



The Link

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UPDATE ON OUR STEWARDSHIP

I am proud of our congregation for the hard work and commitment that are invested every year in our ministry. You take our calling in this community seriously and you share your time and talents to help one another grow into the people God calls us to be and to meet the various needs of our neighbors. Advent is only one example of the ways so many people work together to enhance our ministry. Thank you for everything you do to make Lakeside so special.

Thank you as well for the financial commitment so many of you make. As of today, we have received \$640,396 in support of our 2016 Ministry Plan. Hopefully, the remaining \$10,715 is in the mail. If not, we hope the diligence of our staff to reduce costs will cover that deficit.

We worked hard to lower our anticipated costs for 2017 which resulted in a reduced budget. If we do not reach last year's goal, however, we will have to further reduce our Ministry Plan for this year. That could mean the reduction or elimination of various programs.

We know we have not fully tapped the resources of our congregation—hardly any church does. What we do know is that we are all called to support our church and to give of our time, our talents, and our money.

I ask each of you to reflect on what this congregation means to you and to our community. If Lakeside were not here, what difference would it make? I urge you to consider prayerfully your part in making our ministry possible. If you have not returned your Giving Plan card, please do so. It enables us to gauge our resources for the year. For all who sacrificially support Lakeside, thank you!

Jody Wright

FAREWELL

Far too often we have to say goodbye to members of Lakeside who are moving away. This week, Sallie Ray Wilkerson moves to Cary to be near her family. Sallie Ray and Charles became a part of Lakeside ten years ago and quickly endeared themselves to all of us. They were involved in every aspect of our church from the beginning. They added character and commitment to our congregation.

We have missed Charles since his death three years ago and we will miss Sallie Ray. We offer our blessings for all that is ahead of her. Her new address is: Stoneridge, 105 Convention Drive, Apartment 434, Cary, NC 27511.

BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

The decision to cancel worship or other church activities is a serious one and is made only after carefully checking weather and road conditions. Generally, we will not hold activities at the church if circumstances make it unsafe for members.

Should worship or other activities be cancelled, we will record a message on the church phone line and place a notice on our website. We will also post notices with the following media: WRAL-TV, channel 5 and WTVD, channel 11.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Bill Adcock (Winnie Raper's brother), Room 468

Grace Beasley, (Edna Corn's mother), Room 572

Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Drive Winston-Salem,

NC 27106, **John Cappiello**, Room 718, **Denise Cappiello**, Room 534

Rocky Mount Rehabilitation Center, 160 Winstead Avenue (04)

Dozia Collins, Room 213; **Mary Frances Taylor**, Room 107

At Home:

Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)

Lee Broughton, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

Janet Corbett, 3645 Elwell Ferry Road, Kelly, NC 28448

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214

Brenda & John Hartness, 1130 N. Jamestown Rd., #206, Decatur, GA 30033

Anne Morgan (Jane Snow's sister), 13 Valley Forge Place, Atlanta GA 30318

Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

Pat and Jack Newton, 111 Cole Drive, Hampstead NC 28443

Regina Peters (Karla Willcox's cousin), PO Box 92, Bolingbroke, GA 31004

JoAnne Scalf, 200 Timberlane Road (04)

June Shearin, 110 Newby Court (04)

Marion Weathers, 1421 Country Club Road (04)

Andy Wiggs (Jim Wiggs' son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253

Our Members-at-Home

Nancy Henry, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

Sherry Johnson, Brighton Gardens, 3101 Duraleigh Rd, Rm 165, Raleigh, NC 27612

Don Scalf, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

We offer our sympathy to Elaine, Paul, and Katy Jaber in the death of Elaine's mother, Lucille Wagner Baker, of Charlottesville, Virginia, on January 1.

We offer our sympathy to Ann and John Beard and Betsy Waters in the death of their son and nephew, Mark Beard of New Bern, on January 2.

We offer our sympathy to Bob Koszelak in the death of his father, Roman Koszelak, of N. Tonawanda, NY, on January 1.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker on Sunday. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up in the Youth Building.

THE 29TH ANNUAL UNITY BREAKFAST HONORING THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Monday, January 16, 2017

The Dunn Center on the Campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast ✧ 8:00 a.m. - Program

“Origin of the Dream” – Dr. Jason Miller, Keynote Speaker

Author of *Origins of the Dream: Hughes' Poetry and King's Rhetoric*

Featuring:

Winners of the 2017 Oratorical Contest

Music by the Tar River Children's Chorus

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Regifting Party on Sunday night, and especially to Carol and Andy Barker for your help. I think we had the best collection of gag gifts yet! What a fun way to kick-off 2017!

We will resume our regular schedule of choirs, dinner and SNL this Sunday. All youth and parents are encouraged to participate in the first installment of #RealTalk. Please let me know as soon as possible which date works best for you. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for giving of your time and talent for another lovely Advent season at Lakeside. Wednesday evening rehearsals resume this week. Meditation Group will meet on Thursday at noon in the parlor. Youth Choir and Missions and Music will meet on Sunday. I look forward to seeing you all in rehearsal and worship. Amy

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Our next adult study group is a five-week Bible study of the book of Jonah. Participants can choose a Tuesday evening group that meets at 7:00 p.m. each week beginning January 24 or a Wednesday morning group that meets at 10:00 a.m. each week beginning January 25. The study guides cost \$7 each and will be available in the church office soon. Please call the church office to sign up for a group.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

You are invited to participate in our annual Women's Retreat February 3-4. Carol Taylor will host us at her beautiful farm on Highway 48 for a time of reflection, prayer and fellowship. Participants can choose to spend the night at the farm or return home for the evening. Haven Godwin Parrott, daughter of Lakeside's first pastor, Clarence Godwin, will be our retreat leader. The cost for the weekend, which includes meals, is \$75. Please call the church office to sign up.

DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

We will ordain and install our Deacons for service during worship on January 15. Plan to be a part of this meaningful experience of commitment.

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2017 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,064

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,190	\$12,190
Receipts January 1	\$7,654	\$7,654
Variance	-\$4,536	-\$4,536

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Matt Paszek and Dan Herring

Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain

Acolyte - Chase Joyner; Crucifer - Sara Raper

Nursery - Susan Ballentine; Extended Session - Janet and Robert Sykes

Audio Booth Volunteer - Wayne Cotton

LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

January 8, 2017 ✧ Epiphany Sunday

Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Afraid of a Baby?"

Adult Choir Anthems:

"Light Everlasting" - Christiansen; "The Work of Christmas" - Forrest

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Susan Skinner

Senior Adult Director

Elizabeth Edwards

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, January 5

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

Sunday, January 8

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, Youth Choir

5:45 p.m. Dinner, Robbins Hall

6:15 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities, Children's Choir

6:30 p.m. SNL

7:30 p.m. Lakeside Youth Fellowship, Dunkin Donuts

Monday, January 9

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

PARENT FELLOWSHIP CLASS BREAKFAST

Parents of Lakeside's youth and children are invited to kick off the new year with a fellowship breakfast on Sunday, January 22. Drop the kids off at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school and then join us in the Parlor of the Education Building. Please bring a breakfast item to share.