

Messenger

Lakeside United Methodist Church

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

Brothers & Sisters in Christ...

Pastor Mark Rooks and Myrna Rooks have joined Sharma Lewis of the Virginia Conference, for the Holy Land Journey, February 26 – March 7. I am sure he will have many unexpected and wonderful experiences to share when they return. Below is a brief itinerary of their journey.

Feb. 28 - Sail across the **Sea of Galilee**, explore the **Church of the Loaves and Fishes**, and recall Jesus' baptism at the **Jordan River**.

Mar. 1 - **Cana, Nazareth, Megiddo and Caesarea**

Mar. 2- **Jericho, Qumran** (where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and the **Mount of Olives**

Mar. 3 – Jerusalem and Bethlehem: Pray in the **Garden of Gethsemane**, then to **Mount Zion** to visit the **House of the High Priest Caiaphas**, and on to the traditional location of the **Upper Room**.

Mar. 4 – **Jerusalem** and the **Old City** to walk the ancient main street, climb the **Teaching Steps**, and explore the **Western Wall** where your pray requests will be deposited. Sing a hymn in the **Chapel of St. Anne**, visit **Herod's Antonia Fortress** and follow the path of Christ on the **Via Dolorosa** ("The Way of the Cross"). End at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.

Mar. 5 – Leisure Day (Masada/Dead Sea Optional Tour)

Mar. 6 – Jerusalem: Travel to **Ein Karem**, birthplace of John the Baptist, and **Yad Vashem**, Israel's Holocaust Museum. Visit the **Garden Tomb** for reflection and communion.

Children's Ministry News

Children's Calendar for 2018

Sundays	<i>Children's Choir: Practice 4:00 – 4:30 pm</i>	
First Sunday Every Month	<i>Birthday Recognition</i>	
March 31, 2018	<i>Celebration and egg hunt</i>	Saturday, 10 am - noon
June 18 - 22, 2018, Daytime	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>	Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 11:30 am
June 24, 2018	<i>Vacation Bible School Celebration</i>	

Music Notes

One of my favorite spirituals appropriate for the season of Lent is "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley". There are two types of spirituals: early American and African-American, and this is an example of the early American kind. It portrays the true humanity of Jesus in enduring the trials and temptations of life, as do all other humans, and the text refers to Hebrews 4:15: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning." These experiences are made more personal in stanza 2: "We must walk this lonesome valley", and in stanza 3: "You must go and stand your trial." How appropriate for the season of Lent! You will hear this music during March sung by the men's chorus and as an organ piece.

Thank you to those who have "adopted" an instrumentalist for the Easter cantata, and a reminder that there are still some players needing sponsorship. You may do this individually or as part of a group. We are excited about having our children and youth as part of the cantata this year, and look forward to their participation in this beautiful presentation of Christ's suffering and our redemption through his death and resurrection. It will be presented Easter, April 1, at the morning service.

Caroline Fergusson

United Methodist Men

Sunday, April 1, 2018, will be a unique day; traditionally, pranksters celebrate April 1, as April Fools' Day. This year, we will celebrate April 1, as Easter Sunday. Easter Sunrise service will be followed by the United Methodist Men's traditional sausage and egg casserole breakfast. Planning for this event is still a ways in the future, but traditionally we have started serving at 8:45 AM. Please accept the men's invitation for breakfast following the Sunrise service. Additional details will follow during the Lenten season.

Calling All (Hungry) Men!



Gentlemen, you are invited to join the ROMEOS for breakfast on **Wednesday, March 7th** at **Shoney's in Virginia Center Commons**. Romeos is an acronym for Retired Old Men Eating Out Sometimes. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 A.M for good food and fellowship. You need not be retired, nor old, but possessing a good appetite is a requirement.

Please contact Bob Friend, if you have questions.

Cents-Ability

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. Proceeds continue to help the Back-Pack program by providing food for children for the weekend.

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!

Lamb's basket March schedule:

Friday	Mar. 2, 2018
Friday	Mar. 9, 2018
Monday	Mar. 19, 2018
Friday	Mar. 30, 2018

Life Line Screening on April 13, 2018

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Lakeside United Methodist Church on 4/13/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The Arbogast family would like to express our deepest appreciation for all your beautiful cards, calls, visits, food, flowers and your comforting words of hope, faith and strength and your heartfelt prayers for Buddy and our family, sent to God's heart and He heard them and showered us with his love and He wrapped His loving arms around us and kept us close to His heart. God walked with us holding our hands and carried Buddy when he could no longer walk with us, then softened our sorrow, knowing Buddy was with Him in heaven. We want you all to know that the time you took to help us, making each day easier for us, meant so much, because it really did make things easier. Your love for Buddy and me, you have given back to us tenfold in every possible way!

