



The Link

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ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

Our Advent theme this year is “Starry Stranger, Guiding Light,” borrowed from a poem by Richard Crashaw (1613-1649) titled, “A Hymn of the Nativity.” Our Advent journey will seek to follow this guiding light to discern who this “Starry Stranger” is. As always, a full month of worship and other activities is planned for your enrichment and delight.

November 29 ♦ The First Sunday of Advent

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light to Hope”

Hanging of the Greens

A service of carols, readings, and decorating the sanctuary

December 6 ♦ The Second Sunday of Advent

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light to Love”

Part I of Handel’s *Messiah*

The Chancel Choir and Guest Soloists

String Quartet from the N.C. Symphony

December 13 ♦ The Third Sunday of Advent

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light to Joy”

The Handbell Choir

5:00 p.m. - Caroling to our Members at Home

Sharing the music of the season followed by food and fellowship in Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building

December 20 ♦ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light to Peace”

6:00 p.m. - Service of Carols and Candlelighting

Adult, Youth and Children’s Choirs, Adult Handbell Choir

December 24 ♦ Christmas Eve Communion

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light”

Chris Ellis, violinist; Lakeside Soloists

YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR 2016 MINISTRY PLAN

Thank you for the strong support you showed on Sunday for our ongoing ministry. Thus far we have received 70 Giving Plans totaling \$210,586. If you have not yet returned your card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Wake Medical Center, 3000 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610

Berkley Skinner

At Home:

Bettina Godwin Batts (Betty Godwin’s daughter)

Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)

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

Martha Bulluck, 3512 Woodlawn Road (04)

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

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Mike Evans, 1617 Rivera Drive (03)

Brenda and John Hartness, 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033

Vernon Hoyle (Bill Hoyle’s brother), 201 J Morgan St., Forest City NC 28043

Winnie Johnson, 105 Hampton Court (03)

Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

Frances Pittman 580 Coral Drive, A-4 Westport 1, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

Cristi Gonzales Pollock, 5032 Crown Point Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Tom Wicker, c/o Andy Barker, 6313 Sapony Trail, Elm City, NC 27822

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

Our Members-at-Home

Grace Beasley (Edna Corn’s mother), Brookdale 650 Goldrock Rd (04)

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

Lambert Sutton, 3400 Hawthorne Road (04)

We offer our sympathy to Jim and Dorrie Wright in the death of Jim’s father, James “Graham” Wright, of Oxford, North Carolina, on November 18.

We offer our sympathy to Barbara Valentine and her family in the death of her uncle, Clifton McNeill, of Hope Mills, North Carolina, on November 14.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Godwin who died on November 23. She was a member of Lakeside for 60 years. A service celebrating her life will be held next week at Lakeside.

Thank you all for your caring, thoughtfulness, prayers, calls, and letters since the death of my son Jeff. It means so much to me and my family.

Love, Joyce Siler

Many thanks to you who have been so generous in your offerings of prayer and concern. Your cards, calls, visits, flowers, and food have strengthened my morale and my recovery. I hope to soon be back at Lakeside. Many thanks, Jean Smith

CHRISTMAS AT THE DUNN CENTER

North Carolina Wesleyan College invites you to begin celebrating Christmas with them on Thursday, December 3. The following free events are a gift to you:

• 5:30-7:15 p.m.: Hay Rides for Children of All Ages

• 5:30-7:15 p.m.: A Live Nativity

• 7:10 p.m.: Arrival of Santa Claus on a Rocky Mount Fire Department Engine

• 7:30 p.m.: The 9th Annual Presentation of “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.”

After the play, NCWC official photographer and faculty member, Dr. Carl Lewis, will take your Santa photos and Katie the Elf will give you information on how you can go to the school website and print your free photos.

YOUTH NEWS

This coming Sunday will be a full and fun day at Lakeside! All youth are needed to assist with the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday morning. Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:40 a.m. to rehearse. On Sunday evening, we will join youth from around the community at FUMC for a festive holiday party. Meet at Lakeside at 4:45 p.m., bring \$5, and watch your email for other details.

Congratulations to Barkley Browder, Charlie Lane, Sara Raper, and Beth Seagroves who, along with other IB students at Rocky Mount High School, collected food to help 50 families this Thanksgiving season. It is beautiful to see all of you *Bloom* into all that God has created you to be.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Elizabeth

YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER

Lakeside's youth will wrap gifts on Saturday, December 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Donations will support the youth trip fund.

MUSIC NOTES

It was so nice to have the Lakeside Ringers lead us in worship on Sunday. Your music was beautiful. Well done! Thank you to all who worked "behind the scenes" with rails, bells and table set-up. I am thankful for your help.

The Meditation Group will not meet this week, but will resume on Thursday, December 3 at noon in the parlor.

The Children's Choir will sing in worship this Sunday, November 29 for Hanging of the Greens. Rehearsal in the sanctuary will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Invite your friends and family to be with us for Part I of Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 6. You don't want to miss this special event! Amy

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

As the Advent season approaches, we are all mindful of the enormous blessings many of us enjoy as well as the tremendous needs faced by many in our community. There are two ways you can help to provide a brighter Christmas for children in need in our area. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Toy Store sponsored by Peacemakers in South Rocky Mount. Toys for infants through teens, sports equipment, electronics, or other gifts children would enjoy will be appreciated. Please leave your donations in the bins located outside the church office or in Sugg Foyer by December 1. You may also make a monetary contribution which will assist families through the New Destiny Ministries Christmas Party. Donations should be marked "Christmas Families" and can be made through the church office through December 9.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

- Deacon Greeters - David Browder and Jim Henderson
- Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain
- Crucifer - Carson Browder; Torchbearer - Spencer Edwards
- Acolyte - Eliza Craig Parker
- Extended Session - Susan Skinner; Nursery - Ginger Maynard
- Audio Booth Volunteer - John Farmer

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN		
2015 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$637,111		
	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,252	\$575,844
Receipts November 22	\$5,470	\$476,938
Variance	-\$6,782	-\$98,906

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CHURCH STAFF	Amy Shortt Minister of Music
Jody Wright Senior Minister	Mark Pichowicz Interim Organist
Linda Davis Administrative Assistant	Samantha Saiz Preschool Director
Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director	Elizabeth Edwards Associate Minister
	Liz Broomeil Secretarial Assistant
	Napoleon Taylor Custodian

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27

Church Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 28

1:00 p.m. Decorating Chrismon Tree, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Youth Rehearse for Hanging of the Greens, Sanctuary
- 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
- 4:45 p.m. Youth Arrive for Choir and Activities at First United Methodist
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 7:15 p.m. Youth return to church

Wednesday, December 2

- 6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 3

- 12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

HELP DECORATE THE CHRISMON TREE

The Chrismon tree will be decorated on Saturday, November 28, beginning at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Lucas at 904-7486.