person of the Holy Spirit. This represents the second *coming* of Christ, a present day event.

Advent celebrates Christ who is with us right now, today in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is sustaining, helping, teaching, convicting, empowering, nourishing and so much more. The Spirit is actively filling us and guiding the Church as well as those who make up the Body of Christ.

I cherish and trust the words regarding the Holy Spirit from “A Modern Affirmation” (UMH 885) which proclaim, “We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, [providing] strength and help in time of need.” This affirmation reassures me that the coming of Christ that is the Spirit is for today, not a past historical event, but very present tense...our helper!

But then as Christians we look beyond the here and now to a greater tomorrow. A day when God will wipe away every tear and death will be no more. This aspect of anticipation during Advent points us to the final *coming* of Christ.

Jesus himself reassures us in John 14 to “...not let your hearts be troubled...if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

I understand that come December we look forward to Christmas and all that it means for us and our loved ones. I understand the centrality of the baby-Jesus, the manger, Mary, Joseph, shepherds and the wise men. We love to tell and re-tell those stories. And we will do that again this Advent and Christmas too!

However, as you celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, remember and be reassured in all the comings of Christ that Advent lifts up before us. Take heart and be confident in Christ who did come, Christ who is with us today and Christ who will come again.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Mark

## Children's Ministry News

The Children's Ministry Team invites you to join us on **Saturday, December 9th** for a fun **Christmas Craft Workshop** for preschoolers through fifth grade, in the Fellowship Hall, 10 am-noon to make special crafts, listen to a **wonderful story**, join in some **jolly songs** and then share a **yummy snack**. Adults may help the children with their crafts and have some fun too! **Sunday, December 10th during Worship** is our **Children's Christmas Service**. Everyone is invited to participate, in our **Spontaneous Christmas Pageant**. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to celebrate these special events in the life of our church!

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## Music Notes

A very large thank you to all who helped make this year's Broadway Revue a success: to the choir members who worked for several weeks to perfect their various acts; to those who helped with food preparation from shopping to "chicken picking" to cooking; to the talented ones who made the beautiful stage and table decorations; to those who helped with ticket sales; to the men for their help in the kitchen and with serving; and to those of you who were our audience (without whom there would be no Revue): THANK YOU!! The proceeds from this endeavor were split between our Summer Arts Camp program and the choir fund, and we thank you for this great support.

There was information about the **Christmas Cantata** in the last newsletter, but I want to remind you again that it will be performed during the Sunday service **December 17**. The choir has enjoyed working on this beautiful music, and I think it will make your entire Christmas experience more meaningful as you hear the story of Christ's birth presented in readings, familiar carols, and new music written by the talented Lloyd Larson. A reminder to those who have "adopted" an instrument that we will have a breakfast prior to the dress rehearsal Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30, where you can meet and greet the instrumentalists, and then stay for the dress rehearsal, if you would like to do that.

The Christ Child comes...Joy to all the World!  
Caroline Fergusson

## Upcoming Events:

### Calling All (Hungry) Men!



You are invited to meet and eat at the **Shoney's near Virginia Center Commons**. At 8:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month, a group of ROMEOS enjoys a buffet breakfast. ROMEOS stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out Sometimes, but you do not need to be retired, or AARP eligible to join us:

You need only be hungry and be able to take a little time off on those mornings. If you really try to get your money's worth at the buffet, you can probably make up the time by skipping lunch. We look forward to seeing you!

Bob Friend

### Mission Opportunity--Cents-Ability or 2 Cents a Meal

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 LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AS COLLECTION SUNDAY.**

There will be a collection container on the Welcome Center. We will be helping the Back-Pack program by providing food for children for the weekend.



## **Send your friends at LUMC a Christmas Card free of charge!**

By the time you receive this newsletter **Christmas is about 3 weeks away.** Beginning on Sunday, December 1, there will be a **Christmas Card Box** located on the Welcome Center. You simply address your cards to the members of the church only, put them in the Christmas Card Box and on Sunday, December 17, the cards will be available for pick up. We will not be mailing any of the cards. So, get your Christmas Card list together and plan to send your friends at Lakeside UMC a Christmas Card free of charge!



