



The Messenger

Lakeside United Methodist Church

February 2012

From the Pastor:

Dear Lakeside Friends:

In my continuing education class today we talked about Christian communicating and how hard it is to do. We are called to be in relationship with honest, open communication, especially when we do not agree with each other. We are called to love each other in Christ, right in the middle of our differences. We are to state our prayerful opinions in front of each other and do the hard work of reconciliation and consensus building while we are present with each other. After that, we are called upon to pray for each other. If we need further discernment, we gather with each other again, remaining in relationship with each other and not divided by misunderstanding or second-hand information. Kindness and gentleness are the ways of the followers of Christ, despite what the “shock jocks” say or what other harsh media trends there may be. My classmates and I “practice” on each other and it proves to be a true opportunity to stretch and grow in my own practice of ministry.

Lent will be an opportunity for us to do some good spiritual work together. I look forward to our class based on the book “The Final Words From The Cross” a book by Adam Hamilton. For more details see the article in this month’s newsletter.

Lean into God’s goodness and stay warm in these winter days. See you in church!

Love in Christ, Rev. Rita

Random Thoughts

Islam

Islam is a major world religion founded by Muhammad in Arabia in the early 7th century AD. The Arabic word *Islam* means “submission” – specifically submission to the will of the one God, called Allah in Arabic. Islam is a strictly monotheistic religion, and its adherents, called Muslims, regard the prophet Muhammad as the last and most perfect of God’s messengers, who include Adam, Abraham, Moses and Jesus. However, they do not regard Jesus as the Son of God or the incarnation of God. The sacred scriptures of Islam is the Quran, which contains God’s five revelations to Muhammad. The religious obligations of all Muslims are summed up in the Five Pillars of Islam, which include belief in God

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and His prophet and obligations of prayer, charity, pilgrimage, and fasting. In the early 21st century there are 1.2 billion Muslims in the world. Although there are radical Muslims who engage in jihad, the theoretical faith is not hostile to other faiths. As Christians, we should be open to Muslims who are not radicals, but we must keep faithful to Christ and His teachings.

COMMUNITY

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22, 7 pm. Participating churches include: Christ Lutheran, Epiphany Episcopal. Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic, and Lakeside United Methodist. Please mark your calendar for this meaningful service of worship and be present to welcome our neighbors in Faith

Lenten Services

The LARCUM Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday at 5:45 PM at Church of the Epiphany, 8000 Hermitage Road, beginning February 29, 2012.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The United Methodist Men will host a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6 PM. Everyone is invited. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the bulletin.

SCOUTING SUNDAY SET FOR FEBRUARY 19.

Our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be leading the worship service at 10:50 am here at Lakeside UMC on February 19. Rev. Rita will be offering the sermon, but other parts of the service will be led by our young people from our scouting programs. Let us support our troops!

Council Notes

The meeting was called to order by Wes Fergusson, Chairman. Devotion was given by Mike Bobbitt. A summary of the Children's Ministry was given by Delaine Arbogast. Hal Costley, Treasurer, reported that we ended 2011 with a deficit of \$3,388 decreased from \$9,479 at the end of November. Our deficit would have been worse without the \$4,088 carried over from the 2010 talents fundraiser. Dina Giese reported that a new dishwasher has been ordered and should be installed in the next few weeks. Mike Bobbitt stated that the Gills House Taskforce will meet again on January 25. Cody Dedmon stated that it is possible to connect the sound system in the Fellowship Hall with the Sanctuary system in event of future large funerals or other gatherings.

February meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7 PM after the Shrove Tuesday Dinner.

Music Notes

I have been thinking recently about the power of music in the life of a congregation, particularly the

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power of hymns, which are the congregation's music. Singing them enthusiastically is each individual's testimony of praise to the Creator, but there are those times of grief and sadness when we don't feel like praising or singing. Perhaps that is what is meant in the book of Jeremiah, when it refers to "bringing a sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord." It is indeed difficult and a real sacrifice to offer praise during dark times. Hymns provide us with comfort and consolation during such periods, and through many hymn texts we support and encourage each other in our faith. In addition to the harmony of the music, hymns can restore harmony to our lives, and provide a way to express our deepest sorrow and restore our faltering faith. The third stanza of the hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* is a beautiful example of the care and compassion we offer each other:

"We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear."

