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It's a typical Arkansas summer. We've already had a couple of 100 degree days, and we have more 100 degree days ahead. In such extreme temperatures, our bodies require extra water. When we don't have enough water, our bodies, minds and spirits suffer. It is like that with our need for God. When we do not spend enough time with God, our bodies, minds and spirits can become dehydrated and begin to waste away. Psalm 63:1-8 reminds me of our desperate need for water and for God.

¹ You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.
⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

⁶ On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
⁸ I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

While I was in the Academy of Spiritual Formation, I was invited to write a Psalm in my own words. I chose the first part of Psalm 63. Using my own words to express my longing for a deeper and more intimate connection with my Creator, I released the river of living water that John says lives in each of us (John 7:38). During these warm days of summer, perhaps you might try your hand at writing a Psalm in your own words and release the river of living water within!

God, oh my God; I seek you, I need you.
God, oh my God; I can't live without you, be without you.
My feet wander with no path; I'm lost in time and space without you.

But I have seen you in the mountains – the rising mist at dawn.
Your glory has no equal, no equal. Your love is yet unknown,
But still you pursue, this love of yours endures.

Praise you Holy One: Father, Spirit and Son.
Praise you in the morning and evening and every breath in between.

Your Presence fills my being; I am complete and whole.
Holy are You God and holy is your name.
I am safe and secure in your unyielding hand.

Pastor Judy

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 15

9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School
10:00 - 11:00 Worship
5:00 - 7:00 Back to School Bash

Monday, August 16

First Day of School

Tuesday, August 17

Wednesday, August 18

10:30 Staff Meeting
10:30 Trinity V. Exec. C./The Center
12:00 Trinity V. Board Of Direct./FH
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
6:00 - 7:30 English Class/The Center
6:00 - 7:15 Youth

Thursday, August 19

Friday, August 20

Office closed

Saturday, August 21

Sunday, August 22

9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School
10:00 - 11:00 Worship

Blessing Box Needs



Toiletries
shampoo
soap
deodorant
lotion
toothpaste
toothbrushes
mouth wash
powder
combs

Non-Perishable Food

Vienna Sausage
Beenie Weenies
Peanut Butter
Canned meals,
Spaghettios
Beans - dry & canned
Canned vegetables
Fruit - canned & cups
Pasta

Snack Items

Mac & Cheese
Ramen Noodles
Crackers

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!



Lakeside's own Maggie Young has moved to Durham, North Carolina to attend Duke University. Maggie will be earning her MPP (Master in Public Policy). Congratulations, Maggie!



Thank you to all of you who have either called, sent cards, emailed or come by to visit. It means so much. Barbara Owen



BUSINESS EXPO 2021
Unity In Community

We need your help so that Lakeside can once again participate in Business Expo at the Convention Center on August 19th. However, volunteers are needed for various jobs including setting up and taking down the booth, working shifts of an hour and a half, talking to the people and handing out items with Lakeside's name and information printed on them.

Please call Rebecca at 870-489-6241 if you can help in any way at all!

Important Expo Covid-19 Requirements

- Masks will be required at all times inside the Convention Center. If you do not comply you will be asked to leave.
- Temperature checks will be taken upon entry for all Expo related events.
- Be mindful of others and social distancing.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the facility.
- Vaccinations will be administered by Doctor's Orders Pharmacy in the back corner of the arena.

For questions please call: 870-535-0110



We pray for the sick — Andy Granderson
Grieving -
Sheridan Healthcare Rehab: Don Massey
Woodland Heights Senior Living: Billie Doster
Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry; Young People around the world; Families in trouble; City Council members & Mayor; Students of all ages; Teachers, First Responders



Calling All Kids!

Bring your backpack to church Sunday for the "Blessing of the Backpacks". Then be sure to come to the Back to School Bash" to receive supplies to go in your backpack for the start of school.



Mi Casa appreciates all the donations to make the Back to School Bash possible. Join us this weekend from 5-7 pm, set up will begin at 3:30pm. Blood and cholesterol screenings will be available, as well as COVID-19 vaccines.



Welcome Back to Worship in the Chapel!

Beginning the second Sunday in September, the 12th, the early worship service in the chapel will begin at 8:30. See you there!



We Have some open dates on our Flower Calendar. Call Linda at 534-6241 to reserve a date in September or October



Our Presence in Worship and Study

Sunday, August 8, 2021
Worship Service in the sanctuary - 65
Sunday School - 18

**Our Weekly Service at Church
Sunday, August 15, 2021**

Preaching: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Nancy Paschal
Music: Rene Leus; Flowers: Bea Robey
Sermon Series: Questions God Asks Us
Sermon: Do You Understand What I Have Done For You?
Scripture: John 13: 12-17; Blessing of The Backpacks, Pastor Judy
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

August 16 Counters: Shelby Stone & Laura Richards
August 16 Brass Polishers: Penny Whitener and Susan Brown

Services will be held in the sanctuary unless you are notified otherwise by email. 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

From Rene'



Hola, familia!

Lately, I've been thinking about blessings. We ask for blessings from God (sometimes receiving without asking) to be upon ourselves and our families, upon the Church, upon our community, upon our nation.

When I saw the Blessing Box and Library I thought what a wonderful way to bless others! That, along with all the boxes of food we have provided and given away, is a blessing to many in a time it is needed most.

Do you recognize YOUR blessings? Can you even count them all? This Sunday I've selected "We Gather Together" for the choir anthem. Usually done on the Sunday we celebrate Thanksgiving, this hymn from the Netherlands fits perfectly with this time in which we will call for blessings upon our students as they return to school.

The song begins "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing...". AND we are to give thanks to God for all He has already bestowed upon us, some so small, some so great.

I pray we can all continue to be in the spirit of gladly receiving blessings, gladly blessing others, and gladly blessing our Father "from Whom all blessings flow"!

Shalom!