



The Link

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LEANING INTO THE HEART OF THE HOLY

The theme for our Lenten journey is borrowed from a poem by Joyce Rupp which is included in the Ash Wednesday devotion posted on our website and available by email or in print. In the poem, Rupp celebrates the purpose of Lent: "This Lent I will sail on the graced wings of desire, yearning to go deeper to the place where I am one in the One."

Deepening or maturing our faith is the destination of our journey which culminates in the celebration of Easter. Along the way, it is important that we take time to examine our lives, to change some of our habits, and to experience the grace of God. Take seriously the opportunities for worship, prayer, and personal devotion that are offered. Make space to be involved in your church this season.

I also encourage you to write a devotion sharing something from your own faith journey. It might be an experience, a nagging question, a moment of enlightenment, or something you saw, heard, or felt that opened you to God's presence. Mail or email your devotion to us (lakesiderm@embarqmail.com or edwardselizabeth@embarqmail.com) and we will share it on our website.

It is also a good idea to try something new during Lent. Read through one of the Gospels. Pray in a different way. Get involved in a ministry you have never tried before. Give up something that is detrimental to your life. Instead of rushing out of worship on Sunday, remain seated during the postlude and reflect on what you have experienced. Open your heart to discovering God's vast love for you.

The Lenten season is a gift. While it invites introspection, it is not morbid. While it encourages change, it enables us to discover who we really are. While it asks for commitment, it offers engagement. While you risk vulnerability, you know God can be trusted. It is Lent which means that as the days lengthen, so might our faith also deepen.

Jody Wright



ON MISSION IN NICARAGUA

From February 13-20, Sammie Crumley will travel to Leon, Nicaragua with Missionary Friends, a group which has had a ministry presence there for nine years. Sammie and her group will be involved in construction projects, lead Vacation Bible School, offer medical care, provide water purification buckets and food bags, and offer veterinary services to local herdsman. We pray for Sammie and her friends as they share God's love in tangible ways.



TOPNOTCHERS VALENTINE BANQUET

Our youth invite all of our Topnotchers to join them for our annual Valentine Banquet, hosted in your honor, on Sunday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. in Robbins Hall. We will enjoy a delicious meal, games, prizes, and great fellowship. Don't miss this time of fellowship! Call the church office to sign up.



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

- Margaret Gibson Arnett** (Dee & Stewart Gibson's daughter), 609 Chad Dr. (03)
- Lee Broughton**, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512
- Barbara Carmody** (Kathy Manning's mother), Hilton Head, South Carolina
- Janet Corbett** (mother of Tracy Corbett), 3645 Elwell Ferry Rd, Kelly, NC 28448
- Natalie Stewart Cortez**, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214
- Anne Crane**, 5105 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571
- Sue Daughety**, 336 Cottonwood Road, Nashville, NC 27856
- Hank Dunham**, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689
- Chris Glasgow**, 408 Piedmont Avenue (03)
- Jayne Hamlett**, 1357 Fairway Terrace (04)
- Brenda and John Hartness**, 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033
- Winnie Johnson**, 105 Hampton Court (03)
- Wilba Rae Joyner**, 725 Burton Street (03)
- Grace Monroe**, 3752 Loblolly Drive (04)
- 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
- Bill Reese** (Hope Reese's father), 522 Nash Street (04)
- Cody Richardson**, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)
- Doris Smith**, 5818 Fleming Court (03)
- Becky Timar** (Jean Tripp's sister)
- Betty Watts**, 616 Nichole Lane (03)
- Tom Wicker**, c/o Andy Barker, 6313 Sapony Trail, Elm City, NC 27822
- Corrinne Willcox**, 2816 Wellington Drive (03)
- Andy Wiggs** (Jim Wiggs' son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253
- Jim Wright**, 1513 Jeremy Lane (03)

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)

We offer our sympathy to Winnie and Steve Raper in the death of her sister, Dot Renn of Wake Forest, on February 7.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

You are invited to participate in our annual Women's Retreat February 19-20. Carol Barker will host us at her home for a time of reflection, prayer and fellowship. The mother-daughter team of Carol Boseman Taylor and Blythe Taylor will lead us in "Lessons of Lent—A Journey of Listening." The cost of the retreat, including meals, is \$75 per person. Please call the church office to sign up.

DANCIN' AND SHAGGIN' FOR SHELTER

The United Community Ministries Board of Directors will hold "Dancin' and Shaggin' for Shelter" on Friday evening, February 26, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Imperial Centre. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance or \$40 per person at the door and include a pig pickin', silent auction, raffle, and dancing. Raffle tickets are available in the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to the Watkins family for hosting a fun Super Bowl party last Sunday and to all who participated. Youth, plan to arrive in Robbins Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday to finish preparations for the Topnotcher Valentine Banquet. Your help is needed to cook and decorate. Also, remember to mark your calendar for the Community Youth Forum on February 28 at the Harrison Family YMCA from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Your participation is very important as we are serving as the hosts for this event. Watch your email for more details. I look forward to seeing you all for Sunday School and worship on Sunday. Elizabeth

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FAITH!

Parents, join us on Sunday morning, February 14 at 9:45 a.m.! Drop the kids off at Sunday School and gather with other Lakeside parents in the Parlor of the Education Building for an hour of connecting over coffee. Bring ideas about what would make this new Sunday School opportunity helpful for you as a Christian parent. For more information, contact Jennifer Cobb or Rebecca Watkins.

CASSEROLE & BAKE SALE AND YARD SALE

Participate in the sale on March 5 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cooks can sign up in the narthex on Sunday. Items for the yard sale will be received beginning February 29. See the Current Events page of the website for more details.

MUSIC NOTES

Important Dates: Children's Choir will sing in worship on February 21 and Palm Sunday, March 20. Lakeside Ringers will lead in worship on February 28, Maundy Thursday, March 24, and Easter Sunday, March 27. Youth Choir will sing in worship on March 13. See you all in rehearsal and worship. Amy

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Stancil Barnes and Genie Raper
 Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain
 Crucifer - Beth Seagroves; Acolyte - Anna Adkins
 Extended Session - Ann Winstead; Nursery - Alicia Hamrick
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2016 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$651,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,521	\$75,128
Receipts February 7	\$10,957	\$48,769
Variance	-\$1,564	-\$26,359

LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

February 14, 2016 • The First Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: "Tempted by Love"

Adult Choir Anthems:

"None Other Lamb" - Courtney

"And Can It Be?" - Forrest

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CHURCH STAFF

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

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, February 11

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

Sunday, February 14

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
 4:30 p.m. Youth set up for Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children, Youth Room
 6:00 p.m. Topnotcher's Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir

Monday, February 15

10:30 a.m. WMU Group 6, Office Suite Conference Room

Tuesday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 17

10:00 a.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room
 6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 18

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor