

The Link

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TRAVELING TOGETHER: WELCOMING GOD & ONE ANOTHER LENT 2024

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This year's Lenten 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. 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.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Each Wednesday during Lent, we will gather with sister churches for a brief noon worship service followed by lunch together. We hope you will plan to join us as Lakeside hosts the next service on March 6, with Rev. Nathan Wittman preaching. A complete schedule is available on our website and Facebook page.

IN THE INTERIM

I am grateful for the many offers of assistance and expressions of support that I continue to receive as we travel through these days of transition together. We have been blessed to have Dr. Greg Rogers help to preach and teach during these early days of our interim. He will preach for us again this Sunday, March 3.

In the weeks to follow, we will welcome guest preachers who will give us the chance to hear different voices and perspectives: On March 10, Shawn Crumley, who is the Lead Chaplain at Nash UNC Hospital and the son of our own Sammie Crumley, will preach for us. Dr. Lynn Brinkley, who resides in Fayetteville and currently serves as Associate Director of Baptist Women in Ministry, will preach on March 17. I will preach for Palm Sunday and Easter on March 24 and 31.

We look forward to hearing from each of these gifted guest preachers and others who will be joining us in April. I encourage you to join us each Sunday as we worship God together, show our guests a warm Lakeside welcome, and continue growing together toward the bright future God has in store for our congregation.

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

Ann Battle, Gardens of Nashville, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856 Jean Smith, Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886 Jim Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

March 3, 2024 ❖ The Third Sunday in Lent

Lessons: Genesis 33:1-11; Matthew 18:21-35 Sermon: "Do You Really Intend to Forgive?" Guest Preacher: Dr. Greg Rogers Anthems:

"Confession of Sins" - Kring
"The Call" - Vaughan Williams

OUR NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 4, 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sign up now using the OR Code!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Annual Casserole Sale and Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will begin signing up for food donations this Sunday in the Narthex. Yard Sale donations (no clothing or books except cookbooks and children's books, please) will be accepted in Robbins Hall beginning March 18. Proceeds will benefit our Youth Trip Fund. Help us spread the word!

DISCUSSION CLASS

Dr. Greg Rogers will once again lead our Discussion class on Sunday, March 3. We will continue our discussion on "The State of Religion and the Decline in Church Attendance." Please join us at 9:45 a.m. and bring a friend or two.

YOUTH NEWS

What a terrific time we had on last weekend's ski retreat! Snow fell all day on Saturday and made for perfect ski conditions. Many thanks to Andrew and Jan Robillard and Amy Stinson for helping to chaperone the trip. We are also grateful to donors who helped to make the trip possible.

Current 8th through 12th graders, please be prepared by this Sunday 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. Jake

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.

AT THE TABLE

At the Table will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at Benvenue Country Club from 10:30 a.m. - noon for a time of study, reflection, and prayer. Afterward, we will enjoy lunch and fellowship. We hope to see you at the table!

PRAY WITH US

We invite you to pray with and for the Lakeside Youth during the season of Lent using the prayer guide 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.

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Nancy Berry and Lori Joyner Ushers - Group III - Alicia Hamrick, Captain Acolyte - Reed Stinson

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2024 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,056

	Week	YTD	2023
Anticipated Giving	\$10,790	\$86,316	\$89,096
Through February 25	\$6,841	\$74,486	\$60,870
Variance	-\$3,949	-\$11,830	-\$28,226

Sharon Riggenbach Secretarial Assistan James Mauk Minister of Music Rachel Holloman Preschool Directo Website: lakesidechurchrmt.org CareNet Counseling East of Rocky Mo 355-2801 • toll free: 866-355-2801 CHURCH STAFF Zackary Ross Organist Cindy Davis Custodian Liz Broomell Administrative Assistant Susan Skinner Senior Adult Director

LAKESIDE CALENDAR

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

Sunday, March 3

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

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities, Music and Youth Bulding

Monday, March 4

1:30 - 6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, Robbins Hall

Tuesday, March 5

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Conference Room

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

Wednesday, March 6

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

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

Have you returned your Giving Plan Card to the church office? By returning your card, you help us better plan how we can minister in Jesus' name in our community.