



Lakewood Leader

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Cooler weather for us in Lakewood means that fall is here and the holidays are just around the corner. We have many reasons to look forward! In November we will think and talk about stewardship. We will celebrate the ministries of this church – and the wider church as we do Kingdom work together. We have such a wonderful spirit of generosity here. Each year has brought new ideas and fresh approaches to “being the church.”

One of those this past few months has been Union - a new United Methodist Church. Union will open on November 15. I am happy to be a part of a wonderful new ministry that will reach young adults! On the 25th of November, we will make our commitments for next year. Rev. Mike Baughman, the pastor appointed to Union, will worship with us and preach that day. Following worship a fellowship lunch will be provided. After lunch we will decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Following decorating – we will be tired!

The next several weeks will be full of celebration, wonderful traditions, and the new things that God is doing through us at Lakewood UMC. It is an amazing time to be in this amazing place.

Peace,

Gayle

CELEBRATION LUNCH SCHEDULED

Our season of stewardship will culminate on Sunday, November 25, with a potluck lunch after worship, followed by the decorating of the church for Christmas. Chris Venable will be preparing brisket for the lunch with everyone else bringing a side dish or dessert.

Decorating the church for Christmas is a lot of fun and goes fast with a lot of help. A new Christmas tree has been purchased for in front of the windows on the Abrams side. It should be a day of good food and wonderful fellowship. Plan to be here with us!

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO...

- Noah Robertson – 11/01
- Kent Olds – 11/03
- Elaine MacKay – 11/04
- Charlotte Gibson – 11/12
- Alan Noel – 11/20
- Alice Anthony – 11/22
- Alice Barnett – 11/27
- Charolette Noel – 11/29



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 3.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The Lakewood UMC Choir hosted an Italian Dinner this past Saturday night to raise money for Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti. It was a huge success, and a night to remember.

On Italian night...the Fellowship Hall glistened with the Nancy Fomby flair, and candles flickered on the tables. The food was beyond extraordinary. Each dish was an Alan Noel masterpiece, with a delectable addition from the kitchen of Vince Zaby. Marty Ruiz sang Sinatra with the best of them, and Gail Davis auctioned desserts with her usual spunk and humor. It was all possible because of the good friends and choir members who washed and served and cleaned. It was a time of fellowship and warm laughter. But more than that, it was people coming together in His name to give for a place of healing, Grace Children's Hospital. It was people offering hope to children with nowhere else to go, a hope sustained, in part, by the flickering candles at Lakewood UMC...on Italian Night.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The following meetings have been placed on the Church Calendar:

Staff Parish Relations Committee –

Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Game Night – Friday, November 9, from 7-10 p.m. – Family Life Center.

Church Council – Monday, November 12, at 7 p.m.

Finance – Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Trustees – Monday, November 19, at 6 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, November 13

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

UMW Mission Fund Raiser

Equal Exchange/Fair Trade
Coffee, Teas and Chocolates will
be available for sale after church
by the Library on November 11.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeremy Markussen
Kyle Callender
Bill & Linda Tinnerman
Lennie Bailey
Martha Williams
Mona Davis
Wanda Godfrey
Ginny Venable
Mary Zaby
Lita Petrovic
Bob Anthony
Carley Rutledge (Sheaner family)
Jackie Holmes
Roger Turner
Eleanor Brewster
Diane Hutchins
Barbara Haynes
Christine Monnich
Sandee Walters (Becky Heflin's cousin)
Carol Adair
Melissa Thompson
Erik Galvan (Eileen Boyd's cousin)
Eleanor Rotkewicz (MacKay family)
Cremmen Peters
Mary McKnight Escobar
Kent Tyler (Neuroth Family Friend)
Mike Ray
Michael Miranda (Marie Miranda's son)
Janece Bueché
Laura Mae Railey
Geraldine Chambless
James David Scarborough
Tammie Peed
Marie Miranda
Rusty Owens
Linda Berry
Lyn Ott

Calling all loving arms – help is needed caring for the 20 babies that will be here during the Young Lives meeting on Thursday, November 15, between 5:30-8 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed November 21-23, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Office will re-open on Monday, November 26.

From the Organ Bench

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I thought it would be interesting to take a look at a favorite Thanksgiving hymn, **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** (UMH 694). Many Christians give thanks before a meal, but Henry Alford, who composed the text to this hymn in 1844 was also in the habit of giving thanks after a meal, giving thanks to God for the blessings just received. He gave thanks at the end of the day as well, indeed being one of the “thankful people”.

This song isn't just about thanksgiving, but also work completed and a job well done. It's about aching muscles, sun-reddened faces, and full barns. It was written to be used at harvest festivals throughout England. Each village observed a celebration when it brought in its harvest, and Alford, one of the leading churchmen in England in the nineteenth century provided this hymn of thanks. It was originally called “After Harvest”.

Sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving, sing songs to the lyre in honor of our God. He veils the sky in clouds and provides rain for the earth; he clothes the hills with grass. He gives food to the cattle and to the ravens when they cry. Psalm 146: 7-9

From: “The One Year Book of Hymns – 365 Devotional Readings on Great Hymns of our Faith”

Happy Thanksgiving

