

## Calendar At A Glance



## Lakewood Window

Lakewood United Methodist Church **March 2021**

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL AND STATE GUIDE LINES.**

**MOST ACTIVITIES AT LAKEWOOD UMC ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Some meetings will take place on-line.**

The office is open on a limited basis. Please call the church or email us if you need anything. To those of you who send in your offering **THANK YOU!!!**

**March Calendar Dates:** Please follow guidelines found in an article elsewhere in the newsletter if the meeting is in person.

- March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Pastor’s Bible Study, 7pm, Zoom – email him for an invite
- March 4 – Conversation on the Black Church documentary, 7pm, Zoom
- March 10 – Missions, 7pm, Zoom
- March 11 – SPRC, 6:30pm, Zoom
- March 14 – Worship Committee, 11am, Zoom
- March 14 – UMW Food Drive, 1-3pm, portico
- March 16 – Outreach Committee, 7pm, Zoom
- March 17 – Church Council, 7pm, Zoom
- March 18 – Trustees, 6:30pm, in-person (see guidelines below)
- March 28 – Palm Sunday
- April 1 – Holy Thursday Service
- April 2 – Good Friday Service
- April 4 - Easter

Sunday Statistics  
2021 Attendance Data  
February - 120  
Year-to-date is also 120



Rev. Bob Lewis

### “Who Was Saint Patrick?”

March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick’s Day. Other than wearing the color green and drinking green beer, what have you heard about this day? Do you know the man behind the holiday? The Church venerates the saints because they allow us to see what a life looks like that is lived closely in trust with the Lord. Let’s learn a little bit about the man behind the green.

Even though Patrick was a “preacher’s kid,” he paid little attention to religion growing up. He admitted later that he “knew not the true God.” When he was sixteen he was kidnapped from his home in Britain and taken to Ireland where he worked as a slave for six years. He became better acquainted with God during that time.

Night and day he prayed for freedom. The other slaves teased him and called him “Holy Boy.” One night, however, his prayers were answered. He heard a voice in a dream that he would soon be set free. And he did escape, traveling 200 miles to the sea. There he found a ship which carried him home.

While safe at home with his family, his dreams returned. He heard the people of Ireland saying to him, “Holy Boy,” come back and walk among us once more.” Patrick studied for the priesthood and then returned to Ireland – this time as a servant of Christ.

He eventually became a bishop and worked tirelessly, facing great perils and hardships. He fasted, prayed, built churches and monasteries, ordained priests and other bishops, celebrated the sacraments, preached and taught. He came to Ireland as a Roman and soon became an Irishman. He gave Ireland a new faith and a new soul, and in the process his own soul was changed. When he died in 461 AD, the nation mourned him for twelve days.

The following words come from *The Breastplate of St. Patrick*, and are said to have been written by the saint in 433:

“Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort me and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.”

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all! ~ *Pastor Bob Lewis*

## What will you do when it is over?

What will happen when we are free to move around, go places where and whenever we want, and not have to worry about getting or giving "Covid" to others? I am really not sure –I think about it but nothing big or exciting comes to mind. Definitely want to see and spend time with our extended family, hug them all tightly and see how much they have grown and changed. Our grandson is starting to walk, would love to snatch him up and have him get to know us. But what have **you** thought about doing? Send me your thoughts and I will share your thoughts in next month's Newsletter. Email me at [shropike@verizon.net](mailto:shropike@verizon.net).



### Holy Communion (Now cancelled Until Further Notice)

Holy Communion will not be celebrated yet due to the Covid virus restrictions.

Prayer and anointing will not be offered until the Covid – 19 crisis is over.

**Place Your Order for Easter Flowers** to honor or remember your loved ones. Flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday's worship service. Choice of daffodils, tulips, hyacinth, or lilies. The cost is \$7.50 each. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

There are several ways to place your order:

- Mail the order form and payment to the church, attention Janet.  
Email Janet at [secretary@lakewooderie.org](mailto:secretary@lakewooderie.org)
- Call Janet at 833-4131 Mondays through Thursdays from 9 to noon.



