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# The Lakeside Messenger

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One of my favorite passages to use for group *lectio divina* is John 21:15-19 when the resurrected Jesus prepared breakfast on the seashore for the fishermen. <sup>15</sup>When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. . . . After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

For those who are unfamiliar with *lectio divina*, it means divine reading and is a contemplative practice in which you read or hear the passage read several times. With the first reading, you listen for a word or phrase that resonates with you. With the second reading, you connect with the passage through your senses. Lastly, you discern an invitation the passage holds for you. I particularly enjoy using John 21:15-19 because Jesus' direction to Peter is "follow me." Often, the reader's or listener's invitation is a specific way Jesus is calling the person to follow him.

This past week, Lakeside's Mission Team met. I listened to the amazing ways people are discerning Jesus' call to follow him by feeding his lambs, tending his sheep, and feeding his sheep. Remember, the resurrection is not the end of the story. Jesus sends us out to care for others and to share the Good News of Jesus' love and resurrection which transformed our lives.

You are aware of the many ways Lakeside seeks to carry our Jesus' commandment to love others as he loves us: blessing box, lending library, food distributions, tutoring, helping with meals, our annual community outreach events, supporting Neighbor to Neighbor, Project Transformation, and many other missions and outreaches. You are also aware that you can support these missions through financial donations, participation, communicating with others, prayers, organizing, donating needed supplies and many other ways.

Many of you have financially supported various ministries and missions of Lakeside through your generous donations for these specific causes throughout the years. Thank you for your generosity that helps us to follow Jesus' commandments to feed and tend his sheep!

But did you know that Lakeside established a Mission Fund with the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas almost two years ago? With proceeds from land that was donated to the church, the trustees deposited nearly \$80,000 to specifically support the missions of Lakeside. All use of these Mission Funds must be approved by our Leadership Board. For the last two years, our leadership has authorized funding of our food distributions by this Mission Fund in the amount of approximately \$17,000. So far, this is the only mission sponsored by this fund.

If you are passionate about Lakeside's ability to spread Jesus' love, you may also donate to the Mission Fund by designating your contribution as "Foundation Mission Fund."

**Pastor Judy**

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

### Wednesday, April 19

9:30 LAAF

#### MID WEEK MANNA

3:10 – 3:30 Children picked up

4:00 – 5:15 Snack and tutoring

5:30 – 6:00 Meal for All

6:00 -7:00 Children and adult activities

### Thursday, April 20

### Friday, April 21

Office closed

### Saturday, April 22

9:00 District DCOM Meeting

### Sunday, April 23

8:30 Chapel Worship

9:15 Sunday school

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

### Monday, April 24

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

### Tuesday, April 25

5:30 Leadership Meeting

### Wednesday, April 26

9:30 LAAF

#### Mid Week Manna

3:10 – 3:30 Children picked up

4:00 – 5:15 Snack and tutoring

5:30 – 6:00 Meal for All

6:00 -7:00 Children and adult activities

### Thursday, April 27

### Friday, April 28

Office closed

### Saturday, April 29

9-11:00 Project Transformation

Registration Breakfast

### Sunday, April 30

8:30 Chapel Worship

9:15 Sunday school

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

*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!*

**Thank you.....**

Please accept my thanks for the beautiful, generous hospitality you and your people offered at Lakeside UMC on March 26. The Meet and Greet was a joyful way for me to begin building relationships here in Arkansas, and I so enjoyed the basket of gifts and snacks from all over the region!

I look forward to continuing together on this remarkable journey. May God continue to bless you and your congregation!

Grace and Peace,  
Laura Merrill  
Bishop



**New Sunday School Study**

On April 30, the Discovery Class, led by Terry Wynne, will begin a 4 week study of Adam Hamilton's book, *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*. All are invited to join this study which the author hopes "will lead you to a deeper faith and a greater trust that goodness and God's love will ultimately prevail.."

- Where is God when the innocent suffer?
- Where is God when my prayers go unanswered?
- Why is God's will so hard to understand?

The Discovery Class meets at 9:15am on Sundays in room 107 (back behind the chapel). Books are available beforehand in the office.



**We pray for the sick:**

Linda McNulty, Chris Mitchell, and Drew Tanner

**The Grieving:** Becky Simpson family

**Sheridan Healthcare Rehab:** Don Massey

**Woodland Heights Senior Living:** Billie Doster

**Woodland Heights Memory Care:** Wannie Pope

**Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry; Young People around the world; Families in trouble; City Council members & Mayor; Students of all ages; Teachers, First Responders.**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who help around the church. One exciting volunteer opportunity is serving as an "office" helper. Nancy Paschal, Claire Campbell, Yvonne Glien, Debbie Owens, Ann Reed, Nancy Dobbs, Linda McNulty, and Dixie Webb have all done a great job of answering the phone and jumping in wherever needed. If you'd like to volunteer, please call Rebecca Phillips at 489-6241.



Pictured is Nancy Dobbs who's organizing the food closet.)

Another, "thank you" goes to Mike Frye for placing pavers in front of the Blessing Boxes. This makes it so much easier to load with nonperishables and books. As you can see, the boxes see a lot of visitors and have to be refilled often.



**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

8:30 Chapel Worship -11

9:15 Sunday School -27

10:30 Worship -72

Online Worship -8

**Our Weekly Service at Church**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**Guest Preacher:** Tommy Brown; **Liturgist:** Deborah Whitaker

**Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox

**Scripture:** Luke 24:45-49, Acts 2:21-32

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

**April 24 Brass Polishers:** Linda LaClair and Linda McNulty

**April 24 Counters:** Ramona Harkins and Ellen Wyatt

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)

**VFW National Day of Service**

Please join VFW & VFW Aux. Post 4455, SE Arkansas Area on Aging and Jefferson County in honoring ALL Veterans at VFW's National "Day of Service" **Saturday, May 6, 2023 11am to 3 pm** Elga Lee Roberts Jefferson County Veterans Service Center 114 S. State Street Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

**\*Special Honorees** will be the "Vietnam Era Veterans". In order to be recognized for your service and receive a certificate, please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-the-united-states-of-america-vietnam-war-commemoration-pine-bluff-tickets-152880292069>

**FREE HAIR CUTS for VETERANS (Noon-2pm)**  
**DOG COSTUME PARADE at 1:15 pm**

Light Refreshments will be served

For further info, contact Event Coordinator at 870-692-1951



**April 23rd is Native American Ministries Sunday**

Since 1989, United Methodists have observed the third Sunday after Easter as Native American Ministries Sunday specifically to support leadership development, ministries, and education of Native Americans in our denomination.

You can give online at [www.umcgiving.org/giveNAMS](http://www.umcgiving.org/giveNAMS)

**Mark Your Calendars**

**May 4, 2023** is recognized as National Day of Prayer.