



# The Link

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## LEANING INTO THE HEART OF THE HOLY

Next week we enter into the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation for the great celebration of Easter on March 27. While there is an aspect of Lent that is focused primarily inward as we assess our own spiritual condition, the season also calls us to look outward and pay attention to our world. Jesus was attuned to everything going on around him and his responses indicated so. When a woman tugged on his robe in a crowded square, he sensed she needed healing. When a crowd of 5000 or more needed to be fed, he sense his disciples lack of faith in God's provision. When a woman was about to be stoned to death by a bloodthirsty mob, he recognized the arrogance of their own sinfulness. When a child wanted to crawl into his lap, he welcomed the expression of unfettered love.

Our theme for the Lenten season is "Leaning into the Heart of the Holy," a phrase borrowed from a poem by Joyce Rupp ("Lent 2001"). Throughout the Sundays of Lent, we will consider some of the situations in which we find ourselves and how "leaning into the heart of the holy" might help us along our journey of life.

We invite you to think about times when you have leaned into God's heart and write a devotion about what you experienced. Was there something you heard in the silence of a moment? Did you see something that you had never noticed before? Have you experienced God in a way that was surprising, refreshing, unsettling, or challenging that has changed you in some way?

We will welcome your stories, prayers, poems, and prose that will help us all as we make our way toward Easter. You may send your devotions directly to the church at lakesiderm@embarqmail.com or you may send them to Rev. Edwards at edwardselizabeth@embarqmail.com. Each day the devotions will be posted on our website or you may receive them by email, if requested. Printed copies will be made available on request.

Lent begins on February 10 with our Ash Wednesday service. Plan to join us as we acknowledge our need to be close to God and share communion. A light supper will be offered at 5:30 p.m. in Robbins Hall. Please call the office to make reservations.

May we all bend a bit closer to Jesus over these next weeks and risk the wonder of falling into the loving and steadfast arms of the Holy.

Jody Wright



## 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.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

### At Home:

**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)  
**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)  
**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  
**Andy Wiggs** (Jim Wiggs' son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253  
**Jim Wright**, 1513 Jeremy Lane (03)

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Grace Lewis who died on January 31. Mrs. Lewis was a member of Lakeside for 38 years.

We offer our sympathy to Samantha Salz, our Preschool Director, in the death of her grandfather, Cletus Salz, on January 29 in Iowa.

We offer our sympathy to Linda and Gordon Mathes in the death of Linda's mother, Margaret Tyndall, on February 2.

We also offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Carolyn Strange who died on January 31 in Raleigh. Mrs. Strange was a charter member of Lakeside.

## 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.

## CASSEROLE & BAKE SALE AND YARD SALE

Sign-up for cooks will begin in the narthex this Sunday, February 7. Items for the yard sale will be received beginning February 29. See the Current Events page of the website for more details.

## 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

By now you may have heard about the death of a 13-year-old Virginia girl, Nicole Lovell, allegedly at the hands of a college student she met online. While much is unknown, it appears that she was seeking acceptance and that her killer preyed on her vulnerabilities. Technology, especially social media, is a resource for making connections, but can also be used by those intending great harm.

This tragic event reminds us all of the need to be attentive to such dangers. Parents, be aware of your child's online activity and audit devices regularly in order to protect your children. Youth, look out for your friends in the real world and the virtual one, and be careful how much personal information strangers can access online. Remember that there are countless people who love you who would be devastated if you risk your safety in order to seem cool or be accepted. For all of us, find ways to get involved in the life of a young person, either directly or by supporting ministries that nurture young lives. Youth throughout our community need support and positive role models to navigate the uncertain and frightening years of growing up. Lakeside families will have opportunities to explore these issues in the near future. In the meantime, I pray we will all honor Nicole Lovell's life by taking better care of the young people around us. Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

Lakeside Ringers: We need two excellent, well-attended rehearsals to prepare for upcoming performances. I hope to see you ALL on Wednesday. You will lead in worship on Maundy Thursday, March 24, and Easter Sunday, March 27.

The Chancel Choir will sing for the Ash Wednesday service on February 10. Plan to meet in the music suite at 6:00 p.m. Regular choir rehearsal will follow the service. Attendance in rehearsal and worship is great. Keep it up! Amy

## BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries this Sunday. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

## SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Matt Paszek and Trevor Lane  
 Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain  
 Crucifer - Georgia Morris; Acolyte - Chase Joyner  
 Extended Session - Nancy Berry; Nursery - Susan Ballentine  
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

## LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2016 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$651,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,521	\$62,607
Receipts January 31	\$ 9,332	\$37,812
Variance	-\$3,189	-\$24,795

## LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

*February 7, 2016 • Transfiguration Sunday*

*The Celebration of Communion*

Scripture Lessons: II Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43a

Sermon: "Listen to Him!"

Adult Choir Anthems:

"Beautiful Savior" - Burkhardt

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" - arr. Lovelace

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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday, February 4

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

### Sunday, February 7

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

5:30 p.m. Youth depart for Super Bowl Party at Watkins' Home

There will be no children's activities Sunday evening.

### Monday, February 8

10:30 a.m. WMU Group 9, Parlor

7:00 p.m. WMU Group 10, Parlor

### Tuesday, February 9

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

### Wednesday, February 10

10:00 a.m. Adult Study Group

5:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Supper, Robbins Hall

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 11

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

*The Christian Men's Fellowship Home telethon raised telethon \$13,165.50 last Sunday. Many thanks to all who supported this vital ministry.*