



the **Messenger**

Monthly Newsletter of Lakeside United Methodist Church
JULY/AUGUST 2026

Lakeside in Worship & Fellowship Highlights

- ✝ **8.4** ROMEOS
Breakfast
- ✝ **8.23** Back to School
Sunday
- ✝ **10.3** Pumpkin Patch
Opens
- ✝ **10.18** 85th
Anniversary Sunday
- ✝ **October 3-31st.**
Pumpkin Patch
- ✝ **10.25** Trunk or Treat

Dependence

On June 18, I underwent septoplasty surgery at VCU to correct a deviated septum that I have had since I was young. For many years, I struggled to breathe properly through my nose. I am grateful that the surgery went well. My nose is still swollen, my throat is irritated from the breathing tube used during surgery, and I still feel tired and low on energy. However, I am thankful for the progress I have made and expect to continue improving in the days ahead.

This experience has made me reflect deeply on the meaning of dependence.

As I lay on the operating table before surgery, I realized how much I had to trust other people. Once the surgery began, there was nothing I could do except depend on the doctors and nurses to take care of me.

The surgery started at 8:30 a.m. and lasted about three hours. When I woke up in the recovery room, I was still sleepy from the anesthesia. I could not do much for myself. At that moment, the nurse became my greatest source of help. The nurse took good care of me and helped me with everything I needed. All I could do was trust him.

Even on the way home, I had to depend on my wife to drive me safely. During the past week, my loving family has cared for me, helped me around the house, and made sure I had what I needed to recover.

This is why I have been thinking so much about dependence.

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Dependence *(continued from p. 1)*

I knew I could not fix my deviated septum by myself. I also could not take care of myself during recovery without help. It was a blessing to have skilled medical workers and loving family members caring for me.

As I thought about this, I realized that my relationship with God is similar. Sometimes I need to say, “Lord, I cannot do this on my own. I need your help. Please guide me.”

Trusting God is not always easy. We often want to be in control and solve our own problems. But God invites us to trust him and depend on his wisdom and strength. It requires acknowledging that we do not have all the answers and that we need God’s guidance, power, and grace.

Through this surgery and recovery, God reminded me that depending on him is not a sign of weakness. It is part of how we were created to live, trusting God and helping others. We were never meant to carry every burden by ourselves. We were created to depend on God and to receive his care through the people he placed around us.

My prayer is that each of us will take time to reflect on the beauty of dependence in our walk with Christ. May we find the courage to be vulnerable before God, trusting that his strength is made perfect in our weakness and that his grace is always sufficient for our needs.

In Christ,
Pastor Jae
Pastor Jae

Music Notes

A huge thank you goes to the Men’s Chorus for their musical offerings during June. and the Women’s Chorus during July. We look forward to various solos, duets, and ensembles during August.

We will begin choir rehearsals for the fall on August 27 at 7:30. Handbell rehearsals will begin September 10 at 6:30. Please consider joining the group(s)! For information, see Jeanne or any choir/bell member.

Jeanne

Reminder:

ROMEOS breakfast at
Golden Corral on the first
Tuesday of each month
8:00 a.m.

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



The next Blood Drive is Saturday, August 15th. To make an appointment or for information, call Jo Anne Kelchner at (804) 746-9005.

It's never too late to give the gift of life and...**giving the gift of life is another way you can dispense God's grace.**



UMCOR Hygiene Kits: Lakeside Leads the District Again

It’s great to have *The Messenger* back—and a perfect time to celebrate the work of the Lakeside United Methodist Men and their ongoing support of our District, our Conference, and those in need of relief supplies.

For several years, Lakeside has served as the collection depot for hygiene kits assembled by Richmond-area churches in the Three Notch District. Thanks to the generosity of LUMC members, we were able to purchase supplies and assemble 502 UMCOR hygiene kits this year. Each kit includes a hand towel, washcloth, bar of soap, nail clippers, comb, toothbrush, and ten adhesive bandages, all carefully packed into a gallon-size re-sealable bag.

This marks the fourth consecutive year that Lakeside has led the District in the number of kits assembled. The project continues to grow—rising from 288 kits in 2022 to 502 kits in 2026. This year, Lakeside’s contribution accounted for more than one-third of all kits produced by the other churches combined.

In total, 1,711 kits—including 99 menstrual hygiene kits and 78 cleaning kits (formerly known as “flood buckets”)—will be dispatched from the garage on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, and will eventually find their way to areas experiencing natural disasters.

Thank you for your faithful support of this important UMCOR ministry.

Butch Kelchner, Project Coordinator



Thank You!

