

The Steeple

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Will You Walk for the Waiting?

As our series “Inside Out: Dealing with Emotion” continues and we talk about sadness and fear in worship the next two Sundays, remember that sadness and fear are too often the emotions experienced by children waiting in foster care.

You can help by joining or supporting our Lakewood UMC team in the fourth annual **Walk for the Waiting** -- a passionate collaboration between Project Zero, Immerse Arkansas and The CALL -- on Saturday, April 30 at 9 am in War Memorial Stadium. Go to www.walkforthewaiting.org/LakewoodUMC to pledge your support or sign up for the short, fun walk.



Our 2015 Walk for the Waiting Team

And don't miss Project Zero's **Heart Wall** this Sunday outside Wesley Hall. Director Christie Erwin says:

“One powerful thing about the beautiful photographs that dot the panels of our heart gallery is that you cannot walk away from them and refuse to believe there are parent-less children in our own back yard. You cannot look into the faces of these kids without thinking about your own children and internalizing the deep hopelessness that comes with having the ‘world’ know you need a family... What can we expect when they have been bounced from place to place; from home to home with a simple phone call, when no one and nothing is permanent in their lives? How can we ask them to understand the importance of a family when they have never had a functioning family to call their own?...”



“And I wonder what the fact that we have over 100,000 kids/youth waiting in foster care in the United States says to them about the church, about God, about His power and provision.... We cannot look the other way. We cannot wait for someone else to do it. We cannot cross our fingers, cast a broad prayer and hope that things work out. We have got to put our hands to the good work, lay our hearts on the line, take a risk that will cost and think outside the box. The longer we put off our James 1:27 command (“...pure and genuine worship is this: to take care of the orphans and widows in their suffering...”), the longer a child has to wait.”

Mackenzie Turner is our
New Youth Intern!

We are happy and proud to announce that our own Mackenzie Turner has agreed to work with our youth this Summer as an intern. She will start May 1 and work through August.

Mackenzie grew up here at Lakewood UMC and was very active in youth and missions. She has a heart for serving God and plans to continue into the ministry in the future. Mackenzie is a sophomore at UCA and we are so blessed to have her with us for the summer!

We are still searching for a permanent, full-time youth director (send those resumes to Pastor Luke!), but in the interim Mackenzie will help us avoid any gaps in our youth ministry. But she's going to need parents and adult volunteers to help!

We will have a meet and greet for Mackenzie on Sunday, May 1 at 5:30 pm for youth and parents. Let's welcome her "home!"



Be a Leader,
Not a Lead-er



It's easy being green when it comes to keeping the lead and other hazardous substances found in our electronic equipment out of landfills.

If it has a cord, bring it to one of our two upcoming electronics recycling events, brought to you by the LUMC Green Team.

This Saturday, April 16, from 10 am - 2 pm, it's the **Lakewood Property Owner's Association / LUMC joint Electronics Recycling Collection**. Please note that the collection will be at the McGee Ball Field on Crestwood, NOT the LPOA offices as previously reported.

And then this **Sunday, April 17, it's our Spring electronics recycling event** here at the church. Bring your items to the back parking lot between 8:30 am - noon and we'll make sure they're disposed of properly.

But wait, there's more! On Wednesday, April 20, our Applied Light Wednesday Night event will feature a salad bar (with ice cream!) at 5:30 pm and Earth Week fun from 6:15 - 7:15 pm.

And even more! The Green Team reminds you of the semi-annual Sherwood Shred-A-Thon from 9 am - 1 pm in the parking lot of the Neighborhood Market on Highway 107 in Sherwood.

Memorials & Honorariums
First Quarter 2016

Gifts were made in memory of:

Buddy Arnold
Jo Arnold
Bob Combee
Russ Combee
Pat Jolly
Hershel Webb
Louise Webb

Gifts were made in honor of:

Andrew Kjorlaug

Some of these gifts were designated for:

George Martin SS Class
Handbells
Endowment Fund

New Registration Slip

Cindy Henry put it best when she said that our new way of registering attendance "is all about showing hospitality." We are asking our members to register their attendance SO THAT we can lead by example to get new visitors to our church to give us their information SO THAT we can better connect them to the life of our great church. Please continue to help us out by introducing yourself to new guests, filling out your name on the slips, and welcoming new people to become an active participant and member of our church. - Rev. Jonathon Bevil

Save this
Bell Date

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 4 when we'll have a home-cooked meal in Applied Light followed by a concert featuring all four of our handbell choirs!

REAL KIDS

ENCOURAGING REAL KIDS TO BECOME
REAL FOLLOWERS OF
JESUS CHRIST



Registration forms
are available NOW
Please register early to
be guaranteed a t-shirt
in your size.

"Remember that the LORD is
great and awesome!" Nehemiah 4:14b

VBS is free again this year,
however donations are
welcome to help this amazing
ministry opportunity.

GOD SENDS

Watch for the volunteer
sign-up in your Sunday
Bulletin in the coming weeks.
Let us know how you would
like to help.



**Created By God
is This Weekend!!**

April 14: 6-8 P.M.

Parent Meeting

April 15: 6-9 P.M.

