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# The Lakeside Messenger

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The central tenet of the dedicated musician is this: make music and find dignity and uplift through the labors thereof. Play upon key or string with fervor, sing so that the melody be divinely kindled, and your soul shall be mended. Sing or play the notes as the composer intended, enter into the language of the composer (linguistically, musically, culturally), allow your heart, mind, & soul to absorb it completely, and the consciousness of humanity will be purified (albeit ever briefly).

This is not a new notion. J.S. Bach told us that "The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." It is attributed to St. Augustine that "He who sings prays twice." I as music educator have whittled the tedious Educationese of my education philosophy into one pithy dictum; "The only crescendo of importance is that of the human heart and condition."

It is under an amalgam of these *credos* that I help to tender the Music Ministry's offerings this Black History Month. Each Sunday, you will hear in either the prelude, postlude or offertory a composition born of the African Diaspora, and a brief note on some aspect of the music will be included in *The Lakeside Messenger*. In our giving of these it is hoped that you receive a glimpse of the joys, griefs, and spirit of the Black community.

February 5th will feature a performance of the Afro-American Spiritual "Let Us Break Bread Together" arranged by the great Moses Hogan (1957-2003). What follows is a short contemplation on the Afro-American Spiritual found in his *Deep River* collection:

*In a time and place where physical hardship and emotional anguish were a way of life for a people in bondage, God placed into their hearts and onto their lips a song. So powerful was this song that in its words were hope itself, in its melody the peace for which their hearts yearned, and in its rhythm the pulse of the Almighty who sustained them. That song was the Spiritual, and it survives to this day as one of the most deeply moving expressions of the human spirit.*

*The Spirituals were first sung by individuals whose names we can never know. The anonymity of their authors, however, adds to the poignancy of these songs, for it leaves us to imagine the kind of suffering that pressed such music from their souls. In the words of the Spirituals are expressed the deep longings and naked faith of the people kept by design from formal education. Their words, then, are necessarily simple and direct, conveying the most fervent desires for freedom and family and for peace and prosperity.*

*Donald Warren*

Donald Warren earned his bachelor's degree in Vocal Music at Southern Arkansas University and his masters in musicology from Brandeis University. Donald is a long time member of Lakeside who graciously shares his gift, love and knowledge of music with us. Thank you Donald!

*Pastor Judy*

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

### Wednesday, February 1

LAAF will not meet  
10:30 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Coffee with the pastor  
Mid Week Manna will not meet  
Young Disciples meet will not meet  
Tutoring & ESL will not meet

### Thursday, February 2

Mobil Food Distribution postponed  
Pick Up Food Distribution postponed

### Friday, February 3

Office closed

### Saturday, February 4

Sunday, February 5  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday school  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

### Monday, February 6

10:00 United Women in Faith meet at Trinity Village

### Tuesday, February 7

### Wednesday, February 8

9:30 LAAF  
10:00 Food Prep for Distribution  
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor  
5:30 Mid Week Manna  
6:00 Young Disciples meet  
6:00 Tutoring & ESL

### Thursday, February 9

9:00 Mobil Food Distribution  
5:00 Pick Up Food Distribution

### Friday, February 10

Office closed

### Saturday, February 11

8:00 United Methodist Men meet

### Sunday, February 12

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday school  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 Souper Bowl Pot Luck

*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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



**It's Almost Here!** On Sunday, February 12, we will again have our Souper Bowl lunch after the 10:30 service, The church will also be collecting cans of soup to take to Neighbor to Neighbor.

We also need people to bring their favorite soup for people to eat. You may also bring crackers, cornbread, tostado chips or whatever you like to have with your soup. People will vote for their favorite soup with monetary donations that will also go to Neighbor to Neighbor. I hope everyone comes to this wonderful event.

*Sandy Bobo*

### TOWN HALL MEETING

Part of the Lakeside Leadership Board's commitment to authenticity and transparency is to hold regularly scheduled town hall meetings to hear from the congregation and keep you informed about the business of the church. At these meetings, you will learn about Lakeside's fiscal condition, ministries and missions and have the opportunity to voice your thoughts, observations, concerns and suggestions.

The first Town Hall meeting is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> after the Souper Bowl Fundraiser. See you there!



**We pray for the sick:** Barbara Pearson, Nancy Martinez, Donna Stone, Donna Barnett

**Grieving:** Family of Tyre Nichols

**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**



### Help us keep our Blessing Box stocked...

During this cold weather food is especially needed. In addition please donate toiletries, blankets, gloves, hats, hand warmers, and socks.

Ask to be added to the blessing box schedule by calling Linda LaClair at 870-329-7753; Pick a day of the week, once or twice a month to stock the Blessing box.



Tuna, tuna, tuna! Keep bringing that tuna!

Neighbor To Neighbor

Soups  
\$10 qt.



Chowders  
&  
Gumbos  
\$15 qt.

### 2023 SOUP SALE

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9  
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: **Neighbor to Neighbor (Pantry Door)**  
1419 S. Pine St.



Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship - 10

9:15 Sunday School - 23

10:30 Worship - 61

Online Worship - 19

### Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, February 5, 2023

**Senior Pastor:** The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Deborah Whitaker

**Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox

**Sermon Title:** Why Can't I See God's Will for My Life?

**Sermon Series:** Why? Making Sense of God's Will

**Scripture:** 1 Thess. 5:15-24

**Flowers:** ; **Ushers:** Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles,

Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

**February 6 Brass Polishers:** Sharon & Bobby Wyatt

**February 6 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)

### Come Holy Spirit, Come!

Jesus says, "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them." The Message

We need your help on Wednesday afternoons and evenings to welcome the children as Jesus commanded. Watch for updates on our Wednesday night children's ministry next week!



Three of these necklaces were found with old United Methodist Women paperwork. Ladies, if you know anything about these necklaces please let me know. I am organizing UMW paperwork through the years to be placed in the History Room.  
Nancy Dobbs



United  
Women  
in Faith

Lakeside UMC will hold the first meeting of the United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) on February 6 at 10:00 in the Great Hall at Trinity Village Lodge. I hope as many of you that can come will attend as we revision how we will now look. Refreshments will be served.

Sandy Bobo, President

The 2022 United Women in Faith Financial Report is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway near the office.