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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ✠ SEPTEMBER 2025



Pastor's Corner

Rev. Jae Wuk Cho

Dear Lakeside Family,

I am excited to share that on Sunday, September 21, we will celebrate the 84th Anniversary of Lakeside United Methodist Church! This is a wonderful milestone in the life of our church, and I invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and a renewed sense of togetherness as we give thanks for all that God has done through Lakeside over the years. To make this celebration even more meaningful, we are calling it “Back to Church Sunday.” We encourage you to invite friends, family, and anyone who has a connection to Lakeside to join us as we celebrate God’s faithfulness together.

One of our faithful members has lovingly organized historical collections in the Unity room—photographs, past bulletins, and other treasures—that tell the story of our church family. Some of these highlights will be displayed at the Welcome Desk on September 21st. I encourage you to take a few moments to look through them and celebrate the memories they hold.

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We are also resuming our family lunch on this day. What better way to honor our shared legacy than by gathering at the table, enjoying good food, and celebrating God's faithfulness together? A sign-up form will be included in the bulletin, or you may call the church office to reserve your spot.

As we reflect on the past, we remember the fruits of ministry, the countless ways Christ's love has been shared, and the lives touched over 84 years. Looking back gives us strength and gratitude; looking forward, we step into the future with hope and faith.

I am deeply grateful that Lakeside UMC continues to embrace the call to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to be God's hands in our community and beyond.

With joy and thanksgiving,
Pastor Jae

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study resumes Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. We'll study "He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God" by Priscilla Shirer which draws life lessons from the account of God speaking to the boy Samuel in the beloved Bible story found in 1 Samuel 3.

Books can be purchased from Amazon, Lifeway, and Christianbook.com

LAMBS Basket

For September, we are collecting the following items each week:

- ⇒ Sept. 7 - juice boxes/box drinks
- ⇒ Sept. 14 - pop tarts/toaster pastries
- ⇒ Sept. 21 - kid's snacks
- ⇒ Sept. 28 - mac & cheese





Music Notes

It's time to resume regular rehearsals for the coming year, but not without mentioning sincere thanks to our soloists, the men's and women's choruses, small ensembles, and our children's group from VBS. The people of God sing throughout the Bible. They sang when they were delivered from the Egyptians, when Saul and his army defeated the Philistines, and when David slew Goliath. Singers were appointed in both the tabernacle and the temple, and remember that Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn after the Last Supper. To discover the "songbook" of the Bible, read the Psalms.

(I can't read them without music going through my head!).



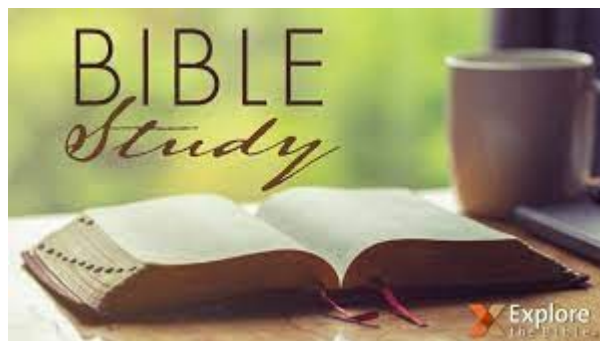
Singing, both sacred and secular, is so important to our lives. Of all the wonderful instruments man has created, God's creation of the human voice was the first and most important, capable of expressing any emotion, and it's an instrument we always have with us! So whether you are in the choir or the congregation, SING OUT!

Caroline

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Due to Pastor Jae having COVID, the Wednesday AM Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:00 a.m.. For the first eight weeks, we will embark on a Bible study titled The Chosen: Season 2.

To participate, you will need to purchase Blessed Are the Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume 2) (Stock No: WW782706) from Christianbook.com or Amazon.



Pastor Jae will have a few books available. If you are interested in joining the study, please sign up by contacting Pastor Jae via email or phone.





The Shepherd's Center Open University to Resume Classes for Fall Session

The Shepherd's Center of Richmond (TSCOR) has published its fall schedule of classes that will be offered in person and some via Zoom. The classes will cover a large variety of topics in literature, history, music, language, religion and more. Classes will be on Monday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Thursday mornings at Lakeside UMC from 9:30 to 10:30 and from 11:00 to 12:00. In addition, there will be lunch speakers from 12:30 to 1:30 PM each Monday and Thursday and four Wednesdays. All lunch speakers are available via Zoom. Language classes in German, Italian and Japanese will be on Tuesdays at The Shepherd's Center offices.

The entire schedule is at the Shepherd's Center's website at www.tscor.org and is available on the welcome table in the narthex. Tuition, that covers all the programs, is very reasonable for the fall session at \$50 for members and \$80 for non-members. Membership in TSCOR supports its programs and is \$25/year. Members can attend all the lunch speaker programs as a benefit of membership. So, for a \$25 membership one can hear 20 fascinating lunch speakers and for the \$50 tuition one can attend an additional 32 classes on a variety of interesting topics.

