

# Messenger

Lakeside United Methodist Church

**January 2018**

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**H**ospitable  
**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*

### **Happy New Year!!!**

Wow, where did the time go? Six months of ministry at LUMC have flown by and what a blessing it has been for me to be your pastor. I am very happy to be at LUMC and I look forward to seeing how God will work through all of us in 2018.

As a quick update, I'd like to share with you some of the things that have been or are going on around our church.

\*Work on the maintenance projects has begun. The exterior power washing is about half complete and was ongoing...at least until the deep freeze settled in. New Fellowship Hall HVAC units will be installed soon to include the KITCHEN!

\*We had the most amazing Cantata before Christmas. The music and worship were deeply felt by all in attendance.

\*Christmas Eve worship services were well attended and the sanctuary looked so beautiful all lit up by candlelight.

\*The youth went to see Christmas lights and had a great time at their Christmas party.

\*3980 pounds of books were donated by LUMC to the ministry of Equipping the Saints, located in Weyers Cave, Virginia. Keep watch for a new and exciting use for the library space later this year.

\*We are continuing to receive resumes for our Administrative Assistant position. We have received more than 150 resumes so far and have had two rounds of telephone interviews to screen candidates. We will be having some face to face interviews before January is gone.

\*A new Bible study is beginning this month that is focused on the Bible. So far almost 20 people have signed up!

\*On a sad note, we lost three of our saints over the Christmas season; Marie deTreville, Buddy Arbogast and David Ward. Please keep these families in your prayers.

\*A new Church Council begins this month. They are beginning their leadership year by getting away for a day-long retreat on Saturday, January 27. Our church leaders covet your prayers in 2018.

\*We received three new members into our congregation just before Advent! Welcome to Teresa, Vernon and Myrna. More to come soon.

That's a few highlights but of course there's always more going on than we can possibly list here.

As this new year gets started I encourage everyone to pray about how you will be engaged in the life of our church this year. There is truly something for everyone.

Let me suggest some ways that you can be engaged in the new year and in doing so you will be an instrument of God's GRACE for yourself and for others:

\***G**lorify God through worship

\***R**each out—be the HANDS of Christ through ministries of mission

\***A**ccept all—invite your neighbors and friends to join us at LUMC

\***C**are for congregation—reach out to care for those in our congregation

\***E**quip and Educate yourself—read scripture, study the Bible, learn to grow

*Gracious God, we give you thanks for your sustaining grace in the previous year. We humbly pray that by your grace you would sustain us anew in 2018. Help us not to be complacent in doing your will through ministries which share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Help us to not be a hindrance or stumbling block to effective ministry—rather, grant that we may have humble and gracious hearts. Help us love others well. By the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray you might grow us spiritually and numerically. Help Lakeside UMC to be a beacon of light, life, hope and peace for the Lakeside community. And dear Lord, may you be glorified in all you do through us in this new year.*

*In the name of Christ Jesus—our Savior & Lord—we pray. Amen.*

Happy New Year!

**Pastor Mark**



## **Inclement Weather Procedures**

*During the week (Mon-Fri.) we will follow the lead of the Henrico School system. If the weather conditions cause the schools to be closed, then church activities for that day will be cancelled. The church office will attempt to contact those affected either through email or telephone.*

*Cancellations will also be posted on our Facebook page.*

*If we must cancel a Sunday worship service, a notice will be listed on the following television stations: WTVR6 and NBC12.*

*If possible, communication of any cancellation will be made on Facebook, through email and/or by notifying Sunday School class leaders and others so that the word January be passed along. When possible we will also include a message on the office answering machine of any cancellation.*

*Every attempt will be made to clear the church parking lot and sidewalks when the church is open.*

*However please use caution when walking on church property and please report any hazardous areas to the church office. Thank you and be safe.*

## *Children's Ministry News*

### **Children's Calendar for 2018**

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

## *Music Notes*

Many thanks to those of you who “adopted” an instrument for the Christmas cantata. They added so much to the presentation of that beautiful and inspiring work, and your generosity made this possible. Special thanks also to Pastor Mark and to Myrna for their excellent reading of the narration. I hope all who heard this work received the inspiration and hope of Christmas. Several folks have already asked about adopting instruments for the Easter cantata (which is early this year---April 1) and you January do that now, either individually or in a group.

