

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Breckenridge Retirement Center, 2500 Hunter Hill Road (04)

Sheila Whitley, Room 156

Kitty Askins Hospice Center, 107 Handley Park Ct., Goldsboro, NC 27534

Joyce Cuthrell (JC Cuthrell's mother)

The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

Charlotte Gilliam, Room 205

At Home

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

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin)

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), Greenville, SC

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

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Jim Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

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

Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Barbara Valentine, 112 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858

Our Members-at-Home

Jackie Allsbrook, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705

Sallie Ray Wilkerson, HeartFields, 1050 Crescent Green Dr., Cary, NC 27518

YOUTH CANDY GRAM FUNDRAISER

What to give to that person on your list who has everything? For this year's Holiday Fundraiser, our youth are offering Candy Grams! For a donation to our Summer Trip Fund, we will mail a card and sweet treat to someone you would like to honor, either with your name or anonymously. Please complete the form on the youth page of the website or contact the church office by December 12.

70TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

These make great commemorative gifts for family and friends this holiday season! NEW SALE PRICES: Tumbler: \$15 or 2 for \$25; Mug: \$8 or 2 for \$15; Bag: \$5; OR Bundle (Bag, Mug, & Tumbler) Price: \$25. Or buy updated gicleé prints of Marion Weathers' artwork, the "Lehman Benediction." Costs are: \$75 for 16x20, \$50 for 11x14, and \$35 for 8x10, or 8 Notecards for \$15. You can order these items online using the Give page of our website or purchase in the church office.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR GIVING PLAN CARD?

On Sunday, November 23, we gathered in worship to commit ourselves to the ministries of Lakeside Church in 2026. If you were not able to attend that service, or had not yet completed your giving plan card, we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial pledge to Lakeside for 2026 and turn in your card to the church office this month. We *BELONG* together!

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday night's Jingle Mingle was such fun celebrating with friends from some of our partner churches! It was great to see a good number of Lakeside youth there. Everyone watch your messages about scheduling a holiday party during your Christmas break, and ski trip participants, continue to watch for more details about our trip to West Virginia, January 23-25. Think snow! Elizabeth

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Because of the Moravian Lovefeast trip on December 7, we have decided to cancel our Continue the Communion Lunch for December. See you January 4 (location TBA)! Other upcoming events: Christmas party at Dick & Nancy's Berry's home (1412 Jeremy Lane) on Sunday, December 14, after the Candlelight Service, and a visit to the Dunn Center to view the Life & Art of Charles M. Schulz exhibit on the afternoon of January 6, 2026. Sue

CIRCLE 10

Circle 10 will meet Monday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lecture Room. Maria Elfaysal will speak to us about the local migrant worker ministry that Lakeside has worked with for several years on projects for the workers and their children. Remember to bring caps and gloves for Benvenue Elementary students.

THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Sammie Crumley and Jennifer Cobb

Ushers – Jerry Hamrick, Trevor Lane, and Keith Ballentine

Acolyte – Duffy Ward

December 7, 2025 ♦ The Second Sunday of Advent

Lessons: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55

Sermon: "Making Room for Peace"

Antonio Vivaldi's *Magnificat* (RV610)

Featuring the Lakeside Chancel Choir, Choral Scholars, and
Strings from the New North Carolina Sinfonia

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$542,902	\$517,898
Through November 30	\$11,836	\$473,788	\$431,533
Variance	+\$526	-\$69,114	-\$86,365

YEAR-END GIVING

We depend on your generous giving! As of December 3, we have collected \$477,553 in support of our 2025 ministries. We will need to receive \$110,591 by the end of the year to meet all of our ministry plan goals. Please make sure to meet (or exceed!) your giving goals by December 31 so that we might end the year well financially. *If you have directed stock sales or distributions to the church for any offering, please let us know as soon as possible.*



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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Needles and Prayers, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Administrative Council, Conference Room

Sunday, December 7

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. Continue the Communion, El Jimador
1:30 p.m. Depart for Moravian Lovefeast

Monday, December 8

11:00 a.m. Circle 10, Lecture Room

Wednesday, December 10

10:30 a.m. At the Table, Benvenue Country Club
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Music Building
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Building

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Many families in our community struggle during the holiday season. If you would like to help a family in our community celebrate Christmas, please send monetary donations marked for "Christmas Families" by December 12. These funds will be offered to a local charity to distribute to families in need.

THIS SUNDAY: ANTONIO VIVALDI'S *MAGNIFICAT*

This Sunday in worship, we hope you will join us as our Chancel Choir, Choral Scholars, and guest string players from the New Carolina Sinfonia will present Antonio Vivaldi's *Magnificat*. The singers have been working hard each week, and we are excited to bring this work to life at Lakeside!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT LAKESIDE – "MAKING ROOM"

"Let every heart prepare Him room..."

This year's theme for Advent and Christmas is "Making Room." Advent is the season that prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. We must *make room* for Christ's life and message in our lives as we hear these stories of hope, peace, joy, and love once more. And as we make room for that message individually, we also *make room* as a church family for Christ to come into our midst, as we welcome others in Christ's name, this season and always. All are welcome here, and we will *make room* for you.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, December 7 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir presents Vivaldi's *Magnificat*
1:30 p.m. Departure for Moravian Lovefeast at Wake Forest University

Sunday, December 14 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Advent Worship
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service

Sunday, December 21 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Advent Worship
6:00 p.m. Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 24 ♦ Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship & Communion

Sunday, December 28 ♦ First Sunday after Christmas

11:00 a.m. Christmas Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

This year we will host the Longest Night Service, a service of remembrance and renewal, on the longest night of the year: Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. This service will provide a space of prayer and support for anyone coping with loss, grief, depression, or those who simply need some quiet time for reflection during the stressful holiday season. Participants from several area churches as well as chaplains in our community will join us. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome, and feel free to bring a friend.