



# Lakewood Leader

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

September 27, 2013

## Gayle's Top Ten List

What a wonderful celebration we have enjoyed. I am so grateful to Mary Zaby for her leadership and her Committee for their hard work and planning! The "tenth birthday" will long be remembered as a day of fun and fellowship. One of the many highlights was the congregation's favorite things about our church – so I thought it would be fun to list my own. I realize there are more than ten. I have taken clergy liberties. With much gratitude to you all for every moment.

19. Julie's choice of beautiful new tablecloths – they brighten the room and our spirits!
18. Song – totally Lakewood! Thanks to Mary for writing and to Chris, Scott, Rosalie and Becky for singing.
17. Beginning the day with a quiet moment of Communion together.
16. Charolette, Alan and Andrew's little church.
15. Joan, for a million necessary things.
14. The food – always amazing here!
13. Rug Hookers on Sunday!
12. Trumpets.
11. Andrew Venable for stepping in for the "preacher's wife" on the sound board on short notice.
10. John Gill, who seems to be able to play beautiful sacred music one minute and silly music the next – quite a gift to me.
9. Shower gifts – you all are so amazing and generous!
8. New candles for tables – so lovely. Thanks, Carol!
7. Mission moment table – to remind us it is not all about us. Thanks, Becky, for organizing.
6. George's great sense of humor.
5. Having Carol Ann here.
4. The slide show.
3. Desserts.
2. Mary Zaby's leadership.
1. Being the pastor of this amazing church!



Carol Adair – 10/01  
 Barbara Tumlinson – 10/03  
 Ian McLaughlin – 10/11  
 Lacy Smith – 10/13  
 Martha Adair – 10/16  
 Elouise Murphy – 10/24  
 Beverly Fraser – 10/26  
 Jean Jacobs – 10/29  
 Brendan McLaughlin – 10/29  
 Pat Norvell – 10/30

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

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER**

**Game Night** – Friday, October 11, from 7 – 10 p.m.

**Young Lives** – Thursday, October 17, from 6-8 p.m.

**Trustees** – Monday, October 21, at 6 p.m.

**Church Council** – Monday, October 21, at 7 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**Tuesday, October 8**

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

Tom Fomby will be reviewing the book, "The Wealth of the Poor". He will be discussing how valuing every neighbor restores hope in our cities with the focus on Dallas. Everyone is welcome.

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Equal Exchange/Fair Trade coffee, teas and chocolates will be available for sale after church by the Library on October 13.



Adelaide Hart, Marie Miranda, William Rothe, John Christley, Rusty Owens, Cremmen Peters, Carly Rutledge, Linda Castor, Wanda Godfrey, Michael Miranda, Linda Berry, Eric Galvan, Carol Mollenhauer, Kyle Callender, Chloe & Cathy Duncan, Mary Ann Macsisak, Olie Heflin, Betty Spears, Sharon Laminack, Annette Henley, and Joseph Cole Alcantar.

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**Reminder – our annual Charge Conference is Sunday, October 6, at 6 p.m. at White Rock United Methodist Church.**

## Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our Family Life Center

On Sunday, September 22, 2013, we celebrated the ten years since we moved into our “new” Family Life Center. We began our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration by enjoying trumpeters Ken Wilk and Scott Larson’s talents during our worship service.



Following the worship service, we gathered in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy our new tablecloths and a wonderful potluck meal!



Our program for the day began with a welcome by our pastor, Rev. Dr. Gayle Landis, a presentation of “A Little Night Music” by our Sanctuary Ringers.



George Freeman, our own “David Letterman,” presented our “Top Ten,” compiled from a poll among church members of our favorite things about Lakewood UMC. George noted that “only a church committee could change the “Top Ten” to a “Top Fourteen”!





And last, but not least, Chris Venable, Scott Larson, Becky Heflin, Rosalie Bonner and pianist John Gill delighted us with their rendition of an original song “Heavenly, Father - This is Lakewood,” written to the tune of “Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah.” In comedic fashion, the song highlights the trials, tribulations and joy of our last ten years in our Family Life Center.



Making sure not to leave our love for mission work out of the event, the Harmony class set up an “assembly line” table to make health kits to send to Syria. 100 kits were assembled during the event, and this is only the beginning!



For the celebration, church members generously contributed “shower gifts” to the church. The pictures do not begin to show you all of the wonderful gifts collected – over \$1600 in funds to cover the costs of the event, the new tablecloths and more, artwork from the Arts Faire, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, coffee cups, kitchen utensils, dishcloths, liquid soap, ziplock bags, door stops, LED candles and so much more!



Following our main course and program in Fellowship Hall, we adjourned to the Youth Room to choose a dessert, and then to the choir room to watch a slide presentation of pictures from our last 10 years.

Thank you to all who made this celebration possible: the original building committee, those who participated in the program, the committee for this event, all the great cooks who provided food, and the generous shower donors. It was a great day!!

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## **DINNER / FUNDRAISER PLANNED**

The Music Department is sponsoring another wonderful dinner and fundraiser on Saturday, October 19, in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. Our resident chef, Alan Noel, will be preparing the dinner. As per usual, there will be live entertainment as well as a dessert auction. More details will be forthcoming soon. Mark your calendars – you won't want to miss this fun night!!



**It's coming – October 31 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Lakewood will once again circle our cars in the parking lot on Halloween – trunks pointed in – and will give sweet treats to any neighbors who arrive. If you would love to come have fun and need a ride, call the church and we will arrange to pick you up. It is always great fun!

## **LAITY SUNDAY**

Laity Sunday will take place on October 20 during worship service. Our lay leader, Becky Heflin, is in the process of planning the worship service for this day.

To Lakewood UMC families from Kindermusik –

We want to congratulate you on your tenth anniversary in your beautiful building. We absolutely love being part of your family and are beyond grateful for the opportunity to have our classes in your “home.” I started Kindermusik in the Lakewood neighborhood back in 1997 and although we’ve always been part of the community, I never felt we had a real home until 3 years ago when we began classes at Lakewood UMC. Our families absolutely love coming to classes here – from the safe parking lot, to the bright classroom, to the preschool-age-friendly playground where families gather and connect before and after classes. Some real community has been built in our classes here. Lifelong friendships among mothers and their children are formed because of classes here. You have blessed this neighborhood more than you can ever know.

Here’s how you’ve blessed one family: We have one family who lives 2 blocks down on Palo Pinto with triplets. When the mom realized Kindermusik was within walking/strolling distance, she immediately jumped at it. Until then they were pretty much homebound, only going on neighborhood walks and to Whole Foods because she had difficulty managing three babies in the car by herself. Having classes at Lakewood opened these three precious children to music in a way they may not have had if we had not been so close. Now, they have many friends they’ve met over the past 3 years and have playdates after class often. Rain or shine, they’re on scooters, wagons, or on foot on Palo Pinto every Wednesday coming to music class.

Many other families employ nannies who do not drive but because they can walk to Kindermusik, they’re able to expose their children to an enriching musical morning at Lakewood. Another family met their children’s best friends at Kindermusik. Parents became friends, children became friends, and now the two families live across the street from one another – all having met in class. We have lots of wonderful stories like this, plus more stories of how our families bless one another in challenging times and rejoice with one another in celebration.

Thank you again for blessing us with a wonderful place to host these neighborhood families and providing them with a special one-on-one parent to child connection through music, learning, laughter, and snuggles that they might not otherwise have.

Sincerely,

Lisa Muratore, Master Teacher and Founder  
Kindermusik, Piano and Guitar by SoundSteps