

### Painting Classes with Bette Hudson

beginning Monday, January 18th  
9:30am-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome, no special talent needed,  
And there is no charge. Classes meet each  
Monday.

Supplies needed for the first class:  
an empty "glass" Coca-Cola bottle, tracing paper,  
a 16"x20" canvas (approx), white acrylic paint and the usual  
paraphernalia "toted" for class (plastic to cover your table  
space, easel, paper towels, brushes, etc).

Please contact Bette with questions 561.833.6634



Open 9:45-10:15 am and after worship...

LAKE SIDE  cafe

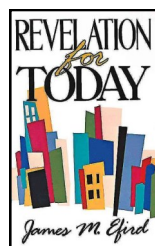
Stop by Sunday mornings for a cup of coffee or tea, some  
light refreshments and an opportunity to fellowship with your  
Lakeside family and friends ... meet and greet someone new!

*If you'd like to provide a little treat for folks to enjoy with their  
coffee at the Café, it would be greatly appreciated!*

## Christian Education

### January Community Study Groups

- Mondays** 7pm weekly, Alpha study and potluck dinner  
at the home of Randy & Tammy Dugal.
- Tuesdays** 10am, 1st & 4th Tues, Presbyterian Women,  
T.I.S., (together in service), CE Room  
10am, 2nd Tues, Presbyterian Women's  
Bible study, CE Room
- Wednesdays** 6pm weekly, Pastor Beverly's bible study and  
potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Study  
guide: *Revelation for Today*, by James Efrid
- Thursdays** 11:30am, weekly, S.H.O.P., sweet hour of  
prayer, CE Room
- Fridays** 6:30am, every other week, Men's Prayer  
Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sundays** 7pm once a month, Women's Study Group  
in the CE Room with Marilyn Schneider



### Photo Sessions for New Lakeside Directory

Monday, Jan. 18th—Wed., Jan. 20th

If you haven't signed up to have your  
your picture taken for the new directory, please contact the  
office so we can schedule your appointment. Sessions are  
offered 2pm—8pm. Please encourage friends to come—they'll  
receive a free 8x10 portrait!



### Classes for All Ages

Nursery & Children's classes begin at 9:15am  
Kidz Praise (Ring & Sing) every other week 9:55-10:25am

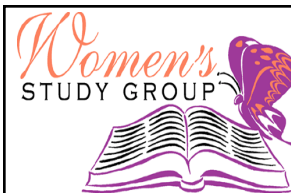
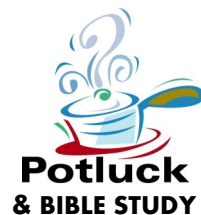
Adult class begins at 9:30am  
Join Paul Erickson & Doug Breeden in the CE Room as they  
lead a discussion about John Ortberg's book,  
*God is Closer Than You Think*.

### Pastor Beverly's Bible Study

Resumes Wednesday, Jan. 20th

6:00—7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

The new study guide for the  
group will be *Revelation for Today*, by  
James M. Efrid.



Sunday, January 10th at 7pm

This group is studying the four  
perspectives of suffering, using a  
different book each month.  
Jan.— *Broken Things*  
Feb.— *The Power of Weakness*  
Mar.— *Stand Firm*



MEN'S  
PRAYER  
BREAKFAST

All Men Invited!

Every other Friday, beg. Jan. 8th

Please join the men of Lakeside in  
The Fellowship Hall from 6:30—  
7:30 am for a light breakfast, and a time of fellowship, devotion  
and prayer. The group also meets the 22nd of January.



### Presbyterian Women

Meeting in the Christian Ed Room  
Tuesdays, January 5th & 26th  
for TIS (Together in Service), 10 am

Tuesday, January 12th  
for Bible Study, 10am

# The Beacon

January 2016

## The Newsletter of Lakeside Presbyterian Church

### LEADING US IN WORSHIP



Dear Lakesiders,

"Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity" – so begins the biblical book of Ecclesiastes. It's noted as the reflections of a royal philosopher, and believed to have been written around 332 BCE.

