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One afternoon a number of years ago, like all of us from time to time, I found myself in a very foul mood. It was one of those days that seemed to go from bad to worse. I don't recall the particulars, but I do recall that everything seemed to irritate me – from the prior contentious conversation repeating in my head to my fellow motorists' driving habits. Insidiously, my mind meandered from the angst and resentment of a bad day to a full-blown poor, pitiful me focus. Can you hear the song, "Nobody likes me, everybody hates me, going through the garden eating worms," echoing in my words?

While I can martyr-up with the best of them, I have never found martyrdom productive nor am I particularly comfortable with it. On that day, I happened to be driving west on Kavanaugh through the Heights in Little Rock. As I entered the Kingwood area, I recalled a friend's recent suggestion to recite an ABC gratitude list if I wanted to change my attitude and perspective. While I remained skeptical about the effectiveness of such an endeavor, the real question was whether I preferred to remain in my miserable state of self-pity, or if I was willing to try something new to enter to a better frame of mind.

As cynical as I was about such a trite undertaking as reciting an ABC gratitude list, I found myself inclined to try my friend's suggestion for the remainder of my 3-4 minute drive. I began by naming something that began with "A" for which I was grateful. Next, I named something that began with "B," then "C," and "D" continuing through the alphabet. By the time I arrived at the bottom of the hill, I had reached the letter "K." I could scarcely believe that my dark mood had lightened, my spirits had lifted, and I was no longer full of anger, resentment and self-pity. I did not fully understand how this simple exercise had worked, but I was indeed grateful that I found the willingness to give it a try.

It is not always easy to be grateful. I must admit, sometimes I enjoy a good pity party! I can pull out my pity party hat and pity noise-maker and revel with the best of them! But Paul gave us another way to encounter the disappointments of life. He said, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thess. 5:16-18. God wants us to live lives of joy and knows that one of the ways for us to live a life of joy is to practice recognizing and being grateful for all people, places and circumstances. Is it a tall order? You bet it is!

But all that is required is a bit of willingness to find things in our lives for which we are grateful. Will you join me in practicing gratitude every day until it becomes a habit, and you receive God's abundant and transformative joy in your life? Giving thanks is not just for the Thanksgiving season, but Paul reminds us, it is God's will for us in every circumstance.

Pastor Judy

Please remember to bring your commitment card to church with you on Sunday as we lay our gifts to God for 2022 on the altar.

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 14 Commitment Sunday

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
11:20 Gratitude Sunday Pot Luck

Monday, November 15

5:30 Finance meets

Tuesday, November 16

Wednesday, November 17

10:30 Trinity Village Exec. meets in The Center
10:30 Staff meeting in the Library
12:00 Trinity Village Directors meets in Fellowship Hall
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 18

Friday, November 19

Office closed

Saturday, November 20

Sunday, November 21

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Sanctuary Worship
After church - Chrismon Tree decorated in the sanctuary.

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!

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2021-United Methodist Church of Arkansas

FLOOD the BUCKETS

October 1 to November 20

Join the Southeast District in supporting disaster relief efforts and children in need in Arkansas.

Donate Relief Supplies

Donate monetarily to AR Disaster Response

Cleaning kits/flood buckets are especially needed to replenish supplies after spring flooding. For drop off of in-kind donations of all kits or supplies, contact Dalene Stephenson at 870-723-0650 or Audrea Stephens at 870-536-536-8806.

Books

Collect & donate books for children ages 0-6th grade in your local community to have at home.

Learn more at arumc.org/Ingathering/southeast-district/



We pray for the sick — Steve Dobbins

Grieving -

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:

Barbara Owen by Cookie Quinn

Rev. Ed Matthews by Bill Foster, Carol & Dr. Joe Luebker

Hazel Wheeler by Leslie & Ricky Beatty, Bea Robey, Carol & Dr. Joe Luebker



Our Presence in Worship and Study

Wednesday Night November 3, 2021 - 36

Sunday, November 7, 2021

8:30 Worship Service - 7

10:00 Worship Service - 47

9:00 Sunday School - 7

4:00 Trinity Village Vespers - 30

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Nancy Paschal

Music: Rene Leus; Flowers: The Barbara Owens Family

Sermon: Expect a Miracle ; Scripture: John 11:38-46

Sermon Series: The Gratitude Path

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

November 15 Counters: Gerald Majors and Elaine Vaccaro

November 15 Brass Polishers: Laura Richards, Jane Neely & Laura Nixon

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



The family of Elizabeth "Beth" Bryant wants to thank all those who sent cards, memorials, texts and reached out to the family by phone. Your thought, prayers and kind words are a true testament of our Lakeside Family.

In Christian Love, Briana McNeill and Wanda Iverson

Upcoming Events



November 14 - Gratitude Potluck (we are calling it that because it is the culmination of our Gratitude Stewardship Campaign). The church will provide the chicken and dressing and the members are invited to bring a salad, side or dessert. The meal will be immediately following the second service.



Lakeside's Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 on Monday, November 15th in the Church Library.



The Discovery Sunday School Class will be putting the Chrismon Tree up and decorating it in the Sanctuary after church on Sunday, November 21st. All are welcome to help us with this yearly project. We have a new tree this year as well!



Just a heads up!

We will not have any activities on Wednesday evening, November 24th. No Midweek Manna, youth and tutoring because this is the night before Thanksgiving.

Miracle Story

As I read the Gospel stories in 2021, I am challenged to see a God who sides with the poor, not just some of the time, but ALL of the time.



This December we will again be in ministry to the poor. We will be purchasing gifts to hand to parents to give to their children. The parents can choose to practice Christmas as we are accustomed, giving their children wrapped gifts or delighting them with unwrapped surprises "brought in by Santa".

While I will never see the actual event unfold, I can assure you that the gratitude expressed by these parents is sincere. Our effort can better be accomplished with your generosity. Generously give an offering of your time to shop for these parents or to do some wrapping, or give a monetary offering to Lakeside marked "Christmas Kids".

Then you will be able to answer for yourself the question, "HOW can I serve my God today?". Jesus said, "the Spirit of the Lord has chosen me to bring good news to the poor...". I believe God has chosen Lakeside for just such a ministry as this.

-Alicia (Contact # (870) 788-4801



December 5 - Christmas Fundraiser for Children in Need Chicken spaghetti meals "to go" may be picked up after the second service. All proceeds will go to provide Christmas for 5 children at Neighbor to Neighbor and children in need through our Lakeside's Mi Casa ministry.

From Rene'

Hola, familia.



I missed seeing all of you last Sunday, but I had a beautiful day with my family and in-laws for Elizabeth's dedication at Second Baptist Church, Conway.

We have a rousing hymn for the anthem this Sunday, and it will require your participation! The anthem is "Soon and Very Soon" and it's a hymn that always makes me want to rejoice and clap!!

It was written by Andrae Crouch(1942-2015), an American gospel singer, songwriter, arranger, record producer and pastor, who won a Grammy award for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel album.

In fact, Andrae won NINE Grammy awards for his music compositions and musical performances from 1985 to 1995. We recently sang one of his hymns, "Through It All", and there is one other in the UMH, "My Tribute" (To God Be the Glory). He began his career by forming a Gospel group around 1977 and his particular style of Gospel music took the world by storm. He traveled all over the globe performing his music and collaborated on musical performances by such singers as Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson and Madonna. Amazingly enough, Andrae was entirely "self taught"...uniquely gifted by the Spirit, without doubt.

Shalom!!!