

LAKE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Mike Bond

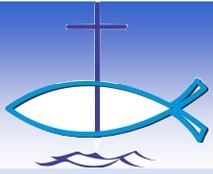
Set in Indonesia in 1965, the film *"The Year of Living Dangerously"* starred Mel Gibson and Sigourney Weaver and was about the turmoil in that country. This year, 2013, will be a challenging one for Lake Christian Ministries as we have seen our expenses rise from just over \$100,000 in 2008, to \$327,000 for this year. Most of the rise can be attributed to increased food cost and client requests for financial assistance with utility bills.

With the USDA continuing to cut contributions to food banks, LCM now receives only 5% of the food we distribute from the local food bank. LCM purchases 85% of the food we give to clients and last year we spent well over \$100,000 for food. The remainder of food, 10%, comes from local food drives and grocery stores and we have lost two of those, ShopRite and Westlake Food Lion, over the last four months.

Our own utility bill at the Ministry has gone up over 20% over the past year and our clients have experienced the same increases. Many times they must choose between buying medicine and paying their utility bill. LCM limits clients to one financial aid visit per year and imposes a limit on the dollar amount of aid. We direct clients to their local Social Service Departments for cooling and heating assistance programs as well as using programs offered by the utility companies. The majority of these programs run out of money rapidly and have limited funds.

We continue to see growth in demand for LCM services averaging 30 new households per month. Our client households' depend on LCM to help them make it through each month by providing food, clothing, household goods and emergency financial aid. Now more than ever, LCM needs continued donor support throughout the year. We receive no government funds and rely solely on our donors to fund the Ministry. No gift is too small and we welcome any amount that we receive.

Please continue to support us as we continue to help our neighbors in need in the Smith Mountain Lake area. We have been providing assistance for 20 years and rely on your support to continuing to serve our community.



Fun - Fun - Fundraiser



**FRIDAY,
MARCH 1st
6:00 PM - 10:30 PM**

**in the Fellowship Hall at
Bethlehem UMC
13586 Old Moneta Rd., Moneta**

Cost is \$50.00 per person.

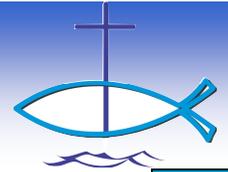
You will enjoy a delicious meal, catered by Liberty Station with service by the BUMC Youth. During your dinner, you will be entertained by the amazing music of the Harmeneers. After dinner, everyone can join in and have fun with good old Karaoke Singing.

Tickets will be on sale at LCM starting February 11th. If you mail a check to LCM, we will mail your tickets to you. Make your check payable to Lake Christian Ministries and mail to the address provided on the back page.

There's room for 120 people, so don't delay in getting your tickets.

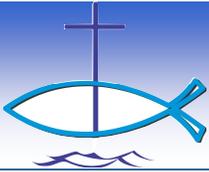


- Winter Fundraiser presented by the Fund Development Group -



JOB POSTINGS: Volunteers are Appreciated

- **Front Office & Warehouse Volunteers** are needed to serve.
Interviewers: interview new clients, input client info into the client database and do 6-month update interviews.
MOMs: work at the front office window registering and inputting food orders for our clients.
Phone Receptionist: answer incoming calls to LCM.
Warehouse: load and unload donated items for our clients, keep warehouse organized and neat.
- **Webmaster:** If computers are your thing, your help is needed as a Webmaster. Please see Ed Reynolds or Mike Bond (540-297-3214) for more information.
- **Financial Aid Counselor:** If you have a genuine interest in talking with people, reaching an understanding of their needs, and finding solutions to meet those needs, Financial Aid Counseling at LCM may be the right fit for you. You will learn how to identify spending habits and pitfalls and to identify client needs. Once needs are assessed, a variety of resources is available for you to help clients address specific needs such as maintaining a roof overhead; keeping the heat and lights on; providing medical assistance, prescription medications, emergency dental services, and much needed dentures; securing financing for reliable transportation to work, and more. The rewards for making a difference in the lives of our clients are priceless.
For more information, please contact LCM's Volunteer Coordinator at (540) 297-3214.
- **PC Support team:** LCM is in need of Volunteers with experience in PC problem analysis. In-depth is not required. Analysis is centered on knowledge of advanced pc skills in file management, control functions, printer selection and wireless operations. Anyone with advanced pc operating skills can be taught LCM system problem analysis.
If you can manage files, know your way around the PC control panel and can assign printers you probably have the skills that we are looking for. If you have any doubt give me a call and we'll set down and figure out your level of experience.
Anyone interested in applying to join the PC support team can do so by sending an email to Ed Reynolds at reynolds@kec-co.com. Please include your name, phone number and summary of your experience with PC's.
- **PC Support team:** LCM is in need of Volunteers with experience in MS Access 2003 and 2010 to work with the current LCM MS Access support team. Familiarity with 2003 Access is essential but does not have to be in-depth. Familiarity with 2010 Access is helpful but can be gained over time working with the support team. The support team is currently starting to test 2010 in readiness for a 2003 to 2010 conversion possibly later this year. There will be no plans to upgrade the LCM application itself so conversion will be straight forward. The support team understands that in-depth programming knowledge of Access is scarce and they will do all they can to help increase any new team member's skills.



FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

**Colleen & Jerry McNulty,
Pantry Co-Managers**

We have all seen our food bills go up at the grocery store and Lake Christian Ministries is no exception.

Last year we gave out **Easter food baskets** at a cost of less than \$10.00.

This year each basket is going to cost close to \$15.00.

Each basket has a 2 pound ham, green beans, corn, eggs, potatoes and dinner rolls.

Last year we gave out 150 baskets and we can anticipate at least that many again this year.

