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# The Lakeside Messenger

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## **Pastor Judy exercises her Lakeside bragging rights for our District Wide Charge Conference this year.**

In considering the pastor's report for 2021, Paul's words in his second letter to the Corinthians come to mind: "7 But we have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us. 8 We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, but we aren't crushed. We are confused, but we aren't depressed. 9 We are harassed, but we aren't abandoned. We are knocked down, but we aren't knocked out" (2 Corinthians 4:7-9).

Despite the challenges of Covid safety protocols for worship, Sunday school, Bible studies, children, youth and ministry opportunities, the people of Lakeside UMC have thrived. Small group studies, meetings and Coffee with the Pastor have been held on Zoom and in a hybrid format. Homebound members received a vehicle parade, weekly phone calls by the congregational care team, cards and treats to remind them that they are loved.

The caring people of Lakeside have continued to support our local food pantry, Neighbor to Neighbor as well as recently installing a Blessing Box and Lending Library on our church grounds. A Lakeside Christmas Drive provided children's Christmas presents for some of our financially challenged families. Lakeside's Mi Casa ministry has continued to provide monthly food distributions and oversaw the administration of a feeding and literacy ministry in Altheimer and Watson Chapel during the summer. Lakeside's heart for ministry to the community has grown and expanded over the last year.

Lakeside's leadership has made several forward-thinking decisions that further its mission to "make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world." In officially recognizing our Mi Casa ministry as an extension of Lakeside UMC, our leadership created a new position, Director of Missions and Family ministry. This position not only assumes responsibility for overseeing Mi Casa but also coordinates our volunteer support for our children, youth, and family ministries. This ministry has been responsible for our Easter Egg Hunt, Back to School Bash, and Fiesta de Colores celebration. Additionally, Lakeside's leadership recently decided to move to a simplified structure of governance beginning in January 2022 to more effectively engage in the ministry of making Lakeside's DNA of being the hands and feet of Christ in the community has resiliently found ways to express Christ's love in the midst of the pandemic. We will continue to discern the Holy Spirit's leading in the next year with specific attention to the ways we are being called to provide children and youth ministries. Through a collaborative partnership with a local Broadmoor Elementary school, we hope to further expand our Wednesday evening tutoring program to include on-campus literacy opportunities at the elementary school. Additionally, Lakeside deeply desires to be the home for Project Transformation when it comes to Pine Bluff.

Although the people of Lakeside UMC have experienced trouble, confusion, and harassment, we have not been crushed, depressed or abandoned because we know that our power comes from God.

## ***What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church***

### **Sunday, October 31**

#### ***All Saints/Día de los Muertos***

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

### **Monday, November 1**

### **Tuesday, November 2**

6:00 Missions Committee Mtg.  
in The Center

### **Wednesday, November 3**

10:30 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Coffee with Pastor  
Midweek Manna  
5:30 Meal  
6:00 Tutoring  
6:00 ESL  
6:00 Mom's Group  
6:00 Choir practice  
6:00 - 7:00 Youth

(Nursery available ages 0-4)

### **Thursday, November 4**

### **Friday, November 5**

*Office closed*  
5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

### **Saturday, November 6**

### **Sunday, November 7**

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Sanctuary Worship  
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers  
5:00 Charge Conference

*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!*



*See Insert*



**Our Presence in Worship and Study**

Wednesday Night October 20, 2021 - 31  
 Sunday, October 24, 2021  
 8:30 Worship Service - 17  
 10:00 Worship Service - 41  
 9:00 Sunday School - 25

**A Gift Has Been Received in Honor of:**

The Baptism of Emiliano Magaña



Lakeside will observe All Saints Day and Día de los Muertos this Sunday, October 31st. During the worship service we will remember our members who have gone on before us.

During 2021 they are: Pat Blackford Betty Garrett  
 Helen Pennington Jimmie Lee Nichols

Bobbie Hogan Don Spharler Barbara Owen Hazel Wheeler

**Our Weekly Service at Church**

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Debbie Owens  
 Music: Rene Leus; Flowers: All Saints  
 Sermon: "Give & it Will Be Given to You"; Scripture: Luke 10:30-37  
 Sermon Series: The Gratitude Path  
 Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt,  
 Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson  
 November 1 Counters: Deborah Whitaker & Ellen Wyatt  
 November 1 Brass Polishers: Dixie Webb & Dr. Donna Rickels

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)

**Lakeside's District Wide Charge Conference is at 5:00 p.m. on November 7th.**



**UMW News**

Ladies, it's that time of year again for World Thank Offering. If you would like to contribute you can give your offering to me at church or mail it to me at 2823 Riverside Dr., Pine Bluff, AR 71602. I will need to send the offering to the district treasurer by November 25th.

Thanks in advance for our contribution. Make checks payable to Lakeside UMW, Dixie Webb Treasurer, UMW.

**The Potato Story**

Have you ever smelled potatoes? The aroma of dirt and earth was overwhelming in my car the day I helped get food for the food distribution on October 8. I kept trying to describe the smell and what it meant to me. I could think of God's greatness and wonder and newness of things growing. It made me think of the wonder and growth that we would be provided on the distribution day. I visited with some of the recipients prior to the distribution. Several were older individuals who were so grateful that we were there to provide this food. They informed me how hard it was to pay for medications and food as they are not eligible for food stamps. They felt like this was a very gratifying blessing. If you have not participated in this ministry I urge you to come and see what it is all about.

---- Laura Richards



Lakeside's last food distribution was a success. Although we set aside three hours to distribute these boxes, they were all given away in the first 45 minutes. This tells me there is a great need for a Feeding Ministry in our community. The following are personal thoughts that some of our volunteers shared regarding the distribution. Come see if this is where your calling

is! Don't let your limits stop you from participating and experiencing the wonderful feeling of serving in this Food Ministry. We have all kinds of jobs in which you can help. We hope to have your physical support in our next food distribution on November 12.

Enjoyed it and I would do it again.

**-Ken Kesterson**

When doing something to help others it makes you feel good. It is a blessing that the Lord puts you in a place where you can help.

**-Linda LaClair**

"Happy to do it, physically challenging because we need more men to help. It is a value to the church to help our neighbors. It is very worthwhile."

**---Barrie Hardin**

In addition to the most recently received 200K Reasons grant, the Mi Casa office has received two more monetary donations. From those two donations, \$1,000.00, will be used to benefit Mi Casa's administrative needs, while \$500.00 will be used for the Feeding Ministry. Our most sincere "Thank you" goes out to Bea Robey and Sheila Mitchell.

**From Rene'**

Hola, mi familia.



As we acknowledge and celebrate All Saints' Day and Dia de los Muertos this Sunday, the choir has a beautiful anthem entitled "Devotion".

You will most definitely recognize the hymns that make up this piece, which speak to our longing to be close to our God and Savior, as was the longing of those who have gone before us.

I'm sure you noticed the great "a capella" singing from the choir last Sunday and you will hear more of that this Sunday. "A capella" is Italian, meaning "in the church (chapel) style", referring to the performance of multipart musical works by unaccompanied voices. This style of singing with no accompaniment reached its heights during the 16<sup>th</sup> century with the musical compositions written for the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican. But, this style is much older, dating back to the Hebrews and the early Christian church, where hymns and prayers were chanted, led only by a cantor. Singing without accompaniment is no small feat, requiring many skills from the singer(s).

I hope you will continue to enjoy the choir's endeavors. We are ALL blessed to have them.

Shalom