



The Link

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIACONATE

Friends,

As we move into the search process ahead, it is my goal to keep you fully informed. The Diaconate is responsible for recommending a Pulpit Search Committee to the congregation. We want your input, so please submit names of persons whom you think would serve well on this committee. The Diaconate will consider this matter at its meeting on May 21, so please submit your suggestions to me before then.

We intend to call the congregation into conference on June 4, which is our Founders Day. At that time, we hope to present a Pulpit Committee to you for approval. If approved, their work would begin immediately so please be aware of the following tentative schedule, and mark your calendars. Be prepared to give our Pulpit Committee your individual input.

The Pulpit Committee would host two congregational input forums during the regular Sunday School session at 9:45 a.m. on June 11 and 18. These forums will be designed to gather your input into the characteristics and priorities of what you want in our future Senior Minister.

From these discussions, a weighted questionnaire will be developed, available to you via *The Link*, online, and inserted into the order of worship. Our goal is to receive and compile these questionnaire results by the end of June. That information will be included in a packet along with a membership profile and other pertinent information which will be sent to prospective pastoral candidates.

Let us begin now to pray for the development and subsequent work of this new Pulpit Committee. Pray that we will be united with the right person to help us continue Lakeside's ministry as a special compass of faith.

We thank each of you for your help and participation in this process. May God continue to bless Lakeside.

Andy Barker, Chair, Diaconate

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Lakeside's Discussion Class is using the PBS series, *Ear to the Common Ground*, to guide our conversations on a variety of current critical issues. Each episode features a musical artist and a diverse cross-section of their fans. The participants share a meal while discussing a given topic, with only one rule: to listen and speak with compassion. We spend the first 20 minutes listening to the conversation and the remaining 30 minutes "joining in" the conversation ourselves. On May 14 we will consider the Urban/Rural Divide. The group meets in the Lecture Room of the Education Building at 9:45 a.m.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27804

David Ozment, Room 329

**Emerald Health & Rehab Center, 54 Red Mulberry Way,
Lillington, NC 27546**

Robert Bridgers (Marie Bridgers' brother-in-law)

At Home:

Stancil Barnes, 101 Briarwood Court, Tarboro, NC 27886

Denise Bennett, 9773 Groffs Mill Drive #404, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Bill Hoyle, 210 Gravely Drive (04)

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

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Joe Stanton, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

Joe Warner, 137 Steeplechase Road (04)

Bill Watts, 616 Nichole Drive (03)

Jim Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Doris Booth, Room 236, The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

Martha Bulluck, Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03), Room 205

Joyce Siler, 1575 John Knox Drive PB-206, Colfax, NC 27235

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

J.N. Willcox, c/o The Landings at Lake Gaston, Room 111, 206 N. Mosby Avenue, Littleton, NC 27850

We offer our sympathy to Ann Bishop and her family in the deaths of her daughter and son-in-law, Leannette and Bill Rawlins, on May 5 in Flowery Branch, Georgia.

FOUNDERS DAY

On Sunday, June 4, we will celebrate the 68th anniversary of the founding of Lakeside. We will recognize our charter members, hold a brief conference following worship to approve a Pulpit Search Committee, and enjoy a covered dish luncheon in Robbins Hall. Following the meal, we will enjoy a hymn sing, so come with your favorite hymns in mind. Please let us know you will be with us that day. Bring vegetables, salads, fruit, or desert dishes to add to the feast.

LAKESIDE COFFEEHOUSE WRITERS

If you have an interest in writing, join us on Tuesday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m. in Lakeside's Parlor. We gather monthly to explore ideas, share stories, offer suggestions and encouragement. Anne Lamott's *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* is our guide. Let us know if you would like to join us!

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR VOLUNTEERS

There will be an orientation meeting for all adult and youth Vacation Bible School volunteers on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Room.

All adult volunteers for Gatekeepers Workcamp, mark your calendars to meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

YOUTH NEWS

We had such a fun, fabulous time with our youth and children's families on Sunday evening! Thanks to the parents and members of the Youth & Children's Ministry Team for helping to serve and clean up. We are planning a meaningful time of worship and celebration with our graduates for May 21. Gatekeepers registration forms have been sent out by email. Be sure to register by May 26. There will be an orientation meeting for all youth and adults who are going on the mission trip to New York on Thursday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Lakeside Ringers will meet this Wednesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. to polish and store bells for the summer and discuss next year's schedule. Chancel Choir has three rehearsals remaining before summer break! We will not meet for rehearsal next week, May 17, but all are invited to attend an open rehearsal for the Carolina Choral Artists that will take place at Lakeside that evening between 6:00 -8:00 p.m. More details will be provided at rehearsal.

I would also like to invite everyone to the Carolina Choral Artists' performance on Friday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Tarboro. We will present a concert of mostly sacred music titled "Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs" as the opening concert of *Opera Returns to Tarboro*. The performance is free and open to the public. Jake

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Sammie Crumley and Don Raper

Ushers - Group II - Wayne Cotton, Captain

Acolyte - Aydan Banks

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

May 14, 2023 ❖ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lessons: John 14:15-21; Acts 17:22-31

Sermon: "Why Do You Love Me?"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"With a Voice of Singing" - Shaw

"If Ye Love Me" - Wilby

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2023 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,922

	Week	YTD	2022
Anticipated Giving	\$10,806	\$205,318	\$218,149
Through May 7	\$8,555	\$153,611	\$159,450
Variance	-\$2,251	-\$51,707	-\$58,699

The above figures reflect the recent revision of our Ministry Plan.

Our ministry is a responsibility that all of us share.

Are you doing your part to help fund our ministry?

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 10

10:00 a.m. Spring Study Group, Conference Room

10:30 a.m. At the Table, Benvenue Country Club

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 11

9:30 a.m. Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 14

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

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, May 16

10:00 a.m. Coffeehouse Writers, Parlor

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

7:00 p.m. Spring Study Group, Zoom

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 a.m. Spring Study Group, Conference Room

GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED

If a family member graduated from college in December or will graduate from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office by May 16 so that we may recognize them in *The Link*. We need full names, school, degree, and future plans.