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# The Lakeside Messenger

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As I walked in the cool crisp air this morning, I began to anticipate the approach of winter. The gold, orange and brown leaves scurried along the ground whipped by the occasional gust of cool wind. The sun seemed misplaced in the sky, tracking much further south for the winter months. Bare limbs on the trees began to protrude like fingers pointing the way to shorter days and colder weather. Fall is one of my favorite times of year. Like the approach of spring, it is a time filled with gratitude and anticipation.

As the leaves turn their brilliant reds, oranges and golds, I am filled with awe and wonder at God's magnificent creation. I find myself whispering prayers of thanks for the beauty of creation, the sounds of honking geese, the warmth of my favorite sweater, the smell of a wood-burning fire and the gift of family and friends. Autumn seems to invite us to a renewed awareness of God's blessings and the abundance we have in our family, friends, church and community.

For the saints who have gone to the Church Triumphant but will always remain in our hearts, we give thanks. For the saints we know as mothers, fathers, spouses, children, grandchildren, siblings, and friends who lift us up with their love and prayers, we give thanks. For the saints who worship and serve beside us in our church, we give thanks. For the saints who are neighbors and work in our community, especially those who put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe and healthy, we give thanks.

But the ushering in of autumn also brings with it anticipation and expectation! We anticipate the silence of snow filled skies, cold winter nights snuggled under a favorite throw, and of course, Monday night football. We wait expectantly for the aromas of roasted turkey and pumpkin pie as well as the gathering of friends and loved ones.

As the weeks of the calendar turn, we find ourselves anticipating the arrival of the Christ child once again. Advent is a time of waiting as the Hebrew people waited for the arrival of the Messiah. It is a time of anticipating our need for a Messiah and how God will meet us in our place of need. It is a time when we reflect on our lives and our world and our desperation for the presence of Jesus for ourselves, our church, our community and beyond. And finally, it is a time when we are filled with awe and renewed hope through the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

During Advent, journey with the prophet Isaiah in our sermon series, "Prophet's Promises and Hymns of Hope," as we relate to the people of Isaiah's time and our own need for hope of the Messiah. Then on December 19<sup>th</sup>, the fourth Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate in Word and song with Lessons and Carols. If you have not worshipped at Lakeside in a while, either in person or online, the Advent season of anticipation is the perfect time to renew your heart through worship.

*Pastor Judy*

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

**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**

**Wednesday, December 1**

10:30 Staff Meeting

3:00 Coffee with the 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, December 2**

**Friday, December 3**

*Office closed*

**Saturday, December 4**

**Sunday, December 5**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 Chapel Worship**

**9:15 Sunday School**

**10:30 Worship**

11:30 Fund Raiser Lunch

4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

**Monday, December 6**

6:00 Mi Casa Board Mtg.

**Tuesday, December 7**

6:00 Missions Mtg. in The Center

*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!*



**You are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Sarah Enoch (and Patrick).**

The Baby Shower will be held in The Center at Lakeside UMC on Sunday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m. Hint: it's a girl!



**See Insert**

**SUNDAY MORNING TIME CHANGE**

**Effective November 28th**

**8:30 am Chapel Worship Service**

**9:15 am Sunday School**

**10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service**



**Our Presence in Worship and Study**

Wednesday Night November 17, 2021 - 38

Sunday, November 21, 2021

8:30 Worship Service - 11

10:00 Worship Service - 43

9:00 Sunday School - 21



**Trinity Village invites all to attend the Year 2021 Birthday Party!**

The party will be held on December 9th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Join us for refreshments and a good time celebrating everyone's birthday at once.



**December 5 - Christmas Fundraiser for Children in Need**  
**individual** Chicken spaghetti **meals** in "to go" boxes may be picked up after the first and 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.

This year we have three wonderful options for you to choose from to make it possible for you to participate in our Christmas ministry for needy children.

You may make a donation to Lakeside designated to 'CHRISTMAS KIDS MISSION FUND' and leave the shopping and wrapping to Lakeside's newly formed Ministry Team sub-group dubbed CK for Christmas Kids.

Or you may pick a Christmas 'present' from our **TREE in our LOBBY** giving you the gratifying opportunity to do the shopping from the items the parent has listed as *needed* and the list the child has *dreamed* to receive from Santa!

Still, a third way to participate is to do some of the shopping and be reimbursed from the donations collected through 'Sandy's Chicken Spaghetti To-Go' meals and offer to wrap some of your purchases.

Contact any one of us in the subgroup with questions you may have concerning Christmas ministry 2021. May God bless you and may the Spirit warm your heart as you are in prayer for these children and their families, and for how you will serve the Lord through this ministry.

¡Bendiciones!

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Lakeside is following the Arkansas Conference and CDC guidelines:  
 If you are fully vaccinated, no mask is required:



Lakeside está siguiendo las pautas de la Conferencia de Arkansas y el CDC:

Si está completamente vacunado, no se requiere mascarilla.

**From Rene'**



Hola, mi familia.

The prelude for our first Sunday in Advent is "Bist Du Bei Mir" (Be Thou With Me) by Johann Sebastian Bach. This exquisite piece has quite an extensive history. One of its first uses was as an aria in Stolzel's opera, "Diomedes", debuting on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1718.

One orchestra conductor claimed that "it was one of the most beautiful songs he'd ever heard".

It has been used very often for weddings and is also used often at Christmas, and many other occasions. I read a very moving account about a film which incorporated this music. "Joyeux Noel", released in 2005, was an epic war drama based on the time of the Christmas Truce of December 1914, during WWI.

At one point during the truce, documented as an actual event, Wilhelm, Crown Prince of Germany, sent the lead singer of the Berlin Imperial Opera company on a solo visit to the front line. He sang Bach's "Bist Du Bei Mir" to the regiments, and it led soldiers from France and Germany, and any opposing forces, in their trenches, to stand and applaud.

What a beautiful thought to hold in our minds and hearts as we begin our Christian year...as our thinking turns to the One who is to come, who will embody peace, forever.

Shalom, shalom



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.

**Virtual or Real Poinsettias?**



It's that poinsettia time of year again! You may choose whether you want to donate a virtual or real poinsettia in honor or memory of someone.

The cost for either one is \$17.00. You may order one by calling the office and designating the number, the honoree(s) or memorial(s) and whether you want a virtual or real poinsettia, or perhaps one of each, or fill

out the order form and drop it in the offering basket on Sunday. You may mail or drop off your donation or submit it online. All excess proceeds will go to Methodist Family Health.

The deadline for ordering a real poinsettia is December 13, until 5:00 p.m. Please take your real plant home with you at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Real: \_\_\_\_\_ Virtual: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_