

The Open Door

January 2021

“Behold, I have set before thee an open door...” Revelation 3:8



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FROM THE PASTOR
January 13, 2021

Oh yes! In the midst of the 2020-2021 pandemic we were able to ordain/install all of our officers [Deacons and Elders] for 2021 and 2022! Last Sunday, January 10, during worship we ordained/installed the following Deacons: Barbara Drake, Lori Pollack, Steve Steinhaus, Susan Nichol and Sue Colwell and the following elders: Sue Dykstra, Debra Singer, Barbara Wismer, Lana Gerrow and Marsha Hiller. Please thank these Lakeshore members for their willingness to serve our Lord Jesus Christ as they serve Lakeshore Church. The job of deacons rose out of the New Testament Church. Our Book of Order defines the job of the deacons in this way, **“The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress.”** Deacons are elected at Lakeshore’s Congregational meeting in November to two year terms. They can be re-elected and serve up to a maximum of six years, and then they have to wait one year until they could serve again as a deacon. The four deacons whose term expires at the end of 2021 are: Ann Hall, Barbara Drake, Brian Nichol and Sheila Miller. The four deacons whose term expires at the end of 2022 are: Lori Pollack, Steve Steinhaus, Susan Nichol and Sue Colwell. Deacons are an important part of God’s work at Lakeshore. I am grateful for all who have served and are serving as deacons at Lakeshore Church.

The Session is made up of eight elders, a clerk to keep the records and a pastor, who is the moderator. Elders were important in Old Testament times. Elders helped Moses lead God’s people to the promised land. The Book of Order says this about elders: **“Ruling Elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament [pastors], exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.”** Each of Lakeshore’s eight ruling elders provide a connection between a committee, including the Deacons and the Session. The four Elders whose term expires at the end of 2021 and their committee responsibilities are: Don Colwell – Worship Committee; MaryBeth Sheldon – Nominating Committee; Jerry Roberts – Stewardship & Management; Sue Dykstra – Evangelism & Outreach Committee. The elders whose term expires in 2022 are: Debra Singer – Memorial/Columbarium Committee; Barbara Wismer – Personnel Committee; Lana Gerrow – Christian Education Committee; Marsha Hiller – Deacons. I feel very blessed to have officers of faith and commitment serving on the Deacons and Session.

We have a church because we have members willing to step up and lead as deacons and elders. I am grateful for all who have served as deacons and elders. May God guide us and use us as his disciples.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON GOOGLE.MEET

During January all of Lakeshore's worship services will be online on Google.Meet and our Annual Congregational Meeting will follow our worship service on January 31. According to our Lakeshore By-laws, **"The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to review the annual budget, receive reports of committees and boards..."** Would you like the Annual Report sent to your home? If so, call the church office (810-285-4531) and leave a message or call Pastor Bill (810-294-1235). Last year's Annual Report was 27 pages long. The Annual Report will be emailed and will be able to be read on your computer screen if all goes according to plan. You can join the worship and the Annual Meeting through your computer, smart phone or telephone.

To join the video meeting, click this link:

<https://meet.google.com/rik-bqqf-rye>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 929-282-0976 and enter this PIN: 574 737 948#

Nancy Nunez, Office Manager, to Retire

Nancy Nunez, our long term Office Manager, is retiring. She has been a top flight Office Manager for three pastors, Bill Wingrove, Kelly Pitman and myself. She has performed her duties skillfully and professionally. Lakeshore has been blessed by her presence. Once it is safe to gather, we will celebrate her service to Lakeshore Church for over 10 years.

The Personnel Committee has hired a new Office Manager, Beverly Matlas. Beverly served in the accounting department at the University of Detroit Mercy for 38 years until her retirement two years ago. She holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration. Nancy Nunez will work with Beverly for as long as it takes for Beverly to learn the ins and outs of the Office Manager position. As skillful as Nancy has been, we should have no let down with Beverly Matlas. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Bill

THANK YOU

From Brenda Almanza – one of the recipients of the Christmas Basket at The Towers – the basket was much appreciated.

From Pat Eppley – Christmas Eve Service – the service was excellent!!!! I liked the kids in it!!! Merry Christmas.



**SANTA'S HELPERS – THANK YOU DEACONS
AND EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH**

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee met on January 7th to interview for a replacement of our wonderful office manager, Nancy Nunez, who will be leaving Lakeshore after completing the orientation of her replacement.

We interviewed two very competent applicants. We have offered the position to one of the applicants and await the notice of acceptance.

Committee members

Chairwoman, Barbara Wismer, Mike Bergeon, Marsha Hiller

Pastor Bill is working from home
and can be reached at
810-294-1235 or
billfwdavis@hotmail.com.