Caroline Fergusson

New Addresses:

Ruth Rogers
The Lynmore, Romm 111
12411 Gayton Road
Richmond, VA 23238

Judy Eddins
3240 Lakewood Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Lynn and Jane Brooks over the passing of Lynn's sister-in-law, Nora Brooks, in November. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Lynn and Jane at 3417 Lanceor Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060

We express our deepest sympathy to Laura Cone over the passing of her brother-in-law, Carl Dulaney, in December. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Laura at 10509 Glencoe Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jane Wright over the passing of her brother, W. Scott Hayward, on December 12, 2011. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Jane Wright, 2401 Bransford Drive, Richmond, VA 23228.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Saa Emerson M'Bayo over the passing of his aunt in Africa. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Saa at 4041 Tangle Drive, Richmond, VA 23228.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Angela and Jimmy Hedrick over the passing of her aunt on December 7, 2011. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to 8555 Woodlake Drive, Richmond, VA 23234.

We express our deepest sympathy to Josephine Hicks over the recent passing of her brother. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Josephine Hicks, 2300 Cedarfield Parkway, Apt 441, Richmond, VA 23233.

We express our deepest sympathy to Ellen and Helen Hedrick and their families over the recent passing of Doug Hedrick on January 6, 2012. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Ellen Hedrick, 11225 Mill Place Terrace, Glen Allen, VA 23060; Helen Hedrick, 3410 Lanceor Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060; Jeff and Sherri Hedrick, 4908 Topping Lane, Glen Allen, VA 23060; Jimmy and Angela Hedrick, 8555 Woodlake Drive, Richmond, VA 23294.

We express our deepest sympathy to Walter and Irene Gammon over the recent passing of his sister, Mildred Rodgers on January 6, 2012. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Walter and Irene Gammon, 4102 Balmoral Ave., Richmond, 23228.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Rev. Jim McClung who passed way on January 7, 2012. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Betty McClung, 7818 Balineen Court, Richmond, VA 23228-6435

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR!!!!

If you know of anyone, neighbor, friend, etc., who might like to find out about life at Lakeside UMC, please call the church office at 266-7016. We will have a "Coffee with Pastor Rita" on Sunday, January 29 at 9:30 AM in the Pastor's Study. We will send out invitations if we get names. Coffee and rolls will be served at 9:30 AM.

Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for 2012 is posted in the hallway near the Unity Room. You may sign up to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or an occasion.

Thank You

Ruth Rogers would like to express her appreciation for all the cards she has received.

We received a letter from Lamb's Basket thanking the church for our contribution of \$ 480.00 in memory of Dorothy Lake.

Your Lakeside UMC staff wants the congregation to know how very appreciative we are for your generous Christmas gift, and for the support you show to us all during the year. Your kind words and the love shown to us in so many ways makes us feel honored to serve as your staff, as we serve the One into whose service we have been called. With gratitude, your church staff

Dear Lakeside Church,

On behalf of my family, I want to express my appreciation to all of you who supported Jim during his illness & passing. What started out with visitations & cards during his hospital stay, turned into the most gracious outpouring of sympathy upon his death. We are so grateful for the words of encouragement & expressions of sincere love showered upon me & the family. The memorial service was so overwhelmingly attended which is a true testament to Jim's life as a Christian man of faith. Thank you for your prayers & continued support.

Fondly, Helen Hedrick & Family

It is with deep sadness that we mourn another family member so soon after losing the patriarch. Our dear Doug left us way too soon. Our world has been torn apart with the death of a beloved son, brother, husband, & father. Words cannot express how grateful our family is for all the support during this most difficult time. The only saving grace in this devastation is knowing that Big Jim (Pepaw) was waiting for Doug at the Kingdom's entrance with loving arms. Peace be with our family & yours in 2012.

With Love, Helen, Jimmy, Jeff, Ellen, & Families

CARITAS **A WEEK TO SERVE**

We will be hosting the Caritas family group beginning April 28th through May 5th. You may go to the church web page and see the opportunities available for serving during that week. If you have any questions about this mission project, please contact Dina Giese at ricwkcp@verizon.net or by phone-262-2967.

