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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, January 18

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff Meeting
3:00 Coffee with the pastor
5:30 Mid Week Manna
6:00 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

Monday, January 23

Tuesday, January 24

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

Friday, January 27
Office closed

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday school
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

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Over the last week, several people have asked about Lakeside's financial standing at the end of 2022. Although the letter included in our December giving statements (found below) celebrated ending the year with a surplus thanks to all our generous members (and especially the Jones' family), we did not have an exact dollar amount until finalization of the 2022 financials. Lakeside concluded 2022 with \$73,339.38 in tithes and offerings over and above our expenses. Praise be to God and each of you for your generosity!

Lakeside United Methodist Church



December 8, 2022

Dear Lakeside Giver,

This letter accompanies your giving statement to say a heartfelt thank you for the many ways that you have supported Lakesides United Methodist Church this last year. Whether you made a pledge for the entire year or contributed to a single ministry, you have been an important part of helping Lakeside live into its identity as the church with the heart in our community.

Too often we consider only a special designated donation as having an impact. A portion of each dollar given helps to heat, cool and light the building for the worship and ministries that are held within. A part of each dollar helps to pay staff, purchase materials and services that ensure Lakeside is a vital United Methodist presence in Pine Bluff and that we help people to grow in faith as well as thrive physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Some of each dollar helps to ensure that we offer excellent worship both in person and online, give back to our community through children's events and summer camp programs, and offer hope and encouragement to our aging members.

Thank you for the many ways you love God and others through sharing your gifts. Through your extravagant generosity and the Jones' family matching donation, we have exceeded our budgetary needs for the year. Of course, we are already looking to how the Holy Spirit will use Lakeside United Methodist Church to spread the Good News in 2023!

In what is known as the Sermon on the Plain in the gospel of Luke, Jesus told his disciples to have generous spirits. ³⁸*Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.* (Luke 12:38) Thank you for your generous spirits and gifts. May God bless you abundantly and may you know the joy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ during this Advent season and throughout the year!

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!



It's time for Souper Bowl Sunday again! On Sunday, February 12, we will again have our Souper Bowl lunch after the 10:30 service, The church will also be collecting cans of soup to take to Neighbor to Neighbor.

We also need people to bring their favorite soup for people to eat. You may also bring crackers, cornbread, tostado chips or whatever you like to have with your soup. People will vote for their favorite soup with monetary donations that will also go to Neighbor to Neighbor. I hope everyone comes to this wonderful event.

Sandy Bobo

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

TOWN HALL MEETING

Part of the Lakeside Leadership Board's commitment to authenticity and transparency is to hold regularly scheduled town hall meetings to hear from the congregation and keep you informed about the business of the church. At these meetings, you will learn about Lakeside's fiscal condition, ministries and missions and have the opportunity to voice your thoughts, observations, concerns and suggestions.

We will hold three town hall meetings in 2022. Each One will be in conjunction with a scheduled meal on the following dates:

February 12th ~ Souper Bowl Fundraiser

July 16th ~ Welcoming the Pastor Potluck

November 19th ~ Stewardship Gratitude Luncheon

Please mark your calendars! These meetings are for you to learn about the vitality of Lakeside and to offer your insights on how we may better serve God and our neighbors.



Thank you to Pete Stone for taking down, packing away, and loading up the office Christmas tree this year.



We pray for the sick: Sandy Bobo, Mark Richards

Grieving:

Other: Ms. Nesbitt & 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



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 870-329-7753; 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 24. Feb, 2



Our supply of tuna has gotten very low. We are asking you to donate cans of tuna to be delivered each month to Neighbor to Neighbor, any brand will be fine. We also thank those of you who are so faithful to give to this cause. Lakeside has been donating to this cause for many years, let's not stop now!



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!



Lakeside's United Methodist Men met last Saturday, the 14th in Fellowship Hall. 13 men attended, along with the 2 women doing the cooking. A good time was had by all!



Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship - 7

9:15 Sunday School - 24

10:30 Worship - 64

Online Worship - 8

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Gerald Majors

Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox

Sermon Title: Why Do the Innocent Suffer?;

Sermon Series: Why: Making Sense of God's Will

Scripture: Genesis 1:27-28; 31 & Romans 8:18-21; 27-28

Flowers: Elaine Vaccaro; **Ushers:** Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

January 23 Brass Polishers: Linda LaClair & Linda McNulty

January 23 Counters: Linda LaClair & Mike Frye

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live.

Join us online for worship at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/live/>:

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

www.lakesidepb.org



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. Open dates include January 29, February 5, 19 & 26, March 5, 12, & 26.

January Birthdays

13 Teddy Owens

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

31 Ramona Harkins

31 Bob Castleberry

January Wedding Anniversaries

25 Samantha & Clay Corkins 4 years

28 Linda & Ted McNulty 51 years