

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

### At Home

**Keith Abbott**, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

**Jackie Allsbrook**, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

**Jim Ashby**, 341 Old Coach Rd (04)

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

**Dave Corn**, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

**Della and Lela Edwards**, 211 River Bank Lane, Greenville, NC 27834

**Michelle Costa Foster**, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Bill Jones** (Dorrie Wright's brother)

**Robert Kincheloe**, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

**Jim and Sheila Martin**, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

**Bruce Wayne Murray**, P. O. Box 1089, Sharpsburg, NC 27878

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

**Anthony Severini** (Molly and Theo Pitt's neighbor)

**Jill Ward**, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

### Our Members-at-Home

**Stan Ford**, 10820 Sandy Oak Lane, #208, Raleigh, NC 27614

**Jean Smith**, The Lodge, Room 239, 3322 Village Road (04)

**Jim Wiggs**, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

## SIGN UP NOW: FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Lakeside women, join us on October 17-18 at Boseman Farm for a time of Bible study, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Sign up now! There is a \$25 registration fee, which can be dropped off at the church office.

## SAVE THE DATE: CIRCLE 10

Circle 10 will meet on Monday, October 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lecture Room. Elizabeth Edwards will provide an update on Lakeside's ministries to families and lead us in an exercise to help us be more mindful of the presence of God all around us. Circle 10 meets on the second Monday of each month from October through May.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In observance of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we invite you to a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Youth Building. Bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier, or bring a plush animal friend, for this time of blessing and giving thanks for the creatures that bring us joy.

## YOUTH NEWS

We had so much fun on Sunday night as we kicked off a new year of Youth Fellowship, welcomed some new friends, and enjoyed a run to Dunkin' for coffee and donuts! Be sure to find me on Sunday to get your t-shirt if you were not here. We'll have a regular schedule beginning at 5:00 p.m. this Sunday evening. We are setting up a rotation of volunteers to assist with Children's Church on Sunday mornings. If you would like to serve as a youth helper, let me or Lisa Meadows know. See you Sunday!

Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

It is great to be getting back into our Wednesday evening activities! Lakeside Ringers rehearsals begin tonight in the handbell room at 6:00 p.m. We encourage anyone who is interested in joining to attend this rehearsal. Additionally, anyone interested in joining the Chancel Choir can stick around for our 7:00 p.m. rehearsal tonight. We look forward to continuing to grow our Music Ministry!

Jake

## JOIN THE FUN WITH GRANDFRIENDS!

*Grandfriends* got off to a great start this week! Both the volunteers and the preschool staff were thrilled with the connections that were made and how much fun everyone had. We still need volunteers to assist in one of our preschool classes on Wednesday mornings through November 5. You will not be responsible for planning activities or changing diapers. This is just a fun time with our preschool friends! Even if you can't make it every week, we hope you will consider becoming a part of *Grandfriends*!

Sue

## THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Dan Herring and Linda Graham

Ushers – Jerry Hamrick, Dick Berry, and David Corn

Acolyte – Daniel Edwards

### *September 21, 2025 ♦ The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lessons: Jonah 1:1-17; 2:1-10; 3:1-4, 10; Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: "Bible Stories for Grownups: Jonah & the Big Fish"

Anthems: "Psalm 130" – Saint-Saens

"The Lord is my Rock" – Saint-Saens

## LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$418,487	\$399,213
Through September 14	\$9,815	\$342,789	\$334,671
Variance	-\$1,495	-\$75,698	-\$64,542

*Thank you for your generosity as we kick off our fall season together!  
Your gifts make Lakeside's many ministries possible.*



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## LAKESIDE CHURCH

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### CHURCH STAFF

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James Mauk  
Minister of Music

Lisa Meadows  
Minister to Children

Liz Broomell  
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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday, September 18

12:00 p.m. Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group, Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room

### Sunday, September 21

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. Diaconate, Conference Room  
5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities, Music & Youth Building

### Tuesday, September 23

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee, Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. Fall Study Group, Zoom

### Wednesday, September 24

10:30 a.m. Fall Study Group, Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Suite  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

*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.*

## SOUL SPACE IS MOVING TO THURSDAYS

Soul Space, our Growing Together Small Group for prayer and meditation, is moving to Thursdays at noon in the sanctuary. We have heard that the early-morning time has kept several interested folks from participating, so we hope you can join us for midday prayers. In our loud and chaotic world, we need a quiet space for our souls to listen for the God who speaks to us in a still, small voice. Whether you have a few minutes on your lunch hour or wish to stay longer for silent meditation, join us each Thursday for Soul Space.

## FALL STUDY GROUP

Our next book study will begin September 23 and 24, with a five-week study of Richard Rohr's book *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom For an Age of Outrage*. The book explores how the words of the Hebrew prophets can help us navigate our challenging times. Choose a Tuesday group that will meet by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. or a Wednesday group that will meet in-person at 10:30 a.m. **Note the change in time for the Wednesday group.** Please purchase your own book and sign up through the church office or website.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH RESUMES

We are excited to announce that Children's Church will resume on September 28! On that day in worship, we will also present Bibles to our kindergarten and first grade children. On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, children in grades K-5 will leave worship during the second hymn for a time of Bible stories and activities. Children may be picked up in the Youth Building following worship. We are looking for adults who can assist on a rotating basis. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Lisa Meadows.

## COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON

**Sunday, October 5**

**Immediately following worship**

Our Youth will share their experiences and photos from their summer mission trip to New York. We will provide fried chicken and beverages. Each family is asked to bring a vegetable, side dish, or dessert. Please sign up by September 30.

## DEACON NOMINATIONS

Included in this edition of *The Link*, you will find a form for nominating deacons to serve for the next three years. You may select up to five from the list of members who are eligible to serve. Nominations are due by September 30.