

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel." Matthew 1:23

DECEMBER 2016



December 3 – Ballet Atlantica will be returning to Lakeside to perform Clara's Dream, a one hour adaption from the Nutcracker Suite. The 7:00 presentation in Fellowship Hall will be followed by a reception.

Presbytery of Tropical Florida Meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Miami.

December 11 – Children's Christmas Workshop and lunch after the worship service. Parents may leave their children after lunch for a chance to shop or fellowship without kids!

December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Choir Cantata during the worship service

December 24 – Single Christmas eve service with communion at 7:00 pm

December 25 – Christmas Day service at 10:30am

January 1 – New Year's Day service with communion

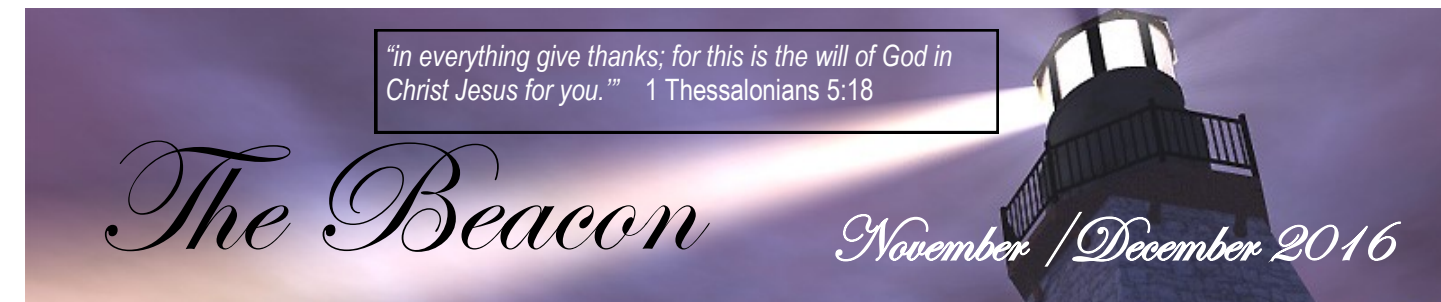


DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS-We thank God for you!

- 1 Carol Ann Rogers
- 2 Harry Johnston
- 2 Phyllis Walters
- 6 Isabel Toolsie
- 12 Karen Swick
- 14 Eleanor Wilkinson
- 14 Samuel Tiedge
- 15 Virginia Thuman



- 16 David Purtz
- 17 Leslie Sanders
- 19 Lou Ann Wilson-Swan
- 22 Nancy Nock
- 22 Dana Straub
- 22 Carol Jacobs
- 25 Mary Johnston
- 28 Brian Machiela
- 29 Tom Hobbs



"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

The Beacon

November / December 2016

The Quarterly Newsletter of Lakeside Presbyterian Church

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." - Acts 2:42

Word from the Pastor

On Oct. 9 there was a meeting of elders, deacons and anyone who is interested in the welfare and future of Lakeside. We had a wonderful turnout of 50 people with a great exchange of stories, ideas and experiences.

We also discovered that many people came to the church either by 1) invitation or 2) proximity. This is something that has not changed in the history of the church. People will at least visit a church when they are invited by someone they know. And while people will go relatively far distances to attend church, many people would still prefer to worship close to home.

Keeping these two things in mind the outcome of the meeting was a consensus that as a congregation we need to be more intentional in reaching out to the community around us. This can come in a wide-variety of ways. One way which has already begun is overhauling our website and keeping it current.

A simple check of a local real estate website showed that nearly 200 homes are for sale in the 33405 zip code alone. Is there a way to reach out to the new people moving into our neighborhood? How about the folks moving in on the island just across from us? Lake Clark?

As we see through history, life-styles and cultures are not stagnant. Church is not the center of family life any more, and it is not assumed that children will be raised in any faith. We live in rapidly changing times. While our message of Jesus Christ does not change, how we reach people is changing.

None of this is a small feat, especially for members and volunteers who have very full lives already. But one thing we agree on is our love for Lakeside and our belief that we have something good here to share. We're a warm, welcoming church. We are doing everything that we expect for a church to do.

While everyone should be praying for Lakeside and its ministry, we are all also ministers from Lakeside. How are you proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ? This is too good of news to keep to ourselves.

I propose that we start an Outreach Task Force or Committee that will specifically decide how Lakeside may reach out to others in different ways. Everyone at the meeting agreed we want to reach out to the community but then it requires people to do something. So will you serve? If you are willing to work on what is really the true mission of the church – bringing Christ to more people – please let me or a serving elder know.

