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Lakeside Messenger
Lakeside United
Methodist Church
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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, February 26

9:30 LAAF
3:00 Zoom F & F
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Feb. 27

10:00 United Women in Faith/ Center

Friday, Feb. 28

Office closed

Saturday, March 1

Sunday, Mar. 2

8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
2:00-4:00 One More Question Zoom Mtg.
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

Monday, Mar. 3

Tuesday, Mar. 4

Wednesday, Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday

9:30 LAAF
12:00 Chapel Service
3:00 Zoom F & F

4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Sanctuary Service
6:30 Choir Practice to follow service

Thursday, Mar. 6

Friday, Mar. 7

Office closed

Saturday, Mar. 8

Sunday, Mar. 9

8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

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This past week as I was recuperating, I thought about reading. My mother taught me so much, but she gave me the gift of loving books and reading. My earliest memories include going to the public library every week with my momma and all of us checking out books. Tiff, Linda, and I were in the children's section and mother went to the adult section and we all got books. Bill came along quite a while after this time in my life. I remember that first coral (maybe it was pink) card and the sound it made in the machine when you checked out a book.

The first book I owned was bought at Long's Book Store located in downtown Pine Bluff. Tiff and Linda were buying their textbooks. I wanted a book too, so I got a Little Golden Book titled A Child's Book of Garden Verses. My next ownership of books was getting a book every other month in the mail from Dr. Seus' Book Club. I still love Dr. Seus books till this day, and it is not surprising that many high school graduates get one as a gift. Next were the books I ordered from the Scholastic book form that my teachers sent home once a month. At Lakeside United Methodist Church I was given my first Bible when I was in the fourth grade.

Over the years I have owned thousands of books. These thousands include children's books, fiction and non-fiction books, and yes several versions of the Bible. I love to visit book stores when I travel and have found many that I loved and went back to again and again. I loved Pickwick Books and visited it often and included Susan and Sandra as my friends. I now have a Kindle and a tablet that I read with, but often still read with a book in my hands. These memories are to tell you that I believe being able to read and what you read can change everyone.

The week before my surgery I worked at the Coleman Elementary School Book Fair and of course bought books. One book there spoke to me about what I hope LUMC is working to achieve in our community. The title of the book is I Am We: A book of Community by Susan Verde. It is a picture book and will not take long for you to read. I am leaving my copy in the church's office, and I hope you will go by and read it. I have often found that children's books have the most profound thoughts for all of us to consider.

Sandy Bobo



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!

Wednesday Lenten study to begin March 12th

A new book study will begin on Wednesday, March 12th. Anyone interested in exploring the I AM statements in the gospel of John is invited to attend this 6 week study of Jesus Revealed by Matt Rawle.

Light. Bread. Shepherd. Life. The Gospel of John uses these and other symbols to paint a picture of who Jesus is. Through the I Am statements, Jesus describes himself with rich images, showing us that he is both fully human and fully divine and calling us as his followers.

Class will meet in the library on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30pm. Books are available in the office.



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.



We pray for the sick: Dave Richards, Jim Webb, Valerie Morgan, John Ed Ray, and Mike Boyd.

We grieve for the family of Janell Hunter (Jeff and Lisa Hunter)

Pray for the congregation of St. Paul UMC, Malvern

Woodland Heights Senior Living: Billie Doster; **Woodland Heights Memory Care:** Wannie Pope. **Stonebridge Senior Living:** Bob Castleberry **Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry, Young People around the world, Families in trouble, City Council members & Mayor, Students of all ages, Teachers, and First Responders.**

Exciting News!

In addition to the new class that Pastor Sam and De Gasnier are leading on the 3rd floor, we also have a new Sunday School class that meets in The Center and is being taught by Alicia Frye and Ernestina Beltran. Since this class is predominately parents, we now have a Sunday school class for children as well.

Jennifer needs help! An assistant is needed. Multiple assistants would be great so that you would only need to help out once or twice a month.

This class will meet from 9:30-10:15.

Call Jennifer to sign-up and claim your Sundays.

