

April 2010

Forward in Faith

Lakewood Park United Methodist Church

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lakewoodparkumc.org

Worship with us on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

6:30 a.m. - Community Sunrise Service at Indrio Crossings.
Please bring own seating.

8:30 and 11 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Praise and Worship Service



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ brought when he walked on Earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out for it is the eternal light of God's glory.



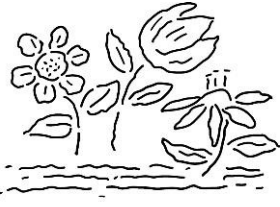
Christ's life is truly the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. Christ's way is the way that makes the most sense for living on this earth. The true saints have proven that over and over.

The hope which Christ offers us is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our only real assurance that life can be good and joyous for everyone. Read the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply it to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, nrsv).



If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

Memorial Garden News



Memorial Garden

This month we will be trimming the Podocarpus Hedge, weeding by hand or via Round Up, checking the irrigation system, and looking forward to replacing a few of the damaged plantings

from the freeze. Bob Basnett gives many, many hours to cleaning and maintaining the pool inside the Memorial Garden. Oak leaves are in abundance now!

The Contract with C&M Lawn Care for the Garden's complete care, began on March 1, 2010.

Donations are always appreciated throughout the year for the Memorial Garden Fund.

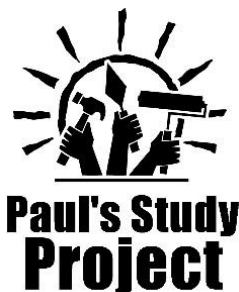
The beautiful new Memorial Garden table has been placed in the Narthex by Hugh Martin and committee members. Here you will find our new Memorial Garden Brochure, application form for those who wish to have their remains placed in the Garden, and the red Remembrance Books.

Business Partner of the Year

Lakewood Park Elementary is proud to nominate Lakewood Park United Methodist Church as our Business Partner of the Year for 2009/2010. From Holiday gifts to school supplies, their generosity has no end. This past year, through their "Angel Tree" program, they donated over 120 Christmas gifts for our underprivileged children. At the beginning of the year they arrived with school supplies valued at \$200, plus a check in the amount of \$150. In October, one of our families lost their home and had to relocate at the last minute. The Church sent food and other needed items that afternoon after hearing what happened.

Mrs. Devon Turner, who heads the outreach program, is one of our school parents and treasurer of our PTO. Mrs. Turner and other Church members are always willing and ready to help us in any way they can.

We are pleased to recognize Lakewood Park United Methodist Church for their continuing support and commitment to our students.



I am starting to ready Paul's Study for painting. We will be creating a "sitting room" type of Study in the near future.

If you or your group have any materials in there, please come and get them.

Thank you, Pat Williams

April Birthdays

Martha King	4/4
Rose Bell	4/5
Jan Everett	4/12
Norm Barker	4/13
Bobbie Kahl	4/17
Jeanette Merksamer	4/21
Ginnie Dibble	4/24
Ann Bryant	4/29
Lish Wilcoxson	4/30



April Anniversaries

John & Carol Fike	4/6/1957
Corky & Pat Boddy	4/7/1962
Bob & Ruth Halleran	4/16/1995
Ben & Roberta Jones	4/18/1952
Joe & D. Jean Esposito	4/22/1972
Kenneth & Betty Seuss	4/24/1954



Mommy and Me Mondays Playgroup

Our next Mommy and Me Mondays Playgroup meets on April 19, 10 am - 12:30 pm. Please bring a sack lunch for you and your child. All parents and their children 6 and under are invited! Come for snack, craft, free play, music in Chapel, and lots of fun!



Calling all Kids - Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School will be held July 19-23, 2010, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. We are very excited to bring Galactic Blast - A Cosmic Adventure Praising God to our Church and Community Children (ages 3 and up)! Stay tuned for more information. You can pre-register by visiting our Church website at lakewoodparkumc.org or pick up a registration form on the VBS Bulletin Board in Information Hallway.



Ladies Scrapbooking Night

Calling all Scrapbookers! Our Ladies Scrapbooking group meets on the 2nd Thursday evening of each month, from 6:30 - 8 pm in Room 4 of the FLC. All are welcome to join us for potluck dinner, devotion, and free time to scrap. Nursery available for young children upon advanced request.



