

The Link

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TRAVELING TOGETHER: WELCOMING GOD & ONE ANOTHER LENT 2024

As we make our way through the wilderness of Lent, this year's theme will explore what it means to give and receive hospitality with God and one another, as well as our community and other sojourners we may meet along the way. It will also guide us as we navigate these days of opportunity and challenge in this time of transition for our congregation.

We invite you to contribute your own stories of giving and receiving hospitality for our daily devotions which will be sent out by email and posted on the website. If you would like to submit a story, poem, song, or image that reflects on the meaning of hospitality, contact the church office for more information.

We also invite you to worship with us throughout this season:

Morning Worship - Each Sunday in Lent - 11:00 a.m.

Community Worship & Lunch - Each Wednesday in Lent - 12:00 Noon
Labyrinth Prayer & Communion - March 26 - 12:00 Noon
Maundy Thursday Worship - March 28 - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Prayer - March 29 - 12:00 Noon

February 25, 2024 ❖ The Second Sunday in Lent

Lessons: Job 42:1-6; Genesis 18:1-15 Sermon: "When God Gets the Last Laugh" Guest Preacher: Dr. Greg Rogers Anthems:

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" - St. Flavian "Steal Away" - arr. Quigley "Come and Follow Me" - Cohen

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

James Biggs, 911 North Yaupon Terrace, Morehead City, NC 28557

Harriet Chamberlain (Jim Wiggs's niece), Nags Head, NC

Katie Crane, 2023 Rice Road, Sanford, NC 27330

Brenda Culpepper, 3720 Greystone Drive (04)

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Doug Edwards, 4699 Moreland Drive, Battleboro, NC 27809

Stan Ford, 1103 Belvins Trace Drive, Durham, NC 27703

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother), 2957 Tillinghast Trail, Raleigh, NC 27613

David Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Dan Shingleton, 5325 Pridgen Road, Elm City, NC 27822

Bill Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, 221 Brightmore Drive, Cary, NC 27518

Robert Woods, 115 Sunshine Lane (01)

Our Members-at-Home

Daisy Howell, The Landings of Rocky Mount Mills, 1365 River Dr., Rm. 512 (04)
 Ester McKnight (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living, 650
 Goldrock Road, Room 106 (04)

David Ozment, The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road, Room 308A (04)

We offer our sympathy to Nancy Warner and her family in the death of Joe on February 16. Joe was a member of Lakeside for 29 years.

We rejoice with Eric and Allison Willcox Tolston in their birth of their son, Bowen Reid, on February 16. Karla and John Willcox are his proud grandparents, and JN Willcox is his proud great-grandfather.

We rejoice with Alex and Ashley Waters Trull in the birth of their daughter, Ava Elizabeth, on February 19. Betty Ann and Scott Waters and Donald Trull are Ava's proud grandparents.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Each Wednesday during Lent, we will gather with sister churches for a brief noon worship service followed by lunch together. The next service will be on February 28 at Englewood United Methodist Church, with Rev. Laura Wittman preaching. Lakeside will host on March 6. A complete schedule is available on our website and Facebook page.

DISCUSSION CLASS

Dr. Greg Rogers will lead our Discussion Class Sunday, February 25. His topic for discussion will be "The State of Religion Today" to include the "none(s)," the "done(s)," and the "new(s)." Dr. Rogers will also address the already declining Church and the accelerated effect of the pandemic. Please plan to join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Lecture Room.

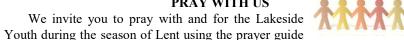
YOUTH NEWS

Ski Trip participants, please watch your email and texts for the latest details about this weekend's ski retreat. We will not have regular Sunday evening activities because of the trip. Current 8th through 12th graders, please be prepared by March 3 to confirm if you are planning to go on this summer's Pilgrimage to Chicago. Mark your calendar for the Casserole Sale and Yard Sale on March 23. All available youth and parents are needed to help. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Regular rehearsals resume this evening for both Lakeside Ringers and Chancel Choir as we prepare music for Lent and Easter. Lakeside Ringers will be playing on Easter Sunday, and the Children's and Cherub Choirs will be singing in worship on Palm Sunday. We hope you're making plans to join us on Maundy Thursday as the Chancel Choir presents our Lenten cantata A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth with guest tenor James Taylor and string quartet.

PRAY WITH US



they have created, offering their own prayer requests for themselves, their families and schools, and their concerns for our community, nation, and world. Copies will be available following worship on Sunday or in the church office, or you can find a digital copy on the Youth Page of our website.

LAKESIDE LADIES BOOK CLUB

Our book club will meet on Monday, March 11 at 5:00 in the home of Terry Martin. Mary McAdams will lead the discussion. Join us as we discuss *Search* by Michelle Huneven.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Annual Casserole Sale and Yard Sale is schedule for Saturday, March 23. from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will begin signing up for food donations on March 3 and receiving yard sale donations soon. More details coming soon!

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Nancy Berry and Lori Joyner Ushers - Group II - Wayne Cotton, Captain Acolyte - Matthew Paszek

Worship is live on our homepage and YouTube channel at 11:00 a.m., but we love having you with us in the sanctuary!

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN 2024 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,056				
Anticipated Giving	\$10,790	\$75,527	\$77,957	
Through February 18	\$4,374	\$67,645	\$54,453	
Variance	-\$6,416	-\$7,882	-\$23,504	

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CHURCH STAFF

LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 21

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship, First United Methodist Church

Sharon Riggenbach Secretarial Assistan Rachel Holloman Preschool Directo

Zackary Ross Organist

Liz Broomell Administrative Assistant Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

9:30 a.m. Rocky Mount Garden Club, Lecture Room

Friday, February 23 - Sunday, February 25

Youth Ski Trip

Sunday, February 25

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Study Groups, Education Building

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, February 27

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Conference Room 7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study, Zoom

Wednesday, February 28

10:00 a.m. Lenten Book Study, Conference Room

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship, Englewood United Methodist Church

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

OUR NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Monday, March 4, 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sign up now using the QR Code!

