



Lakewood Leader

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

April 29, 2014

May is a month full of special days. We celebrate with graduates and mothers. We remember those who have given their lives in the armed services. It is always meaningful here at Lakewood to thank, and to give thanks to God for, our veterans. They remind me of a teacher I had at Ashland College during my undergraduate days. Dr. Klinginsmith taught Old and New Testament. As a young man, he was a prisoner of war during WWII. He was held in Germany in a wooden box, not big enough to stand in, for almost three years. It is a wonder and a miracle that he survived. He did push-ups to stay strong, hoping he would need to run someday. He was fed through a slot in the wooden slats. All he was allowed to keep from his gear when he was captured was his Bible. He read. And he read. Holding the Bible up by the thin slot, he could see one or two lines at a time. Then he would move the book slowly in the narrow light as he read the page. The words gave him hope. At the end of the three years, he had memorized the whole book.

This story unfolded over time. He never really told the whole thing at one time, so I am not completely sure I have it right. But I am sure he knew the whole Bible by heart. He would do two things at the end of every class. He would tell us that our salvation was a gift. And he would let us ask him to quote the Bible by chapter and verse. We could do it by giving him a chapter with verses, for example – Exodus 4:16-18. He would reply with the King James words. Or, we could open the Bible and read a verse, and he would reply with the chapter and verse. At first we thought it was luck. Then we thought he was just showing off. Finally, we realized he was trying to tell us something. I attended his class three times a week for a whole year. He never made a mistake.

As we were leaving on Fridays, he said good-bye to each of us by name, followed by the instruction, "Go to church!" On the last day of class, someone braver than me asked him why he always told us to go to church. That's when the first part of the story unfolded. He said he had given a good part of himself and so had many others so that we could go to church. He did not want us to waste the gift. At the time, my head told me that he also had given much so we could choose not to go to church – it was really about freedom of choice. But my heart disagreed. I went to church.

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- Jean Bennett – 5/2
- Robin Robbins – 5/4
- Janet Larroca – 5/10
- Norman DeLaughter – 5/12
- Jon Morehouse – 5/12
- Gloria Sheaner – 5/12
- Christina Weaver – 5/13
- Wally Wilson – 5/14
- Janet DeLee – 5/15
- Ann Kinkade – 5/17
- An Galbreath – 5/18
- Ric Valadez – 5/21
- Alice DeLaughter – 5/25
- Laura Mae Railey – 5/25
- Mike Sheaner – 5/25
- George Freeman – 5/29
- Dottie Fritts – 5/29
- Barbara Snyder – 5/31

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN
May**

Game Night – Friday, May 9, from 7 – 10 p.m.

Young Lives – Thursday, May 15, from 6-8 p.m.

Trustees – Monday, May 19, at 6 p.m.

Church Council – Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, May 13

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

Equal Exchange/Fair Trade coffee, teas and chocolates will be available for sale after church by the Library on May 11.



Marie Miranda, William Rothe, Carly Rutledge, Wanda Godfrey, Michael Miranda, Eric Galvan, Kyle Callender, Mary Ann Macsisak, Glenn Weimer, Ian and Eliot Champlin, Elizabeth Robbins, Robin Robbins, Gladys Cherry, Brian Medlin, Kate Yenne, Jean Fowler, Linda Castor, Michael Cimino, Rusty Owens, John Chrisley, Joan Ferell, Beverly Fraser, Betty Harden, Michael Smith, and Gail Baldwin.

UPCOMING WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, May 18, we will be celebrating the graduation of our two high school seniors, Megan Freeman, daughter of Becky and George Freeman, and Mac Neuroth, son of Katie and Bob Neuroth. Both students will have a table in the narthex expressing their high school days and accomplishments.

Then, on Sunday, May 25, our wonderful veterans will be recognized for their courage and dedication to keeping our country free.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



Finally, pictures of our newest members. We are so happy to have you with us!



Christina Weaver



Elizabeth Raphael

NOTE OF THANKS

Many thanks for the calls, letters, cards, visits and gifts. You all mean so much to me. I miss everyone, and hopefully will be back in church soon.

*Love,
Gladys Cherry*

SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE LAKEWOOD DIXIE HOUSE

The Dixie House at 6400 Gaston Avenue would like to extend an invitation to our congregation to have lunch with them on Sundays after worship and receive a 15% discount **if you bring in the church bulletin for that day.** This offer is valid on any purchase with your dated Sunday bulletin.