Lamb's Basket Report

The year 2011 saw many changes in client processing and food distribution. Overall, the operations are now much more efficient and smoother.

During 2011 we received 390,488 pounds of food from donors and obtained another 176,470 pounds from Central Virginia Food Bank. Our 4,375 volunteers provided us with over 22,000 hours of service. At an average of \$14.00 per hour, that's \$310,000. Our volunteers are of great value to us. The number of clients has grown at an astonishing rate. We served 36,732 clients including second time per month visits and social services

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clients. The number of households has risen to 12,395. We had 1,074 new clients. Based on U. S. Census figures we served 10.3 % of Henrico County's population. The number of people served since 2009 has risen by 58.5% and the pounds of food by 69.1%. Our volunteer hours have risen by 63.6%.

Pantry Statistics 2009 - 2011

	2009	2010	2011
Persons served	21,541	25,278	36732
Households served	7,024	7,449	12,395
Food Distributed	391,831	485,437	566,918
Number of volunteers	3,672	4,511	5,520
Number of hours	14,051	18,045	22,082
\$ Value	\$196,714	\$252,630	\$309,935

Lakeside Preschool News

Conferences

There is a calendar change in March, and the teachers and I have decided to open up the school instead of having conferences that day. You are still welcome to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please send a note through the backpack, or call the preschool.

Henrico County February Lakeside Preschool News

Important Dates

- Wednesday, February 8 – Henrico County Dental Clinic
- Tuesday, February 14 – Valentine's Day Party
- Monday, February 20 – Student Holiday/School Closed
- Wednesday, March 7 – CALENDAR CHANGE – SCHOOL OPENED
(Parent/Teacher Conference available upon request)

Miss Caroline

All those wonderful new songs your children are singing at home are Miss Caroline's very own written and composed pieces. The best thing is that she asks the children what they would like to sing about, and just like magic, with a click of those magical fingers and talent, we have a new song. "Sunshine Cake" delighted the children last month and this month we're singing about "Imagination". We just LOVE Miss Caroline and are so very blessed to have her be part of our mornings at Preschool. Thank you Miss Caroline!

Student Holiday/School Closed

On Monday, February 20 the preschool will be closed for the student holiday.

Parent/Teacher Dental Clinic

Henrico County has a traveling Dental Clinic that travels to many schools to educate the children on the importance of practicing good dental hygiene. They will experience many hands-on activities that involve the care of their teeth and bodies. Any siblings are welcome to join us!

Cindy Padden, Director



February Birthdays

Glenda Adams	2/1	Joy Summers	2/11	Griffin Nettles	2/23
Mary Ann Murphree	2/1	Kylie Giese	2/13	Bettie Sue Mills	2/23
Bernie Pomfrey	2/1	Beth Moses	2/15	Gwen Brannan	2/23
Alan Lobou	2/2	Cody Crook	2/15	Becky Waters	2/24
Michelle Robinson	2/2	Doug Walker	2/15	Ray Pellegrin	2/25
Helen A. Grant	2/3	Larry Robertson	2/17	Teri Dolan	2/26
Nina Teel	2/4	Patty Good	2/18	Paul Davis	2/26
Thomas Rosen	2/6	Rob Ward	2/19	Doris Armstrong	2/27
Pat Saunders	2/7	Adam Hall	2/20	Lisa Hairfield	2/27
Carly Shaw	2/7	Grace Mimbe	2/20	Mary Ann Crisman	2/28
Diana Peaco	2/9	Mary Eckart	2/21		
Pat Utley	2/9	Delores Dale	2/22		

If your birthday does not appear in our monthly birthday list, please call the church office at 266-7016 and leave your date of birth so we may record it and celebrate your special day with you.



