

# Messenger

Lakeside United Methodist Church

**April 2018**

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



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## *From the Pastor*

### **Relationships**

In worship during February I spoke about our need to focus on building relationships. Over and over again I said that I believe there are three relationships which are absolutely vital to our future vitality...

...those include:

- our relationship with God
- our relationships with one another within this congregation
- our relationship with the community which is all around us.

I share with you some thoughts and questions for reflection in regards to these relationships.

While the Lenten season is always a good time to reflect on our relationship with God, there is no bad time to do this spiritual work. As we move forward in the Christian year I encourage us to reflect on our sin and human nature in light of who God calls us to be. For example, I offer here a question for consideration in that regard.

**What spiritual discipline might you try out this spring to help you draw closer to God?**

The Christ event on Good Friday is centered in our forgiveness through Jesus' death on the cross. By this one act, God has restored us to the relationship we were originally created for. Through death and resurrection we can know we are forgiven, we can live with joy and have more intimacy with God. The same is true when we forgive one another.

**Who is the one person within our congregation family who you most need to forgive?  
Or, from whom in our congregation family do you most need to receive forgiveness?**

In the Great Commission Jesus commands us to "Go and make disciples...". Jesus has also given us the Great Commandment to "love God and neighbor." Both of these involve action on our part. The actions of love are wide ranging; however, making and being friends to others is the first step. Only then can we introduce others to Christ.

**How will you challenge yourself to make new friends in the Lakeside community this year?**

In regards to meeting our neighbors I encourage as many folks as possible to consider attending the next Neighborhood Watch meeting that is held at the church.

The date and time are as follows: Thursday, April 19, 2018. Pot luck meal begins at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:00.

Both dinner and meeting take place in our Fellowship Hall. I strongly encourage us all to show our support for the community as well as local county police by attending. At this meeting you can get to know our neighbors. Officer Bill Bryan is the community police officer for the Lakeside Neighborhood Watch.

Our neighbors meet at Lakeside UMC every month. Please bring a friend and come meet our neighbors.

**Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ.**

Grace upon grace,  
**Pastor Mark**

# 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>	
June 18 - 22, 2018, Daytime	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 11:30 am</i>
June 24, 2018	<i>Vacation Bible School Celebration</i>	

## Music Notes

**Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain** is the hymn of the month for April. The words, by John of Damascus, were written in the 8<sup>th</sup> century specifically for use on the first Sunday after Easter. The music was composed much later (19<sup>th</sup> century) by Sir Arthur Sullivan, noted organist, conductor, composer, and professor of composition at the Royal Academy of Music in London, and is a lively, cheerful tune. As we sing this hymn, be mindful of the 5-stanza text and the story it tells of the resurrection.

Thank you to all who sponsored an instrumentalist for the Easter cantata. These players, in combination with the chancel choir and guests, gave a meaningful presentation of Lloyd Larson's *the Passion and the Promise*. We're grateful for your generosity which adds so much to the two cantatas we present each year.

Caroline Fergusson

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## Calling All (Hungry) Men!



Gentlemen, you are invited to join the ROMEOS for breakfast on **Wednesday, April 4th** 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.

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## 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 April-May-June schedule:**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 18</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 25</b>		
		<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 29</b>		

## **Holladay & Lakeside Elementary Need Underwear!**

You read it correctly- Holladay & Lakeside Elementary need underwear. Sometimes the little (& sometimes the big) elementary students have accidents at school and need to change their clothes and this includes undergarments. We are asking for clean, packaged underwear size 4/5 through size 12 for girls or boys. There will be a collection box for the "undies" at the church and they will be lovingly donated to Holladay & Lakeside Elementary. Just for reference Holladay Elementary is nestled in the Lakeside community off of Galaxie Road and Lakeside Elementary is just around the corner from LUMC. Please let me know if you have any questions and THANK YOU!