## **Annual Hanging of the Greens at LUMC Saturday, December 1, 10:00AM**

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### **The LAMB's Basket -Our Pantry Needs Food**

The LAMB's Basket is our community food pantry sponsored by the churches in the Lakeside and surrounding areas. Donations needed 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, paper and plastic grocery bags. The hours are all during the mornings. To volunteer, contact Jo Anne Kelchner at 746-9005. (No previous experience required.)

**Lamb's basket has an urgent need for paper grocery bags with handles!**

### **MAINTENANCE UPDATE**



As we have previously reported, Trustees and Buildings and Grounds identified six areas that need attention. We have been seeking estimates and bids, as well as reaching out for donations to fund these projects. The six areas are:

- Replace roof on garage at Hope House
- Replace remaining wood doors with metal and glass doors
- Replace AC system in fellowship hall, and add AC to kitchen
- Replace remaining windows with energy efficient windows
- Replace canopy at main entrance
- Power wash, re-caulk and point (mortar) exterior of the building

As this newsletter goes to print, Trustees has entered into a contract to begin the power washing of the church building. That entire project (power washing, caulking, and pointing) is expected to take approximately 90 days, and can be impacted by weather. The company has assured us there will be no barriers to entering the church for services on Sundays.

We have received several bids on the AC system for the fellowship hall and kitchen, and anticipate moving forward with that project shortly.

Our building is aging, and we all have a responsibility to maintain its upkeep. Thank you to all who have contributed to the funding of these projects. There is no budget money available to do this work, although a contribution from our Endowment fund has been made available. We are asking the congregation to make contributions for these endeavors. Earmark your check with “2017 Maintenance Projects”. We humbly appreciate your generosity.

TRUSTEES

## **Thank you from the Lakeside United Methodist Men**

The weekend of November 4, 2017, was extremely busy; preparations for the annual Brunswick Stew sale began on November 1, and continued through until November 5. Many of those purchasing a quart, or more, of the magical elixir may not realize how much work actually goes into the preparation of the stew. After the last quart was dipped and the last lid snapped in place, there were at least 45 people involved in one form or another of the production. But then, those huge pots still needed to be returned. The Lakeside United Methodist Men want to thank everyone that participated.

For the past several years, the Chancel Choir has partnered with the United Methodist Men to provide “manpower and womanpower” for the annual Musical Revue, benefitting the Summer Arts and Music Camp, and the Brunswick stew sale. This reciprocity enables these two ministries to answer the needs of the church and the community. There is an overlap, some of the Methodist Men are also members of the Chancel Choir; however, five members of the Chancel Choir, Debbie Gillis; Caroline Fergusson; Kathleen Nuckols; Angela Harper; Pat Niemczyk; my wife Jo Anne, Robin Smith, Nancy Robinson, Brenda Custis and granddaughter, Mary Franck; and one of our newest church members, Teresa Rowe, don’t qualify as Methodist Men. To all these ladies, the Methodist men applaud you for your assistance in making this fundraiser possible or at the very least, a great deal easier for us aging men. A rough estimate of the total “man-hours” involved in making the stew is somewhere near 450.

To all the men who helped cut, chop, stir, set up, clean up, pick up and return pots we say thank you. Many of the men who helped on Saturday, “Stew Day” are members of the Lakeside UMC softball team. These men faithfully appear each year helping us stir and then with the cleaning of the pots prior to returning them to their respective storage at Shady Grove and Laurel Park UMC.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone that purchased stew; without your desire and demand for our product, this project would be a flop. Each year presents its own challenges that we somehow overcome resulting in a finished product that is always proclaimed to be the “best ever”.

Butch Kelchner

## **OH NO! A CHANGE!**

Beginning January 2018, we will discontinue the projection of the order of worship, hymns and scripture

readings. This is partly due to the difficulty we have experienced in recruiting and properly training persons to work the sound and projection each Sunday. Sound for the worship services will continue. If you are willing to become part of the sound team, please contact Mark Gillis at 804-672-8130. The more persons involved, the fewer weeks one is asked to commit. We can always revisit this in the future, if our volunteer resources change.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Appreciation:

*This past year Mike and I have suffered the loss of both of our Mothers; his in February and mine in August. The continued prayers, cards, calls and kind words have helped us endure this sad time. Thank you all for being there for us in your prayers, We are blessed to have such a caring and supportive church family. God Bless you all.*

