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### ***What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church***

**Wednesday, August 2**

9:30 LAAF  
10:30 Staff Mtg.  
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

**Thursday, Aug. 3**

**Friday, Aug. 4**

*Office closed*

4:30 Set-up Bash  
6:00-7:30 Back to School Bash

**Saturday, Aug. 5**

**Sunday, Aug. 6**

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

**Monday, Aug. 7**

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**

9:30 LAAF  
6:00 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, Aug. 10**

**Friday, Aug. 11**

*Office closed*

**Saturday, Aug. 12**

8:00 Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, Aug. 13**

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

# *The Lakeside Messenger*

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Below are some excerpts from Bishop Laura Merrill's letter sharing some of her reflections and about our June Annual Conference and the future of the United Methodist Church in Arkansas.

*. . . We heard you say that you enjoyed the theme of "Come to the Table." . . . We learned again the power of sharing our stories with one another, and we provided our own foretaste of how those conversations might go with new friends and partners in ministry. I have also heard of the inspirational spirit of the laity session, where folks were lined up at the microphones to share the good news of what God is doing in their churches and communities.*

*The movement from lament to hope was a healing one, and our worship was well-designed by the planners and powerfully executed by our musicians. . . . Many of you have expressed your appreciation for the musical setting of the communion liturgy we used in opening worship. It was delightful to share that celebration with you.*

*The ordination service was another high point. I will never forget the sound of that sanctuary, its very rafters ringing with the preaching and the sound of your voices raised in song. The Holy Spirit was running loose among us for sure! We also remembered those who have gone on to glory, with a good word of hope. We celebrated the faithfulness of our retirees and the joy of new clergy beginning their journey.*

*In addition to the work of worship and reclaiming our common identity, we tended to the business of the conference. We held plenary discussions about conference resources and how they can best be used to strengthen and equip ministry in local settings. We examined the nature of our link with and support of the general level of our denomination. And we pointed toward the need for strategic conversations in the year to come, as the transition of disaffiliation continues and the newest chapter of our journey in mission emerges.*

*I continue to delight in traveling around the state, getting to know you, and growing in appreciation for your ministry. I give God thanks and praise for the stories of churches impacted by disaffiliation who are making new, vital, hopeful strides forward. Congregations are busy with creative takes on Vacation Bible School and feeding ministries of every sort, with enormous impact. Our youth have served on mission trips, kids have gone to camp, and adults young and old have tutored children in reading. To be clear, busyness is not the point, but connecting and serving is. There is no doubt that God is inviting us to do good work, and the people of the Arkansas Annual Conference are responding to that holy invitation!*

*"Come to the Table" is a real thing—it is indeed God's call to us, God's welcome to us, and ours then to pass along, so all might have the chance to meet Christ at that table. We are healing, we are growing, we are sharing, and now God is urging us to scoot over and make more room!*

*May God bless you and your churches in your ministry! Grace and peace,*

Bishop Laura Merrill



*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!*

**Back to School Bash is this Friday!**

**August 4, 6-7:30p.m**

Here is how you can help make this another successful community event!

- Make a donation for school supplies. Please mark your checks **Back to School Bash**
- Volunteer with the Back to School Bash. (help is needed for the following: set-up, work a table and/or games, registration table, popcorn poppers and cotton candy twirlers)

Contact Rebecca Phillips-489-6241 or the church office-534-6241.

\*Blessing of the backpacks is **Sunday, August 13 at the 10:30 service.** If you are a student returning to school this month, we invite to attend as we pray for a safe and rewarding school year.

**New Directories for 2024**

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.

**Congregational Care Commissioning**

On Sunday, July 30, 2023, six Lakeside members were commissioned to serve as Congregational Care ministers. Pictured below are Susan Coles, Alicia Frye, Sandy Bobo, Nancy Paschal, Rebecca Phillips, and Sharon Wyatt. These members have all received special training to provide care through prayer, visitation and sometimes, just the holding of a hand during difficult times for our members and their families.



**We pray for the sick:**

Lynda Pickler, Jerry Ingram, Nathan Baltzell, Buddy Cheshier, Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, and Lee Blankenship,

**We pray for the grieving:**

Concepcion Orozco and family in the death of her husband

**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,**

**Memorials**

In Memory of Theresa Lowry by Dr. Kim Kosmitis

**Musical Notes**

**Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume August 9th at 6:00p.m**

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**

**Providing a safe place for all that gather at Lakeside**

The congregation, staff and those closely associated with Lakeside stepped up and demonstrated that they care deeply about keeping children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe. They did this by taking the time to become Safe Gatherings Certified.

As of this date, **34** individuals have been certified or are in the process. Because of this commitment, we have been able to participate safely in ministries such as Project Transformation, Mid-week Manna, Congregational Care, and nursery accessibility.

Please consider becoming Safe Gatherings certified to ensure that our current and future ministries are well supported. It will only take about 3 hours of your time once every 3 years.

Contact Linda LaClair at 870-329-7753 for information and to get started.