Whoever wrote it, the book is a reflection on the true meaning of life and what's important. It's part of our Bible's wisdom literature. One of my seminary professors said he believed it was a book that should be read at the start of each year. While cultural customs are to make New Year's resolutions, reading the book of Ecclesiastes is a good way to start off the year to keep perspective.

As a Christian reading it, I hear some of Jesus' teachings. "Do not store up treasures on earth where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal." - Matthew 6:19. Being a good and devout Jew, Jesus would have known these teachings well. They are like sage advice from a respected elder and would do us all well to take heed.

In the past year or years, I'm sure everyone has made mistakes. There is nothing wrong about making mistakes. The saying goes, "New inventions come out of a thousand failures." What's wrong is making the same mistakes over and over again. That's the New Year's resolutions we always make. Even the Apostle Paul grappled with his own demons and foibles: "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members."

To put it plainly, you do things you know are not good for you but you do them anyway. For instance, I know that piece of chocolate cake is not what my body nor my mind need and yet I eat because my flesh says "eat, eat." This same logic applies to us spiritually. A good friend of mine just cannot get her behind up to go to church. Every week she'd say, "I think I'll go to church this Sunday," but when Sunday morning rolls around it's just so easy to drink another cup of coffee and stay in her pajamas. When she does make it to church she's glad she did it, but most Sundays the flesh wins out.

If a pastor tells you or leads you to believe that they never struggle spiritually then I'd be skeptical. Pastors are just as human as everybody else. We go through periods of doing what we should to take care of ourselves spiritually but other times we get lacks in our efforts. When your work is the church it's actually very easy to forget your own personal spiritual work because it all seems like spiritual work.

If Ecclesiastes was good enough for Jesus, it's good enough for us. Take heed and read. We too can stand to learn some things from it. If you're tired of resolving to quit smoking, lose weight or get more organized, why not resolve to read more scripture: pray in the car on your daily commute; say a blessing over every meal, including at restaurants. Resolve to put a little more Jesus in your life. I guarantee it will uplift you a little more along the way and put air beneath your wings.

Blessings,

Rev Bev



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## Congregational Meeting

### Annual MEETING

Sunday, January, 31st

All Lakeside members are encouraged to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 31st, at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served after our 10:30 a.m. worship service, at 11:45 a.m., followed by the meeting. We will be electing new Session members and a Board of Deacons. The 2016 budget will be presented, along with annual reports from each of the Committee Chairs.

## Prayer

### S.H.O.P.—Sweet Hour of Prayer

All are invited to join us at 11:30am each Thursday in the Christian Ed room as we pray together for the needs of our church, community and country.



If you have a **prayer request**, please call or email the church office (561.833.3756 or admin@lakesidepres.org), your parish deacon, or complete the tri-fold welcome card found in your pew back. Your request will be prayed for during SHOP on Thursdays as well as by those on our weekly prayer chain (unless otherwise specified).

## Notes from the Church Office

Pastor Beverly will be out of the office January 6– 12th. Should you need assistance, please contact the church office,, your parish Deacon, or Susan Morgan, the Deacon Moderator.



Do you have something to be published in Lakeside's **weekly newsletter** email (sent on Fridays)? Make sure to have it into the church office no later than noon the Wednesdays before.

*Not receiving the email and would like to? Email the church office and you'll be added to the distribution list.*

Articles or information for the **February/March Beacon** are due in the office by January 15th.

## Stewardship

For those who like to pay their pledges and offerings electronically, following are the dates for the Presbyterian Mission special offerings so you may schedule your payments.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering—March 27th  
Pentecost Offering—May 15th  
Peace & Global Witness Offering—October 2nd

### Offering Envelopes



Boxes of 2016 Offertory envelopes are still available for pick up in the Narthex. If there is not a box with your name on it and you would like one, please contact the office and we will assign you a box.

*Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."* Deuteronomy 15:10

## An Invitation

Dear Lakesiders,

I love to read, and I think there may be several of you who do. I am casting a net to see if there is anyone interested in a book club. There are tons of books out there that I've been meaning to read and haven't. This club would have a theological bent to it. Don't sweat it, no toms by Calvin, but how about The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis? So that's what I'm going to read in January, and if there is anyone else who is interested in reading it and then getting together and discussing it over tea or coffee – great! From Wikipedia, the internet encyclopedia, here is a summary of the plot: "In The Screwtape Letters, C. S. Lewis provides a series of lessons in the importance of taking a deliberate role in Christian faith, by portraying a typical human life, with all its temptations and failings, seen from devils' viewpoints. Here, Screwtape holds an administrative post in the bureaucracy ("Lowerarchy") of Hell, and acts as a mentor to Wormwood, the inexperienced (and incompetent) tempter. In the thirty-one letters which constitute the book, Screwtape gives Wormwood detailed advice on various methods of undermining faith and promoting sin in the Patient, interspersed with observations on human nature and Christian doctrine. In Screwtape's advice, individual benefit and greed are seen as the greatest good, and neither demon is capable of comprehending God's love for man or acknowledging human virtue."

It's obviously fictional and I understand sometimes comical. It definitely gives another point of view. Please let me know if you're interested and we'll pick a day and time to meet.

-Beverly



## Missions

### Family Education Center Christmas Celebration

What a fantastic celebration of **Christmas with our Lakeside Family Education students and their families on Dec. 2nd!** We had over 100 guests attend—our students and their families. We learned the true meaning of Christmas by sharing food from various cultures, giving gifts to our students and their families, and rejoicing in our Lord's birth by singing Christmas carols. Our students and their families were so grateful! A big thank you to Janice Hobbs, Shirley Deisch & teacher, Areany Bianda for organizing the event. And thank you to all the Lakeside members who donated funds to make the evening such a joyful event. We also want to thank our Family Education students for generously supporting our Operation Christmas Child project. Each of our students made a donation to OCC, demonstrating that it is better to give than to receive.



*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

*Philippians 2:4*

## Operation Christmas Child—Another Successful Year!



Thanks to the hard work of Cathy Robinson and her many volunteers, OCC was a big success this year. We collected 1036 boxes here at Lakeside. Every year it is so rewarding to meet so many people in our community who come and drop off boxes, especially all the student from local schools and churches.



### PB&J After-School Snacks

**Tues., January 19th & Fri., Jan. 22**  
**9am in Lakeside's kitchen**



Help is needed both days to make sandwiches for the South Olive Community Center after-school program (a CROS Ministry). Also, we are always in need of peanut butter and jelly donations. Please contact Susan Morgan for more information. 561-596-9684

### CROS Ministries Food Pantry

The month of **January** we'll collect **soup (canned & dried mix)**

Please bring your donations in and place them in the red grocery cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



### 4th Monday Meal Ministry at First Pres of WPB January 25th

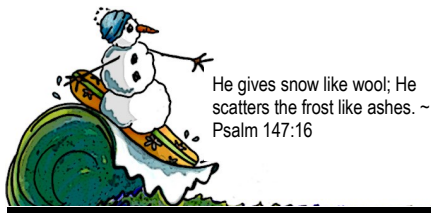
Each month Lakeside prepares and serves dinner to the homeless in our community.

Won't you join us in this ministry? Volunteers always needed!

**3:30pm** Begin preparing dinner  
**5:00pm** Greet guests and serve dinner  
**6-6:30pm** Clean-up

**Also needed:** Cookies and Brownies for dessert  
(Please leave in Lakeside's kitchen on Sunday, January 24th)  
Contact Tammy Dugal 561.632.5090 for more information.





# JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year!	2  CROS donations this month: Soup, dry or
3 9:15/9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Service of Epiphany with Communion 11:45am Worship & Music Mtg	4 7pm Property Mtg 7pm Alpha at Dugals 	5 9:30am Family Ed 10am PW-TIS 7pm Deacons' Mtg	6 9:30—11:30 am Family Ed <b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	7 9:30am Family Ed 11:30am SHOP 7pm Choir rehearsal 	8 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast, FHall 	9  Reminder: Women's Study group meets tomorrow night, 7pm
10 9:15/9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 7pm Women's Study Group in CE Rm w/Marilyn Schneider	11 7pm Alpha at Dugals	12 9:30am Family Ed 10am PW-Bible Stdy 	13 9:30-11:30am Family Ed 	14 9:30am Family Ed 11:30am SHOP 6:30-8pm Girl Scout Mtg, CE Rm 7pm Choir rehearsal	15 	16  SMILE! Directory photo Sessions are the 18th- 20th.
17 9:15/9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am CE Mtg	18 Session Mtg. 7pm 9:30-12:30am Painting w/Bette 2-8:00pm LifeTouch Photo Sessions 7pm PEO Mtg. in CE Room 7pm Alpha at Dugals	19  9am PB&J Sandwich Making, Kitchen 9:30am Family Ed 2-8:00pm LifeTouch Photo Sessions	20 9:30am Family Ed 6pm Beverly's Bible Study & Pot Luck, FH 2-8:00pm LifeTouch Photo Sessions	21 9:30am Family Ed 11:30am SHOP 7pm Choir rehearsal 	22 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9am PB&J Sandwich Making, Kitchen 	23 
24 9:15/9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship  31 9:15/9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship, Cents-Ability Offg 11:45am Luncheon & Annual Mtg	25 9:30-12:30am Painting w/Bette 3:30-6:30pm 4th Mon Meal Ministry @ First Pres WPB  7pm Alpha at Dugals	26 9:30am Family Ed 10am PW-TIS 	27 9:30am Family Ed  6pm Beverly's Bible Study & Pot Luck, FH 	28 9:30am Family Ed 11:30am SHOP 7pm Choir rehearsal 	29  The Annual Congregational meeting is Sun, 1/31	30 5:00pm Roper/ Warren Wedding 

## Session Reports—Ben Walton, Clerk Of Session



### Regular Monthly Session Meeting Monday, October 12, 2015, 7:00 pm, the Christian Education Room

Rev. Beverly Brock, moderator, active elders, Nancy Mae Beggrow, John Critchett, Paul Erickson, Heather Collins Floyd, Nancy Jones, Mary Alice Pugh, Cathy Robinson and Fran Thew, and Ben Walton, clerk of session

