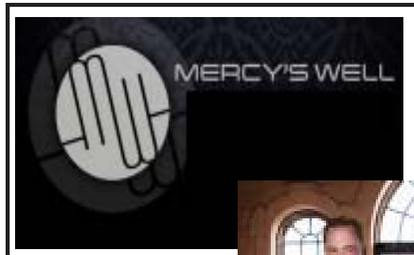
Monthly Newsletter

If you would like to submit information for the **February *Reflections***, we must have it by **January 15th.** Please send information to Stacey Permenter at Reflections.LUMC@gmail.com, or place it in her box in the church office. *All articles may be edited as necessary.*

If you would like to receive ***Reflections*** by email, please send your email address to Stacey at the above address, or put a note in her box.

If you miss the deadline and would like an article to be advertised on our church website or Sunday bulletin, email Denise Foster at lakedenise@bellsouth.net with your information.



Coming to Lakewood on January 8!

8:30 am
and
11 am
Sanctuary
services

Wednesday Night Menus, Servers & Ticket Sellers for January 2012

January 4
No Dinner, or children/youth programs

January 11
No Dinner, or children/youth programs

January 18
Smoked sausage, black-eyed peas,
collard greens, salads,
bread, and desserts
Servers: Family Matters
Ticket Sellers: Bill Daniels

January 25
Blue cheese Chicken, roasted potatoes,
mixed vegetables, salads,
bread, and desserts
Servers: Faith Builders
Ticket Sellers: Bob & Bob DeFord

Reflections

. . . of God's love at Lakewood United Methodist Church and beyond.

Bill Sherman, ***Senior Pastor***
Eric Williams, ***Associate Pastor***

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Melanie Evans
Director of Adult Education

New Year, New Resolution

Recently I've been reading Priscilla Shirer's book *The Resolution for Women*. In the introduction, Shirer admits that she's not a fan of resolutions. She continues though to make the point that, intentional or not, we all make resolutions every day. Spoken or silent, we make choices; we set on courses of action that impact our lives and the lives of those close to us.

As the New Year begins, many of you will make resolutions. Many of you have already shared with me your resolution to read through the Bible in 2012. While I'm often skeptical of grand New Year's resolutions involving drastic life change, frequently made with no apparent forethought, I applaud each person that has chosen to take the Bible reading challenge. This resolution will certainly impact your life in a most powerful, positive way. I pray that each of you is successful, finding the time and dedication to accomplish your goal. With the busy pace of life, this resolution will be difficult for some, but God will certainly reward you in ways you cannot begin to imagine.

The challenge begins January 1 in Genesis. For those reading the Chronological Bible recently offered at Lakewood, reading for each day is dated and includes an introduction and 1 to 3 chapters of scripture. If you would like to read the same plan, but didn't purchase the Bible offered this fall, you can find the daily reading on our website or pick up a hard copy on the table outside the church office.

I encourage you to be in prayer as you begin the reading challenge. Also consider steps that will help you succeed. Are you a morning person? Make a plan now to read each morning when you feel most productive. Or, maybe you and your spouse could read together each evening. If accountability helps, consider joining our Wednesday evening discussion group. Or, start one in your Sunday School class or with a close group of friends. Use technology. Did you know there are apps that will read the Scripture to you? The possibilities are endless and so are the rewards.

As 2012 begins, I pray that each of you grows closer in your relationship with our heavenly Father this year. May His peace, grace, and love flow in and through you. And may He strengthen you in your resolve to be in the Word each day.

Wednesday Night*Life* Resumes January 18
Join us as we begin a new year of programs, Bible study, choir, and fellowship
Dinner 5:15 - 6 pm
Children's Choir & Programs 6 - 7:30 pm • Youth after school until 7:30 pm
Adult Programs & Studies begin between 6 - 6:15 pm

Sundays and Wednesdays beginning January 15
A new series from Max Lucado **OUTLIVE YOUR LIFE**
Discover How You Can Make A Difference
Wednesday - DVD teaching and discussion group at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP Moderator: Nettie Cribb
Wednesday Evenings Beginning January 18 at 6:15 pm in CAC 202.
Come join a discussion group and share insights and questions from the week's reading. Learn from each other as we talk about the people and happenings in the Bible.

