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# PASTOR'S CORNER

Hello Lake Deaton Friends & Family!

As we come into September, I always find myself moving into a “back to school” mindset. I guess after being in school for so many years and then having kids in school for what seems just as long, there is now just a natural internal rhythm that leads my soul to begin to seek growth and service as I move into the Fall.

I have decided that this is not a bad thing. Summer is a great time of rest, travel and basically just hang out. We were created to have down times such as our Sabbath rest, but we were also created to grow and to serve. I like that the Fall focus on growth and activity is a good opportunity to continue the journey of faith that I am on.

This September, I encourage you to jump back into the rhythm of growth and service as well. Here are just a few opportunities...

- Attend the Wellness Series *Talk on Healthy Foods for a Healthy Mind* (**Wednesday, September 2 at 1:30pm**)
- Learn how to Line Dance (**Thursdays at 1:30pm**)
- Join the Choir or Praise Band (Contact Kenn Mann at [kmann@lakedeatonumc.com](mailto:kmann@lakedeatonumc.com))
- Participate in the New Wired Word Class (**Saturdays at 3:15pm in CR 5/6**)
- Attend our Grow Night Kick Off Celebration Dinner (**Wednesday, September 9 at 4:45pm**)
- Plan on taking one or more of the Grow Night Classes (go to: [lakedeatonumc.com/grow](http://lakedeatonumc.com/grow))
- Begin to serve at the Coleman Oaks Thrift Store (go to: [lakedeatonumc.com/thriftstore](http://lakedeatonumc.com/thriftstore))

Like I said above, these are but a few opportunities. I hope you are able to find places to plug into and grow in these coming months, after all, “We are not finished yet!” This fall can be a season of new exploration and growth.

Blessings,




- Church Office will be closed on **Monday, September 7**, in celebration of Labor Day!
- Kids Central Information meeting on **September 17 at 2:30pm in CR 1.**
- Annual Church Conference at Community UMC in Fruitland Park on **Saturday, September 26 at 10:00am.**

# ON THE ROAD AGAIN

BY LOIDA DIVINE

*Loida*



So, here I am again, packing my bags and getting on the road, because in one way or another God keeps calling me to get up and “go.” And yes, sometimes the going can be an adventure as I look at a new path God is opening for me to remain faithful in ministry. On this new path, I will get to see my grandchildren more often and I will listen to books and podcasts while on the road. Yet, there is also sadness in leaving Lake Deaton—leaving the areas that are familiar and comfortable to me and not being able to see friends I love and cherish as often.

What can I say? I have lived by the rule that when God calls, I go. As I go to minister with the people of Asbury UMC Vero Beach, I ask for your prayers and your blessing; prayers for the ministry challenges I will face and prayers for the time I will spend every weekend on the road. Lake Deaton UMC will always be in my thoughts and prayers, and it holds a vital place in my heart.

As I leave, though, it is with the confidence of Lake Deaton CARE ministries being in the capable leadership of Dr. Susan Perry. Susan has come to Lake Deaton as a lay volunteer to create a structure through which the CARE needs of our congregants can be faithfully addressed. She heard a call from God to join in this ministry. She has created opportunities for the training for our Congregational Care Ministers, and she has Pastor Jim’s and Pastor Lucas’ support. Every congregant can help, though, as we become aware of those who we sit by in worship, caring, loving, and praying for them.

So, I will see you upon my returns. I will see you when I come to preach. I will see you around in special occasions. God has been good; all glory and honor to Him!

## THE PET MINISTRY

We are in need of volunteers to help contact exhibitors and coordinate emails or call veterinarians.

Please contact De Raynes to find out more details or to volunteer: [deraynes@aol.com](mailto:deraynes@aol.com).



## Cricut Class

Want to expand your knowledge of all great things your Cricut Machine can do? Sign up for our 4-session class beginning on **Tuesdays, September 8 - 29 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in CR4**. Register online or click [HERE](#).



