



## THE LAKEVIEWER NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2009

Greetings, Friends!

Once again, here is your sporadic *Lakeviewer Newsletter*. I apologize that we have not been more routine and timely. Believe me, the lack of a newsletter does not represent a lack of activity.

The campus positively buzzed over the summer as renovations to the Old Fellowship Hall were undertaken. The lower level has become a more spacious and welcoming space for Operation Attack while the upper level is a wide open space available for activities. Currently Pathfinder uses it for occasional workshops with youth. Please take a peek at both spaces when you are next at church.

The REACH Initiative about which you have read is moving forward. Your Session and pastor have been hard at work re-thinking governance, worship, outreach, mission, etc. from the inside out and from the outside in. We are prayerful that the changes will be transformational in the hearts and minds of all.

Please join us for upcoming holiday celebrations, etc.

Peace,

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### OA Has Moved Into New Space

When we opened for our Back to School Rush this year on August 11, we were in our new, spacious and clean area. Our customers were able to come into a cool and comfortable room while they were waiting for service. The people shopping for clothing were able to move amongst the clothing racks with ease as well as get clothing more quickly. We are so pleased to be able to provide this new and improved area for the people that we want to help.

OA has prioritized our customers' need for food. As of August 2008 people can get food monthly instead of four times a year. During January-August 2008, we spent \$6,000 on food. In comparison we have spent \$18,718 on food during January-August 2009.

**Fast Facts:** January - May   Clothed 548 children  
August 11 - August 27   Clothed 256 children  
Fifteen public schools in Pinellas County donated clothes from their Lost and Found to OA. We are very thankful for that partnership.

## Operation Attack Reaches Out



**What has Operation Attack meant to you?**

*It's been a lot. When someone is laid off in their job or needs medicines or needs food when money runs out.*

Merinda Witchard

*It's been a big help for clothes and food.*

Shanell Edwards

*I know that OA is here if I need it and I don't have to ride the bus.*

Phillip Butler



## Lakeview News Briefs

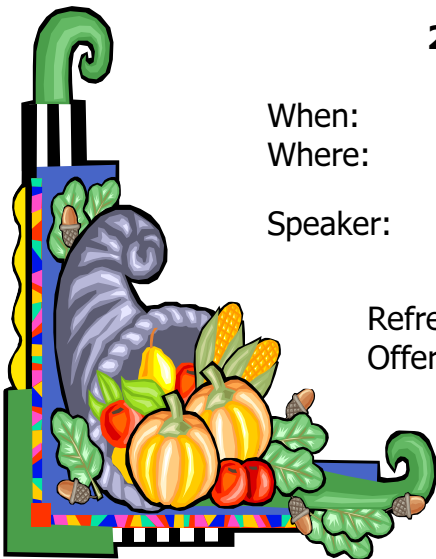
✓Congratulations, Lakeview! You generously donated more than \$1600 to the Peacemaking Offering on the first Sunday in October, World Communion Sunday. Lakeview's Session determines how to spend 25 percent of the offering. This year, \$400 will be sent to the Center for Development in Central America (CDCA) towards construction of a building for spinning cotton.

✓Speaking of the CDCA, four Lakeview members depart October 24 on a 9-day mission trip to Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua, where the CDCA is located. Isaiah Jacobs, Kitty Rawson, Pastor Todd Sutton and Shelby Walker have enjoyed several orientation meetings with Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, South Carolina, mission team members through the amazing technology of the internet and Skype. Please keep the team in your prayers.