Thank you for the warm welcome from my Lakeside family. I have appreciated the showering of your love and grace upon me in the many forms of gifts and grace given to me in settling into Lakeside United Methodist Church.

I originally grew up and was baptized into the Methodist Faith at Annandale United Methodist. My great Aunt Joan was instrumental in starting me on my faith walk as a Methodist. It's good to be home in the familiar.

Your New Administrative Assistant, Cherie Miller



Thank you UMM for an evening of fellowship and dinner. It was a fun evening to be outside together and enjoy the community of saints! The meal was great and everyone enjoyed the dessert of Fat Daddy's and cookies.



Lakeside UMC 85th Anniversary Sunday

You're Invited!

Join us as we celebrate **85 Years of God's Faithfulness!** Sunday, October 18th.

We joyfully invite you to our **85th Church Anniversary Celebration** as we honor our rich history, celebrate God's blessings, and look forward to the future He has prepared for us.

Come worship with us as we lift our hearts in praise, reflect on 85 years of ministry, fellowship with family and friends, and give thanks for God's unwavering love and guidance.

Following the service, please join us for a time of food, fellowship, and celebration.

Whether you have been with us for many years or are visiting, we would be honored to celebrate this special milestone with you.

"To God be the glory for 85 years of faith, hope, and service!"

We look forward to celebrating with you! Stay tuned for additional information in the coming weeks. Who might you recognize in the basketball picture below?



Congratulations Hal Costley



Lakeside United Methodist Church member Hal Costley has received the Donald Owen and Katherine Horridge Smith National Volunteer of Excellence Award presented by The Shepherd's Center of Richmond. The award is presented annually in conjunction with the national network, Aging Forward, of which The Shepherd's Center is an affiliate organization. Given to members who

have demonstrated outstanding service and lasting contributions as a volunteer, Costley becomes the third local representative to be installed in the National Gallery of Excellence.

Costley has served The Shepherd's Center of Richmond as board president and treasurer and as a tireless worker on the governance, education, client services, handy helpers, and finance committees. He is a longtime volunteer driver in the Center's transportation program that takes adults 60 and over to medical appointments or grocery shopping. As an active contributor to the Center's Open University, a lifelong learning program, he has taught numerous courses and often participated as a lunchtime speaker.



A retired engineer, Costley is an active member of the Avery Point community. For more information about The Shepherd's Center of Richmond visit tscor.org



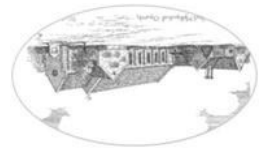
July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please Pray (or give thanks) for the topics, events (or groups) and birthdays listed each day.			1 Virginia Farmers	2 Amusement Park Employees	3 Fans of Baseball	4 Steve Bandy
5 The Lonely	6 Lakeside Farmers Market Vendors	7 Local Small Shops	8 Stray Dogs & Cats	9 Iris Winstead	10 Dina Giese	11 Mark Elliott
12 Road Workers	13 Hal Costley	14 Jae Cho	15 Those with no AC	16 Darla Smith	17 Caitlin Adkins	18 Public Library Employees
19 Barbara Childress	20 Komba Musa, Jeanne Wermuth	21 Carol Perkins	22 Brianna Furreron	23 Bob Friend	24 Our National Leaders	25 Life Guards/ Water Safety Workers
26 Vacationers	27 Kids Home Alone	28 Bill Broske, Jr. Robert Smith	29 Stuart Dodson Gaye King	30 Summer School Teachers	31 Snow Cone Slurpers 	



August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please Pray (or give thanks) for the topics, events (or groups) and birthdays listed each day.						1 Book Club Members
2 Newly Married Couples	3 Pat Niemczyk	4 Michael Hale	5 Barbara King	6 New Parents	7 Rosemary Bucklew Kaedan Ratliff	8 Cooks that create amazing foods for us
9 Patience & safety while driving	10 Those who have gone on before us	11 Adult Illiteracy	12 Hair stylists & manicurists/ pedicurists	13 Those with hardened hearts	14 Parents and their back-to-school lists	15 Emory Magner
16 Shannon Maupin	17 Water, acrylic, & oil artists	18 Lynn White	19 Vickie Arbogast Stony Creery	20 Caretakers in our midst	21 Bill Giese	22 Connie Pryor
23 Eduardo Delcarpio	24 Those with food insecurities	25 Kathy Ewbank	26 First Responders	27 Kip Robinson	28 Jeanne Wiles	29 Shawn Prazeres
30 Victor Mauzy	31 Those facing expensive car repairs					



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