Buddy loved growing up in the church with so many of his friends and their families and he really loved being an active part of the church, lending a hand with others, where ever it was needed.

What a honor to have each of you join our family to be a part of Buddy's Celebration of Life Memorial Service, each one of you created so many memories that will live on, to be revisited over and over again, as an example of how so many loved Buddy! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

In Christian love, God bless each of you,
Sylvia, Andrew, Shawn, Corey, Ian and all the Arbogast family



2018 Henrico Christmas Mother, Angela Norida Harper

Angela was born in Georgia and reared in Tennessee. She came to Virginia for graduate school at the University of Virginia. Her Masters' degree in Planning and Urban Design led to her accepting a County Planner II position in Henrico in 1971. During her 41 years of service, some of her accomplishments included coordinating the first Major Thoroughfare Plan, establishing both the Community Maintenance program and the Community Development Block Grant program, and leading the 2010 Land Use Plan adoption process. In 1997, Angela was promoted to Deputy County Manager for Special Services. In 2000, she was selected as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

In 1981, Henrico County Manager Frank Faison asked Angela to be the Henrico General Government Christmas Mother. Angela helped to establish a fundraising program with Phyllis Nelson, the 1981 Christmas Mother.

Angela began volunteering with Henrico Christmas Mother in 2012, and was appointed to the Henrico Christmas Mother Council in 2013 as a representative of the Fairfield District. Angela has served on the Food, Budget, Fundraising and Communications, Fall Breakfast, Bylaws and Clothing Committees. She loves the application days and the shopping opportunities so she can talk with those being helped.

Angela is the proud mother of her daughter, Allison Leigh Howell. As an active member of Lakeside United Methodist Church, she sings in the church choir and serves on the Church Council to help implement the church's vision. She is an Architectural Review Board Member for the Magnolia Ridge subdivision.

Henrico Christmas Mother is a non-profit organization that provides food, clothing, books and toys to qualified families with children, seniors, and disabled adults who are residents of Henrico County during the holiday season.

March Birthdays, 2018



Julie Shaw	3/1	Brian Ewbank	3/9	Richard Pomfrey	3/20
Jay Wade	3/3	Kristen Nuckols	3/9	JoBeth DeVore	3/20
Beth Tweedie	3/4	Sydney Bliss	3/10	Eric Elkins	3/21
Mark Deal	3/4	Loretta Hancock	3/11	Tim Maupin	3/23
Eric Maupin	3/5	Annabell Klotz	3/11	Jim Perkins	3/24
Joshua Biggs	3/6	Angie Deal Allen	3/12	Erin Hedrick	3/26
Bruce Lake	3/6	Brenda Robinson	3/13	Dawn Anchor	3/27
Carrie Adkins Edgar	3/7	Michael Maupin	3/16	Linda Pomfre	3/28
Audrey Bell	3/8	Ann Pitts	3/18	Kerin James	3/28
Rachael Wesseh	3/8	Karine Wesseh	3/18	Sam Burruss	3/29
Michael Lewis	3/9	Emmett Alcock	3/20	Adam Cheek	3/30

SAVE THE DATES CALENDAR 2018

MARCH	18	Family Lunch following Worship
	28	UMM Dinner 6:30
	29	Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
	31	Community Easter Egg Hunt 10am-12pm/ Cantata Rehearsal 9-11am
APRIL	1	SonRise Service 8am followed by breakfast prepared by UMM
	7	Blood Drive 9-2
	13	Life Screening 8:30-5
	15	Family Lunch
	21 - 28	We will be hosting CARITAS
MAY	20	Family Lunch followed by Youth Ensemble Harp Concert
JUNE	9	Blood Drive 9-2
	18 - 22	Children's Vacation Bible School 9am -12pm
	24 - 28	Adult Vacation Bible School 6pm-8pm
JULY	16 - 19;	Music Arts Camp
	23 - 26	Grand Finale Performance (July 26)

Church Council Meeting Highlights, February 21, 2018

The February Church Council meeting was called to order by Council chair, Kip Robinson. After reading the mission and vision statement and approval of the minutes of the January meeting Pastor Mark Rooks led the Council in a discussion of Isaiah 43:19 "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" and how it applies to the lessons learned at the Council Retreat in January. The Council discussed ways God is moving us towards greater ministry outside the walls of the church and into the neighborhood around us. A brainstorming session regarding approaches to discern the needs of the community ensued with a good list of possible sources of information. Two types of ministry were discussed – ministry for the community and ministry to others with the community. Several Council members accepted action items to engage with some of the identified sources and begin a dialogue.

