



# Lakewood Leader

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

January 2, 2014

## SHINY AND NEW

It is hard at the beginning of any new year not to look back at the one just ended. So much has happened in the world and in our community. Happy days and painful ones mixed together. Excitement came alongside disappointments. All in all – accomplishments and joys were many.

Dave and I so appreciated everyone coming to our open house. It was such a joy to have you in our home. You all have made our home warmer and our Christmas more complete. We consider you all a most perfect Christmas gift. Dave and the kids also gave me an amazing gift for Christmas this year – they painted our kitchen. Walls, cabinets, ceiling and everything! It was quite a job. Everything had to be moved, taped, and cleaned! It is bright and shiny! A perfect gift and a great way to start the new year. They are a pretty good team!

Now it is time to turn the page and begin a new year. I have taken down the tree at home and put everything away. We have eaten black-eyed peas. We have watched more football than we should! We have celebrated with friends and family.

Our lives have changed and so has our life together. I am not sure I could make a list of everything that we have seen and done this year! But some things have not changed. As I look forward to 2014, these are the things for which I am most grateful – the love of an amazing husband, family, and church family. And most powerfully – the steadfast love of God who continues to call us all into being and into ministry in this place and time together.

Peace,

Gayle



Dave Landis – 1/03  
 Mary Mamantov – 1/05  
 Catherine Pugh – 1/08  
 Meagan Freeman – 1/09  
 Elorine Goff – 1/13  
 Jim Tumlinson – 1/19  
 Mac Neuroth – 1/22  
 Adelaide Hart – 1/25  
 Michael Locke – 1/26  
 Sheila Richards – 1/27  
 Stacy Olds – 1/30

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

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN JANUARY**

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

**Young Lives** – Thursday, January 16, from 6-8 p.m.

**Firehouse Board** – Sunday, January 19, at 11:30 a.m.

**Trustees** – Monday, January 20, at 6 p.m.

**Church Council** – Monday, January 20, at 7 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**Tuesday, January 14**

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

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Equal Exchange/Fair Trade coffee, teas and chocolates will be available for sale after church by the Library on January 19.



Marie Miranda, William Rothe, Carly Rutledge, Wanda Godfrey, Michael Miranda, Eric Galvan, Kyle Callender, Mary Ann Macsisak, Olie Heflin, Betty Spears, Annette Henley, Liz Brockman, and Glenn Weimer.

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**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Contribution Statements will be prepared and mailed the week of January 20. If you have not received your statement by January 31, please call the Church Office.

## **A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHRISTMAS STORE**

The Christmas Store after services on the 15<sup>th</sup> was a great success! Thank you to all who baked, knitted, crafted, created...and bought! We added a little over \$800 to the missions of the church (not including Fair Trade coffee sales). The best benefit of all was that church members and visitors stayed even longer to enjoy a cup of hot cider, a holiday treat and a chance to visit with old and new friends. Let's plan to do this again!

## **MISSION EXPERIENCE**

*(A group from LUMC went to Oaklawn UMC to help serve a meal with Gayle's Kitchen Angels, a ministry to feed the hungry. This ministry was started by our very own Rev. Gayle Landis while she was serving at Oaklawn UMC. Below is an article written by Carol Stone after they had helped at Oaklawn.)*

It is really challenging to describe our time with Gayle's Kitchen Angels at Oaklawn United Methodist Church on Sunday night, December 29! Awesome comes to mind! We met Jennye, the cook and hospitality hostess, who showed us the tasks needed done, including the importance of looking at each person we were serving directly with dignity and caring. We passed out grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup that Jennye had prepared, fresh fruit, and cookies to about 25 men and women. We were led in prayer as Gregory, Associate Pastor of Outreach, offered the blessing.

Absolutely every one of us were impressed with the friendly, warm welcome we received from each one we encountered. Many thanks to Kathryn Bagley, Gail Davis, Tom Fomby, Sally Hoover, Yvonne Johnson, Phillip Stauble, Carol Stone and Mary Stone for participating. We will definitely do this again!

Carol Stone

## **LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

There will be Lay Leadership Training on Sunday, January 26, from 2 – 4:30 p.m. at University Park United Methodist Church. As we begin a new year with members assuming new leadership roles within our church, it is recommended that our leaders attend this very helpful training.

We are attaching to this newsletter, the 2014 Leadership Team for Lakewood. Thank you to all who have agreed to lead our church.