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Lakeside United
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1500 Olive Street
Pine Bluff AR 71601

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, February 28

9:30 LAAF
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Choir practice

Thursday, Feb. 29

Friday, March 1

Office closed
Saturday, Mar. 2

Sunday, Mar. 3
8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells- not meeting
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

Monday, Mar. 4

6:00 What We Believe Class- zoom

Tuesday, Mar. 5

Wednesday, Mar. 6
9:30 LAAF
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar. 7

Friday, Mar. 8

Office closed
Saturday, Mar. 9
Sunday, Mar. 10
8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Men's Breakfast will be
Saturday, March 16 at 8:00am.

March Food Distribution
3/13-3/14

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I find that I both love and hate the season of Lent. (Okay, maybe hate is too strong of a word; I certainly become frustrated with the season of Lent.) I love Lent because this forty-day reminder of Jesus' time in the wilderness invites and beckons us to slow down, consider our attitudes and practices and discern the ways that our lives have mysteriously wandered from the path Jesus is traveling. I become frustrated with Lent because when I begin to slow down, too often I discover that I am either roaming in a broad forest glade or struggling waist deep in a thorny thicket only to look up and neither Jesus nor the path are anywhere in sight.

Perhaps the challenge with Lent is that we desperately need to slow down, but we don't like what we find when we accept the invitation to pause. We want to be more faithful disciples of Jesus, but we don't want to do the uncomfortable work of self-discovery that will lead to spiritual growth. I am the first to admit that spiritual growth is neither easy nor free. Deep spiritual growth requires three things: 1) that we risk the pain of discovering the truth about ourselves; 2) admit we don't have the inherent power or the inclination to commit to the work of change; and finally 3) ask God to do for us what we cannot and will not do for ourselves.

In one of my daily devotionals Monday morning, I was invited to meditate on Jesus' words from Luke 6:36-38. *"³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."*

First, I reflected on the people who have extended mercy to me. When had I deserved judgment, condemnation and punishment and instead received grace and forgiveness? Next, I considered the people to whom I had refused or was refusing to extend mercy. I thought about several of our sermon Scripture passages lately that have also warned us that we will only receive God's forgiveness to the extent that we forgive others. Yikes! I always feel like God really wants me to get and embody a message when I receive it from several unrelated sources.

As long as we have breath, we have the opportunity to grow more and more into the likeness of Jesus. We do not enter the Kingdom of God through a wide gate but a narrow one.

I invite you to spend some time with the Luke 6:36-38 Scripture passage above. Ask God to bring to mind the people or situations which you need to forgive and release. If you are reluctant, ask God to make you willing to be willing. Ask the Holy Spirit to free you of a judging and condemning attitude so that you may practice mercy and forgiveness and live a transformed life as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Judy

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!

Zoom with the Bishop this Thursday

Bishop Merrill will be hosting a zoom meeting on February 29, 2024 at 6:00pm which is open to all United Methodist laity to cast a vision for the UMC in Arkansas in 2024.

Here is the link to join in on the conversation on Zoom

Click on the link below

<http://tinyurl.com/BishopsLaityZoom>

Arkansas Conference redistricting plans

If you want to learn about the reconfiguration of the districts in the Arkansas Conference, be sure to attend one of these Zoom meetings.

Wednesday, March 6 at noon:

[https://arumc.zoom.us/j/87661382274?](https://arumc.zoom.us/j/87661382274?pwd=V0KKg1uwPnEXVINhloasFB3c2AGncw.1)

[pwd=V0KKg1uwPnEXVINhloasFB3c2AGncw.1](https://arumc.zoom.us/j/87661382274?pwd=V0KKg1uwPnEXVINhloasFB3c2AGncw.1)

Monday, March 11 at 6pm: [https://arumc.zoom.us/j/84647330306?](https://arumc.zoom.us/j/84647330306?pwd=JKbjgXvovNaLKhT6k3ofYptAjeKNHa.1)

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Methodist Family Health Foundation

Spring Get Up and Give Campaign

This Spring, we are asking for new items and contributions to stock our Donation Closet. You may order goods directly from Amazon or Walmart; the wish list links can be found on our website:

methodistfamily.org/get-up-and-give.

