



Lakewood Leader

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Greetings! Summer has arrived right on time! She came with a bang. I hope that any of you struggling with damage from the hail storm, insurance claims, and clean-up are on your way to recovery. Here at the church, we are still waiting for all of the numbers to come in. We will let everyone know what we can expect as soon as we know. I fully expect our insurance to cover our claim – though we will probably be inconvenienced a bit during repairs. In the meantime – we will celebrate the love of God together! Enjoy the beautiful Texas sunshine and keep cool.

Peace, Gayle

Many of you have asked about the current situation concerning our Bishop. I wish I could answer all of those questions. This much I do know: On the Friday before Annual Conference, all clergy persons received an e-mail message from Bishop Bledsoe announcing his retirement. He spoke of God's leading him and his family in a new direction. Needless to say, we were all surprised, because it is not time for his retirement.

At the end of Annual Conference, Bishop Bledsoe announced that he had changed his mind and was not going to retire. He told the Conference that he had received a negative review from the committee that evaluates all Bishops in the Jurisdiction. Bishop Bledsoe was informed that the Conference did not want him to remain here. Further, they informed him that there was no other Conference where his leadership would be effective. He could retire voluntarily, or they would vote to retire him involuntarily. It was on the heels of this news that he sent the email message of his choice to retire.

Again, needless to say, we were all surprised. While most folks have been aware of complaints and difficulties during Bishop Bledsoe's time here, this particular turn of events is quite unusual. The Bishop has decided to fight for his position, forcing the Jurisdictional Committee to meet again for a vote. If they vote to retire him involuntarily, he has indicated that he will appeal their decision to the Judicial Council. All this being said, we will probably not know the final outcome or whether we will have a different Bishop for some time. I ask for your prayers for Bishop Bledsoe and his family as well as those involved in the decisions to be made.

Here at Lakewood, we will not be directly affected by any of this. The work of the Church will go on as usual until everything is sorted out, and then the work of the Church will go on.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Richard L. (Dick) Lewis joined Lakewood's Family of Faith on Sunday, June 3. Dick jumped into service immediately upon his first visit to Lakewood. He has joined the choir and is a member of the Wesley Beacons Sunday School class.

Andrew Noel was confirmed at Lakewood on Sunday, June 3. He was baptized here at Lakewood in December of 1999, so we have all watched Andrew grow and develop. He has served as an Acolyte the past three years and has always been available to help out where needed during the Lakewood Summer Arts Faire and other events occurring at the church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – A DIFFERENT APPROACH

This summer we will have Vacation Bible School for our kids in a new way. We will have VBS on several Sunday afternoons. Our kids are busy having fun this summer with camps, vacations, and visits to grandparents – so this is a way we can include as many as possible. Each Sunday will begin with lunch, then a lesson and activity. We will be traveling to swim, play, or perhaps see a movie. Each day will be different so come to as many as you can. The dates are: July 15, July 29, and a “Back to School Bash” with a date yet to be set. Let Gayle know if you are coming so we can plan for food and drivers.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The following meetings have been placed on the Church Calendar:

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

Trustees – Monday, July 16, at 6 p.m.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sympathy to the Family of Blake Fomby
Sympathy to Family of Rev. Larry Ravert

Ginny Venable

Lita Petrovic

Bob Anthony

Carley Rutledge (Sheaner family)

Avis Markussen

Gail Baldwin

Jackie Holmes

Jimmy Norris

Roger Turner

Eleanor Brewster

Diane Hutchins

Barbara Haynes

Christine Monnich

Sandee Walters (Becky Heflin's cousin)

Carol Adair

Melissa Thompson

Shirley Yandell

Erik Galvan (Eileen Boyd's cousin)

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 Chambless

Dixie Hargraves

James David Scarborough

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, July 10

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

Our Program, "Call to Prayer and Self Denial: A Time for Change" will be led by Mary Zaby.

UMW Mission Fund Raiser

Equal Exchange/Fair Trade Coffee, Teas and Chocolates will be available for sale after church on Sundays by the Library on July 8 and July 22. Be sure to buy enough for the days in between.

LAKWOOD UMC BLANKETS

If you would like to order one of the blankets like those we gave to our visitors, let us know in the church office or sign up on the table in the narthex. These are great to have at home or in the car. They have the name of the church embroidered on the corner.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

NO CHOIR REHEARSALS DURING JULY

The choir will not be rehearsing on Wednesday nights during the month of July. They will return to their normal schedule on Wednesday, August 1.



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO...

- Tom Fomby – 07/05
- Jean Fowler – 07/05
- Laura Beil – 07/07
- Carol Stone – 07/07
- Carolyn Miracle – 07/08
- Jane Hughes – 07/12
- Ginny Venable – 07/12
- Kyle Taylor – 07/17
- Melba Westbrook – 07/19
- Barbara Brooks – 07/20
- Pierre Falco – 07/20
- Hannah Freeman – 07/22
- Charlotte Sheaner – 07/23
- Charlie Estee – 07/27
- Bill Adair – 07/28
- Eileen Boyd – 07/29
- Tom Cherry, Jr. – 07/29

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO...

- Billy Neuroth – 08/11
- Herb Scheaner – 08/12
- Amy Mackintosh – 08/13
- Robert Neuroth – 08/18
- Vince Zaby – 08/21
- Rev. Gayle Landis – 08/24
- Gladys Cherry – 08/25
- Macey Scurria – 08/25
- Gail Davis – 08/27
- Kathryn Bagley – 08/29

News from the Lakewood UMC Sanctuary Ringers

From early fall until mid-summer, you will find your dedicated handbell ringers upstairs in the handbell room every Sunday after church, carefully practicing to play music for upcoming worship services. We currently have nine musicians in the handbell choir – Eileen Boyd, Barbara Brooks, Gail Davis, June Gartlir, John Gill, Sally Hoover, Yvonne Johnson, Andrew Noel and Carol Stone.

This summer, the bell choir plans to take a short break in July, but will reconvene in mid-August to begin rehearsing music for the fall and Christmas season. A few of our ringers, however, plan to continue practicing through the month of July to play a small ensemble piece during worship on July 29.

You may have noticed that the two ringers on each end of the choir play LOTS of bells! Our church owns three octaves of handbells, and we love to be able to play all of them. It usually takes eleven ringers to manage this many bells, so both Eileen and John are each currently playing enough bells for two ringers! Eileen plays “four-in-hand,” with two of our smallest bells in each hand; John’s bells are too large for four-in-hand, so he skillfully “weaves” his bells, having to quickly change from one bell to the next as he plays his part. Our dream would be to add two additional ringers to the choir.

Ringing handbells is fun. Would you like to join us this fall? We’d love to have you!