*Mike & Karen Bobbitt*

*Thank you, dear church family, for the sweet "Expressions of Grace" during November. What a nice ministry. Love you, Bev Kilgalen*



### December Birthdays 2017

<b>Delaine Arbogast</b>	12/01	<b>Michael Davis</b>	12/13	<b>Tony Western</b>	12/23
<b>Michael Murphy</b>	12/01	<b>Janet Tuskey</b>	12/13	<b>Caroline Fergusson</b>	12/25
<b>Jeremy Davis</b>	12/01	<b>Robert Sweeney</b>	12/13	<b>Mary Wesseh</b>	12/25
<b>Jonathan Davis</b>	12/01	<b>Jana Taylor</b>	12/14	<b>Bev Kilgalen</b>	12/27
<b>Sylvia Arbogast</b>	12/02	<b>Michael Western</b>	12/14	<b>Ray Robinson</b>	12/27
<b>Frida Tarley</b>	12/03	<b>Darrell Perkins</b>	12/15	<b>Charles Culley</b>	12/29
<b>Brandon Willis</b>	12/07	<b>Annettha Manuel</b>	12/17	<b>Noah Joseph</b>	12/29
<b>Norma Pitts</b>	12/08	<b>Edward Switzer</b>	12/18	<b>Laura Sweeney</b>	12/29
<b>Shirley Fogg</b>	12/09	<b>Jessica Dedmon</b>	12/18	<b>Stefanie Pollay</b>	12/30
<b>Rebecca Brown</b>	12/10	<b>Nabil Saad</b>	12/19	<b>Dale Creery</b>	12/30
<b>Samantha Arbogast</b>	12/10	<b>Jeff Dunn</b>	12/20	<b>Tim Crowder</b>	12/30
<b>Danielle Moore</b>	12/12	<b>Mac Maupin</b>	12/22	<b>Hannah Grisevich</b>	12/31
<b>Rick Walker</b>	12/12			<b>Ken Willis</b>	12/31

## Important December mini-calendar reminders:

Annual Hanging of the Greens	December 1, 10:00 am
Christmas Craft Workshop	December 9, 10:00 am -noon
Spontaneous Christmas Pageant	December 10, during worship
Church Council Meeting	December 12, 6:30 pm
Christmas Cantata	December 17, during worship
Church office closed:	December 25 - 26,
Church office open:	December 27 – 29, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Church office closed:	January 1, 2018

## Church Council News

We did not have a Church Council meeting in November, however there was one item that required a vote which was taken through email confirmation.

“Lakeside United Methodist Church Exterior Mortar and Caulk Repair Project Vote, November 15, 2017”  
 The project was approved unanimously by all who voted to accept the Trustees recommendation of accepting the bid from Dominion Waterproofing Inc. in the amount of \$59,482.00.

Please note the next Church Council meeting will be **December 12** not December 19.

## Lakeside UMC Church Council Leadership 2018

<i>Chair</i>	Kip Robinson
<i>Lay Leader</i>	Butch Kelchner
<i>Council Secretary</i>	Melinda Kates-Tate
<i>Worship</i>	Grace Mimbe
<i>Mission</i>	Dina Giese
<i>Evangelism</i>	Angela Harper/Nina Teel
<i>Congregational Care</i>	Gina Richardson
<i>Christian Education</i>	Chris White/Carol Perkins
<i>Nominations &amp; Leader Dev.</i>	Lay Leader/Pastor
<i>Staff Parish Chair</i>	Jeff Hedrick
<i>Trustee Chair</i>	Debbie Gillis
<i>Finance Chair/District Steward</i>	Sylvia Barefoot
<i>UMM Rep</i>	Stony Creery
<i>UMYF Rep</i>	Maura Davis
<i>Lay Member to Annual Conference</i>	Grace Mimbe

Treasurer  
Deacon  
Pastor

Hal Costley  
Nancy Robinson

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***It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to present a Christmas gift to our Lakeside staff.***

***It's a special time to recognize the staff for their dedication in support of our ministry and to show our appreciation for their services here at Lakeside. If you wish to assist in the gift giving, please place your contribution in the offering plate any Sunday through December 17.***

***You may also deliver your gift in an envelope to the church office should you wish.***

***Please mark on the check or with the funds that the contribution is for the "staff Christmas gift".***

***Thank you for your support of our valued LUMC staff!***

SPR Committee

