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1500 Olive Street
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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, Jan. 11

12:00 N 2 N Board Mtg.

Friday, December Jan. 12

Office closed

Saturday, Jan. 13

8:00 Men's Breakfast
Sunday, Jan. 14
8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, Jan. 15

Tuesday, Jan. 16

1:30 DAR
5:30 Leadership Board

Wednesday, Jan. 17

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff Mtg.
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan. 18

Friday, Jan. 19

Office closed

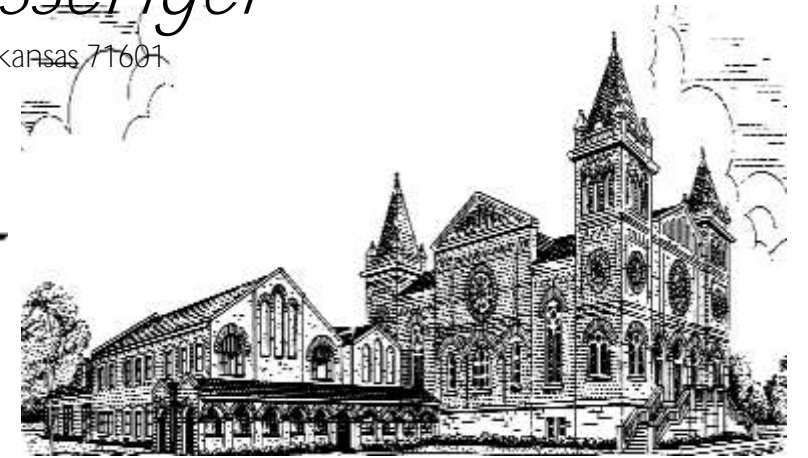
Saturday, Jan. 20

Sunday, Jan. 21
8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

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“New Year New You!” “New Year = A New Life” (Anthony Robbins) “New year — a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours.” (Alex Morritt) No matter what slogan comes to mind, the new year often brings with it the anticipation of reformed habits and practices that will improve our lives. Exercise, healthier food, commitment to reading the Bible or praying are among the “resolutions” we often make to enhance the new year. These are some of the things that we can affirm, either from personal experience or through witnessing others’ lives, have the power and potential to enrich our own lives.

If you are among the 80 plus percent of people who have abandoned their resolutions by February in years gone by, chances are you may have learned to avoid this disappointment by just not making a resolution. No commitment to change or transformation results in no disappointment when you fail to bring the resolution to fruition.

I ceased making New Year’s resolutions quite some time ago. However, that does not mean I do not take inventory of my life at key transition times of the year: New Year, Lent, Eastertide, back to school, and Advent. I want to identify what is missing in my life and what the Holy Spirit is inviting me to adapt, adopt or release to enrich my spiritual condition. Unfortunately, identifying what is needed and resolving to do something about it, are not the same as actually doing something about it! We must respond to the Holy Spirit’s nudges with actions. We cannot allow inertia, fear, or good intentions to rob us of the fulfillment that God knows we need for a richer relationship with our Creator and neighbors. “. . . for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7.

One of my responses to the Holy Spirit’s nudges in this new year is to preach on the Apostles Creed and to offer small group studies on “What We Believe.” After first Covid and then disaffiliation, many of us may find ourselves emotionally and spiritually isolated. Isn’t it time we come together around our common faith? Isn’t it time we reacquaint ourselves with the beliefs and traditions as Christians and United Methodists that nurture, strengthen and equip us?

Whether in-person or online, I pray that most of our Lakeside friends and family will reaffirm their commitment to Jesus, one another and our neighbors by being a part of a small group study. “What We Believe” is a study on what we believe as Christians and United Methodists and will be offered in the following ways and times:

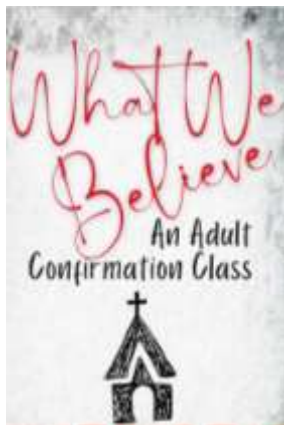
Sundays	9:30 – 10:00 am	Room 107	Beginning 1/14/24
Mondays	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Zoom	Beginning 1/22/24
	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Library	Beginning 1/22/24
Thursdays	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Library	Beginning 1/25/24

Additionally, Coffee with the Pastor is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

However you choose to deepen your connection with God, your church family, and your neighbors, don’t just think about it or resolve to do it. Instead, show up and surrender yourself to the ways that the Holy Spirit desires for you to grow in 2024!

