



The Link

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INVESTING IN GOD'S ECONOMY

Nineteenth-century poet and journalist William Cullen Bryant called autumn "the year's last, loveliest smile." Autumn reminds us that God not only gives us what is useful and necessary to sustain life but also delights in beauty. God not only values efficiency and productivity and but also invites us and all of creation to participate in the rhythms of life: work and play, sowing and harvesting, respite and renewal.

As summer's pause gives way to the routines of fall, many new opportunities await. Students and teachers return to school with excitement, sports and projects and tasks of all kinds resume, and many worthwhile activities and efforts will call for us to devote our time and talents. I invite you to take a fresh look at the many opportunities for learning, service and fellowship you will find at Lakeside. Invest yourself and your gifts in growing in your own faith, even as you contribute to the work of God's kingdom throughout our community and around the world. You may find that the return on your investment is not at all what you had expected and far greater than you could have imagined.

Elizabeth Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

On Sunday, September 8, we will kick-off the new Sunday School year with a church-wide breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in Kincheloe Hall. Everyone is invited to a time of good food and fellowship as we celebrate the promotion of some of our youth and children, thank our teachers, and learn more about the Sunday School classes that are available at Lakeside. There is no charge for the meal, but we will need an accurate headcount by Wednesday, September 4. Please sign up by calling the church office or completing the Event Registration form on the Welcome Page of the church website.

This week we highlight the Grace Bible Class which uses the Uniform Bible Study Series to provide a traditional Bible study format for women. Teachers alternate responsibilities and use a variety of resources to encourage class participation. The goal is to make biblical lessons relevant to everyday challenges—personal, home, community and church. The class promotes special projects on its own and helps with many church events. Luncheons are planned for members once a month and seasonally.

A strong bond of friendship is evident among the members of the Grace Class. They embrace this opportunity to continue a lifelong study of the Bible and welcome others to join them.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Autumn Care of Nash, 1210 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Grace Beasley (Edna Corn's mother), Room 409

Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03)

Bob Siler, Room 505

Universal Health Care, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Billy Bulluck, Room 136

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

Faye Conner, 104 Birdie Court (04)

Mary Ruth Coss (J.N. Willcox's sister), Hendersonville, NC

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Harold Harper, 2140 Joelene Drive (03)

Brenda Hartness (John Hartness, Jr.'s wife), 1041-I North Jamestown Road,
Decatur, GA 30033

Grace Minor, 13 Canvasback Pointe (04)

Susan Trull, 1400 Tree Top Lane (04)

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Our Members-at-Home

Winnie Brown, 108 Bunn Drive (04)

Lambert Sutton, 3400 Hawthorne Road (04)

Ed Hamlet, Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856, Room 603

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

Doug Daniel, 201 Dover Road (04)

Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)

We express our sympathy to Jim and Chris Wiggs in the death of Jim's brother, Ray Wiggs, on August 23, in Greensboro, NC.

FALL BOOK STUDY

The next small group study for adults will be a discussion of Karen Armstrong's book *Twelve Steps To a Compassionate Life*. An evening group will meet for six weeks on Tuesdays beginning September 24 at 7:00 p.m. and a morning group will meet each Wednesday beginning September 25 at 10:00 a.m. Books are \$11 each and will be available in the church office soon. Please call the office to sign up, and indicate if you prefer the morning or evening group.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to serve on the rotation for the Nursery and Extended Session, approximately one Sunday each quarter. If you can help, please contact the church office.

BUDGET REQUESTS NEEDED

The Board of Finance will soon begin its work of shaping the 2014 Budget. If you work with a group or committee that has budget needs for the coming year, please submit your request in writing to the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

It's hard to believe another school year is underway! Our prayers and blessings for a wonderful year go with the college students who moved in last week and younger students who resumed classes this week.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8, as our regular fall schedule, including Sunday evening choirs and activities for youth and children, will resume. Also make note that we will have a planning meeting for all youth and parents on Sunday, September 15 and a fellowship supper to report on our summer activities on Sunday, September 22. More details to come. I look forward to seeing all of you for Sunday School and worship this week. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

The summer is almost over and it is time to begin another exciting year of music at Lakeside. Please mark these important dates in your calendar.

Children's choirs begin rehearsals on Sept. 8th. This year's theme is "Becoming God's Dream." Parents should have received a brochure outlining the fun activities, lessons, and performance dates for the year.

Youth choir and bell choir will also begin rehearsal on Sept. 8th. I hope you've had a wonderful summer. I look forward to hearing your stories, laughter, and music.

Lakeside Ringers will begin rehearsal on Sept. 11th. Our 5 octaves of bells needed some repair. This was made possible in part by generous gifts from members of our congregation. Thank you so much. Lakeside Ringers will participate in the Capital Area Handbell Festival on Sat. Nov. 9th.

The Chancel Choir will kick off this year on Sept. 7th with a workshop called "Choral Commitments: Vocal Technique and Singing from the Heart." It is an opportunity to sing some old/some new music, to learn good vocal technique, and most importantly, have fun making music with good friends. Lunch will be provided. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please feel free to contact me.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 35 WEEKS

2013 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,379

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$414,132
Receipts August 25	\$5,498	\$337,458
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$295,921

Worship at Lakeside September 1, 2013

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Elizabeth Edwards, Preaching

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-16

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1-14

Sermon: "Wise Investments"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"The Invited" - Bird

"This Do in Remembrance of Me" - Hunnicutt

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, August 29

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor, Education Building

Sunday, September 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 2

Office closed for Labor Day

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Stuart Todd and Jill Ward

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Cameron Graham; Acolyte - Reynolds Cobb

Extended Session - Hope Reese

Audio Booth Volunteer - Barry Goldstein

Please continue your financial support of our ministries during the summer while you are away. You may now make online contributions through the church website at www.lakesidechurchrmt.org.

When you are in town, we hope to see you here.