Easter Flower Order Form:

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodil Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinth Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Lily Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 7.50 each = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a separate check for Easter flower orders, made payable to Lakewood United Methodist Church. Mark your check and/or envelope "Easter Flowers".



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT AN ISSUE THAT WILL HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

One of our Church Council goals for Lakewood in 2021 is to "Offer Book Study or Bible Study on the LGBTQ community and the United Methodist Church." Eight church members have participated in the initial offering called, "Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality and the United Methodist Church." The following are a few of their comments:

"When I became aware that the Methodist Church was almost certain to divide over the differing views on homosexuality, I knew I had to learn more. This study has helped me see what the Bible says, especially from a Methodist viewpoint."

"Because I have been in a family situation which has asked me to accept some ideas that I was not necessarily ready to accept, this study has been invaluable to me. I recommend it for everyone."

"I also have family and friends who have been wounded by this topic and took this study to learn more about it. The study gave me the opportunity to read the specific Scriptures, learn about the culture and understand the context."

This 7-week, DVD based study will be offered in April, after Easter. Watch the bulletin for details closer to the time. The study will be kept to small groups of 5-8 people and we hope to offer both daytime and evening studies. For questions or to express interest in doing the study, contact Fred (814-881-8129) or Jackie (814-882-5121) Garnon.

## WAYS TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY MINDSET

The number of American adults who reported struggling with mental health or substance abuse has risen to 40% since the onset of Covid-19. ([cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6932a1.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6932a1.htm))

### CARING FOR YOUR MIND

**Engage the Brain** Sharpen the mind and reduce anxiety with crosswords, reading, painting and crafts.

**Engage with a Counselor** Look for and leverage personal counseling resources, family services and group programs.

**Engage with Nature** Step outside, look out a window or admire a nature scene online to reduce stress and increase relaxation.

### CARING FOR YOUR BODY

**Healthy Eating** Develop a well-balanced meal plan to help with disease prevention, mood and overall wellbeing.

**Healthy Movement** Create a virtual outlet to host stress-relieving activities like yoga. Walk daily.

**Healthy Sleep** Maintain a space absent of electronics and stressful triggers to ensure a good night's rest.

### CARING FOR YOUR SPIRIT

**Spiritual Reflection** Revisit stories, memories and literature that have been important to your spiritual journey.

**Spiritual Mind-space** Carve out time to process your feelings and assess their impact on your life.

**Spiritual Relief** Free yourself from thoughts that have been weighing you down by journaling.

You don't have to do each activity everyday but using one or two a day can keep your mind and body engaged, ward off boredom and give you something to look forward to.



## UMCOR Sunday is March 14

Each year the Methodist Church celebrates UMCOR Sunday. And many of us contribute to this worthy cause. But what exactly is UMCOR and why is it so important?

UMCOR lives out signs of Christ's extravagant grace in the world by prayerfully working with communities that are overwhelmed by natural or man-made disasters. UMCOR builds on the strengths of what is already available in a community and actively involves the people affected in recovery efforts. Together as the United Methodist Church, we can do so much more together than our church could do on our own – and through our connection UMCOR has been doing this for 80 years.

By mobilizing trained volunteers who are already living in the community, purchasing emergency supplies and food from local merchants and channeling funds through trusted partners who are already on the ground, UMCOR is uniquely positioned to respond quickly after a disaster and to remain invested in rebuilding, *long after the disaster is no longer in the news*. Recovery is a long-process for individuals and communities, and sometimes takes years to rebuild. UMCOR also works with communities to train leaders to address infrastructure concerns, climate change and environmental degradation—concerns that linger long after the original disaster.