Blessings,

Beverly



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Christian Education

KIDSide



at Lakeside

Christmas Kids Workshop

Bringing the real reason for the season, the Christian Education committee will be hosting a children's Christmas Workshop after worship on **Sunday, December 11**. Crafts, food and lessons will highlight the story of the birth of Jesus. Parents and grandparents are invited to stay, and anyone who is interested in helping in this event is asked to contact Nancy Jones.

Lakeside Sunday School Hours

9:15am—Nursery & Youth

9:30—Adults

Nursery

Preschool (3-4 years potty-trained)

Primary (K-2nd)

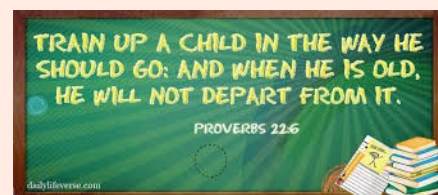
Intermediate (3rd – 5th)

Middle School (6th-8th)

High School (9th-12th)

Kidz Praise—Ringing & Singing, K-5th

9:55-10:20am every other Sunday



Lakeside Leadership for 2017

Session

- Nancy Anthony
- Nancy Mae Beggrow
- Paget Critchett
- Heather Collins Floyd
- Nancy Jones
- Martha Musgrove
- Mary Alice Pugh
- Fran Thew
- Ken Woodcum
- Ben Walton, *Clerk of the Session*
- Thomas Hobbs, *Treasurer*

Deacons

- Susan Morgan, Moderator
- Maureen Alston
- Harlan Carroll
- Helen Martin
- Deborah Morgan
- Barbara Strickland
- Christa Tiedge
- Diana Walton

Lakeside Fellowship Time

Tuesdays:

10am, the **1st & 4th** Tuesdays of the month, PW Women's Bible Study, T.I.S.—Together in Service. Meetings are in the CE Room.

10am, the **2nd** Tuesday of the month in the CE Room, The PW Women's Bible Study Group.

7pm-Alpha Study and Potluck Dinner during November (Dugal's Home)

Wednesdays:

6-8pm Bible Study and Potluck Dinner,

Thursdays:

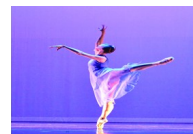
11:30am, every Thursday in the CE Room, S.H.O.P: Sweet Hour of Prayer.

Fridays:

7:00am every other week, Men's Prayer Breakfast. Location varies; watch for announcements. No meeting Nov. 25th.

Presbyterian Women

There's nothing like home-baked goods for the holidays but no one says it has to be baked in your home. One way to ease the demands of the holiday is to purchase goodies and baked goods from the Presbyterian Women on **Sunday, Nov. 20**. The church is full of fabulous cooks and bakers. Proceeds from the bake sale will fund PW projects. Anyone who would like to contribute a baked good for the fundraiser is invited to bring it on that day.



**HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE BY
BALLET ATLANTICA
Saturday, December 3rd, 7pm**

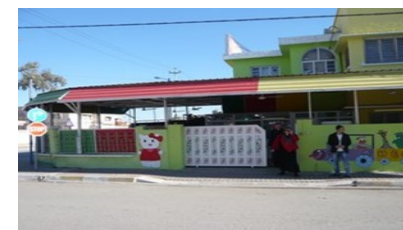
Ballet Atlantica will be performing a one hour adaptation of the Nutcracker Suite, *Clara's Dream*, in Fellowship Hall, followed by a reception.

Admission is a \$10 donation, non-perishable food, or new or gently used warm clothing.

Special Guest Speaker



Carol Haeussner, member of the Iraq Partnership Network of PC/USA, will be coming to Lakeside on November 13 to speak on the topic, "What is the Presbyterian Church doing in Iraq?" Carol's parents were Christian missionaries in Iraq for 30 years. She lived in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk where her father started the first Protestant church in 1930. Following the fall of Saddam Hussein, Carol was able to contact that church again. It is now the most active Presbyterian Church in Iraq. During her presentation, Carol will show photographs and speak about the Kirkuk Presbyterian Church, and the Kirkuk Church Kindergarten and Child Care Center which was started in 2004. The church is now starting to develop a Primary School. In July, 2014, ISIS invaded the northern city of Mosul and all Christians had to flee or be executed. Seventy of Christians fled to Kirkuk and are now living in Kirkuk Presbyterian Church. This is an inspiring story of a successful mission that was started 86 years ago. This church has survived monarchy, revolution, dictatorship and war and still exists today as a positive Christian influence in the Muslim world in Iraq.



TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

- Mark Aliapoulios, *Director of Music Ministry*
- Kimberlee Aliapoulios, *Assistant Music Director*
- Rachele Scholes, *Administrative Secretary*
- Tom Hobbs, *Treasurer*
- Doug Bailey, *Financial Secretary*
- Janice Monroe, *Church Custodian*

and the members of Lakeside Presbyterian Church



**MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

All Men Invited!