Please consider donating enough to fund a basket to help feed an Easter meal to a family of our neighbors in need.

You can mail your check to the address listed on the back page, or bring it to our office. Just write "**EASTER**" in the memo line on your check.

Thank you for your support of LCM.



Free 2012 Tax Preparation Service

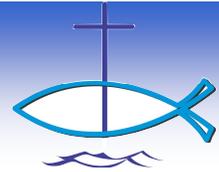
- Luther Mauney

Free 2012 tax preparation service is available for seniors and low income families at two places. It is first come, first served.

In **Bedford** it is offered at the Central Library by AARP beginning **Tuesday February 5** and running **every Tuesday and Thursday** from 9:00 am to 12:30 during tax season.

In **Rocky Mount** it is through the STEP program (540-483-5142) and through AARP (540-483-9238). Call for scheduling and more information.

FACT SHEET FOR LCM



About Lake Christian Ministries (LCM)

- LCM is an outreach ministry supported by local churches, organizations, businesses and individuals; has an annual operating budget of \$327,000 to provide services; and of necessity must purchase 85% of all food distributed.
- LCM has been providing food, clothing, household items and crisis financial aid since 1992 to needy families in the Smith Mountain Lake areas of Bedford, Franklin and Pittsylvania counties
- LCM is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, so all contributions to LCM are tax deductible
- LCM's Board of Directors takes a proactive approach to helping those in need improve their quality of life
- Programs and services available through LCM are provided entirely by 200+ team-spirited volunteers who worked more than 22,500 hours in 2012; *LCM has no paid staff*
- In the spring of 2012, a team of volunteers that called themselves The Bent Nail Company completed the expansion and remodeling of LCM's Moneta Road location. This project with its 1,500 square foot addition provided improved operating efficiency to benefit clients and volunteers, an enlarged client waiting room, classroom and conference room space and easier access for those with physical disabilities.

Services and Programs Provided by LCM

- Food and other household staples
Once a month – enough food to provide two nutritious meals per day for five days to each household member
- Three Mobile Food Pantries traveling to Three Oaks Fellowship United Methodist Church, Penhook United Methodist Church, and the Moneta Senior Center to provide food to those that cannot come to the center
- Seasonal clothing for families – all ages and sizes
- Donated household items – distributed as needed
- Emergency financial assistance in the form of direct payment to the providers for housing; fuel; electricity; medical, dental and prescription drug expenses, and other types of aid as special situations warrant
- Referrals to clients for other types of aid and services and to other resources available in the area
- Holiday food baskets - Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter and "A Child's Christmas" and Back-to-School Programs
- Denture and Vision Screening Programs
- Ways to Work – an affordable loan program enabling qualified individuals to purchase a car and offered in partnership with Presbyterian Homes & Family Services
- GED classes

Notable Statistics from 2012

- 3,148 unduplicated individuals received food – two nutritional meals a day for five days per monthly visit
- 1,115 unduplicated individuals benefitted from crisis financial aid – maintaining a roof over their heads, keeping the utilities on, providing much needed prescription drugs and dental services
- 755 food baskets distributed for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas combined – feeding 2,299 individuals
- Back-to-school supplies for 370 children in grades K-12
- "A Child's Christmas" – providing clothing and other gifts to 591 children under age 16 in enrolled families
- 51% of LCM clients are under age 18 or age 60 and over

Contact Information

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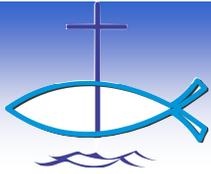
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Hours of Operation

9:00AM – 12:00 Noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday
5:00PM – 7:00PM Last Tuesday of each month

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2013's
NEW CRUSTY MINSTRELS
**Sing-Along
Concert**



The New Crusty Minstrels will present a Dance Party / Sing-Along Concert on at the Smith Mt. Lake YMCA.

Tentatively titled "*Where Were YOU, '52 - 62?*", the benefit for Lake Christian Ministries and SML Good Neighbors, will feature the New Crusty Minstrels' take on radio and "Platter" favorites from the early American Bandstand era.

Watch LCM's website and the local media for details and ticket info.

Just as with "Good Times at Margaritaville 2012," you'll be able to reserve tables in advance, so be thinking about the fun crowd you want to assemble to enjoy this special Lake-area concert event - a significant fund-raiser for LCM!

IMMEDIATE NEED!

Lake Christian Ministry is in need of a **WEBMASTER**.

Please contact **Ed Reynolds** or **Mike Bond** at **540-297-3214** to discuss more details.

This is an immediate need, and your response is appreciated.



END OF YEAR DONATIONS

will be provided in the next Newsletter. Due to volunteers being away, we were unable to obtain those records.

All donations to Lake Christian Ministries is deeply appreciated and goes to help fund the needs of our clients.



NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL

Due to the rising costs of printing and postage, we ask you to consider receiving your **newsletters via email** - in **FULL COLOR**.

Submit your email address to rojanec007@hotmail.com.

In doing so, you're allowing LCM to budget more money towards food for our clients.

DONATE ONLINE:

ONLINE DONATIONS:

You are now able to donate ONLINE on the LCM website. You can use our secure website to make your donations using your credit card via **CLICK&PLEDGE**. Your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you!



EVERY DONATION IS APPRECIATED!

Please mail this form and make all checks payable to:
LAKE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES PO Box 695 • Moneta VA 24121

ALL DONATIONS are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$25. \$50. \$75. \$100. Other _____

In Honor Of / In Memory Of (circle one) _____

(Names will be printed in next quarter's newsletter.)

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Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9 AM—12 Noon
Last Tuesday Evening 5:00—7:00 PM

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A financial statement for Lake Christian Ministry is available upon written request from the Office of Consumer Affairs, Commonwealth of Virginia. PO Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218