



# The Lakeview Beacon

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

## STAGES OF FAITH GENESIS 12:10-20

### Intuitive



Pastor Brandon  
Lead Pastor

Genesis 12:10-20 presents a troubling episode in Abraham's journey of faith, occurring shortly after his obedient departure from Haran. Written by Moses as part of the patriarchal narratives, this passage reveals how even great men of faith can stumble when faced with trials. In Genesis 12:10-20, we see what often happens in the life of faith: faith is often followed by famine, famine can lead us far from God, but God brings us back in his mercy and grace.

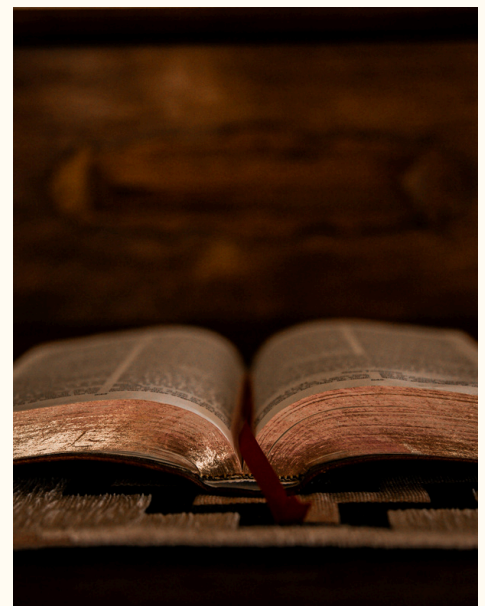
When severe famine strikes the Promised Land, Abraham chooses to go down to Egypt rather than trust God's provision in the land He had promised. Fearing for his life because of Sarai's beauty, Abraham instructs her to claim she is his sister rather than his wife. When Abraham moved to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that his wife was very beautiful and began to praise her to Pharaoh. Pharaoh, then, took her into his harem.

## The Faith of Abraham:

### Abram and Sarai in Egypt

Lest we get the wrong impression about Abram from his initial obedience, Genesis 12:10-20 shows us that he was all too human, even in his redeemed state. It is so with us all. None is hero but Jesus. We are all, as Martin Luther said, simul justus et peccator, simultaneously just and sinner.

[Read More Here](#)



# The 8:00am Service

## Order of Worship

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



## The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Call to Worship
- Opening Hymn - *My Life Flows On* - #2212
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Into My Heart* - #2160
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - Juan Hernandez
- Scripture Reading - *Genesis 12:10-20* - Margo Marque
- Offering
- Hymn Preparation - *How Firm A Foundation* - #529
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms* - #133
- Announcements
- Benediction & Response - *Into My Heart* - #2160
- Postlude



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

*Tamara Anaya, Natalie Ball, Debbie Barcus, Mark Carnicle, Rosemary Copet, Caryl Jo Dagro, Landon Grote, Clarron Koon, Merry Lassa & family, B J Martin, John McConaghy, Sally Newell, Patti Thompson, Bonnie Russell, Dorothy VanBochove, Willi Wheeler*

## 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](#)

## Lakeview Book Club: August Meeting

Join us for an engaging discussion as the Lakeview Book Club explores Celeste Ng's powerful novel "Our Missing Hearts" this month. Set in a near-future America where anti-Asian sentiment has led to authoritarian policies, this thought-provoking story follows twelve-year-old Bird as he searches for his missing mother, a Chinese American poet whose work has been deemed subversive.

### Meeting Details:

- Date: Thursday, August 28
- Time: 10:00 AM
- Location: The Library

Whether you're a longtime member or considering joining us for the first time, we welcome thoughtful readers ready to dive into meaningful conversation. Come prepared to discuss the characters, themes, and Ng's masterful storytelling in this timely and relevant novel.

For questions about the book club or directions to the library, please contact the church office.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW

## THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

*Lakeview Wrappers - 8:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall*

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

*No Events Scheduled*

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

*Games - 12:30 p.m. - Smoot Hall*

*GriefShare Group - 12:30 p.m. - Conference Room*

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

*Lakeview Book Club - 10:00 a.m. - Library*

*Thursday Bible Study - 3:30 p.m. - Conference Room*

*TNT Dinner - 5:00 p.m. - Smoot Hall*

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

*No Events Scheduled*

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

*UMM Property Cleanup - 7:00 a.m. - Campus Grounds*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

*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*

## AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON MENU

Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM

Amazing Gray's lunches during the summer months will be held on the 3rd Wednesday through September.

Please check your weekly Sunday announcements for future menus.

[MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS HERE](#)

## THURSDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNER MENU

Thursday, August 28 – Lasagna, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

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# Connecting Deeper

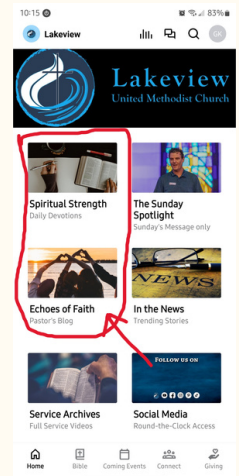
## Your Spiritual Journey Starts Here

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

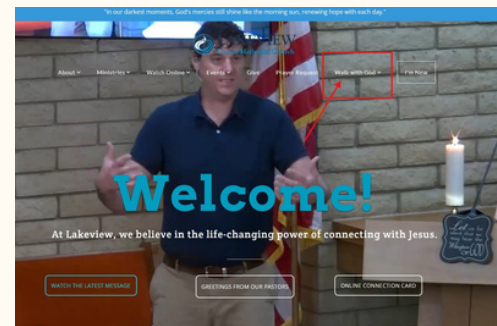
Stay connected with our pastoral team's heartfelt perspectives:

- 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



## The Lakeview Cookbook

### MUFFULETTA BRUSCHETTA

Taking bruschetta to a whole new level by layering in the flavors of a classic muffuletta sandwich: mortadella, capicola, salami and a savory homemade olive spread.

[Get the recipe here](#)



## The "Ask it Basket"

**Submit Your Questions: Then join Us for Answers:** at 10:45am each Sunday our pastors will gather for authentic conversation addressing your submitted questions during a live-streamed Fireside Chat

[Submit Your Question Now](#)

# Serving Our Neighbors:

## Valley View Food Bank Needs Our Help

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." – Matthew 25:35

Our community has countless opportunities to live out Christ's call to serve others, and one of the most immediate ways we can make a difference is by supporting the Valley View Food Bank. Right now, they're facing particular shortages of essential items that help families put nutritious meals on their tables.

Current Urgent Needs:

- Soups (canned varieties, especially hearty options)
- Peanut butter (all sizes welcomed)
- Stews (canned beef, chicken, or vegetable)
- Tomato sauces (pasta sauces, tomato sauce, marinara)

These pantry staples form the foundation of countless family meals and provide the protein, nutrients, and comfort that families in our community desperately need.

### How You Can Help

Consider picking up an extra item or two during your regular grocery shopping. Even small contributions add up to make a significant impact when our entire church family participates. Food donations can be dropped off at [insert location and times] or brought to Sunday service. Every can of soup, every jar of peanut butter, and every container of sauce represents more than just food—it's a tangible expression of God's love and our community's care for one another. Let's come together to ensure that no family in our area goes without a warm, nourishing meal. Thank you for your generous hearts and continued commitment to serving others.

For more information about Valley View Food Bank or other ways to get involved, contact the church office.

## 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](#)