



Lakewood Leader

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

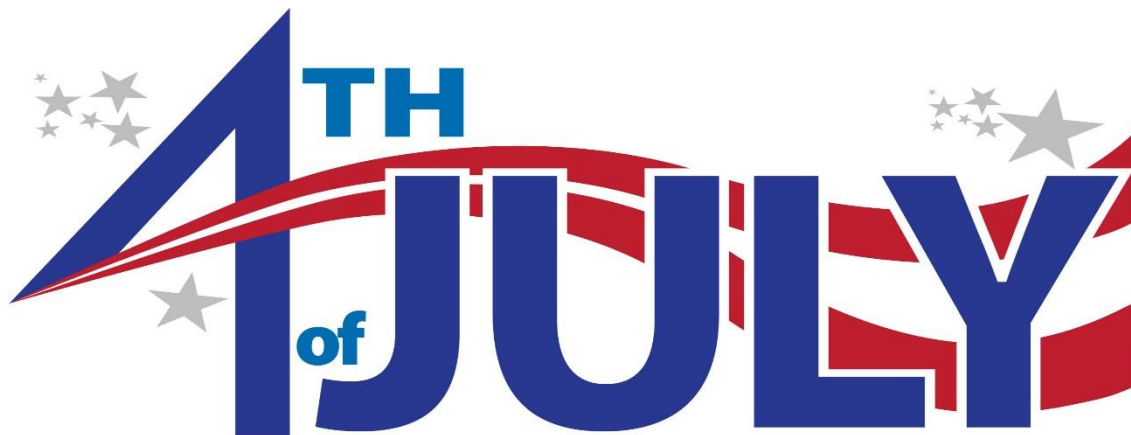
June 25, 2013

SUMMER FUN

As July begins, we know that summer is upon us. Folks travel and have company. I hope your summer has begun wonderfully. When I was a little girl, "real summer" began when the water warmed enough to swim. Before that, for me, it did not really matter what the calendar said. Or even that school had let out. Summer comes earlier in Texas than it does in Ohio. All those things that we wait for all year can begin.

"Real Church" begins when the people gathered to worship find their love for God and one another real and deep. Until then, it does not matter what the calendar, or the membership roll, or the budget says. Church is breaking out all over here at Lakewood! Hope you will jump in – and bring a friend – the water is great!

Gayle



The Lakewood community will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Lakewood Parade. As usual, the parade will begin at 10 a.m. on the 4th at the intersection of Cambria and Lakewood. Our church will again have a float in the parade. Anyone who is interested in helping decorate the float should be at the church on Wednesday, July 3rd, around 6 p.m. Children who wish to ride on the float during the parade should be at the church at 9 a.m. on the 4th.

On Sunday, July 7, we will have a Patriotic Picnic after worship in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. Hamburgers will be provided. If able, bring your favorite picnic side dish and join in the fun and fellowship.



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 II – 07/20
 Hannah Freeman – 07/22
 Charlie Estee – 07/27
 Bill Adair – 07/28
 Eileen Boyd – 07/29
 Tom Cherry, Jr. – 07/29

MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN JULY

Game Night – Friday, July 12, from 7 – 10 p.m.

Trustees – Monday, July 15, at 6 p.m.

Church Council – will not meet during July.

If we have missed a birthday, please call the Church office so we can get it added to our records.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, July 9

Wesleyan Guild
 Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 with the meeting at 7 p.m.

Sarah Squires from the Wesley Rankin Center will be the speaker. Everyone is invited.

Equal Exchange/Fair Trade Coffee, Teas and Chocolates will be available for sale after church by the Library on July 14th.



Adelaide Hart, Marie Miranda, William Rothe, John Christley, Rusty Owens, Cremen Peters, Carly Rutledge, Linda Castor, Wanda Godfrey, Michael Miranda, Linda Berry, Eric Galvan, Carol Mollenhauer, Kyle Callender, Sophia Allenburg, and Bruce Hudson.

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL IN JULY

The Choir will not be meeting for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings during the month of July. Rehearsals will resume August 7th.

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER...

Earlier this month, I had the honor of representing you at the North Texas Annual Conference. It was a glorious experience. The opening worship service was spectacular, with music provided by a combined choir and orchestra from six North Texas Conference churches. Who knew we had a NTC Pipe and Drum band?

The service also celebrated the lives and families of recently deceased elders which culminated in an ensemble of NTC Music Directors performing "Seasons of Love" from the Broadway musical *Rent!* It was such a blessing to see the outpouring of love for our former pastor, Rev. Larry Ravert and his wife, Carol Ann.

Rev. Robert E. Hayes, Bishop of the Oklahoma Conference, gave an inspiring keynote address, focusing on the conference theme, "IMAGINE..." He challenged us to IMAGINE the church with no boundaries – to IMAGINE the church as a living, breathing, writhing force – a dynamic body of calls, gifts, and graces, transforming the world by our witness and service. I thought of each of you, remembering the amazing array of gifts, graces and calls offered through the individual lives that are the Lakewood United Methodist Church. IMAGINE...the Holy Spirit sweeping through Lakewood, calling us...guiding us...empowering us to be the arms and legs of Christ in our community – and literally transforming Lakewood.

Gayle and I will share with you in coming newsletters, some insights and ideas gained from the Conference which could make this dream a reality. For now...just I M A G I N E...

With love in Christ,

Becky Heflin Freeman