# WE NEED YOUR HELP...



*"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'" ~Matthew 25:37-40 (NLT)*

The Wednesday afternoon Drive Through Dinner at Wildwood UMC is looking for a few more volunteers. This is a joint effort between Lake Deaton UMC, Wildwood UMC, Wildwood Food Pantry, and Wildwood Soup Kitchen to feed the needy in the area. There are two shifts:

- 1:30-3:30 prepares the food
- 3:30-5:00 puts the food in containers and cleans up and another group of volunteers, at the same time, puts the food in the cars as people drive up.

We often have a volunteer offering prayers as well to these recipients. Volunteers are sent an evite, weekly, to choose when and where they would like to volunteer. Wildwood UMC Church Location is at the corner of Curry and Mason streets in Wildwood. Training is provided and we work as a team. It can be a weekly, monthly or whenever volunteer opportunity. Summer and Fall help is especially needed. Please contact: Robin Meinert 913-927-9916 or Judy Schober 630-640-5386.

## HUNGER



*The mission of this ministry is Feeding the Spirit. The volunteers spirit is fed through fellowship, camaraderie and acts of service. Our client spirit is fed through receiving a warm meal, kindness and prayers.*



## HEALING PRAYER SERVICE Tuesday, September 15 at 4pm in CR1

Reflections

How often do you look at your reflection? When you're brushing your teeth? Washing your face? Trying on a new outfit? Shaving? Combing your hair? But do you really "see" yourself? You were created to be the perfectly unique person you are. We will pray for a complete revealing of your true reflection. Please join us.

# JOIN THE CELEBRATION CHOIR- A PARTY OF PRAISE AWAITS!

Hello Everyone!

I hope you're having a GREAT summer! In September we will begin our **Thursday "Celebration Choir Rehearsals" in the Choir Room at 4:00pm.**

If you've ever sung a song in your heart - join us for a FUN-FILLED hour of Joy and Praise! You will LOVE it!!! Every Rehearsal feels like a ...  
"PARTY OF PRAISE!!!"



*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."  
~Psalm 100:1-2 (NLT)*

Soon we will begin preparing for our:

## "LAKE DEATON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL!"

It will take place on **Dec. 18** and will feature our "Celebration Choir" and Rachael Smith in Concert! What a Fabulous opportunity for you to serve the Lord and bring Christmas Joy to so many in our Community!

Come and be part of our *Celebration Choir* team! There are no requirements necessary... you don't even need to read music! Contact me at [kmann@lakedeatonumc.com](mailto:kmann@lakedeatonumc.com).

Kenn Mann  
Worship Director

*Kenn*



**RACHAEL SMITH**

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video of Rachael performing a Christmas song.

# WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH YOUR GRIEF...



**Thursdays, Sept 10 - Nov 19**  
**1:30pm to 3:30pm in CR 4.**

*"The Lord is close to the  
brokenhearted; He rescues those  
whose spirits are crushed."*  
~Psalm 34:18 (NLT)



GriefShare – A caring, small-group experience designed to help you navigate the many aspects of grief through video teaching, Scripture, and meaningful discussion.

If you are hurting after a loss, feeling uncertain, or wondering if what you're experiencing is normal, you are not alone—you are welcome to join us.

Workbooks will be available on the first night for \$20. For more information, please contact Denise McGhee at 410-652-4099.



**1. September 10**  
Is this Normal? How Grief Affects Us



**5. October 8**  
Fearful & Overwhelmed:  
Facing the Unknown



**9. November 5**  
Questions for God: Why this? What about Heaven?



**2. September 17**  
Your Grief Journey: It's Uniquely Yours



**6. October 15**  
Anger: When It All Seems So Unfair



**10. November 12**  
Stuck in Grief: When It Feels Impossible to Move Forward



**3. September 24**  
Loneliness & Sadness:  
Life After Your Loss



**7. October 22**  
Regrets: Dealing With the If Only



**11. November 19**  
Hope and Resilience:  
There's More to Your Story



**4. October 1**  
Self-Care: Keeping Up Your Strength



**8. October 29**  
(2 classes - 12:30pm to 3pm)  
-Grief & your Household  
Facing the Empty Chair  
-Grief & Your Friendships:  
Does Anyone Understand?