Office Manager Nancy,
is in the office on
Monday afternoon TBA
Wednesdays from 9am – Noon
If you need to contact her, please send
an email to the church or leave a
message on the answering machine, as
she checks both frequently.



The work of the church continues even though we are unable to
worship face to face. Utilities and salaries are still being paid. If
you are able, please mail your offering to the church and it will
be deposited weekly.

Finances for the December, 2020:
Expenses: \$13,948.72
Income: \$13,125.00

Investments Totals 12/31/20:
Thrivent \$36,646.89
New Covenant \$35,550.70

“Our Daily Bread”

The following daily devotion books are available.
If you would like a copy mailed to you please contact
Pastor Bill at 810-294-1235

Large Print: January – March, 2021

Copies are also available at the church on the table
in the narthex if you wish to stop by and pick one up.

How to join us for Sunday 10am worship.....

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Online: meet.google.com/rik-bqqf-rye
phone call: 929-282-0976 and
at the prompt dial: 574 737 948#.



	Message by
January 17	Diane
January 24	Bre
January 31	Bill
February 7	Diane
February 14	Bre
February 21	Bill
February 28	Diane



**2021
Offering
Envelopes**

***Now available in your church mail box.**

**** Please pick them up at your convenience or on Wednesday
from 8:30am – 12:30pm when staff is in the office**

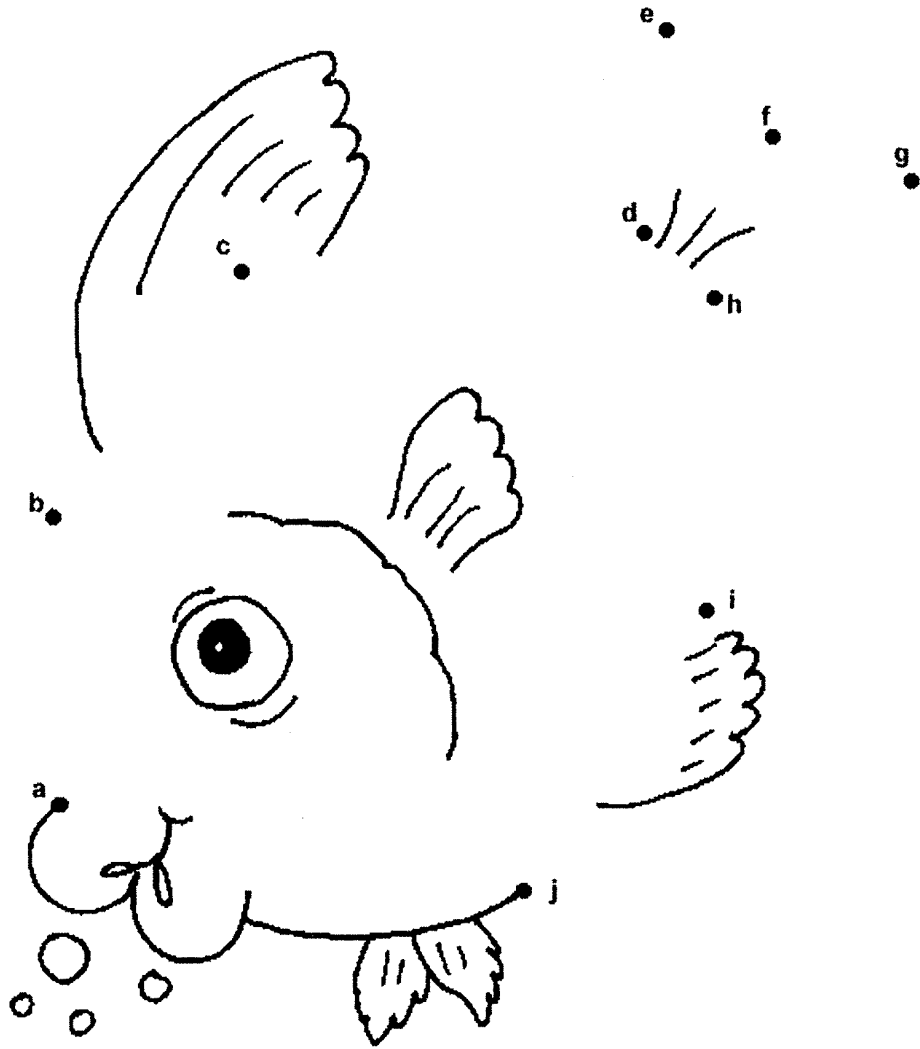
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home please contact the church at 810-385-4531
and leave a message on the answering machine**

Children's Page



Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples,
and I will show you how to fish for people!"

Matthew 4:19 (NLT)



Connect the dots in alphabetical order.

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Puzzle from www.kidsrcrafty.com