



The Lakeview Beacon

we're so glad you're here!

REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE

PHILIPPIANS LUKE 15:1-7

The Life of Christmas Present



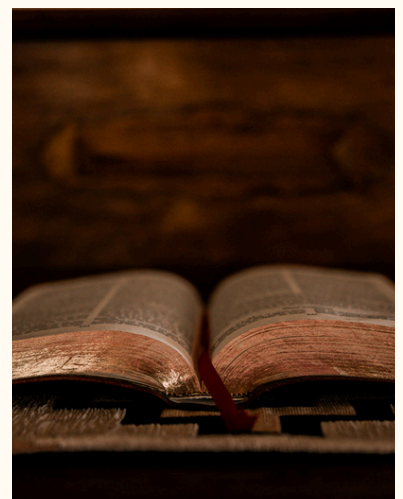
Pastor Brandon
Lead Pastor

Luke 15:1-7 contains Jesus' beloved Parable of the Lost Sheep, told in response to the Pharisees and scribes who criticized Him for welcoming and eating with tax collectors and sinners. Written by Luke as part of his Gospel account, this passage is the first of three parables about losing and finding that illustrate God's heart toward the lost. He presents God as one who does not hide from sinners but rather seeks out the sinner and rejoices in their repentance. In telling this parable, Jesus invites the Pharisees to change their way of relating to the sinner. The parable describes a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to search for one lost sheep until he finds it, then joyfully carries it home on his shoulders and invites friends and neighbors to celebrate with him. Many rabbis of that time believed that God received the sinner who came to Him the right way.

A Welcome Mat for Wanderers

More than likely you've spent time hunting for something you've lost: your car keys, the TV remote, some heirloom that you've misplaced. Maybe you're old enough to have hunted all over for your glasses, only to realize you have them on. That's not a happy moment.

[Read More Here](#)



The 8:00am Service

Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Advent Candle Lighting
- Hymn Sing
- Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Holy Communion
- Benediction
- Response



The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Advent Candle Lighting
- Opening Hymn - *What Child Is This* - #219
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Lord Listen To Your Children Praying* - #2193
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *The Lakeview Choir*
- Scripture Reading - *Luke 15:1-7* - Sheila Grell
- Offering
- Hymn - *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* - #204
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *Go Tell It On The Mountain* - #251
- Announcements
- Benediction & Response - *Grace Alone* - #2162
- Postlude



We lift up the following in prayer this week;

Lyle Adams, Caryl Jo Dagro, Mary Dianis, Leo Dicino, Mark Gipson, Connie Heide, Sharon Gruhn-Hicks, Jeannie Hill, Joyce Hughes, Joyce Hutchins, Barbara Kolacki, BJ Martin, John Riddiough, Allen Whited, Nancy Will, Lydia Woods & family

SHARE YOUR HEART: SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

We believe in the power of prayer and the comfort it brings. If you or someone you know is in need of support, we invite you to share your prayer request with us. Whether it's for guidance, healing, or thanksgiving, your request will be held in love and lifted up in prayer by our community. You're not alone—let us pray with you and for you.

[Submit your request here](#)

Join us for a festive celebration!

Christmas Day Luncheon tickets on sale NOW, [online here](#) or in the church office. For a suggested donation of just \$13, you'll enjoy a delicious meal and warm fellowship with your church family on this special day. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share in the joy of Christmas together—stop by the office or go to our website starting Monday to reserve your spot at the table!



Lights, camera, Christmas!

Join us every Thursday in December at 3:30 PM in the Chapel for a special holiday movie series! We'll be watching different film versions of A Christmas Carol, perfectly paired with our sermon series "The Redemption of Scrooge." It's the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit with popcorn, great company, and timeless stories of hope and transformation. Grab a seat and be part of the fun!



Christmas Joy Awaits You!

The magic of Christmas is calling, and we can't wait to celebrate with you! Join us for an unforgettable morning on Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 AM as our Lakeview Choir fills the sanctuary with the breathtaking sounds of "Come Adore Him"—a heartwarming musical celebration of Christ's birth. Whether you're part of our church family or visiting for the first time, you'll find a warm welcome waiting for you. Bring everyone you love and let's make this Christmas season truly special together!



THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Lakeview Wrappers - 8:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall
Monday Exercise Class - 9:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall
Crafters in Action - 9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
Stephen Ministry Training - 9:30 a.m. - Conference Room
Narcotics Anonymous - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Narcotics Anonymous - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Room
All Stephen Ministers - 2:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 17
Wednesday Exercise Class - 9:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall
Narcotics Anonymous - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Room
Caregiver Support Group - 10:00 a.m. - Conference Room
Amazing Grays Lunch - 11:30 a.m. - Smoot Hall
Games - 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Smoot Hall
GriefShare Group - 12:30 p.m. - Conference Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Narcotics Anonymous - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Room
Lakeview Book Club - 10:00 a.m. - Library
A Christmas Movie - 3:30 p.m. - Chapel
Thursday Bible Study - 3:30 p.m. - Conference Room
Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 p.m. - Music Room
TNT Dinner - 5:00 p.m. - Smoot Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Friday Exercise Class - 9:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall
Narcotics Anonymous - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Worship Service - 8:00 a.m. - Chapel / Online
Worship Service, Choir Christmas Cantata
9:30 a.m. - Worship Center / Online
Blue Christmas Service - 3:00 p.m. - Worship Center

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW

A sacred space for reflection and comfort

We warmly invite you to our Blue Christmas Worship Service on Sunday, December 21st, at 3:00 PM in the Worship Center. When the holiday season feels heavy, this compassionate service offers a gentle place to acknowledge sadness, find solace in community, and connect with God's healing presence. You're not alone—come as you are and discover comfort, hope, and the peace that only God can bring.



AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON MENU

Wednesday, December 17 – Pastor Stuart & Team. Surprise entrée · Salad, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on December 15th.

[MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS HERE](#)

THURSDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNER MENU

Thursday, December 18 – Enchilada Casserole, Black Beans & Rice, Salad Bar, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on December 16th

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The Lakeview Cookbook

EASY CINNAMON ROLLS

These easy cinnamon rolls are simple to make using prepared bread dough for a quick and delicious breakfast treat. They have a buttery cinnamon filling and are topped with a sweet glaze. Super yummy and gone in a flash at my house!

[Get the recipe here](#)



The "Ask it Basket"

We'd love to hear what's on your heart! Submit your questions, and our pastors will address them in our video blog through authentic, honest conversations. It's a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into topics that matter to you, so don't hesitate to send in your thoughts—we can't wait to connect with you!

[Submit Your Question Now](#)

Connecting Deeper

Your Spiritual Journey Starts Here

Discover New Ways to Grow in Faith – We're thrilled to introduce digital resources designed to nurture your spiritual path and bring our church community closer together. These tools are created with love, just for you.

Spiritual Strength: Daily Devotionals

Imagine spiritual nourishment that fits perfectly into your life:

- Dive into a rich devotional library
- Download inspirational content to enjoy anytime
- Explore meaningful themed series tailored to your growth
- Enhance your reflections with your personal Bible and journal

Echoes of Faith: Pastor's Blog

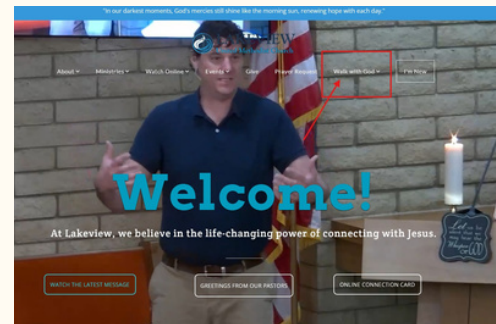
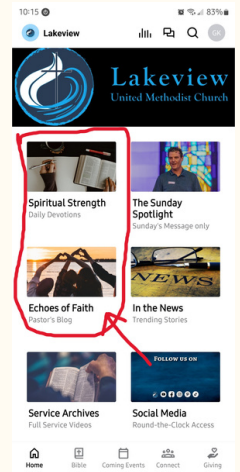
Stay connected with our pastoral team's heartfelt perspectives:

- Read uplifting reflections on recent Sunday messages
- Share your thoughts and connect with fellow believers
- Be part of a compassionate, supportive community

Getting Started is Easy

Your faith journey is just a click away:

- Visit LakeviewUMC.net and select "Walking with God"
- Download our mobile app by searching "Lakeview Online"
- Begin exploring, growing, and connecting today



Your spiritual growth matters. We're here to support you, every step of the way.

Generosity: Our Response to Grace

Your gifts matter. When you give to Lakeview, you're not just supporting a ministry—you're joining God's transformative work in our community and beyond.

Why Generosity Matters

Our giving reflects our hearts. As recipients of God's boundless generosity, we're invited to participate in His kingdom work through our own generous giving. Every gift—whether large or small—becomes part of something greater than ourselves.

Simple Ways to Give

We've made giving convenient with seamless online options that allow you to participate in ministry impact anytime, anywhere.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Join us in experiencing the joy that comes from stewarding God's resources with open hands and grateful hearts.

[Make a donation here](#)