



Lakewood Leader

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

August 28, 2014

Words from the pastor...

Weddings are funny things, aren't they? At our house we are beginning to think about Megan's wedding, and we are struck at just how personal a wedding can be – even when the act of marrying is the same. Two weddings in recent weeks give us lots to ponder. Hannah and Alex Bednar have just begun their lives together. And I had the opportunity to officiate a wedding for Jimmy and Michelle (a co-worker of George Freeman's) over the weekend. Both had different ideas of what a wedding should be. One wedding was in our church, the other in a backyard. At one, guests sat in pews, the other on hay bales. At one tuxedos, the other crisp white pearl-snap shirts. The flowers were different, the music was different. But some things are not different. Those wonderful moments when the love shows. Teary-eyed parents. That almost magical moment when you realize that things have changed – two are one, and a new family has been born. Each couple planned and dreamed about how to celebrate their love for one another. Families gathered and friends came to bless and cheer.

No matter what decorations, dresses, and dreams appear on the big day, when the page is turned to the day after – they are indeed married. A great journey begins. They are connected to one another in a way they were not the day before.

It does not surprise me that the Bible often refers to the relationship between God and the people in metaphors of marriage. The ways we relate to God are as different as each person is different. But there are some things we have in common. We are indeed different when we meet God. There are glimmers of love all around. God's faithfulness to us throughout our journey is sure. Whether we worship in a lavish setting or in a meadow, whether we sing with a pipe organ or alone in the car, whether our gratitude flows in beautiful words or a deep sigh – we are God's just the same. Once we say "I do" and "I will" to God, nothing will ever be the same.

Thank you all for celebrating my birthday last Sunday. The cards and singing and cake were wonderful. I cannot remember a birthday when I felt so blessed.

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Eva Cherry – 9/6
 Lisa Locke – 9/7
 Cindy Estee – 9/10
 Dorothy Krone – 9/12
 Patricia Sheaner Hastings - 9/23
 Caitlin Morris – 9/23
 Phillip Stauble – 9/24
 Ed Larroca – 9/30

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

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN
 SEPTEMBER**

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

Trustees – Monday, September 15, at 6 p.m.

Church Council – Monday, September 15, at 7 p.m.

SPRC – Monday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, September 9

Wesleyan Guild
 Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Carol Ann Ravert will be the speaker at this month's meeting. Everyone is invited.

Equal Exchange/Fair Trade coffee, teas and chocolates will be available for sale after church by the Library on September 14.



William Rothe, Carly Rutledge, Wanda Godfrey, Michael Miranda, Eric Galvan, Elizabeth Robbins, Robin Robbins, Gladys Cherry, Brian Medlin, Kate Yenne, Jean Fowler, Linda Castor, Michael Cimino, Rusty Owens, John Chrisley, Gail Baldwin, Amy Duncan, Martha Williams, Joan Ferrell, Julie Metcalf, Carol Croy, Janet DeLee, Betty Watson, Rochelle Finley, and sympathy to family of Laura Mae Railey.

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The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Goodbye to Good Friends



Our dear friends, Bill, Martha, and Carol Adair have moved to their new home in North Carolina. A reception was held for the three after worship on Sunday, August 10. They will be dearly missed. Their new address is: 8443 Lasater Rd., Clemmons, NC 27012.

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Lakewood Family,

We want to thank each of you for being such an important part of our lives. You made us feel welcome and loved from our first visit, and you became family. We will always carry you in our hearts and will keep in touch though we won't have the joy of seeing you every Sunday. Thank you for making our departure Sunday so special - we cried and we laughed!

You are a special part of the community and Dallas is infinitely richer in this little corner because of the mission of this congregation. When we recount our favorite things about Texas, Lakewood UMC is number one!

*With our love and gratitude,
Carol, Bill & Martha Adair*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Lakewood Summer Arts Faire

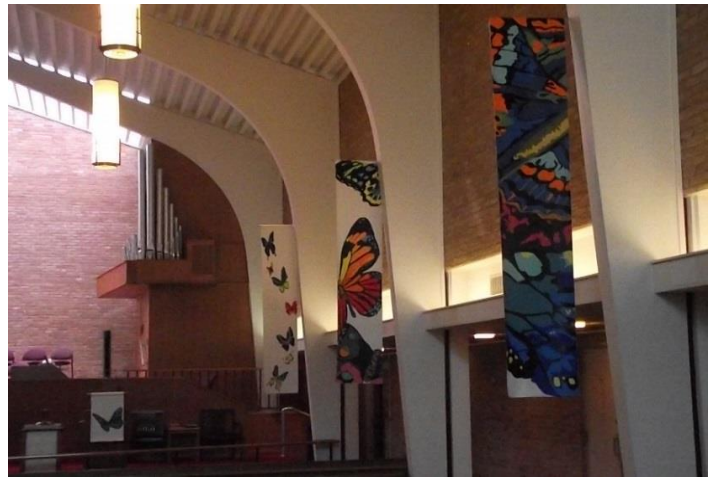
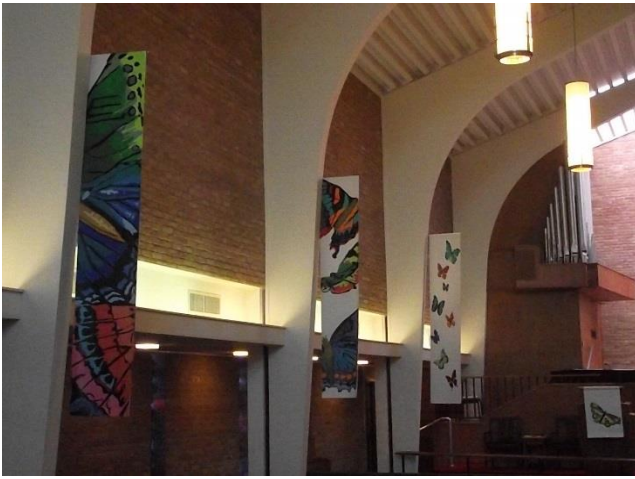
Saturday, September 6 – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 7 – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Plan to take in this fun event – and invite your friends and neighbors!

Lakewood Crafts Fair – sponsored by the Firehouse Ministries

Saturday, November 1



NEW BUTTERFLY BANNERS

Glenn and Ann Kinkade approached the church last winter about wanting to place some new and brightly colored honor of their six commissioned Megan the banners. She the idea of the butterflies. beautiful banners were Four of the six Kinkade to be present for the thank you to Glenn and additions to our church. And thank you to Megan Landis for once again sharing her creative talents with Lakewood!



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SPECIAL THANKS

Dear Lakewood Family,

I am overwhelmed with the joy and love I have received from all of my church friends. The birthday cards continue to pour in, my room smells heavenly with all of the beautiful flowers, and I absolutely love the phone calls and visits. I am very much a blessed woman! Thank you all so much.

*Love,
Gladys Cherry*

In Memory...It is with great sadness that we learn of the death of our dear friend, long-time member and librarian, Laura Mae Railey, on Monday, August 25. A memorial service will be held in our Chapel on Wednesday, September 3, at 2 p.m.