The Missions Team suggested that the Easter Offering be split between the Caritas Organization and Lamb's Basket. Council approved the designation.

Hal Costley presented a Finance Committee recommendation to change the 2018 Budget as a result of salary adjustments and other minor items. The Council approved an increase of \$597.99 from \$313,324.61 to \$313,922.60.

The Finance Committee also presented some options for ways members can give to the church that may be more convenient and also some that can result in tax savings. These will be explained in the next three *Messenger* newsletters. A summary will also be placed in the bulletin.

After discussing prayer concerns and the Chair giving members a quiz titled "Where in the World are United Methodists" the chair adjourned the meeting.

Giving Options at LUMC

There are numerous ways to make your contributions to Lakeside that may be more convenient and tax efficient for you than placing cash or check in the offering plate each week. Please note the following:

- You may use your bank's automatic bill payment system to send a check to the church periodically. Several members use this approach.
- You may use the church's Vanco payment system where you can have your contribution deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card bill. Just go to the church website, lakesideum.org and click on "Donate". There you can register and establish an automated giving schedule. We have several members using the Vanco system.
- You may be able to take advantage of tax savings by having a portion of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution automatically sent to the church periodically, weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Your broker or financial manager can make these arrangements.
- Another tax savings approach is to donate appreciated stock to the church thereby saving taxes on the capital gains. If you want to make one contribution rather than multiple throughout the year, the church has a distribution account where we can take a proportion of your contribution to apply to the budget monthly.

If you would like to take advantage of the simplicity of any of these approaches you may discuss them with Hal Costley, Treasurer or Butch Kelchner, Assistant Treasurer.

Treasurer's Summary Report

The church is behind last year's revenue received in January by \$270. In order to be able to support our budgeted mission, we need to receive average revenue of \$26,160 per month. In January we received \$21,290 or 88% of what is needed. If each church family contributed an average of \$25/month more, our budgeted expenses and mission could be achieved.

The maintenance and repair projects are underway and funds are available for five of the six identified projects. The power washing and caulking is over 60% complete and the canopy should be starting as soon as

building permits are approved. Replacement of the A/C units in the Fellowship Hall, replacing the worn out wooden doors and repairing the roof of the Hope House garage should be underway this spring. The only project for which funds are not available is replacing old windows in the Fellowship Hall, the office and the original building complex.

Detailed financial statements are available in the church office or can be emailed to members. Questions about the status of church funds can be addressed by call the Treasurer, Hal Costley at 937-6930.

UMC Events: March 11th is UMCOR Sunday

UMCOR Sunday is one of six church wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. This Sunday calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. When we give on UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), we empower the United Methodist Committee on Relief to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church. Our giving helps the most vulnerable in their darkest days. We believe that all people have God-given worth and dignity — without regard to race, religion or gender. On UMCOR Sunday, we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. This is a crucial Sunday for us because it is the day we come together to empower our disaster relief arm of Global Ministries, UMCOR, for an entire year. If you remember:

- When hurricanes Harvey, Maria and Irma slammed Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Puerto Rico in 2017, UMCOR was there.
- When wildfires ravaged thousands of homes in the West and Southeast, UMCOR was there.
- When refugees and migrants around the world needed help, UMCOR was there.
- When a mudslide in Sierra Leone killed more than 500 people and destroyed 2,000 homes, UMCOR was there.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Adam and Eve didn't have belly buttons?
- Jean Couch was recognized for many years of faithful service to our community and Lakeside's Neighborhood Watch program?
- Anyone can come to Lakeside Neighborhood Watch gatherings (third Thursday each month; pot luck at 6:00 p.m. and/or meeting at 7:00 p.m., what a great way to get to know our neighbors!)?
- We have new and more convenient ways to contribute to your church (see the Finance article elsewhere in this *Messenger*)?
- Hymns that have "halleluiah" in them are not sung during Lent?
- The Tressler Class celebrates its 55th anniversary in June (it was the young adult class at the time)?
- Pastor Mark and Myrna will be in the Holy Land until March 7?
- Our own Reverend Joey Klotz (retired) will lead worship on March 4?
- Our church's exterior is getting a HUGE facelift with extensive power washing over the entire building?
- Lakeside School and LAMB's Basket BOTH need you (and the best part...NO experience necessary!)?
- The best name for your pet zebra would be "Barcode"?