Our special giving received on UMCOR Sunday helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staff who are specialists in disaster response and recovery and also ensures adequate training for emergency response coordinators, construction volunteers, and case managers who assist victims of disasters, chain saw gangs and sheetrock installers. Donations will be collected on Sunday, March 14, but can be given at any time of the year.

By combining our church's offerings with those of United Methodist congregations around the world, UMCOR remains strong in its day-to-day operations. When needs are immediate, UMCOR can respond quickly and efficiently with signs of extravagant grace and expert assistance. Let us continue to be a part of this ministry.

### 2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

These are three examples of UMCOR in action right now,

In **Liberia**, a United Methodist primary health-care clinic provides life-saving diagnoses and medication that other health facilities missed.

**Central America** is still reeling from 2000 hurricanes. UMCOR emergency grants to relief organizations in **El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala** and **Nicaragua** help ease stress in affected communities.

UMCOR's work with Syrian refugees living in **Lebanon** and **Jordan** engages with four partners to provide counseling, rent and medical assistance and clearing of landmines.

If we don't help now, who will?

### Link to Leadership Talks:

To assist Lakewood members and friends know what of each committee has recorded a brief message describing their ministry.

Here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/DrgYsgPW61A>

## A Conversation with Friends from Community Missionary Baptist Church

In the month of February, PBS aired a special documentary on the Black Church. I thoroughly enjoyed watching it and I know that many of you also watched it as well. Rev. Mock from Community Missionary Baptist Church encouraged his members to watch it, and together he and I would like to invite members of both congregations to an online discussion of that documentary. It is a part of our ongoing dialogue and relationship with Community Missionary Baptist Church members. We set the date for **Thursday, March 4th**. Please email me and let me know if you'd like to participate in that dialogue and I will send you the invite to the Zoom meeting.

## UMW Food Drive



It's time again to restock the shelves!

The U.M.W is having a **food drive** for the West Millcreek Food Pantry on **Sunday, March 14th, from 1-3 pm**. Please spread the word to all your friends and family. We will again be under the portico so people can drive through and drop off their donations! We will need volunteers to collect food and to transport to the food pantry Monday morning. Food must be nonperishable. We will also accept cash/check donations. Check all donations to make sure they are not past the expiration date!

**Let's try to fill the shelves completely!**

**West Millcreek Food Pantry also accepts non-perishable food items every Monday from 9 to 10 am at the Westminster Presbyterian Church**, in the cement block building behind the church. If you prefer, financial donations can be mailed to West Millcreek Food Pantry, c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 W. 26th St., Erie PA 16506. You do not need to wait for a food drive – you can donate at the above times all year.

## Trivia Time

Question: How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

What was the final plague that convinced Pharaoh to let the slaves go?

When Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after the slaves, where did they meet at?

Answers on page 8

## Daylight Savings Time

In Pennsylvania Daylight savings time **begins at 2:00 am on March 14th**. So, on the 13th before you go to bed on March 13th, set your clocks **ahead one hour**. Most states in the United States do observe DST, except for Arizona and Hawaii, which do not. Although 26 states have considered making DST permanent, unless Congress changes federal law, states cannot implement permanent DST—states can only opt out of DST, not standard time.

## Spring forward

Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.



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**What kind of jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear?**

A: 14 carot gold!

**Q: How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?**

A: Only one – after that it's not empty any more!

**Throw kindness around like confetti!**

## The Merry Month of March

**March 7:** Aaah March. Do you know that this is National Cereal Day? Do you need some *raisins* to celebrate? Put some **Snap, Crackle and Pop** into your life? Need some **Cheer-ios** to brighten up your day? You might feel better if you **pour - ridge** out your heart to someone. Or buy a **bran** new outfit. Spring is coming, Have you **chex**-ed out the later sunset time? Spring will be here on March 20th. Put away the hot chocolate and break out the lemonade!!

