



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, worship and other activities are planned to provide you with a meaningful and joyful Advent season.

December 20 ✦ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Worship

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light to Peace”

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-45

Anthems:

“Creation Will Be at Peace” - Page

“Light Everlasting” - Christiansen

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

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

December 24 ✦ Christmas Eve Communion

6:00 p.m. Worship

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light”

Chris Ellis, violinist

Lakeside Soloists:

Bo Browder, Chase Joyner, Ann Sawyer, Amy Shortt

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT

As most of us have noted, it is difficult to believe that we have arrived at the end of another year. This year, in particular, has been meaningful as we have celebrated sixty years of ministry as the family of faith known as Lakeside. You are a unique congregation, an important witness in this community, and special friends. It is a joy to walk this journey of faith with you.

For sixty years we have sought to follow Christ’s light in worship, personal discipleship, and service to one another, our community, and God’s world. We have done well, but imagine what lies ahead for us. Think about the many ways God can work through us in the next sixty years, perhaps even in the next week or two. We are busy imagining what that ministry will be. A visioning group is meeting, researching, and praying about where God is leading us in the days ahead. This group includes Lela Chesson, Barry Goldstein, Laura and Jim Henderson, Jo Ann Lamm, Trevor Lane, Terry Martin, Stuart Todd, Betty Ann Whisnant, and Deborah Wright. Pray for them as they help us discern where God will guide us to shine our light.
Jody Wright

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

Sue Daughety, Room 3A04

At Home:

Bettina Godwin Batts

Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)

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

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

Anne Crane, 5105 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571

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

Sherry Johnson, Brighton Gardens, 3101 Durant Rd., # 247, Raleigh, NC 27612

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)

Jean Smith, 23 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Pat Van Horn, 3804 Hawthorne Road (04)

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

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Georgia Grace Godwin who died on December 10 in Greenville. Georgia was the seven year old daughter of Preston and Amber Godwin, the granddaughter of Charles and Betsy Godwin, and the great-granddaughter of the late Betty and Charlie Godwin.

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

All Lakeside’s Senior Adults are cordially invited to our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20, following the Candlelight Service. Jane Snow has graciously invited us to her lovely new home at 213 Cobblestone Court. You will not want to miss this festive event as we share our love and friendship. Please call the church office to let us know you can come. (Transportation from the church will be provided for those who would like a ride.)

HONOR CARDS—THE GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE

The 2015 Honor Cards are available in the church office for \$5 each. These cards, designed by artist William Mangum, provide needed funds for our local homeless shelters at UCM. They are also a wonderful gift to family and friends who care about all people in our community.

CIRCLE 10 COOKBOOKS FOR AVAILABLE

Circle 10’s new cookbook, *Another Taste of Lakeside*, will be available for purchase in the Narthex after worship on Sunday, December. The cookbooks are \$20 each and make perfect Christmas gifts.

Have you done all that you can to support our ministry this year? Everyone shares the responsibility of offering financial gifts as well as other talents to undergird all we do as a church. Please help us fulfill our commitment this year.

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who supported the youth in our gift-wrapping fund raiser, and especially to Nancy Berry, Lesley Browder, Linda Graham, Molly Pitt, Andrew Robillard, and Brent and Rebecca Watkins for your help. It was great to see so many youth and children come out for caroling on Sunday night as it means so much to our members-at-home. Thank you for the many ways you enhance the ministries of our church family.

Your help will also be needed at the Candlelight Service on December 20. The Youth Choir will sing and other youth will be needed to assist with lighting candles. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you all for the joyful music in Sunday's worship service! Lakeside Ringers, I'm so proud of you. Great job! Chancel Choir, you consistently bring your all and I truly appreciate that. Also, thank you to all who went caroling to our members-at-home. It was a good thing to do and surely "the Work of Christmas."

All choirs will participate in the evening Service of Carols and Candlelighting on December 20. The rehearsal schedule is as follows: 4:00 p.m.–Lakeside Ringers; 4:30 p.m.–Children's Choir; 5:00 p.m.–Youth and Chancel Choir.

A sign-up sheet for the Choir Party is in the music suite. Joe and Betty Ann Whisnant are our kind hosts. All spouses/significant others are welcomed and encouraged to attend. I look forward to seeing you all in rehearsal and worship.

Amy

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON

All college students and college-age young adults are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, December 27, following worship. Please call the church office or complete the Event Registration on the Welcome page of the website to sign up.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Deacon Greeters - Matt Paszek and Trevor Lane
Acolyte - Madi Adkins; Crucifer - Georgia Morris

Extended Session - Linda Millar; Nursery - Craig and Tavener Parker

Service of Carols and Candlelighting, 6:00 p.m.
Deacon Greeters - Matt Paszek and Trevor Lane
Acolyte - Bo Browder, Crucifer - Sara Raper
Torchbearer - Beth Seagroves

Christmas Eve Communion Service, 6:00 p.m.
Deacon Greeters -
Acolyte - Reynolds Cobb; Crucifer - Michael Waters
Torch Bearer - Jacob Watkins

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2015 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$637,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,252	\$612,607
Receipts December 13	\$38,463	\$551,697
Variance	+\$26,211	-\$60,910
Needed to meet 2015 Ministry Commitment:		\$85,414

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CHURCH STAFF

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 17

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

Sunday, December 20

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
12:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room
4:00 p.m. Handbell, Rehearsal, Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir and Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Service of Carols and Candlelighting
6:00 p.m. Topnotchers Christmas Party, 213 Cobblestone Court

Tuesday, December 22

10:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting, Godwin Library

Thursday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 25 and Monday, December 28

Church Office Closed

Remember: to be counted as a donation in 2015, all financial offerings must be received in the office by noon on December 31.