



The Link

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ADVENT AT LAKESIDE "Christmas Reflections"

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT ❖ DECEMBER 21

11 O'CLOCK A.M. - "REFLECTIONS OF PEACE: JOSEPH"

Adult Choir Anthems:
"The Dream Isaiah Saw" - Rudolph
"Dona Nobis Pacem" - arr. Tucker

6 O'CLOCK P.M. - SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHTING

Choirs and Lay Readers will lead us in a retelling of the Christmas story through a service of lessons and carols.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION ❖ DECEMBER 24

6 O'CLOCK P.M. - "REFLECTIONS OF WONDER: MARY"
Chris Ellis, Violinist; Lakeside Soloists



LET'S GO GREEN FOR CHRISTMAS!

Red and green and silver and gold are the traditional colors of the holiday season. They can provide beautiful decorative touches to make our homes, churches, businesses, and community look festive.

When applied to a ministry budget, however, red is not the color of choice. No one wants a financial report decked in red.

As we have noted over and over this year, our congregation is extremely generous, but we do spend the greater part of eleven months "in the red." With only a couple of weeks left in the year, we still need \$72,000 in "green" to meet our approved budget needs. Some of us have not yet completed our giving for this year. Others of us have not yet made that additional gift we intend to make. All of us have an obligation to support our ministry financially as well as in other ways.

If you still have a financial gift to offer, please do so within the next week so that all of us can enjoy the Christmas celebrations knowing that Lakeside has gone green this year!

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

Stancil Barnes, 101 Briarwood Court, Tarboro, NC 27886

Bettina Godwin Batts (Betty Godwin's daughter)

Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)

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

David Carter, 312 North Shores Road, Washington, NC 27889

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

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

John Gessaman, 4009 Hawthorne Road (04)

Georgia Grace Godwin (great-granddaughter of Betty Godwin)

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

Anaiah Knowles (Nancy Porter's great-grandson), 6408 N. 131st Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68164-1043

Chuck Martin, 106 Whispering Pines Drive (04)

Terry Martin, 300 Wildwood Avenue (03)

Georgia Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

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

Lindy Brice Schmidt, 9275 Oldfield Road, Calabash, NC 28467

Joyce Siler, River Landing, 1575 John Knox Dr., #P-203, Colfax, NC 27235

Jeff Stephens, 1220 Beal Street (04)

Charlotte Thompson, Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

Chris Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Dot Daughtridge, Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856

Jerry Jolley, Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856 Room 305-B

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)

Marjorie Taylor, Golden Living Center, 1000 Western Blvd., Tarboro, NC 27886

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Bettie Godwin who died on December 11 in Rockwell, North Carolina. Bettie's husband Clarence was the first pastor of Lakeside.

Circle 10 did bell-ringing at Harris-Teeter for the Salvation Army on Thursday, December 4. I would like to thank the following who helped to raise needed funds for the children and families needing help in Rocky Mount. Thank you to Chick and Don Conley, Connie Griffin, Mary Wright Thompson, Ann Winstead, Anne Chappell, Jane Snow, Edna Corn, Vel Johnson, and my husband, John Capiello, who rang the bell with me. Thank you, Denise Capiello

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Join us for the Topnotchers Christmas party after the Service of Carols and Candlelighting on December 21. Dee and Stewart Gibson will host our party at their home, 609 Chad Drive. Call the church office to sign up and let us know if you need a ride.

HONOR CARDS FOR UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Honor Cards which benefit United Community Ministries are available in our church office. These beautiful cards are perfect for Christmas and other occasions.

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who supported the youth at our gift wrapping fund raiser on Saturday. We are especially grateful to Molly Pitt, Leslie Browder, Corrie and John Seagroves, Rebecca and Brent Watkins, and all of the youth who helped.

Youth who are not in choir are needed to assist with Sunday evening's Candlelight Service. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are available.

We are beginning to sign up parents, Sunday School classes and Circles to provide dinners for the youth and children on Sunday evenings beginning January 11. Please contact the church office if you can help.

I look forward to seeing you all for Sunday School and worship on Sunday.
Elizabeth

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Our next adult study group will be a five-week Bible study of the book of Ezekiel. Participants can choose a Tuesday evening group that meets at 7:00 p.m. each week beginning January 13 or a Wednesday morning group that meets at 10:00 a.m. each week beginning January 14. The study guides cost \$7 each and will be available in the church office in early January. Please call the church office to sign up for a group.

MUSIC NOTES

Lakeside Ringers: Great job on Sunday. You played a difficult piece and rose to the challenge.

Youth Choir: You showed courage and perseverance and sang beautifully. I'm proud of you. Thank you for your dedication.

Chancel Choir: Your talent and dedication are a testament to us all.

All choirs will participate in the Carols and Candlelight Service. Rehearsals are as follows: Lakeside Ringers - 4:00 p.m.; the Children's Choir - 4:30 p.m.; the Youth and Chancel Choirs - 5:00 p.m.

Many thanks to Sam and Vel Johnson for hosting our Christmas Choir party at their home this coming Sunday.
Amy

YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR 2015 MINISTRY PLAN

Thank you for the strong support you have showed for our ongoing ministry. Thus far we have received 133 Giving Plans totaling \$455,154. If you have not yet returned your card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

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

Deacon Greeters a.m. - Louis O'Neal and Carol Barker
Acolyte a.m. - Chase Joyner; Crucifer a.m. - Spencer Bulluck;
Extended Session - Sue Harris; Nursery - Leslie Paszek

Deacon Greeters p.m. - Stuart Todd and Jill Ward
Acolyte p.m. - Amira Morris; Crucifer p.m. - Will Hedgepeth

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2014 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,375

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,180	\$609,000
Received December 14	\$27,550	\$561,378
Variance	+\$15,370	-\$47,622

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 18

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

Friday, December 19

2:00 p.m. Youth Ring Salvation Army Bell at Harris-Teeter

Sunday, December 21

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. College Student Luncheon, Kincheloe Hall
4:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Snack for Children's Choir, Youth Room
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir and Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Service of Carols and Candlelighting

Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26

Church office Closed

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY THIS YEAR!
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED YOUR GIVING OR ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE
AN ADDITIONAL GIFT, PLEASE DO SO BEFORE DECEMBER 31.**