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# The Lakeside Messenger

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Lakeside has shown great interest in the ministry of food starting with the Food Closet that the Mi Casa office once had several years ago. This closet was rather small compared to what Lakeside is doing now. It was very similar to our very own Blessing Box and with the same purpose of 'feeding thy neighbor'.

Within the food ministries that Lakeside has had through the years are the Food Sacks that Rebeca Phillips prepared for several years. These bags included, among other items, cookies, fruit cups, and small tins of sausages to name a few. These bags were a great treat to whomever was hungry and came to our office asking for food.



Lakeside also adopted food distributions as a result of COVID-19. Thanks to the scholarships for which Mi Casa has applied, and the many monetary donations we have received from our Lakeside members, the food donations from St. James, and the Arkansas Food Bank, this ministry has



flourished. The distributions have become a symbol of Lakeside's love for its community. In my opinion, we are leaving our mark; we are no longer just another church now we are known as the church of Christ who loves and cares for its community. Last Friday, Lakeside showed out once again with its second food distribution of 250 units. We had 30 volunteers come and help pack units and 8 to distribute the units in the afternoon. Lakeside has already scheduled at least seven small food distributions for 2022, the first one being on January 12th and 13th. We hope to see you there!

Lastly, the box of blessings has successfully continued to attract many more people. The last couple of days our Blessing Box has demonstrated to be a true blessing for many families making it difficult to be kept stocked. We have a wonderful team of ladies who have been steadily helping to keep it full either with products already donated to our Food Closet or with items that they purchase and donate to the Blessing Box. Mi Casa has created a schedule to help keep this Blessing Box stocked, however, the schedule only covers Monday through Thursday of each week. With the upcoming holidays hopes are that anyone else who is willing and able will help keep the box full over the holidays.



When Mi Casa first started this ministry, we knew that we were changing a life or two, but never the way we have been the last year and a half. It's heartwarming to see the support and response to this ministry. If you haven't been able to be a part of it, we will be announcing particulars about upcoming opportunities.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."  
 Proverbs 19:17

Blessings,  
 Geraldin

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

**Wednesday, December 22**

**Thursday, December 23**

**Friday, December 24**

*Office closed*

3:00 Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

5:30 Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

**Saturday, December 25**

*Christmas Day*

**Sunday, December 26**

10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary only  
 Baptism of Charlotte Ann Hull

**Monday, December 27**

*Office closed*

**Tuesday, December 28**

*Office closed*

**Wednesday, December 29**

**Thursday, December 30**

**Friday, December 31**

*Office closed*

**Saturday, January 1**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**Monday, January 3, 2022**

*Office closed*

**This will be the last Messenger for 2021. The Lakeside Staff and Volunteers wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



*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!*



All 2021 Contributions must be received in the church office no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 30, OR mailed and post marked by December 31. This is in accordance with the IRS requirements for charitable contributions. Call Stephanie at 534-6241 if you have any questions about your pledge.

Lakeside's offices will be closed December 27, 28, 31 and January 3. We will be open December 29 & 30.



UMCOR continues to respond to the deadly tornadoes that have moved through several states. As massive storm systems continue to move across the country, we ask for your immediate response in prayer and financial support. Please **be there** for survivors by supporting UMCOR US Disaster Response with a gift today.



The Lakeside Staff wants to thank all our volunteers without whom we couldn't do very much.

The Messenger helpers, the Blessing Box, the Food Distribution, the weekly counters, Mid Week Manna, our executive Chief, Christmas Kids, the Brass

Polishers, the Communion helpers, Memorial and reception and Lending Library volunteers.

Thank you!



*We pray for the sick* — Glenn Babb

*Grieving:* The Dean Chambliss Family

*Sheridan Healthcare Rehab:* Don Massey

*Woodland Heights Senior Living:* Billie Doster

*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 Received in Memory of:*

Reverend Ed Matthews

Dean Chambliss by: Dan Chambliss, Marlyn Blackwell

### *Gifts Have Been Received in Honor Of:*

The Baptism of Dennis Matthew Jones by the Lakeside UMW.

The Wesley Sunday School Class, Dr. Sue Frigon, Bobby & Sharon Wyatt, Bea Robey, Sandy Bobo, Bill & Sharri Jones and Dot Boyd by Sissy Jones.

Reverend Judy Rudd by The Jones Family.

Etoyle Mouser by Mary Emily Calhoun

### **Pine Bluff Community Christmas Potluck Needs Help**

Plans are underway to help feed the hungry and homeless on Christmas Day. Dr. Ryan Watley, the visionary of this Annual Pine Bluff Community Christmas Potluck, needs your help.

This year presents a special challenge due to COVID 19, making sure that we practice social distancing, and making sure everyone wear mask. Christmas falls on Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> we realize that people are spending time with family members.

Those who have a heart to serve and time to give are asked to make a special sacrifice to support the Christmas Potluck at the Pine Bluff High School Cafeteria. Donations of food and beverages need to be delivered beginning at 8:30 am. Meals will be served starting at 11:00 am and end around 2:00 pm.

“In 2019 we fed over 250 people, this year we would like to feed even more. I need volunteers to help prepare the plates, provide vegetables, desserts, and drinks. If you want to volunteer, let me know your available time by sending me an email at [maryldd11@yahoo.com](mailto:maryldd11@yahoo.com). If you can prepare a vegetable dish let me know what you plan to donate. If you fix a dish and need it to be picked up, let me know before Christmas Eve. “I thank God for the citizens of Pine Bluff.”

Mary Liddell Pine Bluff Community Outreach Coordinator  
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### *Our Presence in Worship and Study*

Wednesday Night December 15, 2021 - 44

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:30 Worship Service - 12

10:00 Worship Service - 53

9:00 Sunday School - 22

### *Our Weekly Service at Church*

Friday, December 24, 2021

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist:

Music: Rene Leus; Flowers: Poinsettias

Worship: 3:00 & 5:30 Candlelight Service

Christ Candle Lighters: (3:00) Bea Robey & Lynn Newton  
(5:30) The Bill Jones Family

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

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist:

Music: Rene Leus; Flowers: Ann & Fred Reed

Worship: 10:30 only

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

December 29 Brass Polishers: Laura Richards, Jane Neely &  
Laura Nixon

December 29 Counters: Jim Webb and Mike Frye

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)

### *From Rene*



Hola, mi familia.

I want to give you a hymn for Christmas from our Methodist hymnal. Found on p. 223, it's a hymn I learned years ago, but have never played for a worship service. The words and music were written by Johann Rist in 1641, and the harmony was penned by Bach in 1734.

The hymn is much more difficult for me to play as the years have progressed, but it is very beautiful. I will leave you with these beautifully intense words from the first verse:

“Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;  
O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,  
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.”

Feliz Navidad!!