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# The Lakeside Messenger

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Do you ever wonder if you are living a holy life, pleasing to God? Do you sometimes doubt that your mind and heart are focused on Jesus? Do you contemplate whether you are truly following Jesus' commandments to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself? (Mark 12:29-31) These are good and appropriate questions to ponder from time to time. By deeply reflecting on these questions, the Holy Spirit can reveal areas of our lives that are not holy or pleasing to God.

For John Wesley, living in holiness of heart and life meant that we are living in God's sanctifying grace and growing in our love for God and one another. Our every word, action, and thought is motivated and measured by pure love. In his sermon, "The Scripture Way of Salvation," Wesley describes, "It is love excluding sin; love filling the heart, taking up the whole capacity of the soul. It is love 'rejoicing evermore, praying without ceasing, in everything giving thanks.'" (See [https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/blog/holiness-of-heart-and-life-part-3-of-6#\\_ftn1](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/blog/holiness-of-heart-and-life-part-3-of-6#_ftn1)) Clearly this isn't the kind of silly love we too easily express when appreciating a color of clothing or our favorite candy bar. This holiness of heart and life love is pure and righteous and fills us to overflowing with the goodness of God! The prophet Jeremiah told us that "9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse -who can understand it? 10 I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings." Since our minds can easily deceive us into thinking that we are holier, better and more loving than we are, holy Scripture has given us another barometer by which we may more accurately assess the degree to which we are living holy lives - the fruits of the Spirit!

There are nine of them! Can you name them? Let's see how well I do from memory: Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness (wait, is that one?), Gentleness, Faithfulness, Generosity, Self-control. There is one more . . . , is it perseverance? I don't believe that is it. Oh, I remember! I thought it began with a "p" - Patience! It is obviously one of the fruits I struggle to practice the most! Now, I'm going to look them up to see how I did! Well, they were not in the order found in Galatians 5:22-23, but all of the fruits are in my list. I am surprised and delighted!

But knowing or memorizing Scripture has never, nor will it ever, equate to living it! The real question is whether our lives reflect these fruits. This is a difficult test and not for the faint of heart. I find that my life reflects all these fruits in varying degrees at various times. As I consider each one, I realize that my life bears these fruit in some situations with certain people more readily than in other situations with other people.

As followers of Jesus, we want our lives to bear all these fruit in all situations as we grow in holiness of heart and life. Choose a fruit that God is nudging you to develop. Pray about it, surrender yourself, and ask God to help you develop that fruit in all areas of your life. When you have made sufficient progress and God nudges you, move to your next fruit. May the world know that we are Christians by our love and our fruit in 2025!

*Pastor Judy*

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

### Wednesday, January 15

9:30 LAAF  
10:00 Staff Mtg.  
12:00 N2N  
1:00 Discipleship Class  
3:00 Zoom F & F  
4:00 Mid-Week Manna  
6:00 Choir Practice

### Thursday, Jan.16

1:00 Visitation  
2:00 Barbara Henry service

### Friday, Jan. 17

*Office closed*

### Saturday, Jan.18

8:00 Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, Jan. 19

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

### Monday, Jan. 20

### Tuesday, Jan. 21

1:30 DAR

### Wednesday, Jan. 22

9:30 LAAF  
1:00 Discipleship Class  
3:00 Zoom F & F  
4:00 Mid-Week Manna  
6:00 Choir Practice

### Thursday, Jan. 23

10:00 United Women in Faith- will not meet

### Friday, Jan. 24

*Office closed*

### Saturday, Jan. 25

### Sunday, Jan. 26

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

Next Food Distribution will be February  
5th and 6th.

*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!*

### 2025 Altar Flowers

The 2025 calendar is here. If you would like to provide the altar flowers on any particular Sunday, please contact Jennifer. This is a great way to honor and remember our loved ones or special occasions.



*We pray for the sick:* Linda McNulty, Bobbie Bullock (Elaine Vaccaro), Jim Webb, Valerie Morgan, Betty Coles, Sheila Mitchell, Earle Phillips, Christopher Yanez, Juanita Cano, Allen Swob, and Josefina Alfaro Esquivel.

*We pray for the grieving:* The Barbara Henry Family  
The Betty Perryman Family

Pray for the congregation of St. Paul UMC, Malvern and also for St. Mark UMC, Pine Bluff. St. Mark has had several break-ins recently and they've lost equipment.

*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.*

### Inclement Weather

Check emails, Facebook, and our website for any closures or time changes due to weather at [www.lakesidepb.org](http://www.lakesidepb.org) or contact a staff member should you have any questions.

If you would be willing to be part of a phone chain, please contact Jennifer. There are still a few members who don't use social media or have access to email.



### 2025 Stewardship Campaign

Although Lakeside's stewardship campaign is early in the new year this year, Lakeside's annual budget runs from January 1 through December 31, 2025. Our church's administration and ministries depend on your regular pledges and giving. Please know that all your 2025 contributions prior to presenting your pledge cards will be credited to your annual 2025 pledge. For those who do not pledge, your 2025 contributions will likewise be credited to you in 2025.

Thank you for your continued generous support of Lakeside UMC!

**Commitment Cards will be sent out soon.  
Keep an eye out for the mail.**

### One More Question Winter Trainings

The ARUMC is offering One More Question Regional Training events to help congregational teams to begin conversations to be stronger neighbors. Our goal is for you to leave with actionable items to try in your community around neighboring and equipped to continue these conversations in your home church. These events will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on January 26 at Norphlet UMC; February 2 at Newport UMC; February 16 at Elm Springs; and February 23 at St. Paul UMC in Little Rock.

To register— scan the QR code.



### Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30 Worship - 0  
Sunday School - 0  
10:30 Worship - 76 one service due to weather  
Online Worship - 27

### Our Weekly Service at Church January 19, 2025

**Sermon:** Rev. Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Yvonne Glien  
**Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox  
**Scripture:** Luke 4:16-21  
**Sermon Title:** The Scripture is Fulfilled  
**Sermon Series:** Our Family Tree: Jesus ~ The Way, The Truth, The Life  
**Ushers:** Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

**Jan. 20 Brass Polishers:** Susan Brown and Janelle Powell  
**Jan. 21 Counters:** Ellen Wyatt and Claire Campbell

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Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website  
[www.lakesidepb.org](http://www.lakesidepb.org)

### Latest Sunday School News January 19, 2025 9:15am.

**Discovery Class:** Starting soon— Robert Schuller's The Be (Happy) Attitudes. Please order a copy (available on Amazon) or a let Terry know if you need a book. They will run about \$9.

**Wesley Class:** This week's discussion— Sharing the Lord's Supper. All are welcome to attend.

**The "yet to be named"** new class will begin studying Matt Rawle's book, The Faith of a Mockingbird. Led by Sam Meadors, this class will meet in the Youth area on the 3rd floor. If you've been thinking about attending Sunday School, this is a great time to start.

### 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



### Volunteer Opportunities

- We are in need of one or two more nursery nannies to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you're good at playing with toys and love a cuddle, this is a great way to serve.
- We need more adults to help with Mid-week Manna. Many of our children would benefit from one-on-one tutoring.
- Starting February 2, we need volunteers to assist with a children's Sunday school class from 9:30-10:15. Speaking Spanish is a plus but is not necessary.
- Need for a translator for the class above. You would not be responsible for teaching, only translating from English to Spanish.

If you would be willing to help with any of these opportunities, please contact Sandy Bobo at 540-7099 or Jennifer Fox at 534-6241

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