Altar Flowers

Don't forget to reserve your Sunday (s). Providing the altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor or celebrate a loved one or a special occasion.

There are several Sundays in March that are available, please call the office to reserve.



New Directories

Updated directories will be made soon. If any changes have been made in the past year such as telephone or email, please let the office know.

Deadline is March 14th.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will meet at 8:00am in March on the 15th. Please note that this is the 3rd Saturday due to a scheduling conflict.

This breakfast is open to all men. You'll get to enjoy a delicious homemade breakfast made by Sandy Bobo.

Along with the entertaining banter, the men will do some honey-do jobs around the church building.



United Women in Faith to meet this Thursday at 10:00am in The Center at Lakeside.



Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:30 Worship - 16
Sunday School - 40
10:30 Worship - 96
Online Worship - 24

Our Weekly Service at Church March 2, 2025

Sermon: Rev. Sam Meadors; **Liturgist:** Deborah Whitaker
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Luke 9: 28-36
Sermon Title: The More You Know

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

March 3 Brass Polishers: Ellen Wyatt and Claire Campbell
March 3 Counters: George Mitchell and Deborah Whitaker

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and You tube. Join us online for worship at:

www.facebook.com/lakesidepb

www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

www.lakesidepb.org

Latest Sunday School News March 2, 2025 9:15am.

Discovery Class: Discussion will begin on pg.99 of Robert Schuller's The Be (Happy) Attitudes.

Wesley Class: This week's discussion— From Despair to Hope
All are welcome to attend.

The "yet to be named" new class is studying Matt Rawle's book, The Faith of a Mockingbird. Led by Sam Meadors, this class meets in the Youth area on the 3rd floor.

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



March 2025

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March Birthdays

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| 1 | Camila Vargas | 21 | Emiliano Magaña |
| 2 | Tom Boatright | | Dr. Joe Luebker |
| | William Jones | 23 | Maria Lopez Casteñeda |
| | Maxwell McNulty | | Marisa Owens |
| | Sally Nixon | | Sharon Wyatt |
| 4 | Earle Phillips III | 25 | Mike Frye |
| 5 | Samantha Potter | 26 | Ward Phillips |
| 6 | Hunter Coles | 27 | Susy Magaña |
| | Jesse Rocha | 28 | Andrew Wynne |
| 7 | Rick Beatty | 29 | George Mitchell |
| | Bubba Milam | 31 | Arcelia Castillo |
| 8 | Murphy Jones, | | Isabella Estrada |
| 9 | Ken Kesterson | | Benjamin Lozano |
| 10 | Francisco Mercado | | |
| 11 | Meredith Reddin | | |
| 13 | DiAnn Jones | | |
| | Rev. Dave Richards | | |
| 14 | Steve Dobbins | | |
| | Kevin Owens | | |
| 15 | Jimmie Don McKissack | | |
| 17 | Taylor Anne Boatright | | |
| 18 | Violet Owens | | |
| 19 | Logan Mitchell | | |
| 20 | Betty Babb | | |

March Wedding Anniversaries

	Day	# of Years
Ross and Donna Rickels	21	38

March 2025

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: Jim Webb, Valerie Morgan, Dave Richards, John Ed Ray, and Mike Boyd. The family of Janell Hunter (Jeff and Lisa)

Pray for our partner church– St. Paul United Methodist

Continued prayers for the following:

Glenn Babb (6/12/24)
 Christie Barron (6/12/24)
 Carol Burckhalter (6/12/24)
 Lynda Pickler (6/12/24)
 Logan Mondragon (6/19/24)
 Caroline Coles (7/17/24)
 Nathan Baltzell (7/17/24)
 Mary Lee Hall (8/26/24)
 Jerry Newton (8/26/24)
 Laura Sparks
 Martin Huber
 Violet Ross
 Kashimi Elkins
 Carol Luebker
 Jerry Ingram
 Etoyle Mouser

Betty Coles (12/24)
 Josefina Alfaro Esquivel (1/25)
 Frances Smith (2/25)
 Juanita Cano (2/25)

Homebound/Assisted Living

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