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Lakeside United
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1500 Olive Street
Pine Bluff AR 71601

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, August 16

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff Mtg
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Aug. 17

Friday, Aug. 18

Office closed

Saturday, Aug. 19

Sunday, Aug. 20
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
12:00 Potluck

Monday, Aug. 21

Tuesday, Aug. 22
5:30 Leadership Board

Wednesday, Aug. 23

9:30 LAAF
6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug. 24

Friday, Aug. 25

Office closed

Saturday, Aug. 26

Sunday, Aug. 27
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

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As I walk in the mornings, different things come to mind depending on the Scripture and topics in my daily devotional apps. Recently as I was walking, I began pondering how we became so divided as a country, a community, even a faith community. We have our personal preferences of political parties, news outlets, podcasts and community action plans. We have learned to judge, condemn and even vilify everyone who disagrees with us. We consider them the enemy. How did the unity spoken of by Jesus, Paul and others in the Bible become a dirty word? When did it become acceptable to point out the log in our neighbor's eye before removing the speck in our own eye? (Matthew 7:5) When did Jesus' teachings to his disciples become optional?

When I was on my trip to the Holy Land, a few people became disgruntled with how the trip was being conducted. They were interested more in following in the footsteps of Jesus than merely seeing where Jesus walked. It caused some dissension among the ranks. Our leader, learning of the discord, suggested that we needed to be more confessional in our experience of the excursion. I didn't know exactly what he meant until he suggested that we look at our own attitudes and conduct for our sin and confess that before God. Whew! That perspective got my attention! I was so busy seeing what others were doing wrong that I was totally missing how I was contributing to the problem rather than working toward a solution.

Both John the Baptist and Jesus preached repentance for the forgiveness of sins because the kingdom of God, manifested in Jesus, is at hand. If we need a confessional posture to realize the kingdom of God, why are we so quick to judge others and slow to confess our own sins?

One of Jesus' stories often used to judge the others' sins today is the woman caught in adultery. Although I find this story challenging because only the woman was brought forward and the other sinner, the man, was never acknowledged, I will use it because it is so often quoted for Jesus' last words to the woman to "go and sin no more." May I make an observation?

We know that the Scribes and Pharisees brought the woman caught in adultery to Jesus and asked him for justice and to stone her according to the law. We know that Jesus bent down and wrote in the dirt. Before he ever said anything to the woman, he said to those people standing there judging and condemning their neighbor, that the person without sin cast the first stone. As I write this, tears are forming in my eyes. Why is it so hard for us to look at the condition of our own hearts? And why is it so easy for us to look at the condition of others' hearts and judge them acceptable or not? Before Jesus ever said anything to the woman, he told the people who were judging her according to the law to look at their own hearts. When they did, they dropped their stones and they left – Every. Single. One. Of. Them!

The kingdom of God begins with our own repentance, our own confession before God. If we truly believe and desire to see the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven in our lives and community as we pray, we must begin with searching our own hearts, confessing our sins, asking for forgiveness, and then living God's grace and love in our lives. May it be so.

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!

Welcome Potluck

This Sunday!

Help us welcome Sara Andrews (our new intern) and her family. Potluck will follow the 10:30 service. Please bring a side or dessert to go with baked and fried chicken.



We pray for the sick:

Frances Smith, Lynda Pickler, Jerry Ingram, Nathan Baltzell, Buddy Cheshier, Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, Matt Whitener, Clay Cross, Carol Burckhalter, Helen Hudson-Holtzen, and Lee Blankenship.

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.

Memorials and Honorariums

In honor of Glenn and Betty Babb's 60th Wedding Anniversary by Chris and LaNelle Mitchell.
In memory of Dr. Clyde Tracy and Janie McNulty by Ken and Carolyn Theis.

Musical Notes

Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed at 6:00p.m on Wednesdays
If you're interested in joining the choir, we would love to have you.

Handbells will begin practicing Sunday, September 10 at 8:45a.m. If you are interested in playing, please let Jennifer Fox know, if you haven't already. If you've never played handbells and would like to give it a try, your music can be color coded. All you have to do is count!



Safe Gatherings Certifications and Mid-week Manna Providing a safe place for all that gather at Lakeside

Mid- Week Manna will start back **Wednesday, September 13.** We need volunteers to help with transportation, tutoring, meals and disciple time. If you are feeling the call to help, please contact

Sandy Bobo - 540-7099 tutoring or meals
Jennifer Fox - 534-6241 to volunteer for disciple time
Linda LaClair - 329-7753 for information about getting Safe Gatherings certified or to help with transportation.

More information will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, now would be a good time to begin the process of becoming certified in Safe Gatherings. It only takes a few hours and is good for 3 years.



Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship - 16
9:15 Sunday school - 30
10:30 Worship - 63
Online Worship - 8

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd **Sermon:** Sara Andrews
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28
Sermon Title: "It's me. Hi, I'm the intern, it's me."
Sermon Series: Living the Blessed Life
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

August 21 Brass Polishers: Penny Whitener and Susan Brown
August 21 Counters: Gerald Majors and Elaine Vaccaro

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



Lakeside UMC is doing such wonderful things in ministry with our community. We are ministering to individuals and families that have varied backgrounds and experiences through our Mid-week Manna Tutoring, Mi Casa Ministry and Pro-

ject Transformation Summer Camps.

One way to better serve is to learn more about the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences in the lives of children, youth, and adults we encounter in our faith work and how trauma-informed ministries create safe places for all to heal.

Location:
First United Methodist Church, Conway
1610 Prince Street
Conway, AR 72304

Time:
Saturday, September 9
9:00am-3:00p.m

If interested in this free training, please contact Jennifer to register by **Sept. 1.**

Latest Sunday School News August 20, 2023 at 9:15a.m

Discovery Class: New study! Join us for Adam Hamilton's book, *Forgiveness*. Books will be available in class or you may stop by the office.

Wesley Class: This week's discussion: Help to grow in faith. All are welcome.

Birth Announcement

Madelyn Daisy was born on Aug. 14, 2023 to Hannah and Justin Baugh. Proud big brother is Jaxon and grandparents are Penny and Matt Whitener

Mark your calendar!

One worship service on September 3, at 10:30a.m.

New Membership Directories

We are currently working on new directories. With new members joining our congregation, a church directory is a vital tool for congregational connection. If you have had any changes in the past year, such as discontinuing a "house" phone or have a new email address etc., please contact the office by phone or email. We would also like to list cell phone numbers and emails for every adult in the household.

Deadline to submit or change contact information is Thursday, August 31.

2023 Back to School Bash Bike Winners



Kennedy Burnett



Iree Parker