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Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

On November 11th, we had a total of 25 volunteers helping with the preparation for our food distribution, which would take place the next day. Our volunteers included members of Good Faith Carr United Methodist Church, as well as several members and volunteers from Lakeside. These 25 volunteers filled bags and boxes of food that would feed 250 families from our community, in roughly 3.5 hours.



Mi Casa created Facebook posts, sent out flyers, put up a banner, and emailed many organizations in order to get the word out. On November 12th, the Lakeside parking lot filled with cars, as tasks were divided among 18 volunteers. Whether they were able to lift much or none at all, everyone's ability, interpersonal communications, and even their preference in assignments were all considered in the task they were given. We were able to distribute all 250 bags of food, along with extra cereal and chocolate milk for each child, for the families receiving these blessings to enjoy.

I pondered about what the distribution meant to me as an individual, naturally my first thought was seeing a community being blessed with means of nutrition for their families. As the distribution continued, I couldn't help but observe how Lakeside and Good Faith members and volunteers brought smiles to the recipients faces as they planted a seed of not only hope but God's agape love.

As the cars drove up and received their bags, volunteers were able to hear the gratitude from these families. Comments like "Thank you, thank you, thank you! You don't know how much this will help us!" and "Thank you, y'all are truly blessing our family!" were received with warm hearts.



This wasn't my first distribution, however it was only my second with Lakeside. Each distribution is unique in itself. You get to experience the beauty that is giving and see the small yet distinct differences being made in someone else's life. I had the luxury to watch the results of 50 families being served in a period of approximately 45 minutes during our October food distribution, compared to 250 families being served in a time frame of two and a half hours in the November distribution. There seems to be a contagion of enthusiasm spreading through Lakeside's members due to the impact that our last distribution had on our volunteers, which confirmed the saying "that many hands create light work". This experience was truly heartwarming to witness.

This distribution wouldn't have been possible without the support of the church, our volunteers, the donation from the Arkansas Food Bank, and the grace of God, and for that we give thanks.

As Albert Einstein once said, "A life lived in service to others is a life worth living." Service is the work of the soul. Each act of service is an unending ripple that harmonizes with innumerable others.

Vanessa Hernandez
 Mi Casa Hispanic Ministry Assistant

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 17
 10:00 Trinity Village Exec. meets in The Center
 10:30 Staff meeting in the Library
 1:00 Trinity Village Directors meet 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 on November 21 - The



Discovery Class will put up and decorate the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary. All are welcome to come help us!

Monday, November 22

Tuesday, November 23

Wednesday, November 24

No evening activities

Thursday, November 25

Office closed

Friday, November 26

Office closed



Saturday, November 27

Sunday, November 28

1st Sunday of Advent

New Worship Times

8:30 Chapel Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship

Monday, November 29

Tuesday, November 30

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!



When I get to work in the mornings I always look at the Blessing Box. On Wednesday morning I saw 4 empty chocolate milk cartons sitting in a row, so I picked them up to throw away.

When I turned to enter the office I discovered a man sleeping outside the office! He had been there all night because he had nowhere to go. A person can only stay a certain number of nights at the Salvation Army Shelter and he had used his limit.

I brought him inside, found something in the Food Closet for him to eat, made him a cup of coffee (which he said really felt good in his hands) and gave him a glass of water. He ate and drank everything I gave him.

After a while he was ready to go. He thanked me for letting him get his knees warm and for giving him something to eat. I fixed a bag of food for him to take and he left. Before leaving he told me this was the only church that had been good to him.

Linda



Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Food Distribution November 11th and 12th. Lots of families were served by your efforts!

In addition, Hooray for a Church Pot Luck! Thank you very much to all the folks who helped make the Pot Luck a success!

The servers, kitchen helpers and especially Sandy Bobo's delicious cooking!

Rebecca



You are invited to a House Warming get together for Ernestina Beltrañ and Humberto Solis! They have bought the house at 1501 Olive St. and we are celebrating this wonderful event with them.

Where: 2208 West 37th, Sandy Bobo's house.

When: Sunday, November 28th from 2:00 pm to 4:0 pm

Hosted by: Ramona Harkins, Sandy Bobo & Alicia Frye

Any gift is welcome, but Gift Cards for Walmart or Lowe's would be appreciated.



We have received a letter of thanks from the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock thanking us for the pop tabs delivered by Carol Luebker on November 6.

Saving pop tabs is a small thing, but can do so much. Thank you, Lakeside!



We pray for the sick — Francisco Huendo

Grieving - The Bonita Estes Family

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

A Gifts Has Been Received in Honor of:

Sissy Jones by Sara Roberson

Gifts Have Been Received in Memory of:

Elizabeth Bryant by Bea Robey

Hazel Wheeler by Sandy Bobo

Trisha Bates by Dr. & Mrs. David Nixon

Amy Buckholtz By Sara Roberson and Sandy Bobo

Ed Matthews by Sara Roberson and Leslie & Ricky Beatty



There will be **no** activities on Wednesday evening, November 24th. No Midweek Manna, youth or tutoring because this is the night before Thanksgiving.



SUNDAY MORNING TIME CHANGE

Effective November 28th

8:30 am Chapel Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service

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.



Join us after the 10:30 worship on December 12th for Nathan Baltzell's Retirement Potluck! We will send Nathan off to retirement with a Lakeside World Famous Potluck. Bring your favorite dish and wish Nathan well in his retirement.



Our Presence in Worship and Study

Wednesday Night November 10, 2021 - 35

Sunday, November 14, 2021

8:30 Worship Service - 11

10:00 Worship Service - 42

9:00 Sunday School - 17

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Deborah Whitaker

Music: Rene Leus; Flowers: Hazel and Delos McCauley

Sunday Hymn Sing; Scriptures: Psalm 126; John 18:33-37

Revelation 21: 1-6

Children's Moments: Sandy Bobo

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

November 22 Counters: Shelby Stone & Laura Richards

November 22 Brass Polishers: Sharon & Bobby Wyatt

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www.lakesidepb.org

From Rene'



Hola, mi familia!

This Sunday, our worship will be an old-fashioned "hymn sing"! We will sing favorite hymns that reflect the Thanksgiving season, Christ as King, and the coming of the New Kingdom. In thinking, this Sunday marks the end of our Christian year, before we begin a new Christian year on Nov. 28th, the first Sunday of Advent.

The choir's anthem for this Sunday will be "Lovely Comes the Falling Snow". The song compares falling snow to the blessings of God that fall on us. Just as a snowfall completely blankets and covers everything, so do God's blessings.

The words speak of blessings such as sunsets, rain, friendships, and Christ's atonement for our sins...what an awesome and eternal blessing that is!!! I hope you all can be present to sing and worship with us.

I'm looking forward to seeing you! I pray that everyone is looking forward to a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Shalom!!!