Classes available at Lakeside include the history of Royal France, the Birth of the Blues, review of an autobiography of Jane Eyre, and many and others. It is an eclectic and diverse offering with something of interest to almost everyone.

Details for registration are now available on the TSCOR website and brochures with the schedule are in the church narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Hal Costley or go to the TSCOR website.

PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

The pumpkins will arrive on **September 27th** at 9:00 a.m. Help is needed to unload the truck, set up, and sell. Any and all volunteers are welcomed. You can sign up for 2-hour increments in the sign up notebook on the welcome center.

The times for selling are:

- Weekdays 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7
- Saturdays 10-12:1230 12:30-3, 3-5:30 and 5:30-7
- Sundays 1-3, 3-5, 5-7

Selling is a great time to sit with a friend and chat and sell.





♦ **The Sunday Lunch Returns**

Join us after worship on Sunday, September 21st, for our first Sunday lunch after the summer hiatus. We'll celebrate our 84th Anniversary with food, fellowship, and an ice cream social. RSVP using the form in your bulletin. You can pay online, simply choose "Family Lunch" in the drop-down menu. Adults: \$7.00, Children 10 and under: \$3.00.

♦ **Charge Conference**

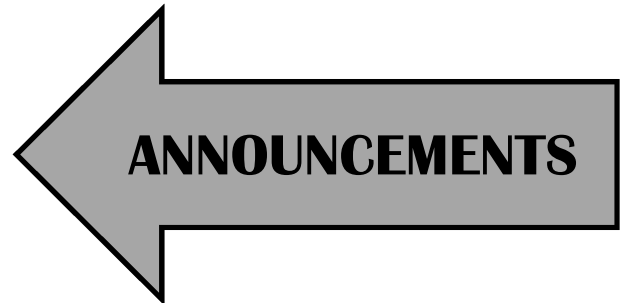
This year's Charge Conference is set for Sunday, September 28th at 3:00 p.m. It will take place at Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Mechanicsville. Shady Grove UMC is located at 8209 Shady Grove Road.

♦ **ROMEOS breakfast**

Join the ROMEOS on Tuesday, September 2nd for their monthly breakfast at Golden Corral, 8:00 a.m. For more information, contact Bob Friend or the church office.

♦ **Trunk or Treat**

Mark your calendar for our annual "Trunk or Treat" on October 26th from 4-6 p.m. Join in the fun and volunteer to help kids in the community enjoy the games, food, and of course giving out candy from your decorated trunks. If you can't be there in person, candy donations beginning in October would be greatly appreciated.



Save the Date!

No, no one is getting married, but the Lakeside United Methodist Men are having a long-awaited event, the annual Brunswick stew sale. The stew will be on November 8, 2025. We have set the date and are carefully planning our next steps. Since we are early in the process, we can't nail down the exact price per quart. Historically, Lakeside UMM has been able to beat the per quart price of other area organizations for what we consider a superior product. Initial research indicates we will probably be able to offer the World-Famous Lakeside Brunswick stew for the same price as last year, \$ 10.00 per quart.

Stay tuned for additional details on when we will be going live accepting orders!

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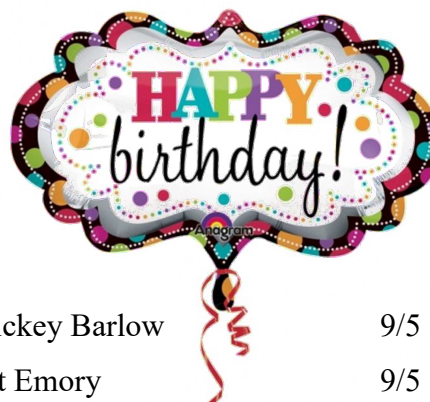


The Upper Room

The Upper Room is a daily devotional magazine published in more than 30 languages and 100 countries around the world. The daily meditations are written by readers of the magazine and others interested in sharing their faith experiences through writing—both laity and clergy, published authors and new writers. The meditations are stories of real people working to live faithfully with the Bible as their touchstone. Every day, readers of The Upper Room around the world read the same story in many different languages and pray the same prayer together. The daily devotional guide and the community it draws together invite people to:

- listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story;
- commune with God in prayer;
- see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work;
- realize our connection through Christ as a universal family of believers;
- encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness.

The September/October Upper Room is now available. Pick one up during office hours or on Sunday!



Mickey Barlow	9/5
Pat Emory	9/5
Charlotte Ewbank	9/9
Iva Mullins	9/9
Zack Hedrick	9/10
Jimmy Hedrick, Jr.	9/11
Brenda Baynham	9/13
Barbara Nelson	9/14
Joan Brooks	9/15
Mary Long	9/18
Joan Reid	9/19
Heather Kelchner	9/23
Sherri Hedrick	9/25
Brandon Robinson	9/27
Ginger Reiter	9/28
Kiernan Magner	9/29