

LAKEWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2018 E-REFLECTIONS



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Dakota Rae Girton was baptized on Sunday, August 26. What a blessing to share this moment with Dakota and her family.

WELCOME, DUNCAN!

Duncan McInnes Cooksey was born to Jennings and Marisa Cooksey on August 15th. Proud

grandparents are Bryan and Teresa Cooksey.
Proud great grandmother is Dolores Boyce.



CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY...

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Cyndi Morphew and her family on the death of her mother, Mary "Jackie" Walker, who passed away on Sunday, August 26, 2018.



CORRECTION: CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

There will not be a Church Council meeting on September 4. The next meeting will be held on October 16.

HAPPENING AT LAKEWOOD

FEASTING IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY SEPTEMBER 5, 4:00 p.m.

We will finish our study of Mark, beginning with Lesson 9, Mark 11 and 12. You will receive a set of questions to complete prior to each discussion. However, it is not mandatory to complete these questions prior to each week to attend or participate in this class.

FIRST THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH GLORIA SHORT SEPTEMBER 6, 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join us for our next Bible study titled "Christianity: A Relationship of Love". We will meet in Room EB-102. Questions? Call Gloria at 396-6342.

FINAL WEEK FOR ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUESTS

The LUMC Endowment Committee is considering requests for funds. Church members, Sunday School classes, official LUMC committees and employees (on behalf of departments), and other groups controlled or directed by LUMC are eligible to apply. In general, the Fund is intended for church projects or purposes that are not general operating expenses covered by the annual operating budget. Requests intended to supplement programs and ministries are appropriate. Applications are available in the church office or by emailing our office manager, Jennifer Genton, at jennifer.genton@lakewoodumc.com. Completed forms should be returned or emailed to Jennifer Genton. For emergency requests, contact Jennifer at 733-8477.

Deadline for applications is September 7.



OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

PRAYER ROOM VOLUNTEERS

Our voluntary program of praying for the requests in our Prayer Room still needs people to be there to pray for one hour a week. We cannot have enough warriors/angels to do this. Only a few are

there each week to lift those prayers to God, but I have had many people tell me that these prayers have saved their lives. Won't you consider praying each week, or even once a month? Contact Nettie Cribb at nettiethoughts@gmail.com for details.

Thank you for your consideration and to those who already volunteer.

VOLUNTEER IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Prepare or provide food and/or desserts on Monday nights for up to 20 people. Contact Cyndi Morpew (904) 318-6539 or Mark and Suzanne Biery (904)730-3057.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Substitute Drivers needed on Fridays to deliver meals to the elderly and the homebound. Contact Ann Crenshaw at (904) 737-2797.

CITY RESCUE MISSION

Servers always needed. Contact Jennifer Medley at (904) 705-3111.

FAMILY PROMISE

Volunteers needed 4 weeks a year for nightly meals and overnight watch for children with families. Contact Jennifer Ramp at (904) 434-9779.

FIRST COAST WOMEN'S SERVICES

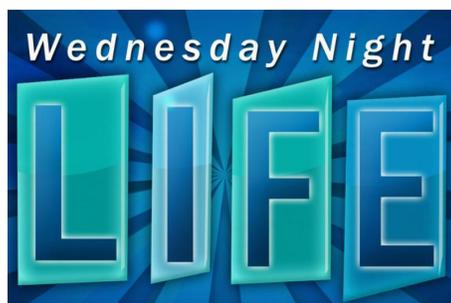
Work at the facility for seasonal or ongoing projects. Training courses are available to become a counselor or receptionist. Contact Ruth Bailey at (904)268-2936.

SAN JOSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Help with the first week of school, carpool, bus pickup, Book Fair, vision testing and one-on-one tutoring, as well as Teacher Appreciation events. Contact Ree Unterspan at (904) 524-6071.

UCOM-UNITED COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES

UCOM offers three programs: food pantry, Meals on Wheels, and Certified Nursing Training scholarships. UCOM needs help to organize food shelves and fill food bags for clients Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Contact Sue Blythe at (904) 755-4473.



NIGHTLIFE SERVING SCHEDULE

Servers for the month of September:

September 5: Mendoza
September 12: Faith Builders
September 19: Open Forum
September 26: Youth

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



SEPTEMBER 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Share devotions at Elmcroft

SEPTEMBER 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Fun and fellowship with lunch at Brett's in Fernandina. Bus leaves church at 11:00 a.m. Call Ruth at (904) 268-2936 if you plan to join us so appropriate reservations can be made.

