

## Ministers

Ministering	Today	Next Week – Jan. 12
Liturgist	Joe Kummer	Nancy McKinnon
Cool J	Carol Gorham & Danna Segrest	Diane Tandy & Brenda McGuire
Education Chair	Danna Segrest	
Song Leader	Rick Gorham	Danna Segrest
Greeter/Usher	Dan & Brenda McGuire	Jo & Jim Page
Acolyte	Drake Powell	Drake Powell
Sound/Media	Cheryl Green	Cheryl Green
Fellowship	John & Diane Tandy	
Counter	Rick Gorham	

## What's happening

### Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. Study – returns this week

9:30 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Bell choir practice – begins 1/12

### Every Monday

7:00 p.m. Study - returns this week

### Every Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Study & Prayer Pack – this week

January 8

6:00 p.m. Trustees

January 9

1:00 p.m. Membership Care & Outreach

January 11

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

January 18

10:00 a.m. United Methodist Women

### Tithes and Offerings

Offering – Dec. 24 & 29 \$6,434.

Weekly goal for 2019 2,192.

Received to date 119,021.

Goal year to date \$113,984.

**Services for Jocelyn Harwood** will be Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 11:00 a.m., at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea, with Pastor Todd Jones officiating. Visitation will be Monday, January 6, 2020, 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home.



### **NORTH LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Website: [northlakeumc.org](http://northlakeumc.org)

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[Facebook.com/NorthLakeUnitedMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NorthLakeUnitedMethodistChurch)

# NORTH LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 5, 2020

## A Service of Covenant Renewal

*Welcome*

*Entrance of the Light of Christ and Tolling of the Bell*

*Call to Worship*

LEADER: This covenant I advise you to make, not only in heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing; and that you would with all possible reverence spread the writing before the Lord, as if you would present it to him as your act and deed: and when you have done this, set your hand to it: keep it as a memorial of the solemn transactions that have passed between God and you, that you may have recourse to it in doubts and temptations.

*Opening Prayer*

**PEOPLE: O Most Holy God, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves to you as prodigals at your doorstep. We have fallen short because of our sins, and are prone to the wickedness and evil in the world. But you have promised mercy to us in Christ, and you call us to turn to you with all of our heart. Therefore, by the call of your gospel, we come now, without reluctance, to submit ourselves to your mercy.**

*Opening Hymn: #413 A Charge to Keep I Have (vs 1-4)*

### 1. We Confide in God

LEADER: Having a full, life-giving relationship with God means putting away our idols, and being against that which God is against. Therefore, renounce those things from the bottom of your hearts, and in full covenant, use all the means that you know to refuse sin and corruption in your lives. (1)

### 4. We Choose Faithfulness

*Prayer of Commitment*

**O God, Because you have been pleased to give your holy law as the rule of my life and the way I should walk in your kingdom, I willingly submit myself to you, set my shoulder to your burden, and subscribe in all your laws as holy, just, and good. I solemnly take them, as the rule of my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that though my flesh might contradict and rebel, I will try to order and govern my whole life according to your direction, and will not allow myself to neglect any of my duties to you. Now, Almighty God, searcher of hearts, you know that I make this covenant with you today without deceit or reservation, asking you, that if you see any flaw or falsehood in me, that you would reveal it to me and help me to get right with you.**

*Closing Hymn Jesus: #354 I Surrender All (vs. 1, 4 & 5)*

### 5. We Connect to God in Prayer

LEADER: And now, glory be to you, O God the Father.

**PEOPLE: From this day forward I look upon you as my God and Father, knowing that you are always looking for ways to recover sinners like me.**

LEADER: Glory be to you, O God the Son.

**PEOPLE: You have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood, and you are my Savior and Redeemer.**

LEADER: Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, you are now my Covenant-Friend, and through your infinite grace, I am your Covenant-Servant. Amen. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

*Benediction*

*Exit of the Light of Christ*

*#224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (Vs. 2)*

*Depart in Peace (4)*

**PEOPLE: O God, through we once were of the world, we now resign our hearts to you, humbly bowing before your majesty, with firm resolution in our hearts.**

*Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Luke 9:19-27 and Colossians 3:1-14*

## **2. We Compose Our Spirits**

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon*

LEADER: Let us pray.