Melinda Kates – Holladay PTA President & Church Council Member, (804)467-9801  
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## **Missions Project for Annual Conference**

Now through May 27, we will be collecting Hygiene Kits for Annual Conference. Our goal is 100 kits. Please consider donating the specific items listed in each week's bulletin insert or making a \$1 donation to purchase toothpaste.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **Appreciation**

A great big thank-you for all the prayers, letters, and words of encouragement that I received during my Emmaus walk. I was overwhelmed with surprise and awe after receiving your notes. That was the finishing touch to what was truly a glorious three days.

In His Love,  
 Leslie Whitman



## April Birthdays

Rick Ward	4/2	Elizabeth Rumford	4/12	Alyse Wermuth	4/24
Seth Savage	4/3	Emmanuel Gomez	4/13	Adam Kelchner	4/26
Alexandra Smith	4/3	Roland Tarley	4/14	Tina Lakoh	4/27
Gloria Feller	4/7	Fervan Huffer	4/16	Angela Hedrick	4/27
Sowmya Prathipathi	4/8	Robin Smith	4/18	Alexandra Gomez	4/27
Chris Pomfrey	4/8	Emma Taylor	4/19	Jim Perkins	4/24
Jeff Robinson	4/9	Joyce Spiller	4/20	Adam Ewbank	4/29
April Wermuth	4/11	Doris Costley	4/21	Jo Anne Kelchner	4/30
Kati Hedrick	4/11	Fran Mauzy	4/23	Cheryl Arrington	4/30
Sue Swadley	4/11	John Wermuth	4/23	Bettie Roach	4/30
Grace Swadley	4/11	John Robinson	4/24	Andrew Friend	4/30
Jack Iglehart	4/12				

## SAVE THE DATES CALENDAR 2018

<b>APRIL</b>	<b>1</b>	SonRise Service 8am followed by breakfast prepared by UMM
	<b>7</b>	Blood Drive 9 am - 1 pm
	<b>9</b>	Joy Girls 10 am
	<b>13</b>	Life Screening 8:30 am – 5 pm
	<b>15</b>	Family Lunch (by reservation)
	<b>21 - 28</b>	We will be hosting CARITAS
<b>MAY</b>	<b>20</b>	Family Lunch followed by Youth Ensemble Harp Concert
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>9</b>	Blood Drive 9 am – 1 pm
	<b>18 - 22</b>	Children's Vacation Bible School 9am -12pm
	<b>24 - 28</b>	Adult Vacation Bible School 6pm-8pm
<b>JULY</b>	<b>16 - 19;</b> <b>23 - 26</b>	Music Arts Camp Grand Finale Performance (July 26)

## March Church Council - Fast Facts

The most recent meeting of the Church Council heard several reports on the Lakeside community in order to better understand the needs of our community and the subsequent role that we may play in the near future. Our vision statement (*We envision Lakeside UMC to be Christ's HANDS in our community and beyond: Hospitality, Always faithful, Nurturing, Discipleship, and Service*) points us toward a more active involvement in our community, already in evidence with LAMB's Basket, Lakeside School partnership, Blood Drive, Hope House and other activities as a foundation for further mission and ministry growth.

Council heard observations from the viewpoint of the County and the needs of Holladay Elementary. Other community reports will be heard at our next meeting.

The Council formed two new teams for near-term action: a Website Team and a Welcome Center Team. The Website Team will concentrate on those things that should be included on our website in an overhaul to be implemented soon. The Welcome Center Team will concentrate on re-purposing our library space into a welcome center to enhance our hospitality emphasis for visitors and members alike from our vision statement (see above). Each team will consist of five participants (contact Kip Robinson, [krobin7856@aol.com](mailto:krobin7856@aol.com) if interested in either team).

A five minute Mission Moment during our worship service begins in April and continues on the second Sunday of each month to inform and celebrate our ministry and mission impact in our community and beyond. Our role in LAMB's Basket will be highlighted in April.

Easter greeting cards for our college students were signed by our church leaders attending the Council meeting.

Anyone can attend Church Council meetings with voice in all discussions as our leaders gather to perform the work of Christ in Lakeside and beyond. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 in the Fellowship-Crusader Classroom in the Education Building.

*~Kip Robinson*

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## 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, [lakesideumc.org](http://lakesideumc.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.