



# The Lakeview Beacon

*we're so glad you're here!*

## REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE

ISAIAH 43:19-21

### The Hope of Christmas Future

Isaiah 43:19-21 is part of the prophetic writings of Isaiah, likely addressing the Jewish people during or anticipating their Babylonian exile. Written by the prophet Isaiah as God's spokesperson, this passage contains one of Scripture's most famous declarations about God's transformative work. This is hope. Audacious. Unbridled. Expansive. Fulsome. Yet not fanciful or fabricated. But rooted in the realities of the past and present and leaning fully into the conviction of what God can and will yet do for God's people. God announces He is doing "a new thing" that is springing forth, making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. God explains that He will make roads in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The message is that the desert will become lush. Consequently, the animals will multiply and people will not thirst.

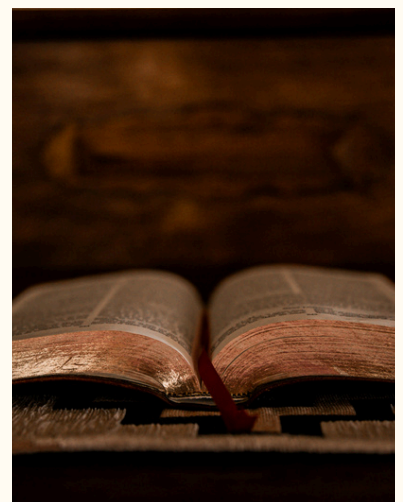


Pastor Brandon  
Lead Pastor

## What Did God Mean When He Said 'Behold I Am Doing a New Thing'

Isaiah's prophesy pops up in the New Testament more than any other Old Testament writer. The way in the wilderness, Jesus our Messiah, came to earth as a babe born in humble circumstances. Jesus didn't arrive on the scene of Scripture the night He came down to earth. His earthly arrival was foretold for centuries across the Old Testament.

[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 - *This Is A Day of New Beginnings* - #383
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Lord Listen To Your Children Praying* - #2193
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading - *Isaiah 43:19-21* - Toni Steitz
- Offering
- Hymn - *Love Came Down At Christmas* - #242
- Choir Christmas Cantata
- Announcements
- Closing Hymn - *Star Child* - #2095
- Benediction & Response - *Grace Alone* - #2162
- Postlude





## We lift up the following in prayer this week;

*Lyle Adams, Sarah Butcher, Family, 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, Kim Summers, 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!

**Last day to purchase tickets is Monday, December 22., [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!



## UMM Ministries Monthly Landscaping

Join us for a morning of fellowship and service! The United Methodist Men are gathering on Saturday, June 28 at 7:00 AM to spruce up our campus grounds by clearing debris. Whether you can spare an hour or the whole morning, we'd love to have you join us. Bring your work gloves, a willing spirit, and maybe a friend—many hands make light work, and great community happens when we serve together!



## Capture the Joy of Christmas

Don't rush off after our Christmas Eve service! Step into our festive photo booth and take home a complimentary keepsake photo as our gift to you. It's the perfect way to commemorate this special evening with family and friends while creating a lasting memory of your time at Lakeview. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



## THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

*Lakeview Wrappers - 8:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall*  
*Monday Exercise Class - 9:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall*  
*Meals That Matter - 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall*  
*Narcotics Anonymous - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Room*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

*Narcotics Anonymous - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Room*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

*Wednesday Exercise Class - 9:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall*  
*Meals That Matter - 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall*  
*Narcotics Anonymous - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Room*  
*Caregiver Support Group - 10:00 a.m. - Conference Room*  
*Candlelight Service - 3:00 p.m. - Worship Center / Online*  
*Candlelight Service - 5:00 p.m. - Worship Center / Online*

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

*Christmas Luncheon - 11:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

*Friday Exercise Class - 9:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall*  
*Meals That Matter - 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

*UMM Property Cleanup - 8:00 a.m. - Campus Grounds*  
*Drum Arizona - 2:00 p.m. - Smoot Hall*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

*Worship Service - 8:00 a.m. - Chapel / Online*  
*Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. - Worship Center / Online*  
*Fellowship Hour - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. - Smoot Hall*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW

## A sacred space for reflection and comfort

We warmly invite you to our Blue Christmas Worship Service today at 3:00 PM in the Worship Center or [Online here](#). 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.





## HOLIDAY BREAK FOR OUR MEAL MINISTRIES

Our Amazing Grays Lunch and TNT Dinners will take a well-deserved break December 24 through January 1 so our wonderful cooks can celebrate the holidays with their families. We'll be back and ready to serve you with lunch resuming on January 7 and dinner on January 8. In the meantime, we're wishing you and yours a blessed and Merry Christmas filled with joy, love, and plenty of delicious home cooking!



## The Lakeview Cookbook

### MOCHA MERINGUE BARK

The perfect dessert on the fly: White and milk chocolate combine for a satisfyingly crunchy indulgence.

[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](#)





Join Us For Our  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**  
3:00pm & 5:00pm

Music, Carols & Inspiration with Heidi Hernandez, Harpist

**Christmas Cantata**  
Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30am

**Christmas Day Luncheon**  
11:00am • \$13.00 pre-ticket sales at Lakeview Church Office

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## 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](#)