**March 15:** Beware the Ides of March!

**March 20:** Equinox Earth Day, First Day of Spring\*, International Day of Happiness

**March 31:** National Crayon Day is a day to celebrate the invention of crayons and the joy of coloring. Crayola has retired over 50 different colors which include lemon yellow, blue gray, maize, violet blue, raw umber, orange-red, green blue and orange-yellow.

## Women's Bible "Zoom" Study

The Women are doing a study on Zoom in place of meeting together at the church. For now we will be using **The Upper Room Devotional**. Each week there are questions at the back of the booklet that go with Wednesday's reading. That should give us plenty to discuss and Betty has a couple of other ideas on how to possibly use the booklet. We can discuss them on Monday.

Many of you may already have the *Upper Room*, and more may be available in the church office. You can also find it online.

A new booklet comes out for March and April so we will start with that on March 1st at 10 am on Zoom. Contact Jackie Garnon (814-882-5121) on details on how to join in.

Hope you all are ready to "zoom in" on the Bible study!

***"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. Matthew 25: 35***



| DATE       | PICKUP DRIVER          | PACKING TEAM             | DELIVERY DRIVER              |
|------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mar. 3/4   | M. Estes<br>10:30am    | R. Estes<br>6:30pm       | J. Kot<br>10:00am            |
| Mar. 10/11 | J. Kot<br>10:30am      | S. Pike<br>11:30pm       | S. Shultz<br>10:00am         |
| Mar. 17/18 | R. Pike<br>10:30 am    | K. Fisher<br>6:30 pm     | S. Hasley<br>10:30 am        |
| Mar. 24/25 | C. Spicher<br>10:30 am | S. Hartman<br>11:30 am   | J. Kell/J. Rhone<br>10:30 am |
| Mar. 30    | C. Spicher<br>10:30 am | S. Rosendahl<br>11:30 am | C. Spicher<br>12.00 pm       |

# March Birthdays

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| RHONE, Jerry       | 1-Mar  |
| FERRIER, Brandon   | 3-Mar  |
| FISCHER, Cathy     | 3-Mar  |
| BARR, Jeffery      | 4-Mar  |
| BROWN, Cynthia     | 4-Mar  |
| BULL, Jabin        | 5-Mar  |
| KOSTEK, Bob        | 6-Mar  |
| ENTERLINE, Lauri   | 9-Mar  |
| KARLE, Lisa        | 9-Mar  |
| SPICHER, Andrew    | 14-Mar |
| XLEO, Mina         | 14-Mar |
| BULL, Jenna        | 16-Mar |
| SISSEM, Hilary     | 18-Mar |
| SEON, Carl         | 22-Mar |
| DELIO, Jessica     | 23-Mar |
| ADLER, Robert      | 23-Mar |
| VOGT, Okey         | 23-Mar |
| ALLEN, Robert      | 25-Mar |
| SPICHER, Maria     | 25-Mar |
| THOMA, Brenda      | 26-Mar |
| BORTNER Anne       | 27-Mar |
| MOORE, Kate        | 28-Mar |
| SKELLIE, David     | 28-Mar |
| GRAHAM, Okey       | 29-Mar |
| ENTERLINE, Bradley | 31-Mar |
| LOGAN, Pam         | 31-Mar |

Smile, someone is thinking of you!



**Q:What do you call ten rabbits marching backwards?**

**A: A receding hareline.**

Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

## Sermons on Line

If you missed a Sunday Worship Service, Pastor Bob's sermons are posted on our web site ([www.lakewooderie.org](http://www.lakewooderie.org)). Go to the home page and click on the "Home" button and a menu will drop down. Locate the link "Sermons" and click on it and a list of sermons will show up. Find the Sunday date or the sermon title you are interested in, click on it and the sermon will appear. You can read it on line or print it out if you still enjoy holding paper in your hand when you read, or if you'd like to share it with someone else.

February 7, 2021- "Prayer is the Gasoline in the Engine of Faith"

February 14, 2021 - "Been to the Mountain! Now What?"

