



The Link

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WE WELCOME OUR NEW ORGANIST

This Sunday we will welcome Zackary Ross to Lakeside as our organist. Zack is a North Carolina native and graduate of NC State and Westminster Choir College of Rider University. He served on the accompanying staff at WCC, worked with several community and children's ensembles in New Jersey as an accompanist and assistant conductor, and later served as an instructor of music at Louisburg College in Louisburg, NC. He is the choral and band director at Darden Middle School in Wilson and previously served as the Director of Music and Organist at Louisburg United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Zack enjoys performing with the Rocky Mount Chamber Singers and talking to his cat.

We will hold a reception following worship on Sunday to welcome Zack to the Lakeside family.



STRATEGY GROUPS LUNCH AND CONVERSATION

On Sunday, October 15, immediately after our welcoming reception for Zack Ross, we will move forward with our Strategic plan objectives. Following a light lunch, six breakout groups will explore particular strategies that were suggested in the Strategic Plan. A few of those topics will be combined since they are related to one another.

From the *Energizing for Growth* theme, we will discuss these strategies:

- 1) Diversify, Energize and Expand Worship
- 2) Strengthen Future Generations Spiritual Nourishment
- 3) Seek Ways to Expand Collaboration with Other Churches and Community Ministries
- 4) Provide Small Group Options
- 5) Clarify Lakeside's Unique Identity, Develop a Messaging Strategy, and Expand the use of Technology

From the *Organizing for the Future* theme, we will discuss the strategy:

- 1) Create a Welcoming Committee to Enhance and Sustain a Welcoming Environment at Lakeside

If you signed up for one of these groups last summer, please check your email for information about Sunday's conversations. If you did not sign up but want to participate, please contact the church office to let us know you plan to attend and which strategy you would like to explore.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

At Home:

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

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

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

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

Cassie Parker, 13512 Fifth Avenue NE, Bradenton, FL 34212

Brandon Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Joe Stanton, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

Virginia Vance (Jean and Ronnie Tripp's granddaughter)

Joe Warner, 137 Steeplechase Road (04)

Bill Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

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)

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Pittman who died on October 6. We hold in our hearts and prayers Sheila and Jim Martin; Jan, Andrew, Will, and Mary Douglas Robillard; Janie Mac, Lindy, Emory, and Jack Pittman, and the rest of Jim's family and his immense group of friends.

KINDNESS WALL

Be sure to visit the Kindness Wall, sponsored by the Lakeside Youth, to add stories of kindnesses you have received and pick up a copy of this month's suggestions for acts of kindness you can share. You will find the Kindness Wall and instructions for how to participate in the hallway of the Education Building. We hope you will help us to spread kindness throughout our community!

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

Plan to join us on Sunday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for our Community Fall Festival. We'll have food, games, sweet treats, and fun for the whole family! Make your plans to come and bring a friend. We are in need of candy donations for the festival.

SAMMIE CRUMLEY - ON MISSION TO RED BIRD, KENTUCKY

On Sunday morning, Sammie Crumley will travel with a group from Missionary Friends to Red Bird, Kentucky, where they will spend time ministering to the people of that community. Some of their team will work in the Community Store and Outreach. Sammie will work with the construction group much like Gatekeepers. They will be repairing a home for a family in the community and taking care of other needs among the people there. We pray for safe travel and a good week of ministry to the people of Red Bird.

LAKESIDE COFFEEHOUSE WRITERS

Join us on Tuesday, October 17, at 10:00 a.m. in Lakeside's Parlor as we explore ideas, share stories, offer suggestions, and find encouragement in Anne Lamott's *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*.

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to all the youth and children who helped with last Sunday's Kindness Project and made beautiful cards to send to Lakeside's members at home. I hope all of you will join us this Sunday evening for a regular schedule of activities and dinner, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our Community Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and invite a friend. Also save the dates for our ski trip on February 23-25, 2024! More details will be available soon. I hope to see everyone here on Sunday! Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

A big thank you to Cindy, Jason, Meghan, and the Chancel Choir for their work on the music for worship in my absence this weekend. We are thrilled to welcome Zack Ross as our new organist, and we look forward to getting to know him in rehearsals this week and after worship on Sunday. Plan to be in worship on Sunday and introduce yourself as you welcome Zack to Lakeside! Jake

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Nancy Berry and Travis Ward
Ushers - Group I - Alan and Joyce Clements, Co-Captains
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!*

October 15, 2023 ♦ The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon: "What Do You Think About?"

Anthems:

"All We Like Sheep" - Mauk ♦ "Psalm 23" - ST. COLUMBA

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - arr. Scott

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2023 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,922

	Week	YTD	2022
Anticipated Giving	\$10,806	\$443,054	\$470,743
Through October 8	\$4,460	\$361,714	\$360,085
Variance	-\$6,346	-\$81,340	-\$110,658

Let us all support our ministries with joyful hearts and generous gifts!

LAKESIDE INVOLVED: WORKING TOGETHER IN HARMONY

Sign up sheets for Lakeside Involved are available in the narthex and on our website. Choose how you would like to help during the month of October and on Saturday, November 11, our annual day of service. Helping Hands bins are located in the narthex, Sugg Foyer and church office for collecting donations. Items are also being collected for our silent auction on Sunday, November 12. In what creative ways can you contribute and be involved?

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 11

10:00 a.m. Fall Study Group, Conference Room
10:30 a.m. At the Table, Benvenue Country Club
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 15

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Study Groups, Education Building
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Welcome Reception, Lehman Courtyard
12:30 p.m. Strategy Groups Luncheon and Discussion, Robbins Hall
3:30 p.m. Discipleship Class, Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Children and Youth Activities, Music and Youth Building
5:00 p.m. Preschool Activities, Preschool Building

Tuesday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Coffeehouse Writers, Parlor
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Fall Study Group, Zoom

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 a.m. Fall Study Group, The Mills Church
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

OUR NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 6, 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sign up now using the QR Code!

