

Welcome! We are delighted that you are choosing to worship at Lakeside United Methodist Church today.  
If you have questions about the United Methodist Church or about becoming a member of Lakeside, please mark your interest on the Connection Card, call the office at 870-534-6241 or contact Rev. Judy Rudd at [judy.rudd@arumc.org](mailto:judy.rudd@arumc.org) or 501-607-0889.

# Lakeside United Methodist Church

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 27th – United Women in Faith at Lakeside.  
March 5th – Ash Wednesday Services at 12:00 and 6:00.  
March 12th – New Lenten Book Study begins– see this week’s Messenger and bulletin insert for more information.  
March 16th– Townhall Meeting and potluck.

## This Week at Lakeside UMC

**Sunday, Feb. 23**  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
8:45 Handbells  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
**Monday, Feb. 24**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 25**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 26**  
9:30 LAAF  
3:00 Zoom (F & F)  
4:00 Mid-Week Manna  
6:00 Choir Practice

**Thursday, Feb. 27**  
**Friday, Feb. 28**  
*Office closed*  
**Saturday, March 1**  
**Sunday, March 2**  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
8:45 Handbells  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers



## Living the Dream - Making a Difference

February 23, 2025

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Attendance Registration



Scan the QR codes  
with your phone

QR Code for giving



The people read the **bold print**.  
Children's and baby activity bags are available near the elevator on the 2nd floor.  
(Nursery is available on the 1st floor, room 103, from 10:15-11:30am.)

CHIMES

**WELCOME** George Mitchell

**PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
"May the peace of Christ be with you" . . . . ."And also with you."

**PRELUDE** A Pleasant Thought Florence B. Price

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** De Gasnier  
Trust in the Lord and do good.  
**May the Lord give strength to the people!**

O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**God is our refuge and strength.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** I Know Whom I Have Believed UMH 714

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH 889 De Gasnier

**\*GLORIA PATRI** UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

(The children are invited forward to the rail during the singing of the Gloria Patri)

CHILDRENS MOMENT Jennifer Fox

**CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH** De Gasnier

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**  
You may also give electronically at [lakesidepb.org/giving](http://lakesidepb.org/giving) or by texting 73256

OFFERTORY Amen Jester Hairston

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 95  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

(\*Indicates a standing posture of praise. Stand as you are able.

UMH denotes the United Methodist Hymnal and TFWS is The Faith We Sing hymnal.)

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian v. 1,2 & 4 UMH 402

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 6: 17– 26 George Mitchell

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Living the Dream – Making a Difference

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy.....  
**Hear our prayers**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** The Spirit Song UMH 347

**\*BENEDICTION** George Mitchell

(You are invited to be seated during the postlude as you prepare your heart to take the love of Christ into the world. If you need to leave, you are invited to leave in a spirit of reverence.)

POSTLUDE Voluntary on “ Forest Green” Patricia Lou Harris

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Metz's birthday and in honor Troy Gasnier's birthday by De Gasnier*

The prelude this morning is by Florence B. Price. She stands as one of the first, if not the first, African-American women to be recognized as a serious composer. She was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. A proficient composer, she wrote over 300 works in her lifetime covering a wide swath of genres.



## **Do You Know the Meaning of Ash Wednesday?**

The observance of Ash Wednesday is a significant and memorable time for many people of the Christian faith. It marks the beginning of the forty days of Lent when we focus or re-focus on our relationship with Christ through self-examination, reflection, repentance, fasting and praying.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

The defining ritual of Ash Wednesday is the imposition of ashes in the shape of a cross on the forehead or hand of the believer accompanied by the words, "Remember, O mortal, that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19 We receive the sign of the cross to remind us of our own mortality and need for repentance.

The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a history in the Jewish and Christian worship, and the imposition of ashes can be a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. This practice is the historic focus of Ash Wednesday and gave the day its name.

## **Opportunities to Observe Ash Wednesday**

**March 5, 2025**

**Noon Service**

For those who prefer a day-time service, you may attend our Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes in the chapel at noon. This service will be similar to the 6:00 pm service but is available for those who cannot attend in the evening.

### **6:00 pm Service**

Our evening Ash Wednesday worship service will be at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will gather as the community of faith to confess our sins before God, confront our own mortality, and receive the imposition of ashes in a service of holy worship.

Invite a friend or neighbor to either service and come as you are for a time of personal reflection and remembering our mortality. All are invited and welcome.

## **Wednesday Lenten Study**

Beginning Wednesday, March 12th, you are invited to participate in a Lenten study using Matt Rawle's book, *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 1 – 2:30 pm for six weeks.

If you have always wanted to learn more about Jesus' "I am" statements in the gospel of John, this is the group for you.

We will meet in the library as long as space allows. Books are available in the office.

**Opportunities to Observe Ash Wednesday  
March 5, 2025  
Noon and 6:00pm**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

We are in need of one or two more nursery nannies to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you're good at playing with toys and love a cuddle, this is a great way to serve.

We need more adults to help with Mid-week Manna. Many of our children would benefit from one-on-one tutoring. If you would be willing to help with either of these opportunities, please contact Sandy Bobo at 540-7099 or Jennifer Fox at 534-6241

**Missions News**

Items needed for ongoing ministries

**Broadmoor Backpack Ministry:** cans of ravioli, spaghetti-os, boxes of Mac & Cheese.

**Neighbor to Neighbor:** tuna; **Blessing Box:** non-perishable items

**Trinity Village:** Personal hygiene items

**Opportunity House:** Personal hygiene items, socks, towels.

Items may be placed in the baskets by the elevator or brought to the office.

**New Prayer Request Policy**

*"My house will be known as a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord God." Isaiah 56:7*

Everyone is encouraged to keep his/her prayer requests updated. Names will rotate off unless a request to continue is received in the office either by email- lakesidepb@arumc.org or a phone call 534-6241.

**Immediate/Pressing Concerns:** Sandy Bobo, Lily Peacock (Stacie) Frances Smith, Jim Webb, Valerie Morgan, Jean Hudson, Sheila Mitchell, Juanita Cano, Allen Swob, Elsie Sexton (Deb Sexton,) Dianne Robinson, and John Newcome (S. Jones.)

We grieve for the family of Gwen Newcome (S. Jones)

**Community Focus:** This week, please pray for Bishop Merrill and Cabinet members as appointment season begins.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns February 23, 2025**

Glenn Babb (6/12/24)  
Christie Barron (6/12/24)  
Carol Burckhalter (6/12/24)  
Lynda Pickler (6/12/24)  
Violet Ross (6/12/24)  
Logan Mondragon (6/19/24)  
Caroline Coles (7/17/24)  
Nathan Baltzell (6/27/24)  
Buddy Cheshier (9/15/24)  
Martin Huber (9/15/24)  
Jerry Newton (9/15/24)  
Laura Sparks (9/15/24)  
Jerry Ingram (12/24)  
Kashimi Elkins (12/24)  
Betty Coles (12/24)  
Josefina Alfaro Esquivel (1/25)

**Homebound & Assisted Living**

Carolyn Theis  
Ken Theis  
Mary Catherine Kyle  
Dilcy Glien  
Billie Doster  
Bob Castleberry  
Marilyn Rouse  
Ralph Rouse  
Bill Wilcox