✓Lakeview through Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST) continues to seek justice in the community. Last spring, 65 Lakeview members and friends joined more than 2600 FAST friends at the Nehemiah Assembly and heard Pinellas County Schools officials promise to evaluate new discipline programs that have been implemented in several schools at FAST's request. Over 60 hot spots of drugs and crime reported by FAST members have been cleaned up by Pinellas County, Clearwater and St. Petersburg. Pinellas County Commissioners promised to put \$5 million into the affordable housing trust fund. Later, Commissioners budgeted zero dollars to the fund. *On October 26, FAST will select another issue to pursue in the coming year. Interested Lakeview members are encouraged to attend the Annual Assembly at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on 54th Avenue S, at 6:45 p.m. Talk to Viola Bates, Kim Thomas or Henry TenBrink for more information.*

✓November and December bring changes in the potluck calendar. Watch for a Thanksgiving Potluck on November 22. Plan to bring your favorite Thanksgiving dinner dishes. December 20, we'll have a variety of chilis and plan to decorate the church.

✓Beginning next Sunday and right up to Thanksgiving, we're entering a season of stewardship. Rev. Opal will preach on the topic and is preparing special services for All Saints' Day and the Sunday before Thanksgiving. So, listen to the minutes for mission, think about what you're thankful for, pray about what you can give back and be good stewards.



### 27th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

— Sponsored by the St. Petersburg Clergy Association

When: **Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 4 PM**  
 Where: **Palm Lake Christian Church**  
**5401 22nd Avenue North**  
 Speaker: **The Rev. Kim Wells, Senior Pastor**  
**Lakewood United Church of Christ**

Refreshments by Church Women United follow the service.  
 Offering benefits:

- **Operation Attack**
- ASAP Homeless Services
- Daystar Life Center
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services
- St. Petersburg Free Clinic We Help Services

## THE LAKEVIEWER Re-shaping Evangelism



On October 17, the Witness and Mission Committee sponsored "Reshaping Evangelism," an introduction on how to share Jesus with non-Christian friends, co-workers and family. Sometimes when we think of evangelism, we see open air preachers and door-to-door tactics, or we feel the pressure of having to sell Jesus to our non-Christian friends. Presenter Leah Bochichio explained that there is much more to explore and learn about evangelism. She asked attendees to set aside fears and preconceived notions and discover the freedom and joy of sharing Jesus and building authentic friendships. Leah is on the InterVarsity staff at St. Petersburg College. She led the 15 participants as they discussed ways to involve co-workers, neighbors, and other friends in discussions about Jesus and the Bible. We enjoyed good fellowship, good food and good sharing of ideas and experiences about sharing the Good News.



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### Report from Pathfinder

By Betsey McFarland (executive director)

We recently resumed our Open Tree Climbs on the first Saturday of the month. Starting in October and running through June, we will host our open climbs beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 1 pm. Open climbs are \$10 per person. Please join us! Periodically there will be groups that have reserved the tree following the open climb. Those events will typically be done by 3 or 3:30 p.m.

We are always on property early (between 7:30 and 8 a.m. to "set" the tree. Take down should be completed by 2 – 2:30 (4 -4:30 if there is a private climb). You can mark the calendar for the regular Saturdays, and we will notify you if there will be a group in the afternoon.

We are again going to try to collect food for Operation Attack. We are open to other ideas you may have to make the event more festive and community oriented. We will soon be using Constant Contact to send out "Tree Mail." I hope you will forward them to your contact lists.

Also, we have discussed hosting some kind of "celebration" now that the community room is completed. During or after a tree climb would be ideal. We could invite the surrounding community to participate at a discounted rate and also have some other Pathfinder activities going on. Please contact me with your ideas!

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# November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nicaragua Mission Trip Returns						Pathfinder Free Climb 10 am—1 pm, \$10
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Veterans' Day			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Thanksgiving Potluck @ Lakeview  Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Palm Lake Christian Church, 4 pm			Todd returns to office	Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	Office Closed	
29	30					
1st Sunday in Advent						

# December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
				Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Pathfinder Free Climb 10 am—1 pm, \$10
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2nd Sunday in Advent				Choir Practice 6:30 pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3rd Sunday in Advent						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4th Sunday in Advent  Christmas Chili Potluck				Office Closed	Christmas Office Closed	
27	28	29	30	31	Jan. 1	
				New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve Office Closed	