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Lakeside Messenger
Lakeside United
Methodist Church
1500 Olive Street
Pine Bluff AR 71601

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, August 9

9:30 LAAF
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

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
(Blessing of the backpacks)

Monday, Aug. 14

10:30 United Women in Faith
Trinity Village

Tuesday, Aug. 15

5:30 Leadership Mtg

Wednesday, Aug. 16

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff Mtg
6:00 Choir Rehearsal

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 Welcome Potluck for Sara Andrews

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I've heard the old saying "the proof is in the pudding," for many years. I've always assumed the meaning was that the quality of something was in the experience of it. I googled the saying and found that it is based on an older saying, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it." Now that makes perfect sense to me. In fact, it reminds me of the unique way that I eat pudding. Ever since I was a little girl, I have had chipmunk cheeks when I eat pudding. I take a bite of pudding and my cheeks instantly puff out! No matter how hard I try to eat pudding normally, I look as if I have eaten a mouthful of marbles each time I take a bite of pudding. Perhaps the proof of the goodness of the pudding is in the puffiness of my cheeks! But I digress.

I thought of the phrase, "the proof is in the pudding" as I considered Lakeside's amazing hospitality! Many churches claim to be a friendly church, but when the pudding is put to the taste test, they tend to focus only on friends or family and ignore guests and strangers. Lakeside has proven over the last few years that you are indeed a friendly church. You welcome the stranger and guest as if they were angels unawares. Hebrews 12:2 reminds us "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Sometimes only the King James Version will do! The proof in the pudding as witnessed by all the United Methodists who have found refuge and safety in your midst over the last several months.

One of the ways that Lakeside extended hospitality pre-pandemic was to serve coffee and pastries in the foyer between worship services. I've been told that we had some fabulous cooks who rotated bringing homemade baked goods for our Sunday morning hospitality time. As a witness to Lakeside's radical hospitality, we are bringing back the coffee and pastries time between services beginning September 10th. If you would like to show off your culinary skills or pastry shopping savvy, please call and let Rebecca Phillips know which Sunday you would like to bring breakfast goodies for our Sunday morning hospitality gathering. Store bought goodies and homemade treats will both be appreciated!

In addition to our hospitality table in the foyer on Sunday mornings, we will also have a Missions table with handcrafted items for sale. All proceeds (and donations) will support Lakeside's missions. If you have handmade items, crafts or tasty delights that you want to donate for sale to benefit our Missions Fund, please contact Nancy Dobbs to arrange a time to bring your goodies. The proceeds of all sales will help with mission and outreach ministries such as our food distributions, annual community events, and Broadmoor Elementary support.

Thank you, Lakeside for your generous and radical hospitality that truly exemplifies the saying "the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it!" Your hospitality gives me pudgy pudding cheeks for which I am forever grateful!

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!

Blessing of the Backpacks

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.



Back to School Bash 2023

The church was filled with families for our annual backpack giveaway. Thank you to our members and organizations that came and shared information and fun with the community. Simmons Bank, Imagination Library, UAPB Food Positive Team, Child Advocacy, Mi Casa and Jefferson Health Department. Over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies were given away.



United Women in Faith

will meet Monday, August 14, 10:30a.m at Trinity Village for a salad luncheon and monthly meeting. Please bring your favorite salad to share. All women are invited. The guest speaker for the luncheon will be Trinity Village Director, Valerie Dunn.

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.



We pray for the sick:

Lynda Pickler, Jerry Ingram, Nathan Baltzell, Buddy Cheshier, Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, Carol Burckhalter, Clay Cross, 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, First Responders.

Memorials

In memory of Janie McNulty by Randy and Janice Spann

Musical Notes

Chancel Choir rehearsals 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, August 6, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship - 11
9:15 Sunday school - 19
10:30 Worship - 84
Online Worship - 14

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd **Liturgist:** Alicia Frye
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-2,6
Sermon Title: Satisfied with being Unsatisfied
Sermon Series: Living A Blessed Life
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

August 14 Brass Polishers: Dixie Webb and Donna Rickels

August 14 Counters: Shelby Stone and Laura Richards

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



Welcome to our newest members!

We are excited to introduce our newest members. Andy, Kashimi, and Tony Elkins. They have come to us from Good Faith Carr.

You might recognize Tony, a 3rd year seminary student, who served as chaplain last year with Project Transformation.

Welcome Potluck August 20

Help us welcome Sara Andrews (our new intern) and her family.

Potluck will follow the 10:30 service.

Latest Sunday School News

August 13, 2023 at 9:15a.m

Discovery Class: Final discussion on *Why?* book study. Next week, we will begin Adam Hamilton's book, *Forgiveness*. Books will be available in class or you may stop by the office.

Wesley Class: This week's discussion: Do we always follow what God commanded? All are welcome.