The e-mail votes by session made since August 11 were accepted and confirmed, including the decision to cancel the September regular monthly session meeting because of delays by Presbytery in authorizing Beverly to moderate our meetings. The treasurer reported that we continue to have a strong cash position despite low seasonal giving. Approximately \$14,000 in pledges for the CE renovation have been collected and a \$5,000 additional grant for Family Education have put us ahead of schedule for the year. We do have some non-budget expenditures coming up (resurfacing walkways) but we do have funds in the Major Repair and Capital Improvement Fund that can be used for that. Rev. Beverly Brock is Lakeside's temporary supply pastor and is fully engaged and has been leading Sunday worship since August 30. (Temporary pastoral relationships are approved by the presbytery but do not carry a formal call or installation establishing the pastoral relationship.) Beverly reported on visits she made to Lakesiders with medical and bereavement issues. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) reported that they submitted Lakeside's Ministry Information Form (MIF) and that it was approved by the Presbytery CoM. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) maintains a database, the Church Leadership Connection, (a.k.a., Call System) where our MIF will be posted. Rev. Jennifer Young-Thompson's term as CoM's liaison to our PNC will expire in February 2016 at which time a new liaison will be appointed. Session offered the Nominating Committee guidance that Lakeside's goal should be 8 To 11 deacons. The personnel team's proposal to give Skip Bush a gift of \$500 in appreciation of his service to us as interim moderator. The dates for communion for 2016 were set. It was decided to prepare in-house a members' digital photo directory that can be updated and printed out. Paul is leading adult Sunday school, Janice is hosting the toddlers, Kathy Florack is teaching combined grades 1-5, and Heidi Collins has is prepared to work with the older kids. A proposal for the Blood Mobile to be here Saturday morning November 7 was approved as was the date for the next property work day, Saturday, October 31st, 8:00am –noon. The Sunday school remodeling project estimate came in well over the amount budgeted and session decided to get a budget for reduced scope of work, basically confining the construction to the first floor, and leaving the second floor room as is. Cathy reminded session that Lakeside has a deadline of February, 2016 to identify a volunteer if we are going to commit to continuing functioning as the Operation Christmas Child regional relay center. A draft of a stewardship letter was reviewed and it was decided to continue editing this, and when finalized, that it is to be sent out with all elder's plus the pastor's signatures. Training that started with Terri has now shifted to Lisa, with goal to turn the member care work that Cathy has been doing for several years into a duty of the church secretary. The dates for the annual Harvest Dinner, Wednesday, November 18th and for the Presbytery Women's annual Yard Sale, Saturday, November 7th were set. Session acknowledged Kathy Florack's letter of resignation as an active elder and member of session. The date for the next monthly session meeting was changed to Nov 2.

## In Session

### Regular Monthly Session Meeting Monday, November 2, 2015, 7:00 pm, the Christian Education Room.

Rev. Beverly Brock, moderator, active elders, Nancy Mae Beggrow, John Critchett, Paul Erickson, Charles Gates, Heather Collins Floyd, Tom Hobbs, Nancy Jones, Mary Alice Pugh, and Fran Thew (clerk pro tem in Ben's absence)

Doug Bailey has agreed to assist Tom as bookkeeper and financial secretary while Tom continues as treasurer. This will alleviate some of the time that Tom has needed to spend on the books. There were no reports from the treasurer to be reviewed due to the change in date for tonight's meeting. Tom reported that we are currently projected to end the year about \$12,000 ahead, so we will be all right for now, but that the impact of people who have indicated that they are considering leaving the church for 2016 could create a sizable deficit on the 2016 budget. Beverly reported that she has been visiting shut-ins and taking them communion. Janice Hobbs and Beverly are applying for a grant to provide a holiday dinner combining the Family Literacy members with the Bible study members on December 2. The PNC reported that due to our low salary offer, we were matched with only 25 candidates. Another 8 have sent in self-referrals. A committee was appointed to continue work on updating the by-laws. A date was set for the annual congregational meeting, after church on Sunday January 24. The nominating committee reported that work is in progress to find 6 elders, 4 deacons, 6 nominating committee members, and 2 audit committee members. The September worship attendance statistics were reviewed. Nancy reported on the Trunk or Treat event and Chili cook-off (won by Beverly) and discussed the upcoming Advent workshop to be held sometime around December 12. A proposal by our phone provider to buy back the old equipment and replace it with new equipment for a net cost of \$200 was approved. The stewardship letter was again discussed. Stewardship Sunday was set for November 22. The next regular monthly Session meeting will be on Monday December 14 at 7:00 pm.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Solveig Mead     | 25 Ardeth Pickens     |
| 4 Ellie Machiela   | 27 Pon Lloyd McKenzie |
| 5 Paget Critchett  | 31 Peggy Losyk        |
| 14 Bill Hanser     | Catherine Alston      |
| 15 Mary Alice Pugh |                       |
| 17 Ed Florack      |                       |

Our apologies if we've missed your name on the members' birthday list. Please contact the church office so we can update our records.

## TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

Rev. Beverly Brock, *Pastor*  
Mark Aliapoulos, *Director of Music Ministry*  
Kimberlee Aliapoulos, *Assistant Music Director*



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