

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

The Carrolton of Nash, 7369 Hunter Hill Road (04)

Pat Judge, Room 614

At Home

Janice Bobbitt (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr, Wilmington 28409

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Charlotte Gilliam, 3794 Loblolly Drive (04)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

C.B. Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Jeannette and Grady Pittman, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Patricia Taylor (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Margaret Harper, Cottage #5209-101, Magnolia Glen, 5301 Creedmoor Road,
Raleigh, NC 27612

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Drive (04)

To our Lakeside Friends,

Grady and I appreciated your cards, calls, and prayers in the weeks of our recovery. The food you shared was delicious. Grady and our entire family enjoyed your flavorful recipes. We love you and have missed you. We hope to be back in church soon.

Jeannette and Grady Pittman

LAKESIDE LABYRINTH & PRAYER GARDEN



During these lengthening days of Lent, we hope you will take advantage of our beautiful Labyrinth & Prayer Garden for prayer and reflection. You will find prayer guides and Bibles in the literature stand beside the Labyrinth. Spend time walking in prayer and centering your soul this season. We are grateful for this gift from Trevor and Cam Graham that continues to bless and beautify Lakeside.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

RESCHEDULED GET TO KNOW LAKESIDE LUNCHEON

Guests and new members: Join us on Sunday, March 8, at 12:15 p.m., in Robbins Hall for our Get to Know Lakeside Luncheon to learn more about Lakeside's ministries. Sign up by calling or emailing the church office or on our website.

YOUTH NEWS

I am so proud of everyone who helped to make Sunday's Valentine Luncheon a great success! Our youth were gracious hosts, and so many of our Youth & Children's and Senior Adult Committee members came out on Saturday and again on Sunday to help. It was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. Youth and children will have a regular schedule of activities on Sunday evening. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Chancel Choir members should plan to arrive for Ash Wednesday activities at 5:30 p.m. We will not rehearse after the service and will prepare Sunday's worship music on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir parents, please make sure that you have Sunday, March 1, on your calendar, as the children will sing in worship! Zack will provide more details regarding call times on Sunday evening during activities. Jake

LAKESIDE YOUTH CASSEROLE SALE & YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 – 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Please sign up for food donations on Sunday in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATES

Community VBS – June 8-12 at Lakeside

Registration for children ages 3 through current 5th graders is now open under the Ministries tab of the church website!

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Ginger Maynard and Carol Barker
Ushers – Brenda Hurdle, Robert Sykes, and David Corn
Acolyte – Barnes Haley

February 22, 2026 ❖ The First Sunday in Lent

Lessons: Psalm 32; Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: "The Need for Change"

Anthems: "What Wondrous Love is This" – Traditional
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" – arr. Faure/Schweizer

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2026 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$599,734

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YTD Giving Through February 15	\$83,309
Amount Remaining to Collect:	\$485,247



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CHURCH STAFF

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Minister to Children
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Senior Adult Director

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, February 19

5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Navigating GriefLand, Parlor

Sunday, February 22

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
11:20 a.m. Children's Church, Children's Classroom
12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities, Youth & Music Building

Tuesday, February 24

7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, February 25

11:00 a.m. Lakeside Endowment Committee
12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship and Lunch, First UMC
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Suite
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
7:00 p.m. Navigating GriefLand, Parlor

Keep up with all that's happening at Lakeside with the calendar on the website or the downloadable, printable monthly calendar that is sent to you by email.

THE WEEKLY *LINK* GOES ALL-VIRTUAL: WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

In order to save money in our annual ministry plan and be better stewards of the gifts you so generously provide to Lakeside each year, our staff and Administrative Council have approved a change to our publication of *The Link*.

Moving forward, our weekly *Link* publication will be transitioning to an email-only format. **If you do not receive *The Link* via email right now and you have access to email, we need your most up-to-date email address** so we can make sure you receive the weekly *Link* in your email inbox. We need these updated email addresses by the end of February. Please email or call the church office with your information. These changes will go into effect on March 1, 2026, so be sure to update us with your information before that date!

SEASON OF LENT 2026

LENTEN SERIES: SPIRITUAL EXERCISE FOR THE SOUL

Just as we care for our physical bodies through exercise or our minds through training, so too should we care for our souls through spiritual exercise. During Lent this year, let us push ourselves to reach beyond our own schedules and to-do lists and embrace this season of introspection to discern what God has in store for us as we allow God to renew us in preparation for the celebration of Easter Resurrection.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us today, Wednesday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m., for our Ash Wednesday service to begin the season of Lent, with a fellowship dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Robbins Hall. Sign up for dinner online or by calling the church office.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Join us each Wednesday at noon during the season of Lent for worship and lunch as Lakeside and our sister churches come together to journey toward the cross. Our first Lenten service will be held Wednesday, February 25, at First United Methodist Church with Becky Zartman Carpenter from Church of the Good Shepherd preaching.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS – SEND YOURS TODAY!

Following the theme of "Spiritual Exercise for the Soul," we would like your help in providing devotions to share with the congregation during the season of Lent. These devotions may be written reflections, poetry, quotes, music, art, and more. They may explore a particular spiritual discipline or practice that has been meaningful to you or may be helpful for others to develop spiritual exercises in their lives. Send your submissions to Elizabeth or the church office.