Every Other Friday

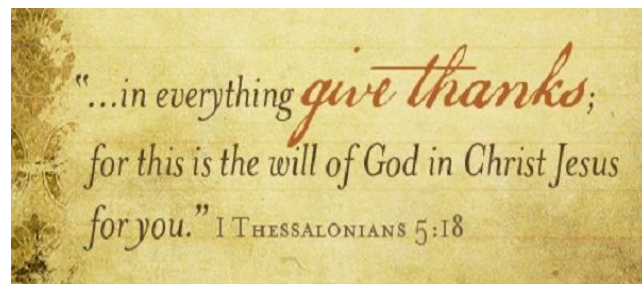
Please join us in Lakeside's Fellowship Hall from 7:00—8:00 am for a light breakfast—and a time of fellowship, devotion and prayer.

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.

Unable to attend? Consider taking a few moments at 11:30 on Thursdays to pray wherever you are.

NOVEMBER 2016



Please Note!



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box

Collection Center

November 14th-21st. 9am-2pm.

Please see Susan Morgan if you wish to volunteer your time at the collection center for this Mission.

November 13:

Veterans Day observance with honor guard provided by Ken Woodcum, Display of service members by Mary Alice Pugh and Fran Thew.

Carol Haeussner to speak about Christianity in Iraq during service followed by a more extensive presentation at lunch.

Stay for our traditional Harvest Luncheon after the service. Jan Monroe will be preparing the meal so you know it will be delicious!

November 20:

Dedication of Giving Commitments during the service

PW Bake Sale

Marilyn Schneider's Monthly Study Group 7pm.

November 27:

First Sunday of Advent

Tropical Flutes

Tropical Flutes will perform during the service to celebrate the beginning of the season.

November Birthdays...Blessings for a happy & healthy year!

1 Shirley Deisch	16 Virginia McNair
4 Hillary Woodcum	17 Deborah Morgan
5 Suzanne Gigliello	18 Kathleen Florack
6 Carole Shetler	19 Barbara Strickland
9 Diana Walton	19 Carly Lopez
10 Walter Alston	20 Carly Aliapoulos
11 Catherine Robinson	20 Emily Purr
11 Matthew Hanser	21 Ken Woodcum
13 Evelyn Erickson	23 Laura Livergood
15 Terri Thompson	26 Taylor Critchett
15 Toni Edwards	28 Janina Wright
16 Polly Blocher	28 Jackie Stetson



Pastor Nominating Committee



The Pastor Nominating Committee is diligently working to find Lakeside's next pastor. After a year of looking at candidates, we have gone back to the drawing board and are looking at a new list of possible matches. The way this works is that last year we created a Ministry Information Form describing Lakeside based on information given by the congregation at a series of meetings. Pastors also write their qualifications in a document called a Pastor Information Form. We are matched with possible pastor candidates for us to consider. The new match has given us 55 possible matches for 2016-17.

We are also applying for a Coral Gables grant from the Presbytery that will enable us to pay for a full-time pastor (Pastor Beverly is only 3/4 time) for 3 years. If we are awarded the grant, we will amend our MIF and expand our search. With a much broader spectrum of pastors, we will be more likely to find the "match" that God has already chosen to lead Lakeside Presbyterian Church into our future. The grant will only assist us for 3 years so our challenge at Lakeside will be to find the resources to continue funding the new pastor beyond those 3 years or we will be right back where we are right now.

Please keep Lakeside and the PNC in your prayers as we move forward. God has chosen the pastor for us but we have to be patient and listen to His Will.



The city of WPB has requested that we not park on the grass on the north side of the building, Monday-Saturday.

What Else is Happening?

Please continue to support the Christian service at **Morse Life each Sunday at 3:15pm.** The residents would really appreciate your joining them for worship.

Women's Monthly Study Group
Join Marilyn Schneider on
Sunday, November 20th at 7pm

Topic of discussion



"HOPE-An Anchor for Life"

Property Committee

Property Committee would like to let everyone know that concerns with the air conditioning are being addressed. The committee is also in discussion with a contractor regarding the bathroom addition.

C.R.O.S Ministries Happenings

CROS Ministries Food Pantry

Collection Schedule

November — Cereal & Oatmeal

December — Peanut Butter & Jelly

Please place your donations in the red

grocery cart in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



PB&J Sandwich Making

Help is always needed to make sandwiches for the C.R.O.S. Ministries' After School Snack Program at the South Olive Community Center. If you can volunteer an hour, just show up in the Lakeside kitchen. Sandwiches are made the 3rd Tuesday and 4th Friday of the month. Contact Susan Morgan for more information at 585-5961.