SEPTEMBER 16 at 12:15 p.m.

Join us for lunch in the CAC Dining Room. Reservations NOT required. VISITORS WELCOME! Jim Grant will share with us a PowerPoint presentation on "Ireland, A Country Divided," based on their recent visit there in July and August. This region of the world is one of the most interesting and beautiful parts of Europe. Come have a nice lunch and see this informative presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend this monthly luncheon at 12:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month.



PRAYER WALK THANK YOU

"What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!" (from old hymn, written by Joseph M. Scriven). What a privilege it was to join with San Jose Elementary School principal, Paula Smith, two of her teachers, and several Lakewood

members to ask God's blessing and protection over the School's faculty, staff and students and the entire campus to welcome in the 2018-19 school year!

Many thanks to Pastor Don, Sue & Jim Blyth, JoAnne Beam, Suzanne & Mark Biery, Jeff Toussant, Renee Brown, Sarah Buckman, Lea Frazier, and Jennifer Evans for their participation in our third annual Prayer Walk on Sunday, August 12th! We ask our entire congregation to keep SJES and all of our area schools in prayer throughout the school year.

Sincere appreciation also to Peggy & Jeff Toussant, Cindee O'Brien, Renee Brown, Sarah Buckman, Nong Rascon, Bethany Coleman, Sherry Melkerson, and Jessica & Bill Killen for assisting SJES's 120+ kindergarteners adjust to their first week of school. Each volunteer spent several hours assisting the kindergarten teachers in their classrooms during that first crucial week with everything from learning to open their milk cartons to helping them learn to walk in a line and write their names on their papers. Principal Smith stated that "SJES continues to be so appreciative to Lakewood for its wonderful support; we feel so blessed by you!"

Remember to keep collecting your BOXTOPS4EDUCATION and depositing them in the Collection Boxes located in the Church Office and in CAC Entrance Hallway, and watch for future announcements for other ways to support our adopted school!

--Ree Unterspan, Coordinator



Thank
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servicing

A VOLUNTEER FAREWELL

Sometime in the early 2000's, Kline Dekle encountered some physical problems and asked me to serve as an usher until he could recover. Well, Mr. Dekle apparently did not recover enough to return to ushering so I continued as his substitute. In February 2004, Mr. and Mrs. Dekle moved to Moultrie, Georgia, leaving me as his substitute. For a period, I thought he might return and relieve me;

however, they moved their membership in September 2005. Mr. Dekle died August 9, 2006 - leaving me in the substitute role ever since. The usher team, now led by Jim Blythe, has been a great working group.

Leon McCook was an integral part of the Sunday morning breakfast team for many years. One day he asked me to fill in for him to assist David Hartley, Rich Klahr, and Ralph Hiden. (Bill Tarpay was the main money collector. Jane Strange participated in getting set up and she still comes to provide moral support.) I agreed to provide assistance on various occasions. Several years ago, Mr. McCook moved to Gainesville, Georgia, leaving me in a substitute role with the biscuit crew. Mr. Hiden and Mr. Klahr have "retired" and I have been assisting David Hartley, Jim Blythe, and David and Michele Johnston with Sunday morning breakfast. It has been a joy to work with all these team members.

I thank the GOOD LORD for these opportunities and have enjoyed serving as an usher and as a "Biscuit Boy"; however, for no particular reason or group of reasons, I have reached a conclusion that I should relinquish my role in these

endeavors. Therefore, August 26, 2018, was the conclusion of my active and regular service in these two activities.

~Jim Mckoy



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is such a gift to folks who are receiving care. People who are going through a job loss, divorce, grief, or other difficulties receive comfort and find hope.

The relationships formed in Stephen Ministry become life altering. This becomes an immense opportunity for the church to be the church; to be a family for folks who are lonely, searching for spirituality, or in pain. But a church can't be a support system if it isn't equipped to help people during moments of pain. Stephen Ministry has helped us to equip people, so when somebody is in pain, we're able to say, "Here's someone who can come alongside you and love you."

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a trained confidential Christian 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 Jennifer Genton (jennifer.genton@lakewoodumc.com). Submissions must be received by the 20th 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/>).

STAY CONNECTED:

