

LAKEWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2018 E-REFLECTIONS



Our youth enjoyed their trip to Cumberland Island, Georgia in January.

HAPPENING AT LAKEWOOD

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

The annual Youth Winter Retreat to Lake Junaluska in North Carolina will be Friday, February 16 - Monday, February 19. All youth in the 7th-12th grades are welcome to attend. We'll leave the church around 4:30 pm on Friday and return around 8:00 pm on Monday. Cost will be \$170. We'll be looking at the idea of change both in our world and in our lives, and then contrast it with the Bible's claim that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

FIRST THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH GLORIA SHORT

This Bible study is from 10:45 am - 12:00 pm in Room EB 102. On February 1, we will discuss *The Seeds of God's Word*. Questions? Call Gloria at 396-6342.

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

Our world is struggling on many fronts and with many issues. On Sunday, February 11, at both worship services, Lakewood will be "Praying for the World." We will take a few minutes for each individual to silently pray for *one country* of your choice. If you have not already chosen a country, please call, text, or email E.J. McKnight. Hopefully, we can have every country in the world represented in our prayers. Email: EJM22048@aol.com. Phone: 955-7742.

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

Enrichment Circle's next meeting will be on Thursday, February 15, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jo Booher. Our speaker will be Linda Morton, a retired full-time local pastor. Linda currently teaches the Faith Builders Sunday School class at Lakewood. For questions, contact Peggy Bowen at 733-1082.

UNITED METHODIST MEN DINNER AND PROGRAM

Men! Join us in the CAC Dining Room at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 26, for food, fellowship, and fun. Questions? Email Mark at markhohnadel@msn.com.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

Our next membership class starts in February. Please contact Cyndi Morpew to sign up, or for more information: cyndi.morpew@lakewoodumc.com.



YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL - 2:30 pm 'til . . .

Youth meet in Youth Room - CAC

Contact: Jeff Johnson, jeff.johnson@lakewoodumc.com

FEASTING IN THE WORD - 4:00-5:30 pm -

Church Library - All are welcome at this Bible study!

Join us as we study the Book of Matthew.

Contacts: Karen Phillips, 238-4052 or karene86@aol.com

Ree Unterspan, 524-6071 or jau64@bellsouth.net

DINNER served 5:15-6:00 pm in the CAC Gym

GROUPS from 6:10 pm-7:30 pm in Various Locations

Contact: Rev. Eric Williams, eric.williams@lakewoodumc.com

If you are not a part of a group, we encourage you to attend Common Ground.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 6:00 pm

Program Follows - Choir Room or Preschool Dramatic Play Room

Contact: Bethany Coleman, bethany.coleman@lakewoodumc.com

ADULT CHOIR - 7:30 pm

Music Suite

Contact: Steve Chapman, steve.chapman@lakewoodumc.com

Wednesday Night Menus

Prices: Adults \$7, Children under 5 free,
ages 6-12 \$5, Family under one roof \$20

Lite menu: Soup, Salad, and Roll \$5

All dinners include soup, salad, bread, and dessert.

February 7: Beef Stroganoff / Servers: Open Forum

February 14: Stuffed Shells / Servers: Youth

February 21: Rotisserie Chicken / Servers: Modern Family

February 28: Pulled Pork / Servers: New Beginnings

SAVE THE DATES!

March 31: Easter Extravaganza

From 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.

April 28: Youth Auction/"Night At The Movies" Concert

Tickets go on sale in March.

June 4-8: Vacation Bible School

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, "Game On."

Online registration is coming soon.

July 9-14: Summer Camp, Week Five

Kids finishing 3rd grade (or higher) are eligible.

Register now at <http://www.warrenwilliscamp.org> to save your spot!



CHURCH
DIRECTORIES
AND PORTRAITS

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's coming soon so start coordinating family schedules NOW for the best time to set your appointment!

Appointments will be available daily:

Thursday, April 19 - Sunday, April 22

Thursday, May 10 - Sunday, May 13
(Mother's Day Weekend)

...sign up begins in March.



Tribute to Lakewood's Generosity

"On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, THANK YOU! It was amazing!" This was the expression of gratitude from Jennifer Melkerson Evans, San Jose Elementary School Librarian, for the Christmas luncheon provided by Lakewood for the 90 members of the faculty and staff at the school on December 15th. Even during this busy season with its many demands on time and money, Lakewood shared its tradition of love and care in our neighborhood mission field. We were able to provide a delicious, festive luncheon for SJES's faculty and staff, as well as make a generous donation to the school's Uniform Fund to help those students in need. Thank you, Lakewood angels, for bringing the essence of Christmas to our adopted school!

-Ree Unterspan, Project Coordinator



Another mission trip complete (in North Carolina). Through God's grace, we worked on 6 houses, completing tasks at 5 and allowing 4

families to reoccupy. More importantly, one homeowner told a team member, "I see Jesus in you." You never know what you'll encounter on a mission trip. We met Milton Bullock, lead tenor of the Platters and resident of Princeton. We were treated to a mini concert: "My Girl," "Only You," "My Prayer," and "It's a Wonderful World."

-Bob Weaver on Lakewood's Facebook page



FAMILY PROMISE RETURNS IN FEBRUARY

Family Promise is a non-profit, interfaith hospitality network providing temporary assistance, hospitality, and case management for families with children experiencing homelessness. Lakewood is one of 16 Jacksonville churches that rotates housing and hosting up to three families for one week. Our Family Promise teams are gearing up for our host week February 11-18. Please lift up this vital mission in prayer, and if you are not yet part of this ministry, please join us. You will be blessed beyond belief! Click [here](#) to sign up for February. Click [here](#) to sign up for June, and click [here](#) to sign up for October. Questions? Email Jennifer at jennifer.l.ramp@gmail.com for more information.



We welcome all visitors and enjoy sharing with those who have never taken advantage of our wonderful lunches, fellowship, and varied programs.

February 8: Our offsite luncheon will happen at Chuy's Tex-Mex Restaurant at the St. John's Town Center. The bus leaves the church at 10:45 am. RSVP to Ruth Bailey (268-2936), and join us for a fun outing.

February 11: The YAH visit Elmcroft of Timberlin Parc sharing fellowship, worship, and communion with residents. Share this experience with them at 3:30 pm.

February 18: The YAH program, following the second service, will be a PowerPoint presentation by Jim Grant on his recent visit to "The Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter" theme park in Northern Kentucky. Come have a nice lunch and see this informative presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend the YAH monthly luncheon

at 12:15 pm on the third Sunday of each month in the CAC Dining Room. No reservation is necessary.



A re-creation of Noah's Ark at the Creation Museum



Our Christian Love And Sympathy

. . . to April Scarberry and family on the death of her grandmother, Virginia Scarberry, January 15.

. . . to Karen Phillips and family on the death of her husband, Jim Phillips, January 23.

Congratulations

. . . to Clay and Elizabeth Anne Leavitt Watterson on the birth of their son, Miles Christian, December 31. Proud grandparents are Chris and Beth Leavitt.



Thank You

I want to personally thank all the wonderful angels who have helped Edith Waters to remain in her home for the last four years. You have gone above and beyond what I asked of you (although Edith may have asked). After her recent fall, she will now be in a long-term care facility, and has accepted that. Please continue to visit her if you can. An e-mail from her granddaughter reads: "Please express my sincere gratitude in the newsletter if you can. The generosity of everyone is amazing, and is deeply appreciated. Millie." May God bless each of you. -*Nettie Cribb*

Thank you to our wonderful ushers for another great year!

-Dee Boutwell

I want to thank my Lakewood family for the prayers, sympathy cards, financial support, and love at the passing of my older brother, Gary. Although it was very cold in Indiana (15 degrees below zero), I felt God's grace and warmth because of you. Lakewood is a very special place. I don't know what I would do without my church family. Thank you, and I love you from the bottom of my heart.

-Bill Shuck



Women's Devotional Dinner A Success

The beautiful tablescapes provided by our table hostesses made the evening special. Other highlights included the delicious meal provided by Davoli's Catering, and the special desserts

created by Pat Zeiser and Chef Ron Soberay. Of course, the main feature and the focus of the evening was the inspiring message presented by our guest speaker, Kim Skinner, who shared her thoughts on the hope and expectation of Advent with "The Sheep and the Shepherd." She even brought along "Jingle Bells," one of the lambs she raises! Thank you to everyone who made this night possible.

friend to walk with you, listen to you, and support you during a difficult time in your life, please contact Pastor Eric Williams at 733-8477.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Every Monday Night!

6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner

7:00 - 8:00 pm Main Meeting

8:00 - 9:00 pm Small Groups

9:00 pm Cornerstone Cafe

Bring your kids ages 5 - 12 to Celebration Place! While adults explore topics that bring healing and wholeness, kids discover the same truths in age-appropriate ways! Celebration Place helps to lead kids as they make Jesus the enduring, rock-solid foundation of their lives and is designed to inspire kids with hope, joy, and happiness while they learn to rely on God.

WHAT IS CELEBRATE RECOVERY?

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits by experiencing the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

WHO IS CELEBRATE RECOVERY FOR?

You and me! It's for people who've been hurt. It's for people who've hurt others. It's for any of life's struggles that we all have to deal with.

To volunteer, take a step study, or to get involved in any way, please contact Mark Biery (813-5669), Suzanne Biery (576-2755), or Cyndi Morpew (318-6539).

<http://www.celebraterecoveryjacksonville.com/>

E-Reflections

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, or would like to submit an article, contact Karen Chaudhry (karen.chaudhry@lakewoodumc.com). Submissions must be received by the 15th of the month. *All articles may be edited as necessary.* Copies of Lakewood UMC's E-Reflections are

available in the church office, in the Sanctuary, and on our website
(<http://www.lakewoodumc.com/>).

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