Lenten Bible Study

SIX WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. RITA

During the season of Lent we will study together *The Final Words from the Cross.*, a book by Adam Hamilton. Our pastor is offering the class at 12:00 Noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning February 29, 2012. We will have copies available for all who sign up to attend. If you are able to make a donation for the cost of the books, (\$10.00) make your check payable to LUMC designated LENTEN Bible Study. Please fill out the registration form below indicating which class you would like to attend. Place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office during the week. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 26, 2010

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

(Please check one):

12:00 Noon on Wednesdays: _____ February 29 through April 4.

12:00 Noon on Saturdays: _____ March 3 through April 7

Please bring a bag lunch if your desire.

February 2012 Calendar

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 PM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
5:30 PM SCAN Dinner/Meeting
6:00 PM Tutoring
6:30 PM Prayer Group

Thursday, February 2

9:00 AM Preschool
9:00 AM Tai Chi Class
6:30 PM Adult Bells
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, February 3

6:00 PM AIM

Saturday, February 4

9:30 AM Girl Scouts
11:30 AM Daisies
4:30 PM Youth Event
6:00 PM Praise and Worship

Sunday, February 5

9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Worship Service
2:00 PM Prayer Service
Youth Super Bowl Party – Time TBA
5:30 PM Knitwits

Monday, February 6

9:00 AM Preschool
6:00 PM Webeloes Den
6:30 PM Bear Den
7:00 PM Wolf Den
7:15 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
5:30 PM Pack Meeting
6:30 PM Children's Ministry Team
7:00 PM Henrico Pops
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
5:30 PM SCAN Dinner/Meeting
6:00 PM Tutoring
6:30 PM Pastor-Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Prayer Group

Thursday, February 9

9:00 AM Preschool
9:00 AM Tai Chi Class
6:30 PM Adult Bells
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, February 10

6:00 PM AIM

Saturday, February 11

9:30 AM Girl Scouts
11:30 AM Daisies
6:00 PM Blue & Gold Banquet

Sunday, February 12

Boy Scout Sunday

9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Worship Service
Boy Scout Banquet following Worship
2:00 PM Prayer Service
Youth Event - TBA
5:30 PM Knitwits
6:00 PM Prayer Service

Monday, February 13

9:00 AM Preschool
6:00 PM Webeloes Den
6:30 PM Bear Den
7:00 PM Wolf Den
7:15 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 14

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
10:30 AM UMW Morning Circle
7:00 PM Finance
7:00 PM Tiger Den
7:00 PM Henrico Pops
7:30 PM UMW Evening Circle
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
5:30 PM SCAN Dinner/Meeting
6:00 PM Tutoring
6:30 PM Prayer Group

Thursday, February 16

9:00 AM Preschool
9:00 AM Tai Chi Class
6:30 PM Neighborhood Watch
6:30 PM Adult Bells
7:00 PM Men's Chorus
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, February 17

6:00 PM AIM

Saturday, February 18

9:30 AM Girl Scouts
11:30 AM Daisies

Sunday, February 19

9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Worship Service
2:00 PM Prayer Service
4:30 PM Youth Music & Bells
5:30 PM Youth Dinner/Meeting
5:30 PM Knitwits

Tuesday, February 21

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Supper
7:00 PM Church Council (change)
7:00 PM Tiger Den
7:00 PM Henrico Pops
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday Service

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
5:30 PM SCAN Dinner/Meeting
6:00 PM Tutoring
6:30 PM Prayer Group
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 23

9:00 AM Preschool
9:00 AM Tai Chi Class
6:30 PM Adult Bells
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, February 24

6:00 PM AIM
Youth attending Richmond District Youth Retreat

Saturday, February 25

9:30 AM Girl Scouts
11:30 AM Daisies

Sunday, February 26

9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Worship Service
2:00 PM Prayer Service
5:30 PM Knitwits
6:00 PM Prayer Service
Youth return from Richmond District Youth Retreat

Monday, February 27

9:00 AM Preschool
6:00 PM Webeloes Den
6:30 PM Bear Den
7:00 PM Wolf Den
7:15 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Tiger Den
7:00 PM Henrico Pops
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, February 29

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
12:00 noon Bible Study
5:30 PM SCAN Dinner/Meeting
5:45 PM LARCUM/Epiphany
6:00 PM Tutoring
6:30 PM Prayer Group



Don't forget to put your events on church calendar.