Looking ahead to the new year, we would like to introduce the congregation to some of the great hymns in both the red hymnal and The Faith We Sing that are not known by our congregation, but which are worthy of our acquaintance. Statistics show that the average congregation knows only approximately 20% of the hymns in their hymnal, which means they are depriving themselves of some wonderful music and hymn texts. We can enrich and enhance our worship experience as we learn some new hymns, and I have discussed this with Pastor Mark. He, too, thinks that expanding our hymn knowledge will be a positive experience.

We are instructed in Psalm 33 to “sing unto the Lord a new song”, and the renowned English composer and hymnologist, Eric Routley, said it is a congregation’s “duty and delight” to sing their praises to God. I hope the next time you sing a hymn, you will be pleased to offer this “delightful duty” to God!

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.

## 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!**

### January schedule:

Friday	Jan. 5, 2018
Friday	Jan. 12, 2018
Friday	Jan. 19, 2018
Friday	Jan. 26, 2018
Wednesday	Jan. 31, 2018

## 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.

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### We extend our deepest sympathy to:

The friends and family of **Marie Lawson DeTreville**. Marie passed away on December 6, 2017.

The friends and family of William **Whittington Arbogast (Buddy)** who passed away on December 24, 2017.

The friends and family of **David Ward** who passed away on January 2, 2018.

### Appreciation:

*The family of Victoria White gives thanks for the loving kindness of Victoria's church family. Your outpouring of love and concern was very much appreciated by the entire family. January God bless you richly.*

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## January Birthdays 2018



Elizabeth Holte	1/01	Mary Franck	1/10	Jimmy Mills	1/19
Diane Huey	1/02	Ellen Wells	1/11	Joe Klotz	1/21
Rebecca Ripley	1/03	James Leap	1/11	Edward Beckwith	1/21
Jeff Gardner	1/04	Ruth Y. Wilson	1/12	James Herndon	1/23
Cassie Armstrong	1/04	Jane Brooks	1/14	John Moncure	1/24
Clara Magner	1/04	Precious Ashu	1/15	Ashley Miller	1/24
Sharon Miller	1/05	Reed Smith`	1/15	Dave Miller	1/25
Amaris Wesseh	1/07	Gwenda Goggin	1/16	Andrew Hedrick	1/28
Randy Sweeney	1/07	Doris Davis	1/16	Ashley Rosen	1/29
Kathryn Pomfrey	1/08	Stephanie Sizemore	1/16	Sue Roskoski	1/29
Matt Gillis	1/09	Katie Rosen	1/17	Hoyt Hill	1/30
Jennifer Harris	1/10	Mark Crowder	1/18	Ann Deisroth	1/31

## JANUARY MONTHLY CALENDAR 2018

**Monday January 1**  
7:30 PM Mountain Top Bible Study

**Tuesday January 2**  
6:30 PM Trustees  
6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team  
6:30 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
7:00 PM North-Side Steps (AA)  
7:00 PM Henrico Pops (Choral Group)  
7:00 PM UMM Executive Board  
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday January 3**

**Thursday January 4**  
9:00 AM Tai Chi  
10:30 AM Tai Chi  
2:00 PM Fit for Life  
6:30 PM Adult Bells  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

**Friday January 5**  
11:00 AM Tai Chi Class  
6:00 PM Athletes In Motion (AIM)

**Saturday January 6**  
9:00 PM Mountain Top Pentecostal Church of God (Hispanic)

**Sunday January 7**  
9:40 AM Sunday School  
10:50 AM Worship Service  
12:30 PM Mountain Top Sunday School/Worship (Hispanic)  
2:00 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
4:00 PM Children's Choir  
5:30 PM Knit Wits

**Monday January 8**  
10:00 AM Yoga for Seniors  
2:00 PM Fit for Life  
7:30 PM Mountain Top Bible Study

**Tuesday January 9**  
6:30 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
6:30 PM Finance Meeting  
7:00 PM North-Side Steps (AA)  
7:00 PM Henrico Pops (Choral Group)  
7:30 PM AA Executive Board  
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday January 10**  
10:00 AM Bible Study

