

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over! What a summer it has been!

I pray that you have had a wonderful summer. Between 4-H, VBS, and the sweltering heat, I hope you have had a chance to relax, get away from it all, and recharge. May these next few days be an opportunity to get outside, enjoy the weather, and maybe even squeeze in one more vacation or adventure before summer slips away.

As summer comes to an end, let us also remember the teachers, students, and families who are preparing for a new school year and all the excitement and challenges that come with it. May we keep them in our prayers as they begin this new chapter, asking God to give them wisdom, patience, strength, and joy in the days ahead.

This week I invite you to join me in prayer for them. The following prayer is from *The Book of Worship* and is a wonderful place for us to start:

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom,
We offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings

And for the opportunity to learn and to wonder.

We pray for teachers, students, and staff

That this year might be rewarding for all.

Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks,

The fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self.

In our learning and our teaching,

May we grow in service to others and in love for your world,

Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

God Bless, Pastor Ed

Lakeville United Methodist Church Family:

No doubt, we are all aware that God provides many blessings to us. Such a blessing was presented to our church several years ago with the instructions to underwrite a scholarship program for students pursuing education beyond high school. The scholarship committee went a step further to not only present a monetary scholarship, but also prayer and other support for the students awarded the scholarship. (This program is known as LUMC Youth Scholarship & Care.)

As an outreach mission, our congregation have not only touched the lives of these young people financially, but also spiritually. Each student applying for the scholarship fills out an application as well as writing an essay relating how Lakeville UMC has touched their lives. These essays have been very insightful and powerful! Stories of their confirmations, youth group meetings and helping with VBS have been common threads among all the applicants over the years. Our congregation is, has, and will continue to serve as God's servants; sometimes we just do not see the results of that servant heart right away!

Moving forward, the scholarship committee would like to offer the entire congregation the opportunity to contribute financially to this impactful mission. If you feel moved to donate, please just mark your contribution "LUMC Youth Scholarship and Care Fund".

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

If you have any further questions, feel free to ask Martha Tyler or Kathy Jaworski.

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Charlotte NC 28203**

TOPS Club meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door.

**Online giving is available for your convenience
Scan the QR code for the direct link. Also, at lakevilleumc.org**



Food Pantry Needs: corn muffin mix, cake mix, frosting, apple juice, salt, saltine crackers, toilet paper canned chicken Thank you.

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

**Sunday Fellowship Time
Refreshments Schedule**

Aug 30 Chicken BBQ **Sept. 6** _____

Sept. 13 _____

**Sign up at the bulletin board outside the
kitchen door.**

Sunday Kids Church Schedule

Aug 30 _____ **Sept. 6** Communion

Sept. 13 _____

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kitchen door.**

Looking Ahead

Fifth Sunday – Aug 30, Chicken BBQ

Please bring a dish to share! Guest speaker: Steve Jarrell

Preschool Open House – Wednesday, Sept. 2, 9:30 AM

Missions/Evangelism Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 3, 6:30 PM

Disciples & Dragons – Sunday, Sept. 6, 6-8 PM

Pre-K First Day of School – Tuesday, Sept. 8

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Sept. 8, 3-6 PM

Turkey Supper Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6:30 PM

M/W Preschool First Day of School – Wednesday, Sept. 9

T/Th Preschool First Day of School – Thursday, Sept. 10

Fellowship Committee Mtg – Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30 PM

Blood Drive – Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2:30-6:30 PM at Palmer's Community Complex

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7 PM

S'mores & Hymns – Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 PM