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Paul's letter to the Hebrews gives wise counsel for Christians to follow concerning our love and care for our neighbor. "Keep loving each other like family. ² Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:1-2

On Sunday, August 15th, we opened Lakeside church to our community and extended hospitality to our neighbors through our Back-to-School Bash. Our Director of Missions and Family Ministries, Geraldin Mondragon, wrote a brilliant article last week celebrating the efforts of our Lakeside volunteers and the vendors who offered services to children, youth and adults in our community. If you didn't get a chance to read her article, I invite you to locate it in your email or on Lakeside's Facebook page to join in celebrating the amazing hospitality Lakeside offered.

This week, I want to invite you to consider our event through another lens: the lens of evangelism. Most of my life when I was sitting in a pew with people like you, I saw events like our Back-to-School Bash as just another occasion to socialize with friends and family. It was not until I attended seminary and became a pastor that I began to realize the power of these events to connect with our community, know our neighbors, extend radical hospitality and live out Jesus' commission to make disciples. In other words, it is an opportunity to practice evangelism at its best and simplest!

Friends, how often do we have 150-200 people come to Lakeside United Methodist Church for any reason? In this post-Christian culture, it is rare for most churches to have that many visitors anymore. And yet, we not only had people from our immediate neighborhood, but we also had people from our greater community. Even channel 11 attended our event. Our message of love and care for our neighbors extended further last Sunday than we can imagine. Each connection, each touch began with "Hello, we are glad that you are here!"

I want to share a story about the power of hospitality told to me by Susan Coles. Susan brought hula hoops for children and adults to enjoy. She was visiting with two women as their children enjoyed the hula hoops. The two women asked her how long Lakeside had been offering a Back-to-School Bash, and she told them this was the first one. When they asked about other events that Lakeside hosts for children, she told them about the Fall Festival and Easter Egg Hunt. Susan then asked them to join us for worship on Sundays. Expressing interest, the ladies asked Susan for the time of our services. Voila! Evangelism at its simplest and finest!

Friends, each time Lakeside meets our neighbors at their point of need, we not only have the opportunity to offer the love of Christ, but we also may be entertaining angels without knowing it! Will you join me in praying for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance in how God is calling us to love each other like family and open the doors and hearts of Lakeside to our community?

Pastor Judy

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 29
9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School
10:00 - 11:00 Worship

Monday, August 30

Tuesday, August 31

Wednesday, September 1

10:30 Staff Meeting
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
6:00 - 7:15 Youth

Thursday, September 2

Friday, September 3

Office closed

Saturday, September 4

Sunday, September 5
9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School
10:00 - 11:00 Worship

Monday, September 6
Office closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7

Wednesday, September 8
10:30 Staff Meeting
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

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!



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!

Business Expo set for May 2022!

The Business Expo Committee has set a new date for **Thursday, May 5, 2022!** Be sure to mark your calendar to reserve the date.

Due to the fact the event was postponed as a precautionary measure, the Chamber is reserving your booth payments and/or sponsorships for the 2022 event and holding your spot for you. A letter will be sent in the mail this week to all participants letting them know their individual financial status for the 2021 event.



We have received the following from the Arkansas Food Bank.

Feeding children in the summer requires the help of so many people. Thank you for partnering with us in the fight against hunger.

Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Because of your team, 1980 meals were provided to hungry children in the community. Thank you!

Lauren Allbritton

The new Sunday School Year begins September 5th. The curriculum will be in the classroom this Sunday so you can be prepared for the new year.



Sunday school is one of the life-giving ways that we connect with others in our church. The connections we make in Sunday School are often as close as our own family members. Have you been missing that church family connection? You are encouraged to return to or try a Sunday School class. Classes meet at 9:00 am each Sunday. You will find the Wesley class in room 309 and the Discovery class in room 107. Come and be a part of the body of Christ in a Sunday School class this Sunday!



Funeral services for Amy Buckholtz will be held on Saturday, August 28th, at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Little Rock. The address is 1321 South Van Buren Street.

A private burial will follow.



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Just a reminder of Lakeside's Prayer Policy.

“My house will be known as a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord God.” Isaiah 56:7

Prayer is the foundation for a Christ-centered, healthy and vital church. Because Lakeside is a church of faithful pray-ers, we have accumulated a lengthy prayer list. To better manage our published prayer list, we are implementing the following policy beginning August 1. Prayers for:

- 1) Grief and birth notices will be included for 2 weeks;
- 2) Chronic conditions will drop off after 6 months if not renewed; and
- 3) All other requests will drop off after 30 days if not renewed.

Everyone is encouraged to keep his/her prayer requests updated. May Lakeside continue to be known in our community and beyond as a house of prayer!

Sowing for Lakeside's Future

Lakeside's Wednesday night ministries – a meal, children's tutoring and youth – sow invaluable seeds for the future of our church. If Lakeside has any hope of redeeming our downward decline, we must invest in our children and youth ministries.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! Are you able to give a couple of hours of your time on Wednesday evenings to help with supper, tutor or work with the youth? If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a church to grow a children's and youth ministry.

Wednesday nights resume September 8th with dinner at 5:30 pm and activities at 6:00 pm. Please notify Geraldine Mondragon or Pastor Judy with your desire to sow seeds by serving on Wednesday nights.



Bobby Wyatt took our September quota of 75 cans of tuna to Neighbor to Neighbor on Tuesday.

Thank you for providing this food to be taken to Neighbor to Neighbor to help feed others. Lakeside is a generous church!



Our Presence in Worship and Study

Sunday, August 22, 2021
Worship Service in the sanctuary - 49
Sunday School - 19

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, August 29, 2021

Preaching: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Nancy Paschal
Music: Rene Leus; Flowers: The Fish Family
Sermon Series: And the Children Shall Lead Us
Sermon: Courage - Facing Fear
Scripture: 1 Samuel 17: 4, 8-10, 32-37
Children's Sermon: Laura Richards
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

August 30 Counters: George Mitchell and Deborah Whitaker
August 30 Brass Polishers: Sharon and Bobby 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

From Rene'



Hola, mi familia.

This Sunday's choir anthem is an old favorite, "Abide With Me". It was written by a Scottish minister of the Anglican church, Henry Francis Lyte. He wrote the hymn around 1820, although the exact year has been debated.

Lyte was a curate in County Wexford from 1815 to 1818, preaching in Taghmon and Killurin Churches. Eventually he became the vicar of All Saints' Church in Brixham, Devon, England...a very successful minister with his preaching.

The Biblical link for this hymn is Luke 24: 29 in which two disciples on the road to Emmaus asked Jesus to abide with them once they recognized who He was... "abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is spent." One article tells us that Lyte composed the hymn after visiting a dying friend who kept repeating, "abide with me".

Lyte also wrote a tune for the words he composed, but the tune most frequently heard and used for the hymn is "Eventide" by William Henry Monk, 1861.

I love the beautiful words and tune of this hymn and I hope you enjoy hearing the choir sing it. I know I will.

Shalom