



The Link

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ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - FOLLOWING WORSHIP

On Sunday we will hold our annual conference to elect Deacons and approve the Proposed 2024 Ministry Plan and Nominating Committee Report. Information was mailed in last week's edition of *The Link* and is available on our website.



THANK YOU, LAKESIDE, FOR BEING SO INVOLVED!

This past weekend was a celebration of two hallmarks of our congregation . . . service and the arts.

Over forty quarts of soup were made and delivered to our members-at-home and others in our congregation who are in our prayers. Three Little Free Libraries have been put together and are being painted for Lakeside, South Rocky Mount, and the Villa Park. The yards of two of our members and at two neighborhood parks were mowed, edged, weeded and raked. Our youth baked 10 dozen muffins, 13 dozen cookies, 4 pans of brownies, and three cakes and delivered them to My Sister's House, the Bassett Center and the UCM Shelter. One hundred toiletry kits were put together for residents at the UCM Shelters. One hundred Thanksgiving blessing mix bags and 20 lap blankets were made for Meals on Wheels clients. Forty dream pillows were sewn for children at JoAnn's Place. And countless donations of children's books and clothing and school and household supplies have been made. Many, many thanks to the coordinators of each project and to everyone who volunteered!

The many talents of our Lakeside family were also on display in Sugg Foyer. We are grateful for all the artists who created and donated paintings, homemade goodies, gardening gifts, and knitted, sewn or handcrafted items.

On Sunday afternoon, Jake, Sammie, and Zack showcased their musical talents with a *Jazz and More* concert. Lela, Lakeside's very own playwright, shared her humorous play, *No Problem*, through the talents of Angela and Betty Lane.

This past month when you were asked to give or create or work, many of you responded with those two words, "No problem!" Thank you! You continue to give and go and do . . . and to be involved in so many ways. We are grateful!

Deborah Wright and Dorrie Wright, Lakeside Involved Coordinators

AND . . . a big thank you to Deborah and Dorrie for all of the time and hard work invested in making Lakeside Involved a gift to the community and to us!

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

David Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

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

Joe Warner, 137 Steeplechase Road (04)

Bill Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Robert Woods, 115 Sunshine Lane (01)

Our Members-at-Home

Ann Battle, Gardens of Nashville, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Margaret Carpenter, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Jean Smith, Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

Jim Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

We offer our sympathy to Cristina and Sherry Joyner-Rodriguez in the death of Sherry's goddaughter, Amanda Leigh Colbert, on November 10.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

We welcome Katie Hand to the fellowship of Lakeside by her affirmation of her faith on Sunday, November 12. Katie is a native of Belmont, NC, and has lived in New York City and Washington, D.C. She is a teacher, an artist, a counselor, and a devoted friend. We are grateful to have her as part of the Lakeside family.

CUP OF WARMTH

The community is invited to "A Cup of Warmth Luncheon" benefitting United Community Ministries on Thursday, November 16, from 11:45 - 2:00 p.m. (floating) in Robbins Hall at Lakeside. The cost is \$20.00 per person to enjoy delicious homemade soups, pies and bread.

'TIS THE SEASON

The First Sunday of Advent is December 3 and preparations for this meaningful time in our faith will soon begin. The Chrismon Tree committee will meet on Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. to put the tree up. Anyone interested in helping can contact Carol Lucas at (252) 904-7486.

You are also invited to cut greenery on Monday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m. and to help make wreaths to adorn the sanctuary on Tuesday, November 28, at 10:00 a.m. in Robbins Hall.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

If you would like to help a family in our community celebrate Christmas, please send monetary donations marked for "Christmas Families" by December 10. These funds will be offered to a local charity to distribute to families in need.

YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations to our young people who were baptized on Sunday. What a beautiful and meaningful day for you and our entire church family!

Thanks to all the youth who helped with Lakeside Involved on Saturday morning and Sunday evening. You all did a wonderful job. We are still in need of youth and parents who can assist with the hospitality booth for TRAC's Jingle Mingle this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Imperial Centre.

