



# Lakewood Leader

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

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## YOUR STAFF

**Gayle Landis**  
Pastor

**John Gill**  
Music Director  
and Organist

**Sheila Richards**  
Church Secretary

**Joan O'Brien**  
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## YOUR CLASSES

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**Harmony**

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

## SHINY AND NEW

When we think of the renewal that comes to us and our world at Easter, we think of newness as brand new. We live in a time when everything is temporary and disposable. It is often less expensive to replace a dishwasher or a printer than to fix one. We forget that re-new means new again. For those of us who have been around the block a time or two, this is especially good news.

After the rains last week, the Ravert Garden sprang to new green life. Gardens as beautiful as ours owe part of that beauty to the fact that they are not “new.” They are “renewed.” The folks who planted the garden and work hard in it know that some “renewal” is possible and better than “new”. We are reminded that God is wonderful and powerful. We know that all things can be new again – so we take care of those things. I hope your heart and your faith have become new again this spring. Know that the God who renews the earth loves you.

Peace,

Gayle

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 6, and Easter Monday, April 9.



## WESLEYAN GUILD SPEAKER

The March meeting of the Wesleyan Guild had Rev. R. Bruce Weaver, Retired Pastor and Mission Leader present the program, "Methodism Returns to Russia." Pictured are Elaine MacKay, President of the Lakewood United Methodist Women, Rev. Weaver, and Martha Williams.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Lakewood is pleased to welcome Carol Croy into our Family of Faith. Carol joined our membership on Sunday, March 11, and is already Very active with the United Methodist Women where she serves as secretary for the group.



### **Sunday, April 1 – Palm/Passion Sunday**

Palm Processional – 10:15 a.m.

### **Friday, April 6 – Good Friday**

Communion and Good Friday Service – 7 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 8 – Easter Sunday**

Guided Meditation in the Garden – 8 a.m.

Breakfast – Fellowship Hall – 8:30 a.m.

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

Easter Egg Hunt in the Garden following Worship

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The following meetings have been placed on the Church Calendar:

Finance Committee – Monday, April 9, at 7:15 p.m.

Game Night – Friday, April 13, from 7-10 p.m. – Family Life Center

Firehouse Board – Sunday, April 15, after worship

Trustees – Monday, April 16, at 6 p.m.

Church Council – Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

Young Lives – Thursday, April 19, at 6 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Avis Markussen

Roger Turner

Ann Cherney

Jeremy Markussen

Eleanor Brewster

The Blandford Family

Diane Hutchins

Barbara Haynes

Christine Monnich

Sandee Walters (Becky Heflin's cousin)

Carol Adair

Melissa Thompson

Rev. Larry Ravert

Shirley Yandell

Erik Galvan (Eileen Boyd's cousin)

Elizabeth Baker (Elaine MacKay's mother)

Eleanor Rotkewicz (MacKay family)

Helen Saulsman

Cremmen Peters

Jean Bennett

Mary McKnight Escobar

Kent Tyler (Neuroth Family Friend)

Mike Ray

Michael Miranda (Marie Miranda's son)

Janece Bueché

George Laminack

Laura Mae Railey

Chad Hambrick

Geraldine Chambliss

Dixie Hargraves

**UNITED METHODIST  
WOMEN**

Tuesday, April 10

UMW General Meeting &  
Wesleyan Guild

Potluck dinner @ 6:30 p.m.  
with the meeting at 7 pm.

The program will be "What We Are  
Doing at the Center for Missional  
Outreach" with Marji Bishir, Assoc.  
Director of the Center, speaking.

Tuesday, April 17

UMW Circle – 10 a.m.  
@ the home of Robbie Moore

**UMW Mission Fund Raiser**

Equal Exchange/Fair Trade Coffee,  
Teas and Chocolates will be for sale  
after church on Sundays by the  
Library (except for Easter Sunday).  
Profits will be used for UMW mission  
projects which include support for  
Lakewood UMC-Haiti Mission.

\*\*\*Be on the lookout for an invite to  
a Coffee, Tea and Chocolate  
Tasting one Sunday during April.

**UMW Annual Seed Drive**

Henderson Settlement...It's  
Springtime again! Time for our  
annual seed drive. This UMW  
mission needs fruit and vegetable  
seeds. The next time you are at the  
store please buy a few seed  
packages and bring them in for  
Henderson. Seed packs can be left  
in the planter on the UMW table on  
Sundays or in the church office.  
Thank you.

## TOM FOMBY RECEIVES AWARD

We recently learned that Tom Fomby had received an award of some sort and when we asked him about it, we still didn't totally understand. So, we asked him to send us a little more detail about the award. What follows below is the delightful series of events that took place around this prestigious award:

*I was given the "Emerald Literati Network Award for Outstanding Editorship." This recognition is only rarely awarded by Emerald Press of Bingley, England. The award came with a plaque recognizing my continual editorship of a research annual called Advances in Econometrics since 1986 and which is published by Emerald Press. Emerald Press is a well-known world-wide publisher of academic books and works. With each year, our Advances volume covers a new, path breaking topic in econometrics with 12 – 15 refereed papers appearing in each volume. We also organize a conference where the papers of the volume are discussed before the papers are published in the volume. My colleague and long-time co-editor of Advances, Prof. R. Carter Hill of LSU, was similarly recognized. Unbeknownst to Carter and me, our former students and current colleagues, with financial support from Emerald Press, organized a "secret" conference in our honor this week at LSU in Baton Rouge where we were recognized and given our awards. We didn't know about the awards or the conference until we walked into a meeting room at 7:00 PM Friday night and found ourselves in front of approximately 60 friends and family with cameras and videos rolling. (To get me to go to Baton Rouge, I had been led to believe by colleagues that Carter was going to be honored by an anonymous donor giving an endowed chair to LSU in his honor. Carter, on the other hand, was spun another fictitious story. Both fictitious stories led us to show up at the award ceremony at the same time Friday night.) Boy, to say the least, Carter and I were surprised when we walked into the room with the 60 people waiting for us, cameras and video equipment rolling! It was wonderful to see all of our former students and mentors and Nancy, Blake, and Elizabeth and her husband, Brian, there smiling away. (Just a note, it is amazing that the 60 people (including Nancy and the kids) kept this scheme a secret for 6 months or so in order to give the conference organizers time to get everything in order.) My only regret, if you want to call it that, is that I did not figure this whole rouse out beforehand! You should have seen the delight on Nancy's, Blake's, Elizabeth's and Brian's faces with having fooled me for so long. After the reception Friday night, we had a two day conference at LSU where papers related to our own research were presented that will be put into the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary volume of Advances in honor of Carter and me. The whole weekend is something that I will always cherish and remember. I am sure my family will never let me forget it either!*

**Congratulations, Tom – We are proud of you!!**

## 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

## AMIGOS DAYS

***Lakewood will again be an active participant in the Amigos Days "People Helping People" project. We will be working on a house of a disabled woman with four children at 2811 Grafton. The work weekends are April 13 and 14 and April 20 and 21. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church. It should be a fairly easy project as one story and half is new siding so will require no scraping. They will be washing the house on Saturday, April 7, if anyone would like to help with that.***

***If you are unable to physically help, the group will also need food/snacks, water, and prayers.***