



# the Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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## Pastor's Corner

### "Grace in Action"

Lakeside Family,

We began a 36-month capital funds campaign, *Claiming the Change*, earlier this year. I am grateful and excited to share in the work and ministry to which God has called us. Through this campaign, we look forward to expanding our ministries and deepening our connection with the community. As gifts are received over the next few years, we will begin making needed upgrades step by step. What better way to refresh, renew, and reimagine God's vision for Lakeside?

Alongside this, it is also time to prepare our budget for the coming year. Your pledge to the 2026 Mission and Ministry Operating Fund allows us to plan faithfully and carry out fruitful ministry at Lakeside.

This year's theme for our Stewardship Campaign is *Grace in Action*. Our guiding scripture is Luke 15:20, 24:

**"But while the son was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him...And they began to celebrate."**

## Church Events

- 9/29-10/31—Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser
- 10/5—Communion Sunday
- 10/70—ROMEOS breakfast
- 10/19—Family Lunch
- 10/22—United Methodist Men meeting
- 10/26—Trunk or Treat



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Jesus says that God – the Prodigal Parent – puts grace into action this way: welcoming us home even when we don't "deserve" it; forgiving us completely before we can even ask; and treating just the sight of us as cause for extravagant joy.

At our best, this sort of celebratory welcome is what Lakeside United Methodist Church is all about. Welcoming visitors and regulars alike into the beautiful choreography of worship and celebration. We strive to be a community of joy – prodigal, extravagant, and free – for anyone who longs for a meal, an embrace, and the reassurance that they are not alone.

This welcome is about repairing the world through love, one celebration at a time.

I am excited to walk through this Stewardship season with you. May we deepen our relationship with God and one another as together we learn to live out grace in action.

**Stewardship Season: 10/26-11/6 (Commitment Sunday Lunch)**

In Christ's love,  
Jae Cho

## Red Cross Update

The Red Cross selected Lakeside UMC as their blood drive of the week for our August 16th blood drive. This honor recognizes a group that exemplifies outstanding dedication to the community blood program. Overall, the drive collected 33 units on a goal of 24.

Thank you to each of our dedicated blood donors who made this another successful blood drive and an outreach ministry to our neighbors in need.

Jo Anne Kelchner  
Health and Welfare Coordinator

## Youth Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

**September 29—October 31**

We need volunteers to help sell the pumpkins. Would you cover a 2-hour shift? It's a great time to sit with a friend and chat while you sell!

Sign up in the notebook/binder in the Narthex.



# Henrico Christmas Mother

Thank you for your 2024 donations of 200 “gently loved” books for adult readers. This year HCM needs “new” books for children ages 1-18. We strive to give 2 new books to all the children and would appreciate your help. We also give “gently loved” books to the adults who are the applicants, senior (65+) adults and disabled adults. There will be bins in the church Narthex in October for your donations!

Thank you very much!

There are posters on our bulletin boards in English and Spanish with the 5 October dates. Also, our website – [www.henricochristmasmother.org](http://www.henricochristmasmother.org) – has detailed information of the documentation needed to bring to the warehouse. On October 15th, the website will accept volunteer applications for our setup and distribution dates.



## Music Notes

At this time of year, church musicians are thinking ahead to Christmas, the season that has produced some of the most beautiful music ever written, and we are inviting those of you who like to sing to join with us as we rehearse a beautiful new cantata by Lloyd Larson. “Glory to the Newborn King” celebrates the birth and the light of Christ, and we will have the usual group of excellent instrumentalists to accompany the chancel choir.

It will be presented at the 11:00 service December 14, and please bring a friend with you to be inspired by the beautiful music and readings.

The familiar old carol tunes, combined with the composer’s new tunes, represent the timeless message of Emmanuel coming from the heart of God and entering our world with His message of hope, peace, joy, and love. If there are any singers in the congregation who would like to be a part of this, please join us at our Thursday evening rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Caroline



# Do You Zelle? Do you Tithely?

What are we talking about here? Are these code words for some nefarious activity? No, Zelle and Tithely are methods Lakeside United Methodist Church has established for online, electronic giving.