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January Membership Class

Our next class begins January 8 and will continue every Sunday in January at 9:45 am in Pastor Sherman's office. Our membership classes are offered every other month - the next membership class will be March 4, 2012. Learn more about the United Methodist Church's history, beliefs, and structure. You will also learn about Lakewood's program opportunities. On one of the Sunday evenings, you and your mentor(s) will be invited to the pastor's home for an informal reception. Membership Sunday is the fourth Sunday, January 29.

Sacrament of Christian Baptism
Jackson and Caitlin Ramp were baptized on Sunday, December 11, 2011. Standing with Jackson and Caitlin are their parents, Bill and Jennifer Ramp and big brother,Tyler Ramp. Proud grandparents are Roy and Sarah Johnson, and uncles, Jeff Johnson and Jimmy Johnson.

Come to the LIMA Instrumental Zoo on Thursday, January 12, 2012

from 6 - 7:30 pm in the Children's Building.

We'll introduce the children to instruments that will be available for the Lakewood Instrumental Music Academy.

LIMA Begins Thursday February 2, 2012

For students 4th - 8th grades!

God-centered, mentor-based instruction on wind, brass, and percussion instruments. Watch for more news! Call Brenda at 733-8477 with any questions.

LIMA LAKEWOOD INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ACADEMY

Youth Choir Tour Mission Trip 2012

It has been decided.

This summer the youth are going to Seattle, Washington, and everywhere in-between!

What an opportunity our kids have, to be a part of such an amazing youth group.

Every year the kids raise money to pay for their trips through rent-a-youth, selling stock, and mainly through the Youth Silent Auction.

This year's auction will be held on March 10, 2012!

One way you can help is to donate new or gently used items (furniture, jewlery, golf clubs, etc.), gift cards, or baskets, or services (hair salon, nail salon, etc.). If you have any questions, please call Teresa Cooksey at 448-0505.

Another way you can help is to buy a dinner ticket, which includes a delicious dinner served by our youth, along with some great entertainment.

You will also have opportunities to walk away with some great bargains!

Thank you for supporting our youth!

Lakewood Youth sponsored a Christmas party for children in the after-school program at the Sanctuary on 8th Street. The Sanctuary is a non-profit organization located on the eastside of Jacksonville in the Springfield community. Good food and fun were had by all!

Young At Heart Ministry

If you're 50 and better - please join us on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the dining room after church (12:15 pm) for great food, fellowship, and programs! Cost: $6. Questions? Call Ruth Bailey at 268-2936.

January 15 - Speaker: Jacques Klempf, CEO of Dixie Egg Co.

1510 *worship service*

8:30 am in Room 201 of the Education Building.

Intimate setting. Simple structure.
Weekly Communion. Teaching. Music.

www.1510lakewood.com

Find out what you missed in 1510! Scan this code to your phone to download the full sermon.

Celebrate *Recovery*

Rid yourself of some unwanted hurts, habits, & hang-ups!

6 pm Dinner - Fellowship Hall
7 - 9 pm Celebrate Recovery Meeting

If you would like to volunteer to help with food or to be a part of the prayer team, please call Mark Biery at 730-3057.
If you are interested, please contact Mark & Suzanne Biery (730-3057) or Mark & Jeanne Clayburg (262-8267).

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for the General Conference 2012

Make Disciples of Jesus Christ to Transform the World — THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GENERAL CONFERENCE 2012 • TAMPA, FL

The Florida Conference will host the 2012 General Conference, to be held at the Tampa Convention Center April 24 - May 4, 2012. Over 900 delegates from around the world will be representing their conferences, with 5,000 to 6,000 observers and guests attending. Our role is to prepare for all the people arriving and to provide volunteer greeters during the Conference. More information about volunteer opportunities can be found at www.flumc.org/GC2012. Opportunities include Airport Greeters, Convention Center Greeters, Hotel, Information Booth, Lounge Hospitality and Refreshments, Prayer Ministry, or Registration. If you have any questions, please give Sandy Lovern a call at 800-282-8011 Ext. 197, or email SLovern@flumc.org.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. *Proverbs 3:9*

Year to Date - December 20, 2011

Stewardship - Week 51
2010 - $1,073,820 • **2011** - $1,090,256
Share The Experience Year to date - $68,965
March to the Manger - December 11, 2011 - $11,184

Sunday Mornings in January

Ushers
8:30 am Tim Pardue, Capt., Chris Blythe, Pete Perez, Aaron Thoroughgood
11:00 am Jim Blythe, Capt., Bryan Cooksey, Bob Ivey, David Johnston, Jim McKoy, Derek Rowan

