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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, January 17

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 18

Friday, December 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

Monday, Jan. 22

Tuesday, Jan. 23

5:30 Rescheduled Leadership Board

Wednesday, Jan. 24

9:30 LAAF

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan. 25

Friday, Jan. 26

Office closed

Saturday, Jan. 27

Sunday, Jan. 28

8:30 Chapel Worship

8:45 Handbells

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Food Distribution has been moved to
February 7th and 8th. Please contact
Sandy Bobo to volunteer- 870-540-7099

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“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

A few hours before the snow began falling down all over Arkansas, I was listening to the late morning service at my church. In one of the preacher's points she reminded us that God will not put us in circumstances that he knows we cannot handle. Every trial in your life is because the kingdom of God is about to expand. I couldn't help but reflect on my life and recent events. I thought about last Sunday, the first of one of the year, and a phone call that I had received from my dad letting us know that he had been in an accident on his way to church. We quickly got ready and headed his way, not much was said during the 45 minutes it took us to get to exit 139A in Little Rock. No music, no typing away on a phone, or the typical whoosh of passing traffic. I was bothered not because of the lack of noise, tension, or even the accident. I was bothered at how abnormally calm I felt. My dad could have been hurt and I didn't feel scared or anxious, just calm.

My dad had told my mom the accident was just the car acting up and to just calmly make our way to him, but I knew that it was a wreck. We passed the icy road entering Little Rock and saw a piece of the vehicle's bumper. The officer that had responded to the call had taken my dad to wait for us at a Shell gas station right off of exit 139A, he was unharmed. We would have to go back for the car and pay the towing company but it was a problem for the following day. While he waited for an officer to show up, a semi truck driver had assisted my dad and offered him a warm seat while her mother offered him a hot coffee hoping to aid his nerves. Not sure I've ever been so thankful for two people I'll never know. It took me a week to realize that the only explanation for my calmness was God. It was so obvious, but it's so easy to forget even the simplest thing when everything around us seems to be going wrong. I heard someone say, “Sometimes God calms the storm and sometimes he calms his child in the rage of the storm.”

In Matthew 14, we see Jesus walking on water and Peter being allowed to walk towards him. Peter didn't have any trouble until he focused on his surroundings instead of Jesus and let his fear overcome him. He lacked faith when it came to something that seemed impossible for him yet all he needed to do was trust.

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

Vanessa
Mi Casa

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. Please let the office know if you are going to zoom and we will email you the booklet.

Here is the link for the Monday Night Zoom class
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86043396767?pwd=la44DIAJMbVlX45wFjrL8QjZIMgWc.1>

Meeting ID: 860 4339 6767
Passcode: 414082

Sundays	9:30 – 10:00 am	Room 107	(Discovery Classroom)
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



Trinity Village Quilt Show and Salad Luncheon

January 30, 2024 at noon in Trinity Village's Great Hall
Admission is by donation.

Raffle tickets for this beautiful, handmade quilt will be sold for \$5.00 a piece.

Drawing for the quilt will be March 31.

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.



We pray for the sick:

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

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 Dickie Lunsford, Barbara Tracy, Bonnie McClure, Joe and Nancy Gieringer, Randy and Jan Spann, Cheryl Weldon, John and Elaine Robus, Kenneth and Elizabeth Matthews. Rob and Ellen Wyatt. Carol Luebker, Frances Smith, Rock and Melissa Jones, Earle and Rebecca Phillips, The Discovery Sunday School class, Roy and Deborah Whitaker

In memory of Charles Morgan by Fred and Ann Reed.

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.

January Food Distribution Rescheduled

Sorry for any confusion but the next distribution will be **Feb. 7** for organizing and **Feb. 8** for distribution and deliveries. To volunteer, call Sandy Bobo at 870-540-7099.

A special thank you to Ellen Wyatt and Foster Towing.

I want to thank you and Foster's Recovery and Towing for taking care to store the bus for Lakeside and managing the constant bringing it in and out for us. It has been especially comforting knowing your staff was available during the emergency mechanical issues that we've had in the past. Please let your Foster family know that we have enjoyed the warm, friendly, and helpful relationship over the years. I will miss Elizabeth and the guys!!!

-Linda LaClair

This is where we say a big thank you to Linda for taking such good care of the church bus. From scheduling maintenance and keeping the bus filled with gas, Linda has kept our aging bus running and safe for our kids who are the primary riders.

Also, thank you to our bus drivers and side-kicks who go the extra mile to get our Mid-Week Manna children each week.



Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 16
9:15 Sunday school - 38
10:30 Worship - 59
Online Worship - 19

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, January 21, 2024

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

Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox

Scripture: John 14:15-17; 25-26 and Acts 2:1-4

Sermon Title: The Holy Spirit

Sermon Series: What We Believe: The Apostles' Creed

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

Jan. 22 Brass Polishers: Ramona Harkins, Sandy Bobo and Susan Coles

Jan. 22 Counters: George Mitchell and Deborah Whitaker

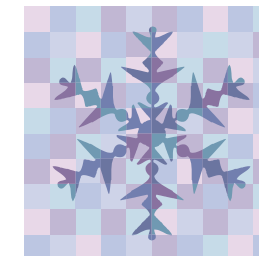
All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and now You tube. Join us online for worship at:

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

Latest Sunday School News January 21, 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 We Need God's Help in Making Decisions. All are welcome to join.