# TIME TO GROW

Come be part of something meaningful at Lake Deaton UMC! GROW Night is your opportunity to connect, learn, and grow in your faith alongside others in a welcoming and encouraging environment. Each season offers a wide variety of classes to help you GROW spiritually while exploring new interests. From arts and health to finance and other practical topics, there's truly something for everyone! A full catalog with all classes, dates, and special events is available at the Connect Desk, making it easy to find the opportunities that fit your schedule. You can also browse classes and access registration links by visiting our website at:

[www.lakedeatonumc.com/GROW](http://www.lakedeatonumc.com/GROW).

Come GROW with us this season!



## SEPTEMBER 9 - KICK-OFF

Kickoff Night Celebration Dinner (Meal is \$15 - to sign up, click [HERE](#)). Every facilitator will present a brief description of classes to be offered. Doors open for dinner at 4:45pm, come in and eat first, then the presentations start at 5:30pm. Right after, head over to the tables in the lobby area to sign up for desired class(es).

**Coming Soon:** Go to [lakedeatonumc.com/grow](http://lakedeatonumc.com/grow) to register.

- October 7 - Game Night
- November 4 - Thanksgiving GROW/Special Mission & Outreach

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

When a medical emergency happens, knowing what to do—and how to work together—can make an important difference.

On **Tuesday, September 22 at 2:00pm in the CLC**, we will offer a Medical Emergency Response Training, facilitated by Paula Labonte. We will walk through how to respond to an emergency, call for help, assist first responders, locate and use our emergency resources, and understand the roles each of us may have when an emergency occurs.

We especially invite staff, First Impressions volunteers (Greeters and Connections), ushers, Coleman Oaks Thrift Store volunteers, and anyone willing to be a helping hand in an emergency. You do not need medical experience, just a willingness to learn how we can care for one another calmly, safely, and effectively when help is needed.



Register online at our *Upcoming Events* page or click [HERE](#).

# FROM YOUR EVENT COORDINATOR

Can you believe September is already here? Where did the summer go?

As for me, I spent the summer in the beautiful (and mostly comfortable!) Pennsylvania, where I helped with Vacation Bible School, Membership, and the Rummage Sale. I also enjoyed visiting relatives and had the privilege of hosting the 146th Davis Family Reunion.

Now, on to church events!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our:

**2nd Annual Free BBQ  
Friday, September 25,  
beginning at 5:00pm.**



Come enjoy delicious pulled pork BBQ, line dancing, corn hole, fun music from our DJ, and, of course, the hayride that was such a big hit last year!

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers. Pass out the invitation cards (grab some from the Connect Desk) and help us spread the word. Let's make this year's BBQ our biggest and most memorable one yet!



# SINGLES/SOLOS MINISTRY

If you are single or a solo and are looking for a place to belong and contribute, do we have an opportunity for you! With a rich history behind us, the Singles/Solos Ministry of LDUMC is in the process of a rebirth toward whatever is next. As is true in all of our LDUMC ministries, we are a volunteer driven church. So if are interested in this leadership role, contact Randy Millwood at: [rmillwood@lakedeatonumc.com](mailto:rmillwood@lakedeatonumc.com).

## DINNER & SUNSET CRUISE Thursday, September 17

Hey Singles/Solos, you're invited! Enjoy a delicious **meal with friends at 5:00pm at Eaton's Beach**, followed by a beautiful **sunset cruise at 7:30pm around Lake Weir**. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, great conversation, and a spectacular Florida sunset! Please call or text Liz Schweers at 850-247-9489 to reserve your seat. Liz will notify the restaurant of the number attending by Monday, Sept 14.

If you would like to join the sunset cruise, please call the cruise company directly at 352-812-5007 no later than Monday, September 14 to reserve your space and make your payment directly.

**Carpooling will be available** from the church parking lot. **Please arrive by 4:15pm** If you plan to carpool, be sure to let Liz know when you reserve your dinner seat. Bring a friend and come enjoy an evening of fellowship, food, and a beautiful sunset! We hope you'll join us!



## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Join us!

Our quilting group meets on the **first Wednesday of each month from 12:30-3:00pm in CR 2 (No meet-up in September)**.