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!



Classes are forming now
Join the discussion on Christian and United Methodist Beliefs.

There will be several options from which to choose however, each class will be moving at a different pace so pick the best option for your schedule.

* Check here next week for the zoom link.

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New Livestreaming Option

Did you know that we've been livestreaming our 10:30 worship services on Facebook for over 2 years? Some people feel that You Tube is a little easier to navigate so we have a solution. We are livestreaming our services simultaneously on You Tube and Facebook.

Although our worship service starts at 10:30am, we begin our livestream at 10:23am so we can make announcements about what is going on at the church in the coming week.

If you are unable to attend worship in person, please join us online. Be sure to type your name in the chat area and let us know where you are worshipping from.

Here are the links to each site:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lakesidepb

You Tube: www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff

We hope to see you online soon!
Your Lakeside Livestream Team

2024 Altar Flowers

It's time to mark the new 2024 calendar. If you'd like to honor or remember someone with altar flowers, please call Jennifer at 534-6241 or email the church to reserve your Sunday. If you have a particular Sunday that you reserve year after year, please confirm as well.



We pray for the sick:

Caroline Coles, Barbara Tracy, Curt Owens, David Owens, Joy Cross, and Helen Hudson-Holtzen.

We pray for the grieving: The Jane Nixon 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 honor of Sissy Jones by Sara Roberson.

In memory of Jane Nixon by Lynne Clifton, Dr. Milton and Carolyn Hughes, George and Lynda Pickler, Dave and Laura Richards, William and Susan Cheairs, Sissy Jones, Sue and Robert Smith, Nancy Paschal.

Mid Week Manna Schedule

- 3:10-3:45 Children are picked at schools by church bus
- 4:00-5:20 Snack and tutoring
- 5:30-6:00 Meal for all
- 6:00-7:00 Children and adult activities
 - * Disciple time for children kindergarten and higher
 - * English Class (ESL)
 - * Chancel Choir practice

As always, if you'd be interested in helping one or two Wednesdays a month, please let Jennifer Fox 534-6241 or Sandy Bobo 540-7099 know.



Sunday, January 7, 2024

- 8:30 Chapel Worship - 17
- 9:15 Sunday school - 47
- 10:30 Worship - 80
- Online Worship - 20

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, January 14, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Laura Richards;
Pastoral Intern: Sara Andrews; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;

Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4

Sermon Title: Jesus Christ Our Lord

Sermon Series: What We Believe: The Apostles' Creed

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

Jan. 16 Brass Polishers: Sharon and Bobby Wyatt

Jan. 16 Counters: Ramona Harkins and Ellen Wyatt

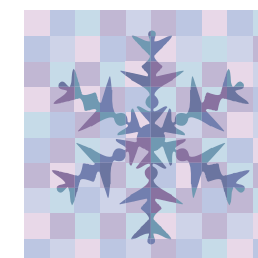
All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and now You tube. Join us online for worship at:

www.facebook.com/lakesidepb

www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

www.lakesidepb.org



Inclement Weather

Will we have church or will the office be open? Your safety is always a top priority so road conditions will be taken into consideration whether or not we are "open" for business. We will get the word out as early as possible by posting closings on our website www.lakesidepb.org or on Facebook www.facebook.com/lakesidepb

Coffee with the Pastor

Each Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm, you are invited to join a Zoom conversation with other Lakesiders on Coffee with the Pastor. People who have moved away or are unable to attend church are able to stay connected with their church family through this online meeting.

If you want to participate, the Zoom information is: Meeting ID: 985 4740 2705 Passcode: 583520 or www.tinyurl.com/coffee-pastor.

If you have any difficulties or need more information, please call the church office 534-6241.

Ladies Retreat Topic: **Courageous Faith**

Trinity Episcopal Church
703 West 3rd Street
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Saturday
January 27, 2024
10 am – 2 pm
Lunch will be served

Speaker: **Kristy Walker Armstrong**

RSVP by calling or emailing.
870-534-3832 | office@trinitychurchpb.org

**Latest Sunday School News
January 14, 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- How God Helps Us Through bad Times. All are welcome to join.