The Messenger



Apportionment: Doing God's Work Together

Have you ever wondered what apportionment means in the United Methodist Church?

As United Methodists, we believe that the church is more than one local congregation. We are part of a larger family of churches working together to share the love of Jesus Christ with the world.

Apportionment is one way we live out this belief.

Each year, our church is asked to contribute a portion of our giving to support the ministries of our Virginia Annual Conference and the larger United Methodist Church. The amount is determined through a formula approved by the conference.

So, where does this money go?

Our apportionment helps support many important ministries, including global missions, disaster relief, theological education, the training of pastors, and historically Black colleges and universities. It also supports the work that helps our denomination serve churches and communities around the world.

Why is this important?

As a local church, there are many things we cannot do alone. But when churches come together, we can do so much more. We can help people in need, prepare future pastors, support mission work around the world, and share God's love with people we may never meet.

This is one of the things I love about being United Methodist. We believe that our faith is not just about what happens inside our church building. We are called to reach beyond our walls and be a blessing to our neighbors and the world.

At Lakeside, we support our local community through ministries like LAMB's Basket. Through apportionment giving, we also participate in the mission and ministry of the wider United Methodist Church.

Thank you for your faithful giving and for being part of this ministry. Every gift matters, and together, we can do more than we could ever do alone.

Claiming the Change

Capital Campaign

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
Pledges and Additional Gifts

Received to Date: $265,222.00

Cash Available: $108,432.16

Second Project: Replacing Ceiling tiles and lighting in the Education Wing.

Status: Work to begin November 16, 2026
Missions & Ministry: Available $4,161. 12

All this is possible due to your generosity.

Gaye King, Chairman

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement.



Stay Connected

https://lakesideum.org/events

Sharing Life Together October 10, 2026





Celebrating Our Church Family Through Every Season

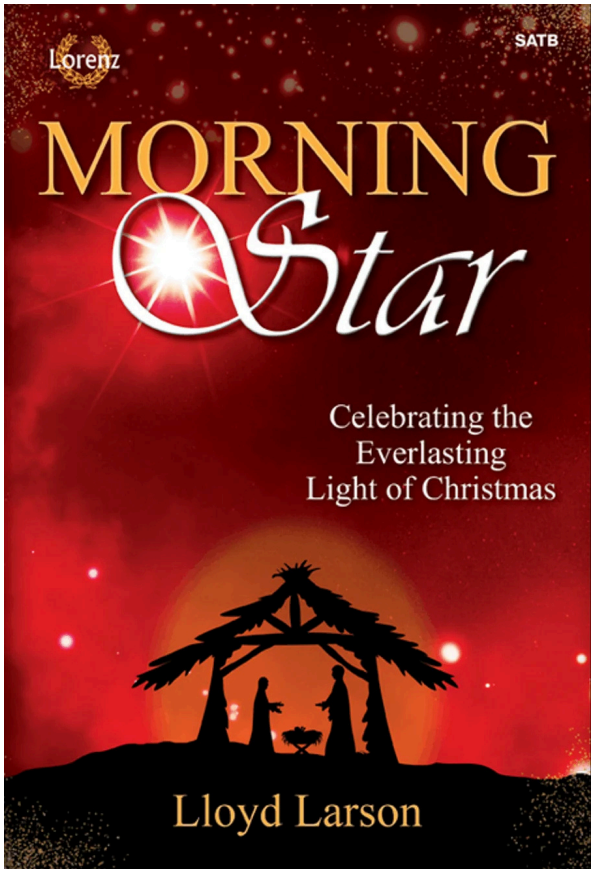
One of the greatest blessings of being part of a church family is sharing life together. We celebrate joyful occasions, welcome new beginnings, remember loved ones, and support one another through life's challenges. Through it all, we are reminded of God's unfailing love and the importance of walking together in faith.

Celebrating Life's Milestones
Our church family has so much to celebrate! Birthdays, anniversaries, special accomplishments, and other milestones give us opportunities to share joy and express gratitude for the blessings God brings into our lives. Let us continue to celebrate one another and give thanks for the many ways God is at work among us. 85 Years of memories shared together.

Remembering Those We Love
As we remember family members and friends who have passed away, we hold their memories close to our hearts. Their love, faith, and the lives they touched remain a treasured part of our stories. During this season of remembrance, may we find comfort in God's promises and strength in the love and support of our church family.

Trunk or Treat!
Fall is here, and we had a great time of fun and fellowship! This special event brings families and friends together for an evening of candy, costumes, laughter, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who decorated a vehicle, donated candy, volunteered , or helped make this event a success. Your generosity helps us share God's love with our neighbors.

Together in Faith and Fellowship
Whether we are celebrating a milestone, remembering someone dear, or gathering for a fun-filled church event, we are blessed to share these moments together. May we continue to encourage one another, care for one another, and make our church a place where everyone feels welcome and loved. With grateful hearts, let us keep sharing life, growing in faith, and shining God's light in our community. Blessings to you and your family!



Music Notes

SAVE THE DATE!

The choir will offer the annual Christmas Cantata with guest instrumentalists on Dec. 13 at the 11:00 worship service. This year's work is Morning Star, by Lloyd Larson. In the words of the composer, "Light is a prominent theme throughout scripture. In God's perfect timing, He came in the form of Jesus, the Light of the world. Hold fast to the promise that even in the darkest of nights, the Morning Star will rise!

"*Arise, shine for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.*"

(Isaiah 60:1)







Hope House Update

In November 2025, our congregation held a Church Conference to consider the sale of Hope House. The issue was primarily our inability to provide the needed maintenance and upkeep the facility required for it to be the ministry intended by Safe Harbor, which manages its use. The vote was 50 – 0 to authorize the sale.