Contact Lois Borlase at: [quilter8509@yahoo.com](mailto:quilter8509@yahoo.com)



Dedicated quilters come together to create beautiful, handmade quilts that carry a special message of love, comfort, and prayer. As each quilt is created, it is prayed over and dedicated to someone who is facing a difficult time, illness, loss, or other life challenge. The recipient is reminded that they are surrounded by the prayers and care of our church family.

Whether you are an experienced quilter or simply have a heart for serving others, we would love to have you join us! Come share your talents, learn from others, enjoy fellowship, and help create quilts that bring comfort and hope to those who need it most.

Click [HERE](#) to request a Prayer Quilt.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join us!

Our shawl group meets on the **second Monday of each month. Our next gathering is September 14 from 9:00am-11:00am in CR 2.**

Contact Paula Labonte at: [seashels3@comcast.net](mailto:seashels3@comcast.net)



Whether you're an experienced knitter or simply have a heart for prayer and service, we invite you to be part of this meaningful ministry.

Together, we wrap others in warmth, prayer, and love, one shawl at a time.

### Need a Prayer Shawl?

Prayer Shawls are available on the Shawl Stand in the church lobby near the Connect Desk. If you or someone you know could use a shawl, please take one, complete the yellow card attached to it and place it in the basket. This allows us to continue praying for the person receiving the shawl.



## A 3-DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Please come join us for a spirit filled weekend!

- Men's Retreat: (Men are encouraged to attend.)
  - **October 1-4, 2026** or **April 8-11, 2027**
- Women's Retreat:
  - **October 8-11, 2026** or **April 15-18, 2027**

Location: Camp Horizon - 7369 Sunnyside Dr, Leesburg. For more information, contact:

- Terry Womack: 256-591-5911
- Susan Perry: 301-906-9597
- Don Argus: 352-552-1042

## SAVE-THE-DATE!



***BLOOM Women's Event***  
***Tuesday, February 9, 2027***  
***9:00am – 12:30pm***

Join us for a meaningful morning of worship, fellowship, and inspiration as we welcome guest speaker Robyn Dykstra. Our theme, "Finishing Faithful" (Matthew 25:21), invites us to reflect on the joy of serving well and persevering in faith. The event cost is \$50, which includes the full program and a catered luncheon.



An optional prayer bead workshop will be offered from 12:30–1:30 PM. The workshop fee is \$20 to cover materials.

Scholarships are available for the luncheon and/or the workshop by contacting the church office. Mark your calendar and invite a friend; this will be a day to remember.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONS...

Hello Lake Deaton Family!

It's hard to believe that autumn (on the calendar, at least!) is upon us. Children have returned to school and their daily routines. Our Seasonal Congregation will start to return to campus. And life at Lake Deaton is ramping up to a very busy rhythm. The team at Lake Deaton has been preparing for you!

A few updates for you:

- We have transitioned to online sign-ups! The team at the Connect Desk is happy to help you sign-up for the activities and events of your choosing!
- As our church has grown, you can imagine how busy our building is! If you're planning a meeting, event or activity, your first step needs to be the Connection Office. Your activity will not be official or "real" until the paperwork has been completed and it has been added to our calendar. This is a new procedure for us and we're happy to walk you through the process.
- Most importantly, as our church family has grown, the need for volunteers has increased. We need YOU! If you have been thinking about becoming more involved at Lake Deaton, this is your nudge. Please shoot me an email and we can set up a time to chat!

In Peace & Grace,

Kari Diaz

[kdiaz@lakedeatonumc.com](mailto:kdiaz@lakedeatonumc.com)

*Kari*



# SPORTS & RECREATION

## ➔ Line Dancing



Come join us and have fun learning some level one line dances. No prior line dancing experience needed. For your safety, please wear sneakers. No flip-flops. All are welcome! Contact Karen Maurey at [karenmaurey@gmail.com](mailto:karenmaurey@gmail.com).

- **Thursdays at 1:30pm in the CLC**

## ➔ Bone Builder



Bone Builders is now new and improved! Faster moving, but still great for beginners and men and women of all ages. All moves are done sitting or standing with a chair for balance. No weights needed for beginners.

All are welcome! Contact Mary Corini at [mlgrdh2596@yahoo.com](mailto:mlgrdh2596@yahoo.com).

