

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

Martha Bulluck, Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue, Room 208 (03)

John Cappiello, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Dr.,
Room 534, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Daisy Howell, The Landings of Rocky Mount Mills, 1365 River Drive, Room
512 (04)

Lakeside Family,

Thank you for your generous donation of classroom supplies. They were much needed and greatly appreciated. We love when we receive support from our community.
Benvenue Staff

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: YOUTH CASSEROLE & YARD SALE

Our Youth Casserole & Yard Sale is coming up on Saturday, March 7, and we need your help! Throughout next week, we will be receiving, sorting, and tagging donations in Robbins Hall. If you are available to volunteer during daytime or evening hours, please contact Jennifer Cobb or Elizabeth Edwards with your availability. We will also need some folks with trucks or trailers to help pick up large items. Of course, we also need your donations! Casseroles, soups, baked goods, chili, and sauces will be sold at the Casserole Sale. The yard sale will accept anything except clothing and books. And please plan to come out to shop and help us spread the word!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, March 17, from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m., in Robbins Hall. Sign up to give the gift of life by scanning the QR code or contacting the church office.



YOUTH NEWS

We will hit the road bound for West Virginia at 10:45 a.m. on Friday. We are looking forward to a fun time of tubing, skiing, and fellowship on our rescheduled ski retreat. Children's activities will continue on a regular schedule on Sunday, but youth will not meet. Youth, watch your texts for details about volunteering at the sale on March 7.
Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

After two wonderful services to begin the season of Lent, we are looking forward to getting back to our regularly scheduled rehearsals this week. This season is full of wonderful musical worship, and we look forward to sharing our hard work with the congregation over the course of the season, culminating in our ecumenical Good Friday concert at FBC. We hope you'll make plans to join us! Also, please note that we are rescheduling the date the children's choir will sing in worship, so be on the lookout for a new date soon.
Jake

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.

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 – Genie Raper and Ginny Etheridge

Ushers – Dick Berry, David Parker, and Don Raper

Acolyte – Matthew Paszek

March 1, 2026 ❖ The Second Sunday in Lent

Lessons: Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

Sermon: "A New Start"

Anthems: "Come, Ye Sinners" – arr. Mauk

"God So Loved the World" – Stainer

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2026 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$599,734

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YTD Giving Through February 22	\$89,939
Amount Remaining to Collect:	\$478,617



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CHURCH STAFF

Libby Grammer <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	James Maik <i>Minister of Music</i>
Lisa Meadows <i>Minister to Children</i>	Liz Broomell <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Zackary Ross <i>Organist, Worship Assistant</i>
Sue Bulluck <i>Senior Adult Director</i>	Cindy Davis <i>Custodian</i>	Rachel Holloman <i>Preschool Director</i>

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Friday, February 27 – Sunday, March 1

Youth Ski Trip

Sunday, March 1

- 9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Continue the Communion, Papa Cibo's
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool and Children's Activities, Youth & Music Building
(*No Youth Activities*)

Tuesday, March 3

- 4:00 p.m. Lakeside Ladies Book Club, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:30 a.m. Dove Notes, Godwin Library
- 12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship and Lunch, Englewood UMC
- 4:00 p.m. Turnage Lecture Series Committee, Conference Room
- 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

THE WEEKLY LINK GOES ALL-VIRTUAL:

****TODAY'S THE DAY – FINAL WEEKLY PRINTED LINK****

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Moving forward, our weekly *Link* publication is 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 TODAY. 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.

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 second Lenten service will be held Wednesday, March 4, at Englewood United Methodist Church with our own Libby Grammer 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.

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.