**Thursday January 11**  
9:00 AM Tai Chi Class  
10:30 AM Tai Chi Class  
2:00 PM Fit for Life  
6:30 PM Adult Bells  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

**Friday January 12**  
11:00 AM Tai Chi  
6:00 PM Athletics in Motion (AIM)

**Saturday January 13**  
9:30 AM Girl Scouts  
6:00 PM Mountain Top Sunday School/Worship (Hispanic)

**Sunday January 14**  
9:40 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
12:30 PM Mountain Top Sunday School/Worship (Hispanic)  
2:00 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
5:30 PM Knit Wits

**Monday January 15**  
10:00 AM Yoga for Seniors  
2:00 PM Fit for Life  
7:30 PM Mountain Top Bible Study

**Tuesday January 16**  
6:30 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
6:30 PM Church Council  
7:00 PM North-Side Steps (AA)  
7:00 PM Henrico Pops (Choral Group)  
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday January 17**  
10:00 AM Bible Study

**Thursday January 18**  
9:00 AM Tai Chi Class  
10:30 AM Tai Chi Class  
2:00 PM Fit for Life  
6:30 PM Adult Bells  
6:30 PM Neighborhood Watch  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

**Friday January 19**  
11:00 AM Tai Chi Class  
6:00 PM Athletes In Motion (AIM)

**Saturday January 20**  
6:00 AM Mountain Top Pentecostal Church of God (Hispanic)  
9:00 AM Blood Drive  
6:00 PM Mountain Top Pentecostal Church of God (Hispanic)

**Sunday January 21**  
9:40 AM Sunday School  
10:50 AM Worship Service  
12:15 PM Church Luncheon  
1:30 PM Mountain Top Worship  
4:30 PM Children's Choir  
5:30 PM Youth Dinner/Program  
2:00 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
5:30 PM Knit Wits

**Monday January 22**  
10:00 AM Yoga for Seniors  
2:00 PM Fit for Life  
7:30 PM Mountain Top Bible Study

**Tuesday January 23**  
6:30 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
7:00 PM North-Side Steps (AA)  
7:00 PM Henrico Pops (Choral Group)  
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday January 24**  
10:00 AM Bible Study  
6:30 PM United Methodist Men

**Thursday January 25**  
9:00 AM Tai Chi Class  
10:30 AM Tai Chi Class  
2:00 PM Fit for Life  
6:30 PM Adult Bells  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

**Friday January 26**  
11:00 AM Tai Chi Class  
6:00 PM Athletes In Motion (AIM)

**Saturday January 27**  
6:00 PM Mountain Top Pentecostal Church of God (Hispanic)  
9:30 PM Girl Scouts

**Sunday January 28**  
9:40 AM Sunday School  
10:50 AM Worship Service  
1:30 PM Mountain Top Worship (Hispanic)  
2:00 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
5:30 PM Knit Wits

**Monday January 29**  
10:00 AM Yoga for Seniors  
2:00 PM Fit for Life  
7:30 PM Mountain Top Bible Study

**Tuesday January 30**  
6:30 PM Seed International  
Worship Service (African)  
7:00 PM North-Side Steps (AA)  
7:00 PM Henrico Pops (Choral Group)  
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday January 31**  
10:00 AM Bible Study

If you need to schedule an event for your ministry, contact the church office at 266-7016. Thank you.



# Church Council Highlights, December 12, 2017

Just in case you haven't noticed, there has been construction equipment in the parking lot. One of the major projects for 2017 finally got under way. The exterior of church is currently being power-washed in preparation for the re-caulking/re-pointing of all the mortar joints. The project was approved by Trustees, and officially approved by a Church Council email vote that was reported and confirmed at the December 12, 2017, meeting.

A second major project was also approved by a Church Council email vote and confirmed at the December meeting. When the temperature isn't expected to break 30 as this is being written, air conditioning is the farthest thing from anyone's mind. However, when it's 100 degrees in the shade and it feels like 125 in the kitchen, AC is on everyone's mind. Trustees recommended to Council that the two "antique" AC units in the Fellowship Hall be replaced that air conditioning be installed in the kitchen. The project consists of replacing both outside compressors with new 5 ton compressors and new air handlers in the Fellowship Hall. Both projects are fully funded and approved.