- **Mondays at 10:00am in the CLC**

## ➔ Walk Away the Pounds



Join us in the nice and cool CLC! Just bring comfortable sneakers and come ready to walk. All are welcome! Contact Nancy Ward at [nancyeward41@gmail.com](mailto:nancyeward41@gmail.com).

- **Tuesdays at 3:00pm**

## ➔ Women's Golf



Ladies, join us for a morning of fun on an executive course. Contact Judy Schober at [judyshober4@gmail.com](mailto:judyshober4@gmail.com).

- **Mondays at 9:00am**  
(except on the 5th Monday of the month)



## WHEN GOD SAYS, "YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE"

By Bob Smith

Hello! I'm Bob Smith, your Lake Deaton UMC Recreation and Sports Leader. I'd like to share a little about my journey to Lake Deaton and how God led me to a place where I could continue serving others in a whole new way. I spent 20 years in the United States Air Force, working with and teaching electronics. I spent another 14 years at the Air Force Electronics Depot in San Antonio. After 34 years in the field, I retired on Friday, October 22, 2021—and moved to The Villages the very next day! My wife, Barbara, and I first discovered The Villages through her sister and brother-in-law. After visiting them, we quickly realized that this could be a wonderful place for us to retire. Of course, turning that dream into reality took plenty of planning and decision-making, but eventually, we made the move.

Barbara's sister and brother-in-law attended New Covenant Church and had heard about Lake Deaton. During one of our visits, they brought us to a service. After we officially moved to The Villages, we explored a few different churches, but we kept coming back to Lake Deaton. We knew we had found our church home. We attended *Coffee with the Pastors* (Now *Coffee at the Lake*) and officially joined Lake Deaton in May 2022.

After working for 34 years, I suddenly had a lot of energy and time on my hands! I wanted to find ways to get involved, so I decided to go "all in" at Lake Deaton. I jumped into indoor Pickleball, joined the Journeymen, and became part of the Audio-Video team. Before long, I was beautifully busy—and loving every minute of it!

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## ➔ Nine & Dine Golf



Join us for some golf. We play 9 holes on an executive course using simple games for all levels, then share dinner and fellowship together. All are welcome! Contact the Bakers at [DonnaAPN@comcast.net](mailto:DonnaAPN@comcast.net).

- **Tuesdays at 5:00pm**

# SPORTS & RECREATION *Continued*

## ➔ Pickleball



Join us for Pickleball! All skill levels are welcome, whether you're a beginner with some knowledge or a seasoned player. Come for friendly games, laughter, and community on the court. Equipment provided; just bring comfortable court shoes/sneakers.

Contact Bob Smith at [bob\\_smith98@hotmail.com](mailto:bob_smith98@hotmail.com) or Susan Cosmai at [susanpickleball5@gmail.com](mailto:susanpickleball5@gmail.com).

- **Tuesdays at:**
  - 7:30am - Co-Ed
  - 9:30am - Women
  - 12:30pm - Adv Beg
- **Thursdays at:**
  - 4:30pm - Co-Ed
- **Fridays at:**
  - 7:30am - Co-Ed

## ➔ Cardio Drumming



Cardio Drumming is a fun way to get exercise! The participants use drumsticks, large exercise balls and buckets. Join us! We meet twice a week and all are welcome!

Contact:  
Lisa Peterson at [lisapeterson58@gmail.com](mailto:lisapeterson58@gmail.com)  
or Sue Clouse at [ssclouse@gmail.com](mailto:ssclouse@gmail.com)

- **Mondays at 8:30am**
- **Tuesdays at 5:30pm** (except 2nd Tuesday of the month)

### *The Bob Smith Story (Continued)*

Then came another unexpected opportunity to serve. Lake Deaton suddenly found itself without someone to lead the Recreation and Sports Ministry. I met with Pastor Jim, who encouraged me to pray about taking on the role. As I prayed about it, I became increasingly convinced that this wasn't simply a coincidence. It was God opening a door and showing me another way I could use my time, energy and experience to serve others. In December 2023, I officially became the Lake Deaton Recreation and Sports Leader.

