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I recently lost my beloved pet and companion, Tiger Lily. She was a feral kitten when I found her that became a daily part of my life for twenty years. Because of some unfortunate circumstances, Tiger Lily ended up in kitty hospice. Having walked the path of hospice and palliative care with both family and patients as a chaplain, I was not afraid, nor reluctant to walk this path with my beloved Tiger Lily. As I spent every available moment with her – lifting her when she could no longer jump, urging her to drink water, and holding her next to me to sleep – I gave thanks for the gift we sometimes have of taking this final journey with our loved ones. I also pondered how difficult it has become in our culture for many of us to accept death and dying and to embrace our own mortality. Our own mortality and death are very real parts of life, but they are things we prefer to hold at a distance and only acknowledge when we can no longer ignore or escape them.

I once heard a pastoral care professional explain that in our American culture, we have sanitized death. I understood him to mean that we do not have extended periods of mourning, we do not have socially recognized anniversaries of the death of a loved one, and we are quick to expect our grieving friends and relatives to “move on”. I believe that we do this as a society because we are uncomfortable with death, and we don’t know what to do with our pain and heart brokenness. We have lost the ability to sit beside our pool of tears and sit beside others’ pools of tears. Perhaps this is why Ash Wednesday is so important and holds a gift for each of us.

We will have two worship services on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, where we will have the opportunity to hear the familiar words, “*From ashes to ashes and dust to dust. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Repent and believe the gospel.*” We will be invited to reflect upon our sins – those committed by action and those committed by omission – and to consider our own mortality. Our worship that day will mark the beginning of Lent, a time of self-examination to determine if we are on the path of discipleship that Christ desires for us, a time of self-sacrifice and a time of renewing our commitment to being transformed through the sanctifying grace of God through Jesus Christ.

In the quiet, simplicity and pause of Ash Wednesday, while in the company of other believers, we have the opportunity to truly experience all of our humanness and begin to open ourselves to the movement of the Holy Spirit to cleanse, redirect and renew our weary and misguided lives. Before we drink from the living waters of Easter, we must figuratively sit in the ashes of repentance to embrace our extraordinary need for our Savior so that we may be restored and reconciled to God and one another.

Please make plans to attend one of our Ash Wednesday services on February 22nd:

12:00 pm Lakeside chapel
6:00 pm Lakeside sanctuary

Come and receive the mark of the cross in ashes on your forehead and remember that Christ loves you in all of your humanness.

Pastor Judy

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, February 15

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff meeting
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
5:30 Mid Week Manna
6:00 Young Disciples meet
6:00 Tutoring & ESL

Thursday, February 16

Friday, February 17
Office closed

Saturday, February 18

Sunday, February 19
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday school
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, February 20

Tuesday, February 21
1:30 DAR meets
5:30 Leadership Board meets



Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

9:30 LAAF
Coffee with the Pastor will not meet
12:00 Imposition of Ashes Service/Chapel
Mid Week Manna will not meet
Young Disciples meet not meet
Tutoring & ESL will not meet
6:00 Imposition of Ashes Service/Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

Friday, February 24

Office closed

Saturday, February 25

Sunday, February 26
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday school
10:30 Sanctuary Worship



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!

Prudent Stewardship

Most of us do not like change. The older we grow, the less we appreciate changes. However, at Lakeside we have reached a point of needing to embrace a change. As you already know, postage has increased, again. Although we use the bulk rate, we are currently spending over \$80 per week in postage to mail The Messenger which adds up to over \$4160 per year! To be good stewards of God's tithes and your contributions, on March 1st, we will discontinue mailing The Messenger to everyone.

During the month of February, we will be reviewing and revising our newsletter email and mailing list. We will initially discontinue mailing the newsletter to anyone who already receives it electronically. We will also discontinue mailing the newsletter to people who may no longer have a connection with the church.

If you currently receive a mailed copy and want to continue receiving the newsletter by email, please call the office and provide your email address. If you currently receive a mailed copy and have no electronic means of receiving The Messenger, please notify the office that you need to continue receiving a hard copy by some means.

We apologize for the inconvenience that this will cause some of our regular recipients of The Messenger. We hope you understand that these changes are necessary to be prudent stewards of God's tithes and your offerings which you entrust to Lakeside.