Greeters 8:30 am Pat Archer & Dee Boutwell
11:00 am Gordon Robbie & Carol White

Sound & Media Technicians
Don Zeiser

Parking Attendants
Bob Ewing, Larry Figart, & Steve Hyers

Jan. 1
Welcome Desk
8:15 am Laurie Carter 9:30 am Jane Strange
Worship Welcomers
8:30 am Denise Foster
11:00 am Teresa Cooksey
Nursery
8:30 am Tracey Kuhn
11:00 am Paul & Celita Locke

Jan. 8
Welcome Desk
8:15 am Judy Hiden 9:30 am Edie Locke
Worship Welcomers
8:30 am Melody Bachman
11:00 am Jay & Stacey Permenter
Nursery
8:30 am Mike & Amy Edwards
11:00 am Brandon & Cami Foster

Jan. 15
Welcome Desk
8:15 am Jean Oatman 9:30 Jane Strange
Worship Welcomers
8:30 am Kay Dudley
11:00 am Becky Morcom
Nursery
8:30 am Pat Archer
11:00 am Brent & Paige Holmes

Jan. 22
Welcome Desk
8:15 am Laurie Carter 9:30 am Jane Strange
Worship Welcomers
8:30 am Betty Perez
11:00 am Mike & Diane Butler
Nursery
8:30 am Robby & Molly Rhoden
11:00 am Natalie Ruge

Jan. 29
Welcome Desk
9:30 am Edie Locke
Worship Welcomers
8:30 am Sharron Wheeler
11:00 am Ruth Bailey
Nursery
8:30 am Beth Davis
11:00 am Sam Coleman

Want to volunteer?
We have a place for you to get involved!
Call Denise Foster at 733-8477.

January 2012

1 Simon Ayuen Adueny
Jacob Ngor Ateny
Monica Adau Bior
Daniel Deng
James Deng Garang
Jacob Bol Kon
John Abel - John Wall Kuai
Abraham Chol Kuany
James Ajith Kuol
Rhoda Acok Kur
Deng Mach Long
James Arop Majak
Mary Akuol Malou
Simon Bul Mayen
Jacob Lual Ngang
Yol Bul Yol
2 Jim Harrison
4 Lisa Miller
5 Samantha Permenter
6 Austin Clayburg
Marisa Morcom
6 Cyndi Morphew
7 Jeanne Losco
Virgil Wittmer
8 Hannah Bachman
David Boyd
Fred Fralick
9 Jo Anne McKinney
Don Packard
Jackie Stephens
10 Lea Frazier
Sean Magee
Chad Prizzia
11 Sarah Kilcoin
Nicolas Scheffer
12 Paul Bliton
Wayne Oatman
13 Brent Holmes
Caroline Medley
Troy Turpin
15 Will Cox
Chris Kuhn
15 Ben Razevich
Emily Scott
16 Jamie Blythe
Buck Fannin
Bob Highsmith
Ken Perry
18 Ed Chappell
David Dinkins
Rich Klahr
Evan Ruge
Bill Sherman
19 Shirley Smith
20 Ann Chappell
Lynda Graves
Marianne Limkeman
21 Becky Gabriel
23 Jim Banks
24 Burline Anderson
Debbie Browning
Quell Luce
Jim McCrea
24 Angela Mullaney
25 Geoffrey Sherman
26 Martha Andrews
Mary Hall
David Hartley
Rebecca Hartley
Jennifer Likins
Lorraine Zell
27 Lynsey Barrier
Gary Glen Foster, Jr.
Maguire Kelly
28 Jodi Day
29 Karyssa Nevins
Rose Rumble
30 Russell Butler
Brian Kibler
Mary Alice Odom
Doug Parker
31 Daniel Boyd
Pat Zeiser

Happy Anniversary

1 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lykins (Lynda)
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith (Shirley)
3 Mr. and Mrs. Gary House (Marianne)
5 Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kon
8 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fralick (Linda)
12 Mr. and Mrs. Lane Burnett (Mary)
14 Mr. and Mrs. Will Cox (Janice)
16 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scott (Emily)
23 Mr. and Mrs. John Davis (Judy)
31 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clement (Carol)

If your name is not listed, or if we have the wrong date, please call Margaret Love, Church Secretary, at 733-8477.

Our Christian love and sympathy

. . . to Tamra Smith and her family on the death of her mother, Betty Smith, on December 7, 2011.