Today, Lake Deaton offers a wonderful variety of recreation and sports programs, including Indoor Pickleball, Bone Builders, Cardio Drumming, Line Dancing, Walk Away the Pounds and Golf. Each program provides an opportunity not only to stay active, but also to build friendships, enjoy fellowship and connect with others in our church community.

A special thank-you goes to all of our program leaders. They are the ones who make these activities possible, and their willingness to share their time and talents is a blessing to our church. And now, I'd like to invite you to go "all in" with us! We are always looking for people who would like to serve as leaders. Maybe you enjoy volleyball, basketball or badminton—or perhaps you have an idea for a completely new activity. We would love to hear from you. You don't have to lead a program, either. If you simply enjoy pickleball and would like to help with the program, there is a place for you!

God gives each of us gifts, talents and energy that can be used to bless others. Sometimes, all we have to do is be willing to say yes when He opens the door. I hope you'll find a way to get involved, make new friends, stay active and discover the joy of serving here at Lake Deaton. Come join us—and go "all in"!

Thanks,

Bob Smith  
Recreation and Sports Leader  
[Bob\\_Smith98@hotmail.com](mailto:Bob_Smith98@hotmail.com)



# THRIFT STORE NEWS...



Marie  
Ass't Manager

Melanie  
Manager

**Mark Your Calendars,  
Coleman Oaks Is Heading Into The Holidays!**

**Christmas Starts - 9/25 10AM**

**Closed For Thanksgiving  
Wednesday 11/25 & Thursday 11/26  
Reopen Friday 11/27 & Saturday 11/28 10AM**

**Closed Thursday 12/24 - Saturday 1/2  
Reopen Tuesday 1/5/2027 10AM**

Shop Tuesday - Saturday 10-4 Donations Accepted 10-3:30 Enjoy The Coffee Shop 10-2

## CARD MAKING MINISTRY

The Card Making Ministry meets on the **FIRST Wednesday of every month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in CR 4. Join us on September 2nd** as we make cards to help meet the daily needs of our congregation and their families. All are welcome to join us. No experience necessary.

If you have any questions, email us at:  
Teresa at: [tnburgess@comcast.net](mailto:tnburgess@comcast.net)  
Kathy at: [kmskatrina@hotmail.com](mailto:kmskatrina@hotmail.com)

## SAVE-THE-DATE!

**Our Craft Fair at the Lake...**

**Saturday, November 7 from 9am to 1pm.**

Bring your family and friends, enjoy some great food and festive fun, and find those special Christmas gifts early! More details coming soon!

## FAITH BASED CANCER SUPPORT & SURVIVOR GROUP

We are excited to announce a new Care Ministry "Cancer Support and Survivor Group" which will be meeting **twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday, from 9am to 11:30am in CR 1, beginning October 7th.**

Our mission is to provide a safe and confidential place for cancer patients and survivors to share how we are feeling. Going through cancer creates a wide range of emotions. We live with fear, anxiety and questions, sometimes long after we are survivors. The good news is we can celebrate victories, anchor our hearts in God's peace alongside peers who truly understand. We invite you to find community, comfort and hope here!

For questions, contact Carole DeCosmo at [relaxcj@cfl.rr.com](mailto:relaxcj@cfl.rr.com).



# WHAT ARE YOU MISSING?



By Mary Jo Lewellen

In the US today the % of the following age groups have hearing loss:

50 – 59: 13%

60 – 64: 23%

65 – 74: 30%

75 – 89: 55%

90+ Everyone has some loss

For our members and guests with hearing loss the church has taken steps to make our services and gatherings more comfortable to this population.

The church has installed a Hearing Loop System. This loop system (or induction loop) is a specialized listening system that transmits clear, tailored sound directly to the user's hearing aids or cochlear implants, bypassing background noise. It works via an electromagnetic field generated by a copper wire installed in the CLC, which is picked up by the users T-Coil.

**To have your T-Coil activated you must see an audiologist at your provider.** This can be done at your yearly appointment for adjustments, cleaning, and updates.

**There are also headphones available.** I have been told they are very good, so if you would like to try them they are **located at the Connect Desk**. Just ask at the desk and they will get them for you from the cabinet.

