

## SHORELINES FROM LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH

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### Greetings from Pastor Chris!

As I write this to you, I am preparing to come to LWMC. Over the last few weeks I have received multiple messages welcoming us to the church. Kristine (my lovely wife of 26 years) and I have met several of you and are overwhelmed by the kindness and sweet spirit shared with us. We have immediately felt welcomed with open arms which says a lot for the congregation. Just a few short months ago I had the opportunity to guest preach on a Sunday at both services. I vividly remember a young man that came into the 9:00 service and sat in the back. This young man was obviously in need and came into worship after we had already started. What I remember most is seeing the church jump into action by welcoming, inviting with smiles, and also speaking with him after the service.

I had a great conversation with him following the service and I believe he left the church that day experiencing exactly what Jesus commanded us all to do in the Gospel of Mark 12:30-31 ***"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.*** When the church is following God's Word in the scriptures, He will bless not only the believer but lives are transformed.

I look forward to meeting so many of you in the coming weeks. God bless you all, Pastor Chris Eason

Hospice Volunteer Sign Up! The women of Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church provide snacks in individual packages such as nabs, chips, snack cakes, small cans of Beanie Wienies, canned drinks, and small bottles of water for the caregivers of patients in Hospice in Whiteville. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact Mary Frances Alsup at 910-840-2796.

The Advent season is here! Please attend our special services including our candlelight Christmas Eve service in the sanctuary at 7pm on December 24th.



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## What's Happening at LWMC

\*Wednesdays at **7:00 pm** Choir Practice— All are invited to join us. We are asking for all church members to consider joining the choir, as this is an important ministry.

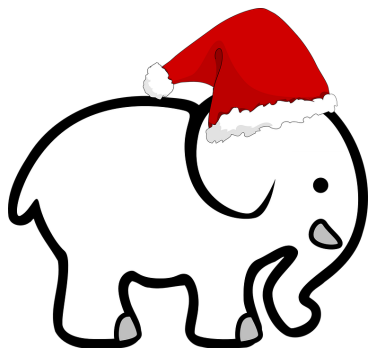
## THE FLOWER MINISTRY

The Flower Ministry is one of the privileges and honors of the women of this church. We help to make our church as beautiful as possible by providing flowers for each worship service. A list is being prepared for next year. All women are included on the list. If for some reason, you are unable to participate in this ministry, please call Elizabeth Ehlers at 910-640-9435 and let her know so your name will not be included. Some of the local florist deliver to the church or you may make other arrangements. Some ladies purchase a plant that can be used at home. If there is a date that is special for you, the list can be adjusted to allow you to serve on that date. A list is provided on the bulletin board and in the ladies handbook. The deadline for special dates is December 15.

*Please ensure Elizabeth Ehlers has your correct phone number and address for the new Lake Waccamaw Methodist Women's annual book. By December 15th.*

## IT'S PARTY TIME!!! ALL ARE INVITED!

On December 9, 50+ Christmas Party will be at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come bring your favorite goodies and join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship. We will have a **White Elephant Gift Exchange**. Women bring a wrapped gift for a woman; men bring a wrapped gift for a man. The gift can be a gag gift, a re-cycled gift or just a regular gift. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board beside the pastor's office.



## Mission Opportunities

Christmas shoeboxes will be delivering to Red Bird Missions on Dec. 4th. THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this wonderful mission.

Missions Survey: Please complete this quick survey as we plan our missions/ outreach for 2024! There are blank copies in the Fellowship Hall and outside the sanctuary. You can give it to Jeff/Ann Clarke or leave it in the office. We need your input!

Youth/Teens, Little Lambs (Ages 2-4), Kids Following Christ (K-Grade 2) & Book It! (Grades 3- 5) is every **Sunday at 5pm**. Let's feed all these sheep on **Sunday evening** for the week ahead!

*We have nursery for Church and Sunday School! Please let Mrs. Patty know when you can volunteer to help so our young parents can attend services. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.*

## NEWSLETTER:

Submit info/pictures for the newsletter by the 25th of each month to lakewaccamawmetho dist@gmail.com



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It's Christmas at the Lake!

Our team had fun decorating and listening to Christmas music and singing!



Nancy Sigmon, Charlotte Phillips, Mary Frances Alsup, and Linda Young have the Chrismon tree ready for Sunday! It's time for the Hanging of the Greens!

Mrs. Nancy is having too much fun up on that ladder!! Mrs. Charlotte made sure she was safe.



What a beautiful picture with Jesus kneeling and praying in the background as we prepare to celebrate His birth!



## Advent Season: What's it all about?



- **The Advent wreath** is a circular arrangement of evergreen branches with four candles. Each candle represents one of the themes (hope, peace, joy, and love), and one candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent.
- **Hope (Week 1):** The first week of Advent often focuses on the theme of hope, symbolized by the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath.
- **Peace (Week 2):** The second week centers on the theme of peace, and another candle is lit on the Advent wreath.
- **Joy (Week 3):** The third week emphasizes joy, and a third candle is lit on the Advent wreath.
- **Love (Week 4):** The fourth week centers on love, with the lighting of the fourth candle on the Advent wreath.

While Advent is a time of anticipation and waiting, it also serves as a season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. This preparation involves spiritual reflection, repentance, and a focus on the significance of the Incarnation—**when God became human in the person of Jesus Christ.**