We still have a few pecans left. They can be purchased Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday evenings in the CAC or in the office during the week.

Men's Cookie Contest Winners

We would like to thank all the men who made cookies for December's Hanging of the Green cookie contest.

This year's winners were . . .

1st Place: Pastor Bill Sherman
2nd Place: Pastor Eric Williams
3rd Place: Buck Fannin
4th Place: Dan Gronley

Loving and Serving Others

Thank you

The Celebrate Recovery T.E.A.M. would like to thank Lakewood's Staff, all the volunteers, and our community who helped serve approximately 80 people at our 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. A BIG blessing was felt by ALL.

Thank you to everyone who brought in "food sacks" for the families at San Jose Elementary. We really made a difference to the children and their families.

Thank you to all the wonderful friends who took time from their very busy schedules this year and "rang the bell" for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. This is a great ministry that Lakewood has participated in for many years. I think fondly of Bill Waters every time I begin the process of calling each one of you! So thank you again... Ralph Hiden, Patsy Rabb, Terry Collins, Beth & Brooke Davis, The Johnston Family, Roy Bowen, Sue Blythe, Gary & Denise Foster, John Macklin, Susan Walsh, Karen Phillips, Cyndi Morphew, Marianne House, Bill & Jan Daniel, Lea Frazier, Beth Wetmore, Larry Cahill, Michele Ewaskey, Jim McKoy, Katherine Wetmore, Barry Wheeler, Dena Howard, The Kuhn Family, Sydna Breazeale, Mark Hohnadel, Larry Figart, Diane Butler, & Carol White. If anyone would like to secure a special time for next year... check the 2012 calendar for the week after Thanksgiving! It is never to early to plan.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CROP Walk! Thank you for your support!

Haiti Team Members Needed:

Dr. R.A. "Dick" Daily is requesting at least 10 team members to fill two teams from the Florida Conference to Haiti: **February 3-11, 2012** and **March 16-24, 2012**. Teams will be doing basic construction and working on sanitation projects. For more information, email him at Ddaily7777@aol.com, or call 540.586.4030.

Hubbard House Hospitality Bags

Our church currently makes 30 hospitality bags a month which go to domestic abuse victims at Hubbard House. The bags cost us $5.30 each to produce, and we have made 560 bags since we started in March, 2010. If you would like to contribute in some way to this project, we welcome donations of hotel toiletries or printed fabric (from which we sew the bags). Monetary donations are also welcome; if you so desire, please make your checks payable to Lakewood UMC and in the memo/ subject area of your check, write "Hubbard House Bags". Thank you for your continued support for the Hubbard House Hospitality Bags. God bless!

Binkies 4 Kids If you have old sheets, blankets, or towels that are in fairly good shape and are no longer needed, Binkies 4 Kids would love to have them. We have been making quilts, bibs, receiving blankets, etc. for kids that are sick, homeless, or abused. We will also accept any kid fabric that you may have. Call Charlie Houtz at 448-0706, or email her at sewingmama@bellsouth.net to arrange a pickup.

Help Serve Dinner at City Rescue Mission.

We have a team of people from Lakewood who serve dinner at the City Rescue Mission downtown on W. State Street. We serve on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4 – 5:30 on a rotation basis, so each person serves approximately once a quarter. If you would like to join this ministry team, please email Laura Jacqumein at Ljacqmein@comcast.net. City Rescue asks that servers be at least age 13 for the downtown location. You will be blessed!

Romania Project — We will continue to collect donations for this project until we complete the funding for converting the container into a home. Checks can be made out to LUMC - Romania Fund. Please continue to keep this project and The Smiles Foundation in your prayers. If you have any questions, please email Jim Blythe (jimblythe@yahoo.com).

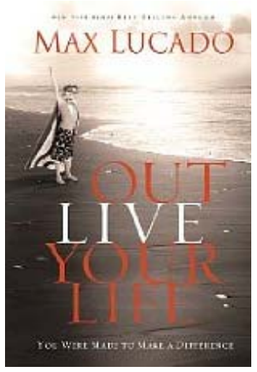
Serve at the Salvation Army — 4th Wednesdays

If you are interested in serving a meal at the Salvation Army on one Wednesday night a month, from 5:45 to 7:00 pm, please contact Denise Foster at lakedenise@bellsouth.net or 733-8477.

Christmas Memories

Wednesday Night*Life* resumes January 18, 2012!