Deposits for February's ski trip are due **THIS SUNDAY**. Please check your email for more details. Elizabeth

TAR RIVER ARTS COLLABORATIVE

JINGLE MINGLE ARTISAN MARKET

November 18 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - The Imperial Centre

Begin your holiday shopping and support local artists. Be sure to visit the hospitality booth hosted by the Lakeside Youth.

MUSIC NOTES

Well done, Children's Choir singers! It's always a joy to have you sing in worship, and you did a fantastic job this past Sunday with very few rehearsals and with a lot of other moving parts of the service. Thank you!

We're gearing up for the Advent season with lots of great music being prepared by all of the Lakeside music ensembles. We hope you're making plans to join us and enjoy the many special musical offerings that will be presented. Jake

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Trevor Lane and Kathy Manning

Ushers - Group II - Wayne Cotton, Captain

Acolyte - Kendall Kos

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

November 19, 2023 ❖ The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: II Corinthians 9:6-12; Matthew 13:44-47

Sermon: "Veg-all, Creamed Corn or Mandarin Oranges?"

Anthems:

"Amazing Grace" - Virginia Harmony, 1831

"We Praise Thee, O God" - Barnby ✚ "Oculi Omnium" - Wood

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2023 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$561,922

	Week	YTD	2022
Anticipated Giving	\$10,806	\$497,085	\$528,151
Through November 12	\$9,332	\$407,591	\$396,766
Variance	-\$1,474	-\$89,494	-\$131,385

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

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16

9:30 a.m. Rocky Mount Garden Club, Lecture Room

11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. UCM Cup of Warmth Luncheon, Robbins Hall

5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room

Saturday, November 18

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. TRAC Jingle Mingle, The Imperial Centre

Sunday, November 19

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. Annual Church Conference, Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

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

5:00 p.m. Preschool Activities, Preschool Building

Monday, November 20

5:30 p.m. Pulpit Search Committee, Conference Room

Tuesday, November 21

10:30 a.m. Lakeside Preschool Thanksgiving Feast, Robbins Hall

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

DEACON NOMINEES

On Sunday, November 19, we will elect a slate of five Deacons to serve for the next three years. Following are brief profiles of the five nominees. You will vote to approve or not approve the entire slate. Absentee ballots will be accepted up to noon on November 19.

Alan Clements (member for 34 years) is married to Joyce. He has served on the Missions Committee, the Board of Finance, and as Co-Captain of one of our usher groups. Previously the owner of Summit Protective Footwear, Alan has worked for the Salvation Army and local auto parts stores since closing his business. He and Joyce have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Bill Hoyle (member for 42 years) has been married to Linda for 60 years. They have two children and four grandchildren. He has served three terms on the Diaconate and was twice Chair. He has served on the Board of Finance, Personnel and Columbarium committees, and as an usher captain. He taught middle school Sunday School for five years. Bill has been an attorney at law for 55 years.

Lori Joyner (member for 16 years) has been active at Lakeside since she was 12. She is married to Phillip. Chase is their son. She supports our children and youth in any way she can, especially with the Children's Choir, Sunday evening activities, the nursery, and Children and Youth team. She serves on the Chrismon Tree Committee and helps with Lakeside Involved and Gatekeepers Workcamp. Lori is a Registered Nurse working at Nash Wound Care.

Ginger Maynard (member for 20 years) is married to Frank. They share four children and six grandchildren. She retired as Senior Vice President of Doncaster Clothing Company (29 years) and as ETC. representative/district manager (8 years). She has served on the Social, Topnotchers, Nominating, Flower, and Wedding committees as well as on the Board of Finance (Secretary). She is also active in Circle 10, Lakeside Involved, and other ministries.

Matt Paszek (a part of Lakeside all of his life and baptized here in 1989) is married to Leslie. They have three children who were recently baptized. Matt is a Urologist with Rocky Mount Urology Associates. As a youth, he participated in Workcamp and other activities. Since returning to Rocky Mount, Matt has served as a Deacon and on the Turnage Speaker Series Committee.