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This is my second shot at writing a newsletter article this week. In the middle of writing about the communion of saints, a special saint in my life and Elisha receiving Elijah's mantle, I received a phone call notifying me of another death in our church: Joy Cross. Information about her service will be provided as it is available. As I returned to my computer after having several conversations with folks, I was struck by the amount of grief our church has experienced over the last couple of months. The funeral this week will make the fourth funeral since Christmas. Two of those funerals were for well-known, long-time, beloved saints of Lakeside. Friends, it has been a lot! If I know anything about grief, I know that it is vitally important that we acknowledge our losses and grief so that we may heal.

What do we do with so much grief and loss? Do we acknowledge it for a few moments or days and then tell ourselves it is time to move on? Do we stuff it down inside and pretend that our hearts are not hurting and that we are perfectly fine? Or do we embrace the messiness and unpredictability of grief and move through it? If we embrace it, can we open ourselves to healing by allowing ourselves to remember, to laugh, to cry, to shout and become angry, to feel the physical pain of loss, to do nothing, to feel anxious, to become depressed and to slowly move into acceptance of life with our loss? Friends, while we may not be in control of the order or intensity of our grieving process, we do have the power to acknowledge the truth of our grief and ask God and trusted companions to accompany us on the journey of healing.

I have known since emerging from the pandemic and surviving the disaffiliation process that we, as a church, have needed a ministry to help individuals to process and recover from the deep pain and loss many have experienced over the last three years. Now, more than ever, we need a grief recover ministry to help us cope with grief from death, physical health, life transitions and so many more things that cause us grief and loss. We were not created to experience and heal from great losses in our lives alone. "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4) As members of God's flock, we have God to protect and guide us; and we have one another.

This Thursday and Friday, Lakeside is participating in a facilitator training to minister to people who are experiencing grief and mourning. The eight-week program is called "Walking the Mourner's Path" and will be offered at Lakeside in the next couple of months. It will be open to anyone who is or has experienced grief for any reason. In a small group format, the participants will journey together over eight weeks to help one another "transform their grief into joyful living." Please be in prayer for Donna Kriner and our other facilitator as they are trained and experience the healing of this program Thursday and Friday of this week. Please also be in prayer for all those who will benefit from taking this eight-week journey in the months and years to come, that each one may receive the love of Christ and fellow people on the road of transformation as they embrace their grief and move through it into joyful living.

Pastor Judy

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, February 7

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff Mtg
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 **No Choir this week**

Thursday, Feb. 8

6:00 What We Believe Class - Library

Friday, December Feb. 9

Office closed

Saturday, Feb. 10

Men's breakfast will be the 17th

Sunday, Feb. 11

8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
Souper Bowl Lunch to follow service

Monday, Feb. 12

5:30 What We Believe Class- library
(new time)

6:00 What We Believe Class - zoom

Tuesday, Feb. 13

1:00 PEO

5:30 LTC Mtg- Library

Wednesday, Feb. 14

9:30 LAAF
12:00 Ash Wed. Service- Chapel
12:00 Neighbor to Neighbor Board Mtg.
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Ash Wed. Service - Sanctuary

Choir Practice to follow

Thursday, Feb. 15

10:00 United Women in Faith @ Trinity Village

6:00 What We Believe Class - Library

Friday, Feb. 16

Office closed

Saturday, Feb. 17

8:00 Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 18

8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
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!



Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday will be observed next Wednesday, February 14, 2024 with two services
12:00pm in the Chapel
6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Mid-week Manna Schedule for the 14th
4:00 tutoring
5:30 dinner
6:00 Ash Wednesday Service
6:45 Choir practice

Important Day and Time Changes

The Monday What We Believe class will now meet at 5:30pm in the library. Anyone is welcome to attend this weekly class.

Men's Breakfast will meet this month on Saturday, February 17 at 8:00am.

United Women in Faith will now meet on the 3rd Thursday at 10:00am. February's meeting will be held at Trinity Village Feb. 15.



SUMMARY OF JANUARY 24, 2024 LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

- The financial and Methodist Foundation endowment reports were reviewed and adopted.
- Gerald Majors was elected Chair of Trustees. Gerald, Fred Reed and Clyde Campbell will comprise the trustee task force. The trustees' report was approved.
- Additional electrical and plumbing dishwasher installation expenses were approved to be paid from the Endowment fund.
- Sandy Bobo's proposal to provide 7 food distributions for up to 35 families in 2024 at a cost of \$1200 each and a total cost of \$8400 from Lakeside's Mission Fund was approved.
- The email vote to provide covered storage for the bus at \$75 per month was ratified.
- Finance Chair, Tommy Brown presented a balanced budget for 2024 which was approved.
- Future Leadership Board meetings are moved to the library on the fourth Tuesday of the month to ensure receipt of all necessary reports.



We pray for the sick:

Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, Kashimi Elkins, and Allen Swob.

We pray for the grieving:

The Joy Cross Family
T.J Young on the death of his brother, Claude Young
The Dot Boyd 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.

Gifts given to Lakeside

In memory of Jane Nixon by Deborah Jackson, Jo Ann England, Don and Ann Purtle, Taylor and Linda Eubank, Ted and Linda McNulty.

In Memory of Dot Boyd by Kirby, Rosalind, and Owen Mouser, Andy and Elaine Vaccaro, Roy and Deborah Whitaker, Dave and Laura Richards, George and Lynda Pickler.



Tuna for Neighbor to Neighbor

Don't forget to bring tuna for Neighbor to Neighbor.

Each month, we are asked to provide 75 cans or pouches of tuna. Baskets are in the office or by the elevator.

Our Blessing Box pantry is getting low too. If you are able, please pick up a few non-perishable items when you are at the store.

New address for Carolyn Theis

If you'd like to send a card or note to Carolyn Theis, this is her new address.

Carolyn Theis
Primrose Retirement
6505 S. Dodson RD Apt. 312
Rogers AR 72758

Souper Bowl 2024 is this Sunday, Feb. 11

Pull out your crockpots and your favorite soup recipe, it's time to crown a new champion.

Following the 10:30 worship service, we'll meet in Fellowship Hall to share a meal and vote (with \$\$\$\$) on this year's winning soup.

We also need cornbread, crackers, cheese, chips etc. to go along with the delicious soups.



Canned soups will be collected for Neighbor to Neighbor and all monetary donations (votes) will go toward our feeding ministries.



Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 14
9:15 Sunday school - 35
10:30 Worship - 75
Online Worship - 18 Trinity Village- 27

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, February 11, 2024

Pastoral Intern: Sara Andrews; **Liturgist:** Laura Richards;
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: John 20:19-20

Sermon Title: Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting
Sermon Series: What We Believe: The Apostles' Creed

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

Feb. 12 Brass Polishers: Pat Morgan and Ann Tibbs
Feb. 12 Counters: Laura Richards and Shelby Stone

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

Black History Month Music and Composers

This week, Donald Warren will highlight the work of Florence Price. Her piece, Allegretto, will be the Offertory Sunday, February 11 at the 10:30 service. You will find more information about Ms. Price in this Sunday's bulletin.

A Special thank you....

The Dot Boyd family would like to say thank you to the members of Lakeside and the community for your prayers and support during their time of loss.

Latest Sunday School News February 11, 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-Righteousness. What is that anyway? All are welcome to join.