February 17, 2021- "Ash Wednesday: Time to Burn the Fields"

February 21, 2021- "The Wild Beasts Within"

February 28, 2021- "A New Name and A New Identity"

## Prayer Group

Lisa Medina is offering leadership for a group of people dedicated to prayer. They meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Prayer Chapel. The prayer group is unable at this time to meet at the church. All are welcome to continue praying at this time in the safety of your own home. We will reconvene when we are able.

## Joys and Concerns

If you have a joy or concern, please contact Pastor Bob and he can share it with the congregation if you wish.

**Remember! Until further notice**

**You MUST wear a mask and maintain Social Distancing!**

### Prayer Chain:

If you wish to have the prayer chain pray for someone, contact Patty Lasher at 572-3202 or [sproutness@yahoo.com](mailto:sproutness@yahoo.com)

**Wear** your Face Covering Correctly. **Wash** your hands before putting on your face covering. **Put it** over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin to fit it snugly against the sides of your face. If it is a reusable mask, be sure to wash it between uses. It is now recommended that you double your masks (wear 2 at a time) for added safety.



## Lenten Study

A request was made of the pastor to offer a Bible study during Lent. Rev. Lewis will offer a Zoom class beginning Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm and ending Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Six sessions. Please let the pastor know that you are interested so that he can get you a study guide and send you the email link to the Zoom meetings. The focus of the study will be on the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7. We hope to better understand the teachings of Jesus and how they apply to our own lives.



## Easter Season

Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter Sunday and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is traditionally a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert — that seeks to prepare the heart of the believer for the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death.

Ash Wednesday celebrates God raising his son Jesus from the dead as well as the destruction of the power of sin and death forever. It symbolizes the opening of Heaven with the gift of eternal life to everyone.

The week of Christian observances leading to Easter Sunday begins with Palm Sunday and progresses through Holy or Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It culminates with the Easter Sunday celebrations of the risen Christ.

**Palm Sunday**—March 28 It commemorates Jesus' triumphant arrival in the city of Jerusalem for Passover,

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday**—April 1st and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved **you**."

**Good Friday**—April 2 Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

**Easter Sunday**—April 4 It celebrates God raising his son Jesus from the dead as well as the destruction of the power of sin and death forever. It symbolizes the opening of Heaven with the gift of eternal life to everyone.



## From The Worship Committee

The committee recently met to discuss resuming in-person worship services. It was decided it is still not safe to return to in-person services. We know this is disappointing to many, but our number one priority is the safety of everyone. We will advise you when we will be returning to in-person worship. Please stay tuned; we'll let you know as soon as it is determined that we will return to the building for worship. And when we do, we will continue to post the recorded service online.

Answers to pg. 3 trivia questions: 1) 10    2.) The first-born son of all Egyptian families died.  
3) By the Red Sea



## Health Ministry Covid-19 Update

A year ago, I never thought we would *still* be so deep into the Covid-19 pandemic. But, we are, and *finally* it appears we may be getting to a better spot. Yes, there are still non-believers, who think Covid-19 isn't a real problem, but it appears that many of those people have changed their mindsets. That is good, for all of us.

So, here's some newer facts.

**Vaccines-** 2 approved in the US as of this date. A third is being FDA evaluated on 2/26/21. Both of the approved vaccines use a newer technology, which had been developed and was waiting for a virus to use it against. Even though the two are similar, the time between vaccinations differs from 21 days for the Pfizer brand to 28 days for the Moderna brand. We are thankful for the researchers who were so forward-thinking to plan ahead.

**Testing** – several new test methods are now or will soon be available. One test uses a single test for a group of people by combining their specimens. If the test comes out positive, then the individuals are each tested. If the test is negative, none of those people need further tests. This could be useful in workplace or school settings. It will also decrease the number of tests that need to be processed and improve time to get results. There is also a new self-test using saliva rather than nasal secretions. Both of these tests may allow for a relaxation of our very rigid rules about social distancing in some situations.