Zelle is available to our congregants with an established checking account with most banks and credit unions. If your financial institution offers Zelle as a means of transferring money, you can use this feature for a feeless way to make your contributions to Lakeside. During COVID we established Zelle as a contactless means of receiving your gifts. To use Zelle, you login to your financial institutions app and find the Zelle transfer feature and follow these basic steps:

- **Send:** enter [earlekelchner@gmail.com](mailto:earlekelchner@gmail.com) as the email to which you will be sending the funds (Though this is my personal email, it is directly linked to Lakeside's operating account at Bank of America; Zelle transfers are immediately deposited into the church's account)
- Enter the amount
- Tap **Review**, and add a memo to direct the funds towards your intended use of the gift
- Tap **Send** - your gift has been sent, credited to the church's bank account and recorded for your statement of giving

Tithely is our new platform for recording attendance and giving; you have probably noticed the QR code that appears in the bulletin (and below). Using the QR code and the camera on your smartphone allows you to also make online gifts. If you need any additional information on any of these giving methods, please contact me at church, by email, or phone (804-221-1142).

Butch Kelchner  
Treasurer



## Brunswick Stew

Have you noticed the leaves turning and falling? Mother Nature is announcing the change in season and the Lakeside United Methodist Men are announcing their annual Brunswick Stew sale on November 8, 2025. The price is still \$ 10.00 per quart and pick up starts at 1:00 PM at the church.

To ensure that your order is satisfied, we encourage you to order early. You can order by using the bulletin insert, contacting the church office or emailing [stew@lakesideum.org](mailto:stew@lakesideum.org) . If you are placing your order by email, please include the **following information: Name, Contact Number, Quantity.**

Payment can be made by cash or check on the day of pick-up or in advance by Zelle, or check made out to Lakeside UMM referencing STEW. If paying by Zelle, your payment should be directed to [earlekelchner@gmail.com](mailto:earlekelchner@gmail.com) and reference UMM Stew in the "What's This For" block.

You can also pay using Tithely, just scan the QR code in your bulletin (and to the left) or go to our website and give there. Be sure to choose "Brunswick Stew" as the fund.

We will be prepping for the stew on 11/7/25, in the fellowship hall from 9:00 AM until we're done. If you have some free time, we'd love to fellowship with you while chopping veggies and chicken.



# Announcements

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month.** While we appreciate the work of our Pastor all year long, October is a special opportunity to show your love and support for Pastor Jae through your spontaneous hand-written notes, cards, gifts, prayers, and words of encouragement. It is also appropriate to acknowledge his wife, Juliet, as well!

## **Save the Date: Church Fall Clean-up**

Let's freshen our space! Volunteers are needed on Saturday morning, November 15, to wash windows, disinfect surfaces, polish, dust, wash, sweep, vacuum, etc. Lunch will be provided.

Please call me at (804) 874-4704 if you have any questions.

Yours, in Christ  
Helene Hannan

## **LAMBS Basket Collection**

In October, we'll be collecting the following items each week:

- October 5: spaghetti sauce
- October 12: soup
- October 19: pork & beans
- October 26: snack crackers

We continue to need most food items, paper bags, & plastic bags. We currently have a sufficient stock of canned corn, green beans, and tuna. Thank you for your continued generosity in feeding our hungry neighbors.

Jo Anne Kelchner  
Health and Welfare Coordinator

*Don't Forget!*

Daylight Savings time ends:  
November 2, 2025

Set your clock back 1 hour  
before you go to bed—that  
way you won't be late for  
church!





# TRUNK or Treat



**Sunday, October 26th**

**Lakeside UMC**

**4:00—6:00 pm**

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 26th

**TIME:** 4pm—6pm

*What's Happening:* Lots of candy, games, hot dogs, drinks, chips! Wear your favorite costume and enjoy!

*How you can help:*

- ♦ Donations of candy - there is a basket in the Narthex for candy collection
- ♦ Volunteers are needed on the 26th from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. to work wherever needed
- ♦ Decorated trunks to participate. Please bring candy to give out to the kids--if you run out, we'll have more as a backup
- ♦ Pray that God will make this a fun event and a blessing for the families in our community.

If you can volunteer to work or display your decorated trunk, please record your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Questions? Call Bob Friend at 804.873.1875 or email him at [4friend@comcast.net](mailto:4friend@comcast.net). Thanks!

***Please spread the word & tell everyone you know about our  
Pumpkin Patch & Trunk or Treat event!***