**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

8:30 Chapel Worship - 16

9:15 Sunday school - 28

10:30 Worship - 93

Online Worship -11

**Our Weekly Service at Church**

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Judy Rudd **Liturgist:** Deborah Whitaker  
**Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:1-2,5

**Sermon Title:** Power Under God's Control

**Sermon Series:** Living A Blessed Life

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

**August 7, Brass Polishers:** Shelby and Pete Stone

**August 7 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)



**Latest Sunday School News**

**August 6, 2023 at 9:15a.m**

**Discovery Class:** *Why?* book study. Discussion will begin on [pg.87](#) It's never too late to join.

**Wesley Class:** This week's discussion: Does God use the unlikely to serve His purpose? All are welcome.

# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:30 LAAF 10:30 Staff Mtg 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor Food Distribution	3  Food Distribution	4  Office is closed	5
6 8:30 Chapel Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor. 4:00 Trinity Village Vespers	7	8  1:00 PEO	9 9:30 LAAF 12:00 N2N Board 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor 6:00 Choir practice	10	11  Office is closed	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast
13 8:30 Chapel Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor.	14 10:30 United Women in Faith- Trinity Vil- lage (salad Luncheon)	15  5:30 Leadership Mtg.	16 9:30 LAAF 10:30 Staff Mtg 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor 6:00 Choir practice	17	18  Office is closed	19
20 8:30 Chapel Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor.	21	22	23 9:30 LAAF 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor 6:00 Choir practice	24	25  Office is closed	26
27 8:30 Chapel Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor.	28	29	30 9:30 LAAF 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor 6:00 Choir practice	31		

## August Birthdays

1 Jeremy Guntharp	20 Sharri Jones
2 Camryn Willingham	21 Margaret Erwin
3 Scotty Reddin	21 Varla Roberts
4 Michelle Rocha	22 Augusta McNulty
4 Luna Bella Torrez	22 Shawn McNulty
5 Joanna Hull	22 William Palmerin
5 Tommy Winne	23 Mary Motes
7 Maria Ann Lafferty	25 Lauren Mitchell
7 Taylor Phillips	25 Carol Ricketts
8 David Owens	26 Jane Nixon
10 Alan Ashcraft	27 Scott Couch
10 Bill Blankenship	27 Dr. Jacquelyn Frigon
13 Margaret Ratliff	27 Rachael Rickels
13 T. J. Young	28 Vicki Bates
14 Laura Nixon	28 Sue Majors
15 Nancy Martinez	28 Christian Martinez
15 Willie Vargas	28 Dixie Webb
16 Brad Corkins	29 Alonso Antonio
18 Tommy Brown	29 Willie Bobo
18 Steven Sullenberger	29 Bubba Jones
18 Rosalva Nuci	29 Charlie Milam
19 Meagan Sue Hood	30 Christopher Yanez

## August Wedding Anniversaries

	Day	# of Years
George and Lynda Pickler	6	56
Fred and Ann Reed	7	47
Rob and Ellen Wyatt	7	31
Brandon and Carol Ricketts	8	14
George and Sheila Mitchell	9	25
Bill and Maria Lafferty	13	59
Phil and Karen Wesson	14	18
Rick and Leslie Beatty	17	47
Glenn and Betty Babb	18	60
Jim and Dixie Webb	24	65
Charles and Pat Morgan	31	65
Jesse and Michelle Rocha	31	32

## August 2023 Prayer List

***We pray for the sick:*** Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, Lynda Pickler, Jerry Ingram, Logan Mondragon, Ashley and unborn child, Ericka Best, Dianne Robinson, Katie Watson, and Barbara Tracy.

***Other:*** Drew Tanner

***We pray for the grieving:*** The Katie Farkes Family  
The Ramiro Conde Espinoza Family  
(Concepcion Orozco)

***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.***

***Continued prayers for the following:***

Shelby Alfaro	Matt Hart	Gene Russ
Glenn Babb	Martin Huber	Diana Schwanhausser
Kelly Baker & family	Carol Ivy	Tina Shepard
John Baltzell	Sissy Jones	Russ Shorts
Robert Baltzell	Connie Kitchens	Janice Smithy
Christie Barron	Brian Langley	John Smithy
Helen Bates	Colby Lee	Kathy Tanner
Donna Barnett	Nancy Martinez	Steven Taylor
Rebecca Bissing	Jimmy McBurnett	Johnny Villareal
Lee Blankenship	Danny McCauley	JoAnn White
Luther Bridgers	Bubba Milam	Dawson Whiteside
Stephen Browning	Vaire Mitchell	Connie Smith
Bobbie Bullock	Jerry Newton	
Mary E. Calhoun	Barbara Pearson	
Alvaro A. Cano	Annetta Richter	
Lynn Connor	Philandes (Pete) Robin-	
Whitney Crutchfield	son	
Janene Davis	Brandon Rhoden	
Dick Deviney	Marilyn Rouse	
Mindy Everetts	Ralph Rouse	