Kids' Discussion

April 16: 9 AM-5 PM

**Kids' Discussion continued
with Parents at 4 P.M.**



EMOTIONS ARE STILL ON THE LOOSE IN REALKIDS!

APRIL 17TH : SADNESS

God can comfort us
when we are sad.

APRIL 24TH : FEAR

God can comfort us
when we are afraid.

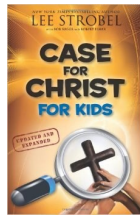
MAY 1ST : JOY

Jesus can turn our sadness and
hard times into joy.

Don't Forget to Bring
your Bibles to Church!

CLUB 45 IS ON THE CASE!

Case for Christ for Kids is a



wonderful book that
will give kids answers
to the skeptics they
will meet and
questions they may
have themselves.

Case for Christ for Kids is a
book written in kid-friendly
language that gives you all the
answers. Packed full of well-
researched, reliable, and eye-
opening investigations of some
of the biggest questions you

have, Case for Christ for
Kids brings Christ to life by

addressing the
existence,
miracles,
ministry, and
resurrection of
Jesus of
Nazareth.



Acolytes Needed!

Kids in 3rd Grade and
above who are
interested, please
contact

Jill, Rochelle or Kyle.



April 17 - 5:30 P.M. OMP Training!

With Hank Godwin. If you are going to
OMP you must attend training!

April 24 - 5:30 P.M. VBS Training!

VBS training for youth in the youth
lounge. Come join us to get prepared
for VBS Surf Shack (June 27-30).

Our 30+ youth helpers
were AMAZING last
year. We need YOUR
help again. We will serve
pizza and snacks and the
training will be quick,
easy and fun!!



May 1- 5:30 P.M. Sundaes on Sunday!

Meet and Greet with our youth
intern Mackenzie Turner.

Join us for ice cream sundaes and fun
as we meet



Mackenzie We are
excited to have her
aboard to help us
kick off a fun
summer with LUMC
youth!

SENIOR SUNDAY IS MAY 1

Please send your name, high school,
honors, and future plans to
msicilia@lakewood-umc.org.

May 15 - 5:30 P.M. Crawfish Boil!

Mudbugs by the famous (or
infamous) Chris
Harrison (not the
guy on *The
Bachelor*) to
welcome the



Confirmation Class,
at Pastor Jonathon's house. Tickets are
\$10 and there will be sausage and
chicken as an option too!

April 17, 2016

9 am Wesleyan Service

Sanctuary - Traditional

“Inside Out: Dealing with Sadness”

Rev. Jonathon Bevil

9 am Blue Jean Service

Wesley Hall - Contemporary

“Inside Out: Dealing with Grief”

Rev. Luke Conway

11 am Trinity Service

Sanctuary - Traditional

“Inside Out: Dealing with Grief”

Rev. Luke Conway

11 am illumination Service

Gibson Hall - Modern

“Inside Out: Dealing with Sadness”

Rev. Jonathon Bevil

(Blue Jean greeters: Barbara Hartwick; Bill & Paula Gray; John & Pam Gustavus; Becky Hight; Charlie Hight)

April 24, 2016

9 am Wesleyan Service

Sanctuary - Traditional

“Inside Out: Dealing with Fear”

Rev. Jonathon Bevil

9 am Blue Jean Service

Wesley Hall - Contemporary

“Inside Out: Dealing with Fear”

Rev. Luke Conway

11 am Trinity Service

Sanctuary - Traditional

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11 am illumination Service

Gibson Hall - Modern

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Rev. Jonathon Bevil

(Blue Jean greeters: Laura Quinn; Bill & Cynthia Byrd; Kristy & Mike Tabor; John Bakalekos; Terry & Bryon Curtner

Other Services

Rev. Cindy Henry

Randy Ort, Lay Speaker

Parkstone:

1st Tuesday, 3 pm

Fox Ridge:

4th Saturday, 10 am

Elmcroft:

4th Saturday, 11 am

**Ozark Mission Project
Summer Camp Training
Is This Sunday!**

Led by Hank Godwin

**If you've signed up for an OMP camp this summer
-- or would like to -- we need you to attend this
SHORT training session.
Sunday, April 17 at 5:30 pm in the Youth Area!**

**GARDNER FOOD
PANTRY
REQUEST FOR APRIL**

Pasta and/or Sauce

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OUR**



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Women**
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Please Note Our Emergency Number: 501-373-8694. For weekends, holidays or after office hours,
the answering service will take your message and contact one of our pastors.

**SEARCHING FOR
OUR SENIORS!**



Senior Sunday is Sunday, May 1

10:15 am: Seniors and families meet in Gibson Hall for refreshments, fellowship, and photos. (Bring your cap and gown and we'll decide as a group if you want to wear them!)

11:00 am: Seniors will be recognized in the beginning of the Trinity Worship Service and then go to the Illumination Worship Service.

**Please email the following information to Megan Sicilia
(msicilia@lakewood-umc.org) by Monday, April 25:**

- ✦ Name and current photo
- ✦ Name of High School, honors, clubs, activities, interests
- ✦ Plans after high school (name of college or other plans)

All of this info will be published in our newsletter and bulletins.

Thank you and congratulations! Contact Rev. Cindy Henry if you have questions: chenry@lakewood-umc.org