In other matters, Church Council approved the GRACE Model budget for 2018; the proposed 2018 budget is \$ 313,324.61 a \$ 9,089.50 increase over the 2017 budget. Church Council also designated the Christmas Offering; the Christmas Offering will be divided equally between All God's Children Camp and Camp Rainbow Connection.

Butch Kelchner

## New Year, New Council

A new Church Council takes office in January with a new organizational structure and a more streamlined focus for ministry. The new Council will have 18 members compared to 28 members in 2017 and features a ministry around a model with worship, mission, evangelism, congregational care and Christian education as its touch points. Of the new Council, one third hold offices which are new to them, but the organizational structure is new to everyone. Church Council officers for 2018 are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

A Church Council retreat will be held on January 27 at Richmond Hill led by Reverend Roger Dowdy as the Council begins an intentional time of building trust and setting the stage for a progressive effort to live up to our vision to be the hands of Christ in our community and beyond: hospitality, always faithful, nurturing, discipleship and service.

Council meetings are held each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and all are welcome to attend and comment on any and all issues, but without vote.

## 2018 Council Members

<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
<i>Treasurer</i>	Hal Costley
<i>Deacon</i>	Nancy Robinson
<i>Pastor</i>	Mark Rooks

# Lakeside United Methodist Church

## Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2017

### Statement of Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Position indicates all accounts are in balance and reconciled with the other financial statements. Our YTD deficit at the end of November was \$1,787 (See Net Activity on 2<sup>nd</sup> page). We have \$2,560 in the budget checking account and \$258 in Working Funds Savings for total cash available of \$2,818 to carry over into December 2017.

### Statement of Revenue over Expenses

We paid some high priority apportionments in November, including our annual total for the World Service fund but we are still \$15,948 behind. We paid our missions commitments for November. Year to date we have received \$39,205 less revenue than budgeted. Our deficit through the month of November was \$1,787 but we have not paid \$15,948 in apportionments. Our total deficit year to date with unpaid apportionments was \$17,735. All groups kept expenses to a minimum. Funds were transferred from Specials donations to reduce the Buildings & Grounds expenses to within its year to date budget.

### Comparison Report

Our giving rate compared to last year was 98.5% having received \$3,707 less than last year through November. Our budget for 2017 was 97.7% of last year's budget but 11% more than last year's revenue. Since we are below last year, the 12% shortfall means it is difficult to keep up with the budget. We received \$867 less this November than last year. We have received 86.9% of what is needed to meet our budget. If we receive the same amount in December as last year we will end the year \$36,000 behind budget and with revenue of \$268,000 versus \$304,000 budgeted.

### Designated Funds Spreadsheet

**Missions** – The Pastor's Welfare Discretionary account has a negative balance of \$91 but has a slight positive balance in early December. Donated funds will be sent to appropriate venues in December.

**Memorials** – No significant activity. Donated funds will be sent to appropriate venues in December.

**Specials** – Funds were transferred to budget accounts to reduce B&G costs. Other funds were transferred as appropriate. Donated funds will be sent to appropriate venues in December.

**Music Funds** – A summary of the music funds available within the various other funds is shown for the convenience of the Music Committee and staff.

### Statement of Activities

These accounts represent non-budget accounts. They show the activity for the Endowment Funds and the Building Funds. The Endowment Funds increased by \$7,007 in November for a total increase of \$44,723 YTD. Building Fund revenue was \$280 in November with \$297 paid towards the mortgage payment.

### Overall

We are behind last year's revenue for the year by \$3,707 and \$39,205 behind budgeted revenue. In 2016, at the end of November we had a deficit of \$979 and \$19,045 of unpaid apportionments for a total deficit of \$20,024. In 2017 our total deficit is \$17,735 when including unpaid apportionments. So we are YTD in 2017 ahead of 2016 by only \$2,289 despite large reductions in pastor's expenses. Without a significant increase in revenue, we will continue to struggle to meet budgeted apportionment expenses.

Hal Costley  
Treasurer