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# The Lakeside Messenger

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Over this Labor Day weekend, I have continued to reflect on the hearts, minds and spirits of the willing workers in our community, nation and the world. These last eighteen months have drained the spirits of people in ways we still do not fully comprehend. Medical personnel, mental health professionals, teachers, emergency personnel, leaders at all levels, clergy, frontline workers and others have grown weary facing the effects of the pandemic day after day. People who have worked all their lives to build businesses, careers, and livelihoods to support their families have lost everything despite their commitments and efforts.

But as I continue to reflect on the physical, emotional and spiritual condition of our country, I am drawn beyond just the people in the workforce. Many of our elderly friends and neighbors, who often live isolated lives, have grown even more weary and despairing in their isolation. Just when hope for a brighter tomorrow seemed to be on the horizon, full of possibilities with the joy of seeing friends' and loved ones' unmasked smiles and exchanging life-giving embraces, the coronavirus delta variant sent many of our more vulnerable neighbors scurrying back to the remote corners of their lives. And of course, almost everyone has felt the pain and trepidation of someone they care about battling the coronavirus.

Additionally, in this week in which we remember the shock and horror of 9/11 and the emotional and spiritual trauma and reverberations felt by the American people, we also recall the emotional and soul weariness we experienced as rescue efforts continued and the reality sank in that the American people were not impervious to attack and destruction.

These types of bone-deep weariness invite us to find comfort and solace beyond human capacity. When Jesus was teaching the crowds, he told them, *"<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

In this time of physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental weariness, we need the restful and restorative healing that only time with Jesus can give us. We need to offer our burdens, our cares, our hurts, our transgressions, our doubts, our very selves to the one who has promised to give us rest. We can trust and depend on his love and grace to see us through these difficult times. After all, Jesus suffered for us that we might have life and have it abundantly.

But to receive this abundant life, we must trust Jesus and let go. I don't know about you, but sometimes what I really need is to imagine myself crawling up in Jesus' lap where I am safe and loved. I've even been known to imagine myself napping there. Do you need a nap with Jesus? It can restore your soul!

*Pastor Judy*

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

### Sunday, September 12

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship

### Monday, September 13

**Tuesday, September 14**  
6:00 Mi Casa Board Mtg.

### Wednesday, September 15

10:30 Trinity Village Ex. Brd/The Center  
10:30 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Trinity Village Directors/FH  
3:00 Coffee with Pastor  
Midweek Manna  
5:30 Meal  
6:00 Tutoring  
6:00 ESL  
6:00 Mom's Group  
6:00 - 7:00 Youth

(Nursery available ages 0-4)

### Thursday, September 16

### Friday, September 17

*Office closed*

### Saturday, September 18

### Sunday, September 19

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Sanctuary Worship

## Welcome Back to Worship in the Chapel!



Beginning this Sunday, September 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!*

Coming this month!



Sunday 26th,  
immediately after church  
Tickets are on sale now.  
Adults \$10.00  
Children \$8.00  
Family \$30.00

Carry Outs and Drive Through Only.

Call Mi Casa at 870-850-0142 or 870-939-9411 to get your tickets!



Mi Casa is taking orders for tamales to be picked up at the same time your meals are picked up on September 26th.

Beef with Vegetable or Chicken tamales are available, 1/2 dz. \$8.00 or 1 dz. \$15.00. Call 870-329-5088 to order.



Missed your chance to order a Mi Casa shirt? We have some to sell of both designs. Call the Mi Casa office at 850-0142 and we will see if we have your size!! Prices range from \$16.00 to \$18.00, depending on the size.



Mi Casa is seeking a grant writer or someone to work together with Geraldin to successfully complete any upcoming grant writing projects for Mi Casa and Lakeside's benefit. Call Mi Casa at 870-850-0142 or 870-939-9411 to learn more.



*We pray for the sick* — Mindy Everetts

*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*

### **Gifts Have Been Received in Memory Of:**

Anne Robinson by: Jimmie Don & Christine McKissack  
Amy Buckholtz by: Suzanne Hulse, Bea Robey  
Barbara Owen by: Taylor & Linda Eubank, Jimmie Don & Christine McKissack, Suzanne Hulse, Ken & Carolyn Theis, Ricky & Leslie Beatty, Roxanne Smith, Jennifer Taylor, Rebecca & Earle Phillips



Midweek Mana began this past Wednesday, September 8th. We want to use this opportunity to make a friendly reminder of the marvelous ways

you can serve with our youth and children. Our children are the future of our church, and we have made a commitment to help them grow in Christ. If you wish to serve in this ministry, we need kitchen helpers, tutors, nursery workers, volunteers for our youth programs, and bus drivers. We need you!

Wednesday night schedule:	September 8 Menu for supper:
5:30 Meal	Ham and turkey sammies
6:00 Tutoring	Chips
6:00 Mom's Group	Brownies
6:00 ESL	
6:00 - 7:00 Youth	

(Nursery available for ages 0-4)

If you would like to help with the Hurricane Ida disaster response the biggest need at this time for the disaster response teams would be monetary donations. It is easier for them to purchase items that are needed than show up with lots of items not needed. Sager Brown thinks they have plenty of buckets/tubs. A group left to check out the damage and needs from Hurricane Ida on Sunday.



Make your checks payable to Lakeside, but on the memo line mark it for "Hurricane Ida." Lakeside will send one check totaling the amount given.



### **Our Presence in Worship and Study**

Sunday, September 1, 2021  
Worship Service in the sanctuary - 54  
Sunday School - 26  
Trinity Village Vespers - 28

### **Our Weekly Service at Church**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

Preaching: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Deborah Whitaker  
Music: Rene Leus; Flowers:  
Sermon Series: And the Children Shall Lead Us  
Sermon: Wisdom  
Scripture: Exodus 2:1-10  
Children's Sermon: Alicia Frye  
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker

September 13 Counters: Gerald Majors & Elaine Vaccaro  
September 13 Brass Polishers: Shelby & Pete Stone

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](http://www.lakesidepb.org)

### **From Rene'**



Hola, mi familia.

The choir anthem this Sunday is a medley and one of the songs in that medley is "Fairest Lord Jesus", one of the first hymns I learned to play as a young girl. This beautiful hymn has a somewhat elusive history. The best known legend is that it was sung by 12<sup>th</sup> century German crusaders as they made their long, weary way to the Holy Land. We do know the hymn was copied later from a Jesuit manuscript(1662) produced in Munster Westphalia(Germany) and first appeared in a Catholic hymn book in 1677. We still have no record of authors for either the text or tune. It remains anonymous.

Hungarian composer Franz Liszt famously employed this Crusaders' hymn tune in his 1864 oratorio, "The Legend of St. Elizabeth". The song has endured, published in many hymnals through the centuries under different tune names.....ST.ELIZABETH, SCHONSTER HERR JESU, BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR, CRUSADERS' HYMN, and ASCALON.

The song praises Jesus as the Savior of man and ruler of all nature, illustrating His divine sovereignty over creation as the Son of God. Without doubt, this hymn is near and dear to all of us, and has been, and will continue to be.

Shalom to you, friends