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I am overwhelmed with joy at the constant prayers, calls and cards we are receiving in regards to the health of my son, Logan. My church family has been of great support during these tough times.

Logan was taken to Children's Hospital on 11/10/22 after two weeks of constant vomiting, poor eating and refusing to walk. Logan was diagnosed with acute kidney failure in addition to severe constipation, dehydration, and bladder obstruction. Twelve days later, Logan now has to continue with catheterization treatments four times per day in order to keep his kidneys under control, and to keep him from a possible life changing surgery.

Please, pray for the future of Mi Casa as I'm forced to take a two month sabbatical to take care of my family and myself. I have also resigned my position as Coordinator of Missions & Family Ministries considering that it will be easier to find someone to take care of Lakeside's ministries than it has been to find an assistant for Mi Casa. Within the last couple of months I have had to step in and take additional responsibilities to fulfill my duties as Coordinator of Missions & Family Ministries and as Mi Casa director and its two assistants. It truly hurts me to leave so many people in limbo, especially those who depend on Mi Casa's services. My hope is that I will be returning to Mi Casa in March of 2023. That decision rests with the acceptance and approval of my offer to the single board.

For now, we will leave the care of Logan's health in God's hands and pray that he will heal him and lead us to what is best for him. --Geraldin

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Heb 11:1) Any Christian believer who has voluntarily stepped away from a beloved person, place or situation, knows the leap of faith required to trust God with an unknown outcome. It takes a strong leader to make the right decision for the right reason without the guarantees of safety and success. Lakeside is blessed by such a leader in Geraldin Mondragon. Geraldin has poured her heart and soul into caring for the Spanish speaking persons who come to Mi Casa for help. Likewise, her persistent efforts have insured that our tutoring program, ministries to children and missions have enriched the lives of hundreds of children and families. Her decision to step away has been a difficult but necessary one by which she has wisely placed the health and welfare of her family first. We pray that the next two months will be a time of renewal and discernment for Geraldin, Luis, Logan, Valerie and Adrian. In the words of Paul, ¹³*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*" (Rom 15:13)

Pastor Judy

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, December 21

LAAF will NOT meet
3:00 Coffee with the pastor

Thursday, December 22

5:30 Young Disciples meet

Friday, December 23

Office closed

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

3:00 Candlelight worship in the chapel

5:30 Candlelight worship in the sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:30 Chapel Worship will not meet

9:15 Sunday school will not meet

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, December 26

Office closed

Tuesday, December 27

Office closed

Wednesday, December 28

Office closed

Thursday, December 29

Office closed

Friday, December 30

Office closed

Saturday, December 31

Sunday, January 1

8:30 Chapel Worship will not meet

9:15 Sunday school will not meet

10:30 Sanctuary Worship only



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!



Since the church office will be closed from December 22nd until January 2nd, all 2022 Contributions **must be received in the church office no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 22nd, OR mailed and post marked by December 31.** This is in accordance with the IRS requirements for charitable contributions. Call Carolyn at 534-6241 if you have any questions about your pledge.



Thanks to all who sent the beautiful Christmas cards to me and Charles. We appreciate you thinking of us. Pat Morgan



This issue of the Lakeside Messenger is the last one for 2022. There will not be one for December 28th, but we will see you again January 4th.



To all of you who have sent in your Generosity Cards with your financial commitments for 2023, the Leadership Board extends its heartfelt gratitude. To those who have not yet sent in your Generosity Cards, the Leadership Board requests that you prayerfully consider submitting your commitment to financially support Lakeside in 2023 by the end of the year. The Leadership Board will begin work on a prudent, fiscally responsible and faithful budget to carry out the missions and ministries of Lakeside in the coming year at its December meeting. The budget will be finalized at the January meeting. A financially sound budget is dependent upon having a reasonable expectation of the generosity of Lakeside's friends and family in the new year, but we will see you again in January of 2023!

If you have not yet sent in a Generosity Card and you anticipate prayerfully supporting Lakeside with your financial gifts in 2023, either in a one-time gift or ongoing gift, please send in a Generosity Card or contact Lakeside's Treasurer, Carolyn Hamilton with your generosity commitment by December 31, 2023.

Thank you and God bless you,
Your Lakeside Leadership Board



We pray for the sick: Bubba Milam
Grieving: The Benjamin Lewis Family (Newborn baby)

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

A Gift Has Been Given In Honor of:
Sissy Jones by Sharon & Bobby Wyatt



Help us keep our Blessing Box stocked...

- Donate non perishable food items, preferably with pull tabs for easy opening
- Donate toiletries, blankets, gloves, hats, hand warmers, and socks
- Ask to be added to the blessing box schedule by calling Geraldine at 870-939-9411; Pick a day of the week, once or twice a month to stock the Blessing box.

The following dates are available to stock the Blessing Box; December 27th. January 5, 10, 19, 24. Feb, 2 of 2023



Because you gave of your gifts, your time, your talents, and your unconditional love...together we provided a Christmas memory and wish for thirty-one children of twelve families. Our hope was that your gifts, through this ministry, would serve as a supplement to help some parents, but the truth is that for most families your gifts are all their children are receiving this Christmas; because you provided, they WILL have Christmas gifts! Thank you for your generosity, your support and your love for our children.



The last day of the year for Lakeside's Midweek Manna program was Dec. 14th. We concluded the year with a Christmas party where the children had a blast. For many it was the first time they decorated gingerbread houses. Other activities included games and Christmas songs. Lakeside, with the help of our faithful volunteers, hopes to pick back up with wild enthusiasm on Wednesday, January 11th, 2023. Children enjoy themselves best whenever they have someone's full attention. Please, consider becoming a tutor. Call Sandy Bobo for more information regarding this ministry.
Mi Casa



Sunday, December 11, 2022
8:30 Worship Service - 13
9:15 Sunday School - 24
10:30 Worship Service - 51
Online Worship - 10 on 12/11
6 on 12/18

Our Weekly Service at Church
Sunday, December 24, 2022
3:00 in the Chapel, 5:30 in the Sanctuary
Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:**
3:00 Pastor Judy
5:30 Deborah Whitaker

Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Pastor Judy
Sermon Title: LOVE; **Scripture:** Isaiah 9: 2-7
Sermon Series: Are We There Yet?
Advent Wreath Lighters
5:30: The Rob & Ellen Wyatt Family
Flowers: Poinsettias
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

Sunday, December 25, 2022
One Service Only at 10:30
Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Terry Wynne
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:**
Sermon Title: ,**Scripture:**
Flowers: Laura Nixon
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson
December 26 Brass Polishers: Shelby & Pete Stone
December 26 Counters: George Mitchell & Deborah Whitaker

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Join us online for worship at:
<https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/live/>
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www.lakesidepb.org



Lakeside's church offices will be closed from Friday, December 23rd through January 1st. Please note that in case of emergencies while the offices are closed you can contact Pastor Judy at 501-607-0889 or George Mitchell at 870-329-8964.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Lakeside staff and volunteers!