*no sandwich making on November 25th.



Mission , Interpretation & Stewardship

On behalf of the Session, I would like to thank you for faithfully supporting your church this past year with your time, talents, and treasures. Through your prayers, efforts and contributions our congregation continues to grow stronger in faith and witness. By God's grace, built on rock-solid faith and prayer, we are strengthened, emboldened and enabled to continue our mission of making disciples of all we meet.

The bounty of God's blessings surrounds us each day and yet we take so much for granted. We spend too much of our lives worrying about what we don't have instead of being grateful for God's many blessings. God provides each of us with his abundance so we may use it to help others enter his kingdom. To this end, Session asks you each to pray and seek God's guidance as you gratefully contribute to the renewed enthused spirit at Lakeside Presbyterian Church.

Supporting Lakeside Presbyterian Church means you are part of a vital, loving, spirit-filled community of faith. Of the budget's \$250,000 committed to our discipleship, the majority goes to pastoral care of the congregation and mission support. Locally, you are a part of Family Education, CROS Ministries, and feeding the homeless, to name a few. Nationally and internationally, through The Presbyterian Church USA, you contribute to world-wide programs ranging from disaster relief to refugee relief, to schools and hospitals around the world. We witness for Christ by walking our faith in thanksgiving to the Lord from whom all things come.

Please prayerfully consider the ways in which you might support the ministry of Lakeside. Thank God for His abundance and that He is using you for His noble work. Your pledge will enable Lakeside to plan for the future ministry of the church as we seek a new pastor and work to discern His call to service within our community. To make your commitment, please return the enclosed card for a special dedication during worship on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

God Bless you.

Mark D. Alston
Chairman, Stewardship Committee
Lakeside Presbyterian Church

Personnel



The Personnel Committee would like to welcome our new Administrative Secretary, **Rachele Scholes**. Please stop by and say hello!

Remember, new office hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm.

Operation Christmas Child



Shoebox Collection Week
November 14-21st, 9am-2pm

Harvest Lunch and Hymn Sing

Sunday November 13th

Following service

Everyone is invited!

Come, enjoy a delicious meal of pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and sauerkraut, Waldorf salad, apple & pumpkin desserts, then sing your favorite hymns!

Fun activities and games for the children

are being planned by Christian Ed.

All food will be provided ~ A freewill donation is requested to offset expenses

call/email the church office before Nov.9th with your RSVP—561.833.3756 or

admin@lakesidepres.org



Worship & Music

The Worship & Music Committee is very happy to be working with the Reverend Beverly Brock to provide meaningful worship experiences for all members as we enter a new exciting chapter in the life of Lakeside Presbyterian Church. This is also a very busy time on the church calendar as we approach the holiday season. Please take a look at the calendars included in this Beacon and make sure to participate in the great events we offer at Lakeside.

"God is spirit and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

~John 4:24

Please thank Kimberly for stepping up to help with the sound system. Kevin Floyd has agreed to be trained so he can help when needed and we have hired two seniors from John I Leonard High School to run the sound board during worship. Please welcome Anthony Pologruto and Connor Moniger and be patient while they learn the ropes. Anthony is an outstanding senior in the Computer Academy at John I Leonard High School. He is an aspiring firefighter who takes pride in his work and intends to attend the fire academy at PBCC. Although he has many accomplishments, when asked to tell me something he was most proud of, he said his family. Welcome to Lakeside, Anthony!



4th Monday Ministry

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." ~Proverbs 19:17

Each month Lakeside prepares and serves dinner to the homeless of our community. Won't you join us in this ministry? We serve at the First Pres of WPB the 4th Monday of every month. Contact Tammy Dugal for more information: 561-632-5090. Volunteers are always needed!

3:30pm Begin preparing dinner

5:00pm Greet guests and serve dinner

6-6:30pm Clean-up

We are always in need of cookies & brownies for dessert. Please leave them in Lakeside's kitchen, or bring them with you when you volunteer.



Special Day



On Sunday November 13th, in honor of Veterans Day, Lakeside will be recognizing its Veterans and active military during the service featuring the Honor Guard. Please take the time to peruse the display featuring our church members and their loved ones.

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

Lakeside is now partnered with the Presbyterian Mission Exchange (an on-line giving hub) to accept online giving. The donation form can be accessed either thru the **GIVE NOW** button on the "Give" page of Lakeside's website or by scanning the QR code (below right) with your smart phone. Gifts may be made using your debit or credit card or by direct debit (direct transfer from your checking or savings account). Payments may be scheduled as a one time or recurring gift (with weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual frequencies).

GIVE NOW



"Give and it shall be given to you.."
Luke 6:38