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

#### Wednesday, Oct. 9

9:30 LAAF  
10:00 Staff Mtg.  
3:00 Zoom F & F  
4:00 Mid-Week Manna  
6:00 Choir

#### Thursday, Oct. 10 Friday, Oct. 11

Office closed

#### Saturday, Oct. 12

8:00 Men's breakfast  
Sunday, Oct. 13  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
8:45 Handbells  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

#### Monday, Oct. 14

1:30 DAR

#### Tuesday, Sept. Oct. 15

#### Wednesday, Oct. 16

9:30 LAAF  
12:00 N2N Board  
3:00 Zoom F & F  
4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Choir Practice

#### Thursday, Oct. 17

10:00 United Women in Faith @ Lakeside

#### Friday, Oct. 18

Office closed

#### Saturday, Oct. 19

#### Sunday, Oct. 20

8:30 Chapel Worship  
8:45 Handbells  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

# The Lakeside Messenger

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Preaching can be a demanding calling. Each Sunday, the pastor is expected to bring a message that is rooted in Scripture, meaningful and motivating that speaks into our lives. It is both exhilarating and exhausting. Thanks to a Compelling Preaching Initiative grant from the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas, I went to New York City with four other pastors to seek storytellers in a variety of forms who might help us to breathe renewed life into our sermons.

On Saturday morning, we experienced a particularly powerful form of storytelling. It was quiet as we solemnly strolled around the World Trade Center Plaza. The south tower monument had been drained and the empty square cavity seemed too small and insignificant to have once held 110 stories of glass and steel. Around the perimeter, we saw names engraved in the black stone rim. The silence and calm as I looked down into the crater filled me with an empty uncertainty.

The identical north tower monument was filled with the sound of rushing water. Just beyond the rim with hundreds of additional names, water pooled on each of the four sides before it tumbled 30 feet to the floor below. The sound was mesmerizing. It held both the tension of turbulence and the assurance of continuance. The water collected in the bottom of the square pit before making a second drop of 20 feet to the bottom. As I watched and listened, I sensed the hope of something new and alive being birthed from destruction and death.

Shortly, we joined our tour. As we walked around the south tower, I was struck by our guide's intimate knowledge of the lives represented by the people he named. He spoke of how some identical surnames placed next to each other reflected family members, other names found next to one another revealed a fiancé and her future father-in-law or two life-long friends, and still other names represented coworkers. He went on to explain that the random white roses signified that it was a particular victim's birthday. The miniature American flags in some person's names disclosed the unsung heroes who made valiant efforts to protect and save others.

Through our guide's storytelling, each of these names reflected a human being with family, friends, vocations, passions, commitments, and gifts to offer the world. His stories described men and women who loved and laughed, who cried and lived.

As I reflected on the experience, a revelation came to me. We did not know the race, age, sexual orientation, social-economic status, abilities, political positions or religious affiliations of any of the names we heard. Each person was simply a beloved child of God whose life was lost to a senseless, hate-filled act of violence.

I began to wonder if it isn't easier to love one another as Jesus commanded us to do when we move beyond a person's outer identifying characteristics to their hearts and spirits and learn their stories. We connect with one another through our stories as human beings: our struggles, our celebrations, our failures and our successes. Whose story do you need to learn so that you may know, accept and love him or her better as Jesus commanded?

*Pastor Judy*

*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!*

**Trunk or Treat**

Wednesday October 30th  
from 5:30-6:30p.m

Mark your calendars to participate.  
We need cars, individually wrapped candy, and volunteers to help with food, set-up and take-down.



*We pray for the sick:* Jerry Ingram, Nathan Balztell, Etoyle Mouser, Carol Luebker, and Bill Wilcox.

