

“We envision Lakeside UMC to be God’s HANDS in our community and beyond:
Hospitable, Always Faithful, Nurturing, Discipleship, Service.”

January 2026

THE MESSENGER

Lakeside United Methodist Church

Pastor’s Corner

I am pleased and grateful to present our Church Council for 2026. As you all know, the Church Council is an important part of life in a United Methodist Church. It is the governing body that helps guide the church in its mission and ministry. The Church Council brings leaders together to pray, plan, and work so that the church can follow Jesus Christ and serve the community.

The Council does not do all the work by itself. Instead, it supports and coordinates the work of many teams and leaders. Together, they help the church stay focused on making disciples and sharing God’s love.

Honoring and Installing Our Leaders

On Sunday, January 18, 2026, during our worship service, we will take a special time to honor our Church Council members who faithfully completed their terms in 2025. We are thankful for their dedication, prayers, and leadership.

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Mark Your Calendar

1/6

ROMEOS Breakfast

1/11

Communion Sunday

1/18

Family Lunch

1/19

OFFICE CLOSED

1/20

Church Council meeting

1/28

United Methodist Men

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We will also hold an Order of Installation and Recognition for those who will serve in 2026. This is a meaningful moment in worship when we ask God's blessing on our leaders and promise to support them with our prayers and encouragement.

Church Council Leadership Team 2026

Below is our incoming Church Council leadership. We give thanks to God for each person and their willingness to serve:

Council Chair:	Kip Robinson
Lay Leader:	Brenda Baynham
Council Secretary:	Robin Willis
Worship:	Sandy Rabuck
Mission:	Dina Giese
Congregational Care:	Diana Watson-Phillips

SPRC:	Angela Harper
Trustee:	TBD (chosen in January)
Finance Chair:	Hal Costley
UMM Representative:	Mark Gillis
Treasurer:	Butch Kelchner
Capital Campaign:	Gaye King
Lay Member to	
Annual Conference:	Brenda Baynham

Please keep our Church Council and all our leaders in your prayers. May God guide them as they lead with faith, wisdom, and love. As a church family, may we continue to work together for God's mission in our church and community.

Pastor Jae

2025 Brunswick Stew

The Lakeside United Methodist Men's 2025 Brunswick Stew is officially in the books!

After weeks of uncertainty surrounding ingredient costs—driven by tariff fluctuations and persistently high chicken prices—costs finally dipped just in time for stew week. Still, the team faced a few logistical hurdles.

With over 800 quarts pre-sold, we discovered on Wednesday that one of the essential stew pots was unavailable—just days before the Saturday event. A frantic phone call to Rev. Bill James, connected us with Skipwith United Methodist Church and, ultimately, Saint Andrew's UMC in Henrico's West End. After several conversations with their chair of trustees, two pots were secured, and we were back on track!

We extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this annual fundraiser a success. Whether you helped pick up pots on Thursday, chopped vegetables on Friday, stirred, packaged, cleaned up on Saturday, returned pots to Shady Grove and Saint Andrew's on Sunday, or purchased stew—your support made it all possible.

We made well over 900 quarts with the profits going to enable the United Methodist Men to assist with projects and needs around the church and throughout the Lakeside community.

Butch Kelchner

Music Notes

First, a big “Thank You” to our hard-working choir for the effort they put into the presentation of the Christmas cantata. From the comments I heard, it was very meaningful to the congregation and visitors, as well as to those who sang, read, and played. Jeanne’s directing, and the choir’s response to it, were complimented by a fellow musician who attended—and I agree!

On a personal note, due to my worsening tremor, it has become too difficult to even write my name. Please know how much I appreciate your cards and notes, even though I can’t reciprocate.

Caroline



Henrico Christmas Mother: Update

Thank you for your generous donations to help almost 1,600 families this holiday season! There were 56 new children’s books and 77 “gently loved” books for adults donated! To keep children and senior adults warm this winter, there 211 items donated (83 hats, 38 scarves, 11 sets, 1 headband, 2 booties, and 1 jacket).

All total, there were 313 items donated to Henrico Christmas Mother this year. Since our December weather began very cold and snowy, we needed every item—all of which were selected by parents and senior adults.

Angela Harper & Robin Smith

ROMEOS

RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT
SOMETIMES

You need not be retired or old but a good appetite is required!

Join us on Tuesday, January 6th,
8:00 a.m., at Golden Corral off of
Gaskins Rd.

FAMILY LUNCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

AFTER WORSHIP

Enter your best pie & get \$1.00 off
your dinner price!

RSVP by Wednesday, January 14th.
Adults: \$7; Children 10 & under: \$3

A Heartfelt "Thank You"

Dear LUMC church members,

A huge thank you for the greeting cards at Christmas time and the many cards I have received during the year. It has been so appreciated to being remembered even though I am unable to attend services. You have truly shown Christian love and I am thankful!

Christmas blessings and may 2026 be a blessed year for you all!

Barbara King.



Phyllis Barnette	1/3	Cherry Corley	1/7	Marlo Gibson	1/23
Isabella Marie Goff	1/3	James Leap	1/11	Mary Ellen Bandy	1/25
Clara Magner	1/4	Stephanie Sizemore	1/16	David Kallon	1/25
Jayden Nuckols	1/4	Susan Walker	1/17	Kaeden Janson	1/26
Linda Walker	1/6	Mark Crowder	1/18	Andrew Hedrick	1/28
Charles Washington	1/6	Wendy Curry	1/18	Sue Roskoski	1/29