**Mask-wearing-** Some researchers recommend wearing 2 masks instead of one. Scientific experiments definitely show a decrease in spread of secretions after talking, coughing and sneezing with 2 masks. Most people who do this use a cloth mask against their skin and cover it with a paper mask. Gaiters, the pullup mask worn around the neck, and covering the mouth and nose only 1 thickness of fabric, are not recommended as a single mask, but with a paper mask over them, may be useful. The experts predict mask-wearing will be with us at least until late 2021.

### Helpful Hints about the Vaccines...

Vaccines should not be given into an arm where lymph nodes in the armpit have been removed or radiated, after breast cancer or lymphoma.

Women should delay screening mammograms for about 2 months after receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of their vaccine. Unfortunately the lymph glands have shown changes which could lead to unnecessary biopsies in some women. These go away after about 2 months. However, do not delay diagnostic mammograms due to suspicious changes in your breasts.

Other vaccines, such as the shingles, pneumonia vaccine or flu shot should be spaced so 1-2 months have passed since last Covid Vaccine.

Reactions such as headache, arm soreness, muscle aches and fatigue are common after the vaccinations. The 1<sup>st</sup> shot is usually tolerated better than the 2<sup>nd</sup> one because the 1<sup>st</sup> shot primes the body to recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> one as a foreign substance. Being well-hydrated on vaccination day, using Tylenol as needed for pain, and moving the arm to increase absorption into the muscle all will help.

New information is released every day. I will try to keep you updated as well as I can. For all of you who have lost someone due to Covid-19 or know someone seriously ill or recovering from Covid-19, you have our prayers. Your church is here to support you, even if it is in different ways than before the pandemic began. Keep praying for those affected by the disease, those caring for the victims and those who have had their lives changed because of it. I think that means we should pray for all of us.

## EUMA is in Need of Volunteers:

Whether you're interested in a one-time volunteer project or something more ongoing, EUMA has a number of volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups to make a difference.

**IMMEDIATE NEED** Due to COVID-19, a great number of regular volunteers are unable to volunteer this year. Please see time slots below and click the link to learn more about volunteering and to sign up. Go to : <https://euma-erie.org/get-involved/volunteer.html>

### For the Overnight Shelter

#### Volunteers Needed at ONP

|                               |            |                |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Sat. Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>     | 3am -7am   | Male or Female |
| Sun. Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>     | 11pm – 3am | Male needed    |
| Mon. March 1                  | 11pm-3am   | Male needed    |
| Tues. March 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 11pm – 3am | Male needed    |
| Thurs. March 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 11pm – 3am | Male needed    |
| Fri. March 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 3am – 7am  | Male or Female |
| Sat. March 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 11pm -3am  | Male or Female |
| Sat. March 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 3am-7am    | Male or Female |
| Mon. March 8 <sup>th</sup>    | 11pm – 3am | Male needed    |
| Tues. March 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 11pm -3am  | Male needed    |
| Thurs. March 11 <sup>th</sup> | 11pm – 3am | Male needed    |
| Fri. March 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 3am – 7am  | Male or Female |
| Sat. March 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 11pm – 3am | Male or Female |
| Sat. March 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 3am – 7am  | Male or Female |
| Sun. March 14 <sup>th</sup>   | 11pm – 3am | Male needed    |
| Mon. March 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 11pm – 3am | Male needed    |

We have an immediate need for 2-3 volunteers for Fridays and Tuesdays at noon for approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour - from Friday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> until March 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be bringing blankets into Our Neighbors' Place Seasonal Shelter location at MHA, 1101 Peach Street and preparing cots for the night. For more information call 814-856-8073

There are many more opportunities for volunteers

Check out all of the information at the web address listed above. We have so much while others have so little. Sharing your time, donating food or goods, or a financial donation means much to those who have so little.

#### Deuteronomy 15:11

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."

