



Lakewood Leader

Lakewood United Methodist Church – 2443 Abrams Road – Dallas, TX 75214

March 28, 2011



Sunday, April 17 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Palm Processional – 10:15 a.m.

Friday, April 22 – Good Friday

Communion and Good Friday Service – 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 24 – Easter Sunday

Early Rise Service – 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast – Fellowship Hall – 8:15 a.m.

Easter Service – 10:15 a.m. - Sanctuary

YOUR STAFF

Gayle Landis
Pastor

John Gill
Music Director
and Organist

Penny Mitchell
Children's Minister

Sheila Richards
Church Secretary

Joan O'Brien
Nursery

Elouise Murphy
Bookkeeper

YOUR CLASSES

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8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday – Thursday
8 a.m. – 12 noon - Friday

Dear Church Family,

I hope your journey during this Lenten Season has been a holy one. As we read, reflect, and worship together we realize that we are truly Easter people-- longing for the light of Easter morning. I look forward to the rest of our time of preparation! During this time we are keenly aware of our connections to one another. If you have been visiting with us and would like to join us in mission and ministry-- this is the perfect time to do so. Lakewood UMC is the perfect place to grow and ask questions. Peace,

Gayle

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Children's Faith Development

As we continue our Lenten journey to the cross and to the hope found in the resurrection of Christ and as we spend time in prayer and reflection may we be mindful of the spiritual formation of the children in our lives. Whether it is our own children, our grandchildren, nieces, nephews or other children we know, we should be mindful of the examples of faith that we represent to them.

Just as with other areas of their lives, children look to the adults they know best for guidance and for examples of how to live faithful Christian lives. When children see us praying, reading the Bible, attending worship and participating in the life of the church, we are modeling for them the importance of growing our relationship with God. When we teach children how to pray, when we read Bible stories to them and when we elicit questions from them about their understanding of the Christian faith, we help children grow in their relationship with God.

During the seasons of Lent and Easter I encourage you to share your own faith stories and journeys with the children in your lives. Children are thirsty for understanding. Opening up conversations about spiritual matters lets them know that you are someone they can feel comfortable coming to with their questions about faith. Do not be afraid of their questions! If they ask you something you do not know the answer to, be honest with them and let them know that you, too, struggle with the same kinds of questions. Struggling with and working out matters of faith with your children is an invaluable gift to them. Your church family is an excellent resource for helping both you and the children in your lives along the path of faith.

Blessings!

Penny Mitchell
Children's Minister

EASTER EGG HUNT

There are plans to have an Easter Egg Hunt at the church on Easter Sunday. Donations of candy or other fun things to fill the eggs will be welcomed.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, April 12

Wesleyan Guild and
UMW General Meeting
Potluck dinner @ 6:30 p.m.
with the meeting at 7 pm.

Penny Mitchell will be speaking to the group about her call to God and her experiences in the seminary.

Tuesday, April 19

UMW Circle – 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The following meetings have been placed on the Church Calendar:

Prayer Group – every Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Library

Game Night – Friday, April 8, from 7-10 p.m. – Family Life Center

Finance Committee – Monday, April 11, at 7:15 p.m.

Young Lives – Thursday, April 14, at 6 p.m.

Trustees – Monday, April 18, at 6 p.m.

Church Council – Monday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

UMW CIRCLE

Lakewood's United Methodist Women Circle meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m., followed with the group enjoying lunch together. This month's meeting was held at the home of Robbie Moore with Mary Ann Finley providing the program and nine women attending.

This month's business included a donation being made to the Wesleyan Guild Self Denial Program and additional baby blankets were provided to Methodist Hospital

All women are invited to participate in the UMW Circle.

IN OUR PRAYERS

**Carolyn Miracle
Kathy Purvis
Cremmen Peters**

**Sympathy to Family of Susan Edwards
Curtis Claxton**

**Mary McKnight Escobar
Joy Wilson (friend of Wilma Elrod)**

**The Gary Cummings Family
Cherelle Sams (Meagan Freeman's friend)
Mary Haba**

**Kent Tyler (Neuroth Family Friend)
Mike Ray**

**Shirley Yandell
Darlene Rogers
Christina Carty**

**Caron New (Charolette Noel's mother)
Jordan May (Afghanistan)**

**Michael Miranda (Marie Miranda's son)
Janece Bueché**

**George Laminack
McCarley Rutledge (Sheaner Family relative)**

**Laura Mae Railey
Sid McClain, Sr. (Laura Rothe's father)**

**William Rothe (Afghanistan)
Chad Hambrick**

Geraldine Chambless

Vegetable seed packets are being collected by the UMW for the gardens in Henderson County. Your packets can be placed in the envelope located on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your help.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO...

- Nancy Fomby – 4/3
- Andrew Noel – 4/6
- Catherine Collins – 4/7
- Grace Robertson – 4/7
- Jeanne Cherry – 4/9
- Kathy Smith – 4/13
- Francis Shoemaker – 4/15
- Glenn Kinkade – 4/17
- Mary Zaby – 4/17
- Katie Neuroth – 4/21
- Bennie Young – 4/22
- Joan O'Brien – 4/25
- Joan Ferrell – 4/26
- Joyce Wentz – 4/26
- Wilma Elrod – 4/27
- Lee Birdsong – 4/28
- Martha Williams – 4/30

WESLEYAN GUILD NEWS

Pat Norvell, Wesleyan Guild Treasurer, reported that \$160 was collected during the Prayer and Self Denial Program in March. This money will go to benefit the Brooks-Howell Home in Ashville, NC which is a retirement center for our missionaries.

Anyone needing a ride to the Wesleyan Guild / UMW General Meeting on Tuesday, April 12th, can either call Barbara Brooks at 214-824-3842 or the Church Office.



News from the Lakewood Chancel Ringers

On Saturday, March 26, 2011, eight members of the Lakewood Chancel Ringers participated in a Spring Handbell Festival at First United Methodist Church in Richardson. Twenty-one handbell choirs and approximately 250 ringers participated in this event, led by festival conductor and composer Sondra Tucker. Can you imagine being surrounded by more than 1500 individual bells and chimes, all ringing in one huge bell choir? It's amazing!

Bell Choir Members present at the event were Eileen Boyd, Bonnie Bridger-Coffman, Gail Davis, June Gartlir, Sally Hoover, Andrew Noel, Carol Stone, Mary Zaby and "Handbell Mover Extraordinaire" Vince Zaby. Missing at the event, but with the bell choir in spirit, were members Barbara Brooks and John Gill.

Members of our bell choir learned new handbell terms and techniques, played our prepared pieces at lightning speed, and met ringers who have been playing bells almost 40 years! This was the first festival attended by many of the Lakewood Chancel Ringers, and our bell choir did an AWESOME job!

The day-long festival rehearsals culminated in a concert at 4:00 p.m. Thank you to the many Lakewood UMC members who drove to Richardson to support the handbell choir by attending our final concert! Your handbell choir appreciates your loving encouragement!