Our Congregational Care Team has formed a group to investigate and make plans to provide assistance to our members.....**MORE TO COME!**

*Mary Jo Lewellen*  
309-251-1066



Join us at our next Coffee at the Lake on  
Thursday, September 17 at 9:00am in CR 5/6.

***Come GROW with Us!***



*Jim Divine  
Lead Pastor*



*Lucas Bonates  
Executive Pastor*



Lake Deaton United Methodist Church

Worship Services:

**Saturdays at 5:00 PM**

*(With Interpretation for the Deaf.)*

**Sundays at 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM**

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thur: 9 to 4:30 & Fri: 9 to 1 PM

[www.lakedeatonumc.com](http://www.lakedeatonumc.com)



Coleman Oaks Thrift Store

& Coffee Shop

A Ministry of Lake Deaton UMC

Store Hours:

Tues - Sat: 10:00am to 4:00pm

130 S. Commercial Street, Coleman, Florida 33521

407-378-3030

[ColemanOaksOffice@LakeDeatonUMC.com](mailto:ColemanOaksOffice@LakeDeatonUMC.com)

[www.lakedeatonumc.com/thriftstore](http://www.lakedeatonumc.com/thriftstore)

# 2026 SEPTEMBER

**Worship Services:**  
Saturdays at 5:00pm | Sundays at 9:00am & 10:45am

## Time to GROW!

[www.lakedeatonumc.com/GROW](http://www.lakedeatonumc.com/GROW)

New Testament Reading Challenge Class with Pastor Jim: **Tuesdays, 8:00am in CR 1** or Pastor Loida: **Thursdays, 2:00pm via Zoom.**

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

☐ **READ: Ephesians 3:6; Philippians 1**

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Card Making - at 1pm in CR4

Wellness Series- 1:30pm in CLC

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**New** Wired Word Class - **Every Saturday** at 3:15pm in CR 5/6

☐ **READ: Philippians 2-4; Colossians 1 & 2**

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Discover Lake Deaton - After services in CR 1

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**Holiday: Labor Day - Church Office Closed**

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Cricut 4-Week Class begins at 1pm in CR4

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**GROW - Kick-off & Dinner at 4:45pm in CLC**

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GriefShare - 11-Week Series 1:30pm in CR 4

Lit & Lemonade 2pm in CR 1

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Prayer Bees - Need prayer? After service stay seated.

☐ **READ: Colossians 3 & 4; 1 Thessalonians 1-3**

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*Blood Mobile 8:30am*

Emergency Walkthrough - 10:15am - Lobby

Prayer Bees - After service stay seated.

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BLOOM Lunch Bunch at 1pm at Olive Garden

Healing Prayer at 4pm in CR 1

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**GROW Classes begin** - see list on website:  
[lakedeatonumc.com/grow](http://lakedeatonumc.com/grow)

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**Coffee at the Lake - 9am in CR 5/6**

Kids Central Information meeting at 2:30 pm in CR 1

Singles/Solo Dinner & Boat Ride at 4:15

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☐ **READ: 1 Thessalonians 4 & 5; 2 Thessalonians 1-3**

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Emergency Walkthrough - 11am - Lobby

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Medical Emergency Response Training - 2pm - in the CLC

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**2nd Annual BBQ at 5pm - FREE Event!**

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Annual Church Conference at Community UMC in Fruitland Park at 10am

☐ **READ: 1 Timothy 1-5**

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**Sports & Recreations - For Details Visit [www.lakedeatonumc.com/recreation](http://www.lakedeatonumc.com/recreation)**

### **Mondays:**

- Cardio Drumming - 8:30am
- Women's Golf - 9am (except 5<sup>th</sup> Monday)
- Bone Builders - 10am

### **Tuesdays:**

- Cardio Drumming - 5:30pm (except 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month)
- Pickleball - 7:30am, 9:30am (Women) and 12:30pm (Advance Begginsers)
- Walk Away the Pounds - 3pm
- Nine & Dine Golf - 5:00pm

### **Thursdays:**

- Line Dancing - 1:30pm
- Pickleball - 4:30pm

### **Fridays:**

- Pickleball - 7:30am