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My father loved music. I grew up listening to Bing Crosby, Pete Fountain, Louis Armstrong, Dean Martin, Al Hirt, Nat King Cole, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Lawrence Welk and many others. My father had a beautiful voice and was not shy when it came to singing hymns on Sunday mornings. It seemed fitting that when he died in 1987 that my family donated a grand piano to our church in memory of him. I had no idea of the significance of that piano until several years later when I learned that visiting concert pianists loved to rehearse on that piano as they prepared for concerts. That memorial gift continued to bless music lovers for many years!

When visiting with the pastor of that church, I learned that the piano recently had been replaced. I was surprised by my initial reaction of shock, sadness and hints of betrayal. I had not been in that church nor heard the piano since my mother's funeral in 2005. As I reflected on these unexpected emotions, I realized that the replacement of that piano felt as if a connection with my father had been forever severed. I could reason that the worn out piano no longer produced the beautiful melodies it once did; but it still hurt. After a few days of grieving the loss of this connection with my Dad, I began to recognize the natural rhythm of life.

In one of my not so favorite lessons from Jesus, he is speaking to the disciples about his death. He says, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit." (John 12:24-25) Sometimes, we must release the things we treasure to allow new opportunities to bear more abundant and sweeter fruit. That grand piano was not my father; I still hold him in my heart. My connection with that church which blessed me in my early adulthood will always be special to me. But by grieving and releasing my disappointment at the replacement of the piano given in my father's memory, I can celebrate the fresh fruit that the new piano will offer to future generations. God is doing a new thing and blessing in a new way, those persons who will play and listen to the new piano.

We serve a Risen Savior who is not limited by our preferences, our traditions, our feelings, our imaginations, our nostalgia, or our human understanding in any way. The "one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5) "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!" (2 Corin. 5:17) Eternal life and our new creation in Christ begins with our baptisms. We do not have to wait to realize the new thing that God is doing among us!

Could the Holy Spirit be doing something new in our United Methodist Church? Is this a time in the history of our denomination when we need to grieve our losses, mourn the deaths of beloved connections, suffer the agony of birthing pangs and begin to embrace the new thing that Christ is doing in our midsts? I believe with all my heart that it is!

Grief can neither be controlled nor rushed. We must feel it and experience it to heal. But as Christians, we can look with hope and expectation to the future and the new thing that God is doing through the Holy Spirit! We do not have to know what the Spirit is doing or when it will happen; we only need faith the size of a mustard seed and open and willing hearts and minds to accept the movements of the Holy Spirit!

Pastor Judy

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 24

9:30 LAAF
6:00 Choir

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

Office closed

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28 (one service)

9:15 Sunday school
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, May 29

*Office is closed for
Memorial Day*

Tuesday, May 30

Wednesday, May 31

9:30 LAAF
6:00 Choir Party - Campbell's

Thursday, June 1

Friday, June 2

Office closed

Saturday, June 3

Sunday, June 4

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
12:00 Potluck in Fellowship Hall

Meet the Interns Potluck

**Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.
Fried chicken will be provided.**

Lakesiders, having promised to be loyal to Jesus Christ through The United Methodist Church and to do all in our power to strengthen its ministries, live out our promise by God's grace together— participating faithfully in the ministries of Lakeside United Methodist Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Help Us Spread the Word

If you or someone you know, want to remain United Methodist but don't know where you will be moving your membership, you can temporarily move your membership to the district by registering at <https://fs28.formsite.com/ARUMC/RetainUMC/index.html> or contacting the SE District Office at astephens@arumc.org or (870) 536-8806

REMEMBER TO WEAR RED THIS SUNDAY FOR PENTECOST AT 10:30 IN THE SANCTUARY!

SUMMARY OF MAY 16, 2023 LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

- The Consent Calendar consisting of the trustees, memorials, and Mi Casa reports and the April 2023 minutes was approved.
- The financial report was approved. Pastor Judy will work with Carolyn Hamilton to create a new monthly Endowment report describing the purpose and activities of the endowments.
- The Board agreed to pursue dissolution of the Lakeside United Methodist Corporation.
- Approval for Ann Tibbs, Director of Music, to purchase quieter fans for the choir loft to accommodate the new sound system was granted to be paid from the Ayres Endowment.
- Approval of a salary adjustment for a staff member who was not included in earlier reviews.
- Approval for fundraising repairs and updating the 16th Street offices was revised to \$17,000 and purchase of a new air conditioner unit was specifically authorized.
- Beacon Church program will be considered at the next Town Hall Meeting on July 16th.
- The Board regretfully accepted David Nixon's resignation. A replacement will be considered.

Project Transformation Needs

Project Transformation Summer Camp is right around the corner. We are needing volunteers for the following. You may sign-up at the links below or call if you need help.
 *Meals: Ellen Wyatt 870-329-6001
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aaba72da2fec34-meals#/>
 *Reading Buddies: Jennifer Fox 534-6421 or 489-0790
www.projecttransformation.org/arkansas/



We pray for the sick:

Ericka Best, Katie Watson, Earle Phillips, Scott Mouser, Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, and Mary Emily Caldwell Calhoun.

We pray for the grieving:

Dr. Clyde Tracy Family

Sheridan Healthcare Rehab: Don Massey
Woodland Heights Senior Living: Billie Doster
Woodland Heights Memory Care: Wannie Pope
Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry; Young People around the world; Families in trouble; City Council members & Mayor; Students of all ages; Teachers, First Responders.

Mid-Week Manna

Our Wednesday night program has ended for the summer. Thank you to the following people for all of the wonderful work you've done.

Sandy Bobo	Plum Harris	Sharon Blanken-
Linda LaClair	Bobby Wyatt	ship
Pastor Judy	Sharon Wyatt	Tammy Corkins
Jo Stanfield	Mike Frye	Jane Neely
Sue Chesier	Alicia Frye	Barrie Hardin
David Nixon	Lynda Pickler	Elaine Vaccaro
Laura Nixon	Nancy Dobbs	Nathan Baltzell
Emily Cockrum	Gerald Majors	

**Food Distribution this Wednesday at 10:00a.m.
 Sandy needs 5 volunteers! Please call her at 540-7099**

The Southeast District Offices Are Moving!

With the recent changes in First UMC Pine Bluff's denominational affiliation, the Southeast District offices are moving to the 16th Street offices at Lakeside! We need to make some repairs and address some maintenance and security concerns to ensure that their new home will be comfortable and safe. The total cost has been estimated at about \$17,431 (This includes painting ALL the purple doors!) We have received \$7000 as seed money for matching donations to get us started.

If you can financially support this cause in addition to your regular offering or tithe, please designate your gift as 16th Street Office repairs. Thank you!



Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship -12
 9:15 Sunday School -28
 10:30 Worship -75
 Online Worship -9

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, May 28, 2023

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Terry Wynne
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: John 7:37-49
Sermon Title: Water, Spirit, or Fire?
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

May 30 Brass Polishers: Penny Whitener and Susan Brown

May 30 Counters: Ramona Harkins and Ellen Wyatt

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live.

Join us online for worship at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/live/>:

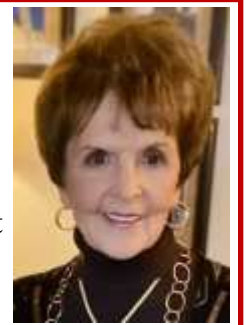
Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

www.lakesidepb.org



Lakeside's Newest Members

Welcome to Claire and Clyde Campbell and Jean Hudson. They transferred their memberships from First United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.



Latest Sunday School News

Discovery Class: *Why?* book study. Discussion this Sunday will begin at [Chapter 2](#). It's never too late to join.

Wesley Class: We are meeting this Sunday at 9:15. All are welcome.

Mark Your Calendars. It's Time to Meet the Project Transformation Interns.

Bring your favorite side-dish, salad, or dessert to go along with fried chicken, **Sunday, June 4** following 10:30 service.