Copies of the list are also available in the church office.

The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas

The Foundation is excited to offer the opportunity for laity members in your congregation to attend the annual Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning at Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology.

The Summit for Faith and Learning offers a wide range of theological mini-courses for laypersons. Somewhere between seminary and Sunday School, the Summit leverages the rich learning community of Perkins School of Theology to provide a unique, self-paced experience in theological education-for the church and world.

The Foundation will cover all registration costs, a group dinner while in Dallas, and hotel expenses for laity both Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, 2024.

Email Cathy Hall, the Foundation's Office & Hospitality Manager, at chall@methodistfoundationar.org or call 501-8632.



We pray for the sick:

Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, Kashimi Elkins, Bill Jones, Sissy Jones, Scott Mouser, Bob Castleberry, Ron Powell, Bill Wilcox, Bill Foster, and Lynda Pickler.

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.

Gifts given to Lakeside

In memory of Joy Cross by The Pine Bluff Quilt Guild, Karen Lynn Taylor, George and Christine Mayo, and Lester Pinkus.

In memory of Jane Nixon by David and Briana McNeill and Marlyn Blackwell.

In memory of Dot Boyd by David and Briana McNeill.

In memory of Bob Blackford by Glenn and Betty Babb.

In honor of Sandy Bobo and George & Sheila Mitchell by Mr. and Mrs. George Kyle.

Lakeside's Food Pantry is low

Please consider picking up non-perishable food items the next time that you are at the store. Baskets are placed by the elevator and in the office.

Don't forget your tuna for Neighbor to Neighbor.



Project Transformation

Plans are already being made for this summer's Project Transformation. An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12 at 5:00.

Welcome to our new members

Please give a Lakeside welcome them the next time you see our newest members, Mary Jo Tucker, Betty Claire and Tommy Peacock. Thank you all for making the drive from Dumas and jumping right into life at Lakeside.

Easter Lilies

Orders for lilies will be taken until March 31. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins or you may contact the office.

Your lilies, in memory or in honor of loved ones, will adorn the church on Easter morning.

The cost this year is \$25.00 for a real or virtual plant.



Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 20

9:15 Sunday school - 39

10:30 Worship - 85

Online Worship - 22

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;

Liturgist: Deborah Whitaker; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;

Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox

Scripture: Matthew 18:12-13, 20:1-16

Sermon Title: Foolish Love... Is Unfair

Sermon Series: Foolish Love

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

Mar. 4 Brass Polishers: Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

Mar. 4 Counters: Sue Cheshier, Dell Gorman, and Peggy Swob

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and now

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

A Call to Prayer for General Conference

Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth. (*Psalm 46:10*)

The Conference Board of Discipleship is providing a series of prayers specifically for the people of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church as we approach the upcoming General Conference.

We will be using these as our Call to Worship through the Lenten season.

Latest Sunday School News

March 3, 2024 9:15am.

Discovery Class: Our class will be participating in What We Believe with Pastor Judy (9:30-10:00 am.)

Wesley Class: This week's discussion- Jesus' Dinner Prayer. All are welcome to join.