Children's Sunday School Opportunities

We have Sunday School for children of all ages each Sunday morning!

Preschoolers (ages 3-6) are invited to attend Little Beginnings in Room 3 at 10 am - 11 am.

Elementary aged children are invited to attend our Kids Own Worship class at 10 am or our 11 am Sunday School class, both in Room 4.

Tweens and Teens are invited to attend our Youth Sunday School at 9:45 in Room 5.



Have you seen?

One radio link is still missing since January. Please check at home and in your coat pockets to see if you have it. If you find it, please return to the Church office.

Thank
you!

Bob
Layman



Joy Class

At the present time the Joy Class is studying the series "Genesis to Revelation" and we are now in the book of Ezekiel. This is an enjoyable class with nothing "dry" about it. If you want to sample it, just drop in any Sunday at 9:45 (in the library), bring your cup of coffee. We can always squeeze in a few more chairs! Also, if any of you have more information about the history of the class, we would like to learn about it. Aside from being the longest existing adult Sunday school class in the church, class members are warm, welcoming people!



Notes From the March Church Council

Fourteen were present at the monthly meeting. Motion was approved that our covenant relationship with Connie DeLeo, missionary to the Dominican Republic, be renewed for one year. It was also noted that Frank Pananello has finished training people to correctly operate the sound system. Contributions will be encouraged for air conditioners which will be needed soon. A disaster training will be held in Lakeland April 26 - 29.

The United Methodist Church in Melbourne is having a used book sale to raise funds for disaster relief.

They have asked our congregation to participate by contributing used books. A container will be available to place our books which they will pick up. May 28, 2011 will be the 50th anniversary of this church. Suggestion was made that we mark this with a year long observation. Details will be forthcoming.



Just 4 Youth!



All Youth (grades 6th—12th) of our Church are invited to our Youth Group meeting each Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in our Youth Building. Come for discussion, "teen talk", and spiritual growth.

If you have a question, please contact Devon Turner or Steffany Gornak.

Worship Committee News

The Worship Committee met on Thursday, March 4. Our discussion focused primarily on the 9:45 Praise and Worship Service, and how we might work together to strengthen and help make this service more effective. Many good and creative ideas were shared. We plan to continue meeting on a regular basis.



Easter Morning Breakfast

The United Methodist Women's group will offering an **Easter Morning Breakfast** from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. in Holland Hall. Come and fellowship before or after Worship with a delicious Continental breakfast!

Singles Game Night

All Singles of the Church are invited to join us on April 9 for our **Monthly Game night** (please note that we are meeting on the 2nd Friday this month). Games start at 5:45 pm in Holland Hall.

Anyone wishing to join us for dinner before is welcome. We will be meeting at Outback Steakhouse on US 1 in Vero Beach at 4:00 pm. All are welcome!



Terrific Tuesday

Something special happens each week at our church on Tuesday Evening. The doors open, friends and neighbors enter into a familiar and friendly atmosphere, to enjoy each other's company and a really good meal. A group of 30 or more wonderful men and women come each week to work their magic! It's Terrific Tuesday!

It all starts with an excellent kitchen staff who know the job and do it willingly, who shop days ahead, and spend countless hours in the kitchen preparing for our guests. It is amazing to see these folks work so hard each week for this program, and they look like they're having fun!

There are people who gather starting at noon or before to prepare the room for the evening meal. Tables are cleaned, set, decorated and prepared for nearly 200 ticket-holders each week. Plastic ware is wrapped and the greeting table is set up. A committee meeting midafternoon enables us to handle problems and work on future plans together. Several people get beverages ready. Every station is manned. There are musicians before and after dinner, and many extra people bake cakes and bring them when needed. Once in a while there is a special presentation by our children or an outside group, but most evenings we sing hymns with their wonderful message of God's greatness.

At the same time there is Kids Klub, a fantastic program for children of all ages provided by Julie Dosantos. This is one of many special things happening at our church; it is designed to honor God, is fully wrapped in prayer and filled with the Holy Spirit. Join us when you can!