

Dear Friends,

The peace of Christ be with you.

I just accidentally sent you a blank email. Apologies.

I ask you to please read this email. It contains important information about our common life together.

Lakeview is still accepting pledges for the 2012 budget. There are two big issues around our budget. The first is the installation of a new fire alarm system, required by the City of St. Petersburg. We currently do not have a Certificate of Occupancy and the time has come to right this. We have a small financial cushion of around \$40,000. The fire alarm system will cost between \$35,000-36,000. The good news is we can pay for this project outright. The bad, well, Lakeview will lose its reserve funds.

The second issue around the budget is the ability, or inability, to call another full-time pastor. The session has received my thoughts and report from the discernment conversations we had in worship in October. I will put copies of my report on the table in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who wants one. The session met with the Rev. Fred Terry and Ms. Nancy Appunn from the Committee on Ministry last Sunday. One of the realities we discussed was our financial challenges. The annual congregational meeting will be called after the beginning of the year, once the session meets to set it. At issue at the congregational meeting, in part, will be discussion about Lakeview's financial situation and the possibility of a move from a full-time pastor to a part-time pastor.

I am asking everyone to remain in prayer for decisions we all need to make together, and to be thankful for God's leading hand and faithfulness to us.

Mark your calendars now for Christmas Eve worship on Saturday, December 24, 5:00 PM at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Gulfport Presbyterian Church and its pastor Rev. Micki Robinson will join us for worship. ***On Sunday morning, December 25, we will have worship at Gulfport Presbyterian Church at 10:30 AM.*** The address for GPC is 5313 27th Avenue South, Gulfport, 33707. Rev. Micki and I will share worship leadership for both worship services.

Please find below the announcements from the bulletin this Sunday. This email will be copied and on the table in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who doesn't receive email. If you know who they are, please help me by giving them a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Thank you to those who served Home Communion to our homebound members after worship last week. It is a precious sharing of Christ and a blessing to do this ministry together!

Let's go Christmas caroling after worship! We'll eat a light lunch provided for us, then head out to share some Christmas spirit!

We have a lot of fun the second Sunday of each month as we gather for fellowship over potluck and would like to have light refreshments the third, fourth and fifth Sundays, too. If you would be willing to provide refreshments one of those Sundays, please see Diane Klamer or contact her at 528-0745.

Gloria Fisher, our office administrator, has resigned and we want to show our appreciation, thanks and wish her well in the future. Diane Klamer is coordinating a collection of money/checks and notes/cards. If you would like to donate money in the form of a check, please make it out to Diane. The deadline for this collection is December 18. I hope you will choose to participate so we can let Gloria know how much we have appreciated all that she has done during the year and a half she worked at Lakeview.

#### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11, during worship	Operation Attack Offering
Sunday, December 11, after worship	Caroling
Saturday, December 24, 5 PM	Christmas Eve worship< Lakeview PC
Sunday, December 25, 10:30 AM	Christmas Day worship at Gulfport PC

**I'll see you Sunday in worship! Christ's love, Laurie Palmer**

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