**PEOPLE: O God, we wholeheartedly desire your grace, so that we might follow your call with resolve, forsake the world, turn away from sin, and turn to you. We will guard against all temptations, in good times and bad, lest they draw us away from you. We acknowledge our own powerlessness against such forces, and rely on your righteousness and strength.**

(Silent prayer of confession)

LEADER: God is boundless in mercy and great grace, and offers us again to be our God through Christ. Therefore we solemnly pledge ourselves to God, bowing to God, bowing before God's majesty.

**PEOPLE: We take you as our Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We yield our whole selves, body and soul, for your service, promising and vowing to serve you in holiness and righteousness every day of our lives.**

*Hymn of Preparation – #261 Lord of the Dance*

## **3. We Claim the Covenant**

*Children's Sermon*

*Thoughts About Making a Covenant with God*

*Prayer of Commitment* (2)

LEADER: Since God has given Jesus as the only way to God, solemnly accept Jesus as the only new and living way, by which sinners may come to God. I call you to join in covenant with God.

**PEOPLE: O blessed Jesus, I come to you hungry, wretched, miserable, blind, and naked. I am tarnished by sin, and my uncleanness makes me unable to be in a relationship with you. But your love for me is unparalleled, so with all my heart I accept you, and take you to be my Lord, for richer and for poorer, for all times and conditions, to love, honor, and obey before all others, until my death. I embrace you in every way, renouncing my sinfulness, my wisdom, and my will, offering myself fully to you and taking your will to govern my life. And since you told me that I will suffer if I try to do this alone, I enter into a covenant with you, come what may. Your grace will assist me when I run into trouble, and I know that nothing in life or death will separate me from you.**

*The Wesley Covenant Prayer*

LEADER: Let us pray this covenant prayer in the Wesleyan tradition.

**PEOPLE: I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
thou are mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

*Sacrament of Holy Communion (Hymnal page #13-15)*

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## Divorce Care for Kids - DC4K

January 16 – April 23, 2020

First United Methodist Church, Chelsea

DC4K provides children with a safe and neutral place to gain an age-appropriate understanding of separation and divorce. They will learn how to process and share their feelings.



For 13 weeks your children become involved in a fun, caring group that meets near you. The weekly session topics help your children learn that God's love strengthens them and helps them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy. Families can join any time during the program.

DC4K groups blend, games, music, stories, videos and discussion to help kids process the divorce and move forward. Groups meet weekly and are designed for children ages 5-12.

Registration/More info from Rev. LeAnn Soto 734-475-1844 at First Congregational Church. \$20 (scholarships are available).

Registration/More info for the Adult Program from Rev. Todd Jones 734-475-7569 at North Lake United Methodist Church.

Maybe this does not relate to your household, but you may know someone who might benefit from this information. Please share it with others in the community.

## Prayer Concerns

North Lake UMC ♥ Greater United Methodist Church ♥  
Our Superintendent, Elizabeth Hill ♥ God's Country Cooperative Parish & Randy Hildebrandt ♥

Gordon Knight ♥ Jan Longworth ♥ Greta Kelly ♥ Irene Bokros ♥  
Lorna & Jim Eberts ♥ Ann Beyer

Comfort for those who grieve:

Jocelyn Harwood Family ♥ Colleen Weddon Family ♥ Mark Cook Family ♥ Justin Nichols Family ♥ Deanna Johnson Family ♥ Dennis Aten Family ♥ Jerry Beaumont Family ♥ Jessi Thornton Family ♥ Dorothy Antis Family ♥ Pat Knight Family ♥ Mary Ann Merkel Family ♥ Hunter & Alex Storie

Travel Mercies: Holiday Travel

Military: Tate Alderin-Lopez in Qatar & John, Steven Draper, Jim Muscato and all other military!

Friends: Gerald Timberlake ♥ Arlene Grass ♥ Vicky Kapaum ♥ Larry Sherdon ♥ McKinsie ♥ Harriet ♥ Joanne Ackerman ♥ Debbie Penny ♥ Baby Cameron Dotson ♥ Dan Shipman ♥ Jan Lyons ♥ Nephew Travis ♥ FloAnn Longworth ♥ Sharon Cuddington ♥ Ron Woodworth ♥ Cecil Jones ♥ Jessica Foley ♥ Angie Spalink ♥ Bill Maloney ♥ Mark Taylor ♥ David McGuire ♥ Nancy Kimm ♥ Bob & Jo ♥ Duane Dill

Our Country & Leaders ♥ Veterans & Military ♥ Police, Fire, and First Responders