Ultimate "shop for a cause." When you shop at the **Rainbow Connection**, your purchases benefit the mission of EUMA – helping to end homelessness for your neighbors in need.

**SHOP  
HERE**



## Black History Month- My Reflections

In February 2021, I learned more about Black History. I read several books and articles, watched some documentaries on TV, and listened to a few podcasts.

Again, I am disturbed at how little I knew. I still feel like I have barely scratched the surface. I didn't know about the many talented Black individuals who contributed to medicine, politics, education, science and other arenas of our lives. It makes me sad, but more dedicated to learn more and share that information to anyone who will listen, but especially to my black son, biracial son and biracial granddaughter.

I read about John Hope Franklin who was born in Tulsa, OK. He was a renowned historian about the US, who earned the title of professor and department chair in the history departments of many well-known universities. However, in some of them, he could only be named in a temporary capacity, because of the color of his skin. Despite that, he made inroads into primarily white universities in the south, east and Midwest. Unfortunately, despite his accomplishments, he suffered racial prejudice in several cities where he was being named to an important position. But this prejudice was only in the US, not in other countries.

I watched the PBS special on Driving While Black. It reminded me of "the talk" I have had with my 2 sons on several occasions through the years. The "don't argue, be respectful, don't reach for anything in pockets or glove compartment, just put your hands on dashboard..." talk that parents of Black sons have had to give since the start of automobiles, over 100 years ago. Sadly, I felt the need to have it again with my sons just this past summer.

My family used to drive from Ohio to Florida every year for vacation when I was a teenager. How easy we had it. We had our pick of gas stations, motels and restaurants to enter. I remember seeing signs for black vs white bathrooms in a few places but didn't think much of that at the time. The Driving special talked about how black families usually weren't traveling on vacation, but to visit family in the south. Instead of in a motel, they slept on the side of the road, with one adult awake at all times, keeping watch. They packed all the food they would need on their road trip so they wouldn't be denied service at restaurants. There was even a little 'Green Book' published to provide information about black owned businesses, places to stay and gas stations across the country in case they had to make a stop. I had no idea how difficult travel was for them in the mid-late 1960's.

I watched the first segment of the "Black Church" miniseries on PBS. It was excellent. If you can find it "on Demand" or can watch the series on your computer, I recommend it. I am still learning about Black History and will continue to share items with all of you so that our education and understanding can continue. We have to make this a "United" country for all of its people and quit looking at skin color as a divider.

Have a blessed March and Lenten season. Suzie Rosendahl

## To our Lakewoodian family,

As most of you know, Floyd fell October 9, 2020. He was hospitalized not only for the injured leg but for other health problems as well. After a week in the hospital and 2 weeks in the SVHC rehab unit, he was transferred to Manchester Commons for more rehab for 41 days. He's now been home since 12/12/2020.

Floyd is doing as good as we can expect. We want to thank our church friends for all the cards, prayers and phone calls. When this pandemic is over and we can find some normalcy, we will see you back in church.

Blessings to all,

Floyd and Wilma Hermansen

*Thank  
You!*

## Altar Flowers Donated for Sunday's Services

If you would like to honor or remember loved ones or to celebrate a special occasion, there are still many Sundays available on the flower calendar. The cost of the flower arrangement is \$25 and once the service is recorded, you are welcome to pick up the arrangement to enjoy. We offer several ways to sign up to reserve the Sunday you wish to donate.

- In person: The flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Bob's office.
- Call Janet Coon at 833-4131, Mondays thru Thursdays from 9 to noon.
- Email Janet at [secretary@lakewooderie.org](mailto:secretary@lakewooderie.org).

Thank you for allowing your fellow worshipers to enjoy the beauty of your flowers!



"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow."

"Once you replace **negative** thoughts with **positive** ones, you'll start having **positive** results."

"**Positive** thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will."

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." -Helen Keller

"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

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"It always seems impossible until it is done." Nelson Mandela

Author/Poet, Political Leader

And finally .....

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6