After much preparation (survey, easement considerations, contract, title search, and other requirements) our petition to authorize the sale has been approved by the Henrico County Circuit Court. A closing date remains to be set (as of this writing) but the sale is in the final stages. The sale price is $253,000, from which our legal fees, survey costs, mortgage payoff and other costs must be paid.

The property is deeded under the trust clause of The United Methodist Church and therefore comes under the provisions of Paragraph 2543 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2020/2024 which restricts the net funds from the sale for "... capital improvements beyond the regular operating budget..."

Kip Robinson

Cents-Ability

Your change matters. Cents-Ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Congregations invite every member — of all ages — to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. When members bring their offerings to church on the appointed Sunday, all of those coins "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received and dedicated. These small acts of faithfulness can add up: a congregation of 100 persons can offer $2,160 dollars a year to those in need.



November 15th

Thanksgiving Meal

Register for our Thanksgiving Meal by going to our website under events or sign up on Sundays in the Narthex. You don't want to miss our traditional meal and fellowship time together!



Henrico Christmas Mother
"Warmvember"



In November, we express our gratitude for the many blessings God has provided to us and focus on how we can help others. Over the years, our church members have provided gifts of hats, knitted headbands, gloves, scarves and socks to be given to the children of our Henrico neighbors who qualify for assistance during the holidays. When the Christmas tree appears in the Narthex, it is bare and needs you to cover its branches with these gifts again. Each year we are challenged to provide enough warm clothing items. We would appreciate your making this month " Warmvember" with your gifts! So please help by shopping and knitting. We will be collecting these items from November 8th to December 6th.

Angela Harper, Henrico Christmas Mother Council member and Robin Smith, sustaining member



Thank you!



Thank you all for your kind words, cards, meals, and especially prayers throughout Karen's illness. With the love of the Lakeside family and by God's grace, you have eased our family's passage through this journey. So many of you contributed in ways we weren't even aware of, but please know you are appreciated.

God Bless, Bob Friend

A BIG THANK YOU to those who moved and set up pallets, all who came out on a rainy day and unloaded pumpkins and to everyone who manned the pumpkin table for sales.

Thank You,
Dina Giese
Missions



Thank You!

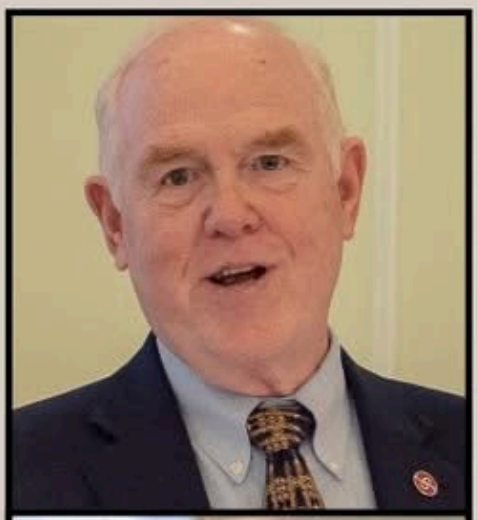
Thank You!

This Pastor Appreciation Month has been such a blessing to me and my family.

Thank you so much for your cards, encouragement, love, and grace. I am overwhelmed by your encouragement. Your love and support inspire me to be the best version of myself as I serve God and this community. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Lakeside UMC and to be part of this wonderful church family.

Your Pastor,
Jae

Meet Hal Costley
2026 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OF EXELLENCE HONOREE









The Shepherd's Center of Richmond is proud to recognize Hal Costley with the National Volunteer of Excellence Award in honor of his extraordinary dedication, leadership, and service. For more than a decade, Hal has been an essential part of our mission, strengthening our programs and enriching the lives of older adults across Metro Richmond.

Hal has held numerous roles over the years, from board president, intermim president, and treasurer to finance chair and dedicated driver. His willingness to step in at pivotal moments reflects his unparalleled dedication.

Thank you, Hal!

The Shepherd's Center of Richmond 804-355-7282

November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Henrico Christmas Mother volunteers	3 Gary Murphree ROMEOS 8:00 a.m.	4 Karen Brown	5 voters protecting our democracy	6 Janine Lewis	7 Teresa Maupin, Ann Terrill-Scholte Brunswick Stew Pick Up	8 Ian Cho, Angela Harper
9 Marie Christopherson	10 Vanity Taylor	11 Churches supporting Lamb's Basket	12 Shawn Arbogast	13 Folks with mental health challenges	14 People enjoying board games with family & friends	15 Coffee drinkers Thanksgiving Lunch
16 Folks involved with the McShin Foundation	17 Those waking up with hope in their heart	18 Animals abused or neglected by humans	19 Humans that protect and care for abandoned animals	20 Safety when using candles or fireplaces	21 Jeff Hedrick	22 school PTAs
23 Fussy teething toddlers	24 Families sharing love	25 Families struggling to be civil with each other	26 Folks gathered around the table for a Thanksgiving feast	27 Mike Magner	28 Those hanging the greens at LUMC	29 The beginning of the Advent season
30 the thrill of twinkle lights and ornaments						

EVENTS

November 15 – Thanksgiving Meal
Register on line or in the Narthex to to make sure we have a proper headcount for the meal.

Advent Season Begins November 29
Each Sunday we will celebrate the meaning of the Christmas Season. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation of our hearts.

Hanging of the Greens November 28
Please come and join us to decorate the sanctuary and building areas for the Christmas Season. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."