The Faces of Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is the day that we remember our mortality, repent of our sins and begin the preparation of our hearts and minds as we travel the six weeks of Lent

toward Easter. Please plan to attend one of our two services: 12:00 pm in the chapel, 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Give thanks to Christ for his mercy and grace and leave your burdens with him. The imposition of ashes will be offered in both services.



Coffee With the Pastor and the usual Wednesday night activities, Midweek Manna, Tutoring, Young Disciples and ESL classes will not meet on February 22nd.



We pray for the sick: Dr. Clyde Tracy, Barbara Tracy, Mrs. Dobey, Hope Hall Chambers Elizabeth Sadler, Ashley and unborn child Gwendolyn, Sue Cheshier

Grieving: The Doug Burnett Family

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



Lakeside's first food distribution of 2023 happened this past Thursday. 27 boxes were filled with the following: salt, sugar, cans of tuna, sardines, corn, refried beans and evaporated milk. There was a bag of rice and beans along with a box of cereal and pop tarts.

The fresh items were bananas, apples, tomatoes, cilantro, celery, iceberg lettuce, 2 avocados, ½ gallon of milk, 2- 8 oz, packages of cheese, 2 Lbs. of ground chuck and a 10 lb. bag of chicken thigh leg quarters.

This year we are doing both delivery and pick up orders. My favorite story was when a delivery was made to a woman and her eyes were lit with excitement when she saw her box and said, "Milk and cereal - I can have breakfast!" I forget that we never worry where our next meal will come from, but other people do worry. This is a wonderful ministry sponsored by our Mission Fund at the Methodist Foundation.

You can help by contributing to this fund, by loading boxes or delivering and assisting people with their boxes at pick up. The Mission team appreciates your help!

Sandy Bobo, Linda, LaClair and Laura Richards
Team Leaders



Our first Souper Bowl Sunday in 3 years was held this past week. We had 14 pots of wonderful soup, crackers, corn bread and desserts. Everyone voted for their favorite soup by putting money in the bags with that soup's name. This year's winner was Deborah Whitaker with Harvest Chowder. Her recipe is on the insert in this issue of The Messenger. Best of all we raised \$961.00 and gathered 79 cans of soup to donate to Neighbor to Neighbor!



Thank You!!! A HUGE Thank You to Mike Frye for replacing the glass in the door of our Blessing Box.



Sunday, February 12, 2023
8:30 Chapel Worship - 13
9:15 Sunday School - 27
10:30 Worship - 65
Online Worship - 15

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, February 19, 2023

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Deborah Whitaker
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Sandy Bobo
Sermon Title: Listen to Him; **Scripture:** Matthew 17:1-9
Flowers: Roy & Deborah Whitaker; **Ushers:** Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

February 20 Brass Polishers: Shelby & Pete Stone
February 20 Counters: Gerald Majors & Elaine Vaccaro

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live.

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www.lakesidepb.org



Florence Beatrice Price, *née* Smith (1887-1953) is regarded as the first Black woman recognized as a symphonic composer. Price was born in Little Rock, AR to Florence (Gulliver) & James Smith. Her father was one of the first Black dentists in the state when there were 12 nationwide.

Dr. Smith also knew Wiley Jones (then richest Black man in Arkansas and Pine Bluff resident), chairing the annual Colored Peoples' Fair held on Jones's 55-acre fairground at the southern edge of town.

One would not err in calling the younger Florence a prodigy. She gave her first piano recital at 4, and graduated from Capital Hill High School as valedictorian at 14. Following a gap year, Price enrolled in the New England Conservatory of Music (NEC) in Boston, MA. She simultaneously earned diplomas in piano pedagogy & organ performance, essentially bachelor's & master's degrees respectively, in 3 years.

While we can assume from her grades, her position on student recitals (last: typically reserved for the best), and the ease with which she undertook her coursework, that she possessed marvelous technique and musicality at the keyboard, we find confirmation in the annals of NEC's history. The famed organist-composer Guilmant, stateside for a recital tour, was invited to the conservatory specifically to hear Price play his *Sonata No. 1 in D Minor* (known for its fiery, fiendishly difficult finale). At its conclusion, Guilmant is said to have rushed the stage to shake her hand and publicly congratulate her for doing justice to his work.

Donald Warren

Please enjoy two of Ms. Price's musical creations in worship this week. "Cantilena" will be played as the prelude and "Festal March" as the postlude.