Please join us as we look forward to a series by Max Lucado, ***"Out Live Your Life."***



Wednesday Night*Life*

Dinner 5:15 - 6 pm
Children's Choir & Programs 6 - 7:30 pm
Youth After School until 7:30 pm
Adult Programs & Studies begin between 6 - 6:15 pm

Growing closer to Jesus

FEASTING IN THE WORD Bible Study
Wednesdays, 4 - 5:30 pm / church library
Join us on Wednesday, January 18 as we begin studying 2 Kings with portions of 1 & 2 Chronicles included. Questions? Call Carol Hudson (819-9842). All are welcome.

Wednesday Evenings READ THROUGH THE BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP Moderator: Nettie Cribb
Beginning January 18 at 6:15 pm in CAC 202
Come join a discussion group and share insights and questions from the week's reading. Learn from each other as we talk about the people and happenings in the Bible.

FIRST THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY *with Gloria Short*
January 5, 2012
Guest speaker: Rev. Gabriele Gilpin
Gabriele is from Germany and her organization is SOARING EAGLE MINISTRIES (Isaiah 40:31)
Questions? Call Gloria at 396-6342.

January 2012

Sundays

1:00 pm	Sudanese Worship in the Chapel
3:00 pm	Stephen Ministry (1st & 3rd)
3:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
	Step Study - Men
	Step Study - Women
5:00 pm	Youth Choir
6:00 pm	UMYF

Mondays

We will not have Mother's Morning Out on Mondays until further notice

1:30 pm	Home School Math Class
4:30 pm	Worship Planning Committee
5:30 pm	Walk & Talk - Gym
6:00 pm	Dinner - Celebrate Recovery in the Fellowship Hall
7 - 9 pm	Celebrate Recovery Meeting
8:00 pm	Lakewood Men's Basketball Night

Tuesdays

8:30 am	Home School Math Class
9:00 am	Walk & Talk - Gym
1:00 pm	Grief Relief - CAC 201
6:30 pm	Hosanna Choir Practice
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous - CAC 202
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays

4:00 pm	Feasting in the Word
5:15 pm	Wednesday Night*Life* Dinner
6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Disciple I Class
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursdays

8:30 am	Home School Math Class
9:00 am	Walk & Talk - Gym
9:30 am	Handbells - EB 106
11:00 am	Handbell Quartet Practice
5:30 pm	Walk & Talk - Gym
7:00 pm	Testify!
7:30 pm	AA (Men Only) Fellowship Hall

Fridays

8:30 am	Home School Math Class

Saturdays

6:30 am	Lakewood Men's Basketball

Sundays		8:30 & 11:00 am	**Worship in the Sanctuary**
		8:30 am	**1510 Worship EB201**
		9:45 am	**Sunday School**
Mon.	2	6:30 pm	SPRC Meeting
Wed.	4		**No** Wednesday Nightlife No Dinner, youth or children's programs (All programs will resume January 18)
Thurs.	5	10:45 am	First Thursday Bible Study
		5:00 pm	Instrument Zoo
Tues.	10	4:00 pm	Serving at City Rescue Mission
Wed.	11		**No** Wednesday Nightlife No Dinner, youth or children's programs (All programs will resume January 18)
Thurs.	12	6:00 pm	**LIMA Instrumental Zoo Introduction!** (See page 2) We'll introduce children to instruments that will be available for the Lakewood Instrumental Music Academy.
Sun.	15	12:00 pm	Young At Hearts Luncheon
Wed.	18		**Wednesday Nightlife Resumes!** (See front page for details)
Mon.	23	6:00 pm	United Methodist Men's Dinner *in CAC Dining Room* Please email: markhohnadel@msn.com if you plan to attend.
Tues.	24	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Care Giver Support Group Troop 477 Pack Meeting
Wed.	25		Wednesday Nightlife

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, February 2
LIMA Begins *For students 4th - 8th grades*

Sunday, February 5
In honor of Scout Sunday, Cub Scout Pack 477 will be serving a **Free Pancake Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall. *Donations will be accepted.*

Sunday, February 12 **JUST BE IT 2012**

Saturday, March 10 **Youth Silent Auction**

Celebrate Recovery Step Study for Men
begins Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 3 - 4:30 pm
For more information, contact
Mark Biery at 733- 3057 or Mark Clayburg at 262-8267.
God will bless you in ways you have never imagined!