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Lakeside Messenger
Lakeside United
Methodist Church
1500 Olive Street
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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Aug. 21

9:30 LAAF
3:00 Zoom F & F (Coffee w/the Pastor)

Thursday, Aug. 22

Friday, Aug. 23

Office closed

Saturday, Aug. 24

Sunday, Aug. 25

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, Aug. 26

Tuesday, Aug. 27

5:30 Leadership Board Mtg.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

9:30 LAAF
2:00-4:00 Small Group Leader Training

3:00 Zoom F & F

6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Aug. 29

Friday, Aug. 30

Office closed

Saturday, Aug. 31

Sunday, Sept. 1 One Service

10:30 Sanctuary Worship
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

***Don't forget to reserve your spot
at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
(see inside for more information)**



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Over the past few weeks, my life has been a whirlwind of change—new opportunities, a roller coaster of emotions, and a lot of adjusting. I've been grappling with second chances at education, the grief of losing a close friend to cancer, moving to a new city, and the anxiety of impending social interactions. My process has been well, a rollercoaster ride, one that requires patience and trust as I take the next step in my journey.

In this process, Lakeside has been invaluable. I'm not sure if everyone fully realizes just how much of an impact Lakeside, its members, volunteers, and the love they share have on so many lives. From the moment I nervously stepped into the office for my interview, I sensed that there was something special here. Lakeside's reputation in the community speaks for itself—it's a place with a deep commitment to serving, loving, and sharing God's word, love, and blessings. During a particularly sensitive time within the United Methodist community, Lakeside became a refuge for those who were hurting. This did not go unnoticed, it inspired many and has brought so many others through Lakeside's doors.

At the start of this summer, someone said something that I will not forget: "When you enter Lakeside, you not only feel welcomed but you can feel the love, the genuineness, and the appreciation. This is a home." Despite our differences, we are all children of God, and Lakeside feels like a warm, strong embrace from our Father.

There's a reason the children who come here during the summer and for Midweek Manna keep returning. Lakeside is a safe and kind place for them—a place where they feel comfortable, understood, loved, appreciated, and seen. This is their church, their home, regardless of membership or differences. "Someone once told me, this is the place where everything's better and everything's safe."

There's a reason why I came back to Lakeside in December of 2022 and why leaving Lakeside was one of the hardest things I've had to do. I want to express my deepest gratitude for everything you have done for me during my time here and for the support you've given me in pursuing my dreams, the work being done with Mi Casa Hispanic Ministry and the community overall. Thank you for being a safe haven for the children who walk through those doors. I can't begin to express how much of a difference you've all made—the countless times Lakeside has provided the only meal a family, adult, or a child have had. The willingness to share blessings with those in need, is inspiring.

Friendly faces, welcoming smiles, and deep community involvement—these are just some of the many, many qualities that make Lakeside a truly special place. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Vanessa Hernandez-Valdez

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!



Choir rehearsals have resumed!

Summer break is over for Lakeside Choir members. Rehearsals have started back at 6:00p.m. If you've been thinking about joining this vibrant, diverse group of singers, now is the perfect time to dust off your vocal pipes.

Job Opportunities at Lakeside

Director of Mi Casa Hispanic Ministries – This position requires someone who is bilingual in Spanish and English and who has a heart for working with children and families as well as a proficiency in communications and computers.

Nursery Director – If you are looking for a part-time job of 5-6 hours per week or know of someone who loves to work with young children, this is a great ministry to be a part of.

Please contact the office for more information about either position.



We pray for the sick: Melissa Young, Martin Huber, Violet Ross, Jerry Newton, Sandy Bobo, and Allen Swob.
We pray for the grieving: Christine McKissack on the death of her father, Robert Carlos Robleto.

Woodland Heights Senior Living: Billie Doster; **Woodland Heights Memory Care:** Wannie Pope. **Stonebridge Senior Living:** Bob Castleberry **Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry, Young People around the world, Families in trouble, City Council members & Mayor, Students of all ages, Teachers, and First Responders .**

Gifts given to Lakeside UMC

In honor of Sandy Bobo
In honor of Sandy Bobo, Laura Richards, Laura Nixon and other members of United Women in Faith by Kallie Garth and Wyatt Jones

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

If you have volunteered at Lakeside in any way, you are invited to attend this dinner in your honor. Please let the office know if you will be attending on September 4 at 6p.m.

Call or email the church office at 870-534-6241 or lakesidepb@arumc.org

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to reserve your seat.



We need your help!

Mid-Week Manna will begin September 11, at 4:00p.m.

We are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- *Tutoring
- *Meals
- *Transportation co-pilot
- *Children's Choir Helper
- *Disciple time

Contact Jennifer at the church—534-6241, text 870-489-0790 or email to lakesidepb@arumc.org if you're feeling the call to serve.

Children's choir will begin Wednesday, October 2 from 5:30-6:00.

Thank you!

Thank you for the special singing and all of the hugs, love, and prayers that you gave to Miss Dilcy on her 103rd birthday.
Love, The Glien family



Sunday, August 18, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 17
9:15 Sunday school - 31
10:30 Worship - 89
Online Worship - 17

Our Weekly Service at Church

Aug. 25, 2024

Sermon: Tony Elkins; **Liturgist:** Claire Campbell
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moment:** Jennifer Fox
Sermon: Finding the Balance
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

Aug. 26 Brass Polishers: Linda LaClair and Linda McNulty
Aug. 26 Counters: Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and You tube. Join us online for worship at:

www.facebook.com/lakesidepb
www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website www.lakesidepb.org

Labor Day Weekend

There will be one service Sunday, September 1 at 10:30am.

Latest Sunday School News
Aug. 25, 2024 9:15am.

Discovery Class: This class has begun a new book study by Adam Hamilton, Words of Life– Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments. It's not too late to join.

Now is a great time to join the class.

Wesley Class: This week's discussion– Grace for All. All are welcome to attend.

There's no "disguising" it, we need you to be a part of Mid-Week Manna