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Office is closed</i>	2
3 8:30 Chapel Wor. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor. 4:00 Trinity Village	4 6:00WWB class-zoom	5	6 9:30 LAAF 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor 4:00 Mid-wk Manna 6:00 Choir practice	7	8 <i>Office is closed</i>	9
10 8:30 Chapel Wor. 8:45 Handbells 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor	11 6:00WWB class-zoom 6:00 WWB -library	12 1:00 PEO 5:00 Project Trans- formation Mtg 5:30 LTC Mtg.	13 9:30 LAAF 12;00 N2N <i>Food</i> 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor 4:00 Mid-wk Manna 6:00 Choir practice	14 <i>Distribution</i>	15 <i>Office is closed</i>	16 8:00 Men's Breakfast
17 8:30 Chapel Wor. 8:45 Handbells 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor	18 Spring Break----- 5:30 WWB -library 6:00WWB class-zoom	19 1:30 DAR	20 9:30 LAAF 10:30 Staff Mtg 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor 6:00 Choir Practice	21 10:00 United Women at Trinity Village *Last day for lily orders	22 <i>Office is closed</i>	23
24 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 8:30 Chapel Wor. 8:45 Handbells 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor	25 5:30 WWB -library 6:00WWB class-zoom	26 5:30 Leadership Board	27 9:30 LAAF 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor 4:00 Mid-wk Manna 6:00 Choir practice 6:00 Egg Hunt	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:00 Choral Tenebrae Service with communion	29 <i>Office is closed</i>	30
31 <i>EASTER</i> 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 Chapel Wor. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Wor						

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March Birthdays

2	Camila Vargas	18	Violet Owens
3	Tom Boatright	19	Logan Mitchell
	William Jones	20	Betty Babb
	Maxwell McNulty		Lindsey Smith
	Sally Nixon	21	Emiliano Magaña
4	Earle Phillips III	22	Pam Craig
5	Samantha Potter		Sarah Gwin
6	Hunter Coles		Sophia Gwin
	Jesse Rocha		Dr. Joe Luebker
7	Rick Beatty	23	Maria Lopez Casteñeda
	Bubba Milam		Marisa Owens
8	Murphy Jones		Sharon Wyatt
9	Ken Kesterson	25	Mike Frye
10	Francisco Mercado	26	Ward Phillips
11	Meredith Reddin	27	Susy Magaña
12	Rita Ashcraft	28	Andrew Wynne
	Scott Marks	29	George Mitchell
	Chloe Wilkin	31	Arcelia Castillo
13	DiAnn Jones		Isabella Estrada
	Rev. Dave Richards		Benjamin Lozano
14	Steve Dobbins		
	Kevin Owens		
15	Jaxson Marks		
	Jimmie Don McKissack		
17	Taylor Anne Boatright		

March Wedding Anniversaries

	Day	# of Years
Ross and Donna Rickels	21	37
Charles and Leanne Henry	28	15

We pray for the sick: Kashimi Elkins, Colby Lee, Bill Jones, Bob Castleberry, Caroline Coles, Bill Wilcox, Bill Foster, Ron Powell and Lynda Pickler.

We pray for the grieving: The Bob Blackford Family
Other: Drew Tanner

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Continued prayers for

Shelby Alfaro	Janene Davis	Brandon Rhoden
Glenn Babb	Steve Dobbins	Marilyn Rouse
Kelly Baker & family	Mindy Everetts	Ralph Rouse
John Baltzell	Matt Hart	Gene Russ
Nathan Baltzell	Helen Hudson Holtzen	Elizabeth Sadler
Robert Baltzell	Martin Huber	Diana Schwanhausser
Christie Barron	Carol Ivy	Tina Shepard
Helen Bates	Sissy Jones	Russ Shorts
Donna Barnett	Connie Kitchens	Janice Smithy
Erika Best	Mary Catherine Kyle	John Smithy
Rebecca Bissing	Steve Landon	Kathy Tanner
Lee Blankenship	Brian Langley	Steven Taylor
Luther Bridgers	Colby Lee	Carolyn Theis
Stephen Browning	Nancy Martinez	Ken Theis
Bobbie Bullock	Jimmy McBurnett	Barbara Tracy
Carol Burckhalter	Danny McCauley	Johnny Villareal
Mary E. Calhoun	Bubba Milam	Katie Watson
Alvaro A. Cano	Jerry Newton	JoAnn White
Lynn Connor	Isaac Peters	Dawson Whiteside
Clay Cross	Annetta Richter	Bill Wilcox
Whitney Crutchfield	Pete Robinson	Connie Smith