*We pray for the grieving:* The Colby Lee family  
The Arlis Minter family

*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.*

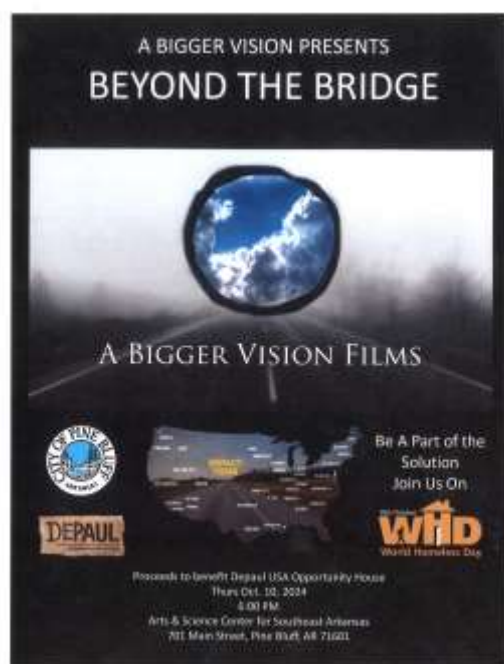
**Gifts given to Lakeside**

**In memory of Bill Foster** by Nancy Paschal, Terral & Cathy Gammill, Robbie & Jay Bradford, Earle & Rebecca Phillips, Dr. Michele Pashkovich, Ann White  
**In memory of Michael Motes** by Nancy Paschal,  
**In memory of Barbara Tracy** by Carol & Joe Luebker, Dan & Barbara Chambliss  
**In memory of Colby Lee** by Carol & Joe Luebker, Nancy Paschal, David & Ann Nixon  
**In memory of Arlis Minter** by Carol & Joe Luebker, Nancy Paschal, David & Ann Nixon

**UMCOR Disaster Relief**

Please be in prayer for all of the communities affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

A link to give to UMCOR has been added to our website page [www.lakesidepb.org](http://www.lakesidepb.org) under the Missions tab.



**Do Unto Others:**

A Campaign for kindness during the 2024 Election Season.  
Signs are available in the office



**Miracle Sunday Bus Drive**

Total as of 10/7/2024  
\$31,800.00

If you'd like to designate your memorial gifts to Miracle Sunday, mark your check on the memo line

**United Women in Faith**

United Women in Faith will meet at 10:00am, Thursday, Oct. 17 at Lakeside in The Center

**SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

- The minutes, financial and endowment reports and the consent calendar were approved.
- Trustee Chair, Gerald Majors reported that painting of external doors, pew repair, repair of the northeast corner sign and installation of "assist bars" in two restrooms were complete. Replacement of several yards of pipe has not solved a significant water leak. Approval of \$6000 for past repairs and up to \$6000 for additional repairs was granted from Endowment.
- Sandy Bobo offered a report on the Miracle Sunday Bus campaign.
- The Board reviewed and approved the Charge Conference forms to be submitted to the district for Lakeside's Charge Conference which included a pastoral compensation increase.
- The Board approved purchase and installation of TV in the 15<sup>th</sup> Street entryway to provide upcoming church news and events for members and guests.

**If you are interested in learning more about our endowment funds, you are invited to attend the next Leadership Board meeting. Lynn Kilbourne from The Methodist Foundation will be here to answer any questions you may have at 5:30pm on October 22nd in The Center.**



**Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024**

8:30 Chapel Worship - 14  
9:15 Sunday school - 21  
10:30 Worship - 72  
Online Worship - 18  
Trinity Village Vespers - 22

**Our Weekly Service at Church  
October 13, 2024**

**Sermon:** Rev. Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Laura Richards  
**Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moment:** Jennifer Fox  
**Sermon:** We Will Serve the Lord!  
**Sermon Series:** Our Family Tree- The Story of God's Love  
**Scripture:** Joshua 24:14-24

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

**Oct. 14 Brass Polishers:** Yvonne Glien and Ellen Wyatt  
**Oct. 15 Counters:** George Mitchell and Deborah Whitaker

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

[www.facebook.com/lakesidepb](http://www.facebook.com/lakesidepb)

[www.youtube.com/@lumc\\_pinebluff](http://www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff)

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website [www.lakesidepb.org](http://www.lakesidepb.org)

**Latest Sunday School News  
October 13, 2024 9:15am.**

**Discovery Class:** Adam Hamilton's Words of Life- Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments. Sunday's discussion will begin on chapter 5.

**Wesley Class:** This week's discussion- Family Faith Traditions. All are welcome to attend.

**Mid Week Manna Schedule**

3:10-3:45 Children are picked at schools by church bus  
4:00-5:15 Snack and tutoring  
5:15-5:30 Meal for all  
5:30-6:00 Children's choir  
6:00-7:00 Children and adult activities

- \* Disciple time for children kindergarten and higher
- \* English Class (ESL)
- \* Chancel Choir practice

**We are in need of several more volunteers.**

If you'd be interested in helping one or two Wednesdays a month, please contact Jennifer Fox, 534-6241, or Sandy Bobo, 540-7099.