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# The Lakeside Messenger

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I recently shared about the liturgical church calendar which we follow in the United Methodist Church. For those who are not familiar with our church calendar, it is structured around the major events of our Christian faith: Christmas (Advent – Christmastide – Epiphany) and Easter (Lent – Easter – Pentecost). The periods in between each of these major events are called Ordinary time, which I will explain below. Is my ecclesiastical geek showing, yet?

I recently shared how Christmas begins on Christmas Eve and runs through January 6<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate Epiphany. This time is commonly known as the twelve days of Christmas and is why we do not generally remove the Christmas adornments until after we celebrate Epiphany. Although we enter Ordinary time for the next six weeks until Ash Wednesday, it is not “ordinary” in the usual sense. It is called “Ordinary” because it uses ordinal numbers to count the weeks: Ordinary 1, Ordinary 2, etc. We have a similar season after Pentecost.

By now, you are either intrigued or are bored out of your mind. Stay with me just a moment longer, and I will share with you why I particularly enjoy this time of year! The first Sunday after Epiphany is known as the “Baptism of the Lord” when we celebrate Christ’s baptism and remember our own baptisms. Like Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Easter, I have many memories of “Baptism of the Lord” Sunday. Most of my memories involve water and receiving a shell, but some include a deeper understanding of my baptism. This particular Sunday reminds us that we, like Jesus, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at our baptisms. It reminds us that as members of the family of God, we have brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

But I also cherish Baptism of the Lord Sunday because it invites us to pause and consider whether and how we are living out the vows of our baptism. Even if we don’t remember our baptism as infants, we reaffirm our own vows with each new person received through baptism. As you prepare to reaffirm your baptismal covenant this Sunday, I invite you to reflect on the covenant you will renew as it is found in our United Methodist Hymnal.

*Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?*

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?*

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?*

*According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?*

*Do you believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit?*

*Pastor Judy*

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

### Wednesday, January 11

9:30 LAAF  
12:00 Neighbor to Neighbor meets  
3:00 Coffee with the pastor  
5:30 Mid Week Manna  
6:00 Tutoring & ESL

### Thursday, January 12

5:30 Young Disciples meet

### Friday, January 13

Office closed

### Saturday, January 14

8:00 United Methodist Men Meet

### Sunday, January 15

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday school  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

### Tuesday, January 17

1:30 DAR meets

### Wednesday, January 18

9:30 LAAF  
10:30 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor  
5:30 Mid Week Manna  
5:30 Young Disciples meet  
6:00 Tutoring & ESL

### Thursday, January 19

### Friday, January 20

Office closed

### Saturday, January 21

### Sunday, January 22

8:30 Chapel Worship  
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!*



Christmas was just a couple of weeks ago but we want to give you a glimpse of the happiness provided by our wonderful donors, shoppers and wrappers. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



### Broadmoor Elementary School Ministry



Thank you to everyone whose donations at the Christmas Eve service went to support Lakeside's Broadmoor Elementary School ministry. You donated \$1121.00 to be used by

Lakeside's Women of Faith circle (previously United Methodist Women) and other volunteers in supporting and encouraging the students, teachers and staff of Broadmoor throughout the year.

If you are not aware of how our ministry with Broadmoor originated, Lakeside is part of the Pine Bluff Ministerial Alliance initiative launched two years ago in support of our Pine Bluff schools. Each church selected a local school to support. With Sandy Bobo's guidance, we selected Broadmoor. Members of the United Women of Faith and other volunteers made cards, created inspirational gifts and provided treats for the teachers during the first year and a half when support was limited because of Covid. Your generous donations will help continue expanding the outreach program as the effects of Covid lift.

Pastor Judy has discovered the staff's desperate need for emotional support and encouragement during her Thursday onsite prayer time. If you want to help with this vitally important ministry, please contact Sandy Bobo at 540-7099. Also, please continue to hold the students, teachers, staff and families of Broadmoor and all the Pine Bluff area schools in your daily prayers.



We Need Altar Flowers! If you enjoy the beautiful flowers each week in our worship services, then please call Linda at 534-6241 and sign up for a Sunday to provide the flowers.



*We pray for the sick:* Steven Taylor

*Grieving:*

*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*

***A Gift Has Been Received in Honor Of:***

Humberto Solis and Ernestina Beltran by Etoyle Mouser

***Help us keep our Blessing Box stocked...***



\*Donate non perishable food items, preferably with pull tabs for easy opening.

\*Donate toiletries, blankets, gloves, hats, hand warmers, and socks.

\*Ask to be added to the blessing box schedule by calling Linda LaClair at 870-329-7754; Pick a day of the week, once or twice a month to stock the Blessing box.

**The following dates are available to stock the Blessing Box;  
January 19, 24. Feb, 2**



We're back! Lakeside, with the help of our faithful volunteers, has picked back up MidWeek Manna this past Wednesday, January 11th. Children enjoy themselves best whenever they have someone's full attention. Please, consider becoming a tutor. Call Sandy Bobo at 870-540-7099 for more information regarding this ministry.



Do you knit or crochet? Do you maybe have a friend who does? The Altar Guild has a new project, a Prayer Cross, and they need pieces of yarn. Scrap pieces of yarn in any color except white; they already have plenty of white. If you would like to donate scrap pieces of yarn, you may leave them at the office or give them to Deborah Whitaker while at church. Thanks for your help with this project!



Have you read a good book lately? Would you be willing to donate it to the Reading Box at church? We are in need of some non-children's stories in various forms, paperbacks, hardbacks, etc. Please bring them to the office at your convenience. The Reading Box is restocked each week so the demand is constant. Thank you!



Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship - 14

9:15 Sunday School - 22:

10:30 Worship - 57

Online Worship - 6

***Our Weekly Service at Church***

**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**Senior Pastor:** The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Terry Wynne

**Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Alicia Frye

**Sermon Title:** Expecting the Unexpected!, **Scripture:** Matthew 3:13-17

**Flowers:** Jane Neely

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

**January 16 Brass Polisher:** Deborah Whitaker

**January 16 Counters:** Gerald Majors & Elaine Vaccaro

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Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

**[www.lakesidepb.org](http://www.lakesidepb.org)**

### **January Birthdays**

14 Salvador Estrada

15 Joe Coles

16 Barbara Tracy

16 Annabelle Reed

20 Martin Huber

20 Abby Bobo

25 Jack Cheshier

26 Kelli Farnam

30 Matthew Beatty

30 Teddy Owens

31 Ramona Harkins

31 Bob Castleberry

### **January Wedding Anniversaries**

25 Samantha & Clay Corkins 4 years

28 Linda & Ted McNulty 51 years



Lakeside's United Methodist Men will meet in Fellowship Hall this Saturday, January 14th at 8:00 a.m. Sandy Bobo will have breakfast ready!